RVU's Pursuit of Excellence

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Warm wishes for a Happy New Year 2026 to all our readers.

This edition marks a milestone as our e-digest, *RVU's Pursuit of Excellence*, completes three years. Since its inception, the e-digest has served as an effective platform to share RV University's key developments, achievements and collective progress with our extended community.

As Vice Chancellor, I remain deeply committed to strengthening the University's foundation and advancing RVU's vision of excellence in education, research and societal impact.

The quarter ending December 2025 has been especially productive for RVU. It witnessed insightful lectures by eminent speakers, onboarding of over 50+ new faculty and 30+ new staff members, creation of a dedicated in-house admissions team in Bangalore and Corporate Relations team, notable research publications by our faculty and students, and commendable success in academic and co-curricular competitions. The period also saw a strong emphasis on faculty development programmes aimed at continuous learning and upskilling.

RVU continues to expand its academic and professional network through collaborations with corporates, institutions, start-ups and government bodies, both within India and internationally, creating meaningful opportunities for learning, research and industry engagement for our students and staff.

I invite you to explore this edition of the e-digest and share your valuable feedback with us. This will certainly help improve our focus and efforts in our pursuit of excellence.

Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani
Vice Chancellor,
RV University

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Lecture Series and Workshops

Dr. Agaja P., from GITAM giving a talk to SoLAS students

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) organised a public talk on "Reconceptualizing 'Family and Kinship': Migrant Trans Men in Bengaluru City" on 9 October 2025. Dr. Agaja P., Assistant Professor, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Bangalore delivered this insightful session.

School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) hosted a guest lecture on "From Chaos to Clarity: How Industry–Grade Data Pipeline Powers Decisions" by Prof. Sundar N., Data Researcher & Entrepreneur. The session was organised on 13 October 2025.

Prof. Sundar N., Data Researcher & Entrepreneur

Dr. Lopa Mudra Basu from MD InfoSec Gurukul

SoCSE's Cybersecurity Cluster hosted a guest lecture, as part of the CyberSecurity Awareness Month, by Dr. Lopa Mudra Basu, a Cybersecurity Strategist & Global Thought Leader from MD InfoSec Gurukul on 13 October 2025. Dr. Basu delivered a session on "Navigating through CyberSpace" for the B.Tech. and B.Sc. students who have opted for a major in cybersecurity.

The Sociology Programme of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) organised a public talk titled "Dreams Deferred: Aspirations and Social Mobility among Jamia Nagar's Muslim Middle Class" on 14 October 2025. It was delivered by Dr. Aashti Salman, Assistant Professor at the School of Education, Azim Premji University in Bengaluru.

Dr. Aashti Salman from Azim Premji University interacting with students and staff

Unity Certified Developers, Mr. Logesh and Mr. Sri Krishnasamy

The Centre for Immersive technologies and Industrial Automation & Robotics, a minor at SoCSE invited Unity Certified Developers, Mr. Logesh and Mr. Sri Krishnasamy, to conduct a hands-on workshop on Digital Twinning. This was held on 13–14 October 2025 at our campus.

The School of Business (SoB) hosted a two-day guest lecture on "What is Value and How Do You Value the Worth of a Business?" by CA Naresh Kumar Hotta. This was conducted for SoB students in two sessions on 15 and 17 October 2025.

CA Naresh Kumar Hotta

Shri Devi Prasad (IES Retd.) & Prof. Umesh Sharraff (IPS Retd.) engaged with RVU faculty

As part of the RVU Intellect Series, on 17 October 2025, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, delivered a session on how faculty can better connect with the "world of students" to improve mentorship. This was followed by a talk on 31 October 2025 by Shri Devi Prasad (IES Retd.), who led a fascinating session on the art of inquiry titled "Questions on Questioning".

On 12 November, Prof. Umesh Sharraff (IPS Retd.) shared his expertise on the psychology behind "Understanding Self-Destructive Behaviour". Each talk provided our academic community with invaluable insights, bridging the gap between professional expertise and classroom practice.

The Entrepreneurship Cell at School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) organised an event titled "Talk start-up to me" on 17 October 2025. The event connected aspiring student founders with Mr. Arshdeep Singh, leading CEO from the startup ecosystem.

Mr. Arshdeep Singh inspiring the students of Entrepreneurship Cell

GIT & GitHub Hands-on: An Exploration Workshop organised under the Peer-Mentor Learning Series

SoCSE organised an Exploration Workshop on GIT & GitHub (Hands-on) under the Peer-Mentor Learning Series, in collaboration with IEEE Women in Engineering and the RVU IEEE Student Chapter, Bengaluru. Held on 17 and 24 October 2025, the workshops provided students with practical insights into version control and collaborative software development using Git and GitHub.

The School of Law (SoL) conducted a Career Guidance Workshop on "Criminology as Compass & Catalyst" on 25 October 2025. This workshop was delivered by Mr. R. John Paul Manickam, Executive Leader & Corporate Security Strategist for the students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Criminology, Cyber Law and Forensic Sciences.


Mr. R. John Paul Manickam giving Career Guidance to SoL students

Prof. (Dr.) Sekar Raju, Xi'an Jiaotong–Liverpool University, Suzhou, China & Prof. (Dr.) Sachin Kumar IIT Guwahati, Assam

On 27 October 2025, the School of Allied and Healthcare Professions (SoAHP) organised "Microbial Voices" (Microbiology Society Champion Event) titled, "Microbial Source Tracking of Fecal Contaminations in Watersheds: Insights into Water Pollution, Health Risks, and Research Methodologies". Prof. (Dr.) Sekar Raju, Senior Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Learning and Teaching, School of Science, Xi'an Jiaotong–Liverpool University, Suzhou, China delivered the session online.

