

RVU's Pursuit of Excellence



Message from the Vice Chancellor

This quarter, RV University (RVU) marked a significant milestone—our Fourth Foundation Day on 16 June 2025. It was a moment to reflect on our journey and reaffirm our commitment to nurturing students through a future-ready, holistic education model.

In line with this vision, we inaugurated the Career Opportunity Centre, a dedicated hub for Placement and Career Services. This initiative represents our long-term commitment to preparing students not just for jobs, but for meaningful, fulfilling careers. It provides the infrastructure, mentorship, and guidance needed to navigate an evolving world of work.

We also launched the Student Assistantship Programme, offering paid, part-time campus roles across departments such as Library, IT, Admissions, Media & Communication, and more. This initiative enables students to gain practical, hands-on experience while building essential workplace skills alongside their academic pursuits.

Throughout the quarter, we were pleased to welcome several eminent speakers and industry experts to campus for talks and workshops. These engagements have continued to reinforce our focus on experiential learning and strong industry-academia partnerships.

These developments reflect the shared commitment of the Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust (RSST) and RVU to building an ecosystem where students are nurtured as capable professionals and thoughtful leaders. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you—our stakeholders—for your continued encouragement and support.



**Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika
Prasad Uniyal**
Vice Chancellor (i/c),
RV University

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Announcements

RVU inaugurated "Career Opportunity Centre" to empower student futures



On 27 June 2025, RVU inaugurated the "Career Opportunity Centre", a dedicated hub for Placement and Career Services. With state-of-the-art infrastructure—including tech-enabled labs for 350 students, Group Discussion rooms, interview suites, seminar halls, and counselling zones—the Centre is designed to enhance campus recruitment and professional readiness.

The Centre reflects a long-term vision to equip students not just for jobs, but for meaningful, future-ready careers. It supports Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust's (RSST) and RVU's broader mission of enabling holistic, industry-connected education through purpose-built infrastructure and focused student services.

Sri M.R. Jaishankar, Executive Chairman of Brigade Group, was the Chief Guest. The launch was graced by Dr. M.P. Shyam, President of RSST, Dr. (h.c.) A.V.S. Murthy, Chancellor, RVU; Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, Pro Chancellor, RVU; Mr. Nikhil A. Murthy, Director at RVU, trustees of RSST, Prof. K.N. Subramanya, Principal, RV College of Engineering; Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU; Mr. Shahmeer Syed, Registrar, RSST and other guests, academic leaders and staff.



Student Assistantship Programme launched



RV University inaugurated its first Student Assistantship Programme on 2 June 2025, with Vice Chancellor (i/c) Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal launching the initiative.

The programme offers part-time, paid campus jobs to students, providing financial support and hands-on experience across departments like Library, IT, Outreach, Admissions, Media & Communication, and School of Computer Science and Engineering. Designed to complement academics, the initiative empowers students—especially those with financial need—while helping them build essential workplace skills.



17 students were selected in the first cycle. The programme reflects RVU's vision of integrating learning with real-world engagement and fostering a collaborative campus ecosystem.



Prof. (Dr.) Alok Verma, Dean, School of Law

Prof. (Dr.) Alok Verma has joined RVU as Professor and Dean of the School of Law on 2 June 2025. He brings over 18 years of combined academic and industry experience and specialises in corporate laws.

RV University celebrates its 4th Foundation Day



16 June 2025 marked the fourth Foundation Day of RV University—a moment to reflect on the journey so far and celebrate the vibrant community that makes RVU what it is today.

The occasion featured inspiring words from Vice Chancellor (In-Charge), Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, along with founding members who shared heartfelt memories of RVU's early days—when it all began with just a handful of committed individuals.

Faculty and staff came together in celebration, filling the day with warmth, joy, and a shared sense of purpose. From emotional reflections to cheerful camaraderie, the event captured the essence of RVU's spirit.

Lecture Series and Workshops



Prof. (Dr.) Narendar Pani, JRD Tata Chair, Visiting Professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies

The Centre for Studies in Politics and Democracy, under the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), hosted the inaugural lecture of its "Dialogues in Politics and Democracy" series on 1 April 2025. The lecture, titled "Transformation of Victimhood in Indian Politics", was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Narendar Pani, JRD Tata Chair, Visiting Professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru.

The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) organised a workshop on "Mastering Communication: The Key to Career Success". It was conducted by Ms. Subha V., NLP Trainer, Rumination Life Academy on 2 April 2025. The session focussed on critical areas of communication skills, resume building and interview skills, coupled with an introduction to the broader context of current corporate demands,



Ms. Subha V., NLP Trainer, Rumination Life Academy



Mr. Parikshit Deshmukh, Co-Founder, Thesys

SDI invited Mr. Parikshit Deshmukh, Co-Founder, Thesys for an informative and futuristic industry talk on Generative AI for our students on 3 April 2025. The session was a deep dive into the fascinating world of AI, exploring its potential, challenges, and the innovations shaping the future.



The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) organised a one-day workshop titled "Understanding the Process of Publishing Multidisciplinary Edited and Authored Books in Social Sciences with International Publishers". The workshop was led by Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Sood, Professor at Chitkara Business School, Chitkara University, and Affiliate Professor at the University of Malta, Europe. It was conducted in hybrid mode and held at MineRVa – RV Centre for Leadership and Executive Education on 4 April 2025.



Prof. (Dr.) Kiran Sood conducted a one-day workshop organised by SoEPP

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) invited Dr. Srinidhi Hiriyannaiah, Senior Data Scientist at GE Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd. for a guest lecture on Hadoop Ecosystem and Tools. This online session was held on 4 April 2025.



Dr. Srinidhi Hiriyannaiah, Senior Data Scientist at GE Healthcare India Pvt. Ltd.



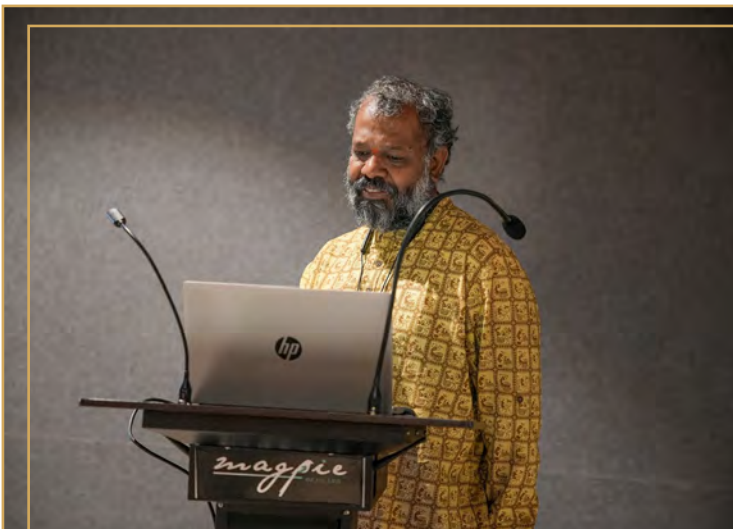
Kriyashala 2025 offered students an immersive, hands-on introduction to traditional Indian arts and crafts.



