

# RVU's Pursuit of Excellence



# Message from the Vice Chancellor

Dear Readers,

Wish you a very happy, prosperous and promising New Year 2025!

I feel immense pleasure to present this edition of our quarterly e-Digest as the Vice Chancellor of this esteemed institution. I am deeply committed to building a strong foundation and driving RV University (RVU)'s vision of excellence in education, research and community impact as well as fostering open communication, collaboration and shared governance to ensure that we work together to achieve our collective goals.

This edition marks a two-year milestone of our e-Digest "RVU's Pursuit of Excellence," a platform providing information about RVU's achievements and developments.

Yet another milestone was the *Bhoomi Pooja* for RVU's Mysuru campus signifying our expansion outside Bengaluru. The Mysuru campus will be one of the world-class 'off-campus' of RVU boasting of contemporary courses on par with global standards.

The quarter also witnessed the inauguration of the state-of-the art RVU Library generously supported by the Brigade group. The new library is a dynamic hub of learning, blending digital and physical resources and providing a rich learning experience to its users.

I am also delighted to say that RVU was recognised recently as one of the fastest growing universities which is a testament to our progress and high potential among other reputed universities in the city.

I invite you to peruse our newsletter and share your valuable feedback with the [Communications team](#) to help them capture the essence of the University in a concise and informative way.

Let us altogether make this University a place of unparalleled learning, thought-provoking innovations, discovery and growth.

Sincerely,

Prof.(Dr.) Sanjay Kumar  
Vice Chancellor



**Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar**  
Vice Chancellor,  
RV University

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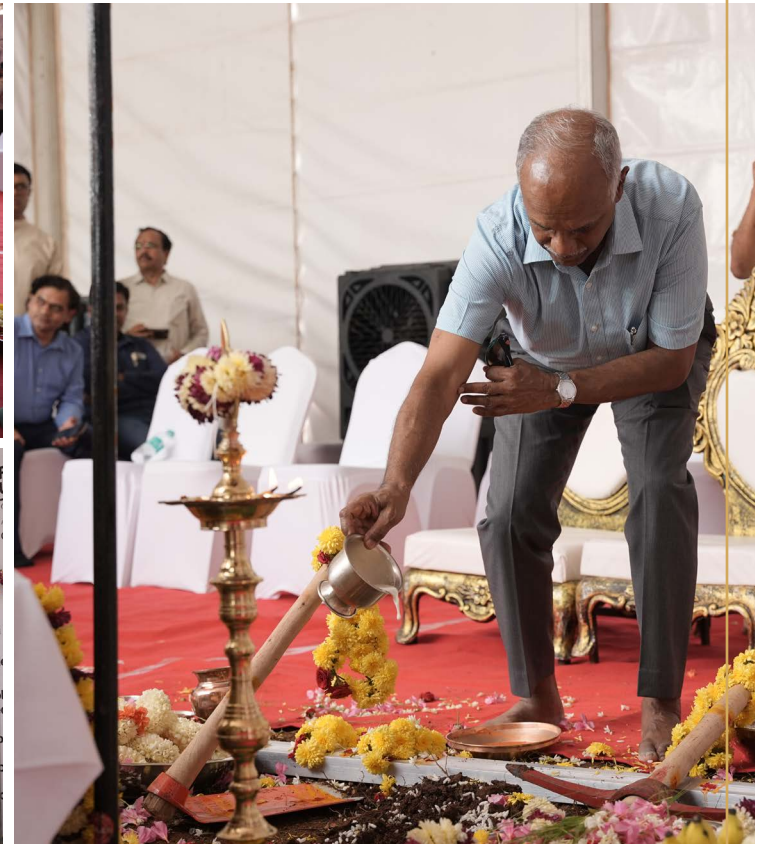
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# Announcements



*Bhoomi Pooja at our upcoming Nanjangud campus*

RVU marked a significant milestone with the *Bhoomi Pooja* on 4 October 2024 for the upcoming campus in Nanjangud, Mysuru. The ceremony was filled with positivity and promise as we laid the foundation for a campus that will soon welcome a new generation of RVians.



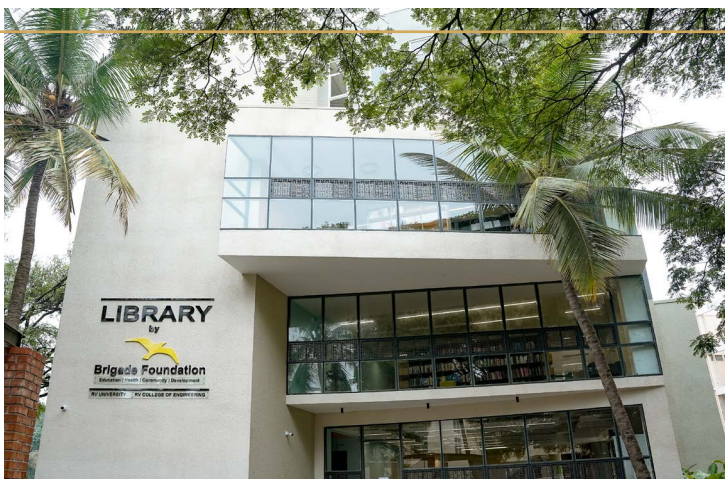
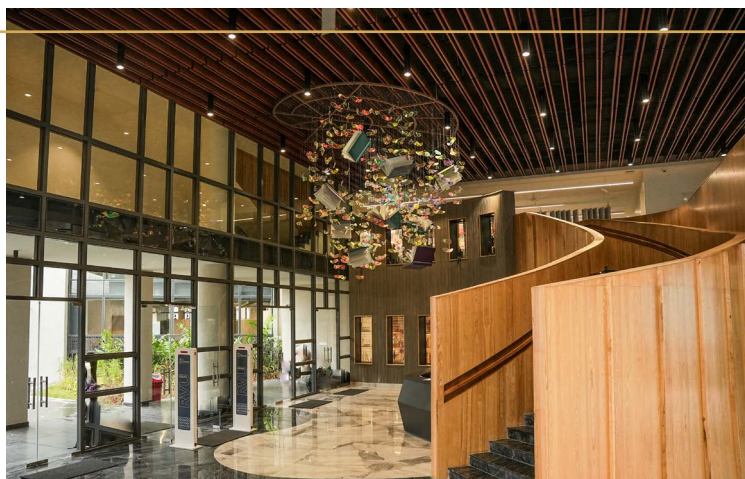


**RVU appoints Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar as its second Vice Chancellor**

Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar took charge as RVU's second Vice Chancellor on 17 December 2024. With an illustrious career spanning leadership roles at three esteemed universities and over 35 years of service in organisations such as the IAF, DRDO and ISRO, Dr. Kumar brings unparalleled expertise and visionary leadership to RVU.

An alumnus of IIT Delhi and BITS, with multiple advanced degrees including two Ph.D.s, Dr. Kumar is a distinguished academic, accomplished author and an acclaimed innovator. His contributions to engineering, space communication and education are widely recognised, earning him numerous accolades, including the Vishist Seva Medal.