As part of the same series, on 26 November 2025, they organised another talk on "Alpha Synuclein as a biomarker for Japanese encephalitis virus infection." The speaker was Prof. (Dr.) Sachin Kumar, Professor of Biosciences and Bioengineering at IIT Guwahati, Assam.
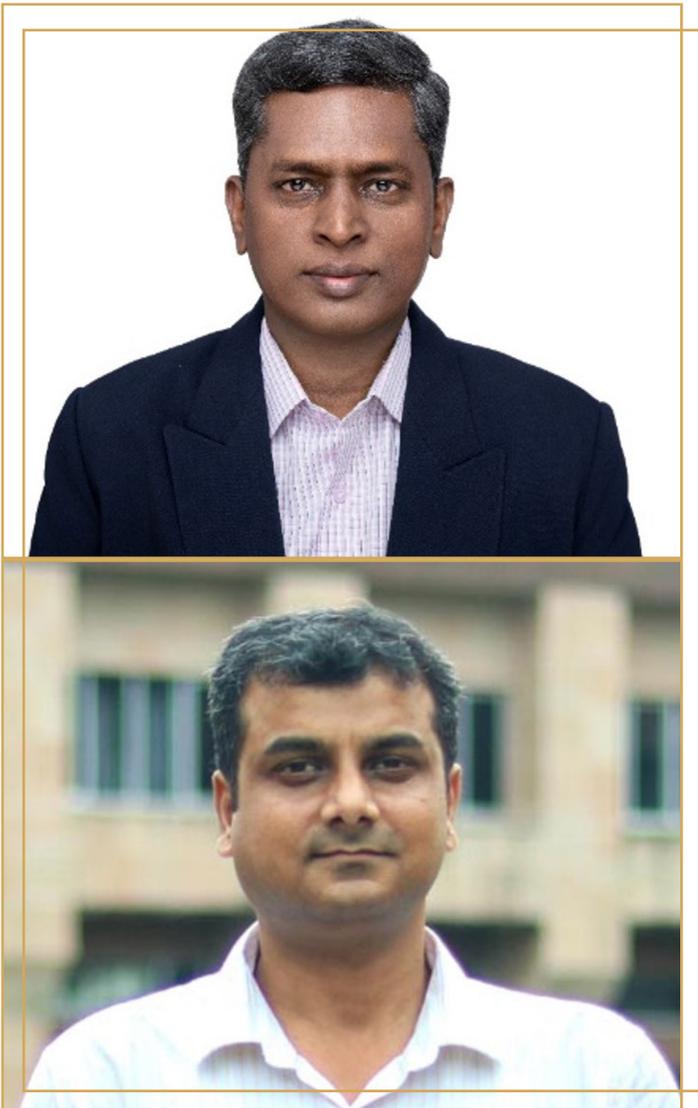
The School of Business (SoB) hosted Analytica 3.0, an event exploring the "Multiverse of Analytics". Students gathered to dive into the latest trends, moving from foundational business data to the future of independent "Agentic AI".

The day featured talks from industry experts Dr. U. Dinesh Kumar, Director, IIM Bangalore and Mr. Satyakam Mohanty, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, WYSER who shared how data is being used to save lives in healthcare and reshape global business strategies. To wrap things up, students put their own skills to test in the "Insight Ink" competition. They used tools like Excel and Python to transform raw data into clear visual stories, demonstrating both analytical skill and real-world impact.
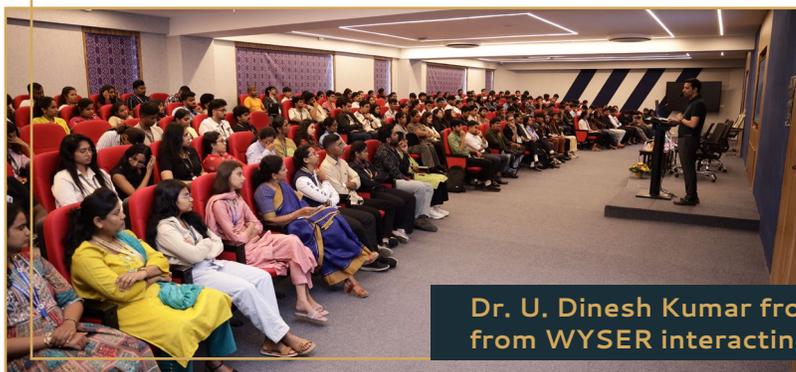
Dr. U. Dinesh Kumar from IIM Bangalore and Mr. Satyakam Mohanty from WYSER interacting with SoB students

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) hosted an intensive 'MERN Stack' workshop for its third semester B.Sc. Hons. students on 31 October 2025. This hands-on training had Mr. Pavan Kumar R.G. and Mr. Prasanna Kumar as industry mentors. By the end of this session, students gained a solid understanding of backend integration and the practical skills needed to connect a frontend interface with a database using the MERN stack. The workshop also provided a clear overview of full-stack development best practices, ensuring students are well-prepared for the technical demands of both Data Science and Cloud Computing specialisations.

MERN Stack workshop led by industry mentors, Mr. Pavan Kumar R. G. and Mr. Prasanna Kumar

On 6 and 7 November 2025, the School of Business (SoB) hosted the first edition of Ad-Venture 1.0, a two-day marketing challenge that brought classroom theories to life. The day kicked off with opening remarks from Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, followed by an insightful talk series featuring Mr. Kaushal Mishra, Founder & CEO, Aprisio and Mr. Nitin Mathur, Strategic Advisor and Executive Coach. The speakers explored the evolution of marketing, tracking its journey from traditional intuition-led methods to the data-driven, AI-empowered strategies used today. Students put their creativity to the test through interactive brand games like Brand Fusion and Fish Tank, tackling real-world problem-solving challenges with impressive enthusiasm.

Ad-Venture 1.0, a two-day marketing challenge featuring expert insights from Mr. Kaushal Mishra and Mr. Nitin Mathur, in addition to brand game challenges

SoCSE organised a hands-on workshop on the "Internet of Things"

SoCSE, in collaboration with the IEEE Student Branch, organised a hands-on workshop on the "Internet of Things" on 6 November 2025. The session bridged the gap between virtual simulations and physical hardware for 7th semester B.Sc. (Hons.) students. Participants gained practical experience in Arduino interfacing, ESP32 cloud integration, and real-time sensor-actuator responses, fostering technical innovation and collaborative learning.

The SoL organised a three-day workshop on "Dactyloscopy and Crime Scene Management" exclusively for the students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Criminology, Cyber Law and Forensic Sciences. It was conducted by Mr. Avinash C., an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology, Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College (DDGDVC), Chennai, from 7–9 November 2025. It provided hands-on exposure to fingerprint examination, latent print development, evidence handling, and crime scene reconstruction. This workshop formed an essential part of the Crime Scene Analysis and Crime Mapping courses and supported experiential, skill-based learning.

