



## INDEPENDENCE DAY 2026



Independence Day is celebrated every year on 15th August, marking the day India attained freedom after nearly 200 years of colonial rule. It is a day not only to remember the struggles of the past but also to instill the values of liberty, democracy, and unity among all citizens. This year, New Horizon College of Engineering celebrated the 80th Independence Day with great patriotic spirit and enthusiasm, under the theme "80 Years of Freedom. 25 Years of Excellence. Together Towards Viksit Bharat..."

The celebrations began at 8:50 AM with the flag-hoisting ceremony, led by the Chief Guest, Lt Col Satyaranjan Panda (Retd.), Director of Operations, Indian Army, and Executive Director, Technology and Cyber Security Risk Management at Wells Fargo, Bengaluru. He was joined by President-NHCE Dr. Manjunatha, Principal-NHCE Dr. R. Bodhisatvan, Principal-NHCM, and Registrar-NHEI Mr. Surya Prakash. The hoisting of the tricolour was followed by the National Anthem, creating a vibrant and patriotic atmosphere, while the NCC unit presented a Guard of Honour to the Chief Guest.



Lt Col Satyaranjan Panda then delivered an inspiring speech emphasising the work and sacrifices of soldiers, national welfare, and the challenges faced by the country, motivating students to contribute actively towards nation-building. This was followed by the felicitation of the Chief Guest. Principal Dr. Manjunatha, in his address, spoke about the progress India has made across science, technology, and global leadership, asserting that India should now be seen as a developed nation rather than a developing one. Connecting his vision to the national mission of "Viksit Bharat 2047," he urged students and faculty to embrace innovation, research, and entrepreneurship to help India continue leading the world in technological advancement and socioeconomic growth.



The Chief Guest, Lt Col Satyaranjan Panda (Retd.), is a distinguished veteran Indian Army officer currently serving as Executive Director, Technology and Cyber Security Risk Management at Wells Fargo, Bengaluru. With a career spanning defense leadership and, more recently, technology and cybersecurity risk management, he brings a unique perspective bridging military service and the corporate world, and continues to inspire young generations through his motivational talks and contributions to society.



In his address, Lt Col Panda reflected on the discipline, sacrifice, and dedication of soldiers guarding the nation's borders under difficult conditions, often far from their families. He stressed that a soldier's first priority is always the country's welfare above personal comfort or ambition, urging students to carry the same sense of duty into their own lives and careers. He spoke candidly about the challenges facing the armed forces and the nation at large, from operational hardships to the broader responsibility of nation-building, encouraging youth to face difficulties with courage rather than avoid them. Drawing on his own transition from military service to the corporate world, he urged students to stay disciplined, resilient, and purpose-driven, reminding them that true patriotism lies in contributing meaningfully to the nation. He concluded with a call for the young generation to take responsibility for India's future and work together towards building it.

The Cultural Programme featured patriotic dance and song performances by NHCE and NHCM students, celebrating the spirit of freedom and unity. The event closed with a Vote of Thanks and distribution of sweets to all present. In all, the celebration included flag hoisting with the National Anthem, the NCC Guard of Honour, the Chief Guest's address and felicitation, the cultural programme, and sweet distribution, with around 600 students, faculty, and staff participating.



## A WORD FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD



As we come to the end of the road, we find ourselves looking back at where it all began. What started with the 23'24 batch has, over nearly 33 editions, grown into a collection of stories, ideas, conversations, laughter, and memories that have shaped the Literary Club and everyone who has been a part of it.

So much has changed along the way, yet the heart of it has remained the same: making literature welcoming, accessible, and exciting, while creating a space to express, explore, and discover.

To every reader, participant, performer, volunteer and audience member who showed up and supported us, thank you. Your enthusiasm gave meaning to everything we created.

As we wrap up this chapter, we do so with immense gratitude for all that has been shared and built. The pages will keep turning, with new voices and stories taking their place. We're simply grateful to have been part of the story.