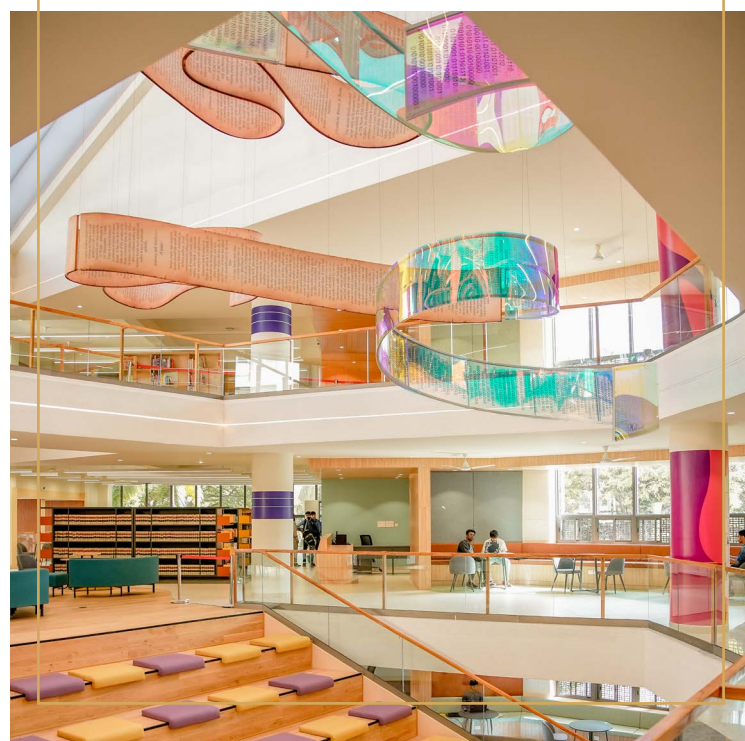
## RVU unveils state-of-the-art 'Library by Brigade' at its Bengaluru campus

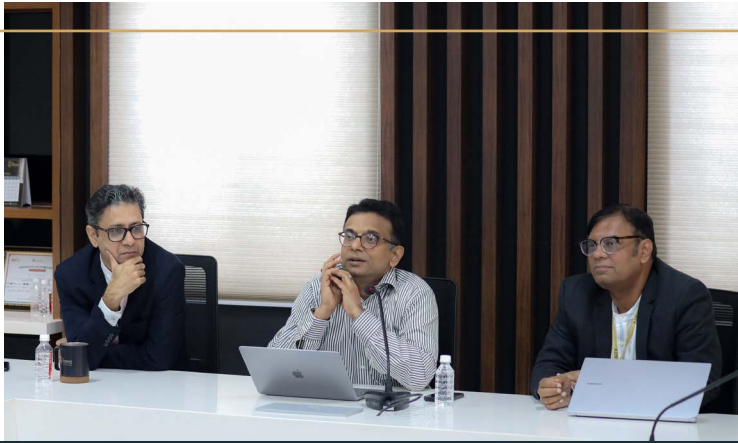
RVU inaugurated its Library and Information Centre at the Bengaluru campus on 11 December 2024.

This advanced facility is an initiative supported by Brigade Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Brigade Group.

The newly inaugurated library, spread across 60,000 square feet and four floors, blends digital and physical resources to support diverse academic disciplines.

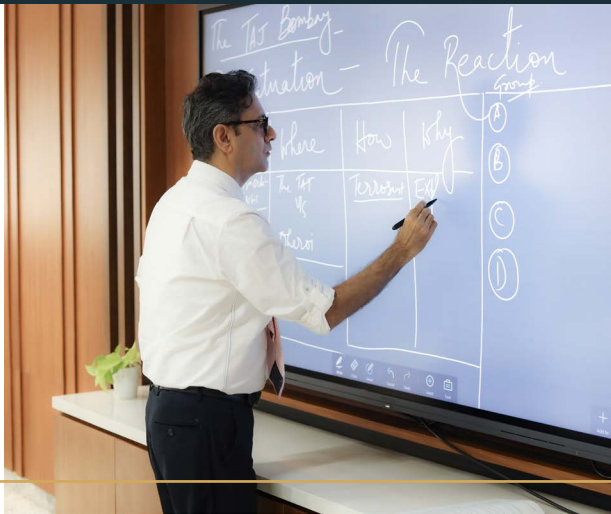
The 'Library by Brigade' was inaugurated by Dr. Shailesh Nayak, Director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, in the presence of Mr. M. R. Jaishankar, Executive Chairman of Brigade Group; Dr. M.P. Shyam, President of RSST; Dr. (h.c.) A.V.S. Murthy, Chancellor of RVU; Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, Pro Chancellor of RVU. Prof. (Dr.) K.N. Subramanya, Principal of RVCE; Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c) of RVU; Dr. Sahana D. Gowda, Registrar of RVU; Mr. Nikhil A. Murthy, Director of RVU along with senior leadership and staff from Brigade Group, RVCE and RVU were also present.





The School for Continuing Education & Professional Studies (SCEPS) and MineRVa Lead launched its first cohort of Executive MBA programme on 16 November 2024. Mr. Vejay Anand, CEO of Social Grids delivered the keynote speech at the inaugural programme at MineRVa – RV Center for Leadership and Executive Education.

**Mr. Vejay Anand, CEO of Social Grids delivered the keynote speech at the launch of Executive MBA programme**



RV University was recognised as the Fastest Growing Private University at the prestigious Radio City Icon Awards 2024-25. The award was received by the newly installed Vice Chancellor of RVU, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar along with the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Chatterjee and Registrar, Dr. Sahana D. Gowda at an event held in Bengaluru on 19 December 2024.



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# Lecture Series



**Dr. Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan, NITI Ayog Economist, Data Analyst and Founder, Infinitsum**

The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) hosted a distinguished public lecture on "Role of Mathematical Modelling in Economic Research" which was delivered by Dr. Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan, NITI Ayog Economist, Data Analyst and Founder, Infinitsum on 1 October 2024.

The Centre for Health Law and Ethics and Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies, LL.M. at the School of Law (SoL) hosted a sensitisation workshop on "Mental Health and Well-being of Students". This was delivered by Dr. Suresh Bada Math, Professor of Psychiatry and Head of Forensic Psychiatry Unit at NIMHANS, Bengaluru on 1 October 2024.



**Dr. Suresh Bada Math, Professor of Psychiatry and Head of Forensic Psychiatry Unit at NIMHANS**



**Prof. (Dr.) O. V. Nandimath, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru**

Prof. (Dr.) O. V. Nandimath, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru was invited by the Centre for Post Graduate Legal studies, LL.M. at the School of Law (SoL) to deliver a talk on "Essential Professional Skills for a Postgraduate Student". This expert talk took place on 1 October 2024.

Dr. Pratima Narayan, Founder, SAH.AI, Techlawlogi Consulting LLP gave a "Pre-placement Talk on Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age" on 3 October 2024. This was an initiative from the LL.M. Students Placement Committee of School of Law (SoL).



**Dr. Pratima Narayan, Founder, SAH.AI, Techlawlogi Consulting LLP**



**Mr. John Leo Ignatius, Assistant Vice President, Robotics and Discrete Automation, ABB India Limited**



**Mr. Ramana Iyer, Application Manager, Robotics and Discrete Automation, ABB India Limited**

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) hosted two technical talks on 24 October 2024. The first one, "Unlocking Robotics and AI for Good" was delivered by Mr. John Leo Ignatius, Assistant Vice President, Robotics and Discrete Automation, ABB India Limited and the second one on "Applications of Robotics relevant to various Manufacturing Industries" was conducted by Mr. Ramana Iyer, Application Manager, Robotics and Discrete Automation, ABB India Limited.

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) inaugurated the IEEE RV University Student Branch on 28 October 2024. Dr. Parameshachari B. D., Professor and Head, Department of ECE at NIMT, SAC Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section was the Guest and Mr. Supreeth S. Angadi, Startup Solution Architect, Amazon Web Services (AWS) was the Guest Speaker. Mr. Angadi gave a distinguished talk on AWS. The event was presided over by Dr. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU along with Dr. Sahana D. Gowda, Registrar, RVU and Dr. Shobha G., Dean SoCSE, RVU.