Mr. Avinash C. conducted a workshop on Crime Scene Management

A workshop organised on HackerRank & LeetCode

The SoCSE organised a workshop on "Code to Conquer: Getting Started with HackerRank & LeetCode" for its B.Sc. (Hons.) Computer Science – 1st semester students on 10 November 2025. The workshop introduced students to competitive programming through HackerRank and LeetCode platforms. Participants solved C programming challenges, learnt problem-solving techniques, and gained hands-on coding experience to prepare for technical assessments and future placements.

SoL conducted a training session on "Contract Drafting" on 12 November 2025. This was led by Mr. Prasanna Swaminathan who works at the Law Chambers of Prasanna Swaminathan.
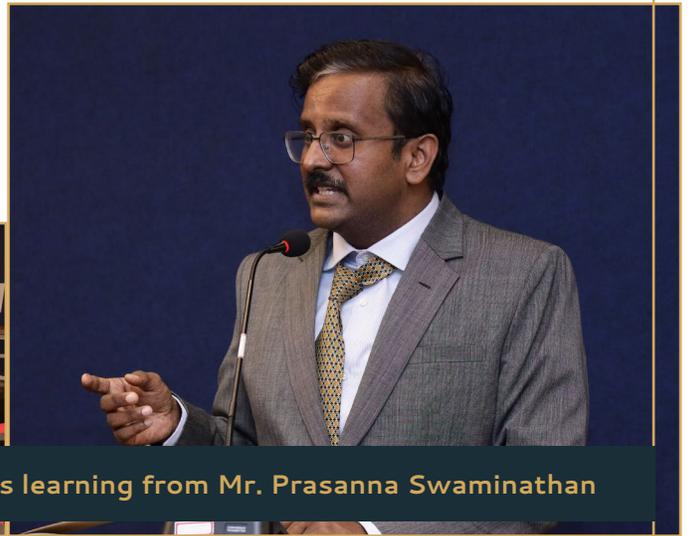
SoL students learning from Mr. Prasanna Swaminathan

Ms. Chitra Arvind and Ms. Prateeksha Kashi training CVPA students

The Centre for Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) hosted a "Movement and Body Conditioning Workshop" on 12 November 2025.

The workshop director was Ms. Chitra Arvind, a Bharatanatyam danseuse and movement specialist. She was assisted by Ms. Prateeksha Kashi.

Bits to Brains workshop conducted for B.Sc. students

SoCSE held a two-day workshop for its first year B.Sc. students. This "Bits to Brains: A Hands-on Experience in Digital Logic and Computer Organisation workshop" was held on 12-13 November 2025.
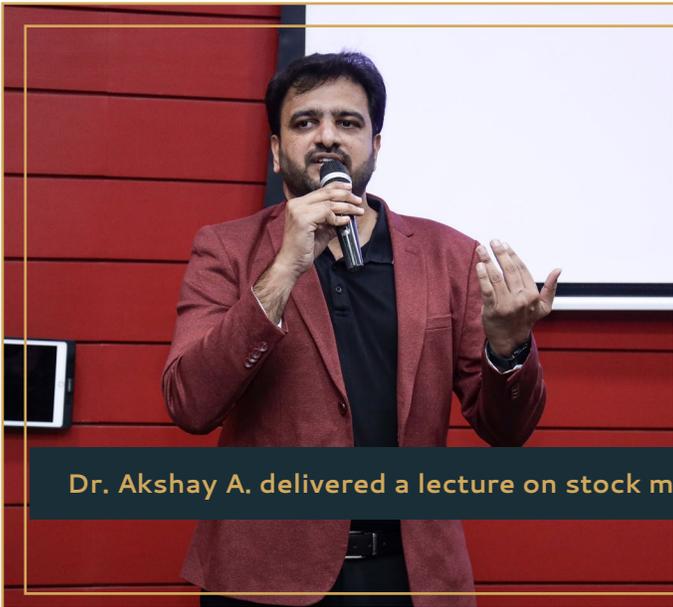
Dr. Akshay A., Associate Professor–Department of MBA at M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce delivered a guest lecture on "Practical Insights into Stock Market Investment and Portfolio Management". This was organised by the School of Business (SoB) on 13 November 2025.

Dr. Akshay A. delivered a lecture on stock market investment and portfolio management

SoCSE hosted a Technical Talk on "Campus to Cloud: Accelerating Role Readiness with Agentforce & Salesforce" on 13 November 2025. Mr. Santhosh Rebello, Global Workforce Development & University Program Manager – India at Salesforce delivered the session.

**Mr. Santhosh Rebello from Salesforce – India giving a technical talk at SoCSE**

SoCSE organised a distinguished talk titled, "From Awareness to Expertise: A Cybersecurity Journey with OWASP Essentials" by Mr. Manoj Kumar H. K., Threat Intelligence Manager at Enea. This was held on 14 November 2025.

Mr. Manoj Kumar H. K. from Enea

The Inkredebles: A Student Exhibition of Comic Art and Manga
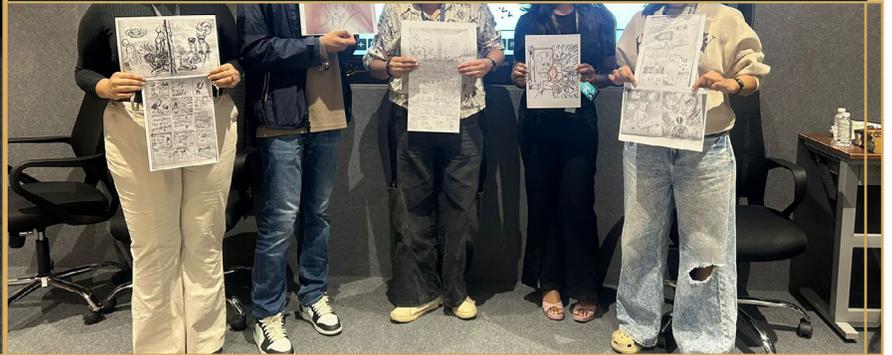
On 15 November 2025, the Centre for Literary Studies and Translation at School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) organised "The Inkredebles: A Student Exhibition of Comic Art and Manga" at the campus.

Our Library by Brigade and KALA collaborated to conduct a workshop

RVU's Library by Brigade and Karnataka State Library Association (KALA) collaborated to conduct a workshop on "Myths and Facts of Artificial Intelligence Applications to Library Services" to commemorate the National Library Week on 16 November 2025. Dr. Appasaheb Naikal, Librarian at IIM Kozhikode was the guest speaker.

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) organised a Poster Presentation Challenge on "Cyber-Sanctum 2025,". Held on 21 November 2025, it showcased cybersecurity projects built by the B.Tech. (Hons.) & B.Sc. Cybersecurity major students.

