Day 01 • Morning

Saturday, 28 November 2026 · 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

YOU ARE HERE · DAY 01

Morning 8am–noon | Afternoon noon–4:30pm | Evening at the beach 4:30pm–9pm

Food | Ceremonies | Exhibition | Logistics & exams | Dashed = continues / open-ended

TIME	SJA — Silver Jubilee Auditorium	OSC — Old Sports Complex	CCC — Central Computer Centre	CIDS · Ground & 1st Floor — Exhibition halls
8:00 AM	8:00 – 10:00 AM · LOGISTICS **Registration** At Main Gate / SJA	8:00 – 10:00 AM · FOOD **Breakfast**		
9:00 AM			9:00 AM → · EXAM **ASOC Exam — verification & exam** Exact date and time as per your hall ticket ↓ ONWARDS	
10:00 AM	10:00 – 11:30 AM · CEREMONY **Inauguration** Including release of the HFI-26 Souvenir, QSL card and the book “Amateur Radio and the Law” by Adv. Xavier Thomas V T, VU37DB			
11:30 AM	11:30 – 11:50 AM · LUCKY DRAW **Early Bird Lucky Draw**			
11:50 AM				11:50 AM → · EXHIBITION **Exhibition** Inauguration of the exhibition, then open until Day 01 events conclude ↓ CONTINUES AFTER NOON
12:00 Noon				

Day 01 · Afternoon

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SJA
Silver Jubilee Auditorium

TECHNICAL SESSION · DAY 01
Chair: Prof. Rajesh G. D'Souza, VU3FEC — Dean, Faculty of Engg. & Tech., Yenepoya (Deemed to be University)
Co-Chair: Dr. Vivekananda Bhat, VU39VB — Assoc. Professor, MAHE Manipal

OSC
Old Sports Complex

CIDS · Ground & 1st Floor
Exhibition halls

CIDS · 2nd Floor
Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies

IDEA Factory
CIDS · 4th Floor

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM · LUNCH
Lunch — Traditional Vegetarian Feast
Served on a banana leaf

↑ CONTINUED FROM 11:50AM
11:50 AM → · EXHIBITION
Exhibition

EXHIBITION

↓ CONTINUES AFTER 4:30PM

2:00 PM

2:00 – 2:08 PM · TALK
DX Station: Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society
Mohib Al Balushi

2:10 PM

2:10 – 2:30 PM · TALK
YLs on the air — a review
Dr. Preeti Govind, VU22PM

2:32 PM

2:32 – 2:52 PM · TALK
ARSI: India's Voice in Global Amateur Radio
Ramesh Kumar K. G., VU2LU · President, ARSI

2:54 PM

2:54 – 3:18 PM · CHALLENGE
VU2PAI Memorial — CW Challenge
Coordinated by Vishnumoorthy SG, VU2VTI & Abhaya Kumar M Hegde, VU2ABU

3:20 PM

3:20 – 3:40 PM · TALK
Roll-call nets & radio repeaters for community building & sustainability
Dr. S. Sathyapal, VU2FI · Vice Chairman & Director, Indian Institute of HAMs

3:30 PM

3:42 PM

3:42 – 4:02 PM · QUIZ
Quiz for SWLs & Harmonics
By NITK-VU2REC / MARC / MHC

3:45 PM

4:05 PM

4:05 – 4:25 PM · PRIZES
Prize distribution — completed HFI-26 Challenges
Artwork, AI-generated cartoons & radio shack photos, PAI Memorial CW Challenge

4:25 PM

2:00 – 3:30 PM · FAMILY
Activities for Family
Introductions, ice-breaking & fun games
By XYLs and Harmonics from MARC & MHC

2:00 – 3:45 PM · BUILD-A-THON
Build-a-thon: Choke Out the Noise — Have Some Fun

4:30 PM

Day 01 · Evening at the beach

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TIME	SJA — Silver Jubilee Auditorium	CIDS · Ground & 1st Floor — Exhibition halls	NITK Beach — Inside NITK premises · evening programme
4:30 PM	**4:30 PM** · SHUTTLE **Catch the beach shuttle** Shuttles from SJA to NITK Beach	↑ CONTINUED FROM 11:50AM 11:50 AM → EXHIBITION **Exhibition**	
5:05 PM			**5:05 PM →** · ALL EVENING **Mega Kite Display & Beach Side Family Activity** Kites by Team Mangalore · group sand-castle building From 5:30 PM: "The Hidden Beacon" — Beach Side Radio Detectives Challenge by NITK-VU2REC / MARC / MHC **5:05 – 6:00 PM** · STREET FOOD **South Indian Street Food** Charmuri, sweet corn & fresh soda counters
5:30 PM		EXHIBITION	ON THE BEACH **5:30 – 6:00 PM** · OPTIONAL VISIT **SEARCH Contest Station (live) facility visit** SEARCH = System for Emergency Assistance, Response & Communication Hub
6:00 PM			
6:15 PM			**6:15 – 8:15 PM** · CULTURE **Pili Vesha (Tiger Dance), musical night & cultural events**
7:00 PM			**7:00 – 9:00 PM** · DINNER **Gala Dinner (buffet)**
7:30 PM			**7:30 – 8:30 PM** · ON AIR **HFI-26 Special Mega VHF Evening Net** Check in to qualify for your QSL card and the Mega Net lucky-draw prize
8:15 PM			
8:30 PM		↓ TILL DAY ENDS	↓ UNTIL THE BREEZE RESTS
9:00 PM			

End of Day 01 — 73, rest & recharge.

