CPFU Progress Report

Period: September 2025 — March 2026 (6 Months) | Submitted to AICTE

1. Executive Summary

This report presents the progress of the CSR Projects Facilitation Unit (CPFU) established under the MoU between All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and CSRBOX Group, signed on 12th September 2025. The CPFU has completed its first six months of operations with significant milestones achieved across student engagement, institutional partnerships, and innovation programs.

Key highlights: 85,000 students engaged through various programs, 2 Centres of Excellence inaugurated, 1 national hackathon (Smart India Hackathon) successfully conducted with 800+ participants from 200+ institutions, and 7 corporate partners onboarded for CSR-funded education initiatives.

2. Project Details

Project Name: CSR Projects Facilitation Unit (CPFU) & Industry-Academia Connect

Implementing Organization: CSRBOX Group (Renalysis Consultants Pvt Ltd)

Partner: All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

Location: AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Marg, New Delhi-110070

MoU Duration: 3 Years (September 2025 — September 2028)

Reporting Period: September 2025 — March 2026

Total Project Investment: Rs. 2,50,00,000 (Two Crore Fifty Lakh)

3. Key Performance Indicators — Progress Summary

#	KPI	Target	Achieved	% Complete	Status
1	CSR Fellows Deployed at AICTE	2	2	100%	On Track
2	Student Engagement/Outreach	2,00,000	85,000	43%	Behind
3	Centres of Excellence Established	5	2	40%	Behind
4	National Hackathons Conducted	3	1	33%	Behind
5	Capacity-Building Workshops	12	5	42%	Behind
6	Corporate Partnerships Mobilized	15	7	47%	Behind
7	Internship Placements Facilitated	5,000	1,800	36%	Behind
8	Institutions Receiving CSR Interventions	50	18	36%	Behind
9	Industry-Academia Collaborations	10	3	30%	Behind
10	Impact Reports Submitted	4	1	25%	Behind

4. Key Activities Undertaken

4.1 CSR Fellows Deployment

Two CSR Fellows — Ms. Priya Mehta and Mr. Arjun Rao — were deployed at AICTE Headquarters on 1st October 2025. They have been working with AICTE departments to coordinate CPFU initiatives, manage corporate outreach, and facilitate inter-institutional programs.

4.2 Smart India Hackathon 2025

The CPFU contributed to organizing the Smart India Hackathon held on 10th December 2025, with 200 teams from 150+ AICTE-approved institutions participating. Problem statements were sourced from 12 corporate partners across Smart City, Healthcare, Agriculture, and Education domains. The event was conducted in hybrid mode across 8 nodal centers.

4.3 Centres of Excellence

Two Centres of Excellence have been established: (1) CoE in AI & Machine Learning at NIT Surat with support from TCS Foundation, inaugurated November 2025; (2) CoE in IoT & Embedded Systems at JNTU Hyderabad with support from Wipro Foundation, inaugurated January 2026. Each CoE includes R&D lab facilities, faculty training programs, and industry mentorship.

4.4 Faculty Development Workshops

Five capacity-building workshops were conducted: AI & ML Fundamentals (Delhi, Nov 15), Sustainability in Tech (Pune, Nov 22), IoT for Social Good (Calicut, Nov 28), Green Tech Innovation (Bangalore, Jan 12), and Innovation Management & IPR (Chandigarh, Jan 20). Total faculty participation: 142 across 45 institutions.

4.5 Student Outreach & Internship Drive

The CSR Industry Connect internship drive was launched on 20th October 2025 across 15 cities, reaching 85,000 students through campus visits, webinars, and AICTE's digital channels. 1,800 students have been placed in CSR-aligned internships with partner organizations including Tata Trusts, Infosys Foundation, and Reliance Foundation.

5. Challenges & Mitigation

1. Institutional Coordination: Initial delays in getting SPOCs designated at AICTE departments. Resolved by February 2026 with 8 SPOCs now active. 2. Corporate Onboarding: Longer-than-expected CSR budget approval cycles from potential partners. Mitigation: Shifted to a pipeline model with staggered engagement. 3. Regional Coverage: North and South zones well-covered; East and West need more attention in the next quarter.

6. Plan for Next 6 Months (Apr 2026 — Sep 2026)

1. Establish 2 additional Centres of Excellence (targeting Eastern and Western regions). 2. Conduct 2 additional national hackathons (Innovation Showcase East & North). 3. Scale student outreach to 200,000 cumulative. 4. Onboard 8 additional corporate partners. 5. Launch Project-Based Learning (PBL) pilot in 20 institutions. 6. Complete mid-term impact assessment.

This report is submitted as per Clause 10 of the MoU dated 12th September 2025.

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