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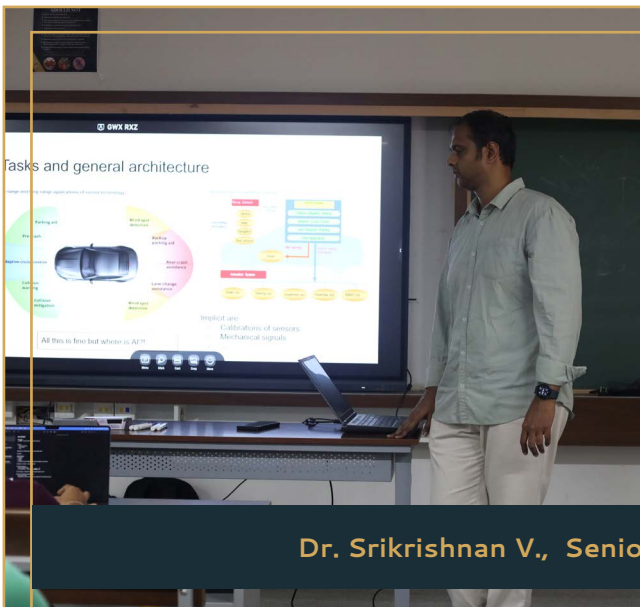
**Ms. Paola Antonelli, Senior Curator, Department of Architect and Design, and Director, Research and Development, MoMA, New York**

The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) invited Ms. Paola Antonelli, Senior Curator, Department of Architect and Design, and Director, Research and Development, MoMA, New York to address our student. This was an online session held on 13 November 2024, where Ms. Antonelli spoke on "There is always a Designer Emergency."

Dr. Radhika Bhargava, Research Fellow at the National University of Singapore (NUS) was invited by the Centre for Sustainable Development, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) to give a talk on "Interdisciplinary Geography approaches to understanding coastal protection and adaptations". The talk was held on 14 November 2024.

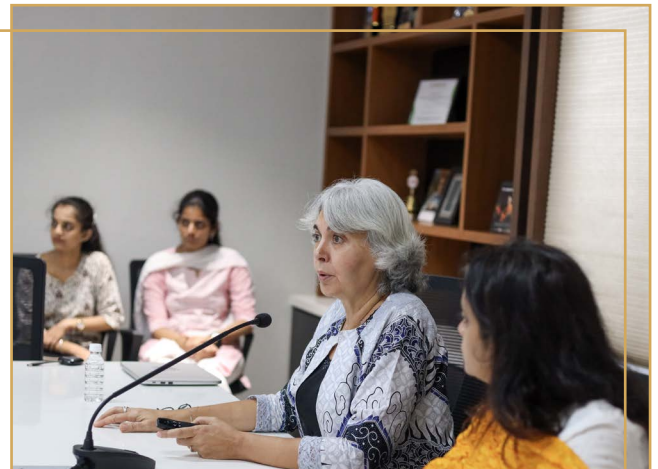


**Dr. Radhika Bhargava, Research Fellow at the National University of Singapore (NUS)**



**Dr. Srikrishnan V., Senior Architect (ADAS Domain) at Valeo India**

Dr. Agueda Benito, Chief Academic Officer at Cintana Education conducted a faculty workshop on "Opportunities for Collaboration and Professional Development". This was an interactive session attended by the faculty of RVU on 15 November 2024.



**Dr. Agueda Benito, Chief Academic Officer at Cintana Education**

RVU hosted Prof. Jeremy Smith, Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Education from the School of Engineering, and Mr. Rittwick Visen from the Australian National University.

They led an insightful session with students from our School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), RVU. The discussion was highly engaging, with students captivated by their exploration of humanitarian engineering and its seamless integration with technical disciplines.

The session left a lasting impression, showcasing the depth and potential of interdisciplinary collaboration.



**Prof. Jeremy Smith, Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Education from the School of Engineering, Australian National University**

# Student Achievements



Mr. Parvesh Sharma, full-time Ph.D. scholar in the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), has been awarded the Best Paper Presentation award at the international e-Conference organised by the Council for Teachers' Professional Development on 28-29 September 2024, for his research paper titled, "Multilingual English Language Teaching in India: Teacher Perspectives and Practices".

**Mr. Parvesh Sharma, full time Ph.D. scholar in the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP)**

Our first-year student from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), Ms. Noor Atheeka, won a gold medal in the 18<sup>th</sup> National Floorball Championship. She represented her team as the captain and was also awarded the title of Best Defender in the tournament held on 1 October 2024.



**Ms. Noor Atheeka, first-year student from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS)**



Mr. M.P. Jagruth, a first-year B.Tech. student from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), won a bronze medal in the Fencing event at the State Dasara CM Cup 2024, held in Mysuru on 4-5 October 2024. He also secured another bronze medal at the Dasara Bengaluru District Selection, held at Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru. Additionally, he clinched the bronze medal in the Individual Male Kata category at the South West Zone Inter-University Karate Championship, held at LNCT University, Bhopal, from 3-7 December 2024.

**Mr. M.P. Jagruth, a first-year B.Tech. student from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE)**



**Ms. Lekhana B.A., a B. Com. first-year student, at the School of Business (SoB)**

Mr. Shreyas Rajiv and Ms. Reethu Thota, third-year students of School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) have secured 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Nokia Appathon 2024 held on 21 October 2024.

Under the mentorship of Mr. Arun Kumar Nechlani from Nokia's Private Wireless Team, they developed the Nokia Network Digital Twin (NDT) App for iOS. This application is designed to enhance private wireless networks by providing real-time monitoring of network operations, along with predictive insights into maintenance and potential downtime. The project demonstrates a significant step forward in optimising operational efficiency and minimising disruptions across industries.



**Mr. Shreyas Rajiv and Ms. Reethu Thota, third-year students of School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE)**



**Ms. Vinusha M., a second-year student from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE)**

On 23 October 2024, Ms. Vinusha M., a second-year student from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) emerged as a winner at the CampusLEET competition organised by Kalvium. With over 500 participants showcasing their skills, this achievement highlights Vinusha's dedication and hard work.

We look forward to many more successes for her in the upcoming future.



**Our students distributed gift boxes to BMTC bus drivers and BMRCL metro staff**

At RVU, on 29 October 2024, our students took a heartwarming initiative this Dhanteras, distributing gift boxes to the true unsung heroes of our city—BMTC bus drivers and BMRCL metro staff.

Mr. Taufeeq Riyaz, has been recognised in the “20Under20” list by Infosys Springboard under the entrepreneurship category for his work on Tenacity, a community driven platform that he launched on 7 January 2023 in RVU.

Tenacity has organised over 150 educational events, workshops, and hackathons in collaboration with more than 50 industry leading brands. Tenacity continues to provide an inclusive and collaborative space for its members, empowering them through hands-on learning and hackathons, all free of charge.



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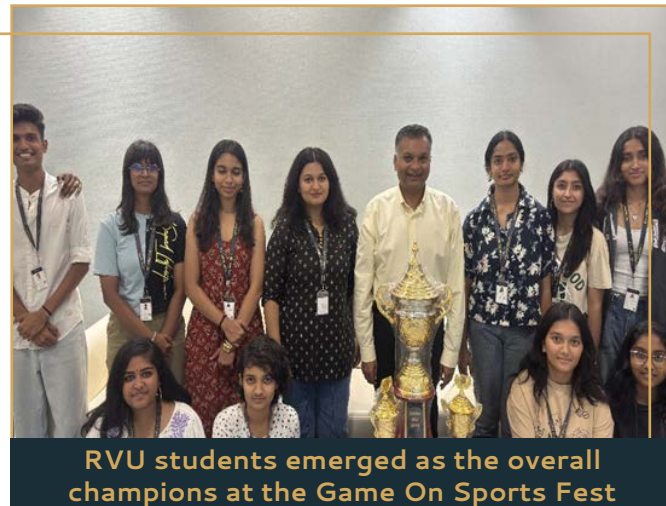


**Mr. Dev Saini, a third-year student from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) won the prestigious SDC award**

Mr. Dev Saini, a third-year User Experience Design student from our School of Design and Innovation (SDI) and his team members from Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), Delhi won the Student Design Consortium (SDC) at HCIPAI, hosted by IIT Bombay on 9 November 2024.

