

RVU's Pursuit of Excellence



Message from the Vice Chancellor

As we celebrate our fifth Foundation Year, I reflect on a milestone that beautifully exemplifies the dedication, hard work, resilience and collective effort of our entire university community. This occasion is also a tribute to the 86-year-old legacy of RSST, the foundational force that guides our vision, values and unwavering pursuit of excellence.

Five years, however, is merely the first step in a much grander journey. Our aspiration is to build an institution that stands the test of time, much like the great centres of learning such as Takshashila and Oxford. To realise this vision, we must remain agile and adaptable in an era increasingly shaped by Artificial Intelligence. The flame of learning must continue to burn brightly, fuelled by curiosity, innovation, and a commitment to lifelong growth. In keeping with this spirit, the University is spearheading a series of comprehensive Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) and workshops over this and the coming quarters. It is equally important that all faculty, staff, and students pursue continuous upskilling, ensuring that we remain relevant, future-ready, and capable of creating meaningful impact.

This spirit of purposeful growth was evident throughout this quarter. We celebrated the Gruha Pravesha of our new Mysuru Campus, which will welcome its first batch of students in the coming months. This campus signifies the expansion of a dynamic, future-ready academic ecosystem built for the next generation of learners. Alongside this institutional growth, we also reaffirmed our commitment to holistic well-being, coming together on the International Day of Yoga to embrace a timeless practice that nurtures mental clarity and emotional balance.

The journey ahead calls upon us to build on this strong foundation, honouring our rich legacy while imbibing a culture of openness and embracing innovation to create a lasting difference in the world.



Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani
Vice Chancellor,
RV University

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Announcements

The Competition Success Review (CSR) Group honoured RV University with CSR Education Awards 2026 for demonstrating exceptional commitment towards academic quality, digital transformation, student success, research, innovation and institutional growth. Prof. Dwarika Prasad Uniya, Pro Vice Chancellor and Director – Mysuru Campus, received the award at a function held in New Delhi on 17 May 2026.



RVU honoured with CSR Education Awards 2026



The School for Continuing Education & Professional Studies (SCEPS) conducted a valedictory & certificate handover of its first-ever nine-month Certificate Programme in Educational Leadership (CPEL) at MineRVa on 24 May 2026. The CPEL was designed for principals and senior academicians from diverse educational institutions.

SCEPS holds Valedictory Ceremony of its first CPEL



RV University welcomes new deans and institutional leaders



Prof. Prakash Goudanavar,
Dean of School of Pharmacy,
Mysuru



Prof. Madhvi Sethi, Dean of
School of Economics and
Business, Bengaluru



Prof. Abdul Sakib Mondal, Dean,
Research and Collaboration
Initiatives & Ranking, Bengaluru



Prof. Chandrashekhar H. Patil,
Dean, School of Engineering,
Mysuru



Adv. Subramanya V. Mysore,
Deputy Registrar,
Mysuru



Dr. Prashanth C.R.,
Deputy Controller of
Examinations, Mysuru

RV University has appointed a new set of deans and institutional leaders for its campuses.

Prof. Madhvi Sethi, who has two decades of experience in academics and research, was appointed as the Dean of School of Economics and Business (SoEB), which was created by merging School of Business and School of Economics and Public Policy, in RVU Bengaluru. In the other appointment at RVU Bengaluru, Prof. Abdul Sakib Mondal, with over three decades of experience in both academia and industry, was named as the new Dean of Research and Collaboration Initiatives & Ranking.

At RVU Mysuru, Prof. Prakash Goudanavar, with over two decades of experience across disciplines, has been installed as the Dean of School of Pharmacy (SoP). At the School of Engineering (SoE) in Mysuru, Prof. Chandrashekhar H. Patil, an accomplished academician with over 20+ years of teaching, was appointed as the Dean.

Meanwhile, Dr. Prashanth C. R. was appointed as Deputy Controller of Examinations at the Mysuru campus. With nearly three decades of experience in higher education, he has made significant contributions to engineering education, institutional administration and technological research. Lastly, having served as Deputy Director (Admin) in RVU Bengaluru, Adv. Subramanya V. Mysore has assumed charge as Deputy Registrar at RVU Mysuru.



RVU celebrates its fifth Foundation Day

RV University at Bengaluru and Mysuru celebrated its fifth Foundation Day on 16 June 2026, marking another milestone in its journey of growth, innovation and excellence. The faculty members and staff gathered to celebrate the Foundation Day. At Bengaluru, Vice Chancellor Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani and Registrar Prof. Sahana D. Gowda delivered addresses during the event which was marked by ceremonial cake cutting and release of helium balloons. While at Mysuru, Prof. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Pro Vice Chancellor and Director – Mysuru Campus, led the celebrations.



Lecture Series and Workshops



SoCSE hosts 'Build with AI' workshop

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) conducted a workshop on 'Build with AI' for its 2nd and 3rd year students. This workshop, held on 6 April 2026, was supported by Google for Developers. 'Build with AI' is a global initiative by Google that empowers developers to learn and build applications using advanced AI tools and models.



CodeCon for B.Tech. students

SoCSE also conducted CodeCon 2026 for its B.Tech. students on 31 March 2026, 6 April 2026 and 15 April 2026. The tagline for CodeCon was 'Think, Code and Conquer'.

Further, SoCSE hosted a National Conference on Next-Generation Technologies for Societal Advancement (NGTSA-2026) on 6 April 2026. The conference covered domains including AI, ML, Data Analytics, IoT, Smart Systems, Cloud, Edge, and Quantum Computing, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, Robotics and AR/VR.



Conference on next-gen technologies underway

Additionally, a lecture titled 'AI in the Real World' on 7 April 2026 was delivered by Mr. Vijaykant Nadadur, Co-founder & CEO, KnowledgeVerse, where he spoke about real-world AI applications, leveraging AI tools effectively and understanding emerging tech career opportunities.



Mr. Vijaykant Nadadur speaks on 'AI in Real World'



SoCSE hosted a training programme, 'Campus to Corporate – Bridging Academia and Industry for Future-ready Engineers', by Nokia on 8 April 2026. The training was conducted by Mr. Prashanth Rajarao, Six Sigma Green Belt, PMP Nokia, and Mr. Subbaiah Nachiappan, Principal Architect, Femto Team, Nokia Bengaluru. This programme was the outcome of a tie-up between SoCSE, RVU and Nokia.