Organised by the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) from 4–11 April 2025, Kriyashala 2025 offered students an immersive, hands-on learning experience.

From sketch to structure, they brought ideas to life while working alongside master artisans from across India. The workshop blended practical skill-building with cultural insight, exposing students to a wide range of traditional and contemporary art forms.





On 5 April 2025, the Centre for Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA), RVU, hosted an inspiring session by noted photographer and journalist Mr. Murali Kumar K. Blending decades of experience across wildlife, street, sports, and journalistic photography, he shared practical tips, ethical insights, and stunning visuals—many captured in and around Bengaluru.

Presentation on Wildlife, Pictorial, Photojournalism Photography by Mr. Murali Kumar K.

Mr. Murali encouraged students to explore local environments, proving that impactful photography doesn't require expensive gear or distant travel. His talk offered a fresh perspective on photography as a tool for storytelling, observation, and positive change.



Mr. Dinesh Shenoy interacting with RVU faculty

Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c) hosted Mr. Dinesh Shenoy, film director and winner of the prestigious 'Swarna Kamal' award at the 70th national film awards for his movie 'Madhayantaraa' on 8 April 2025. Mr. Shenoy interacted with the faculty and Dr. Max Howard, renowned Hollywood animation film producer and spoke on cinema and literature, the past and the future of film techniques with plans to hold workshops for students.





SoFMCA organised a seminar "Remembering Manoj Kumar"

To commemorate the life and contributions of legendary Indian actor and filmmaker Manoj Kumar, the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) organised a seminar titled "Remembering Manoj Kumar (1937–2025)" on 11 April 2025.

The event explored various facets of Manoj Kumar's multifaceted legacy. Vice Chancellor (i/c) Prof. (Dr.) Dwarka Prasad Uniyal reflected on his poetic sensibilities. Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy, Dean of SoFMCA, spoke about his personality and values off screen. Prof. Sandipp, Programme Director – Filmmaking, highlighted his technical mastery in cinema, while Dr. Baidurya Chakrabarti, Assistant Professor, (SoFMCA) contextualised his work in today's cinematic and cultural landscape.

The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) organised a Seminar Series and invited Dr. Vijayamba R., Assistant Professor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru to deliver a lecture on "Understanding Women's Participation in Economic Activities through Time Use Surveys". This was held on 11 April 2025.

Dr. Vijayamba R., Assistant Professor, National Law School of India University



SoLAS & SoEPP co-organised a workshop on "Decoding Climate Science: Youth and Climate Literacy"

The Centre for Sustainable Development at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) and the Centre for Contemporary Economics at SoEPP co-organised a workshop on "Decoding Climate Science: Youth and Climate Literacy" on 17 April 2025. It was delivered by Dr. Anjali Karol Mohan, Urban and Regional Planner, Partner, Integrated Design along with Mr. Justin Andrews, Environmental Planner, Integrated Design, and Ms. Vannessa R., Undergraduate Planning Intern at Integrated Design.



Mr. Saksham Panda, Service Designer, British Telecom Group was invited by the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) on 21 April 2025 to deliver a talk on "Service Design: Designing Seamless Customer Experiences". This was part of SDI's Industry Interaction Session Series.

Mr. Saksham Panda, Service Designer, British Telecom Group

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) organised a seminar titled "AI/ML Unplugged" on 25 April 2025. The sessions were conducted by Mr. Kiran Dambal and Mr. Akhilash Nambiar, Subject Matter Experts and Microsoft Certified Trainers from CloudThat.



SoCSE organised seminars titled "AI/ML Unplugged"



A two-day Research Publication Workshop by SoLAS

SoLAS organised a two-day Research Publication Workshop on 8–9 May 2025, aimed at guiding Ph.D. scholars and faculty through the intricacies of academic publishing. It was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor (i/c), Prof. Uniyal. The sessions covered key themes such as data visualisation and storytelling, writing processes, journal selection, grant writing, handling grey literature, and reviewing work-in-progress manuscripts.

The workshop featured expert insights from Dr. Nilanjana Sengupta (Azim Premji University), Dr. Sneha Thapliyal and Dr. Aniket Nandan (National Law School of India University), Dr. Aleena Sebastian (National Institute of Advanced Studies), Dr. Soudeep Deb (Indian Institute of Management), and Dr. Deep Mukherjee and Dr. Soundarya Iyer (RV University).



Dr. Manoj Nakra, Co-founder, SCIP



On 15 May 2025, the School of Business (SoB) hosted Dr. Manoj Nakra, Co-founder, SCIP to deliver a CXO lecture on "Everyone can be an entrepreneur-The 1000-day adventure". It was attended by the students and staff of SoB.



SoB organised the Entrepreneurship Venture Showcase on 15–16 May 2025, highlighting innovation and enterprise. The two-day exhibition featured MBA students presenting their entrepreneurial ideas and prototypes, reflecting creativity, business acumen, and real-world problem solving.

MBA students presented their entrepreneurial ideas and prototypes



RVU hosted WTISD 2025 celebrations in collaboration with IEEE ComSoc Bangalore Chapter

On the occasion of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2025, RVU, in collaboration with the IEEE ComSoc Bangalore Chapter, hosted a half-day event on 17 May 2025. Themed around advancing digital equity, the event celebrated innovation in communication technologies and honoured individuals making significant contributions to the field.



Crack in the Word: A Gentle Introduction to Literature workshop by SoLAS



The Centre for Literary Studies and Translation at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), conducted a literary appreciation and creative writing workshop titled "Crack in the Word: A Gentle Introduction to Literature" on 24 May 2025 at MineRVA – RV Centre for Leadership and Executive Education. The sessions were led by Dr. Abhishek Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, SoLAS who brought an academic lens to the reading of poetry, along with Ms. Prathibha Nandakumar, distinguished poet, journalist, and translator, who offered a more contemporary and personal perspective.



Empowering Educators through Mentorship



On 20 May 2025, the MineRVa – RV Centre for Leadership and Executive Education hosted a one-day workshop titled “Be a Great Mentor to Be a Good Teacher” for 44 teachers from Scholars International School, Hassan. Led by Dr. Logasakthi Kandasamy from the School of Business (SoB) and enriched by a masterclass from VC (i/c) Dr. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, the workshop focused on experiential learning, mentoring strategies, and personal transformation. Participants gained insights into learner engagement, behavioural tools, and the vital role of teachers as mentors.