Cybersecurity projects by our students

SoCSE organised a webinar on "Agentic AI" by Mr. Rohit Kumar, Lead – AI Systems & Innovation at NIIT on 25 November 2025. He shared insights on designing and building AI-powered learning and development systems that enhance human creativity and productivity.

Mr. Rohit Kumar, NIIT

SoCSE organised a two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Hands-on Training in Networking / Hardware Lab Environment" on 27-28 November 2025. This FDP was designed to strengthen the practical competency of faculty members by equipping them with the skills required to configure, manage, and effectively teach computer/network hardware laboratory sessions.

SoCSE organised a two-day FDP on hands-on networking and hardware lab training

The School of Business (SoB) invited Chartered Accountant, Mr. Chinmaya A.M. to deliver a guest lecture on "FF to Employment – How that world looks". This was held on 2 December 2025 and was attended by the staff and students of SoB.

CA Mr. Chinmaya A.M. delivering a lecture for staff and students

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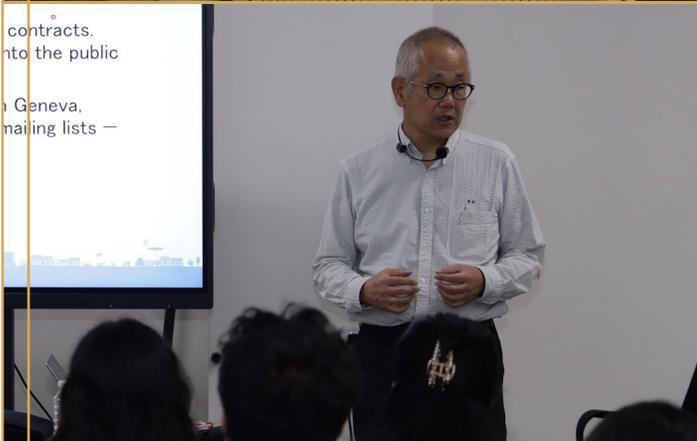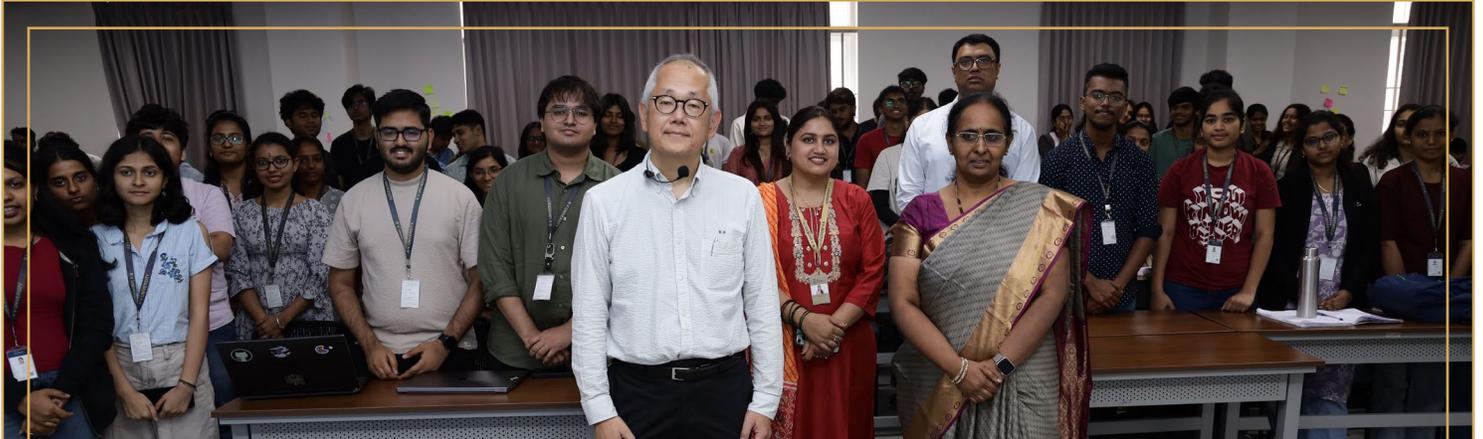
SoCSE hosted a distinguished lecture series on 11 November 2025 which was organised by IEEE Student Branch of RVU in collaboration with the IEEE ComSoc Bangalore Chapter. Dr. Kohei Shiomoto, Professor at Tokyo City University in Tokyo, Japan spoke on "Securing the Future: The Role of AI in Cybersecurity" which was followed by another lecture by Dr. Swades De, Senior Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Delhi on "Data–Driven Optimizations and AIML–Aided IoT for Smart Environments".
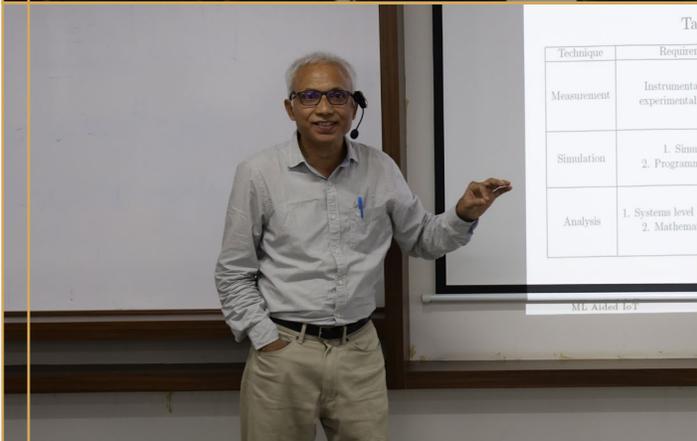
RVU hosted an international delegation from Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU), UK on 12 November 2025. Prof. Alan Meades, Associate Dean, Global Engagement and Internationalisation and Chair of Game Design at CCCU visited RVU where he met with the Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean School of Design and Innovation (SDI), Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee and faculty and also interacted with SDI students. During his visit, he also delivered an insightful talk on "From Seaside Arcades to Digital Heritage: Bridging Play History and Contemporary Game Design".

