

MOU SIGNING CEREMONY & INTERACTIVE SESSION

Theme: *Beyond Degrees: Building the Future Through Innovation*

Date: 16th July 2026

Venue: College Auditorium, MSCAS

1. Executive Summary

Mohamed Sathak College of Arts & Science (MSCAS) officially signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mr. Aashik Rahman, Founder and CEO of Propeller Technologies, Tiruchirapalli, on 16th July 2026. The event, coupled with an inspirational guest lecture, was a resounding success, igniting a strong interest in robotics, entrepreneurship, and startup culture among the students.

2. Detailed Proceedings of the Event

A. Inaugural Session

- **Inaugural Prayer:** The ceremony commenced solemnly with the recitation of holy Quranic verses by **Ms. Rameeza Begum**, Assistant Professor in Arabic.
- **Welcome Address:** **Dr. Ganapathi**, Head of the Department of Chemistry, formally welcomed the gathering, emphasizing the institution's commitment to creating industry-integrated learning pathways.
- **Chief Guest Introduction:** **Dr. M. Arivukodi**, Assistant Professor in Commerce, introduced the chief guest, Mr. Aashik Rahman, highlighting his formidable achievements in robotics, AI, and startup incubation.

B. The Milestone MoU Signing

The official Memorandum of Understanding was formally signed and exchanged by:

- **Dr. M.S. Mohamed Jaabir**, Principal, Mohamed Sathak College of Arts & Science (on behalf of the college).
- **Mr. Aashik Rahman**, CEO of Propeller Technologies, Tiruchirapalli (on behalf of the industry partner).

This strategic alliance secures direct corporate mentorship, hands-on robotics training, and internship avenues for MSCAS students.

C. Felicitation

As a traditional mark of respect and institutional honor, **Dr. M. Syed Ali**, Vice-Principal, Head of the Department of Biotechnology and Coordinator of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC),

felicitated the chief guest, Mr. Aashik Rahman, by presenting him with a ceremonial shawl and a commemorative memento on behalf of the college community.

3. Keynote Address by Mr. Aashik Rahman

Mr. Rahman delivered a high-energy, relatable address that spoke directly to the heart of the student community. To deliberately avoid standard corporate presentations, he shared a highly personal and authentic narrative:

- **The Back-Bencher's Journey:** He charted his life journey from his school days to his present position as a tech CEO. He framed himself as a proud former "back-bencher" who constantly questioned life's norms, navigating a deep personal quest to discover his true identity.
- **Vulnerability in Leadership:** He spoke candidly about his success stories and, equally importantly, his failures, showing students that setbacks are necessary steps toward resilience.
- **A Critical Reality Check:** In a powerful moment, Mr. Rahman alertly reminded the audience of the rapid pace of modern innovation. He pointed out that school-age children are already launching startups and building advanced robotics.
- **The Call to Action:** He issued a crucial warning: *If college students do not actively skill up today, they risk working under individuals who are currently in school.*

4. Student Interaction & Outcomes

The address sparked an enthusiastic response. During the Q&A session, students actively interacted with the chief guest, expressing strong interest in starting their own ventures. Several students stepped forward to discuss how they can be mentored for entrepreneurship and incubation opportunities under this newly signed MoU.

5. Vote of Thanks & Event Coordination

The event was smoothly coordinated by **Dr. Reena**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Convenor of MoUs for the College, whose meticulous planning ensured its grand success.

The ceremony concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by **Dr. R. Dinesh Babu**, Head of the Department of Commerce (CS), who expressed deep gratitude to the management, guests, and organizing teams for bringing this transformative collaboration to fruition.