Launch of the Retail Lab by SoB

On World Environment Day, RVU's School of Business (SoB) took a leap toward sustainability by launching the Retail Lab. This innovative hub is designed to foster sustainable business practices and empower students with hands-on experience in eco-conscious retail solutions. This initiative reflects our commitment to nurturing future leaders who will drive positive change in the business world. The lab was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor (i/c) Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniya.

The School of Film, Media, and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) hosted a high-impact workshop led by celebrated actor and theatre veteran Mr. Amit Behl, focused on strengthening the Industry-Academia Connection in creative education. This workshop was held on 6 June 2025 and was attended by the students and staff of SoFMCA.



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Panel Discussion on "Ethics is Trending – Should We Be Worried?" hosted by SDI

On the occasion of World Industrial Design Day, the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) hosted a provocative panel discussion titled "Ethics is Trending – Should We Be Worried?" on 27 June 2025.

The panel featured Mr. Uttam Banerjee, Co-Founder and CEO of Zerodor; Mr. Rohan Turior, Patent Attorney and Partner at InnolPS; and Mr. Arjun Shrivatsan, stand-up comic and student of Ethical AI. Joining them from RVU were Prof. Ginu George and Prof. Neha Dubey, who added design and pedagogical perspectives to the discussion.



RVU, in collaboration with NavGraam, GRAAM, and MineRVa – RV Center for Leadership and Executive Education, hosted the CSR Networking Evening and Fireside Chat—a dynamic forum for dialogue, reflection, and learning.

Participants in the fireside chat included Dr. Sreenath N S, CEO of Biovet; Dr. Anupama Shetty, Mission Director at Biocon Foundation; Mr. Vinay Chandrashekar, Head of Research and Advocacy at Akshaya Patra Foundation; Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta, Executive Director of GRAAM; and Dr. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c) of RV University.



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SoCSE organised a 5-day FDP on Deep Learning and Its Applications

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) organised a 5-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Deep Learning and Its Applications from 23–27 June 2025. The sessions were delivered by in-house faculty and guest speakers from industry, focusing on core concepts, practical techniques, and emerging trends in AI & ML.

Internationalism



RVU hosted Prof. Lisa Henderson, Head of Department of Psychology at the University of York, UK on 1 April 2025 to connect with our students and engage in interactive sessions.

Prof. Lisa Henderson, Head of Department of Psychology at the University of York, UK

RVU's School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) hosted an exclusive session titled "The Road to the Oscars – Breaking Into Hollywood" on 5 April 2025. Dr. Max Howard, Professor-of-Practice, RVU and acclaimed Hollywood producer and former President of Warner Bros. Feature Animation and former Vice President of Walt Disney Feature Animation Studios, delivered the session and shared industry insights, global film circuit strategies, and creative approaches to making Oscar-calibre cinema.



Dr. Max Howard





RVU hosted two senior lecturers from University of Exeter, UK

RVU welcomed two senior lecturers from University of Exeter, UK to address our students on 15 April 2025. Dr. Chico Camargo spoke on "An Introduction to Natural Language Processing" and Dr. Alison Ashby gave a talk on "Business Beyond Profit". Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, VC (i/c), RVU interacted with the delegates for possible future academic collaborations including faculty and student exchange programmes and joint research projects.

The Centre for Postgraduate Legal Studies (LL.M.) at the School of Law (SoL), in association with the University of Wollongong, Malaysia organised its third guest lecture series on "Law of Contracts: A comparative study of India and Malaysia". They invited Ms. Prema Darmalinggam, Lecturer, University of Wollongong, Malaysia KDU College as the guest speaker. The session was moderated by Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Programme Director, LL.M., at SoL on 16 April 2025.



Ms. Prema Darmalinggam, Lecturer, University of Wollongong, Malaysia KDU College

RV University and UPGRIS Indonesia Host Joint Guest Lecture Series



Dr. Aris Tri Joko



Prof. Khoiriya Latifah



Prof. Noora Tema

RVU, in collaboration with Universitas PGRI Semarang (UPGRIS), Indonesia, hosted a three-day guest lecture series from 21–23 April 2025, fostering academic exchange in emerging technologies.

The series opened with Dr. Shobha G., Dean, SoCSE, RVU, and Dr. Aris Tri Joko, UPGRIS, speaking on "High Performance Computing Cluster for Parallel Programming". On 22 April, Prof. Khoiriya Latifah from UPGRIS and Dr. Baishali Garai, RVU, delivered a session on "Generative AI for Natural Language Processing". The final session on 23 April featured Prof. Noora Tema from UPGRIS and Veena S., RVU, discussing "Integration with IoT and Digital Twins". The sessions were moderated by Dr. Ashwini Kodipalli, Professor, SoCSE.



Mr. Chris Johnson, Senior Director and Head of the Global Partnership Development Office of the University Provost at Arizona State University (ASU), along with delegates from Cintana Education, visited RV University on 25 April 2025 to formalise a strategic partnership. This collaboration will offer RVU students the opportunity to pursue a range of undergraduate and master's degree programmes at ASU in key disciplines such as Computer Science and Engineering, Business, Management, Design, and Liberal Arts.

The partnership paves the way for student exchange programmes, joint academic initiatives, and innovative learning pathways. As part of the agreement, pathway programmes will be introduced to help students begin their academic journey at RVU and seamlessly transition to complete their degrees at ASU, benefiting from the global exposure and academic excellence of one of the world's leading universities.

RVU signs agreement with Arizona State University for strategic partnership



Dr. Andrew Thompson, Head of Subject, Global Business and Creative Industries, University of South Wales (USW), UK and Mr. Vishnu Dhanapal, Director (India) USW

On 10 June 2025, Dr. Andrew Thompson, Head of Subject, Global Business and Creative Industries, University of South Wales (USW), UK and Mr. Vishnu Dhanapal, Director (India) USW met with our Vice Chancellor (i/c) Prof.(Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal to discuss possible academic collaborations, student and semester exchange with the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) and an MBA programme between both the Universities.

Dean SoFMCA, Dr. Piyush Roy also explored collaborations in the creative industries space between both institutions.

Student Achievements



Ms. Noor Atheeka

Ms. Noor Atheeka, a B.Sc. Psychology (Hons.) student from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), represented India as a player in the AOFC Qualification for the World Floorball Championship (WFC) held in Singapore from 7 March to 1 April 2025.

As part of the B.Sc. (Hons.) programme, students from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) participated in a community engagement initiative on 26 March 2025, in collaboration with Youth for Parivarthan. The activity focused on the beautification of government schools in Metipalya and Maharani Cluster University, where students led efforts to paint vibrant murals, refurbish classrooms, and create a more inspiring and welcoming environment for young learners.



