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Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) is a Section-8 (not-for-profit) company in Kanpur, established in May 2022 to foster entrepreneurship and innovation in Uttar Pradesh. As a sector-agnostic techno-business incubator, it supports startups with mentoring, infrastructure, and funding. It operates via a Hub & Spoke model, engaging over 100 E-Cells to drive startup growth.

**THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS**



- Five-Day Management Development Programme (MDP) on Entrepreneurship and Managerial Skills Successfully Conducted at CSJMIF



- CSJM IF at AI Summit 2026- Driving Innovation & Entrepreneurship
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# MESSAGE FROM HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR



**Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak**  
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Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur is committed to the nurturing of a vibrant ecosystem that fosters the development of aspiring young minds into innovators, entrepreneurs and future leaders. CSJM University, Kanpur with its various stakeholder particularly, the students in technical and nontechnical programs offered in its residential campus as well as over 700 affiliated colleges provides a fertile pool of talent that the University is committed to offer training leading to value added and skill development programs aimed at employment generation by adoption of entrepreneurship as a career option.

The Section 8 not-for-profit company "Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation" provides a vibrant ecosystem for nurturing young minds for enhancement of Intelligence, Leadership and Emotional quotient and groom them up with a innovative and diligent personality. It would help them to be groomed up as responsible citizens. The university pledges to provide a center for learning to implement activities leading to the scaling up the technology readiness ladder. The youth enrolled with our affiliated colleges in and around Kanpur. The major thrust areas include AgriTech, Bio Tech, Med Tech, IT driven innovations, Recycle and Upcycle, Waste Management, Renewable Energy. CSJMIF specially focus on women, social and rural entrepreneurship projects with emphasis on grass root innovators and artisans.

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## EVENTS/PROGRAMS ORGANIZED BY CSJM INNOVATION FOUNDATION

### 1) **Topic**-Five-Day Management Development Programme (MDP) on Entrepreneurship and Managerial Skills

**Successfully Conducted at CSJMIF**

**Date**- 5th-10th, February 2026

**Venue**-CSJM IF Seminar Hall

Under the guidance of the Honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, a five-day Management Development Programme (MDP) sponsored by MSME Kanpur was successfully conducted from 5–10 February 2026 at the Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) Seminar Hall. The programme aimed to enhance managerial competencies and entrepreneurial skills among students and witnessed the active participation of more than 60 students.

The programme began with an orientation session introducing participants to the objectives, structure, and expected learning outcomes of the initiative.

During the sessions, Dr. Shilpa D. Kaistha (Dean – Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Startups) emphasized the importance of innovation, entrepreneurship, and bio-entrepreneurship, highlighting the role of stakeholders, Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs), and funding opportunities such as grants, angel investment, venture capital, and government schemes.

Mr. Anil Kumar Tripathi (Incubation Manager) delivered multiple sessions on startup incubation, MSME schemes, startup planning, and compliance, explaining how incubation centers support entrepreneurs through mentoring, funding guidance, infrastructure, and industry networking.

Mr. K. D. Shukla (Ex-Director and Professor) discussed leadership, managerial skills, strategic thinking, and startup finance, stressing the importance of financial discipline, decision-making, and sustainable business practices.

Dr. Chandresh Sharma (Assistant Professor, CSJMU) provided insights into management fundamentals, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills essential in professional environments.

An industry-focused session by Mr. Jatin (Consultant, EY) highlighted business strategy, financial planning, risk management, taxation, and corporate governance, offering students exposure to real-world corporate expectations.

To provide practical exposure, students also participated in an Industrial Visit to the MSME Technology Centre, Kanpur, under the guidance of faculty and incubation center officials. The programme concluded with an interactive session by Mr. Sanjay, Founder of RS Green Grow and PUSA Grant recipient, who shared his entrepreneurial journey and explained the process of applying for startup grants, including proposal preparation, eligibility criteria, and documentation.

Overall, the programme successfully bridged the gap between academic learning and practical entrepreneurial experience, motivating students to pursue innovation-driven ventures and professional management practices.