Prof. Alan Meades from CCCU, UK interacting with staff and students of SDI

Prof. Ruwan Uduwerage-Perera

Prof. Dr. Gema Varona Martínez

Dr. Dean Wilkinson

The Centre for Victimological Research and Victim Assistance (CVRVA), School of Law (SoL), organised the ninth lecture, on 14 November 2025, in its ongoing Lecture Series on Victimology and Victim Justice. The session featured Prof. Ruwan Uduwerage–Perera, Professor of Policing at the Institute of Policing, University of Staffordshire, and De Montfort University. His lecture, titled "Healing Communities, Preventing Crime: Lessons from Scotland's Violence Reduction Units", offered valuable insights into community–led approaches to crime prevention and victim support.

Continuing the series, CVRVA hosted the tenth lecture, "Victimology: One Century Later", on 17 November 2025. The lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Gema Varona Martínez, President of the World Society of Victimology, Professor of Victimology and Criminal Policy at the University of the Basque Country, and Senior Researcher at the Basque Institute of Criminology, Donostia– San Sebastian, Spain. The session reflected on the evolution of victimology and its relevance in contemporary justice systems.

The eleventh lecture in the series was held on 21 November 2025 and was delivered by Dr. Dean Wilkinson, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at Edge Hill University, UK. Titled "Exploring Victimisation and Quality of Life in the Context of Psychology of Sexuality, Religion and Belief", the lecture examined the complex intersections of identity, belief systems, and victimisation, contributing to a deeper understanding of victim experiences.

Student Achievements

Mr. Nandish V.

Our student, Mr. Nandish V., a first-year BBA student from the School of Business (SoB) was selected to participate in the WFF National Asia Pacific Yogasana Championship 2025. He secured a silver medal at an event held at the Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, from 12–16 October 2025.

Ms. Bhavani H., a BCA 2025 student from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), secured second place at the Karnataka State Bench Press Competition, held from 24–26 October 2025 in Mangalore. Bhavani is now preparing for the upcoming University Powerlifting Competition.

Ms. Bhavani H.

Ms. Raaga Kattakuri

Ms. Raaga Kattakuri, a second-year B.Sc. (Hons.) Criminology, Cyber Law and Forensic Sciences student from the School of Law (SoL), secured First Place (Best Paper Award – Student Category) at the International Conference on Global Criminology and Victimology (ICGV) 2025, held in Guwahati, Assam, from 5–9 August 2025. Her award-winning paper, "Zemiology and Marginalised Women: Unveiling Hidden Suffering and Justice System Failures", was presented at this global conference.

Mr. Siva Subramaniam K.N., student of LL.M. (IPR & Technology Law) at SoL presented his research paper " Role of Cybersecurity in Detecting and Preventing Digital Money Laundering in the Indian Banking System" at the International Conference on Law, Technology and Society: Towards a Sustainable Future, held on 1 November 2025. This was organised by the Centre for Law & Technology, School of Law, NorthCap University in collaboration with the Centre for Cyber Laws, National Law University, Delhi, and the Faculty of Law, UDF Centro Universitario, Brazil.

Mr. Siva Subramaniam K.N.

The event was graced by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan (Judge, Supreme Court of India) as the Chief Guest and Prof. (Dr.) James J. Nedumpara (Head, Centre for Trade and Investment Law CTIL, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India) as the Guest of Honour.

Ms. Livea Thekkekara Paul

Ms. Livea Thekkekara Paul, a Ph.D. scholar in the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA), working under the research supervision of Prof. Piyush Roy, Dean, SoFMCA, has published an article titled, "A Study of Leadership Factor in the Select Characters of Sharankumar Limbale's Bahujan" in the Web of Science indexed journal, Agathos: An International Review of the Humanities and Social Sciences. This was published in November 2025.

Mr. Prakul Banandur, a B.Tech. Computer Science student at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) was honoured with the Kautilya Award by the Public Relations Council of India (PRCI), a national-level recognition for excellence and contribution in Fine Arts – Music. The award was conferred during the PRCI event held on 26–27 September 2025 in Goa.

Mr. Prakul Banandur

Ms. Harshita Bhavi

Ms. Harshita Bhavi, a BBA student, secured the No. 1 State Ranking in the Junior Women's Billiards category at the Karnataka State Ranking Junior Women's Billiards and Snooker Tournament 2025. She clinched the top position by defeating Niyati P. Aradhya 103–43 in the final, held at the Karnataka State Billiards Association, Bengaluru, on 11 November 2025. This achievement reflects her dedication, precision and competitive spirit, and brings pride to RV University.

Mr. Sharadh Naidu, along with his teammate Mr. Sharanaprabhu, students of SoCSE, secured First Place at DevForge, a hackathon conducted by the Scaler School of Technology, held on 17 December 2025. Competing against 90+ teams, their two-member team, Turing's Test Toppers, emerged winners and received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.

Mr. Sharadh Naidu & Mr. Sharanaprabhu

Ms. Rakshitha N.M.

Mr. Khirrun Ravichandran

Ms. Priya Muddebihal

Mr. Surajvel

Our LL.M. (General) students from the School of Law (SoL) presented research papers at PRAVAHA, the National Conclave organised by the Centre for Women and Child Welfare Policy in collaboration with Jus Corpus, held on 6–7 December 2025 at Ramaiah College of Law, Bengaluru.

Ms. Rakshitha N.M. and Ms. Priya Muddebihal presented their paper on "Deepfake Technology and Gendered Cyber-Harassment: A Study of Women's Digital Vulnerability in India".

Mr. Surajvel and Mr. Khirrun Ravichandran presented their paper on "Policy Frameworks on Single Mothers and Caregiving Roles – A Legal and Social Analysis".

Ms. K. Adithi, a student of SoL, has secured an internship with the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), Kaiga Site. She will be working under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) vertical, gaining exposure to CSR from a corporate and legal perspective. The one-month internship will be mentored by Mr. Bharat Bhushan Upadhyaya, Legal Head, NPCIL Kaiga.