SoCSE students participated in a community engagement initiative



Ms. Aatmajaa Shankar Prasad

Ms. Aatmajaa Shankar Prasad, an LL.M. student from the IPR Specialisation at the School of Law (SoL) published a research paper "Bridging the Divide: A Comparative Exploration of Data Privacy Protections in India and the EU," on 9 April 2025 in the Volume 8, Issue 2 (2025) of the International Journal of Law Management & Humanities (IJLMH). Ms. Aatmajaa worked on this research as a part of the course last semester and has reworked on her paper for the publication.



Ms. Yashodha

Ms. Yashodha, Full-time Ph.D. scholar in the School of Business (SoB) at RVU, won the Best paper award for the Research paper titled "AI as a Catalyst for Workplace Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Empowering Change or Reinforcing Bias?" at the Annual International Research Conference (AIRC) 2025, held on 24- 25 April 2025.

Students from the School of Business (SoB) brought pride to RVU at the Budokan Cup 2025 – International Karate Championship, held in Dubai, UAE on 27 April 2025. R.L. Suraksha (B.Com. Hons, 2nd Year) won a Gold Medal in Kumite in the Below 50 kg category, while Lekhana B.A. (B.Com. Professional, 1st Year) secured a Gold Medal in Kumite in the Below 46 kg category.



R.L. Suraksha and Lekhana B.A.



Mr. Ayushman Kumar B.

Mr. Ayushman Kumar B., an LL.M. student specialising in IPR and Technology Law at the School of Law (SoL), published an opinion piece titled "Agentic AI and the Stock Market" in The Hindu on 27 April 2025. This publication highlights how RVU's research-intensive LL.M. pedagogy sharpens students' intellectual rigour and empowers them to contribute meaningfully to public discourse through such prestigious platforms.

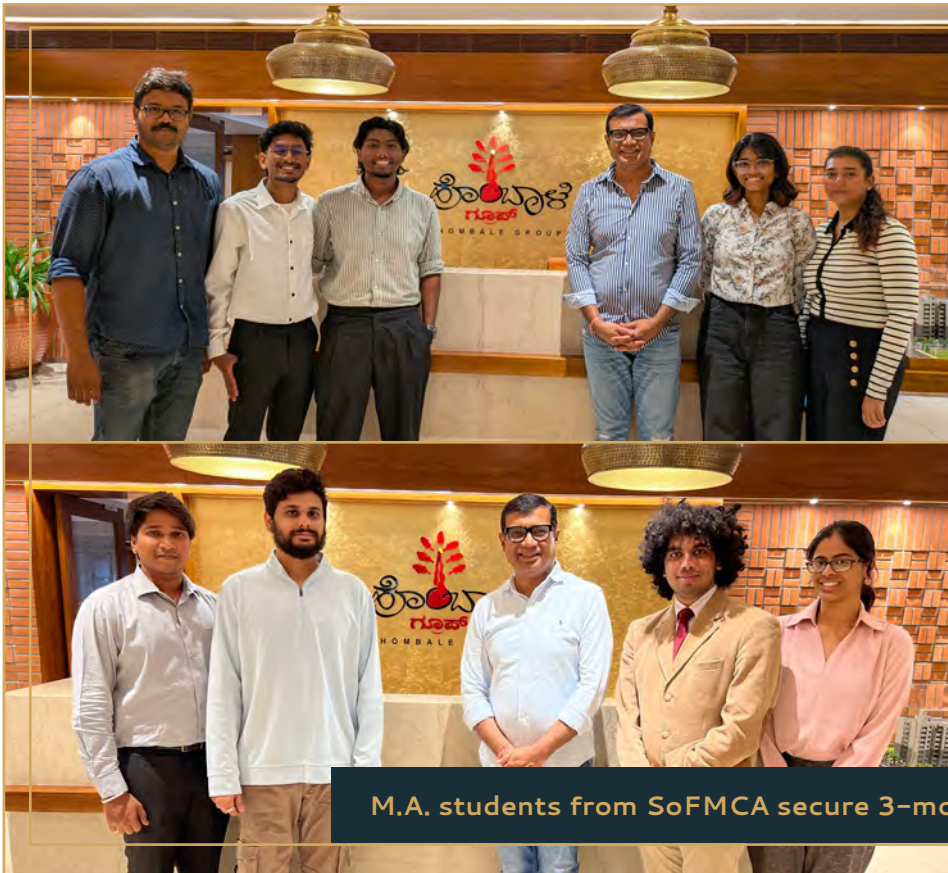


SoCSE students secured first place in the AIML & IoT category at PitchCraft 2025

First-year students from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) secured first place in the AIML & IoT category at PitchCraft 2025, a startup event hosted by Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering on 15 May 2025.

The winning team — Ms. Prarthana V. Bhat, Mr. Pranav Prasanna Krishna, Ms. Puneetha S. Shankar, and Mr. Bonthala Lalith Aditya — impressed the jury with their AI-powered precision training device, developed as part of their Entrepreneurial Mindset course. Competing against 80+ teams, their innovative product and compelling pitch earned them a cash award and high praise from the panel.

We at RVU celebrate this achievement and look forward to more success stories from our young student innovators.



M.A. students from SoFMCA secure 3-month internship with Hombale Films

Our M.A. students from the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) have secured a prestigious 3-month internship with Hombale Films — one of India's top film production houses. As part of their academic journey, our students are spending an entire semester immersed in the world of professional filmmaking, gaining hands-on experience, industry exposure, and real-world insights from the very best.

SDI Students Secure Placements at EPAM Systems



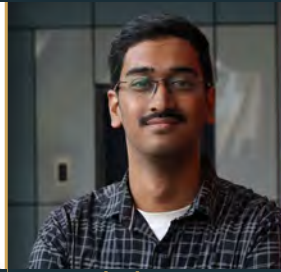
Ms. Aasiya Ali



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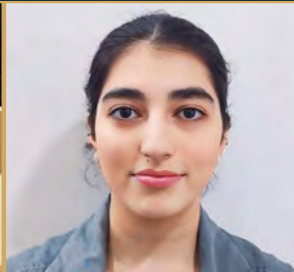
Ms. Piya Sarah Kurian



Ms. Anvitha Krupa



Ms. Vasudha M. Katti



Ms. Niral Koul

Students from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI), RV University, have secured placements at EPAM Systems. Congratulations to our talented B.Des. UI/UX Design students Ms. Aasiya Ali, Ms. Aishwarya M.G., Ms. Niral Koul and Ms. Piya Sarah Kurian; B.Des.

Product Design student Ms. Diya Sajit; and M.Des. UI/UX Design students Ms. Anvitha Krupa P., Mr. Akshaya Kumar Vaidya and Ms. Vasudha Katti on this achievement.