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST 2026



## HAR GHAR TIRANGA RALLY



The Department of Mechanical Engineering, along with cadets of 4/6 Coy NCC NHCE, participated in the Har Ghar Tiranga Rally on 13 August 2026 as part of the nationwide campaign ahead of Independence Day. The cadets were joined by PI Staff from 7 Kar Battalion, along with students and staff of New Horizon College of Engineering. The rally aimed to encourage citizens to hoist the National Flag at their homes and spread awareness about the significance of the Tricolour and the pride it represents. It also sought to strengthen national unity and remind everyone of the sacrifices and contributions that have shaped the nation's journey towards independence. Cadets marched proudly with the Tricolour, spreading the message of patriotism, unity, and national pride. Their disciplined presence and enthusiastic participation created a positive impression among those who witnessed the rally. The participation of students, faculty, staff, NCC cadets, and PI Staff reflected a collective spirit of responsibility and commitment towards the nation. The rally provided an opportunity for the college community to come together and contribute to the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, while encouraging greater awareness and participation among fellow students and citizens. The event also highlighted the important role of youth in promoting national values and civic responsibility.

The rally was a small but meaningful step towards celebrating the spirit of Independence Day and honouring the nation's history and heritage. It reinforced the values of patriotism, unity, discipline, and respect for the National Flag, while encouraging everyone to participate in the celebrations with pride and responsibility. The event served as a reminder that simple collective efforts can inspire a strong sense of belonging and national consciousness within the community. The enthusiastic involvement of the NCC cadets and the wider college community made the occasion memorable and meaningful.

Jai Hind!



## ARMY ATTACHMENT CAMP 2026



4/6 Coy NCC NHCE proudly congratulates Company Senior Under Officer (CSUO) Aakash Kumar (1NH24EC001) on successfully completing the Army Attachment Camp with 52 Armoured Regiment, Secunderabad, escorted by 4 Kar Bn, Tumkur, from 17 to 26 August 2026. The camp provided the cadet with an opportunity to experience the functioning of the Indian Army and understand the importance of discipline, teamwork, dedication, and professional conduct. It also served as a platform for strengthening his confidence and leadership abilities.

During the camp, the cadet gained hands-on knowledge of weapons including the INSAS 5.56 mm Rifle, INSAS 5.56 mm LMG, and 9 mm CMG, along with an understanding of the T-72 Main Battle Tank and the organisation of an Armoured Regiment, gaining exposure to Army discipline and operational life. The training also helped him understand the responsibilities of personnel in maintaining operational readiness and working effectively as a team.

A total of 6 medals were awarded during the camp, with CSUO Aakash Kumar securing 2 Best in Academics, for achieving the highest score in the written examination covering subjects taught during the camp, and Best in Leadership, for demonstrating outstanding leadership throughout the camp. These achievements reflect his dedication, discipline, knowledge, and ability to lead effectively. His accomplishment brings pride to 4/6 Coy NCC NHCE and inspires fellow cadets to strive for excellence. 4/6 Coy NCC NHCE congratulates CSUO Aakash Kumar on this remarkable achievement and wishes him continued success in his future endeavours. Jai Hind!



## SARGAM 2026

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"You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated."

- Maya Angelou

# HORIZONITE ACHIEVEMENTS



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



- Dr. Anitha S. Rai, Director – Library and Alumni Association, was honoured with the “Rotary Vocational Excellence Award” on the occasion of National Librarians’ Day, in recognition of her outstanding contribution and dedicated service to the profession of librarianship. The award ceremony was organised by Rotary Tumkur (District 3192) in association with Sri Shridevi Group of Institutions, Tumkur, and the Read Book Foundation, Bengaluru and Tumkur, on 31st August 2026.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



- Tanish Renuka Suragihalli (1NH24AI176), Anshuman Panda (1NH24AI196), and Aditya K (1NH24AI010) secured the third place and received a cash prize of ₹2,000 at Revengers Hack 2026, a national-level online hackathon held on 22nd and 23rd August 2026.
- Anshul Tiwary (1NH23EC015), Ashutosh Kumar (1NH23EC021), Darshan Gowda S G (1NH23EC045), Gagan Chowdary D (1NH23EC056), and Yashwanth M (1NH23EC186) participated in Robofest 2.0, one of the largest intercollegiate and international robotics festivals, bringing together talented participants from institutions across India. They secured First Place in Robo War (8 kg) and Second Place in Robo War (15 kg). The event was held at the Directorate of Sports, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, SRM Nagar, Kattankulathur-603203, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, from 19th to 21st August 2026.

## WORLD HAPPINESS SUMMIT 2026



New Horizon Knowledge Park is gearing up to host the World Happiness Summit 2026 on 23rd and 24th September, bringing together students and young minds for two days of creativity, expression and connection. The summit draws its inspiration from AiR – Atman in Ravi, known worldwide as the Happiness Ambassador, and builds around his philosophy of the 3 Ps: Pleasure, Peace and Purpose. With a prize pool of ₹5 lakh up for grabs, the summit is not just a platform to showcase talent. It is a chance for students to pause and think about what happiness actually means to them.

