

RVU's Pursuit of Excellence



Message from the Vice Chancellor

We have had an eventful quarter (July–September 2024) marked by many developments and achievements.

We held our second convocation, celebrating the achievements of the 124 graduates and welcomed over 2000 new students, bringing our total strength to 4200+.

Further, RVU has been ranked second among the top 10 emerging universities by Outlook Magazine and 8th in The Times of India B–School Survey 2024 as the top emerging BBA institutes for placement.

A key highlight is our new partnership with Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan to promote mutual cooperation in training and human resource exchanges. The agreement was signed by Mr. Kazuhiko Oigawa, Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture at our campus.

Our faculty continue to excel, securing grants and endowments from corporate and government bodies, further enhancing our research capabilities. Meanwhile, our students have made their mark by representing India in the ASEAN–China–India Youth Leadership Summit, winning sports medals. Our faculty have been doing exceptional work of scholarship through publishing articles and journal papers. They are also working in creative spaces through their participation in theatre and movie productions along with literature, poetry and creative arts.

We have intensified our internationalisation efforts led by our Pro VC, Dr. Anuradha Chatterjee and are exploring varied forms of collaborations across UK, US, Japan, Australia and South East Asia. We also hosted a series of distinguished academic guests from various foreign universities on campus.

Last quarter also saw the departure of our founding Vice Chancellor, Professor YSR Murthy, after the completion of his term. We thank him for his service and his contribution to setting up this university, along with the founding members and the RVEI Management. We wish him the best of luck in his next assignment. We also extend our thanks to the faculty and staff who have moved on and warmly welcome the new members to the RVU community.

I thank you all for your support as we continue to build a vibrant and thriving university.

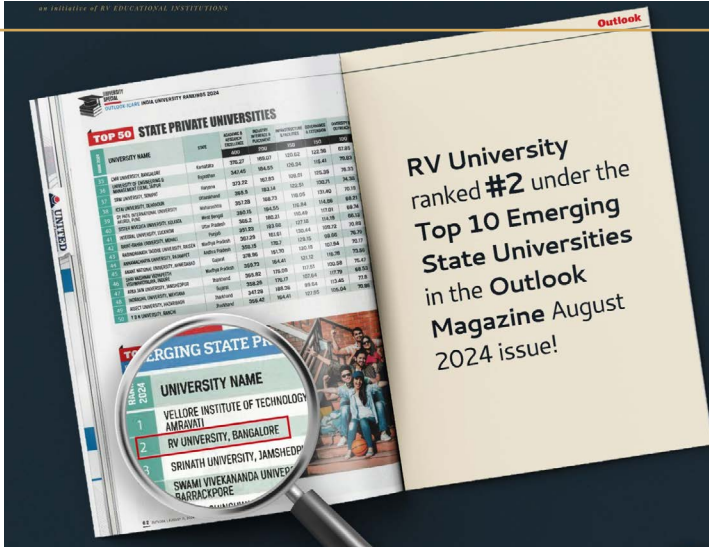


**Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika
Prasad Uniyal**
Vice Chancellor (i/c),
RV University

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Announcements



RV University has been ranked number 2 among the top 10 emerging state private universities by Outlook magazine for the second consecutive year.

RV University has achieved 8th place in The Times of India B-School Survey 2024 under the category of Top Emerging BBA Institutes for Placements.

Top Emerging BBA Institutes - Placement

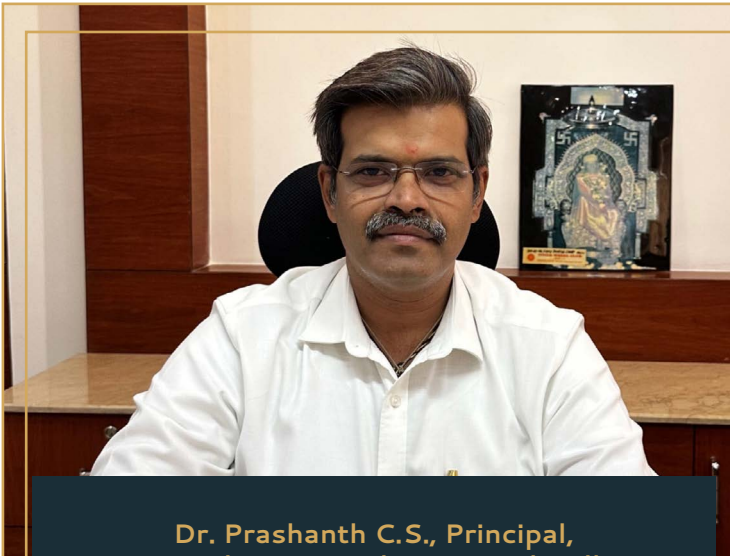
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2	STAREX UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM
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3	SYMBIOSIS CENTRE FOR MANAGEMENT STUDIES, NAGPUR
4	HIMALAYAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, DEHRADUN
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7	DR. D. Y. PATIL VIDYAPEETH GLOBAL BUSINESS SCHOOL AND RESEARCH CENTRE, PUNE
7	MEERUT INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MEERUT
8	RV UNIVERSITY, BANGALORE
9	KANPUR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KANPUR
10	JAYPEE BUSINESS SCHOOL, JIIT, NOIDA

Lecture Series



The Center for Applied and Responsible AI at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) conducted an online research session on Neuroinformatics. The session was delivered by Dr. Belfin Robinson, Senior Computer Scientist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA on 3 July 2024.