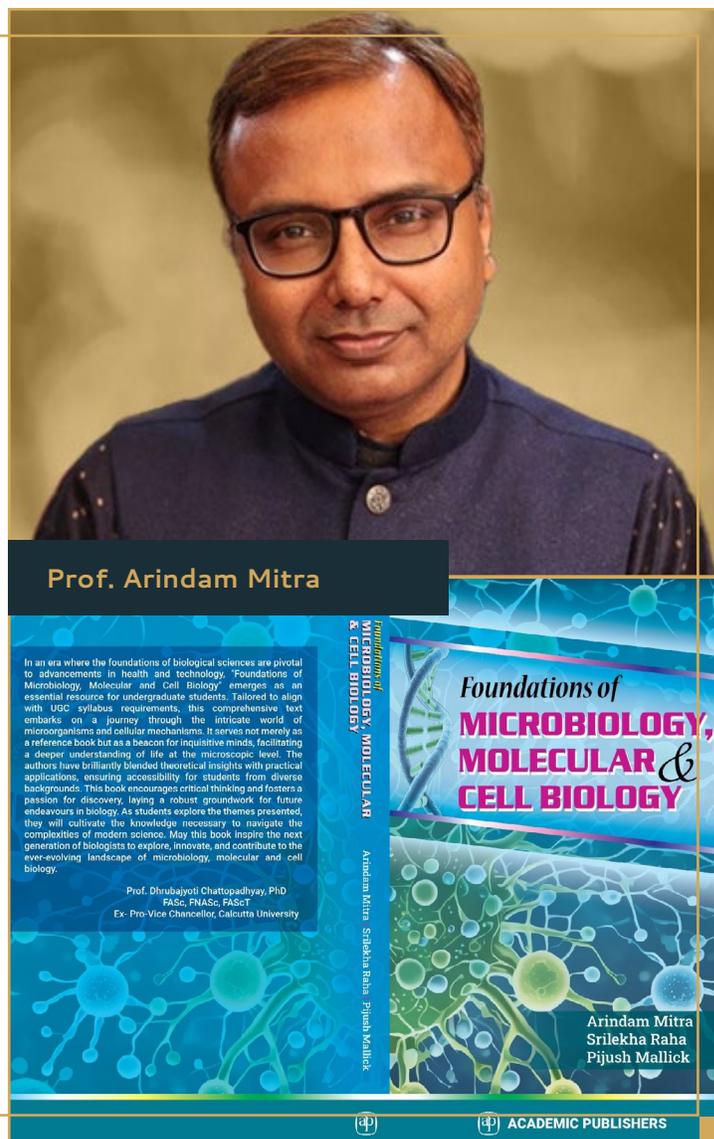Ms. K. Adithi

Faculty and staff Achievements

Dr. Preeti S. Honnamane, Assistant Professor at the School of Business successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis and received her doctoral degree from GITAM University..

Ms. Preeti S. Honnamane

Prof. Arindam Mitra, Professor and Dean, School of Allied and Healthcare Professions, was selected as a Senior Science and Technology Leader at the prestigious Emerging Science, Technology, and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC 2025), organised by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, held from 3–5 November 2025.

Further, Dr. Mitra delivered an invited talk titled "Alternative Grading as a Strategy to Transform Equity in STEM Education" on 7 November 2025, where he shared innovative pedagogical approaches aimed at promoting equity and inclusion in STEM education.

Adding to his scholarly contributions, Dr. Mitra has recently authored, "Foundations of Microbiology, Molecular and Cell Biology", published by Academic Publishers. The publication has already received positive attention for its accessible explanations and relevance to healthcare education.

Prof. Arindam Mitra

In an era where the foundations of biological sciences are pivotal to advancements in health and technology, "Foundations of Microbiology, Molecular and Cell Biology" emerges as an essential resource for undergraduate students. Tailored to align with UGC syllabus requirements, this comprehensive text embarks on a journey through the intricate world of microorganisms and cellular mechanisms. It serves not merely as a reference book but as a beacon for inquisitive minds, facilitating a deeper understanding of life at the microscopic level. The authors have brilliantly blended theoretical insights with practical applications, ensuring accessibility for students from diverse backgrounds. This book encourages critical thinking and fosters a passion for discovery, laying a robust groundwork for future endeavours in biology. As students explore the themes presented, they will cultivate the knowledge necessary to navigate the complexities of modern science. May this book inspire the next generation of biologists to explore, innovate, and contribute to the ever-evolving landscape of microbiology, molecular and cell biology.

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Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani

Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Vice Chancellor, RV University, was the Guest of Honour at the valedictory session of the International Conference on Securities, Arbitration, and Taxation, held on 2 November 2025 at Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur. He also attended the Bangalore Skill Summit 2025, a flagship initiative of the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, and Livelihood, Government of Karnataka, hosted by the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC). The summit was inaugurated on 4 November 2025 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Siddaramaiah.

On 5 November 2025, Prof. Kakani participated as a speaker in the roundtable discussion titled "Reimagining Higher Education for a Skills–First Future", hosted by the LabourNet Foundation during the Bangalore Skill Summit. Further strengthening RV University's thought leadership presence, Prof. Kakani was a speaker at the Turnitin AI Forum (Round Table Discussion) 2025, held on 12 November 2025, where academic leaders deliberated on the evolving role of artificial intelligence in higher education.

On 13 December 2025, he was invited as the Chief Guest at Saamskrithika Parva 2025, the annual school event of Kautilya School, Mysuru, where he underscored the importance of cultural values, holistic learning, and education that blends tradition with innovation.

Adding to his academic milestones, Prof. Kakani co–authored his 29th book, "Fundamentals of Corporate Finance", published by McGraw Hill Education. This marks his first publication since joining RV University and reflects his continued commitment to scholarship and academic leadership.

On 7 November 2025, Prof. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Pro Vice Chancellor and Director, RVU Mysuru Campus joined author Chetan Bhagat for an engaging conversation at the Dainik Jagran Samvadi event in Lucknow.

Their dialogue explored the many layers of Bhagat's journey, his early life, his evolution as a writer, the creative process behind his work, the risks and experiments that shaped his career, and the honest reflections on success, setbacks, and everything in between.
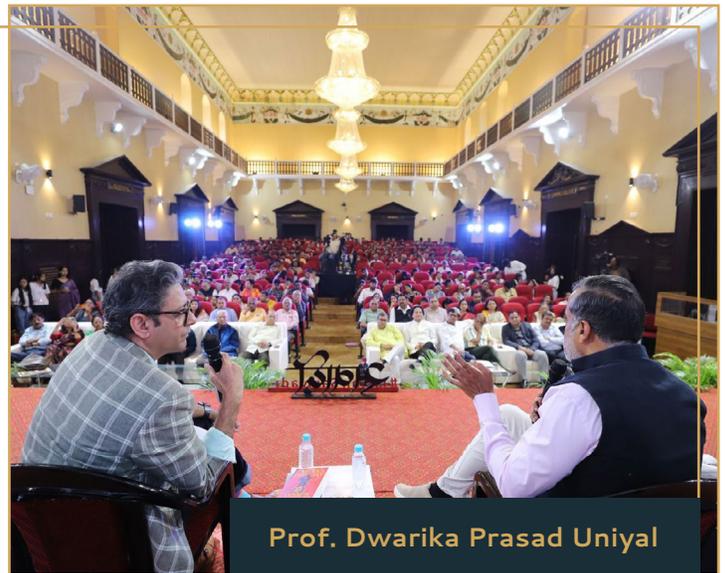
Prof. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal

Prof. Manish Kumar

Dr. Manish Kumar, Associate Professor at SoCSE delivered an invited talk on "Cyber Security for Networked Systems in Combat Vehicles" for DRDO on 31 October 2025.