## BRICS SUMMIT 2026



The 18th BRICS Summit, being held in New Delhi on 12th and 13th September 2026 under India's chairship, has brought together leaders of the expanded grouping to discuss major global challenges and strengthen cooperation among developing nations. Key discussions have focused on multilateralism, global governance reforms, trade and investment, food and energy security, resilient supply chains, and greater representation for the Global South. A key outcome has been the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration, which calls for restraint amid rising regional tensions and reaffirms cooperation on shared challenges. India's leadership has also featured important bilateral engagements with leaders including Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin. With its expanded membership and growing economic and geopolitical influence, the summit highlights BRICS' continuing efforts to build a more inclusive, representative and multipolar global order.

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## EVENTS OF AUGUST DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

### Applied Sciences

- The Orientation Programme for the Chemistry Cycle (AIML, ECE, EEE & ME) and Physics Cycle (CSE) for the First-Year B.E. students of Odd Semester 2026-27 was conducted on 31st August and 1st September 2026.

### Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) – Data Science

- An industrial visit to NetApp India Pvt. Ltd. was organised on 27th August 2026, featuring a hands-on workshop on "AI for Kubernetes", presented by AccuKnox and NetApp.
- A mentoring session on "Lean Start-Up and MVP" was conducted by Mr. Shubham Singh, Programme Manager, C-CAMP, on 31st August 2026.

### Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)

- A Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Generative AI to Agentic AI: Designing Intelligent Context-Aware Educational Systems" was conducted from 12th to 14th August 2026.
- An outreach programme on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Outreach Programme in School" was conducted at Government Higher Primary School on 20th August 2026.
- A workshop on "Navigating Startup Support Services: From Idea to Enterprise" was held on 24th and 25th August 2026, conducted by Ms Shilpa S., Founder and Entrepreneur, Aariv Technologies, Bangalore.

### Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE)

- An Expert Session on "Smart Energy Management through IoT" was delivered by Dr Venkata Madhava Ram Tatahatla, Assistant Professor, Dept. of EEE, BMSCE, Bengaluru, on 11th August 2026.
- A Guest Lecture on "Global Awareness Session on Higher Studies" was delivered by Mr Divay Tak, Business Development Manager, MetaApply, Bengaluru, on 27th August 2026.

### Master of Computer Applications (MCA)

- The Department of MCA, in collaboration with the Department of Mechanical Engineering, conducted a Five-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Emerging Digital Technologies in Manufacturing" from 3rd to 7th August 2026.

### Master of Business Administration (MBA)

- A Five-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Future of Analytics in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" was organised from 3rd to 7th August 2026.

### New Horizon Council for Innovation, Incubation, and Entrepreneurship (NHCIIE)

- MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0 was conducted on 7th August 2026.

### Research and Development (R&D)

- A Faculty Induction Programme on "Intellectual Property Rights" was conducted for the faculty members of NHCM on 24th August 2026.
- IIC – Exposure Visit: Students from GEAR Innovative International School visited the NHCE AICTE IDEA Lab on 27th August 2026 as part of an exposure visit.
- IIC – Exposure Visit: Students from New Horizon Gurukul visited the NHCE AICTE IDEA Lab on 31st August 2026 as part of an exposure visit.
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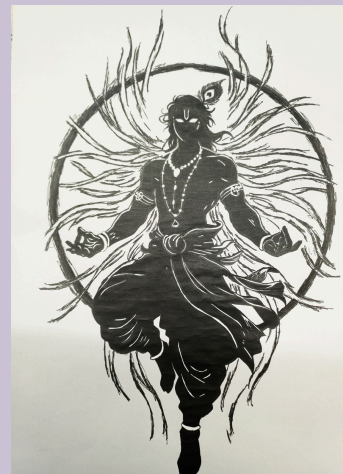
### Mechanical Engineering (ME)

- The workshop on "Drone Technology" was conducted by Dr Anandh Pai, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, NHCE, Bengaluru.

### Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

- An Experiential and Activity-Based Faculty Development Programme on "Outcome-Based Education" was conducted on 13th and 14th August 2026.