Dr. Belfin Robinson, Senior Computer Scientist University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill North Carolina, United States



**Dr. Prashanth C.S., Principal,
D.A. Pandu Memorial RV Dental College**



**Dr. Revan Kumar Joshi, Associate Professor,
Dept. of Oral Medicine and Radiology, D.A.
Pandu Memorial RV Dental College**

On 10 July 2024, the Centre for Health Law and Ethics (CHLE) at the School of Law (SoL), in collaboration with the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology at D.A. Pandu Memorial (DAPM) RV Dental College & Hospital, organised a workshop on the "Legal Framework Governing Health Professionals."

The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Prashanth C.S., Principal of DAPM RV Dental College, followed by an address from Prof. (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy, former Vice Chancellor of RV University. The speaker for the workshop was Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Executive Director of the Centre for Health Law and Ethics at RVU. The session was moderated by Dr. Revan Kumar Joshi, Associate Professor, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, DAPM RV Dental College.



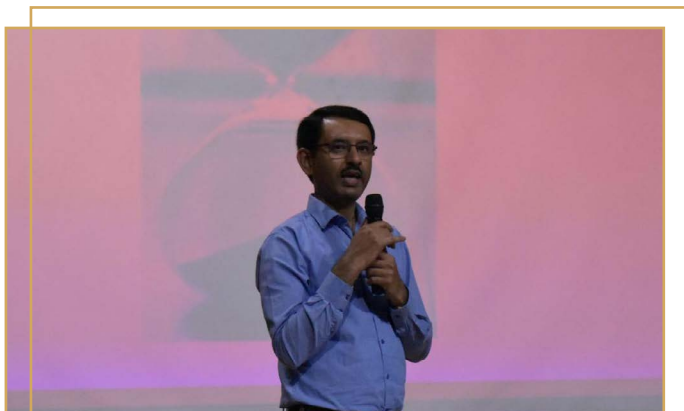
Dr. Shobha G., Professor, Director Department of Human Development, Government of Karnataka

IEEE RVU student branch and the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) hosted a distinguished talk titled "Mentor the Mentor" by Dr. Shobha G., Professor, Director Department of Human Development, Government of Karnataka on 11 July 2024. The talk focussed on empowering professionals with advanced mentorship strategies and explored effective mentoring techniques to foster future leaders in engineering and beyond.

The School of Business (SoB) hosted a Faculty Development Programme on 15 July 2024. Dr. Venkatesh V.G., Vice-Dean of Global Faculty Engagement and Professor at EM Normandie Business School in France, addressed the audience on the topic "How to Design and Navigate Research Studies."



Dr. Venkatesh V.G., Vice-Dean of Global Faculty Engagement and Professor at EM Normandie Business School in France



Mr. Anantha Lakshmanrao, Associate Director at KPMG



Ms. Arundhati Dantewadia, Psychologist and certified Counsellor

SoB also organised a two-session series called Q-Connect (Quick Connect) – Next Chapter for its B.B.A. and B.Com. students from the 2022-23 cohort to celebrate the commencement of the new academic year. On both 1 August and 8 August 2024, Ms. Arundhati Dantewadia, a psychologist and certified counsellor, and CA Mr. Anantha Lakshmanrao, Associate Director at KPMG, delivered engaging sessions on "Stress Management and the Science of Happiness" and "Building a Robust Career," respectively.



The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) launched the Design Foundation for its 2024–25 B.Des. students by hosting a workshop led by Bheemstyx. Titled "Urban Salvage: Where Innovation Meets Sustainability," this three-day workshop, held from 7 to 9 August 2024, inspired and challenged students to think outside the box.



Pro Vice Chancellor (Education), Prof. (Dr.) Catherine Harper at The British University in Egypt and Mr. Vinay Rao, Co-founder and Director, Bang Design delivered the keynote welcome address on 8 August 2024 for 2024–25 B.Des. students at SDI as part of the week-long orientation and induction programme.





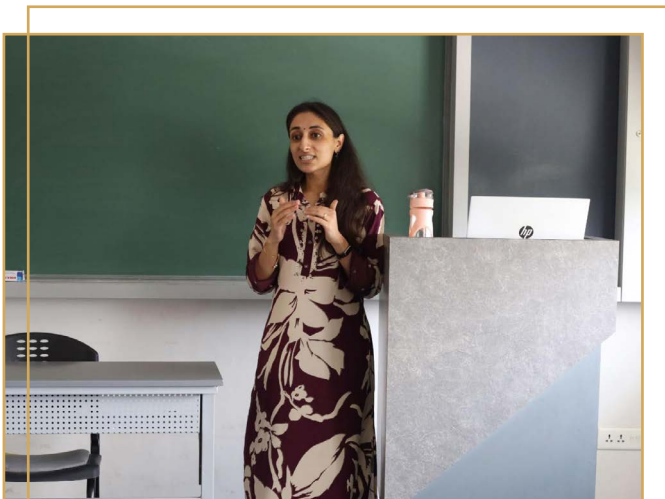
Dr. Sundeep Sahay, Professor, Department of Informatics at the University of Oslo in Norway.

The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) hosted a distinguished talk on "Contemporary Challenges and Opportunities Around Public Health Informatics in Low and Medium-Income Countries." This interactive session, held on 12 August 2024, was delivered by Dr. Sundeep Sahay, Professor, Department of Informatics at the University of Oslo in Norway.

Mr K. Hariharan, an eminent filmmaker, writer and academician, was invited by the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) to deliver a distinguished public lecture on 14 August 2024. His lecture titled "Choreography for Melodrama in Indian Cinema," was an interactive session that actively engaged both students and faculty.

