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Highlights of the Quarter

- **Semmozhi Chudar Award 2026**
- **First Prize at FinTech Hackathon 2026**
- **NPTEL Elite Certification**
- **Japan Connect**
- **Paper Publication**

Events Organised

English Bridge Course for Newly Admitted Students

The English Bridge Course was organised for newly admitted students to strengthen their basic English language and communication skills, overcome language barriers and build confidence in academic and everyday situations. Through interactive, activity-based sessions, students improved their grammar, vocabulary, sentence formation, pronunciation, listening, speaking, reading and writing, and took an active part in communication practice. The course gave students a sound language foundation to support their academic learning and future professional communication.

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Interactive Session with Native Japanese Speaker Mimi-san

Date: 12 August 2026 **Venue:** Chanakya Block

Resource person: Mimi-san, Native Japanese speaker

Students interacted with native Japanese speaker Mimi-san to experience real-life Japanese language, culture and communication, and gained authentic insights into Japan beyond the classroom. The session enhanced their confidence and fluency in spoken Japanese and strengthened practical communication skills through exposure to natural pronunciation, everyday expressions and real-life conversational contexts. Regular native-speaker conversation classes will be explored as a strategic initiative to prepare students for JLPT, interviews and professional opportunities in Japan.

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Opportunities for Postgraduate Studies in Japan

Date: 25 August 2026 **Venue:** CAC Hall, Chanakya Block

Resource person: Dr. Takayuki Araki, Professor, Graduate School of Social Design, Japan University of Economics

The Department of Language and Communication organised an interactive session on “Opportunities for Postgraduate Studies in Japan”. Dr. Takayuki Araki shared insights into higher education pathways, admission requirements, scholarships, language proficiency and career prospects for postgraduate studies in Japanese universities. The interactive format let students clarify their queries and explore Japan as a destination for advanced education. Students gained awareness of study opportunities, understood academic pathways and prospects for international education, and were motivated to explore higher studies and careers in Japan.

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Faculty: Publications and Recognitions

- 1. Charly Jerome, J. Divyadharshini, A., Manikandan, A., Surya, S., & Saravanan, V. (Y2026). Humanising the artificial: Anthropomorphism, care, and relational self-reconstruction in Deborah Install’s A Robot in the Garden. Asian Journal of Interdisciplinary Research, 9(3), 108–118.

- 2. Charly Jerome, J., Sutharshan, V., Pettela, R., Rajadurai, R., Jayakumar, P., et al. (2026). Exploring the sources of English as a foreign language teachers' stress at secondary high school. World Journal of English Language, 16(2), 389–389.

- Jerome, J. C. (2026). Generative AI in L2 writing, feedback, and assessment: A systematic critical review of validity, voice, equity, and pedagogical design. International Journal of Language and Linguistics. https://doi.org/10.54392/ijll2627

- Sarulatha D, Nisha G. L., Sathyaseelan T, Kumari SS, Renuka BS, Vijayalakshmi E. The Unspoken Agony of Feminine Desire: Psychosexual Trauma and Womanist Resistance in Alice Walker's Possessing the Secret of Joy. Journal of Psychosexual Health. 2026;0(0). doi:10.1177/26318318261475859.

- Hema, M., RS, S. M., Sanjai, M., & Kavin, V. (2026). DTS 2: A sarcasm-injected transformer framework for enhanced sentiment analysis in business reviews. In Proceedings of the Conference on Computational Robotics, Testing and Engineering Evaluation.

Students Corner

KARTHIK, ROBIN AND OVIYA I B.Tech CSBS

I B.Tech CSBS Students Secure First Prize in FinTech Hackathon

Karthik, Robin, and Oviya of I B.Tech Computer Science and Business Systems (CSBS), KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology, secured the First Prize in the FinTech Hackathon 2026 held on 29 September 2026 at Podhigai Hall, PSG College of Arts & Science (PSGCAS), Coimbatore. The event was conducted as part of PSGCAS E-Summit 2026 and organized by the Department of Applied Commerce and the Centre for Innovation Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CII&E), PSGCAS.

The team showcased their innovative ideas, technical knowledge, problem-solving skills, and teamwork in developing a solution in the FinTech domain. Their outstanding performance earned them the First Prize along with a cash award of ₹15,000. The achievement reflects the students' creativity and ability to apply technology to real-world financial challenges.

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1. E-Summit 2026 – PSG College of Arts & Science (PSGCAS), Coimbatore

Harishwa S, Nishanth K, Akhil Kumaran T, Shruthi L, Sona Srimathi C P, Sivakarthika V, Harini S, Sruthi P, Suchitra N, Sapthika Roseline, Mariselvi S, Suruthika K, Bharathi Abinaya V, Madhu Shri Mithra S, and Priyadharshini S participated in E-Summit 2026 at PSGCAS, Coimbatore, gaining exposure to innovation, entrepreneurship, and fintech.

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2. Tech Raga '26 – KPR College of Arts and Science (KPRCAS)

M. Sudharshan, Jeyaveeni R.A., Makathi U., Rakshana S., Lakshita M., Kanish S.S., Jai Prasanth S., Sarvesh S.M., and Suchitra N. participated in Tech Raga '26 at KPR College of Arts and Science, with Makathi U. securing First Prize.