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## CAMPUS PLACEMENTS



### MERCK

Merck selected 36 students from the 2027 Batch for internships across multiple roles, including 35 B.E. students and 1 MBA student. The opportunity offers valuable exposure to a global professional environment, allowing students to apply their academic learning while developing practical and workplace skills. Importantly, the internship also provides a pathway to full-time employment based on performance, giving the selected students an opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities and grow within the organisation. The experience will strengthen their professional readiness while providing insight into industry practices and expectations. The Career Development Centre (CDC) congratulates the selected students and wishes them success in turning this opportunity into a rewarding career.



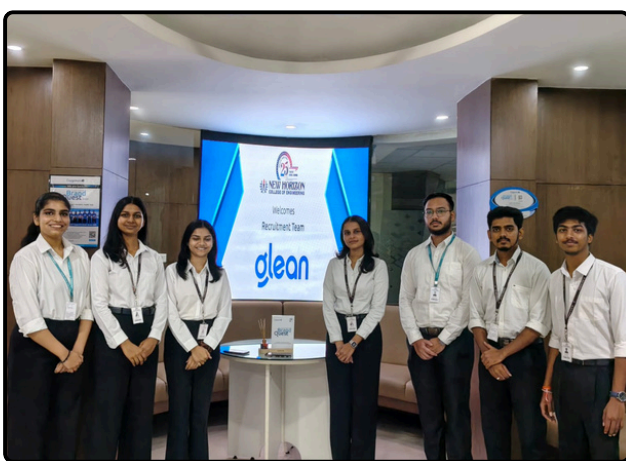
### MATHCO

Six students from the 2027 Batch have been selected by MathCo as AI Analysts, marking a notable achievement in the field of AI and analytics. MathCo is an Enterprise AI and Analytics company that develops data-driven solutions for complex business challenges. The opportunity will enable the selected students to apply their analytical and problem-solving skills while gaining practical exposure to AI, data analytics and real-world business applications. The role will further strengthen their understanding of how AI and analytics are applied to solve business problems and generate data-driven insights. Their selection reflects their readiness to work with emerging technologies and adapt to evolving industry requirements. The Career Development Centre (CDC) takes pride in this accomplishment and wishes the six students a rewarding journey ahead.



### EUROFINS

The 2027 Batch has recorded 14 selections at Eurofins, with 10 students joining as Associate Software Engineers and 4 as Associate Software Engineers – AI/ML. Eurofins combines scientific expertise with technology-driven operations, with its IT delivery centres developing and supporting digital platforms, software, infrastructure and business applications across its global network. The selection reflects the students' technical capabilities, analytical thinking and readiness to contribute to technology-driven environments. These roles offer valuable exposure to software development and AI/ML applications while enabling the selected students to translate their academic learning into professional practice. The Career Development Centre (CDC) celebrates this achievement and wishes all 14 students a successful beginning to their professional careers.



### GLEAN

Glean conducted a campus recruitment drive at New Horizon College of Engineering, with seven students from the 2027 Batch selected as Quality Assurance Engineers. Glean is an enterprise AI company developing solutions that connect organisational knowledge, data and expertise to support smarter workplace productivity. The selection process gave students an opportunity to demonstrate their technical knowledge, analytical thinking, problem-solving abilities and attention to detail. The selected students will gain professional exposure to quality assurance, software testing and product quality within an AI-driven technology environment. Their selection reflects their ability to apply technical skills to real-world challenges and adapt to the evolving demands of the technology industry. The Career Development Centre (CDC) extends its congratulations to them and wishes them a successful beginning to their professional careers.



### CONNEQTION GROUP

Conneqtion Group selected 12 students from the 2027 Batch as Associate Consultant, marking a significant placement achievement for the institution. The selection reflects the students' technical knowledge, problem-solving abilities, adaptability and readiness to take on professional responsibilities in a technology-driven work environment. The opportunity will enable the selected students to apply their academic learning to real-world challenges while developing industry skills and gaining valuable professional experience. It also marks an important step towards translating their academic preparation into meaningful professional opportunities in the technology sector. This achievement highlights the importance of continuous learning, technical competency and career-focused preparation in building successful careers. The Career Development Centre (CDC) congratulates the selected students and wishes them continued success in their professional journey.