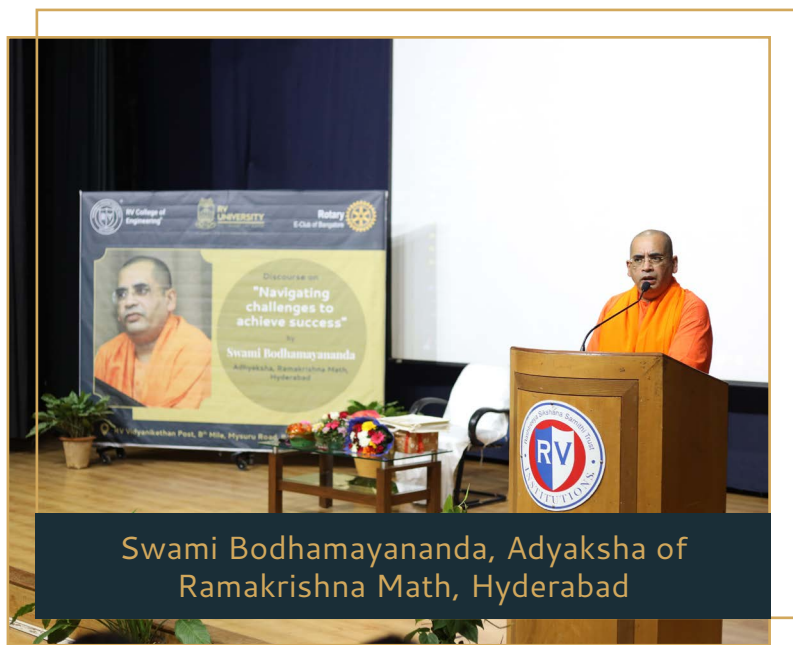


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Ms. Aakanksha Kumar, Associate Professor of Law at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

The School of Law (SoL) organised two sessions on 19 August 2024, led by Ms. Aakanksha Kumar, Associate Professor of Law at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat. The first session was a public lecture titled "Learning about Learning: Lessons from and for Law School," while the second was a faculty development workshop on "Responsible and Responsive Co-Learning: Re-evaluating Classroom Methods in Graduate Education."



Swami Bodhamayananda, Adyaksha of Ramakrishna Math in Hyderabad, delivered an insightful talk on "Navigating Challenges to Achieve Success" on 22 August 2024, hosted by RVU in collaboration with the RV College of Engineering (RVCE) and the Rotary E Club District 3191. The event was a success, making a lasting impression on the students, faculty, and staff.



Dr. Debjani Halder and Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, with Prof. (Dr.) Lakshmi Arya Thathachar at a discussion on the documentary, "*Khat: A letter to my home*"

The School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) and the Office of Research and Doctoral Studies hosted a screening and discussion of the documentary, "*Khat: A letter to my home*". *Khat*, a 23-min documentary, has been selected for screening in the following film festivals: Signs (Competition); Chalachitram (Non-Competition); and Cairo International Film Festival (Short Documentary Section). The documentary explored issues of homelessness and mental illness. It is a tapestry of the lives of those who wander without a roof, grappling with the shadows of their minds; a tapestry woven together by the poetry of Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RV University, who also features in the film. The screening was followed by a conversation with Dr. Debjani Halder and Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, with Prof. (Dr.) Lakshmi Arya Thathachar as the interlocutor.



Inauguration of SoEPP's Centre for Global Health and Development (CGHD)

The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) inaugurated the Centre for Global Health and Development (CGHD) on 26 August 2024. The Centre was jointly inaugurated with a panel discussion by distinguished experts in the fields of health and public policy. The inaugural ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries including Dr. Prabhdeep Kaur, Professor, Isaac Centre for Public Health, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Dr. Vidhuthalai Virumbi, Founder and Director, Honeybee Population Healthcare Foundation, Dr. Sumana Arora, Senior Consultant, Health, NITI Aayog, Dr. Mohan Kumar, Senior Epidemiologist, Safetynet, Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU, Prof. Pushkarni Panchamukhi, Associate Dean, SoEPP at RVU and Prof. Ranjini C. Raghavendra, Professor and Executive Director, The Centre for Global Health and Development at RVU.



Mr. Debarshi Deb, Business Relations Manager at CMIE Pvt. Ltd.

The RVU Library organised a session titled "Industry Analysis using ProwessIQ" on 29 August 2024, led by Mr. Debarshi Deb, Business Relations Manager at CMIE Pvt. Ltd. The session offered students valuable insights into effectively utilising the platform for research, with a focus on navigating ProwessIQ's comprehensive database to access crucial financial and market data, enhancing their overall research skills.



Ms. Sonam Agrawal, Finance Manager, General Electric Vernova, Onshore Wind delivered an industry talk on "Careers in Finance for Economists". This talk, organised by the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), on 9 September 2024 was attended by the students and staff of the school.

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Mr. Siddharth Maskeri, visionary storyteller-animation filmmaker

Mr. Siddharth Maskeri who is a visionary storyteller-animation filmmaker was invited by the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) on 10 September 2024 to address the students and deliver a talk on "Conscious Storytelling."





Dr. Krishna Kumar Nallur, CEO of Speedcargo Technologies, Singapore

On 12 September 2024, the School of Business (SoB) hosted a distinguished guest lecture by Dr. Krishna Kumar Nallur, CEO of Speedcargo Technologies, Singapore. The lecture, titled "Opportunity Spotting for Entrepreneurship and the Self," provided valuable insights into identifying and seizing entrepreneurial opportunities.

Mr. Prakash Iyer, Associate Professor at Azim Premji University conducted a "Curriculum Development Workshop". This was organised by the School of Law (SoL) on 12 September 2024.