Nokia conducts training to groom future-ready engineers



Mr. Srinivasa gives insight on search strategies

RVU's Library by Brigade and SoEB organised a user engagement session on 'Designing Effective Search Strategies using EBSCO for Academic Research Project' on 9 April 2026. The session was led by Mr. M. S. Srinivasa, EBSCO Training Manager, and hosted by Prof. Vijayalakshmi S., Assistant Professor at SoEB. It was organised by Dr. Jairaj S. Hosamani, Librarian, RVU's Library by Brigade.





SoCSE held a one-day workshop titled 'AI for All' for its B.C.A. (Hons.) students on 10 April 2026. The workshop introduced students, teaching, and non-teaching staff across all schools to practical AI tools for academic use, and enabled hands-on experience in applying these tools for teaching, learning, research, and administrative tasks – thereby promoting awareness, digital proficiency, and effective integration of AI in everyday academic activities.

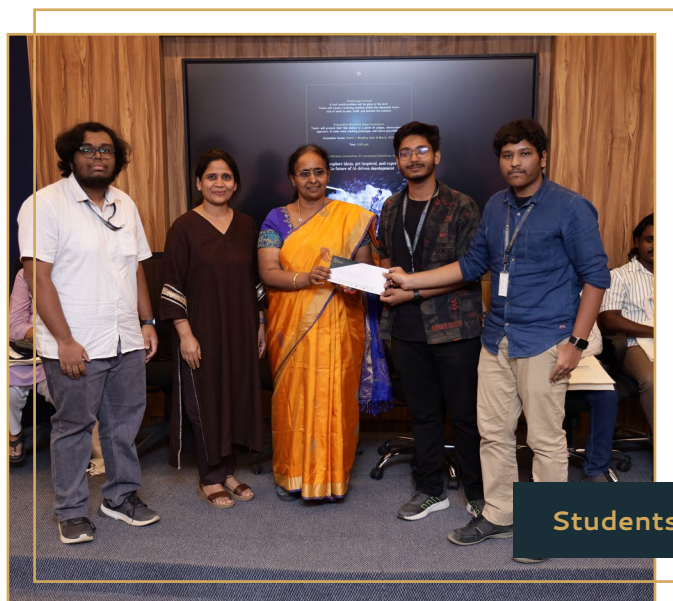
SoCSE holds workshop on 'AI for All' for B.C.A. students

As part of RVU Intellect Series, Ms. Richa Sinha, an ICF Certified Coach, delivered a talk on 'The Art of Disagreement' on 10 April 2026 for our faculty members and staff, marking its 10th session. In the next edition of Intellect Series, Jal Jeevan Mission Chair Professor at IIM Bangalore, Prof. Gopal Naik delivered a talk on 'Challenges of Agriculture Development in India' on 17 April 2026.

In the 12th edition of the series on 12 June 2026, Adjunct Professor at the IIM Bangalore, Prof. Narendra M. Agrawal talked about 'Managing Knowledge and Knowledge Workers'.



ICF Certified Coach Ms. Richa Sinha delivering the 10th session of RVU Intellect Series



SoCSE organised a competition titled 'AI Build Sprint: From Prompt to Prototype' on 10 April 2026. The AI Build Sprint is a fast-paced competition where teams solve real-world problems by creating working prototypes using AI tools without coding. Around 80 teams comprising 2nd and 3rd year students of SoCSE participated in the competition. The students presented their live demos to a panel of judges, showcasing their approach, AI tools used, working prototype and future possibilities.

Students felicitated for creating prototypes

SoCSE organised DATAQUEST 26 & INNOVATEX 26 competitions on 10 April 2026. The competitions were conducted in collaboration with Dell Technologies. The students were rewarded for demonstrating excellence, innovation and mastery throughout the event.



Students showcase their skills at DATAQUEST & INNOVATEX



Prof. Debashis was felicitated at Oration Series

As part of RVU Oration Series' first chapter, IIM Kozhikode Director Prof. Debashis Chatterjee delivered a session on 'Leadership is the Way' on 11 April 2026 for its staff and students. RSST President Dr. M.P. Shyam, Chancellor Dr. (H.C.) A.V.S. Murthy, Pro Chancellor Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, VC Prof. Kakani, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee and Registrar Prof. Sahana D. Gowda felicitated Prof. Debashis.



Prof. Vasudeva was honoured on his retirement

During the event, the University also honoured Special Officer Prof. K. Vasudeva Banninthyaya on his retirement, recognising and thanking him for his dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the institution. In addition, six staff members, 30 faculty members and 60 students were felicitated in recognition of their outstanding performance, commitment, and achievements during the year.

MineRVa, RV Centre for Leadership and Executive Education, organised an FDP, titled 'Be a great Mentor, to be a good Teacher (Mentoring the Mentor)', on 11 and 25 April 2026 for the faculty of Dayananda Sagar College of Architecture, Bengaluru.



MineRVa holds FDP for Dayananda college faculty



RVU hosts symposium on National Security

RV University hosted a symposium on 'National Security for Viksit Bharat – Bharat Igniting Innovation For An Aspirational Bharat' – on 13 April 2026. Admiral Radhakrishnan Hari Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC (retd.), was the chief guest of the event which was supported by BharatWHYTECFoundation and Youth4Nation Foundation.



The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) organised a seminar titled 'Organisational Blueprints: Bridging Psychological Theories and Corporate Reality' for its psychology students on 13 April 2026. Ms. Reshma Bopanna S., VP-HR, Girmiti Software Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, delivered the talk.