The team’s project, ‘Food Setu,’ won at SDC by creating a thoughtful solution for food surplus management. Their innovative approach redistributes surplus food from hostel messes to nearby NGOs at low cost, forming a sustainable channel to reduce waste and serve the community.

Students of RVU have emerged as the overall champions at the Game On Sports Fest organised by the Transcend Group of Institutions, Bengaluru, on 8–9 November 2024. The team secured first place in Table Tennis and Pool, second place in Women’s Badminton and third place in Men’s Basketball and Women’s Throwball, showcasing their exceptional talent and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the champions for their outstanding performances.



**RVU students emerged as the overall champions at the Game On Sports Fest**



**Ms. Neha V. Ibrampur, a full-time Ph.D. scholar at the School of Business (SoB)**

Ms. Neha V. Ibrampur, a full-time Ph.D. scholar at the School of Business (SoB) won the second prize at the 1<sup>st</sup> International Dance Contest and Festival in Kathmandu, Nepal, in the Open Category for Bharatanatyam. The contest was held on 9–10 November 2024.

Mr. Manoj M., a student of the LL.M. batch of 2024 (Intellectual Property Rights and Technology Law), participated in the prestigious 17<sup>th</sup> Lahari Moot Court Competition held on 9 November 2024. The event, organised by Lahari Law Academy in memory of Sri S.L. Simha, featured 56 teams from across Karnataka. Representing RVU under the allotted code 47, Mr. Manoj advanced to the final rounds, marking a significant achievement. Following an intense and enriching round, he secured an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> place. The award, along with a INR 5,000 gift voucher, was presented by Uday P. Holla, a distinguished Senior Advocate of Karnataka. The finals were judged by an esteemed panel comprising Hon’ble Mr. Justice Rangaswamy Nataraj and Special Public Prosecutor Prassanna Kumar P.



**LL.M. student, Mr. Manoj M. secured 4<sup>th</sup> place at the 17<sup>th</sup> Lahari Moot Court Competition**



Ms. Apeksha N. from the NSS Unit, RVU and a B.Sc. student at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) has been selected from the state of Karnataka by the Regional Directorate of NSS and its controlling authority Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, GoI to participate in the Republic Day Parade.

**B.Sc. student , Ms. Apeksha N. from the NSS Unit at RVU has been selected to participate in the Republic Day Parade**

RVU's Badminton (Men's) team achieved the Runner-up position in Umang 24, hosted by IIIT Bengaluru on 23 November 2024.



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**The RVU Cricket team secured the second Runner-up position in the Kannada Rajyotsava Cup**

The RVU Cricket team secured the second Runner-up position in the Kannada Rajyotsava Cup. The matches took place on 16 November, 23 November, and 30 November 2024 in Bengaluru.

Dr. (h.c.) Bhavya Sathenapalli, a part-time Ph.D. Scholar in the School of Business (SoB) presented a paper at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Emerging Trends, which was held at the Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development, Mysuru, on 21 – 22 November 2024.

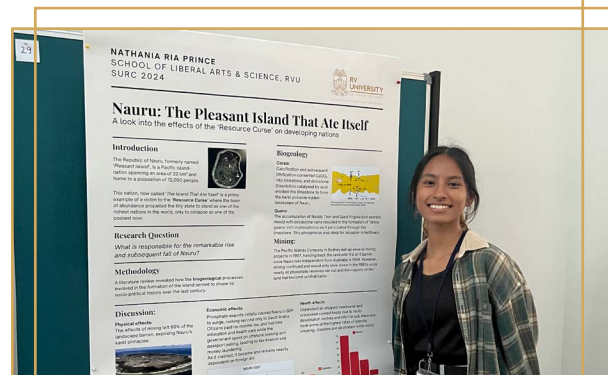
She also presented a paper in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Research Scholars Summit 2024 held at SRM University, Andhra Pradesh, on the 20–21 December 2024. Her paper was titled, "Adapting to Technological Change: Inspiring Innovation and Igniting Progress among Non-Teaching Professionals in Higher Education."



**Dr. (h.c.) Bhavya Sathenapalli presented two papers**



**Ms. Shanmukha Srija J. presented her research on heat stress on birds**



**Ms. Nathania Ria Prince showcased her study titled, Nauru: The Pleasant Island That Ate Itself**

Two of our third-year students from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), Ms. Shanmukha Srija J. and Ms. Nathania Ria Prince, participated in the prestigious Science Undergraduate Research Conference 2024 held at Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, on 6–7 December 2024. Their poster abstracts were selected through a rigorous and competitive evaluation process conducted by the university's faculty.

Shanmukha presented her insightful research on heat stress on birds. Meanwhile, Nathania showcased her engaging study titled Nauru: The Pleasant Island That Ate Itself. In addition to their impactful poster presentations, the students actively participated in keynote lectures and hands-on workshops, earning certificates of participation for their commendable efforts. This achievement highlights their dedication and reflects the culture of academic excellence at RVU.



**The NSS Unit at RVU participated in several initiatives focused on social causes and community welfare**

On 20 October 2024, the unit volunteered in a walkathon organised by DHEE Hospital in collaboration with Youth for Seva. The 5-kilometre walk aimed to raise awareness about arthritis, emphasising the importance of early detection and preventive measures. Volunteers walked alongside the community to support the cause.

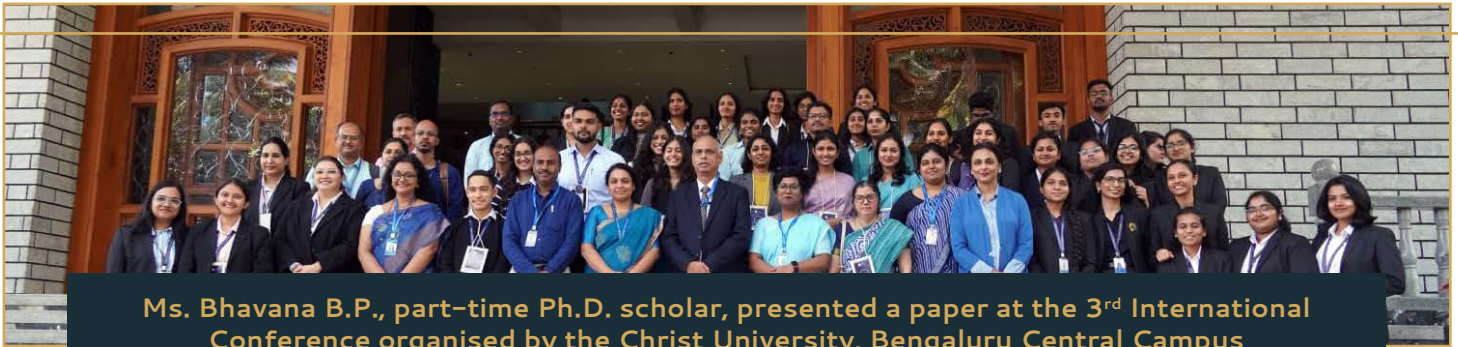
On 26 October 2024, the NSS team contributed to the Vedanta Bharti Abhiyan event. Volunteers helped load food supplies and organise materials to support the event's objectives.