### FUTE SERVICES

Fute Services conducted a campus recruitment drive at New Horizon College of Engineering for the 2027 Batch, with two students selected as HR Interns. The recruitment process involved multiple stages designed to assess candidates' communication, interpersonal and problem-solving abilities, along with their overall professional readiness. The selected students will gain practical exposure to human resource functions while working in a professional environment and developing skills relevant to talent management and workplace engagement. The internship provides an opportunity to translate academic learning into practical experience and gain a deeper understanding of people-oriented functions within an organisation. Their selection reflects their preparedness, adaptability and commitment to developing industry-relevant skills. The Career Development Centre (CDC) congratulates the selected students and wishes them a rewarding and successful internship journey.

**Other Companies that visited for Campus Recruitments : Infineon, Xperi, Nokia, MuSigma, Quest Global, Infosys, Accorian, Palette Hire, Zelus Sports, ChipSpirit Technologies Pvt Ltd, Eco Energime Engineers LLP, NewJaisa Technologies Pvt Ltd, Concentrix, Forvia Faurecia, Bajaj Finserv, Accenture, Myntra, Terralogic, Sonata Software, LG Soft, Tapmind Technologies, Corporatavel Technologies, Tap Capital, Birla Pivot, Zyoin Group and etc.**

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## INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS HIGHLIGHTS – JAPANESE CAREER CENTRE



### International Placements at Plan-B

The Career Development Centre (CDC), New Horizon College of Engineering, proudly highlights a notable international placement achievement at **Plan-B**, with students securing an impressive CTC of **₹29.5 LPA per annum**. This accomplishment marks a significant milestone for the students and reflects the diverse placement opportunities facilitated through the Centre's continued engagement with industry.

Among the students selected for this opportunity are **Shamita Uppada (1NH23CD203)** and **Rishika Anand (1NH23CD129)**. Their selection reflects their professional preparedness, competence, and commitment to pursuing promising career opportunities. The achievement marks an important step in their professional journeys, opening avenues for further learning, growth, and exposure to new professional opportunities.

The placement achievement highlights the value of connecting students with meaningful career opportunities and industry exposure. It also reflects the students' readiness to translate their academic preparation and skills into professional opportunities. CDC congratulates the students on this significant accomplishment and wishes them continued growth and success as they embark on the next stage of their careers.

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## INDUSTRY CONNECT EVENTS



### Pratidhi: Hope for the Future – Commvault

The Career Development Centre (CDC), New Horizon College of Engineering, proudly recognises nine third-year female students selected for **Pratidhi: Hope for the Future, Commvault's mentorship programme for women in technology**. The programme focuses on developing industry readiness, professional skills, innovation and confidence through mentorship and guidance. The selected students are Kusuma B Salawadagi, Sathvikha Manish, Pathi Pranathi, Naada B Y, Mrudhula P, Kavana R, Bhavani M, Anushka Sahoo, and Asmita Pravin Baldawa. Their participation provides an opportunity to strengthen technical and professional capabilities while gaining valuable insights from industry mentors. Commvault describes Pratidhi as an initiative aimed at mentoring and developing engineering students and supporting greater gender diversity in technology.



### Ather Community Day 2026

Students from New Horizon College of Engineering participated in **Ather Community Day 2026 – Builders' Edition, held on 30 August 2026 at KTPO, Whitefield, Bengaluru**. The first-ever Builders' Edition offered an inside view of how technology, engineering, design and research come together to build real-world products. The programme featured expert sessions, interactive experiences, R&D showcases and technology demonstrations, with opportunities to engage with professionals from diverse domains. Sessions on Future of Engineering and Sketch to Scale provided insights into multidisciplinary product development, while the experience zones showcased software, electronics, embedded systems, battery technology and vehicle engineering. The experience helped students connect classroom learning with industry applications and gain a broader perspective on innovation, and the journey from concept to real-world product.



### Nokia Technical Symposium – AI Super Cycle

Bringing classroom concepts closer to real-world telecommunications, the **Nokia Technical Symposium – "AI Super Cycle: Evolving Networks into Intelligent Platforms"** was held on **29 August 2026 at Nokia, Manyata Tech Park, Bengaluru**. As part of the Nokia Bangalore University Collaboration initiative, the programme introduced NHCE students to the role of Artificial Intelligence in intelligent and autonomous networks. Sessions covered intelligent RAN, autonomous networks, intelligence-native core systems and the transition from 5G to 6G. Hands-on demonstrations of network slicing, telecom infrastructure and digital-twin applications further connected theory with practice. The experience provided valuable industry exposure and insights into the technologies shaping the future of telecommunications.



