

## ICFAI Music Department – World Music Day Celebration 2026

To celebrate World Music Day, the ICFAI Music Department transformed the rooftop of ICFAI University Building 4 into a vibrant open-air performance venue overlooking the breathtaking Shillong sunset and the iconic NEC Library. Centered on the theme “**Celebration of Musical Genres**”, the event showcased the department's musical diversity through Khasi folk music, contemporary Khasi songs including *Jadu Aiu Sha* by R. Waroh Pde, Western classics by Elvis Presley and George Benson, and exciting fusion performances such as *Ri Shongpdeng Pyrthei* blended with *Wavin' Flag* and *Waka Waka* on the Duitara.

Beyond the performances, students gained invaluable hands-on experience in **live sound management**, learning to set up and operate professional audio equipment including mixers, active speakers, stage monitors, microphones, and complete live performance systems. Working in a real concert environment strengthened their technical skills, teamwork, stage confidence, and understanding of how different musical genres are presented in a live setting.

The celebration also became a digital success, with student-created World Music Day reels reaching over **85,000 views** on **Instagram**, showcasing the creativity, talent, and practical learning opportunities offered by the ICFAI Music Department.





