

Celebration of project milestone



British Council is very happy to share that we celebrated a major milestone in our transformative journey in the English Skills for Youth project alongside Microsoft India, the Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka, India and the British Deputy High Commission in a landmark event on 19 March 2025.

The event celebrated significant progress of the '[English Skills for Youth](#)' project a three-year partnership between the British Council and Microsoft India, which aims to empower young people aged 18-25, particularly students from government engineering colleges linked to Microsoft India's existing NGO/partner projects in India, by enhancing their English language and communication skills for employability. To date, the initiative has successfully reached 11095 students and 114 faculty members across India.

A significant milestone in the growth of this initiative has been its expansion to 16 Government Engineering Colleges in the state of Karnataka, India directly benefiting 6,102 students. This expansion extends the reach of the programme to both rural and urban communities, equipping even more young people from public university with essential English language and communication skills—critical assets for professional success.

It was a day filled with celebratory moments, that included hands-on workshops, focus group discussions with the students and faculty, an insightful panel discussion on role of AI in learning English and dealing with multilingual contexts at workplace

We ended on a high note by shining the spotlight on the 14 incredible English Practice Club student leaders and 7 faculty members from among 81 English Practice clubs by felicitating them for their dedication to creating a supportive learning environment across colleges in Karnataka.