## 2) **Topic**-Innovation and Creativity Take Center Stage: Ideathon 2026 Orientation at CSJMU

**Date**- 13th February 2026

**Venue**- Institute Of Fine Arts CSJMU, Kanpur

Under the esteemed guidance of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, an Orientation Session for the smooth conduct of Ideathon 2026 was successfully organized on 13th February 2026 at the Institute of Fine Arts, CSJMU, Kanpur.

The session was graced by the distinguished presence of Dr. Divyansh Shukla, CEO, CSJM Innovation Foundation; Mr. Mithae Lal, Director, Institute of Fine Arts; Mr. Shailendra Yadav, Innovation Officer; Mr. Vinay Singh, Assistant Professor, Fine Arts; Mr. Prabhakar Singh, Manager, Program Operations; and Mr. Arya Walia.

During the session, the speakers provided comprehensive guidance to students regarding the objectives, structure, and execution of Ideathon 2026. They elaborated on the step-by-step process of preparing an effective pitch deck, emphasizing key aspects such as clear problem identification, innovative solutions, feasibility analysis, and impactful presentation skills. Students were also mentored on confidently presenting their ideas before the judging panel and showcasing how creative concepts can be transformed into viable startup ventures.

The orientation session proved to be highly informative and motivational, inspiring students to channel their artistic creativity into entrepreneurial pursuits and encouraging active participation in Ideathon 2026 with confidence and enthusiasm.



## 3) Topic-Building Future Leaders: Entrepreneurship-Focused Programme for Kashmir's Youth.

**Date-** 13th February 2026

**Venue-** Aroham Happiness Homes, Bithoor Kanpur

On 13 February 2026, under the visionary guidance of Vinay Kumar Pathak, Honorable Vice Chancellor, a significant event was organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the objective of empowering the youth of Kashmir. The program aimed to inspire young students to develop entrepreneurial mindsets, nurture innovation, and build ventures that could contribute meaningfully to society and the nation.

The event was attended by distinguished guests including Mr. Anil Kumar Tripathi, Incubation Manager at CSJMIF; Mr. Prabhakar Singh, Program Manager – Operations at CSJMIF; and Mrs. Yasura Rabia Fatima, Founder of Joylicious. Their presence added immense value to the program as they shared their professional experiences, practical knowledge, and motivational insights with the students. The speakers emphasized the importance of self-belief, determination, and strategic planning in building successful enterprises.

During the session, the experts guided students on how to transform innovative ideas into sustainable ventures. They explained the importance of identifying real-world problems, conducting market research, developing structured business models, and leveraging incubation support systems.

Mrs. Yasura Rabia Fatima shared her entrepreneurial journey, inspiring students—especially young women—to pursue their passions fearlessly. She motivated them to convert creativity into enterprise and to remain resilient in the face of challenges. Her message reinforced the idea that entrepreneurship is not limited by region but driven by vision, innovation, and perseverance.



## 4) **Topic-** Session on “AI for Teaching & Research”

**Date-**14 February, 2026

**Venue-**L1 Lecture Hall UIET, CSJMU

Under the esteemed guidance of Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, the Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation organized an impactful session on “AI for Teaching & Research” on 14 February 2026 at the L1 Lecture Hall, UIET, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur. The keynote expert, Saurabh Agarwal, Consultant to IBM and UNESCO, delivered an insightful lecture on how Artificial Intelligence is revolutionizing the academic landscape. He explained the integration of AI in classrooms through adaptive learning platforms, intelligent tutoring systems, automated assessment tools, and AI-assisted research methodologies. He also emphasized the importance of ethical AI usage, data privacy, and responsible innovation to ensure sustainable academic growth.

The event was graced by the presence of Anil Kumar Tripathi (Incubation Manager), Prabhakar Singh (Manager – Program Operations), and Shailendra Yadav (Innovation Officer), along with faculty members, research scholars, and students. The session encouraged interactive discussions on leveraging AI for enhancing research productivity, fostering innovation, and preparing students for future technological advancements. The program proved to be a significant initiative in strengthening the university’s commitment to digital transformation and research excellence.