He also delivered a hands-on two-day workshop on ITNGN-2025: Innovative Technologies for Next Generation Networks. This was organised by the Department of CSE, ABV-IIITM Gwalior on 8–9 November 2025.

Prof. Shobha G.

SoCSE Dean, Prof. Shobha G. was invited by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) India to serve as a jury member for the IET India Scholarship Award – National Finals on 29 November 2025. She was also invited as a speaker at an IET academic event.

Dr. Shobha delivered an invited lecture at a two-day workshop on "Applications of AI, ML, and Optimisation in Water Management" held at IIT Roorkee on 8–9 December 2025.

Additionally, her research paper, "NLP Pipeline for Electronic Health Records and Predicting the Necessity of MRI Scan Requirement Using Graph Neural Networks", was accepted for oral presentation at the 5th International Conference on Robotics, Automation, and Artificial Intelligence (RAAI 2025), held in Singapore from 18–20 December 2025.

Dr. Priyanka Suresh, Assistant Professor at the School of Business (SoB) published her co-authored paper titled, "How Do You Handle Double-Deviation Complaints on Social Media? The Role of Double Service Recovery Strategies". This was published in the Journal of Service Theory and Practice, ABDC "A" category.

Prof. Priyanka Suresh

Prof. Ghanshyam Sharma

On 26 December 2025, Dr. Ghanshyam Sharma, Associate Professor, School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), published his co-authored research article titled "Alcohol Prohibition and Attitudes Towards Spousal Violence Against Women" in the Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, an ABDC 'A'–listed journal. The publication reflects his commitment to impactful research and contributes meaningfully to the fields of behavioural economics and social policy.

Mr. Srinath G.M., Assistant Professor, School of Design and Innovation (SDI) published an article titled "Quiet Resilience" in Visual Studies, a prestigious Q1-rated Taylor & Francis journal.


Prof. Srinath G.M.

Prof. Kalpana Devi S.

Ms. Kalpana Devi S., Assistant Professor, SoCSE, won the Best Paper Award for the paper titled, "Optimized Urban Traffic Simulation Framework using SUMO with Post-Accident Rerouting and Emergency Alert Mechanisms" at ICIIET 2025 (IEEE technically co-sponsored), held at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore on 4-6 December 2025. Her paper, co-authored with third-semester B.Tech. students Binay Verma and Chetan Jagannatha, was selected among 51 papers out of 1,335 submissions nationwide.

Prof. P.C. Deshmukh, RV Chair Professor, Centre for Quantum Sciences and Technologies, School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), RV University, has been appointed as a Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) Prime Minister Professor at the Central University of Kerala (CUK) in December 2025. Under this appointment, Prof. Deshmukh will focus on advancing Quantum and Artificial Intelligence research, contributing to the development of robust R&D ecosystems in less-endowed institutions.
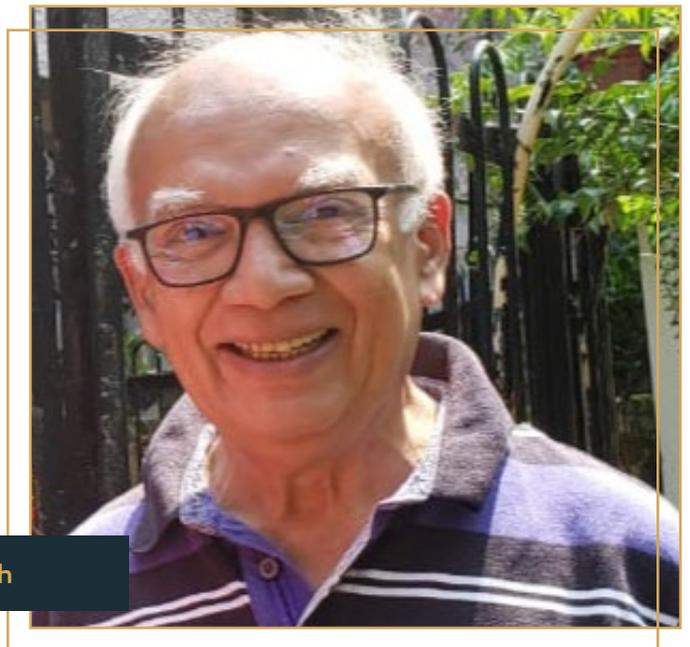
Prof. P.C. Deshmukh

Prof. Arpitha H.C.

Dr. Arpitha H. C., Associate Professor and Programme Director (LL.M.), School of Law (SoL), was conferred the "Professor of the Year" award at the Global Education Conclave, held on 6 December 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand. The award recognises educators who have demonstrated exceptional promise and a strong record of academic and professional achievement.

An awareness programme on SURAKSHA – Women Safety and Empowerment, organised by the Bangalore City Police, was held on 24 December 2025. During the programme, Prof. Sahana D. Gowda, Registrar, RV University, was honoured by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) in recognition of her remarkable and milestone contributions to the field of education.

Prof. Sahana D. Gowda

RV University participated in the International Conference on Regenerative Ecosystems, held on 5 December 2025, organised by the Centre for All Interacting Evolving Systems Science (AIESS) at Xavier Institute of Management (XIM), Bhubaneswar, which brought together scientists, policymakers, educators and practitioners to explore regenerative approaches to sustainable and inclusive ecosystems. The engagement was led by Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, School of Economics and Public Policy, and included convening and chairing a session on indigenous regenerative practices. The conference also marked a significant milestone following the establishment of an institutional collaboration between RV University and the AIESS Global Consortium on Regenerativeness at XIM Bhubaneswar, envisioned by Vice Chancellor Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani. Prof. Kakani delivered a plenary address during the session titled "Institution, Governance, and Public Policy for Regenerativeness."