On 23 November 2024, the NSS Unit volunteered with Rise Against Hunger India. The team packed essential dry food supplies, including rice, dal and vitamin sachets, to support communities affected by floods and underserved groups, including children in government schools.

On 24 November 2024, the unit collaborated with CRY – Child Rights and You during a walkathon at Freedom Park, Bengaluru. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of educating the girl child.

The NSS Unit also participated in the "Suraksha Women Safety Awareness Programme" at the Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre in Bengaluru. This programme, held on 7 December 2024, organised by the Bengaluru City Police South Division in collaboration with the Change Makers of Kanakapura Road Association and Smitam, focused on educating women about safety measures, legal rights, and self-defence techniques through interactive sessions.





**Ms. Bhavana B.P., part-time Ph.D. scholar, presented a paper at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference organised by the Christ University, Bengaluru Central Campus**

Ms. Bhavana B.P., part-time Ph.D. scholar in the School of Business (SoB), presented a paper at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Advancements in People Management (ICAP) 2024, organised by the Christ University, Bengaluru Central Campus, on the theme "Redefining Work: Technology Integration & Sustainable Leadership" on 5 December 2024.

Her paper was titled, "A study of the impact of effective communication by leaders to increase resilience at the workplace during times of change". This was her first paper presentation at an international conference.



**Ms. Nakshatra Lakshmanan and Mr. Mustafa Jillisger, third-year students from the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP)**

Ms. Nakshatra Lakshmanan and Mr. Mustafa Jillisger, third-year students from the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) secured first place in the Best Research Paper category at the prestigious Ecofluence IBA International Conference held on 7 December 2024. Their paper, 'Transgender Marginalisation in India: Barriers and Choices,' shone brightly among 30 exceptional entries from leading universities worldwide, earning them a well-deserved cash prize of INR 25,000.

The Rotaract Club of RV University conducted a powerful self-defense workshop aimed at empowering individuals with crucial personal safety skills.

Participants gained practical techniques while building confidence and resilience, reinforcing our mission to cultivate safer and stronger communities.



**The Rotaract Club of RVU conducted a self-defense workshop**



**Ms. Kusumanjali, Research Associate and Mr. Manjunath Ravi Heggade D., LL.M. student published an article in the Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research**

Ms. Kusumanjali, Research Associate and Mr. Manjunath Ravi Heggade D., LL.M. student from the IPR Specialisation at the School of Law (SoL) have published an article titled, "Mediation as a precursor to Divorce Proceedings: Its Multifaceted Benefits and Impact of Mediation Act on Divorce Proceedings". It is published in the Indian Journal of Law and Legal Research, ISSN: 2582-8878, Volume VI Issue VI on 15 December 2024.



**Ms. Varuni**



**Ms. Aleena Faizeen  
Khaleel**



**Ms. Anagha D.**



**Ms. Lasya A.N.**

Our third-year undergraduate student, Ms. Varuni along with second-year Sociology minors students, Ms. Aleena Faizeen Khaleel, Ms. Anagha D. and Ms. Lasya A.N. from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) have been selected for the prestigious Sociology Research Internship 2024 organised by the Manipal Centre for Humanities, Manipal Academy of Higher Education from 16 – 20 December 2024.

Ms. Yashodha Krishna, full-time Ph.D. scholar in the School of Business (SoB), was awarded the gold medal for her presentation in the category of Management, Social Science and Humanities, for the paper titled, "Artificial Intelligence in Hiring: Challenges and Opportunities for Auditing Bias and Enhancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion", in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Research Scholars Summit 2024, held at SRM University, Andhra Pradesh, on the 20–21 December 2024.



**Ms. Yashodha Krishna, full-time Ph.D. scholar, won the gold medal for her presentation held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Research Scholars Summit 2024**



Ms. Disha Alige, a first-semester B.Com. (Hons.) student at the School of Business (SoB), qualified for the semi-finals of the All India University Athletics (Men & Women) Championship for the session 2024–25. The event was hosted by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from 26–30 December 2024.

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# Faculty and Staff Achievements



**Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean – School of Business and School for Continuing Education & Professional Studies**



was jointly organised by the Humanities Forum, NMKRV College and RVU's School for Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) on 7 November 2024.

Further, '*Khat – A letter to my home*', a powerful documentary (directed by Dr. Debjani Halder, Associate Professor of Filmmaking at MAHE) featuring Dr. Uniyal's evocative poetry won the 'Jury Special Mention' Award at the Chalachitram Film Festival 2024. It was also featured at the Signs Festival and Cairo International Film Festival.

On 16 November 2024, he delivered the inaugural address as the chief guest at the RV PU College Annual Function.

Prof. Uniyal participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> Bengaluru Tech Summit hosted by the Department of Electronics, IT, and BT, Government of Karnataka on 19 November 2024. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Sri Siddaramaiah.

He attended the 8<sup>th</sup> India Ideas Conclave–Building Brand Bharat on 22 November 2024. The event brought together prominent figures in the field of technology, policy makers, and innovators who engaged in insightful discussions aimed at shaping India's future on the global stage.

Dr. Uniyal was invited as the chief guest at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Day function of Nagarjuna Vidyaniketan School, (Yelahanka, Bengaluru) on 23 November 2024.

Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU delivered insightful sessions on 'Teacher as a Magician' and 'Marketing is dead. Long live the Prosumer' at UPES School of Business, New Delhi on 1 October 2024. He also participated in another event at the same institution titled, 'Disrupt or be Disrupted' on the future of B-school education that brought together some of the eminent leaders from academia and industry.

On 3 October 2024, Prof. Uniyal was a session speaker at the 'Embark Global–IC3 Institute'. Additionally, he attended the R&D and Education Leaders Meet with Shri Priyank Kharge, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology, Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, and Secretary Dr. Ekroop Caur, IAS on 22 October 2024. The strategic interaction was organised by the Government of Karnataka.

Dr. Uniyal participated in The GRAAM (Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement) Decennial Celebration that was held on 24 October 2024 at the RV Teacher's College in Bengaluru.

Dr. Uniyal was invited to deliver the valedictory address at the one-day National Level Workshop on Research Methodology for Social Sciences. This

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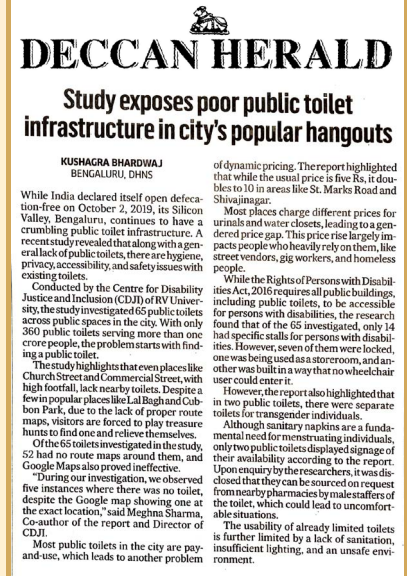
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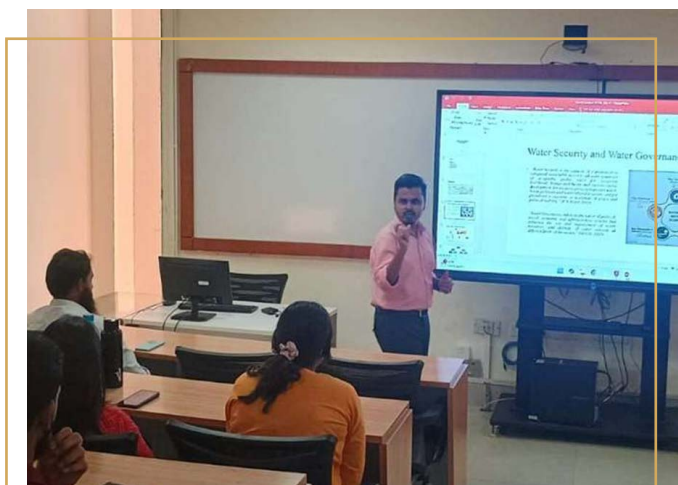
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**Mr. Parvaz Lamba**  
Assistant Professor, RVU

The report was extensively covered by the leading national English and language media.