SoLAS holds session for its psychology students



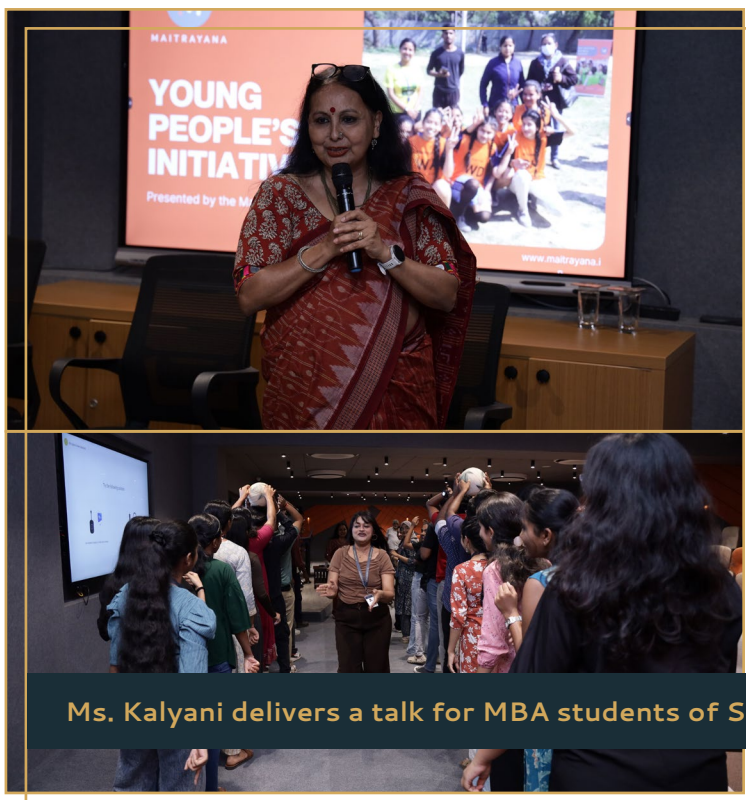
Dr. Sadhan delivers talk at SoEB on Money Supply & Monetary Policy

SoEB conducted a talk on 'Money Supply and Monetary Policy: The RBI's Balancing Act' on 15 April 2026 and it was delivered by Dr. Sadhan Kumar Chattopadhyay, Director, Research and Modelling Group, Department of Supervision, RBI.

The Politics and International Relations Programme at SoLAS organised a student panel discussion on 'Does Social Media Play a Role in Political Apathy Among the Youth?' on 15 April 2026. One team of students supported the motion (for) and another one opposed it (against) through reasoned arguments, rebuttals and discussions.



SoLAS holds discussion on social media in politics



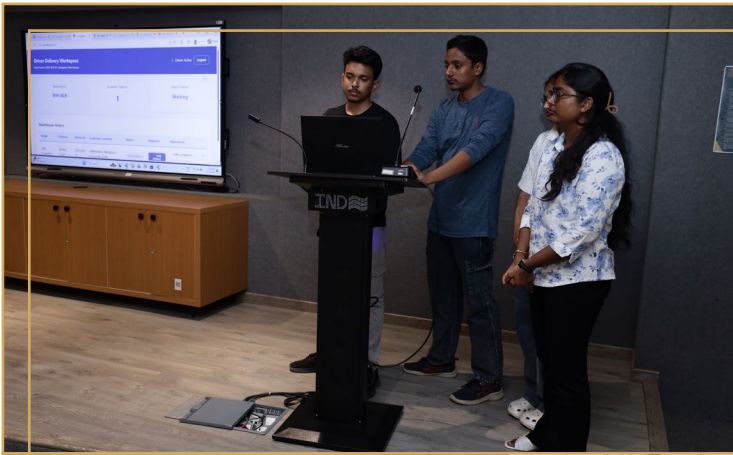
Ms. Kalyani Subramanyam, CEO of the Maitrayana Charity Foundation, delivered a talk for the MBA students of SoEB on 15 April 2026. The guest lecture talk on 'NGOs, Social Entrepreneurship, and Leadership in Social Justice: Insights from 25 Years of Community-Centered Work' was designed to sensitise MBA students towards larger societal issues by engaging them in meaningful, real-world projects.

Ms. Kalyani delivers a talk for MBA students of SoEB

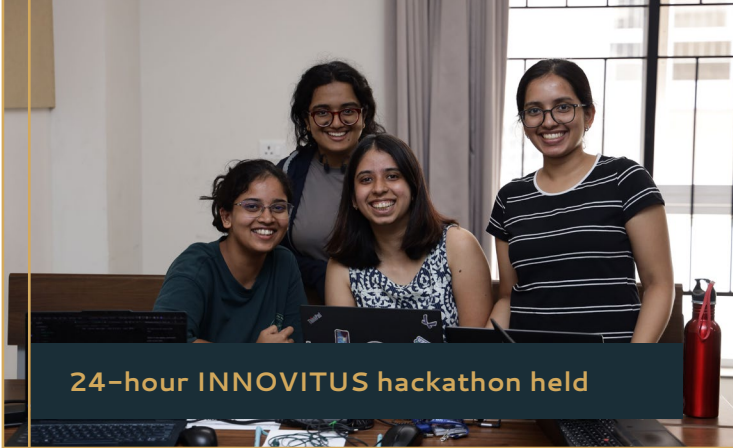
The School of Allied and Healthcare Professions (SoAHP), as part of its Career Talk Series, organised a session on 'Anaesthesia and Operation Theatre Technology – Student Survival Guide at OT: Behaviour, Positioning, Etiquette' on 17 April 2026. Mr. Rajana Shanmukha Rao, OT Technologist, AIIMS, New Delhi, was the speaker.



Mr. Rajana holds session on Anaesthesia and Operation Theatre Technology



Rudra, Callisto and Gamedev Clubs organised a 24-hour Hackathon titled 'INNOVITUS' on 17 and 18 April 2026. The 24-hour hackathon resulted in the successful development of innovative and functional prototypes addressing a variety of real-world problems across different domains.



24-hour INNOVITUS hackathon held



SoCSE, in association with the Centre for Applied and Responsive AI, organised Project Expo 2026 for second-year Data Science Cluster students under the course 'Machine Learning for Data Science' on 17 April 2026. Mr. Mohana Krishna, Product Management, Siemens Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., was the chief guest. Later in the day, they collaborated with IEEE Community of RVU and ARK Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd and organised 'Build for Reality: AR & VR Project Presentation Day'. Students developed and presented AR/VR projects based on real-world problem statements provided by industry partners.