Shanmukha Srija and Nathania Ria, third-year Environmental Science students from SoLAS, RV University, are interning with WRI India. They contributed to a key document on implementing blue-green spaces in Bengaluru—Nathania illustrated the cover, while Srija designed the layout. The document was launched on 6 June 2025 at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium by WRI India and the Bengaluru Climate Action Cell on the occasion of World Environment Day.



SoLAS Students Contribute to WRI India's Climate Action Initiative





ZANS: A Student Startup Reimagining Storytelling



ZANS, a student-led interdisciplinary startup incubated at RVU, has launched its first commercial product—Storytelling Dice, a creative tool designed to revive family storytelling and imaginative play in the digital age.

Founded by Ms. Ravina Hegde (School of Design and Innovation), Mr. Nishant Bommireddy, and Mr. Dhanush S Gowda (both from the School of Computer Science and Engineering), ZANS blends design thinking with tech innovation. Mentored by Prof. Phani Kumar Pullela, Dean of Student Affairs, the team aims to expand into AI-enabled apps, IoT-integrated toys, and narrative-based gaming for homes, schools, workplaces, and therapy spaces.

Backed by the Government of Karnataka's Elevate Grant, ZANS reflects the spirit of the NEP 2020—fostering interdisciplinary, impactful entrepreneurship at RVU.

Abhignya B.S., a first-year B.Des student from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI), has been selected to showcase her artwork at UPRISE, an online exhibition curated by Oorja Expressions.

The exhibition celebrates the vibrant emergence of new artistic voices, featuring compelling works by recent fine arts graduates and young artists across India. Abhignya's selection marks a proud moment for SDI, highlighting the creative potential and expression nurtured at RV University.



SDI Student's Artwork Selected for Online Exhibition at Oorja Expressions

SoFMCA students and Faculty complete a 9-day shoot in Nagaland



Four RVU students worked on a documentary and short fiction film directed by Dean SoFMCA, Dr. Piyush Roy, funded under the Ekologos Project in Nagaland from 16–25 June 2025.



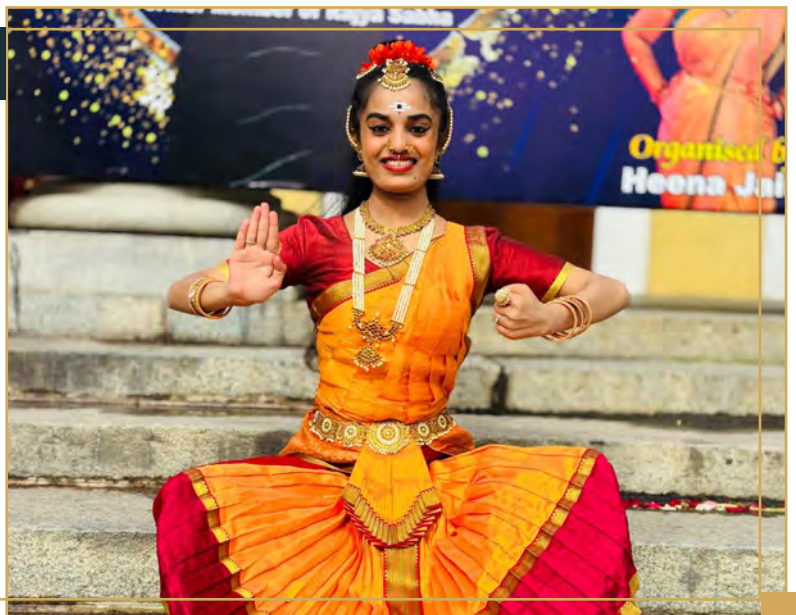
Assistant Professor., SoFMCA, Rahul Dev Raman will edit the documentary, Tiger-Man, and Surya Kiran, student SoFMCA will edit the fiction film, The Betrayed Sleep in Peace. Cinematography of both films was mentored by documentary filmmaker, Parag Ekhande. TIFA 2024 Best Actor winner, Abhishek Kalal acted in both films, while students Advait Ashok and Aadhyantha Rajaraman interned as Assistant Directors. This is the first time a film crew has shot in one of the toughest locations to access, Nagaland's Dzukho valley, post a 10 km long trek.



Dr. Roy and Prof. Raman, also conducted a workshop at Kohima College on 23 June 2025 on Orange Economy, where two films directed by SoFMCA students, The Last Heist (Adarsh) and Dreamers (Aadhyantha), were screened to rapturous welcome by attending students.

Ms. Neha V. Ibrampur

Ms. Neha V. Ibrampur, Full-time Ph.D. scholar at RVU, participated in a Tandava Nritya performance as a powerful tribute to Lord Nataraja, along with over 500 talented dance artists from across India. This collective performance, held on 22 June 2025, has been officially recognised by the World Wide Book of Records.



Faculty and staff Achievements

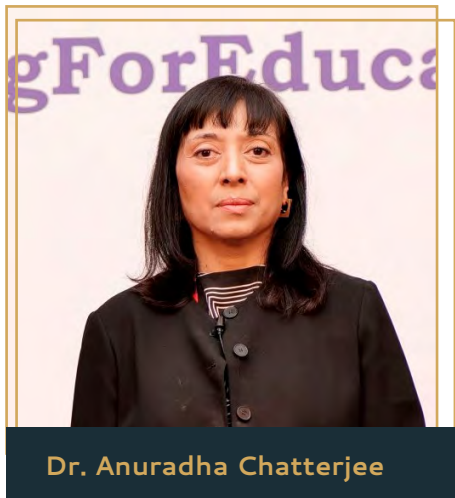


Dr. Jairaj S. Hosamani, Librarian at RVU, participated as a Rapporteur and presented a paper titled "Beyond Books: Designing Creative Library Spaces for the Future" at the National Conference on Modern Library Technologies and Services (NCMLTS-2025), held at Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru Campus, on 28–29 March 2025. Reflecting RVU's vision, his presentation reimagined libraries as inclusive, collaborative spaces for creativity and innovation—far beyond traditional book repositories.

Dr. Arindam Mitra, Professor and Dean, School of Allied and Healthcare Professions (SoAHP), has co-developed a cutting-edge Open Educational Resource (OER) on LearnGala and QUBES platforms as part of the OCELOTS Project, supported by the National Science Foundation, USA.

Dr. Mitra has also been recognised as an OCELOTS Education Scholar for his contribution to inclusive and globally adaptable education.

On 16 May 2025, Dr. Mitra's book chapter titled "Porphyrin Nanocomposites for Synergistic Treatment and Diagnostics: Biostability, Biocompatibility, and Therapeutic Efficacy" was published in the new Wiley book "Porphyrin-Based Composites: Materials and Applications".