**Dr. S. Ashwin Ram, Assistant Professor from SoEPP delivered a lecture at ICFAI Business School (IBS), Off-Campus Centre, Bengaluru**

Dr. S. Ashwin Ram, Assistant Professor from the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) delivered an enlightening lecture at ICFAI Business School (IBS), Off-Campus Centre, Bengaluru, on 9 October 2024.

His talk on 'Environment and Sustainability' shed light on the urgent impacts of climate change and human activities, addressing critical issues like the recent water crisis and heatwaves in Bengaluru

Assistant Professor from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi published a paper titled 'Ageing Widows in the Devotional Geography of Rural West Bengal' under the Aegis of Society—Springer. Her research delves into the intersection of gender, poverty, and ageing, highlighting the lives of widows in Nabadwip, West Bengal, through a feminist ethnographic lens. A special mention to Dr. Jagriti Gangopadhyay (Assistant Professor of Sociology at Manipal Centre for Humanities) for her exceptional editorial support in bringing this work to light. This paper was published on 10 October 2024.



**Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi, Assistant Professor, SoLAS**

Dr. Panchadhyayi published another paper under the aegis of 'Anthropology & Aging' (Journal of the Association for Anthropology & Gerontology—SCOPUS & Web of Sciences) on 21 October 2024.

She has been appointed as an international external associate in the Centre for Care attached to University of Sheffield, UK.

Dr. Panchadhyayi delivered an invited lecture as part of 'Politics of Care' workshop organised by the Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Milan (online) on 25 October 2024.

She was a discussant on 'Human-artifice assemblage and more-than-human loss' and memorialisation for 'more-than-human loss' workshop organised on 11 November 2024 by CDAS, University of Bath, UK (online).

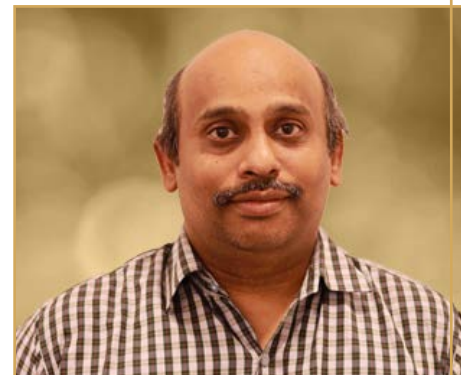


On 25 October 2024, the School of Computer Science & Engineering (SoCSE) achieved significant milestones. It secured a USD 5,000 consultancy project with Perforated AI for stock behaviour prediction and a USD 2,920 grant from Open Grant for developing a Generative AI application to support grant generation.

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Dr. C.S.K. Raju and Dr. Phani Kumar Pullela, members of SoCSE faculty, contributed to prestigious SCOPUS Q1 journal publications.



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Dr. Soumen Ghosh, Assistant Professor, School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) delivered an inspiring lecture as an invited speaker at ICFAI Business School, Bengaluru Official, on 25 October 2024.

His presentation on 'Recent Developments in Sustainability' explored vital pathways for creating a sustainable supply chain, emphasising the importance of cleaner production. In an era where environmental and social sustainability are more critical than ever, Dr. Soumen's insights and research serve as a guide for addressing these pressing challenges.



**Dr. Soumen Ghosh, Assistant Professor at SoEPP was invited as a speaker at ICFAI Business School, Bengaluru Official**



Dr. Shabbeer Basha, Associate Professor at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), has received more than 500 citations on his paper titled 'Impact of Fully Connected Layers on Performance of Convolutional Neural Networks for Image Classification.'

**Associate Professor from SoCSE, Dr. Shabbeer Basha's article received more than 500 citations on his paper**

On 23 November 2024, Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Programme Director LL.M. at the School of Law (SoL), was awarded the Best Research Paper for her work titled "End of Life Care in India: Legal and Ethical Challenges" at the International Conference on Global Legal Challenges in the Transforming Society, organised by the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University. On the same day, she was invited to serve as a Session Chair on the theme "Law and Medicine" at the conference.

Between 25 November and 2 December 2024, Dr. Arpitha successfully completed a one-week international Faculty Development Programme (online) on "Ethics and Values for Teaching Professionals and Administrators". This programme was organised by Christ Academy Institute of Law, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Globethics Academy, Geneva, Switzerland.

From 29 November to 1 December 2024, she was an Invited Speaker on the theme "From Chairside to Courtrooms: Understanding Medico-Legal Issues" at the 50<sup>th</sup> Karnataka State & 9<sup>th</sup> Interstate Dental Conference held at Dr. Babu Jagjeevan Ram Research Institute, Bengaluru.

In addition, Dr. Arpitha's research titled "End of Life Care in India: Legal and Ethical Challenges and a Blueprint for the Future" was published as a chapter in the book LEX PROGRESSIO – Transforming Society, Evolving Law: A Compilation of Global Legal Perspectives (Vol. 1), by the School of Law, Dayananda Sagar University (ISBN No: 978-81-979982-6-3) in December 2024.



**Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Programme Director LL.M. at SoL was invited as a speaker**



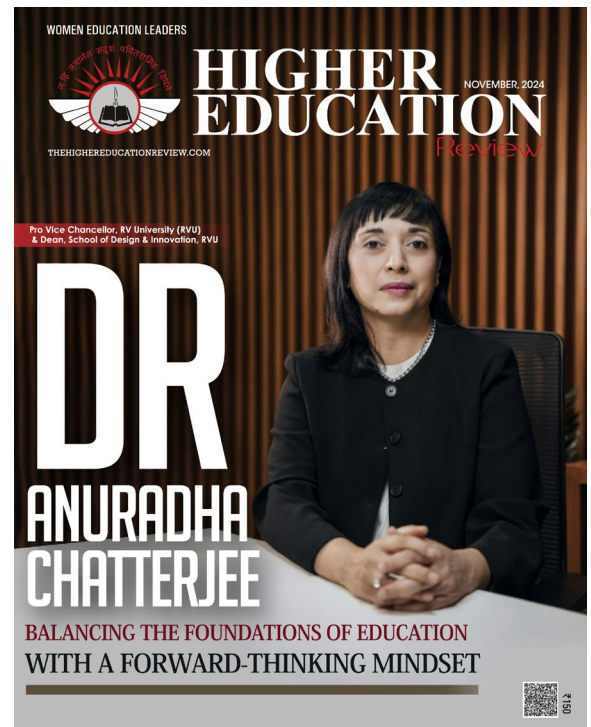
Ms. Khushboo Doshi, Assistant Professor at the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) conducted a workshop on Designing Modular Structures at the Design Education Festival (DEF) in Pune on 30 November and 1 December 2024.

Her inspiring session connected with students, parents, and educators, sparking conversations about design as a transformative career path.

