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	
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			↓ ONWARDS	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

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

EXHIBITION

↓ CONTINUES AFTER 4:30PM

4:25 PM

4:30 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

Day 01 · Evening at the beach

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TIME

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Silver Jubilee Auditorium

4:30 PM — SHUTTLE
Catch the beach shuttle
Shuttles from SJA to NITK Beach

CIDS · Ground & 1st Floor
Exhibition halls

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

EXHIBITION

↓ TILL DAY ENDS

NITK Beach
Inside NITK premises · evening programme

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 – 6:00 PM — Optional visit
SEARCH Contest Station (live) facility visit
SEARCH = System for Emergency Assistance, Response & Communication Hub

6:15 – 8:15 PM — Culture
Pili Vesha (Tiger Dance), musical night & cultural events

7:00 – 9:00 PM — Dinner
Gala Dinner (buffet)

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

ON THE BEACH

↓ UNTIL THE BREEZE RESTS

4:30 PM · 5:05 PM · 5:30 PM · **6:00 PM** · 6:15 PM · **7:00 PM** · 7:30 PM · 8:15 PM · 8:30 PM · **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 — OSC

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

YOU ARE HERE · DAY 02

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 Halls 01 & 02 CIDS · 3rd Floor · two parallel sessions	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 — two parallel technical sessions** Seminar Hall 01 — Chair: Dr. G. Ramachandra, VU2GRB (CISCO Bangalore) · Co-Chair: Dr. Sampath Kumar H C, VU3PWO (MRPL, Mangaluru) Seminar Hall 02 — Chair: Prof. Somashekara Bhat, VU2NJN (MAHE Manipal) · Co-Chair: Prof. T. Laxminidhi, VU2WFN (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

Sunday, 29 November 2026 · 12:00 Noon – 4:30 PM

YOU ARE HERE · DAY 02

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

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

TIME	SJA — Silver Jubilee Auditorium · AUDITORIUM / REPORTING POINT / OUTDOOR	OSC — Old Sports Complex	CIDS · Ground & 1st Floor — Exhibition halls	CIDS · 2nd Floor — Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies	Seminar Halls 01 & 02 — CIDS · 3rd Floor · two parallel sessions	IDEA Factory — CIDS · 4th Floor
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 — two parallel technical sessions**	↑ 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				
4:30 PM						

EXHIBITION — ↓ TILL HAM FEST ENDS

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