On 20 April 2025, Dr. Anuradha Chatterjee, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean, School of Design and Innovation (SDI) was recognised with the Power Woman in Architecture and Design Award at the #100PowerWomenArchitectsAwardCeremony, hosted by Womennovator (Global Incubator for Women) and Gvriksh Foundation.

She also contributed to global discourse through her essay "Writing Architectural Pedagogies" featured in Architecture Asia (guest-edited by Apurva Bose Dutta), on 4 June 2025 alongside renowned international voices. Her work further appears in the Design For All special issue 20:20 – Celebrating Women Designing Design, curated by Dr. Dolly Daou.

In addition, on 15 June 2025, Dr. Chatterjee was recently featured by the India Didactics Association for her blog Designing 'Effective' Learning Spaces, reimagining classrooms as hubs of creativity and critical thinking.



Dr. Soumen Ghosh

Dr. Soumen Ghosh, Assistant Professor at the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) has published his latest research paper in the International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment (IJLCA) – a prestigious, Q1-ranked journal by Springer.

The paper presents a critical, systems-based approach to understanding the social dimensions of sustainability and environmental governance, a subject of vital importance in today's rapidly evolving policy landscape.

Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi, Associate Professor & Associate Dean, SoEPP, and Executive Director of CREST (Centre Research in Education Studies and Training), RVU, was featured in SPARKS, the prestigious newsletter of the Brookings Institution on 15 April 2025.



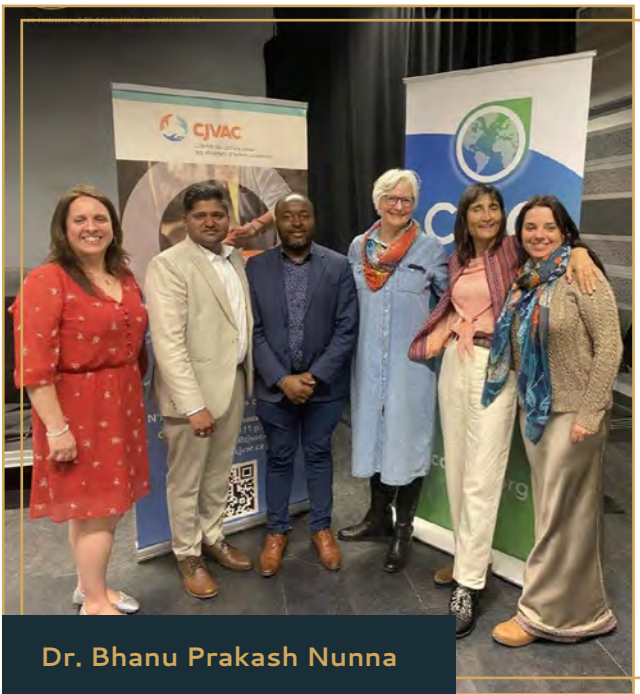
Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi



Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy, Dean, and Mr. Snigdha Bhatnagar, Programme Director – AVGC, represented the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) at WAVES 2025, held from 1–4 May 2025 in Mumbai.

Their participation reinforced SoFMCA's leadership in AVGC-XR education, promoted the upcoming Teen Indie Film Awards (TIFA) 2025, and fostered key industry collaborations. Through panel discussions and networking forums, they spotlighted SoFMCA's innovative, industry-aligned programmes and its commitment to nurturing globally competitive creative professionals.

SoFMCA professors at WAVES 2025



Dr. Bhanu Prakash Nunna

Dr. Bhanu Prakash Nunna, Assistant Professor and Director of the Centre for Victimological Research & Victim Assistance (CVRVA) at the School of Law (SoL) represented India and RVU at an international workshop hosted by the Center for Justice for Victims of Criminal Acts (CJVAC) at the Université de Montréal, Canada, on 7 May 2025. Dr. Nunna delivered a session on "Victimological Approaches to Reparations for Crime Victims: A Comparative Analysis of Spain, India, and Canada".

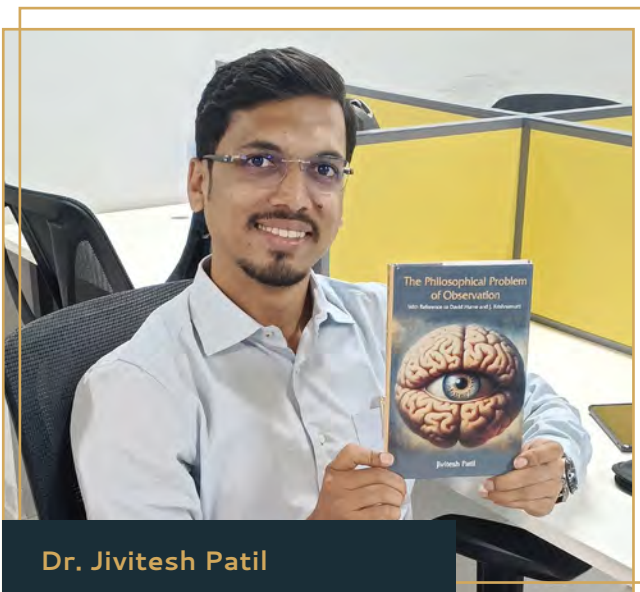
Sharing the stage with leading global experts in victimology, he offered critical insights into reparative justice from an Indian perspective. His participation underscores RVU's commitment to shaping inclusive, victim-centred justice frameworks on a global stage.

Prof. (Dr.) Tuhin S. Banerjee, Associate Dean – School for Continuing Education & Professional Studies (SCEPS) and Deputy Director, MineRVa: RV Center for Leadership & Executive Education, represented RVU at the Higher Education Summit Conclave held on 15 May 2025. As a panelist, he shared his insights during the panel discussion on 'MBA Education Must Evolve For a Digital, Uncertain World.'

He emphasised the need for applied, interdisciplinary learning and real-world readiness through capability building, crisis leadership, and agility.



Prof. (Dr.) Tuhin S. Banerjee



Dr. Jivitesh Patil

Dr. Jivitesh Patil, Assistant Professor at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) has had his doctoral thesis published as a book. Titled "The Philosophical Problem of Observation with Reference to David Hume and J. Krishnamurti", the book was published by Suryodaya Books, Delhi on 21 May 2025 and was released in a ceremony held in Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune.



Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy

Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy, Founding Dean of the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) was invited to be part of Carpediem Odyssey 2025 at Rajarajeshwari Medical College and Hospital as Guest of Honour and jury member on 28 May 2025.

His presence on Day 1 set the tone for a vibrant and inspiring cultural fest.