SoCSE hosts project exhibitions



SoAHP conducted a workshop on 'Empathy in Action: Mastering Communication and Emotional Intelligence for Healthcare Excellence'. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Sadiya Nair S., Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Jain (Deemed-to-be University) Bangalore on 24 April 2026.

SoAHP holds talk on communication and emotional intelligence



SoCSE in collaboration with Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) organised a national seminar on Quantum Computing and Cyber Security – Technologies, Challenges, and Applications on 27 and 28 April 2026. The seminar, led by several experts, explored how quantum technologies differ from classical systems and how they can solve complex problems efficiently and securely.



Seminar at SoCSE explores quantum computing, cyber security



SoEB faculty members take part in workshop on Regenerative Science

SoEB organised a workshop on Regenerative Science & Methodology of Research Practice for faculty and educational administrators on 27 and 28 April 2026. The workshop was facilitated by Prof. Amark Jr. Nayak, AIESS Consortium & XIM University, Bhubaneswar. He is the Vice President, International Federation for Systems Research.

A team comprising Mr. Adithyan C. K., Mr. Taran N., Mr. Tejas L. Kasshyap, Mr. Yash Hiremath and Mr. Vikas Y. S. came first in a Project Exhibition titled 'Circuitrix 3.0' conducted by SoCSE on 4 May 2026. Their project titled 'Automatic Fish Feeder with Companion Webapp' guided by Assistant Prof. (Dr.) Shouvik Chakraborty was judged best among 95 other participants. The judge was Mr. Thirumalai Kuppan, Bosch Automotive Electronics India Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru.



Automatic Fish Feeder project comes first in SoCSE exhibition



SDI hosts 3rd Studio Colloquium

The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) hosted its 3rd Studio Colloquium from 8 to 10 May 2026. A peer review of studio teaching practices across its UG and PG programmes, majors, and Foundation was carried out.

The School of Law (SoL) hosted a lecture on 'Decoding AI' by Ms. Priyanka Vaidyanath, Director – CopConnect and Cyber Lawyer, on 15 May 2026. This was followed by the launch of the App on GST Law, developed by students of LL.M. (IPR and Technology Laws).



SoL conducts a lecture on Decoding AI

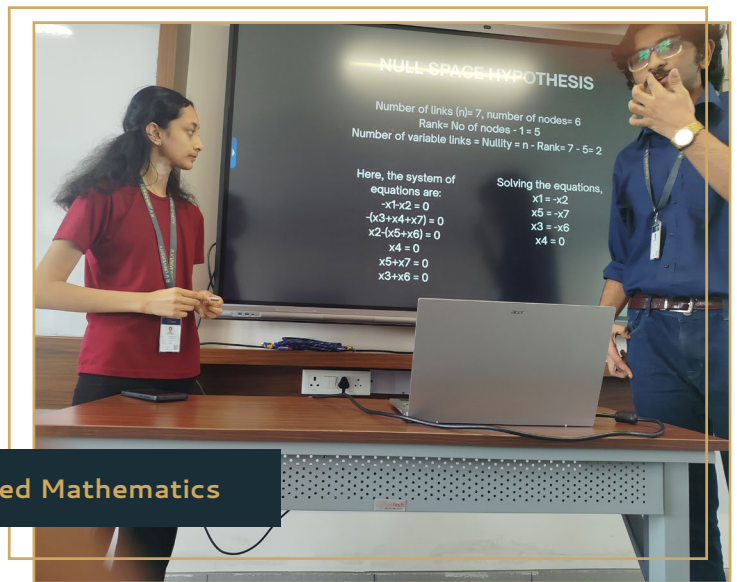


RVU Mysuru organises workshop on Outcome-Based Education

RV University Mysuru organised a workshop on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) led by academic expert Dr. Kirankumar Gudagudi, offering faculty members valuable insights into developing academically robust and outcome-oriented programmes. The workshop highlighted how effective academic planning can create meaningful learning experiences while supporting institutional quality goals.

The students of SoLAS discussed mathematics in a real world context through a variety of applications during an event titled 'Marrying Math Back To The Empirical!' on 18 May 2026. The students engaged with Applied Mathematics, toying with the concept that blends linear algebra with graph theory and probability.

SoLAS students engage with Applied Mathematics



SoEB holds workshop on Gamification

SoEB organised a workshop on 'Using Gamification as Pedagogy with a Foundation in Design Thinking'. It was conducted by Dr. Meenal Jain, Behavioural and Leadership Development facilitator, on 19 May 2026.

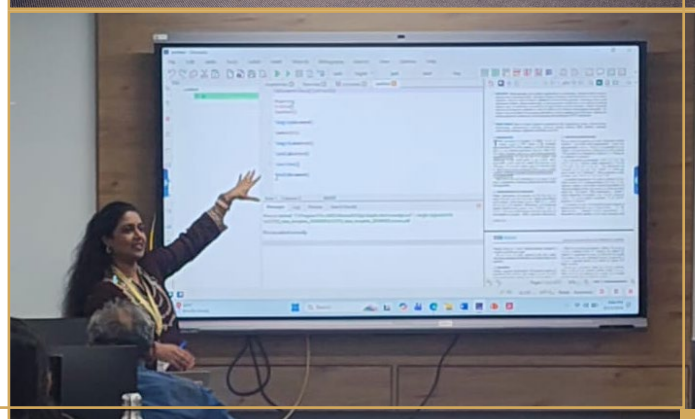
SoCSE holds FDPs on AI, Virtual Reality Development, Teaching–Learning Pedagogy, conducts workshop on LaTeX

SoCSE in association with IoBIT Solutions, Bengaluru, organised an FDP on 'Connected Intelligence in Smart Devices and Edge AI Applications' on 19 and 20 May 2026.

They also organised an FDP on 'Virtual Reality Development using Unity RT3D and Blender' from 1 to 5 June 2026. Further in collaboration with IEEE, the school also held an FDP on AI Tools for Education, Research, Healthcare and Project Management from 8 to 12 June 2026. Another FDP on Advancements in AI in collaboration with AI & ML and Data Science Clusters was also organised from 15 to 19 June 2026.

Besides the above, RVU IUCEE Chapter & SoCSE organised an FDP – Innovative Teaching–Learning Pedagogy for Engineering Education from 17 to 19 June 2026. Participants were taught student-centric teaching approaches, innovative pedagogical techniques, classroom management strategies and integrating innovative teaching practices and educational technologies.