### Virtusa Industry Collaboration

New Horizon College of Engineering, through its Career Development Centre (CDC), hosted the leadership team from Virtusa, represented by **Dr. Ashwin Sadasiva Kumar, Senior Vice President – Learning & Campus Head**, and **Ms. Neethan Ganapathi, Senior Director – AI Academy & Workforce Transformation**, to explore avenues for strategic industry-academia collaboration. The discussions focused on industry-aligned certifications, emerging technologies, skill development, internships, project-based learning and future hiring opportunities. The interaction offered insights into evolving industry expectations and the skills required for future careers. The engagement also explored opportunities to strengthen student learning, employability and career readiness through continued industry collaboration.

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## GLOBAL INDUSTRY CONNECT 2026

### Semicon Connect: India in the Global Semiconductor Ecosystem



### Keynote Address – Chief Guest

On 30th July 2026, as part of the Global Industry Connect 2026 initiative, the Career Development Centre (CDC) organized Semicon Connect: India in the Global Semiconductor Ecosystem, a specialized industry interaction designed exclusively for students of the Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) departments. The session aimed to provide students with a deeper understanding of India's evolving position in the global semiconductor landscape and the opportunities and challenges associated with building a strong domestic semiconductor ecosystem. **Mr. Vivek Kimbahu, Vice President, Tejas Networks**, was invited as the Chief Guest and industry expert for the session. With his extensive industry experience, Mr. Kimbahu provided students with valuable insights into the semiconductor sector and its growing significance in India's technological and economic development. He began the session with an introduction to the semiconductor industry, explaining its relevance to

modern technologies and the increasing demand for semiconductor components across various sectors. The interaction served as an important platform for students to connect classroom concepts with real-world industry developments. By focusing specifically on ECE and EEE students, the session encouraged them to explore emerging career opportunities and understand the skills, technological knowledge, and industry awareness required to contribute meaningfully to India's semiconductor ambitions. During the session, Mr. Vivek Kimbahu shared valuable insights into the journey of Sankhya Labs, a Bengaluru-based technology company known for its work in software-defined radio and semiconductor-related technologies. He explained how Sankhya Labs later became part of Tejas Networks, a public limited company operating under the Tata Group, highlighting the importance of strategic industry collaborations and acquisitions in strengthening India's technology ecosystem. The discussion enabled students to understand how companies and technological capabilities evolve within the rapidly changing telecommunications and semiconductor landscape. Mr. Kimbahu also spoke about the broader challenges faced by India in establishing a robust domestic semiconductor industry. One of the key concerns he highlighted was the lack of adequate infrastructure required to build and strengthen a domestic intellectual property (IP) ecosystem. Developing indigenous IP is

essential for reducing dependence on technologies developed elsewhere and for enabling Indian companies to create globally competitive semiconductor solutions. He emphasized that the growth of the semiconductor sector cannot depend solely on individual companies but requires a coordinated ecosystem involving industry, academia, infrastructure, research, and government support. The discussion encouraged students to look beyond conventional engineering roles and recognize the diverse possibilities emerging in semiconductor design, telecommunication, research, intellectual property development, and related technological domains. A significant highlight of the session was the discussion on India's potential to become more self-reliant in the semiconductor sector. Mr. Vivek Kimbahu emphasized that building indigenous semiconductor foundries could play a crucial role in strengthening India's technological capabilities and reducing dependence on international supply chains. The session concluded with students gaining a broader perspective on the semiconductor ecosystem, India's current challenges, and the significant opportunities that lie ahead as the country works towards developing a stronger and more self-reliant semiconductor industry.



