

Celebration of Karnataka Rajyotsava – 2025

MVJ College of Engineering celebrated Karnataka Rajyotsava on 1st November 2025, honouring Karnataka's rich culture, language, and history. The event showcased traditional performances, folk songs, and insightful speeches, bringing together students and faculty in a display of pride and unity. Through this celebration, the college aimed to inspire respect for Kannada heritage and foster a deep connection with Karnataka's diverse cultural legacy.

Event Details

- Date: 1st November 2025
- Time: 09:30 AM
- Venue: M V Jayaraman Auditorium, MVJ College of Engineering

Objectives of the Event

- To commemorate the 70th Karnataka Rajyotsava and honour the formation and cultural legacy of the State of Karnataka.
- To encourage multilingual appreciation and cultural inclusivity within the academic community.
- To foster unity, patriotism, and respect for regional identity through shared celebrations.

Event Overview

The 70th **Karnataka Rajyotsava** was celebrated with great enthusiasm and cultural pride at **MVJ College of Engineering (MVJCE)**, Bengaluru. The grand celebration took place in the presence of the Chief Guest, Prof. S. R. Leela, an eminent Sanskrit scholar, former MLC, acclaimed Kannada writer, and noted film producer.

The event commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony at 9:30 AM at the Amphitheatre, where Prof. S. R. Leela hoisted the Karnataka state flag. The ceremony was attended by faculty and staff from both MVJ College of Engineering and the MVJ Degree College. The NCC team extended ceremonial honours during the flag hoisting.

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Floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Kannadambe by Dr K. R. Ajayan (Principal, MVJCE), Prof. Balakrishna Alaveli (Principal, Degree College), and Dr Shrinivas L. Gombi (Dean Academics). Dr Shrinivas L. Gombi delivered a speech on the importance of the celebration of Karnataka Rajyotsava.

Following the flag hoisting, sweets were distributed to all attendees. The main function was held at the **M. V. Jayaraman Auditorium**, beginning with a prayer song by Team Dhvani, followed by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Dr Shrinivas L. Gombi welcomed the Chief Guest and the gathering, while Prof. Kavita from the Degree College introduced the Chief Guest. Prof. S. R. Leela delivered a **captivating keynote address**, highlighting the rich cultural heritage of Karnataka, the importance of preserving the Kannada language, and the value of multilingualism. Her speech was deeply appreciated by the audience.



Figure 1: Flower Tribute to Founder's bust

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Figure 2: Flag hosting by all the dignitaries



Figure 3: Address by Dean Academics Dr Shrinivas L. Gombi

The Chief Guest was then felicitated by Dr K. R. Ajayan and Dr M. Brinda, Dean (Administration). This was followed by the prize distribution ceremony for winners of the Kannada literature competitions, with awards presented by Prof. S. R. Leela. The

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Chief guest handed over a few noted books written by her to the Chief Librarian of MVJCE. Dr K. R. Ajayan, Principal, MVJCE, delivered the presidential address, and Prof. Balakrishna Alaveli, Principal, Degree College, proposed the vote of thanks.



(a) Felicitation of Chief Guest by Dean (Admin) Dr Brinda M



(b) Address by Chief Guest Prof S R Leela

Figure 4: Moments from the Karnataka Rajyotsava celebration featuring the felicitation and address of the Chief Guest, Prof. S. R. Leela.

The celebration concluded with **vibrant cultural performances** by students from both MVJ Engineering and Degree Colleges, showcasing the diverse traditions of Karnataka. The event ended with the **National Anthem**, marking a respectful and patriotic conclusion to the day.

Cultural Programmes

The cultural programmes were the highlight of the celebration, showcasing the rich and diverse traditions of Karnataka. Students from both MVJ Engineering and Degree Colleges presented a vibrant array of performances, including traditional dances, folk songs, and skits that celebrated Kannada culture and heritage. Each

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performance reflected the spirit of unity, creativity, and pride in regional identity, adding colour and enthusiasm to the occasion. The audience responded with great appreciation, making the cultural segment a fitting and joyous conclusion to the Rajyotsava celebrations.



Figure 5: Pride of Kannada reflected in the form of art and theatre



Figure 6: Celebrating the culture, rhythm, and pride of Karnataka through graceful movements

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Figure 7: A colourful dance performance dedicated to the land of Kannada

Outcomes of the Event

- Participants gained a deeper understanding of Karnataka's cultural, linguistic, and historical significance.
- The keynote address by Prof. S. R. Leela inspired students and faculty to value and promote Kannada language and literature.
- The event strengthened institutional unity by bringing together members of the Engineering and Degree Colleges in a shared celebration.

Conclusions

The 70th Karnataka Rajyotsava celebration at MVJ College of Engineering was a vibrant and inspiring tribute to the rich heritage of Karnataka. The presence of the distinguished Chief Guest, Prof. S. R. Leela, and her thought-provoking address enriched the event's significance. The blend of ceremonial proceedings, cultural performances, and literary recognitions reflected the college's commitment to preserving regional culture while promoting academic excellence. The celebration successfully kindled a sense of pride, unity, and cultural identity among students and



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faculty, making it a memorable and meaningful occasion.

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