SoCSE also organised a workshop titled 'Mastering LaTeX for Academic Writing and Research Methodology' for faculty members and research scholars. LaTeX is the global standard for creating professional-quality research papers, theses and technical documents.





RV University conducts 3rd batch of NFLP

RV University conducted the 3rd batch of Nurturing Future Leadership Programme (NFLP) from 29 June to 3 July 2026 at MineRVa. The NFLP is designed to empower faculty members with the skills and vision required for academic leadership. The sessions feature distinguished speakers, including Dr. Prem Singh (Retd. IAS) and Ms. Nidhi Sharma (Retd. IRS), as well as eminent academicians from IIM Bangalore.



Internationalism



Prof. Afolake Olanbiwoninu delivers talk at 'Microbial Voices'

SoAHP organised a webinar under the Microbial Voices series titled 'Microbial-based Micronutrient Enrichment of Fermented Foods' on 7 April 2026. Prof. (Dr.) Afolake Olanbiwoninu, Director of Research, Innovation, and Linkages Food Microbiology Unit at Ajayi Crowther University in Nigeria, delivered the talk at the event which was supported by the Microbiology Society.

SoCSE in collaboration with Pattern Recognition Laboratory, FAU, Germany, organised a workshop on 'Machine Learning and Deep Learning for Multimodal Neurological Disorder Detection' on 26 and 27 May 2026. The session by Mr. Andreas Maier, Professor and Head of the Pattern Recognition Laboratory, brought together researchers, faculty members and students to explore cutting-edge applications of Machine Learning and Deep Learning in neurological disorder detection.



SoCSE & FAU Germany hold workshop

Student Achievements

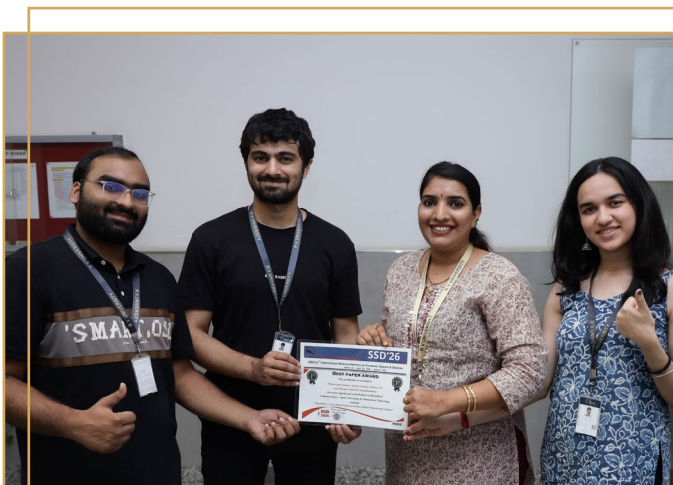


SDI students get 1st and 3rd prizes at State Govt's design contest

Two teams from SDI have secured 1st and 3rd prizes at GramaOne Rate Card Design Contest organised by the Government of Karnataka. This reflects the students' design capability, creativity, and understanding of real-world communication systems. Mohitha Rao Emaneni, Shreya Bhat, Kunta Mishti Reddy, Mathew John Konikkara, Darell Joseph and Shraddha Srinivas got first place in the rate card design competition – Making Rights and Rates Visible. Swetha M, Labdhi A, Trisha Kedia and Shirya Meti grabbed the third position in the competition.

Ms. Ritu Gupta, a Ph.D. scholar in Psychology at SoLAS, along with her guide Prof. Priya Nair (Dean, SoLAS) has published an article in the sixth volume of Springer Nature journal. This study aims to investigate the levels and relevance of Spiritual Intelligence among young adults in India.

SoLAS scholar Ritu publishes article in Springer Nature journal



SoCSE team wins Best Paper Award at IEEE International Multi-Conference

A team from RVU, guided by Prof. Manasa Hullahalli Chandrashekar (Assistant Professor, SoCSE), has achieved global recognition at the 23rd IEEE International Multi-Conference on Systems, Signals & Devices. The research team, Mr. Mohammed Hamza, Mr. Naman Bordia, Ms. Poorna Vinodmeharade, and Prof. Manasa, presented their work at the conference held from 30 March to 2 April 2026, in Italy. Their paper on Physiotherapy Guidance has been awarded the Best Paper Award.



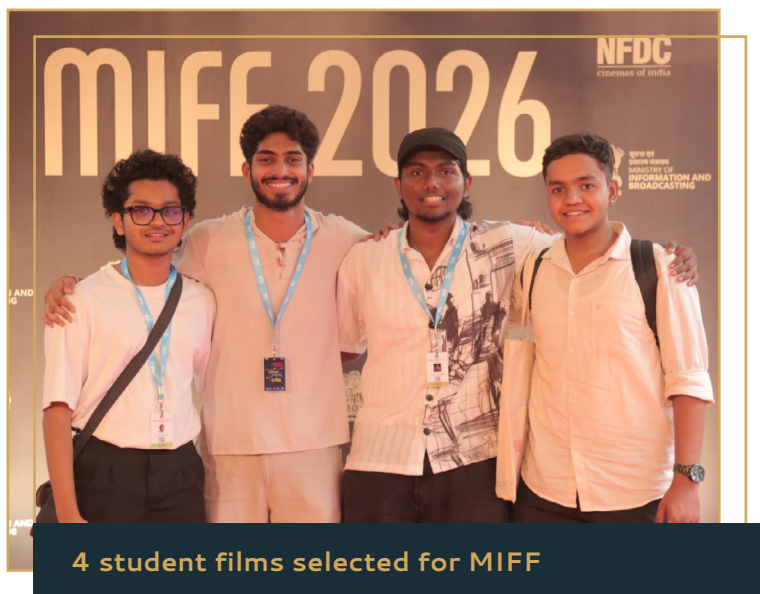
Mr. Sameer Kulkarni, Mr. Kirthan Prashanth Sapate and Ms. Sinchana J. from SoCSE have secured internship opportunities at the US-based DocuSign company. The students have secured a stipend of Rs. 2 lakh per month. This achievement reflects their dedication, technical excellence, and continuous pursuit of innovation and learning.