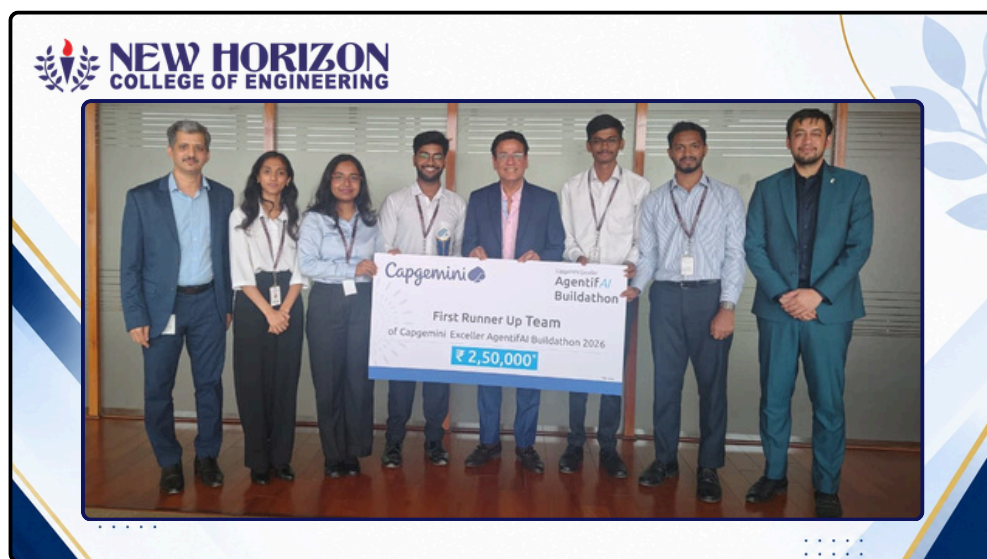
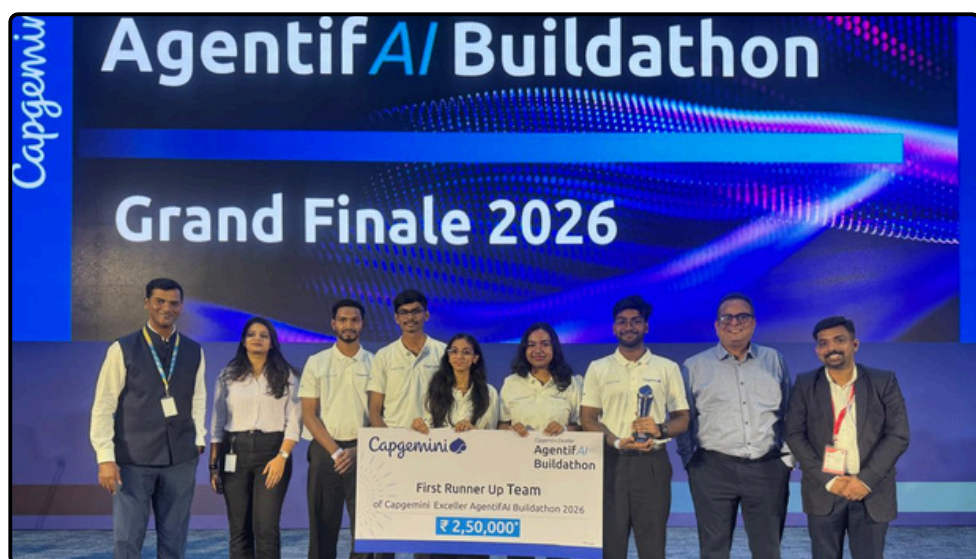
### Panel Discussion on Semicon Connect: India in the Global Semiconductor Ecosystem

The Career Development Centre (CDC) hosted an insightful panel discussion featuring three distinguished industry experts to explore the evolving semiconductor landscape, emerging hiring trends, and future opportunities. **Dr. Shivaraj G., Head-University Relations, Ather Energy**, moderated the session, with **Dr. Narasimha K. R., Embedded Systems Specialist, Renesas Electronics**, and **Mr. Ashok Raman, Senior Manager, Mobiveil Inc.**, as panel members. Dr. Shivaraj opened the discussion by highlighting the growing significance of semiconductors and engaging the experts with thought-provoking questions on Artificial Intelligence, industry ecosystems, career opportunities, chip manufacturing, technological advancements, and the changing expectations of the industry. Dr. Narasimha K. R. emphasized that

Artificial Intelligence should be viewed as an enabler rather than a replacement for human talent. While AI can simplify tasks and improve efficiency, human expertise, judgement, and innovation remain essential. He also highlighted that developing domestic Intellectual Property (IP) alone cannot resolve all challenges within India's semiconductor ecosystem. Building a self-reliant industry requires collective participation from industry, academia, researchers, and other stakeholders. Mr. Ashok Raman emphasized the importance of continuous upskilling, curiosity, and adaptability. He noted that industry values individuals who are willing to learn and explore, while human creativity and original thinking will continue to remain indispensable. The session became particularly engaging during the Rapid-Fire Round, as students

enthusiastically joined the panelists in answering questions. Their spontaneous participation was warmly appreciated by the experts and added energy to the interaction. The event concluded with an engaging Question-and-Answer session, where students raised thoughtful and relevant questions on semiconductor technologies, career opportunities, emerging trends, and industry expectations. The panelists responded enthusiastically, drawing upon their professional experiences to provide practical insights. The session successfully strengthened the connection between academia and industry, giving students a broader understanding of the semiconductor sector and the skills required to thrive in it. The interaction was thoroughly appreciated by both students and guests.