Mr. Prakash Iyer, Associate Professor at Azim Premji University



Mr. M. S. Srinivasa, Training Manager, EBSCO/IEEE

RVU Library and the Center for AI and Data Science hosted Mr. M. S. Srinivasa, Training Manager, EBSCO/IEEE to deliver a distinguished lecture on "Enhancing Research Impact: Effective Publishing Strategies on IEEE Xplore". This session, held on 14 September 2024, was highly beneficial for students and faculty providing them with insights on how to navigate IEEE Xplore, optimise their research visibility and track citation metrics.

The School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) organised a screening of the acclaimed Indie Kannada film, "Roopanthara" on 20 September 2024. This was followed by a Q&A session with the Roopanthara Team – Producer Mr. Suhan Prasad, Director, Mr. Mithilesh Edavalath, Actor Mr. Salmon Sheriff and Actor, Mr. Anjan Bharadwaj.



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Dr. Aleena Sebastian, Assistant Professor in the Urban and Mobility Studies Programme at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)

Dr. Aleena Sebastian, Assistant Professor in the Urban and Mobility Studies Programme at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), gave a public lecture titled "Kinship, Maritime Trade, and Urban Identity: The Case of Matrilineal Muslim Merchants on the Malabar Coast." The event was organised by the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) on 23 September 2024.

The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) organised a webinar on 25 September 2024, featuring Ms. Ellen Lupton from MICA, Maryland, USA. The webinar focused on the topic "How to Fall in Love with Typography."



Ms. Ellen Lupton from MICA, Maryland, USA



The School of Business (SoB) organised a distinguished guest lecture on 27 September 2024, featuring Dr. Prakash Singh, Associate Professor of Banking at IIM Lucknow. His lecture, titled "What They Still Don't Teach at Business Schools," was well-received by students, who found the session both engaging and highly interactive.

Dr. Prakash Singh, Associate Professor of Banking at IIM Lucknow

Student Achievements



Sgt. Varsha Srinivasa, a 2nd year B.Des. student, at NCC Youth Exchange Programme in UK

Sgt. Varsha Srinivasa, a second-year Bachelor of Design student at RV University, has made the university proud by being selected for the prestigious National Cadet Corps (NCC) Youth Exchange Programme (2024-25) in the United Kingdom. The programme was scheduled from 1 to 19 July 2024. Varsha represented India on an international level. The exchange, involving six different countries, broadened her horizons and deepened her understanding of various cultural aspects.



NCC cadets, Cdt. Manan Parashar and Cdt. Anshu Singh at the Inter-Directorate Sports Shooting Championship

Our NCC cadets, Cdt. Manan Parashar and Cdt. Anshu Singh, both from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), were part of the directorate team that won the overall championship in the Inter-Directorate Sports Shooting Championship. They were felicitated by the Governor of Karnataka on 16 July 2024. We wish our NCC Cadets a very promising and rewarding future.



Ms. Lekhana B.A. and Ms. R.L. Suraksha achieved remarkable success by securing 1st place in Kumite at the All India National Level Open Karate Championship 2024, held on 21 July 2024.

Mr. Mehul Sinha, a B.Des. student at the School of Design and Innovation (SDI), competed in the Under 68 kg senior male category at the 41st Karnataka State Taekwondo Championship and won the bronze medal. The competition took place between 25 to 27 July 2024.



Mr. Mehul Sinha



Ms. Nathania Ria Prince

Ms. Nathania Ria Prince, a fifth-semester student at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), has published an article based on her internship project on Mongabay India. Nathania's research focused on the effects of urban fumigation on various insect species and human health. Her article delves into the efficacy of fumigation, its impact on non-target species and the safety measures in place to protect human health. She interviewed several scientific experts and companies involved in urban fumigation for her research and article.

Mr. Shiva Dhanush S., a third-semester B.Tech. (Hons.) student at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), demonstrated outstanding achievement in powerlifting. He secured 1st place in the raw powerlifting category and 3rd place in the classic powerlifting category at the Powerlifting Congress Karnataka State Championship, held on 27 July 2024.



Mr. Shiva Dhanush S.



Ms. Srija Shanmukha

Ms. Srija Shanmukha, a fifth-semester Environmental Science major, has published an insightful article on the impact of heat stress on birds, stemming from her internship project at Mongabay India.

On Independence Day, 450 students from the NSS units of RVU, RV College of Engineering (RVCE) and Sheshadripuram College delivered an outstanding performance at the Sam Manekshaw Parade Grounds. After three weeks of intensive practice on the RV campus, they presented a vibrant blend of traditional and contemporary dance forms, captivating the audience with their energy and precision.

The performance, attended by Shri Siddaramaiah, Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka, Smt. Snehal Rayamane, IAS – Zonal Commissioner (East) BBMP, Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS – Special Commissioner BBMP, Dr. Prathap Lingaiah – State NSS Officer and other dignitaries, earned the students a special award from the Government of Karnataka in recognition of their exceptional artistic contribution. This event not only showcased their dedication to preserving Karnataka’s rich cultural heritage but also highlighted their embrace of artistic innovation.



Students from RVU, RVCE and Sheshadripuram College at the Sam Manekshaw Parade Grounds



Three students from our School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), Ms. Tabassum, Ms. Nathania, and Ms. Subhiksha, have secured third place in the prestigious India Sustainability Startathon 2024. Out of the 58 final teams, comprising approximately 200 students, the SoLAS team earned the opportunity to represent India along with four other Indian teams at the international forum.



Our first-year SoFMCA student, Ms. Urvi Kishori, earned both the Runner-Up and Miss Talented titles at the 'Miss and Mr Teen India 2024' contest, organised by Alee Club, New Delhi. Alee Club is a registered voluntary organisation supported by individuals working to address various social issues in society. We wish Ms. Urvi Kishori the very best in all her future endeavors.