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3. Axios '26 – PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore

Rithish R and Sri Harish S participated in Axios '26 at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, gaining exposure to technical competitions and collaborative learning.

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4. Etronix – SIET

M. Pradheesh participated in Etronix at SIET, gaining valuable exposure to technical activities and inter-institutional participation.

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5. Earth Nexus – PSGCAS

Nethra P.K. participated in Earth Nexus at PSGCAS, gaining experience through external event participation.

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6. National-Level Hackathon – PSGCAS

Dipak Yadav participated in the National-Level Hackathon at PSGCAS, gaining experience in innovation, teamwork, and technical problem-solving.

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7. Tech Raga Hackathon – KPRCAS

Manish Kumar Chaurasiya participated in the Tech Raga Hackathon at KPRCAS, gaining valuable experience in a competitive technical environment.

Faculty Corner

ARAM AWARDS 2026 Aram Seyya Virumbu Foundation, Madurai

Semmozhi Chudar Award – 2026

The Semmozhi Chudar Award was conferred in recognition of contributions in the field of classical Tamil, based on the evaluation of the recipients' work, including books, research articles, teacher professional development programmes, training workshops, seminars, and other related academic and educational activities.

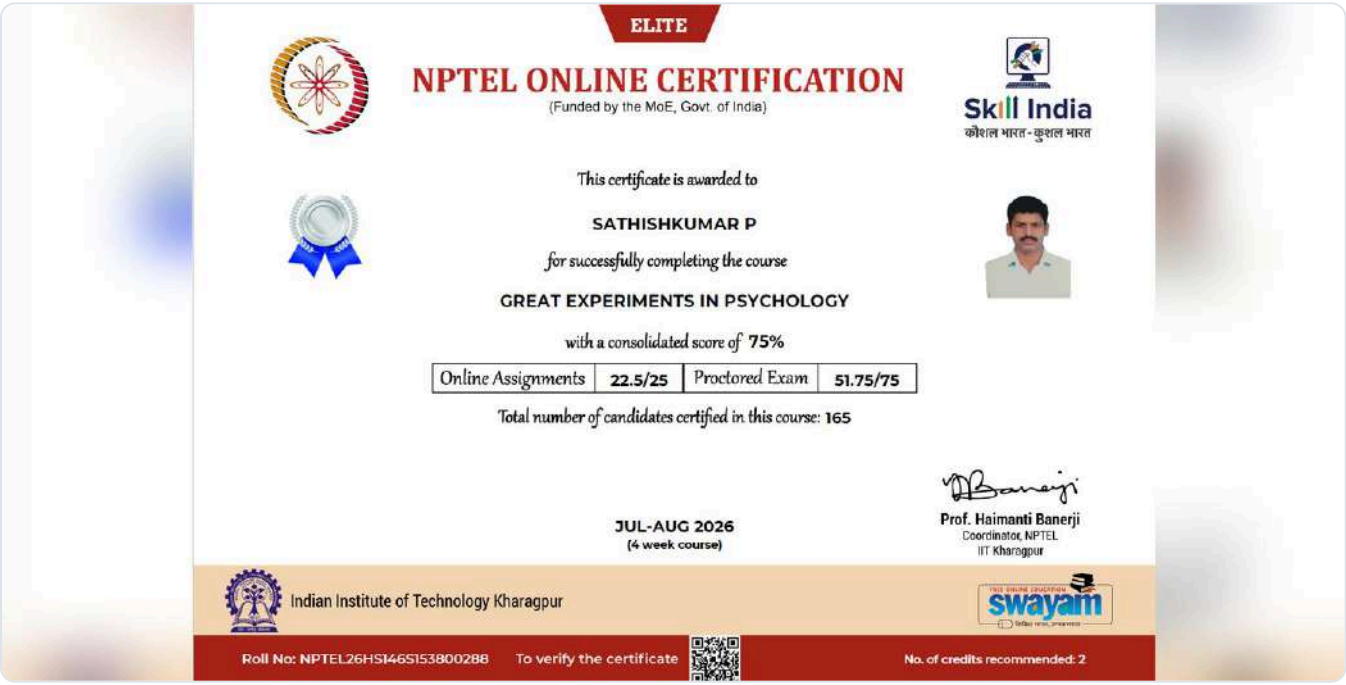
Award recipients: Dr. R. Veerapathiran and Dr. C. Nanthini.

Date and venue: 29.09.2026, Narada Gana Sabha, Teynampet, Chennai.

DR. SATHISHKUMAR P NPTEL Elite Certification

NPTEL Elite Certification – Great Experiments in Psychology

Dr. Sathishkumar P successfully completed the 4-week NPTEL online course “Great Experiments in Psychology” offered by IIT Kharagpur during July–August 2026. He earned an Elite certification with a consolidated score of 75%, comprising 22.5/25 in Online Assignments and 51.75/75 in the Proctored Examination. The course had 165 certified candidates. This achievement reflects his commitment to continuous learning and professional development through a nationally recognized online certification programme.



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