**Ms. Khushboo Doshi, Assistant Professor at SDI conducted a workshop at the Design Education Festival**



**Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Chatterjee, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean, SDI**



Prof. (Dr.) Anuradha Chatterjee, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean, SDI was invited to speak at the ET Education Inspired event on 12 December 2024.

Dr. Chatterjee spoke at a panel on "Innovating Faculty Development Approaches: Pioneering Teaching Practices for the Future of Education" and at a roundtable with ET Education and Salesforce on "Enhance the entire education experience through technology." She was accompanied by Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi and Prof. Ashwin Mishra, both Associate Deans from the School of Economics and Public Policy and School of Law respectively.

Additionally, Dr. Chatterjee was recognised as one of the Top 10 Promising Women Education Leaders 2024 by The Higher Education Review – Education Magazine in their December 2024 issue.



Mr. C. Roshan Machayya, Assistant Professor at the School of Law (SoL) and part-time Ph.D. scholar at School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) published a book chapter 'Strategic Approaches to Bias and Variance in Algorithmic Profiling!' in November 2024. His chapter got featured in Recent Research in Management, Accounting, and Economics, Oxford and New York: Routledge, by Hariharan & Senthil Kumar (Eds.).

**Mr. C. Roshan Machayya, Assistant Professor at SoL and part-time Ph.D. scholar at SoLAS published a book chapter**

# Events and Conferences



The School of Business (SoB) organised an exclusive tour of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) unit at Bangalore International Airport Ltd. for its undergraduate students. This insightful visit offered a behind-the-scenes look at ATC operations, blending classroom theory with real-world applications. Students gained valuable insights into real-time decision-making, teamwork, and the pivotal role of technology in aviation.

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In November, staff and students came together to show their competitive spirit and teamwork during the intrasport festival. Over several weeks, games like badminton, volleyball, cricket, football, and basketball saw participation from everyone. The sports fest concluded on 15 November 2024 with athletic events such as sprints, shotput throw, races, walking competitions and tug of war, bringing people together and building a sense of camaraderie. Winners were celebrated with medals and certificates at an award ceremony, making it a memorable and joyful occasion for all.



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*Saraswati Pooja and Ayudha Pooja celebrated at RVU*

On 10 October 2024, RVU observed *Saraswati Pooja*. The staff celebrated the Goddess of Knowledge, Music and Art and sought blessings for wisdom and enlightenment on this auspicious occasion.

On the same day, the culmination of *Dussehra* was marked by the joyous celebration of *Ayudha Pooja* at RVU. Various departments performed the *pooja* with reverence, venerating tools and instruments significant to their respective professions.



SoFMCA held a five-day workshop-based certification programme on appreciating signature elements of the film craft with veteran filmmaker, Mr. Rahul Rawail who is also a Professor of Practice at the School



A five-day workshop-based certification programme on appreciating signature elements of the film craft (direction, acting, screenwriting, music, cinematography and editing) was conducted by the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA), in association with MineRVa – RV Center for Leadership and Executive Education and Hombale Films. The Certificate Programme commenced with veteran filmmaker Mr. Rahul Rawail who delivered an engaging session on the fundamentals of film direction. Mr. Rawail is also a Professor of Practice at SoFMCA.

## Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated at RVU campus



Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated on campus with great enthusiasm and a deep connection to Karnataka's rich heritage. The event, held on 8 November 2024, featured vibrant performances of Veeragase, Gaarudi Gombe, Huli Vasha and Pooja Kunitha highlighting the cultural splendour of the state.





## Talented cast and crew of the much-awaited movie, Bagheera, interacted with RVU students at our campus

RVU hosted the talented cast and crew of the much-anticipated movie, Bagheera. The School of Film, Media, and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) welcomed these inspiring filmmakers at our campus for an exclusive interaction with our students and staff on 24 October 2024.

From behind-the-scenes insights to creative conversations, our students had an unforgettable experience engaging with the minds behind Bagheera.



## SoCSE in collaboration with Kalvium hosted the LEETcode Challenge

The RVU LEETcode Challenge, a coding competition, was organised by the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) in collaboration with Kalvium on 14 November 2024. It saw enthusiastic participation from students across B.Tech., B.C.A. (Hons.) Kalvium, and B.C.A. programmes. It provided a platform for students to hone their coding skills. Participants engaged in a competitive environment, tackling challenging problems and learning from each other.



The Centre for Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) organised a week-long photography exhibition titled "Fragments" from 15 to 22 November 2024. It was formally inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c), RVU. The exhibition showcased photographs depicting diverse aspects of life, each narrating a unique story and evoking profound emotions.

**CVPA organised a week-long photography exhibition titled "Fragments"**

Argonyx'24 Hackathon, a national-level hackathon, structured as a two-round competition, organised by the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) in collaboration with Viksha (The Coding Club), Neural Nexus (AI/ML Club) and IEEE Student Branch of RV University, was a 24-hour hackathon held on 16-17 November 2024. It brought together students, professionals and tech enthusiasts. The event focused on AI/ML and web development, fostering innovation and technical skills in participants.



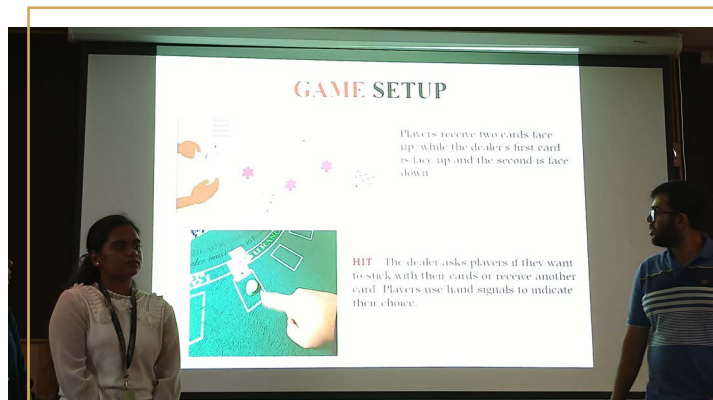
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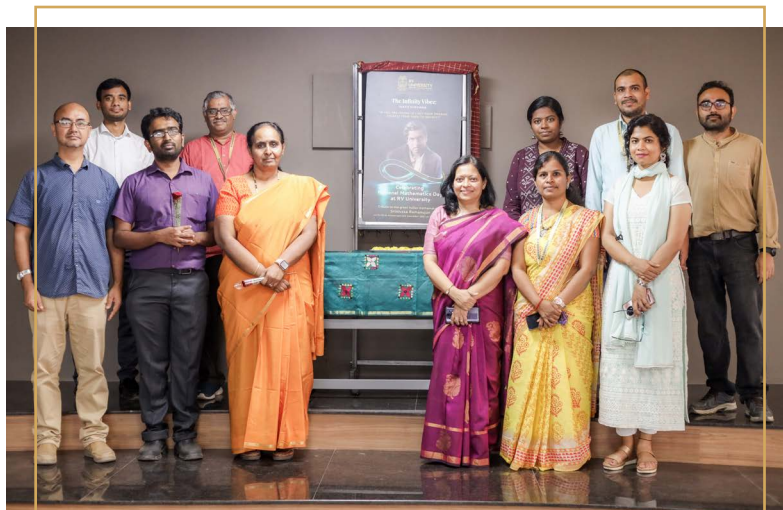
The Office of Admissions and Outreach organised RVU Sahodaya Certified, Executive Leadership Training Programme for Principals on 30 November 2024, at MineRVa – RV Centre for Leadership and Executive Education. This event saw the participation of more than 50 principals from prominent schools in and outside of Bengaluru. The gathering was addressed by Pro Chancellor, Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, and Vice Chancellor (i/c), Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal.