Dr. Roy was also invited to serve as a jury member at the 25th New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF) – one of the most prestigious platforms celebrating Indian cinema on the global stage. His selection to this global jury is not just an individual honour, but a proud testament to the academic and creative excellence at RVU. NYIFF took place on 20–22 June 2025.

Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor at the School of Law (SoL), represented the University at the prestigious 22nd Annual ASLI Conference on “Discourses of Rule of Law: Asia’s Narratives”, organised by the Asian Law Institute (ASLI) and hosted by East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, on 28–29 May 2025. She presented her research paper titled “Medical Liability in Asia: A Comparative Study”. RV University was the only private university from India to be represented at this esteemed international forum.



Dr. Arpitha H.C., represented RVU at the 22nd Annual ASLI Conference in Shanghai



Dr. (h.c) A.V.S. Murthy

On 3 June 2025, Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU served as a panellist at the Bengaluru Sustainability Conclave on "Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals: Maximising the Impact of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships through Knowledge Sharing and Cooperation," hosted by O.P. Jindal Global University. The event also witnessed the release of the Sustainable Development Report (SDR) 2025, with the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, as Chief Guest. RVU Chancellor, Dr. (h.c) A.V.S. Murthy, delivered the special address. Dr. Uniyal highlighted the crucial role of academic collaborations in driving sustainable development.



Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal



On 20 May 2025, Prof. Uniyal was a guest speaker at the Faculty Development Programme "Be a Great Mentor to Be a Good Teacher" held at the MineRVa Centre for Leadership Excellence and Executive Education. Addressing faculty from Scholars' International School, Hassan, he spoke about the transformative role of mentoring in modern education.

Prof. Uniyal also delivered a distinguished lecture at the 37th Capacity Building Programme on Human Resource Management for Civil Servants of the Maldives, organised by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) in Mussoorie on 23 June 2025. His session focused on building new-age, service-led government organisations in the evolving global landscape. During his visit to Uttarakhand, Dr. Uniyal also met Shri Subodh Uniyal, Cabinet Minister for Technical Education, and briefed him on RV University's growth and academic initiatives, extending an invitation to visit the RVU campus in Bengaluru.

In a separate engagement, Dr. Uniyal addressed MBA students at UPES Dehradun, delivering an insightful talk on reinventing oneself for the modern-day business world.

He also held a productive interaction with Mr. Alok Bhatt, Co-founder of Himalaya2Home, a sustainability-focused organic food venture. Additionally, Dr. Uniyal met with Mr. Raghav Oberoi, Founder of OASIS – Oberoi School of Integrated Studies.



Mr. Chandhan S., Executive, Media and Communications Department at RV University, has written, directed, edited, and filmed the documentary *Healing Hands*, which has been officially selected for screening at the 13th Indo German Film Week in Berlin, scheduled from 5–13 July 2025.

The documentary explores traditional healing practices among the indigenous tribes of Nagaland and offers a powerful visual narrative rooted in culture and community. Mr. Chandhan also served as the Director of Photography (DoP) for the film. He mentored Mr. Ved Trivedi, a student at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), RVU, who assisted him in the project.

Special thanks to RV University, the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA), Team Ekologos, and The Highland Institute of Kohima for their support and encouragement.



Mr. Chandhan S.



Dr. Sahana D. Gowda

Dr. Sahana D. Gowda, Registrar, RVU attended a National Workshop on Strategic Leadership & Innovation for University Registrars in Ahmedabad on 26–27 June 2025. It was attended by registrars of leading universities in the country and was organised by Gujarat Technological University.



Mr. Shantanu Pachauri

Mr. Shantanu Pachauri, Assistant Professor at the School of Law (SoL) and Co-Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS) at RVU, co-authored a book titled "Essential Legal GK", published in June 2025. The book is designed to provide concise and accessible legal knowledge for students preparing for competitive examinations, bridging academic rigour with practical relevance.

Prof. (Dr.) Alok Verma

Prof. (Dr.) Alok Verma, Dean of the School of Law at RVU, has authored a new book titled "Laws relating to Data Protection and Privacy", published on 2 June 2025 by Integrity Publications, which has offices in India, the USA, and the UK. The book is structured in four parts and provides a foundational understanding of data privacy.



Dr. Baishali Garai Presents at Global AI Conference in the USA

Dr. Baishali Garai, Programme Director – Basic Sciences and Director of Rta (ऋत) at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), presented her paper "Transfer Learning for Nanomaterial Classification" at the 3rd World Congress on Artificial Intelligence in Materials and Manufacturing, held from 15–19 June 2025 in Anaheim, California. She also chaired a session on AI for Materials and Manufacturing, showcasing RVU's research leadership on an international platform.

Events and Conferences



NSS Unit of RVU Organises Free Health Camp on World Health Day

To mark World Health Day, the NSS Unit of RV University, in collaboration with RV Aster Hospital, organised a Free Health Camp on 7 April 2025. The camp saw active participation from 208 students, faculty, and staff members.

A range of complimentary health services were offered, including blood pressure and blood sugar testing, BMI analysis, vision and dental check-ups, doctor consultations, and diet counselling. The initiative aimed to promote preventive healthcare and wellness within the campus community.





Farewell 2025: Celebrating Our Graduates



RVUniversity celebrated the graduating Class of 2025 with a series of heartfelt farewell events across schools.

The School of Business (SoB) began the festivities on 21 April 2025, followed by the School of Economics and Public Policy on 28 April 2025, bidding goodbye to students from the B.A., M.A., B.Sc., and M.Sc. Economics programmes. The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) concluded the celebrations on 2 May 2025, honouring its final-year students.

Each event reflected warmth, gratitude, and nostalgia—marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

We wish our graduates the very best for their journey ahead.





HR Conclave 2025: Shaping the Future of Talent and Work

RVU hosted the HR Conclave 2025 – Shaping the Future of Talent and Work on 23 April 2025. The event brought together leading industry experts and HR professionals for an insightful exchange on the evolving world of work.

The conclave, inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU, featured keynote addresses, engaging panel discussions, and hands-on insights into recruitment trends, new-age roles, and strategies for preparing students for an AI-driven industry. It offered students a unique opportunity to learn directly from practitioners, understand real-world expectations, and equip themselves for future careers.

The event also served as a valuable networking platform, fostering stronger industry-academia collaboration and bridging the gap between emerging talent and talent-seekers.





Annual International Research Conference (AIRC) 2025

The School of Business (SoB) hosted the Annual International Research Conference (AIRC) 2025 in collaboration with Coursera and ISDC on 24–25 April 2025. Themed “Disruptive Artificial Intelligence and its Impact on Businesses, Consumer Culture & Society,” the two-day event brought together leading academics, industry professionals, and policymakers from India and abroad.