Mr. Aman Chandra H., Ms. Shriyaa Anand, Ms. Kriti Ravi Pandit and Ms. Aditi Gopinath, second-year B.Tech. students from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), have secured the 4th Runner-Up position in the prestigious Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI) Manthan Business Plan competition.

The team won a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, along with a special appreciation prize of Rs. 25,000, for their project "Panda Scoop," a bamboo-based ice cream product. Their innovative product was tasted by 12 judges. It attracted over 100 inquiries and received an honorary mention from Mr. Murugesh R. Nirani, President of Nirani Sugars Limited, India's largest ethanol producer.

RV University commends the team for their remarkable achievement and looks forward to their continued success in future projects.



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B.Des. students attend the International Summer Programme at the Istituto Europeo Di Design (IED), Italy



Six B.Des. students from the 2021 cohort participated in the international summer programme at the Istituto Europeo di Design (IED), Italy. Four students attended courses at IED's Florence campus, one in Barcelona, and one in Rome.

Additionally, three students from the B.Des. 2021 cohort joined the International Summer Programme at Teesside University, UK. During this programme, they engaged with international students and faculty members, gaining valuable practical experience.

B.Des. students attend the International Summer Programme at Teesside University, UK



20 students from the School of Business (SoB) undertook a paid industry internship at the Seva Satkar Foundation. Second year students from B.B.A. and B.Com. worked on their CRM module.

B.B.A. 2nd year

Gaayatri	Anushree U.
Aditya Joshi	Palleti Jayarami Reddy
Vencel Patrick	Sayantika Dutta
Kishan K.M.	Derick Patrick

B.Com. 2nd year

Raghavan S.	Shravan C.K.
Kaustubh Baderdinni	Mithra M.
Vighnesh N.	Dhanush M.
Prajwala R.Y.	Daksha Venkatesh
Yashaswini A.	Dilip V.
Ananya A.	Kireeti Sai Kanala



Faculty and Staff Achievements



**Dr. Shabbeer Basha, Associate Professor,
School of Computer Science and Engineering
(SoCSE)**

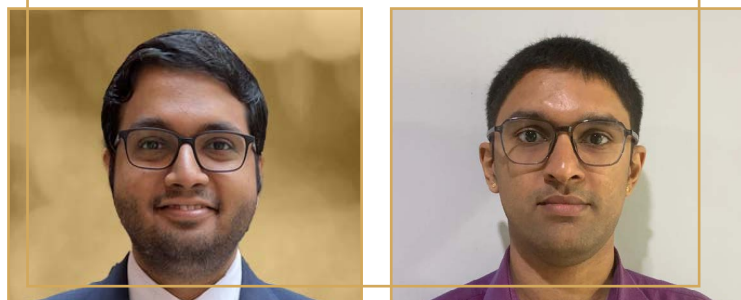
Dr. Shabbeer Basha, Associate Professor at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), has had his research published in US patent on 2 July 2024. This work was conducted during his tenure at his previous organisation, Lytx, Inc.

On 14 July 2024, Dr. Basha's collaborative research on deep model compression, conducted with Dr. Sarvani and Dr. Mrinmoy from the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sri City, has been accepted for publication in the prestigious journal Neural Computing and Applications. This journal is recognised as a Q1 and Core journal in the Artificial Intelligence domain, with an impact factor of 4.5 and an h5-index of 135.

On 4 July 2024, Dr. Narinder Kumar, Assistant Professor at the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), was confirmed as a lifetime member of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES). Founded in 1960, TIES is one of the oldest and largest bodies of econometricians and quantitative economists, with over 2,000 members from India and abroad. The society organises annual conferences where experts gather to discuss various economic issues.



**Dr. Narinder Kumar, Assistant Professor at the
School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP)**



Dr. Sudhindra Maganahalli & Mr. Joshua Fernandes

Dr. Sudhindra Maganahalli, Assistant Professor of Philosophy at SoLAS, and Mr. Joshua Fernandes, a Ph.D. candidate at SoLAS under Dr. Maganahalli's supervision, received the Best Presentation Award for their research paper titled "When Navya Nyāya Enters a Business School." Their paper was presented in the "Indigenous and Ancient Knowledge in Modern Practices" track at the "Indian Knowledge Systems in Management" conference, held from 4 to 6 July 2024 at the Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management, IIT Bombay.

Dr. Baishali Garai, Associate Professor at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), presented a paper at the IEEE SPACE 2024 conference, held in Bangalore on 22-23 July 2024, where her work was honoured with the Best Paper Award.

On 2 September 2024, Dr. Garai was invited to give a lecture at a two-day workshop on Non-Destructive Testing, jointly organised by the Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing (ISNT) and Vel Tech University, Chennai. Her lecture focused on the application of AI and ML in NDT imaging.

Dr. Garai also participated as a panellist in the pre-conference discussion for the 6th Annual International Conference of the International Society of Gene and Cell Therapy and the AI-ML Bio 2nd edition, held on 11 September 2024. The panel discussion explored the role of AI and ML in biotechnology.



Dr. Baishali Garai



The Rotary EClub of Bangalore District 3191 honoured Rtn. Dr. (h.c.) A.V.S. Murthy, Chancellor of RV University and Honorary Secretary of RSST, with the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award 2024-25. This accolade was awarded in recognition of his outstanding contributions to education, business, and philanthropy over the past four decades, as well as his commitment to upholding exemplary standards of conduct. The award ceremony took place on 17 July 2024.



