

An Autonomous Institute  
Report on  
**FOUNDER'S DAY 2026**

The 98<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Dr. M. V. Jayaraman, commemorated as Founder's Day, was celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the Dr. M. V. Jayaraman Auditorium, MVJ College of Engineering.



**Fig. 1: Our Founder Dr. M V Jayaraman**

Dr. M. V. Jayaraman was a visionary educationist, committed philanthropist, and erudite scholar whose dedication to the cause of education left a lasting impact on Karnataka's academic landscape. With a deep belief in the transformative power of knowledge, he established institutions that emphasized excellence, discipline, and holistic development. His enduring contributions to engineering education continue to inspire generations of students and educators, guiding them towards meaningful learning and responsible citizenship.

The occasion was marked with reverence and gratitude, honouring the visionary founder whose ideals continue to guide the institution. Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, adding

significance to the celebration. The event was further honoured by the presence of Dr. M. J. Mohan, Chairman of MVJ Medical College and Research Hospital and Secretary of the Venkatesha Education Society.



**Fig.2: Floral tribute, lamp lighting, and garlanding ceremony at the Founder's bust**

The event commenced with an invocation song rendered by students, setting a serene and reverent tone, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere and invoking a sense of grace and positivity for the proceedings to follow.



**Fig. 3: Invocation song presented by students at the commencement of the event**

A short video depicting the early life and formative journey of the Founder was presented, offering a glimpse into his inspiring path and the values that shaped his enduring legacy. This was followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp to formally inaugurate the programme, led by the Chief Guest Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, along with Dr. M. J. Mohan and the Principal, Dr. Ajayan K. R.



**Fig. 4: Lamp lighting ceremony by the dignitaries**

The principal delivered the welcome address, extending a warm welcome to the gathering, including the Chief Guest, and highlighted the life and enduring legacy of the Founder, emphasising his vision for quality education, his commitment to values-based learning, and his lasting contributions that continue to inspire the institution's mission and growth.



**Fig. 5: Principal, Dr. Ajayan K R delivering the welcome address**

The principal then honoured the Chief Guest, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, by presenting a bouquet as a mark of respect and a warm gesture of welcome.



**Fig. 5: Principal, Dr. Ajayan K R, honouring the chief guest, Dr. M C Sudhakar, with a bouquet**

The College Report was presented by Dr. M. Brindha, Dean (Administration), outlining the key academic, research, and institutional achievements of the year. She highlighted that the academic year 2025–26 reflected the institution’s continued commitment to holistic education, emphasising innovation, experiential learning, and academic excellence. She noted that the various academic and co-curricular initiatives provided platforms for

research, dialogue, and interdisciplinary learning, while activities such as technical competitions, project-based learning, and knowledge-sharing programs encouraged students to apply their learning to real-world challenges. She further emphasised that achievements in academics, innovation, and sports demonstrated the institution's focus on nurturing creativity, discipline, and teamwork. Overall, she reaffirmed the institution's dedication to shaping responsible, well-rounded individuals prepared to contribute meaningfully to society.



**Fig. 6: Dr. Brindha M, Dean of Administration, presenting the College Report**

Then Dr. Brindha M, Dean (Administration), spoke about the Founder, portraying him as a compassionate individual with a deep sense of humanity who instinctively cared for others' well-being. She emphasised that the Founder worked selflessly, seeking no recognition, dedicating his life to helping those in need. His love for music, particularly as a veena artist, reflected his refined cultural sensibilities, while his vision of education went beyond mere degree attainment, focusing instead on empowerment, dignity, and the meaningful transformation of lives.

Smt. Usha Vishwanath, a student of the Founder in veena and music, was invited to the dais to share her cherished memories. Recalling him as her revered Guru, she spoke fondly of his dedication, mentioning how he would personally visit students' homes, carrying the veena on his bicycle to teach them. She highlighted his selfless commitment to teaching, often making himself available to all without expecting any fee. Describing him as a true inspiration, she credited him for motivating her to pursue vocal music. Smt. Usha Vishwanath

encouraged students to pursue fine arts alongside professional education, emphasising its role in enriching personality, fostering creativity, and supporting overall development in all spheres of life.



**Fig. 6: Smt. Usha Vishwanath, a student of Dr. M. V. Jayaraman, reminiscing about her mentor**

Dr. Brindha M, Dean (Administration), honoured Smt. Usha Vishwanath with a shawl and a memento as a token of appreciation and respect.



**Fig. 7: Dr. Brindha M. honouring Smt. Usha Vishwanath with a memento.**

The Dean (Academics), Dr. Shrinivas L. Gombi, introduced the Chief Guest, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, highlighting his distinguished career, notable achievements, and significant contributions in his field.



