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Inauguration of VertechX 13.0

MVJ College of Engineering conducted the inauguration of **VertechX 13.0**, the Inter-Collegiate National-Level Technical Fest, on **14 November 2025** from **10:00 A.M.** to **11:00 A.M.** in **Dr M. V. Jayaraman Auditorium**.

The inauguration was graced by the Chief Guest **Archana Vikas Kulkarni**, Director of Information Experience at Cisco Splunk and a distinguished alumna of the Chemical Engineering Department (1999 batch). The event commenced with a melodious invocation song by Team Dhvani. This was followed by the screening of the official VertechX 13.0 trailer, offering the audience a glimpse into the creativity and innovation that the fest embodies. The audience was further treated to a captivating dance performance by Team Nrithyatrix.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was officiated by Archana Kulkarni (Chief Guest), Dr Ajayan K. R. (Principal), Dr M. Brindha (Dean of Accreditation), Dr Srinivas L. Gombhi (Dean of Academics), Dr Salim (Dean of Research), along with student co-ordinators Heerath Bhat, Nandan Patil and Akshatha V Rao, marking the formal commencement of VertechX 13.0. In his welcome address, Heerath Bhat extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, Principal, Deans, Heads of Departments, faculty members, participants, and students. The Principal, Dr Ajayan K. R., addressed the gathering, urging students to embrace opportunities presented through the fest to enhance their technical and creative skills.

Following this, Akshata V. Rao introduced the Chief Guest, highlighting Archana Kulkarni's notable accomplishments and contributions to engineering. The highlight of the event was the Chief Guest's address, where Archana Kulkarni briefly but evocatively shared her experiences. Appreciating the technical fest and its theme, she emphasised the importance of innovation and creativity in engineering education. As a mark of appreciation, the Principal felicitated the Chief Guest with a memento. Following this, the Vote of Thanks was delivered by Nandan Patil, acknowledging the contributions of all individuals involved in organising the event. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.



Fig 1: Dance performance by Team Nrithyatrix



Fig 2: Lamp lighting ceremony



Fig 3: Chief Guest addressing the gathering



Fig 4: Principal felicitating the Chief Guest with a memento