Ms. Ankitha N., a second-semester B.Sc. student at SoL, has been selected for the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) Internship. She will be interning at the Central Detective Training Institute, Hyderabad.

Two SoCSE B.Tech (Hons.) students, Ms. Prerana M. Shirur and Ms. Abhijna Shivaprakash, have secured internships with Disney (India) Pvt. Ltd., with a stipend of Rs. 1 lakh each per month.





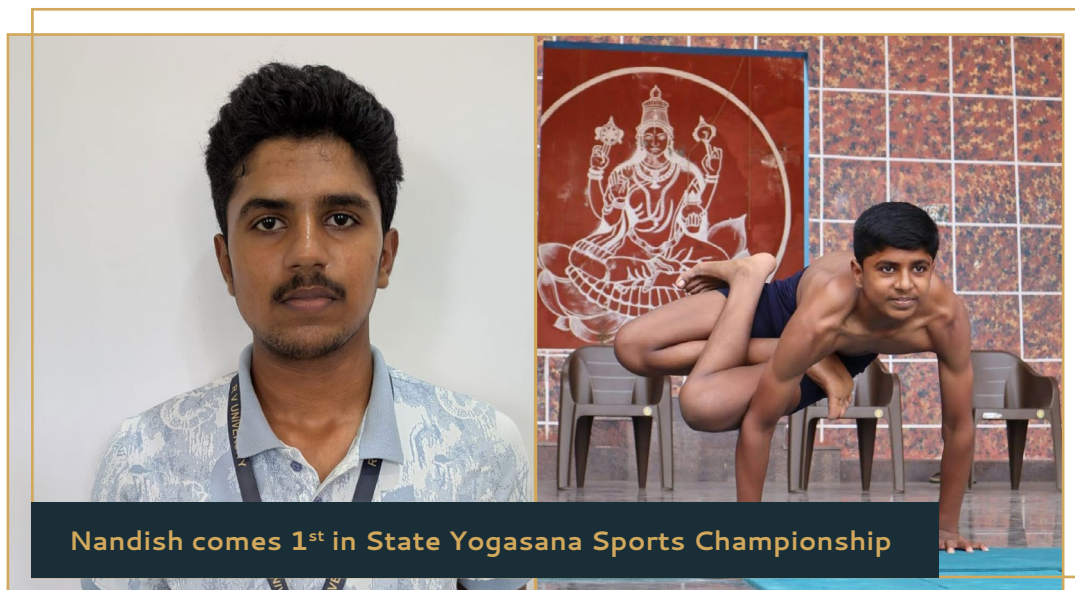
Four films by students of School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) were selected for the Non-Competition Section at 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026 which was held from 15 to 21 June 2026.

Among these selected films, 'Stella Amor' and 'Endless Scroller' celebrated their International Premieres, while 'Nagaland Visual Poem' and 'Where Does a Body Begin & End' had their World Premieres, showcasing the talent, creativity and cinematic vision of our student filmmakers on one of India's biggest film platforms.

A team from SoCSE named 'z3r0_d4y', secured 3rd place at the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE SA) Cybersecurity Hackathon 2026, which was held from 29 May to 5 June 2026. The team, comprising Ms. Himani Vasanth, Ms. Sharu G Hampali and Dr. Basavaraj Patil (Team Lead), competed against innovators, researchers and students from 34 countries.



Their project, PromptScope, is a security-first AI solution designed to protect Healthcare and Assistive Technology ecosystems through a pre-inference firewall architecture.



Mr. Nandish V., BBA (Hons.) student from SoEB, secured first place in the Traditional Event – Senior A Boys category at the 4th FFYS Karnataka State Yogasana Sports Championship 2026 in Bengaluru in April.

Mr. Aditya Kumar of SoCSE has secured the third prize in the 111-Hour Hackathon organised by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). ZSI organised the hackathon in Kolkata on 29 June 2026 on Traditional Knowledge on Biodiversity Conservation to commemorate its 111 years. He has developed an app that will record the activities in the forest such as a bird sound and communicate to the nearest forest department office.



Aditya Kumar Wins 3rd prize at the 111-Hour Hackathon

Faculty and staff Achievements



Dr. Sayendri delivers presentation at Asian Conference in Japan

Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi, Assistant Professor at SoLAS, presented her research at the Asian Conference on Aging and Gerontology held in Tokyo. Her paper, 'Knotted Care, Grief and Longing in Human-Technology Collisions,' was presented under the 'Aging and Gerontology' session chaired by Andrew Scharlach, bringing together perspectives from over 68 countries.

Dr. Panchadhyayi also received a Funding Award from the Centre for Care (CfC), University of Sheffield, in her capacity as an External International Associate at CfC. As part of this recognition, she curated a seminar titled 'Navigating Fractured Intimacies and Precarious Care Regimes in South Asia' in June 2026. The seminar explores critical questions around care, precarity, and social relationships in South Asia, closely aligning with the shared research objectives of CfC and her work in the political economy of care.

Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean, SDI, delivered a keynote at the British University in Egypt on 22 April 2026. She threw light on her newly edited book 'Architectures of Ageing in Place' by Routledge at the event. Her book was also listed as Book of the Week for April 2026 by Italy-based Politecnico di Milano University.

Prof. Anuradha was also part of the Conference Committee for Unleash at 24th Annual Learning Environments Australasia 2026 held in Perth from 13 to 15 May representing the narrative from India. This was a year-long collaborative effort with the Learning Environments Australasia team and Life Member and Founder Director of EIW Architects Philip Idle to present two 45-min sessions on research titled Dissonant Futures, Shared Hope: Educational Transformations in India.



Prof. Anuradha's book listed as Book of the Week by Politecnico di Milano University





Prof. Arindam attends Annual Conference of Microbiology Society in Northern Ireland and publishes second Open Educational Resource

Prof. Arindam Mitra, Dean, SoAHP, participated at the Annual Conference of the Microbiology Society in Northern Ireland, UK, on 15 April 2026. He delivered a talk on 'Transforming equity in STEM education through Alternative Grading'. Prof Arindam also chaired an EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) session titled 'Celebrating and promoting actions advancing equality, diversity and inclusion'.