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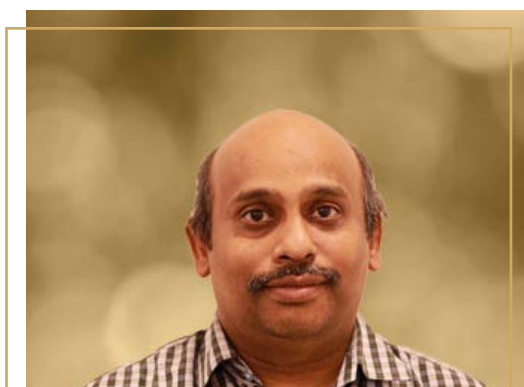


Dr. Tuhin Banerjee

Dr. Tuhin Banerjee, Associate Professor at the School of Business (SoB) has been selected by UGC for writing a finance book in Bangla Bhasha for B.Com. students under the New Education Policy (NEP). This book aims to provide comprehensive knowledge and insights in finance and commerce to the students.

Dr. Phani Kumar Pullela, Associate Dean of the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), along with Adv. Pranav Bhat (SoCSE Doctoral Scholar) and Mr. Akshay Mashelkar (Virtual Incubatee), was awarded the Elevate Grant by the Government of Karnataka. The award was presented by Mr Priyank Kharge, Minister of State for IT, BT, and Science & Technology, at a ceremony held on 25 July 2024.

The Elevate Grant programme, a flagship initiative of the Department of Electronics, IT & BT, supports promising startups in Karnataka. The virtually incubated startups include Astraea Innovative Solutions, led by Adv. Pranav Bhat, and Experiminds Labs, led by Mr Akshay Mashelkar. Dr Pullela's research actively supports the development of startups, and over the past seven years, his research group has successfully mentored 14 startups that have received Elevate grants.



Dr. Phani Kumar Pullela, Associate Dean of the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE)

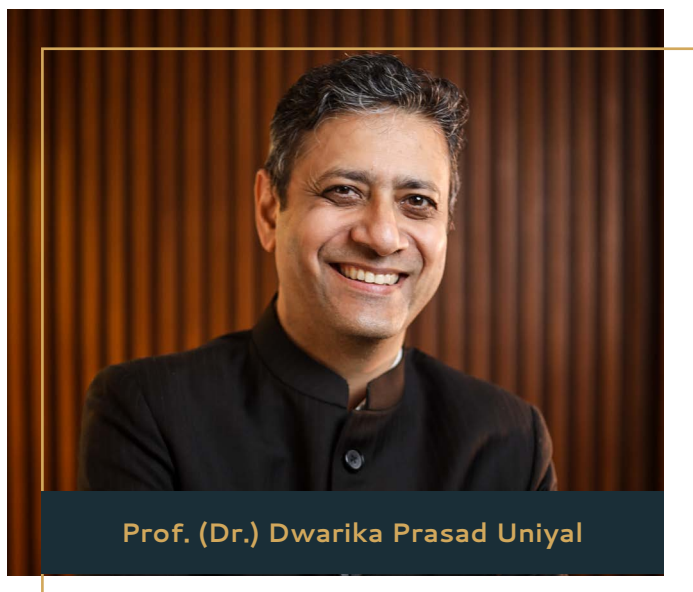
Dr. Pullela has received USD 5,000 in AWS credits as a consultancy fee from Din Harmania, a startup incubated at RV University. The startup has also signed an MoU with RVU for joint research in "games with a purpose" and other related domains.

Dr. (h.c.) Bhavya Sathenapalli, Programme Manager in the office of the Vice Chancellor and Executive Assistant for the School of Law (SoL), received the Honorary Doctorate Award in Administration from World Culture Environment Protection Commission (WCEPC) at a ceremony held in New Delhi on 24 July 2024.

She has earlier served in the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) and Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR).



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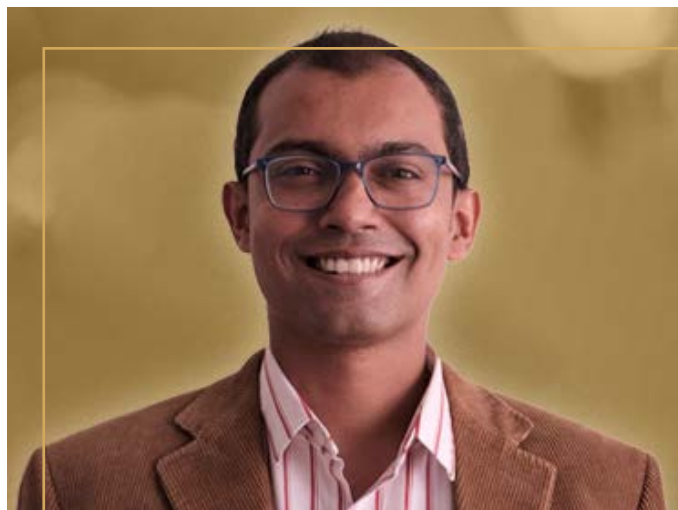
Vice Chancellor (i/c), Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal was honoured with the prestigious “Best Experiential Education 2024” award at the Thrive South event, held on 25 July 2024 in Bengaluru. The event brought together industry leaders, innovators and visionaries, who shared insights and inspired growth. This accolade recognises Dr. Uniyal’s contributions to the field of education.

Dr. Nayanatara Acharya, Assistant Professor, School of Business (SoB), was conferred with the Best Thesis Award by Alliance University for her doctoral work titled “Aristotelian Rhetorical Analysis of CSR Communication of Select Indian Companies: Exploring the SDG Agenda” at a ceremony held on 29 July 2024.