Prof. Pushkarni Panchamukhi

Mr. Chethan Bopanna, Senior Executive, Outreach, participated in the KAIG cup state level hockey tournament organised in Kodagu from 16 to 21 December 2025. His team made it to the semi−finals and has qualified to play for the Nestle cup in March 2026.

Mr. Chethan Bopanna

Events and Conferences

SoCSE organises the first edition of its tech fest, Kalpavikas 1.0

On 10 and 11 October 2025, the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) inaugurated its first-ever departmental tech fest, Kalpavikas 1.0, with Mr. Ela Krishnan, Vice President of Dell Technologies, as the Guest of Honour. His address inspired students on career readiness, adaptability, innovation, and the value of hands-on learning in the digital era.

During his visit, Mr. Krishnan also interacted with students at the Network Hardware Laboratory, appreciating its industry-aligned infrastructure and experiential learning approach. He commended the School for imbibing practical, skill-based education that bridges academia and industry.

The fest featured workshops, competitions, showcases, and industry interactions, complemented by vibrant performances that brought energy and enthusiasm to the campus.

RVU celebrates Kannada Rajyotsava 2025

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated on campus with great enthusiasm, reflecting a deep connection to Karnataka's rich cultural heritage. The event, held on 7 November 2025, featured vibrant performances of Veeragase, Gaarudi Gombe, Huli Vesha and Pooja Kunitha, showcasing the state's diverse folk traditions.

A key highlight was 'Bhaashe Kannada, Bhaava Kannada', an original in–house production by the Centre for Visual and Performing Arts. Composed by Samarth Desai and choreographed by Prateeksha Kashi, the performance was brought to life by RV University students and stood as a powerful celebration of Kannada identity, creativity and collaboration. The composition was beautifully captured by the Communications team in a **moving and visually striking video** that, alongside the performance, thoughtfully showcased the campus.

The celebrations also included traditional music and dance, along with tributes to the Kannada language and its literary legacy. Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Vice Chancellor's address in Kannada was warmly received, as he acknowledged the contributions of Kannada poets and artists and underscored the importance of preserving regional identity and cultural heritage.

SoFMCA hosts the 4th edition of TIFA 2025

The Teen Indie Film Awards (TIFA) 2025, hosted by RV University from 10–14 November 2025, concluded with an awards night on 14 November, celebrating bold and original storytelling by filmmakers aged 13 to 25. The five-day festival marked its most successful edition yet, with growing national and international participation, firmly positioning TIFA as Bengaluru's third-largest film festival after BIFFES and BISFF.

The programme featured film screenings, masterclasses and a script pitch challenge, opening with a film from North East India to highlight inclusive and emerging voices. A major highlight was the announcement that the first three winners of the Talent Hunt for Emerging Filmmakers of Tomorrow (THEFT) will be launched by Hombale Films. With over 300 submissions from 40 countries, TIFA 2025 reaffirmed RV University's role as a launchpad for the next generation of cinema voices.

SoCSE student exhibit working prototypes

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), along with the IEEE Student Branch at RV University, organised the SoCSE IoT Day Exhibition. The event showcased innovative IoT projects developed by 3rd and 5th semester B.Tech. students as part of their courses in Internet of Things and IoT and Edge Computing.

The exhibition gave students an opportunity to display their working prototypes and explain their ideas. The best projects were presented on 14 November 2025, with each team of four to five students sharing their work. Industry experts were invited to review the projects and select the top three entries from each batch.

RVU students from 3/3 Coy, 6 Karnataka BN NCC, Bengaluru along with participants from RVCE NCC, NSS volunteers, and housekeeping staff took part in cleanliness drive, cleaning various zones in and around the campus on 20 November 2025. The drive focused on removing plastic waste, dry waste, and litter from common spaces, pathways, and surrounding areas.

RVU & RVCE NCC, NSS volunteers, and housekeeping staff engage in cleanliness drive

SoCSE organised Math Nirvana 2.0 on the occasion of National Mathematics Day on 28 November 2025 for first-year B.Tech. students. The festival featured eight engaging events that combined intellectual challenge and entertainment, promoting mathematical thinking, logic, creativity and teamwork, and witnessed enthusiastic participation across diverse activity formats.

SoCSE commemorates National Mathematics Day with Math Nirvana 2.0

SoAHP drives HIV Awareness on the occasion of world AIDS Day

To commemorate the World Aids Day, the School of Allied and Healthcare Professions (SoAHP) organised a guest lecture on "Beyond the Virus: HIV Awareness hrough the Lens of Science and Social Change" on 5 December 2025. This was delivered by Dr. Shweta Singh, Assistant Professor at Jain (Deemed-to-be University). To further raise awareness, students also presented a flash mob and mime performance, complemented by a scientific poster presentation.

RVU conducts Nurturing Future Leadership Programme

The five-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) titled "Nurturing Future Leadership Programme" was conducted from 8 to 12 December 2025. The sessions featured distinguished speakers, including former IAS and IRS officers, Prof. Prem Singh and Ms. Nidhi Sharma, as well as eminent academicians, Prof. Sriram and Prof. Narendra Agarwal from IIM Bangalore, along with Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani.

Partnerships and Collaborations

The School of Law has signed MoUs with law firms, Lex Chambers and SKS in Delhi on 9 October 2025 and 10 October 2025, respectively. These MoUs will create internships and placement opportunities for our students.

Lex Chambers, Delhi

SKS, Delhi

Indian Navy NWWA

RVU signed an MoU with the Indian Navy NWWA on 17 October 2025. Registrar, Prof. Sahana D. Gowda led the collaboration from the university.

The School of Pure and Applied Sciences (SoPAS) at our upcoming Mysuru campus inked an MoU with Eigensystems Australia on 20 November 2025. This MoU will allow our students and faculty to get access to the Quokka Platform.

Eigensystems Australia

On 21 November 2025, Vice Chancellor Prof. Kakani, along with Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee and Registrar Prof. Sahana D. Gowda, interacted with a delegation from FH Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Germany. An MoU was subsequently signed between the institution and SDI.

FH Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Germany

Kyrgyzstan State Cinema Centre

LTIMindtree

Youth Bazaar VR/XR Company

On 23 November 2025, the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) signed MoUs with the Kyrgyzstan State Cinema Centre and Youth Bazaar VR/XR Company, and initiated a collaboration with LTIMindtree. These partnerships aim to enable co-productions, student and faculty exchange programmes, the collaborative development of XR gaming infrastructure and curriculum, and the creation of pathways for internships and placements.