Prof. Arindam also published a second Open Educational Resource (OER) in 2026, 'Implementing an online module on Oropouche fever in an undergraduate Microbiology course for Allied Health Science programmes in India', developed through the OCELOTS Faculty Mentoring Network and published on QUBES.

Dr. Avishek Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, SoCSE, has published two SCI-indexed (Q2) journal papers, marking a significant milestone in cutting-edge communication systems research.

His first paper, published in the International Journal of Communication Systems (IJCS) by Wiley, explores a quantum-approximated unconventional sidelobe canceling beamformer designed for bidirectional scanning and effective sectoral jamming mitigation.

His second paper, featured in the International Journal of Microwave and Wireless Technologies by Cambridge University Press, presents a quantum-inspired sidelobe canceller beamformer with enhanced capabilities for bidirectional beam scanning and sectorised jamming mitigation.



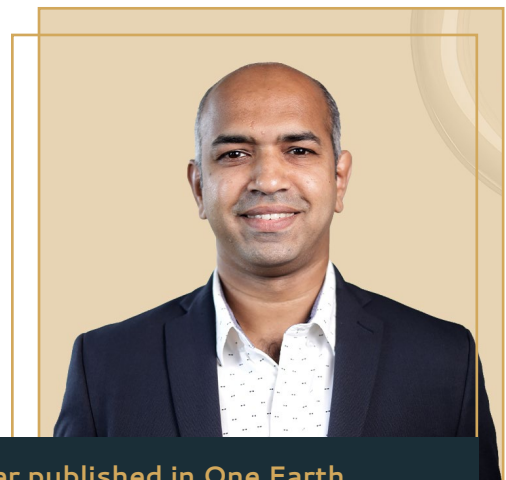
Dr. Avishek Chakraborty publishes two SCI-indexed journal papers



Dr. Hasan Akhtar, Assistant Professor & Programme Director of Environmental Science at SoLAS, presented his research at the prestigious European Geosciences Union (EGU) General Assembly 2026 in Vienna, Austria – one of the world’s largest geosciences conferences – on 7 May 2026. His presentation, ‘Interaction of Elevated CO₂ and Disturbance on Belowground Processes in a Mature Temperate Forest,’ explores how insect outbreak disturbances interact with elevated CO₂ to reshape soil processes in temperate forests – with important implications for understanding forest ecosystem responses under future climate change. The work is based on collaborations with the University of Exeter and the Birmingham Institute of Forest Research (BIFoR), University of Birmingham, UK.

Dr. Hasan presents his research at EGU General Assembly in Austria

Dr. Amit John Kurien, Assistant Professor (Environmental Science) at SoLAS, was part of a team whose paper was published in ‘One Earth’, a journal in environmental sciences and earth and planetary sciences. The paper was titled ‘Shifting cultivation as a driver of deforestation: Misinterpreted data, misguided conclusions, and misplaced blame’.



Dr. Amit’s paper published in One Earth



SoL Assistant Professor Sreeparvathy G. presented her research at the 23rd Annual Asian Law Institute (ASLI) Conference held at Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta, from 3 to 4 June 2026. The paper titled ‘Legal Recognition of Same-sex Unions in Asian Jurisdictions: A Private International Law Perspective’ examines the evolving legal landscape across select Asian jurisdictions through the lens of Private International Law.

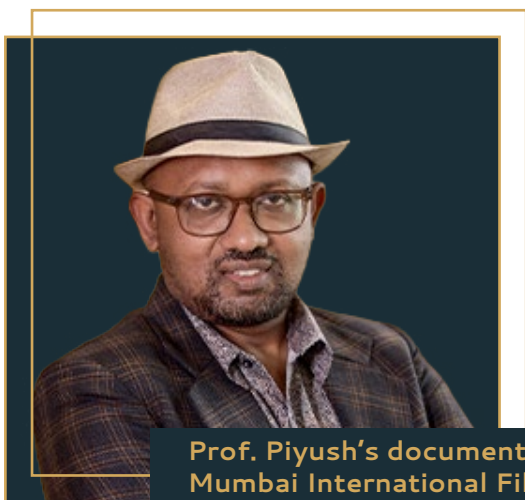
Asst. Prof. Sreeparvathy presents research at ASLI Conference in Jakarta

Dr. Sheela S, Assistant Professor, SOCSE, RVU, has published two research papers in Q2-indexed journals.

Her research paper titled 'A Hybrid Approach for Vehicular Spectrum Allocation Using Artificial Neural Networks with Autoencoders and CSI Feedback' was published in a Q2 journal by Springer. Her second research paper titled 'PAPR Reduction in MIMO-OFDM Using Refracted Opposition-Based Archerfish Hunting Optimization Algorithm' was published in the Q2-indexed journal 'Cybernetics and Information Technologies'.



Prof. Sheela's papers published in Q2 journals



A documentary directed by Prof. Piyush Roy, Dean, SoFMCA, was selected for the Film Bazaar Viewing Room (16 to 18 June) section of 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2026. The documentary titled 'Burden of a Genius' featured staff and students from SoLAS, SDI and SoEB.

Prof. Piyush's documentary selected for Mumbai International Film Festival

The team captained by Mr. Chethan Bopanna, Senior Executive, Outreach Department, was the runner-up in the Open Hockey tournament organised by St. Joseph's College of Commerce in Bengaluru on 7 and 8 June 2026. Mr. Chethan scored two goals in the finals.



Mr. Chethan Bopanna shines in Open Hockey Tournament



Mr. Bonny Sunny, Associate Professor at SDI, presented his research paper at the Architecture, Media, Politics, Society (AMPS) International Conference on Pedagogy which was held in Spain from 24 to 26 June 2026. The paper, titled 'Balancing Toys, Playing with Emotions', examines whether kinetic toy design can serve as a pedagogical tool for emotional inquiry. It documents an open elective developed at SDI, in which students begin not with a product brief but with an emotion they are personally carrying.