Day 02 · Morning · SJA, OSC & Main Ground

Sunday, 29 November 2026 · 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

YOU ARE HERE · DAY 02

Morning · SJA & outdoors 8am–noon | Morning · CIDS 9am–noon | Afternoon & closing noon–4:30pm

Talks & sessions | Food | Activities & contests | Hands-on / build

SJA
Silver Jubilee Auditorium

TECHNICAL SESSION · DAY 02
Chairperson: Dr. Sukanya Rao, VU2RDJ — President, MARC
Co-Chair: Dr. Parveez Shariff B G, VU2NXH — Sr. Asst. Professor, Dayananda Sagar University

AUDITORIUM

OSC
Old Sports Complex

REPORTING POINT / OUTDOOR

Main Ground
Next to Adke Circle, opp. OSC

TIME

8:00 AM

8:00 – 9:15 AM · FOOD
Breakfast

9:15 AM

9:15 – 10:45 AM · HUNT
Ingenuity — VHF Treasure Hunt
VU2HEG (Sr) Memorial
Report at SJA

9:30 AM

9:30 – 9:50 AM · TALK
Practical optimisation of HF quarter-wave vertical antennas
Kiran Padiyar, VU2XE

9:45 AM

9:45 – 10:50 AM · LIVE DEMO
Reach to the Space — Experience Live Satellite Communication Demo!
Rajesh P. Vagadia, VU2EXP · Regional Coordinator, West India Zone, AMSAT-India

9:52 AM

9:52 – 10:12 AM · TALK
Orbiting Possibilities: The World of AMSAT India
Nitin Kumar Muttin, VU2JEK · Secretary, AMSAT India

10:14 AM

10:14 – 10:24 AM · TALK
Journey of the Upagraha Amateur Radio Club (VU2URC) — ISRO
Balaji, VU2JEL · President, UPARC

10:26 AM

10:26 – 10:51 AM · TALK
Software for satellite tracking
G Ram Mohan, VU2GRM

10:45 AM

10:50 AM

10:53 AM

10:53 – 11:13 AM · QUIZ + PRIZES
QRQ! — The HAM Radio Speed Quiz
Phone-based, with prize distribution

11:15 AM

11:15 – 11:55 AM · TALK
A comprehensive technical monograph on Digital Mobile Radio
T. Balasubramanian, VU3TBR

11:55 AM

12:00 Noon

Day 02 · Morning · CIDS building

Sunday, 29 November 2026 · 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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Morning · SJA & outdoors 8am–noon | **Morning · CIDS 9am–noon** | Afternoon & closing noon–4:30pm

Talks & sessions · Activities & contests · Exhibition · Hands-on / build · Dashed = continues / open-ended

TIME	CIDS · Ground & 1st Floor Exhibition halls	CIDS · 2nd Floor Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies	Seminar Hall 01 CIDS · 3rd Floor	Seminar Hall 02 CIDS · 3rd Floor	IDEA Factory CIDS · 4th Floor
9:00 AM	9:00 AM → EXHIBITION **Exhibition** Open till the Ham Fest ends EXHIBITION ↓ CONTINUES AFTER NOON				
9:30 AM		9:30 AM – 12:30 PM FAMILY **Activities for Family** Brain Challenge · Talent Showcase · Action & Expression Challenge · Discovery Hunt By XYLs and Harmonics from MARC & MHC ↓ CONTINUES AFTER NOON	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM PAPERS **Paper presentations — Technical Session** Chair: Dr. G. Ramachandra, VU2GRB · Director, Engineering, CISCO Bangalore Co-Chair: Dr. Sampath Kumar H C, VU3PWO · Quality Control and R&D, MRPL, Mangaluru ↓ CONTINUES AFTER NOON	9:30 AM – 12:30 PM PAPERS **Paper presentations — Technical Session** Chair: Prof. Somashekara Bhat, VU2NJN · School of Electrical Engineering, Manipal MAHE Co-Chair: Prof. T. Laxminidhi, VU2WFN · Electronics & Communication Engineering, NITK Surathkal ↓ CONTINUES AFTER NOON	
10:30 AM					10:30 AM – 12:30 PM WORKSHOP **SATCOM antenna workshop (VHF-UHF)** ↓ CONTINUES AFTER NOON
12:00 Noon					

Day 02 · Afternoon & closing

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12:00 Noon			12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM LUNCH **Lunch (buffet)**	↑ CONTINUED FROM 9AM 9:00 AM → EXHIBITION **Exhibition**	↑ CONTINUED FROM 9:30AM 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM FAMILY **Activities for Family**	↑ CONTINUED FROM 9:30AM 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM PAPERS **Paper presentations — Technical Session**	↑ CONTINUED FROM 9:30AM 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM PAPERS **Paper presentations — Technical Session**	↑ CONTINUED FROM 10:30AM 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM WORKSHOP **SATCOM antenna workshop (VHF-UHF)**
12:30 PM								
2:00 PM								
2:30 PM	2:30 – 3:30 PM BIDDING **Who will host HFI 2027?** Bidding for the next HFI							
3:30 PM	3:30 – 3:45 PM CLOSING **Concluding remarks by the Convenor** Dr. Pruthviraj U, VU33PU							
3:45 PM	3:45 – 3:46 PM ANTHEM **National Anthem**							
3:46 PM		3:46 PM → SNACKS **Snacks — authentic regional delicacies** SJA outdoor ↓ ONWARDS		EXHIBITION ↓ TILL HAM FEST ENDS				
4:30 PM								

Final 73! Signing off the air until we meet on a new frequency.