## 5) **Topic-** Workshop on Building Sustainable Ventures and Accessing Startup Opportunities

**Date-** 17 February, 2026

**Venue-** Armapore PG College, Kanpur

Under the esteemed guidance of Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, a Career Counselling Workshop was organized on 17 February 2025 at Armapore PG College. The session was conducted with the objective of guiding students toward entrepreneurial opportunities and self-employment. During the workshop, Anil Kumar Tripathi, Incubation Manager at CSJM Innovation Foundation, delivered an inspiring address encouraging students to think beyond traditional career paths and explore startup ventures as a viable career option.

Mr. Tripathi elaborated on the essential steps required to build a successful venture, including identifying real-world problems, conducting proper market research, developing innovative solutions, and preparing a strong business model. He emphasized the importance of skill development, teamwork, networking, and utilizing incubation support systems available at the university. He also guided students on accessing government startup schemes, funding opportunities, mentorship programs, and incubation facilities that can help transform ideas into sustainable enterprises. The interactive session motivated students to cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets, take calculated risks, and confidently work toward building their own ventures.



## 6) **Topic-** CSJM IF at AI Summit 2026- Driving Innovation & Entrepreneurship

**Date-**18-19, February 2026

**Venue-**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Under the visionary guidance of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation (CSJM IF) proudly participated in the AI Summit held in New Delhi. The summit brought together global experts, policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, and innovators to deliberate on the rapidly evolving landscape of Artificial Intelligence and its transformative role across sectors.

The event served as a dynamic platform for discussions on emerging AI research, ethical governance frameworks, regulatory perspectives, and real-world applications across healthcare, education, manufacturing, governance, and sustainability. The deliberations focused on shaping the future of technology while ensuring responsible and inclusive innovation. The insights gained from these sessions will significantly strengthen academic research, promote industry collaboration, and create expanded opportunities for startups under the CSJM IF ecosystem.

The distinguished delegation from CSJMU included Dr. Divyansh Shukla, CEO, CSJM IF; Dr. Alok Kumar, Director, UIET CSJMU; Dr. Sandesh Gupta, Faculty, UIET; Prof. Sudhanshu Pandiya, Director, SBM CSJMU; and Mrs. Anshu Singh from the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension. Their participation enabled interdisciplinary exposure, ensuring that innovation, technology, management, and community engagement perspectives were collectively integrated.

A major learning from the summit was the growing role of AI as a catalyst for innovation and entrepreneurship. The sessions emphasized how startups can leverage AI-driven tools, cloud infrastructure, and data intelligence to build scalable and sustainable business models. Discussions also highlighted the importance of responsible AI development, focusing on transparency, data privacy, cybersecurity, and compliance with global ethical standards. These insights will help nurture responsible entrepreneurs and innovation-driven enterprises at CSJMU.



The summit further provided valuable exposure to funding ecosystems, venture capital expectations, prototype-to-market strategies, and international collaboration opportunities. Delegates explored structured incubation models, industry mentorship mechanisms, and corporate-academia partnerships that can accelerate commercialization pathways for emerging startups.

Startups from Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation also showcased their innovations at the summit through an exhibition stall. Mr. Satyen Srivastava, Founder of Max Pro AI, presented advanced AI-driven solutions focused on automation, analytics, and intelligent decision-making systems. Another emerging innovator also demonstrated transformative AI-based applications, attracting attention from policymakers, investors, researchers, and industry representatives.

The participation of CSJM IF at the AI Summit marks a significant milestone in strengthening the university's innovation ecosystem. The exposure gained will contribute to curriculum enhancement, AI-focused research initiatives, stronger industry linkages, and expanded startup support mechanisms.

Overall, the AI Summit in New Delhi was not merely a conference but a transformative platform for learning, collaboration, and strategic growth. Under the leadership of Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, CSJM IF continues to advance its mission of fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and responsible AI development, positioning itself as a key contributor to India's evolving technology landscape.



## 7) **Topic**-C2AIR Ideathon 2026: Innovation for Real-World Impact

**Date**-22, February 2026

**Venue**-CSJMIF Seminar HALL

The C2AIR (Community for Cybersecurity and A.I. Research) successfully organized Ideathon 2026 on 22 February 2026 at the Seminar Hall, CSJM Innovation Foundation, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University. The Ideathon served as a collaborative innovation platform where students worked in teams to design AI-driven solutions for pressing civic and urban issues. Key problem statements included traffic management optimization and civic sense education through intelligent digital platforms.