Asst. Prof. Bonny presents a paper at Madrid conference

Vice Chancellor Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani represented RVU at the 100th Association of Indian Universities (AIU) Annual General Body Meeting and National Conference of Vice Chancellors held in Pune in April, where RVU's best practices were showcased. As part of the RVEI leadership team, he also participated in the signing of a landmark MoU with McGraw Hill to strengthen academic collaboration, digital learning resources, and access to global educational content across RVEI institutions.

Further extending the University's thought leadership, Prof. Kakani delivered the keynote address at the national Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (IIBF) webinar on 'Digital Lending: Convenience, Compliance, Inclusion and Customer Protection,' attended by over 500 banking professionals from across the country. He also participated in the seven-day capacity-building programme, Path for Self-Realization – Part I, in Rishikesh, reflecting the University's commitment to continuous learning, leadership development, and holistic growth.



Prof. Ram took part in National Conference of Vice Chancellors held in Pune

Events and Conferences



RVU holds Inter-collegiate Fest 'Convergence' in style



RV University's annual Inter-collegiate student fest 'Convergence 2026' was organised on 1 and 2 April 2026. Main stage events, students' cultural performances, games, competitions and DJ shows were among the programmes organised as part of Convergence 2026.





SoEB inaugurated the 'Centre for Research and Training in Computational Economics and AI (CRT-CEAI)' on 15 April 2026. The Centre was inaugurated by Dr. Sadhan Kumar Chattopadhyay, Director, Economic and Policy Research, RBI, Mumbai. The Centre will create a new body of knowledge in the area of computational economics and will contribute to the methodology of social sciences. It will also provide training to the young researchers and professionals to gain expertise in data analytics in social sciences.



SoEB launches CRT-CEAI



SoLAS hosts book launch and exhibition

The Centre for Sustainable Development at SoLAS hosted a book launch and an exhibition on 21 April 2026. The book titled 'RV University's Nature Guide: A Collection of Campus Critters' was authored by students Ms. Shanmukha Srija J., Ms. Mansi Jasani and Ms. Nathania Ria Prince.





Kriyashala: Where Learning Begins with the Hands

SDI hosted the third edition of Kriyashala, bringing together over 20 artists from across India and SDI faculty for 15+ hands-on workshops. Held from 21 April to 25 May 2026, with an exhibition on 28–29 April 2026, the initiative celebrated experiential learning through diverse disciplines including glass flame art, shadow puppetry, block printing, traditional and contemporary art, sustainable design, robotics, photography and filmmaking, inspiring students to learn by creating.





RVU holds Summer School for students

RV University hosted the second edition of its Summer School for school students of Class 9 from 4 to 9 May 2026. Designed to introduce young learners to the excitement of higher education, the week-long immersive programme blended creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and hands-on learning. Students participated in engaging workshops, interactive sessions, and experiential activities across disciplines, while Deans, professors, and subject experts delivered inspiring lectures and talks, offering valuable insights into emerging fields and university life. The programme provided participants with an enriching early exposure to the academic environment, encouraging curiosity, exploration, and informed career aspirations.





Gruha Pravesha at RVU Mysuru

RV University marked a significant milestone with the Gruha Pravesha of its Mysuru Campus on 3rd and 4th May 2026. Hosted by the leadership of RVEI and RVU, the ceremony brought together distinguished guests, trustees, academic leaders, faculty, and well-wishers. Graced by the presence of Mr. G.T. Devegowda and Mr. Pratap Simha, the occasion celebrated not just a new campus, but the start of a dynamic academic ecosystem built for future-ready learning.



The graduating B.Des. and M.Des. students of SDI showcased their works at Ellipsis 2026 from 11 to 12 May 2026. The exhibition highlights diverse design explorations that engage with culture, technology, and society through research-led and experimental practices.



SDI holds Ellipsis 2026



RV University holds Principals' Conclave



RV University organised 'AARAMBH 2026 – Principals' Conclave' in association with the Bangalore Sahodaya Principals' Association on 20 June 2026. As many as 187 principals attended the conclave where Mr. L.L. Meena, CBSE Regional Officer, Bengaluru region, delivered the keynote speech while Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, Pro Chancellor, RVU; and Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Vice Chancellor, RVU, were part of the esteemed guests.



RVU celebrates International Day of Yoga

RVU Bengaluru and Mysuru brought together students, faculty and staff to celebrate International Day of Yoga through a session focused on 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing' on 22 June 2026. The gathering of 100-odd members reflected a shared commitment to physical vitality, mental wellness and the simple yet powerful practice of making health a way of life. The Bengaluru session was led by Prakash, Mukhya Shikshakaru with SPYSS, and he was assisted by Vandithao of SPYSS. Yoga instructor Ms. Rekha led the session in Mysuru.



Partnerships and Collaborations



SoCSE signs MoU with Prayoga

SoCSE signed an MoU with Prayoga Institute for Research, Bengaluru, on 19 May 2026 marking the beginning of a collaborative journey in the fields of Educational Technology and Artificial Intelligence.

This partnership will focus on research initiatives, project execution, dataset development, publications, funding, and technology transfer activities, creating meaningful impact through innovation and research-driven collaboration.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between RV University and Pattern Recognition Laboratory, FAU, Germany, on 27 May 2026. The MoU signals a new chapter in Indo-German academic collaboration, anchored in multimodal neurological disorder detection.



RVU signs MoU with Pattern Recognition Lab, Germany



RVU signs agreement with foreign universities

RVU has signed an agreement to collaborate with San Ignacio University – Miami (SIU) & Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (USIL) operating from Peru, USA and Paraguay, which are institutions with a strong presence in Gastronomy, during the NAFSA 2026 conference in Orlando held between 26 and 30 May 2026.

Pro Chancellor Mr. D. P. Nagaraj and Vice Chancellor Kakani represented RVU at the conference, where they engaged with global academic leaders to explore opportunities for collaboration.



RVU signs MoU with CMTI to foster industry-ready engineers

RV University has entered into an MoU with the Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI), Bengaluru, a research and development organisation under the Ministry of Heavy Industries, Government of India. This strategic partnership aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry by providing students and faculty with access to advanced manufacturing technologies, research facilities, industry-oriented training, and collaborative innovation opportunities.

The collaboration is established under the CMTI Academic Affiliate Program (CAAP), with the shared objective of developing industry-ready engineers equipped with practical skills and exposure to emerging manufacturing technologies.