With over 60 research paper presentations, along with keynote sessions and panel discussions, the conference explored how AI is transforming sectors such as marketing, finance, education, and mental wellness. Discussions focused on ethical innovation, human-centric design, and the future of AI governance—offering deep insights into the evolving role of AI in our lives and institutions.

Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU inaugurated the conference and also delivered the closing remarks.





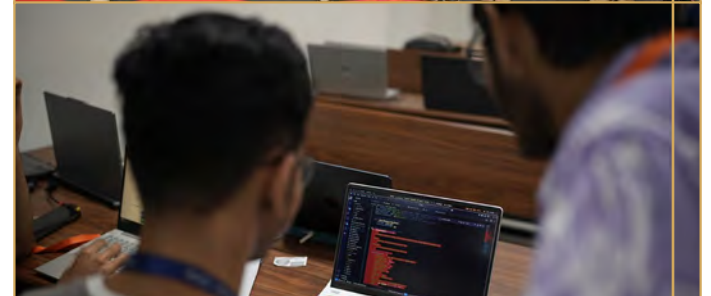
SoLAS organised the ICSSR-funded National Conference on 'Inclusive Social Development: Advancing Health and Wellness Through Holistic and Tech-Enabled Interventions'

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) hosted the ICSSR-funded National Conference on 'Inclusive Social Development: Advancing Health and Wellness Through Holistic and Tech-Enabled Interventions' on 25 April 2025. The conference commenced with an inaugural address by the Honorary Chief Guest, Shri Soumendu Mukherjee, IPS, ADGP Administration, Karnataka State Police. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Naveen Kumar C, Professor of Psychiatry and Tele MANAS Project Coordinator, NIMHANS, who discussed the implementation and success of tele-counselling services under the Tele MANAS initiative.

The conference witnessed the presentation of 25 research papers, in hybrid mode, across diverse sub-themes directly aligning with the objectives of the ICSSR-funded project.

The event concluded with a valedictory session graced by Dr. Prashant N R, Professor of Psychiatry, Victoria Hospital, BMCRI, who felicitated outstanding presenters with Best Paper Awards, recognising excellence in research contributions towards inclusive and tech-enabled social.

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) in association with the IEEE Student Branch of RV University, organised VIKASYA, a 10-hour National Level Hackathon on 27 April 2025 at the RVU Campus. The event gathered brilliant minds from 14 institutes, transforming the hackathon into a dynamic showcase of innovation, creativity and collaboration. Participants tackled real-world challenges using the power of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. Students from Kalasalingam University, Tamil Nadu, secured first place, followed by RVCE in second place, and RV University students clinching the third position.



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RV University Summer School

RVU Summer School Programme was organised from 1 to 10 May 2025. Vice Chancellor (i/c) Dr. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal delivered the keynote address- 'Nurturing Future Leaders' at the inauguration. The programme offered an immersive, interdisciplinary experience across the Schools of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Design and Innovation, Business, Economics and Public Policy, Computer Science and Engineering, Law, and Film, Media and Creative Arts.





RVU's School of Design and Innovation Hosts India's Only Curated Design-AI Showcase: Ellipsis 2025

RV University's School of Design and Innovation (SDI) hosted Ellipsis 2025, a unique, curated exhibition on design and artificial intelligence—the only one of its kind in Bengaluru and among a select few in India.

Held from 6–8 May 2025 at the Bangalore International Centre, the event was themed "AI: With, For, And Against" and showcased thought-provoking work by SDI students across all batches and disciplines.

Organised entirely by students with faculty guidance, the exhibition explored the creative, critical, and ethical dimensions of AI through immersive displays and installations. The event opened with a keynote by Dr. Shirdhar Marri, Founder & CEO of Flyfish.ai and expert in Human-AI interaction, and concluded with a keynote address by Prof. Pradyumna Vyas, President-Elect, WDO, and former Director of NID Ahmedabad.





SoCSE set up Advanced Network Security Lab to train future-ready talent

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) has set up a state-of-the-art Network Security Lab, equipped with Ruckus ICX7150 switches and R350 access points. The lab offers hands-on training in real-world networking and security tasks—ranging from crimping CAT6 cables and configuring VLANs to advanced routing protocols and secure wireless deployments—bridging the gap between theory and industry practice.

SoCSE's globally connected, industry-aligned curriculum offers specialisations in AI & Data Science, Full Stack Development, Cloud Computing & Cybersecurity, and Product Innovation. With internships starting in the fourth semester, over 250 students have already secured opportunities in cutting-edge areas such as Generative AI, LLMs, Blockchain, and UI/UX through UC Berkeley-affiliated startups.

We marked the International Day of Yoga 2025 with a serene and spirited gathering on campus, reflecting this year's theme: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health."

Students, faculty, and staff came together to pause, breathe, and realign with nature, with each other, and with themselves. A celebration of wellness that reminds us: harmony within leads to harmony beyond.

Dr. Vidya M.J., Assistant Professor at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) facilitated the Yoga Day programme by requesting Shri Patanjali Yoga Shikshana Samitha for being our yoga partner.



International Day of Yoga 2025 at RVU



Partnerships and Collaborations



School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) signed an MoU with Wise Work

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) signed an MoU with Wise Work, paving the way for deeper industry-academia collaboration in AI and futuristic technologies on 22 May 2025. This strategic partnership will create real-world learning opportunities for students and foster innovation at the intersection of academia and industry.

The School of Business (SoB) signed an agreement with AV Financial Experts Network Pvt. Ltd. on 12 June 2025. The collaboration aims to train students on capital market tools such that they get better placement opportunities.



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RVU signed an MoU with FinX Learning

RVU's Vice Chancellor (i/c), Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal signed an MoU with FinX Learning to offer a skill-based, industry recognized degree programme BBA (Hons.) in Capital Markets. Signed on 18 June 2025, the collaboration aims to empower students with skills for thriving careers in banking and finance.



KLES'IDS and RVU inked an MoU

KLES' Institute of Dental Sciences (KLES'IDS) and RV University (RVU) have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 20 June 2025, marking the beginning of a promising academic and research partnership. This MoU aims to foster meaningful advancements at the intersection of healthcare, technology, and education, while upholding the highest standards of ethics, data integrity and scientific rigour.

RVU signed an MoU with SuprMentr Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a leading career mentorship and upskilling platform recognised by NASSCOM Future Skills on 20 June 2025. This partnership reflects our joint commitment to nurturing industry-ready talent and creating experiential learning platforms that connect students to real-world challenges and innovation. The MoU was signed by RVU Registrar Dr. Sahana D. Gowda, and Mr. Supreeth Y. S., CEO of SuprMentr in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, VC (i/c), RVU, SoCSE Dean Dr. G. Shobha and SoCSE faculty.



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