**Fig. 8: Dr. Shrinivas L. Gombi, Dean (Academics), introducing the Chief Guest, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar**

The Chief Guest, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, addressed the gathering, speaking with great admiration about the Founder as a visionary leader who rose from humble beginnings and embodied the qualities of great personalities. He highlighted the Founder's courage, determination, and the unwavering support and blessings of his parents in shaping his journey. Emphasising that building an institution and earning the trust and respect of people is no easy task, he reflected on how, in a short span, the Founder laid a strong foundation and nurtured the institution's growth before entrusting its legacy to the next generation. He also appreciated the various initiatives and activities carried out during the year, as outlined in the college report, and commended the auditorium's architectural excellence. In his address, he further stressed the importance of enhancing employability and of aligning the education system with the evolving demands of the modern, AI-driven world.



**Fig. 9: Chief Guest, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, addressing the gathering**

The Chief Guest was honoured by Dr. M. J. Mohan with a shawl and memento as a mark of respect.



**Fig. 10: Dr. M. J. Mohan, honouring the Chief Guest, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar.**

Following this, the Chief Guest reciprocated the gesture by honouring Dr. M. J. Mohan with a shawl.



**Fig. 11: Chief Guest, Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, honouring Dr. M. J. Mohan**

Prof. Madhurima highlighted the significant milestones in MVJCE's journey since its inception in 1982, tracing its steady growth into a reputable institution. She emphasised the institution's commitment to academic excellence, reflected in its accreditations along with its strengthened academic framework and evolving curriculum. She also spoke about the continuous development of various departments, the enhancement of state-of-the-art laboratory and research facilities, the establishment of skill development labs, and initiatives aimed at fostering innovation, industry interaction, and holistic student development, all of which have contributed to the institution's enduring legacy of quality education.



**Fig. 12: Prof. Madhurima presenting the milestones of MVJCE**

Next was the award ceremony, where students and faculty were recognised for achievements across a wide spectrum, including academics, innovation, sports, and the arts. Students received honours for academic distinction, including autonomous rank holders, year-wise toppers, and the highest O-Grade award. Achievements in national-level hackathons, innovation challenges, design competitions, and technical events conducted at premier institutions such as IITs, NITs, IISc, and other leading engineering colleges were also acknowledged. Excellence in sports—including Kho-Kho, hockey, wrestling, judo, powerlifting, handball, and strength events such as squat, bench press, and deadlift—was celebrated alongside accomplishments in cultural domains such as singing, dance, theatre, filmmaking, mono acting, and literary pursuits. The ceremony served as a tribute to the diverse talents and well-rounded development of the student community.

The occasion also marked the introduction of the Prof. S. C. Gupta Award for the First Autonomous Rank Holder in B.E. Aeronautical Engineering, instituted in recognition of Prof. S. C. Gupta's valuable contributions to the Department of Aeronautical Engineering. Prof. S. C. Gupta was also specially honoured during the programme for his significant contributions to the institution and the department. The award was presented to Ranjith M. Badiger, who secured First Rank in B.E. Aeronautical Engineering for the academic year 2024–25, in recognition of his outstanding academic performance by Dr. M. C. Sudhakar, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, along with Prof. S. C. Gupta, Senior Professor, Department of Aeronautical Engineering.



**Fig. 13: Presentation of the Prof. S. C. Gupta Award to the topper of Aeronautical Engineering**

As every year, Mr Amitesh Rahul, Director of ADSAT Engineers Pvt. Ltd. and an alumnus of the 1987 batch, presented an award recognising the First Rank holder in Electronics and Communication Engineering.



**Fig. 13: Presentation of the Award to the topper of Electronics and Communication Engineering**

The Vinay Deepak Award was also presented by Mr. Saravanan to the topper of the Mechanical branch, instituted in fond remembrance of his son, Vinay Deepak.



**Fig. 14: Presentation of the Vinay Deepak Award to the topper of Mechanical Engineering**

Faculty were recognised for their research contributions through publications in reputed Scopus and Web of Science-indexed journals, particularly those ranked in Quartile 1 and Quartile 2 as per SCImago Journal Rank (SJR), and a faculty member who secured a prestigious funded research project was also acknowledged for their contribution to innovation, sustainability, and societal development.

During this Founder's Day occasion, MVJ PU College also showcased its outstanding academic performance, with the PU II topper being felicitated for exceptional achievement and contribution to the institution's legacy of excellence. Faculty members were also honoured for their dedicated efforts, unwavering commitment, and pivotal role in guiding students to remarkable success, reflecting the strong academic culture upheld by the institution.



**Fig. 15: Felicitation of MVJ PU College faculty members**

All award winners were felicitated with certificates and cash prizes in recognition of their achievements, with a total cash prize of ₹10 lakh distributed.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Raja, Head of the Department of Information Science and Engineering, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries, faculty members, students, and organisers for their presence and valuable contributions. He acknowledged the collective efforts of all those involved in planning and executing the event and appreciated their support in making the occasion a grand and memorable success.

The programme concluded with everyone standing in unison for the National Anthem, marking a dignified and patriotic end to the event.