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## From Innovation to Recognition

Turning a real-world educational challenge into an AI-powered solution, Team Horizon of New Horizon College of Engineering emerged as First Runner-Up at the Capgemini Exceller AgentifAI Buildathon 2026 Grand Finale in Pune. Representing the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science), **Ashlin Alex, Balaram G, Anushka Patil, Karthik N and Anisha Ukarande** came together to develop a technology-driven solution for a practical challenge in education. Their journey began with the formation of Team Horizon, where members brought complementary technical skills and contributed to ideation, development, testing, documentation and presentation. The team progressed through several stages, including the Agent Builder Challenge, SQL Case Investigation, Elevator Pitch and Deep Dive phase, strengthening their technical and analytical capabilities. The Agent Builder Challenge introduced them to workflow-based AI solution design, while the SQL Case Investigation involved analysing relational data to solve a data-driven mystery. During the Elevator Pitch, the team presented their Agentic AI-based Exam Paper Generator to Capgemini evaluators, demonstrating its multi-agent architecture and ability to reduce the effort involved in creating syllabus-aligned question papers and synchronised answer keys. During the Deep Dive phase, the concept evolved into a working prototype capable of generating question papers based on syllabus topics, marks distribution, difficulty levels and Bloom's

Taxonomy, while validating syllabus coverage, eliminating duplicate questions and producing corresponding answer keys. The system also allowed faculty members to review and edit generated content before exporting professionally formatted documents. The team designed the architecture, developed the frontend and backend, integrated AI workflows, tested different modules and refined the solution based on evaluator feedback. Alongside the main competition, Side Quests including Trivia Quiz, Code & Conquer, Bug Hunt, Word Search and The Verdict further strengthened their programming, logical reasoning and technical decision-making skills. Managing academic responsibilities alongside technical challenges made collaboration, planning and adaptability essential throughout the journey. Their sustained efforts culminated in the First Runner-Up finish at the Grand Finale, reflecting their technical capability, innovative approach, teamwork and perseverance. The accomplishment was further acknowledged by the Chairman and President of New Horizon College of Engineering, who conveyed their appreciation to the team for its commendable performance. The achievement brings distinction to the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science) and reflects the Career Development Centre's continued encouragement of students to participate in industry-led challenges and pursue opportunities that foster innovation, technical learning and professional growth.

## ★ Stars of the Month ★

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The Career Development Centre (CDC), New Horizon College of Engineering, proudly recognises Aditya Raj, Omji Rao, Pratham Reet, Nitin A Rane, and Reeshay Sinha of **Team Luxury from the Department of Computer Science & Engineering**, along with Ananya MA, Bhoomika SM, Bhuvaneshwari N, K Lavanya, and Srusti H of **Team LAB^2S from the Department of Computer Science & Data Science**, as the **Stars of the Month** for their outstanding achievement at the **Capgemini Exceller AgentifAI Hackathon 2026**. Both teams secured a place among the **Top 51–100 teams** nationwide in this prestigious national-level competition.

The students distinguished themselves through their technical expertise, innovative thinking, problem-solving abilities, collaboration, and perseverance while taking on a challenging industry-driven platform. Their recognition among the Top 51–100 teams across the country reflects their ability to apply their knowledge, work effectively as teams, and demonstrate their capabilities beyond the classroom.

Their accomplishment is a testament to their dedication, creativity, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. Representing New Horizon College of Engineering on a national platform, the students have brought pride to their respective departments and the institution, while setting an inspiring example for their peers to embrace new challenges and pursue excellence.

## Capgemini Brand Quest Student Ambassadors



The Career Development Centre, New Horizon College of Engineering, has nominated a team of students (**Toshith Singh, Mudunuri Jyothiraditya, Mansi R Chhabria, Sneha Rudresh**) as **Capgemini Brand Quest Student Ambassadors 2026**, entrusting them with the role of representing the initiative within the campus community. The ambassadors will build awareness, engage peers, promote participation, share key updates, and support Brand Quest activities, serving as a vital link between Capgemini, the Career Development Centre, and the student community.

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