

VIT Bhopal University Welcomes 2026-27 Undergraduate Cohort with Industry-Led Orientation, Setting the Stage for an AI-First Engineering Journey

Sehore, 27 July 2026: VIT Bhopal University welcomed its 2026-27 undergraduate cohort through a comprehensive Freshers' Orientation Programme, reflecting VIT Bhopal University's vision of preparing graduates for industries being transformed by AI and digital technologies. Students and parents were introduced to the University's academic philosophy, research-driven learning ecosystem, interdisciplinary curriculum, global collaborations, innovation culture, industry engagement, and the support systems designed to help students thrive academically and personally.

The event was inaugurated under the leadership of **Chancellor, VIT Bhopal University, Dr. G. Viswanathan**, and supported by **Vice President Dr. Sankar Viswanathan, Assistant Vice President Ms. Kadhambari S. Viswanathan; Trustee Mrs. Ramani Balasundaram**. Alongside the University leadership, **Mr. Amit Chaudhry, Director, Microsoft CSS**, joined as the Chief Guest, while IIT Kharagpur alumnus and distinguished spiritual thinker **Swami Vigyanananda Ji**, joined as the Guest of Honour. **Ms. Priyanka Giri** from the 2023 batch joined as a distinguished alumna.

Dr. G. Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT Bhopal University, encouraged the students to view their university years as an opportunity to develop not only technical excellence but also integrity, leadership and a commitment to nation-building.

"The future will not belong to those who simply keep pace with technological change, but to those who can shape it. At VIT Bhopal University, we have designed an ecosystem that encourages curiosity, multidisciplinary thinking, innovation and lifelong learning. As we welcome the 2026 cohort, our promise is to provide every student with the opportunities, mentorship and global exposure needed to become not just successful professionals, but thoughtful leaders capable of creating lasting impact."

Ms. Kadhambari S. Viswanathan, Assistant Vice President, VIT Bhopal University, said the institution seeks to shape graduates who are enabled enough to take on an increasingly technologically disrupted world:

"You are entering higher education at a defining moment, when technology is reshaping every profession and every society. At VIT, our responsibility is not merely to prepare you for your first job, but to equip you for a lifetime of learning, innovation and leadership. Remain curious, embrace challenges and use your education to create solutions that make a meaningful difference to society."

Welcoming the students and guests, **Dr. Sankar Viswanathan, Vice President, VIT Bhopal University**, encouraged the incoming batch to view their university years as a journey of discovery, innovation and personal transformation. He emphasised that success in today's world is built on strong fundamentals, interdisciplinary learning and

adaptability, urging students to make the most of the University's research-driven ecosystem, industry collaborations and opportunities for holistic development.

The programme covered students enrolled in Bioengineering, Computer Science and Engineering specialisations (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Cyber Security, Cloud Computing, E-commerce, Health Informatics, Gaming Technology and Education Technology), Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering (AI in Cybernetics), Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering (AI & Robotics), and Aerospace Engineering and Integrated M. Tech., excluding B. Tech CSE Core, BBA, B. Arch batches, which are slated for a later date.

Prof. Satish Kumar Modh, Vice Chancellor, VIT Bhopal University, said the University is committed to creating graduates who are ready for a future where AI and interdisciplinary knowledge will be central to every industry. **Dr. T. B. Sridharan, Pro Vice Chancellor**, emphasised that success at university extends beyond classroom learning, and the university is committed to providing all students with the necessary opportunities.

Delivering the keynote address, **Swami Vigyanananda Ji**, encouraged students to balance technological advancement with ethical values, purpose and self-awareness. He advised students to let their knowledge and rationale guide them.

Chief Guest Mr. Amit Chaudhry, Director, Microsoft CSS, shared valuable insights into the rapidly evolving technology landscape, emphasising that while AI is transforming the way people work, it will not replace those who are willing to learn, adapt and innovate. He encouraged students to prepare for the corporate world with a growth mindset, highlighting the importance of embracing challenges, learning from failures, and continuously upskilling to remain relevant in an AI-driven future.

Joining as distinguished alumna, **Ms. Priyanka Giri**, who now works at a multinational company, advised the newcomers not to be fully reliant on AI, but to use it wisely to stay ahead of the curve.

Beyond academics, VIT Bhopal University has built a holistic ecosystem to help students excel from the day they enter campus. Through faculty mentoring, industry-integrated curricula, experiential learning, research opportunities, innovation and entrepreneurship support, technical clubs, hackathons, internships, global collaborations and comprehensive career development programmes, the University equips students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed in a rapidly evolving world. Equal emphasis is placed on leadership, communication, ethics and personal well-being, ensuring graduates are not only technically proficient but also prepared to lead, innovate and create meaningful impact across industries and society.

The programme concluded with interactions between students, parents and the University's academic leadership, providing an overview of campus life, academic processes, student support services and the opportunities that await them as they begin their journey at VIT Bhopal University.

About VIT Bhopal University:

VIT Bhopal University, a multidisciplinary university established in 2017 in Madhya Pradesh, carries the legacy of the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) group of institutions. Set on a 300-acre green campus, the university offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes across engineering, management, sciences, and allied disciplines. The university features a 100 percent doctoral faculty and the CALTECH initiative, a unique technology-driven teaching–learning model that integrates industry practices, research exposure, and experiential learning. VIT Bhopal also runs the STARS programme (Support the Advancement of Rural Students), providing 100 percent free education, lodging, and boarding to meritorious students from rural backgrounds. With strong industry partnerships and a focus on outcome-based education, the university prepares future-ready graduates for a rapidly evolving world.

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