**RVU organised an Executive Leadership Training Programme for Principals**

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) organised a session on 6 December 2024 called, "An exploration of various card games". First-year SoLAS students explored card games, right from its rules and regulations to logic.



**An exploration of various card games was organised by SoLAS**



The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) commemorated National Mathematics Day in honour of the extraordinary contributions of the legendary mathematician, Srinivas Ramanujan.

As part of the celebrations, the Rta (ऋत) Centre for Science and Innovation at SoCSE hosted 'The Infinity Vibez: MATH NIRVANA', bringing together students and enthusiasts to explore the beauty of mathematics through engaging activities like Poster Presentations and Math Fest. This event was held on 10 December 2024.

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The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) hosted a five-day Professional Development Programme (PDP) on Creative Entrepreneurship. It was facilitated by Ms. Devika Krishnan, a crafts-based Design and Business developer with more than 30 years of experience and Ms. Tanuja Krishnan, a passionate brand strategist working at the confluence of design and business for the past two decades. This programme was held in collaboration with MineRVa, RV Centre for Leadership and Executive Education from 17-21 December 2024.



**SDI organised a five-day Professional Development Programme (PDP) on Creative Entrepreneurship**

On 23 December 2024, the faculty and staff celebrated Christmas. It was an evening full of fun where everyone came together to play games and participate in other fun activities.



**RVU faculty and staff celebrated Christmas**



**SoCSE conducted NAIP for the 93 students and 5 faculty members of MIT-WPU, Pune**

RV University conducted the National Academic Immersion Programme (NAIP) for the 93 students and five faculty members of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, Pune from 18–27 December 2024.

The eight-day immersion programme served as a platform for patent drafting, innovation capture and cultural exchange.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar, Vice Chancellor, RVU along with Dr. G Shobha, Dean, SoCSE, RVU.

RVU was the presenting partner for Career Uttsav, a leading education consultant and marketplace that brought institutions and aspiring students together. The education fair was held in three cities – Mysuru, Hubli and Bengaluru. Our Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar, inaugurated the Bengaluru edition, held on 21 December 2024. Addressing a gathering of around 7,500 students, he shared insights on career selection. Renowned author, Mr. Chetan Bhagat delivered an exclusive session at the event, which was attended by students, parents and representatives of reputed universities in the city.



**RVU Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar, inaugurated the Bengaluru edition of Career Uttsav 2024**

# Partnerships and Collaborations

Students from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) participated in Teesside University's Summer School, gaining valuable international exposure. The programme, hosted by the School of Arts & Creative Industries, provided an enriching interdisciplinary learning experience, blending cultural and educational insights.

This collaboration equipped students with practical skills and fresh perspectives that they can immediately apply in their academic and creative pursuits.



**SDI students participate in Teesside University's Summer School**



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Priya Nair, Dean, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) and Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c) met delegates of the Indiana University on 4 October 2024 to discuss possible collaborations between the two Universities.

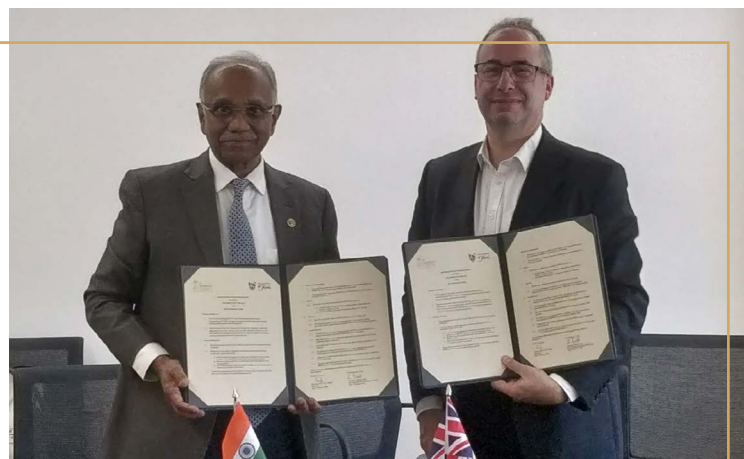


**RVU signs an MoU with University of Portsmouth, UK**

On 9 October 2024, RVU formalised a partnership with the University of Portsmouth, UK, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by RVU's Chancellor Dr. (h.c.) A. V. S. Murthy and Deputy Vice Chancellor of University of Portsmouth, Mr. Chris Chang. This collaboration opens avenues for academic and institutional engagement across four key schools: the School of Design and Innovation (SDI), the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) and the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA).

The agreement, shaped through extensive discussions, focuses on establishing impactful student mobility programmes and other collaborative initiatives. This partnership aims to create meaningful opportunities for students and faculty, aligning with the shared vision of both institutions.

Dr. (h.c.) A. V. S. Murthy, Chancellor, RVU and Professor Ambrose Field, Pro Vice Chancellor for Global Strategy at the University of York signed an MoU with the University of York, UK, to promote opportunities for students in the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP). This partnership, signed on 10 October 2024, focuses on enhancing academic exchanges, knowledge sharing and global exposure, enriching the learning experiences for students and faculty.



**RVU forges an MoU with University of York, UK**



RVU welcomed Prof. Nigel Holt, Associate Pro Vice Chancellor and Ms. Annette Sebastian, Senior Recruitment Adviser–South Asia from Aberystwyth University, UK, to its campus for a collaborative visit on 11 October 2024. During their time, they interacted with students to explore semester–abroad programmes and global opportunities.

The visit included discussions with Dr. Priya Nair, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), to plan academic exchanges. They also collaborated with Mr. Ravi Shankar, Assistant Director, Placement office on placement strategies and also engaged with Dr. Piyush Roy, Dean of the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA), to explore initiatives for TIFA 2025.

**Prof. Nigel Holt, Associate Pro Vice Chancellor and Ms. Annette Sebastian, Senior Recruitment Adviser–South Asia from Aberystwyth University, UK visit RVU**



**RVU hosts a delegation from The Australian National University, Australia**

On 21 November 2024, RVU hosted a distinguished delegation from The Australian National University (ANU), led by Dr. Stephen Eggins, Dean of the ANU College of Science. The delegation included Dr. Sasha Mikheyev, Associate Dean (College of Science), Prof. Nick Barnes, Director, Prof. Siva Karuturi, Associate Director, and Mr. Jay Poria, Head of International Relations & Partnerships – STEMM.

They met with RV University's Pro Chancellor, Mr. D. P. Nagaraj, Director, Mr. Nikhil A. Murthy, Vice Chancellor (i/c), Dr. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, as well as Deans and faculty members from the Schools of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) and Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS).

This collaboration aims to establish impactful initiatives such as 2+2 articulation programmes in Psychology and Computer Science, joint research opportunities, and co-teaching collaborations in related disciplines.



### RVU inks an MoU with ISD Global

On 2 December 2024, RVU's School of Design and Innovation (SDI), in collaboration with MineRVa – RV Center for Leadership and Executive Education, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ISD Global. The agreement aims to foster meaningful initiatives, dialogues, and impactful actions in the fields of design, leadership, and creativity. This partnership is expected to explore experimental and speculative approaches that hold the potential to drive significant change in these domains.

RVU and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bengaluru, signed an MoU to collaborate on joint research, camps and training in the broad domains of Computer Science, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship. The MoU exchange took place on 30 December 2024, presided over by Dr. A. V. S. Murthy, Chancellor, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of RV University, along with Mr. K. V. Raghavan, Chairman, and Mr. H. N. Suresh, Director, from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

The partnership aims to foster synergy between the two organisations in multidisciplinary domains, including intellectual property such as Geographical Indications (GI) and cutting-edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, and Deep Learning.



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