Dr. Soundarya Iyer, Assistant Professor at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), presented research being conducted at RVU in the field of Environmental Science at the Adaptation Research Alliance Tracking Learning and Sharing Knowledge Synthesis Symposium – Asia Pacific. The event, hosted by Transitions Research, took place in Bangkok, Thailand, on 1 and 2 August 2024. Dr. Iyer synthesised her research findings along with those of Dr. Amit John Kurien and Dr. Hasan Akhtar on indigenous and local knowledge and knowledge systems for adaptation.

Dr. Abhishek Chatterjee, Assistant Professor at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) contributed a book chapter titled "Leonard Cohen: Popular Music and Populism" in the *Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century*. This was published on 11 August 2024 in Springer Nature (Singapore), a Scopus-Indexed journal. Dr. Chatterjee also contributed another chapter titled "The Pastoral as History and Myth: 'Professorial' Travail in Freya Stark's Ionian Quest" in *Pastoral and Anti-Pastoral: Representation of City and Village in Literature* which was published by the Ibidem Press and distributed by Columbia University Press on 17 August 2024.



Dr. Abhishek Chatterjee,
Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Arts
and Sciences



Dr. Bhanuprakash Nunna, Assistant Professor,
School of Law (SoL)

Dr. Bhanu Prakash Nunna, Assistant Professor at the School of Law (SoL), has been elected to the Executive Committee of the World Society of Victimology for a six year term, from 2024 to 2030. He has also been elected as its Vice President for a three year term from 2024 to 2027. Dr. Nunna is the 3rd Indian and the youngest vice president in the history of the World Society of Victimology.

Prof. (Dr.) Shobha G., Dean of the School of Computer Science and Engineering, was invited by the University of Bremen, Germany to deliver three specialised courses. From 14 to 31 August 2024, she conducted sessions on Data Mining, Data Warehousing, Data Analytics, Big Data, and Databases.



Prof. (Dr.) Shobha G.,
Dean, School of Computer Science and
Engineering



Dr. N. Gopinathan, Dr. N. Gopinathan, Associate Professor, School of Business (SoB)

Dr. N. Gopinathan, Associate Professor at the School of Business (SoB) was awarded the outstanding educator and scholar award by the National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (NFED) on 18 August 2024.

Prof. (Dr.) Lakshmi Arya Thathachar, Professor and Dean Research was awarded the Foundation for Indian Historical and Cultural Research (FIHCR)'s Sir Jadunath Fellowship for Indian History. This is a one-year fellowship that comes with a research grant of Rs. 15 Lakhs.



Prof. (Dr.) Lakshmi Arya Thathachar, Professor and Dean Research



Dr. Madhu Karnat S., Assistant Professor of Psychology, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS)

Dr. Madhu Karnat S., Assistant Professor of Psychology at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), has had his research proposal titled "Enhancing Mental and Physical Well-being of Bengaluru City Police Officers through a Holistic and Tech-Enabled Program" selected for funding under the ICSSR Special Call for Collaborative Research Projects on Vision Viksit Bharat@2047 (Category A). The project has been awarded a grant of Rs. 25 lakhs.

We wish Dr. Madhu Karnat even more success and many more accolades in the future.

Dr. Soumen Ghosh, Assistant Professor at the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) contributed a book chapter titled “The Impact of Waste Management Practices on the Performance of the Apparel, Textile, and Leather Industry: The Indian Case”. This was published in the Scopus-Indexed, Springer Nature Switzerland AG on 7 September 2024.



**Dr. Soumen Ghosh, Assistant Professor,
School of Economics and Public Policy
(SoEPP)**



**Dr. Deepak B. J., Assistant Professor, School
of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA)**

Dr. Deepak B. J., Assistant Professor, School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) addressed the students of Media Studies at Christ (Deemed to be University), BGR campus, on 24 September 2024, as part of the Art and Design festival titled 'Vinyasa'. He was also invited to judge two events during the festival.

Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy, Professor and Dean at the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) was invited to deliver a guest lecture at the 4th Online Film Appreciation Course Series of FIPRESCI-India on 25 September, on “Bhava-Rasa: The Aesthetics of Emotional Acting”.



**Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy, Professor and Dean,
School of Film, Media and Creative Arts**



Dr. P. Karthikeyan, Associate Professor at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) and Head of the Centre for Applied and Responsible AI (CARA) along with R. Kesavamoorthy authored "Cyberspace and Outer Space Security and Mitigation Strategies," which was published in Cyber Space and Outer Space Security, pp. 1-15, River Publishers, in September 2024.

Earlier this year, the Office of Research and Doctoral Studies facilitated a meeting between RVU's research centre heads and a team from Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM). This interaction paved the way for Dr. P. Karthikeyan to collaborate with GRAAM on a successful grant proposal. Together, they responded to a call from DMEQ, NITI Aayog, for the "Evaluation of the National e-Vidhan application", and won the bid with their joint effort.

Events and Conferences

RVU hosted its fourth annual inauguration ceremony, welcoming over 2,000 students. UG students joined on 2 August 2024, followed by B.Tech. and PG students on 21 September 2024



RV University hosted its fourth annual inauguration function on 2 August 2024, welcoming a new cohort of students into its diverse range of undergraduate programmes. The event celebrated the enrollment of students across its seven schools. The day long inauguration featured morning and evening sessions with eminent speakers from the business and academic communities.

Dr. Niranjana Kalyandurg, President of Honeywell Technology Solutions India, Europe and Mexico, graced the event as the Chief Guest for the morning session.



Dr. Sreenath Narayanaiah, Managing Director of Merck Life Science India and Sigma Aldrich Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. was the Chief Guest for the evening session.

On 21 September 2024, the University hosted an inaugural function for its students from B.Tech. (Hons.) programme at the School of Computer Science and Engineering, as well as various postgraduate programmes across all RVU schools. Mr. Tejasvi Surya, Member of Parliament from Bangalore South and National President of Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha was the chief guest.





