

St Joseph's University Open Day showcases future-focused education, AI initiatives

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Bengaluru: On Monday St Joseph's University attracted more than 2,500 visitors for its Open Day 2026, with education leaders highlighting the need to prepare students for an artificial intelligence-driven future by developing adaptability and critical thinking skills.

Addressing students, parents and educators, Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Lobo, Vice Chancellor of the university, said that as artificial intelligence (AI) and automation continue to transform education and workplaces, curiosity and adaptability will become essential skills for students.

Highlighting the university's response to emerging industry needs, he announced the launch of a new Master's programme in Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence. He also said the university's second campus at Bannerghatta will introduce engineering programmes focused on sustainability and technological innovation from next year.



Dignitaries visit student exhibits at St Joseph's University Open Day 2026

The annual Open Day featured exhibitions by 48 departments, showcasing student projects, research, innovation and interactive demonstrations. Faculty coordinator Prem Sagar said this year's event recorded increased participation from schools and colleges across Bengaluru. "The number of exhibits has increased to the point where we are running short of classrooms," he said.

Chief Guest Christy Priyadharsini, principal and secretary of Bishop Cotton Girls' School, Bengaluru commended the university for creating such a platform where schools and colleges could share innovative ideas. She described Open Day as not just an exhibition but a way of "bridging the gaps in the education system." She said that knowledge was a shared

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Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Fr. K. S. Casimir SJ, Vice Chancellor of Xavier Institute of Management (XIM) University, Bhubanesvar congratulated the university for organising Open Day to encourage curiosity and meaningful learning. He also highlighted the role of AI in supporting the development of educational institutions and students.

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Students came along with their parents and explored exhibitions across the departments. The event also featured a new addition, the TEDx programme, which enabled discussions on major contemporary topics including the role of AI. Discussions focused on AI applications in education, including preparing assessments and supporting grading systems.



Inauguration ceremony at St Joseph's University's Open Day 2026

Open Day also provides a platform for current students to present their projects and interact with prospective students and parents. "This is a great opportunity for us; we have been getting practical exposure through Open Day activities," said student volunteer Zarah Abdul Rasheed.

The annual event concluded with the valedictory ceremony recognising the efforts of academic exhibitions and student-led activities, marking another edition of the university's outreach programme for prospective students.

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