Ideathon 2026 was led by distinguished industry experts who brought valuable real-world perspectives. Prasenjit Gautam, CEO of Vallum Research, shared insights on industry-driven AI research, startup ecosystems, and translating ideas into market-ready solutions. Jyoti Nigam, Data Scientist at upGrad School of Technology, guided participants on data-centric thinking, AI model deployment, and skill development aligned with current industry demands.

The entire event was conducted under the supervision and presence of Mr. Prabhakar Singh (Manager), CSJMIF, ensuring smooth coordination and structured execution of activities. His support played a crucial role in maintaining the professional and innovative spirit of the event. Overall, C2AIR Ideathon 2026 was more than just a competition — it was a dynamic learning and innovation ecosystem that encouraged students to think critically, collaborate effectively, and harness AI for societal impact.



## 8) **Topic**-Five-Day Management Development Programme

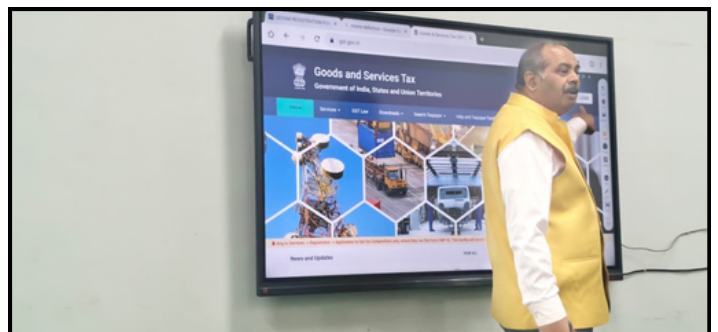
**Date**-20-24 February 2026

**Venue**-DBS College Kanpur.

Under the guidance of the Honorable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, a five-day Management Development Programme (MDP) was organized from 20–24 February 2026 with the objective of enhancing managerial competencies and fostering entrepreneurial awareness among students. The programme focused on bridging academic knowledge with practical industry exposure, enabling participants to develop leadership skills, strategic thinking abilities, and a deeper understanding of startup ecosystems.

Throughout the five days, the sessions witnessed active participation from students and encouraged interactive learning through discussions, case examples, and practical insights. The programme covered key aspects of entrepreneurship, startup incubation, financial planning, innovation management, compliance procedures, and government support mechanisms for emerging ventures.

Mr. Anil Kumar Tripathi, Incubation Manager, CSJMIF, delivered sessions on all five days of the programme. Across his sessions, he provided comprehensive guidance on the startup lifecycle—from idea conceptualization and validation to business model development and market execution. He explained the importance of incubation support, mentorship, infrastructure facilities, funding opportunities, regulatory compliance, and networking in building sustainable enterprises. His continuous engagement throughout the programme ensured conceptual clarity and practical understanding among students. By sharing real-world experiences and institutional support frameworks, he motivated participants to explore entrepreneurial opportunities confidently and equipped them with the knowledge required to transform innovative ideas into successful ventures.



## 9)Topic-Nkosh Kisaan AI': A New Digital Farming Initiative by CSJMU and Nkosh

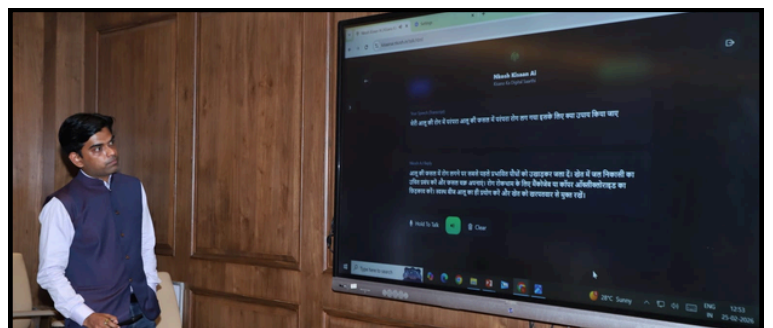
**Date-** 25 February 2026

**Venue-** EC Room, CSJMU Kanpur

Under the guidance of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak on 25 February 2026, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University marked a significant milestone in agricultural innovation with the launch of 'Nkosh Kisaan AI'. The initiative has been introduced through the Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj Innovation Foundation in collaboration with agritech company Nkosh, aiming to connect Artificial Intelligence directly with farmers at the grassroots level and transform traditional farming practices through smart digital solutions.