RVU hosted the International Conference on Global Criminology and Victimology (ICGCV) 2024

RV University hosted the four-day International Conference on Global Criminology and Victimology (ICGCV) 2024, in collaboration with The University of East London and The Critical Criminology Network of the British Society of Criminology. The conference brought together over 300 scholars, practitioners, and experts from around the world to discuss crime, victimisation, and justice systems.

With the theme 'Global Alliances in Indian Criminology and Victimology,' the event featured notable speakers, including Prof. Nigel South, Prof. James Treadwell, and Prof. Ruchi Sinha, among others. Over 100 presentations explored topics such as critical criminology, feminist criminology, and criminal justice, providing a platform for insightful discussions and idea exchange.



The RVU Library hosted a Book Exhibition on 8-9 August 2024



On 8 and 9 August 2024, RVU Library organised a two-day book exhibition which featured a wide array of books covering diverse genres and subjects. Our academic community explored a rich variety of books and resources, some of which were added to the library collection.





RVU Santhe, held on 9 August 2024, showcased RVU's student clubs and minors

RVU Santhe is an event designed to introduce and promote student clubs and minors to the incoming students. It aimed to introduce new students to extracurricular activities, help them explore student life, and guide them in selecting minors aligned with their interests and career goals, with support from academic advisors.



On 15 August 2024, RV University celebrated India's 78th Independence Day on campus in collaboration with the Rotary E-Club 3191. The event was graced by Rotarian Sathish Madhavan, District Governor of Rotary District 3191, as the chief guest. The programme included a flag hoisting ceremony, the release of balloons, the induction of new Rotary members, the distribution of NCC merit certificates and a plantation drive led by students and faculty.



RV University celebrated India's 78th Independence Day





RV University marked a significant milestone with its second convocation ceremony held on 17 August 2024. The ceremony brought together distinguished guests, faculty, students, and their families to commemorate this landmark occasion. Dr. (h.c.) A.V.S. Murthy, the Chancellor of RV University, presided over the ceremony. The event was graced by chief guest Prof. (Dr.) Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) and the Executive Committee of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

Degrees were awarded to 124 graduating students from a variety of disciplines during the convocation. The graduates received praise for their tenacity, scholastic achievement, and preparedness for life's challenges. Students received special recognition for their extraordinary performance in extracurricular and academic pursuits.



Ganesh Chaturthi celebrated at RVU campus



Ganesh Chaturthi festivities were celebrated on the RV University campus on 13 September 2024, bringing together employees and students in a joyful celebration. The event was organised by the student club "Legacy".





The School of Business (SoB) inaugurated the CA/CAT in Campus Coaching for Competitive Exams with Learn Crew on 11 September 2024. The inauguration was done by RVU's Vice Chancellor (i/c), Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal. An MoU was also signed with Learn Crew to facilitate the programme by Dr. Uniyal with Mr. Lakshmanan Annamalai, Member, Learn Crew.

SoB inaugurated the CA/CAT in Campus Coaching for Competitive Exams in collaboration with Learn Crew

The Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) hosted a one-day hybrid international conference on "Climate Change, Land Use Transitions, And Sustainability". It was held on 26 September 2024. The welcome keynote address was delivered by Prof. Robert Mace, Texas State University on "An integrated approach to develop a climate-resilient water supply for Austin, Texas, USA". Participants included faculty and students from Akita International University, Japan, The British University in Egypt, Southern Luzon State University, Philippines, and RV University, India.



Centre for Sustainable Development hosted "Climate Change, Land Use Transitions, And Sustainability" conference

Partnerships and Collaborations



RVU has signed an MoU with Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd. (FPSB) India on 8 July 2024 to offer RVU students an opportunity to pursue CFP® Certifications in Investment Planning, Retirement Planning and Risk and Estate Planning.

MoU with Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd. (FPSB)



Mr. Kazuhiko Oigawa, Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan signed an MoU with RVU



RVU has joined a select list of two universities in India with which Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan has signed a mutual cooperation agreement. It provides for training and placement of Indian students in Japan. This pioneering initiative by the Japanese Government aims to address the human resource shortage in Ibaraki Prefecture.

A Joint Statement to this effect was signed by Mr. Kazuhiko Oigawa, Governor of Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan (equivalent to CM of a State in India) and Prof. (Dr.) Y.S.R. Murthy, Former Vice Chancellor, RVU in the presence of Dr. (h.c.) A.V.S. Murthy, Chancellor, RVU at its campus on 16 July 2024. This significant agreement marks the first such initiative by the Japanese Government, demonstrating their commitment to fostering international cooperation and enhancing workforce capabilities. It will open high skilled employment opportunities for students from RVU and RVCE in manufacturing, IT and other sectors in Japan.

Mr. Kazuhiko Oigawa led an eight-member Japanese delegation representing government bodies and industry. The delegation was accompanied by the Counsel General of Japan in Bangalore, Mr. Nakane Tsutomu.



On 24 July 2024, RVU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Open University, Milton Keynes, UK, to collaborate on joint research activities, teaching and publications. Professor Ranjini C.R. from the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) will be leading the project in India, titled "This is Essential Work: Towards a Holistic Valuation of Breastfeeding in Society." Professor (Dr.) Susan Newman, Head of Economics at the Open University, will lead the project in the UK. Dr. Michal Nahman, Associate Professor in Social Anthropology at the University of the West of England, Bristol, and Yuko Edwards, a visual artist and curator, are also contributing to this project. Through this collaboration, we will explore the possibilities of jointly offering courses to our students in the SoEPP.