'Nkosh Kisaan AI' is designed as a multilingual digital farming assistant available in 11 Indian languages, enabling farmers to receive expert guidance in their mother tongue. The platform provides comprehensive advisory support on crop selection, seed sowing, fertilizer management, pest and disease control, weather-based strategies, and market planning. By removing language barriers, the initiative ensures wider accessibility and greater adoption among farmers across different regions.

The AI-powered platform offers end-to-end guidance from sowing to harvesting. Farmers can access precise recommendations on fertilizer and pesticide usage, AI-based crop disease identification, seasonal planning, harvesting schedules, and real-time mandi price updates for better market decisions. Experts associated with the project estimate that AI-based precision advisory could reduce cultivation costs by 20–30 percent and increase productivity by 15–25 percent. In its initial phase, the initiative aims to reach more than 50,000 farmers. The platform is available for free trial through the mobile application and official website, and its expansion strategy includes outreach through over 50 Krishi Saarthi Centers and a network of 162 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) across the country



## 10) **Topic-** IPR Workshop at MSME, Kanpur office

**Date-** 27 February 2026

**Venue-** MSME, Kanpur office

An Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Workshop was organized at MSME Kanpur to create awareness among entrepreneurs and innovators about protecting their innovations. The Chief Guest, Dr. Divyansh Shukla, CEO, CSJMIF addressed the participants and explained the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Along with him, Prabhakar Singh also participated in the workshop and interacted with the attendees.

During the session, Dr. Shukla gave a brief introduction to patent filing, explaining that a patent is a legal protection granted to inventors for their unique inventions, allowing them exclusive rights to use, produce, or sell their innovation for a specific period. He emphasized that IPR helps MSMEs safeguard their ideas, technologies, designs, and brands from unauthorized use. He further highlighted that by securing patents and other intellectual property rights, MSMEs can enhance their market value, attract potential investors, and gain a competitive advantage in the market. The workshop aimed to encourage entrepreneurs and innovators to understand the patent filing process and effectively utilize IPR to promote innovation and sustainable business growth.



## 11) Topic- TiEcon UP event at Taj Eternity, Kanpur.

**Date- 28 February 2026**

**Venue- Hotel Taj Eternity Bithoor, Kanpur**

Under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, a distinguished delegation from CSJM Innovation Foundation (CSJMIF) participated in TiEcon UP 2026, held on 28th February 2026 at Hotel Taj Eternity, Bithoor Road, Kanpur. TiEcon UP 2026, recognized as Uttar Pradesh's biggest entrepreneurial gathering, brought together 20 leading Venture Capitalists, 45 industry leaders, policymakers, innovators, and startups on one powerful platform to foster innovation, collaboration, and growth.

Representing CSJM Innovation Foundation at this prestigious event were:

- Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CSJMU
- Dr. Brishti Mitra, DEAN Academics
- Dr. Shilpa D. Kaistha – Dean, Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Dr. Divyansh Shukla – CEO, CSJM Innovation Foundation
- Dr. Anshu Singh. Chief Operating officer, CSJMU
- Mr. Prabhakar Singh – Manager, Program Operations
- Mr. Anil Kumar Tripathi- Incubation Manager, CSJMIF
- Mr. Shailendra Yadav- Innovation Officer, CSJM IF
- Mr. Gaurav Kumar- Assistant Professor, CSJMU
- Mr. Ashutosh Tiwari- Founder N'Kosh

Along with startups incubated under CSJM Innovation Foundation.

The delegation actively participated in insightful power sessions, networking interactions, and discussions with leading venture capitalists, policymakers, and industry stalwarts. The event provided an exceptional platform for CSJMIF startups to explore investment opportunities, strategic collaborations, mentorship avenues, and national-level exposure. The participation reflects CSJM University's strong commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, innovation-driven growth, and strengthening the startup ecosystem in alignment with the vision of transforming ambition into action — from Kanpur to India.



