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## **RVU's Pursuit of Excellence**



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## Message from the Vice Chancellor (i/c)

The quarter ending March 2025 has been an eventful and immensely productive period for RV University (RVU). This edition of RVU's Pursuit of Excellence highlights the many strides we have taken as a young, dynamic institution. We warmly invite all stakeholders to read through it and share your invaluable feedback, which helps us further refine our efforts in the pursuit of excellence.

From January to March 2025, RVU has continued to strengthen its international presence and academic engagement. We were privileged to welcome Dr. Max Howard as Professor of Practice at the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts. The quarter also witnessed thought-provoking guest lectures by renowned academics from leading global universities, as well as a series of impactful conferences and workshops. Our



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

students and faculty have continued to shine, earning accolades and recognition across diverse platforms.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to each of you-our students, faculty, staff, partners, and well-wishers-for your steadfast support and belief in our shared vision. With your continued encouragement, we will keep advancing, achieving meaningful milestones, and empowering generations to come.

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#### Announcements



RV University was honoured with the Best Emerging Institution Award at Millennium 2025, the biennial celebration organised by our parent body, RV Educational Institutions (RVEI), on 15 February 2025.

At the same event, the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) received the award for Most Innovative Curriculum and Development.

Both accolades were conferred following a rigorous selection process among the 27 institutions under RVEI.





Legendary Hollywood film producer Dr. Max Howard joins our School of Film, Media and Creative Arts as Professor of Practice

RVU is proud to welcome legendary Hollywood film producer Dr. Max Howard, former President of Warner Bros. Feature Animation and former Vice President of Walt Disney Feature Animation Studios, as Professor of Practice at the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA).

With a distinguished career spanning several decades, Dr. Howard has also collaborated with DreamWorks and worked in more than 10 countries, contributing to a wide array of internationally acclaimed animated and feature films.

His association with RVU brings exceptional global industry expertise to our creative programmes, reinforcing our commitment to world-class education and hands-on learning.







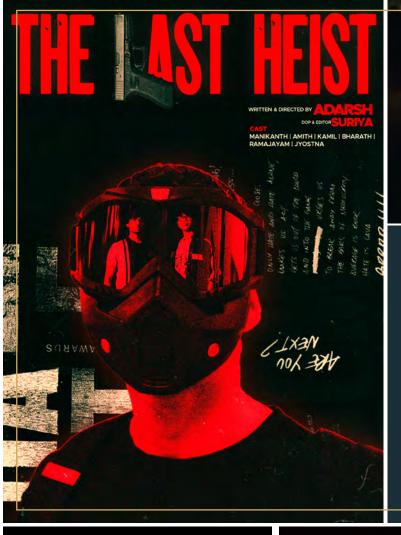


M.A. Public Policy programme launched by the School of Economics and Public Policy

RVU marked a significant milestone with the launch of its M.A. Public Policy programme, an ambitious and forward-looking initiative designed to develop future policymakers and thought leaders. This landmark event brought together distinguished academicians, policymakers, faculty, and students to discuss the programme's vision, academic structure, and career opportunities in the everevolving field of public policy.



"The Last Heist", the debut film, by the Foundation Batch of the SoFMCA was previewed at the Kalinga Literary Festival





The debut film by the Foundation Batch of the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA), *The Last Heist*, was previewed at the Kalinga Literary Festival, held from 21–23 March 2025. Showcased as part of one of India's largest festivals celebrating literature and the arts, the screening marked a proud moment for RV University's young filmmakers.





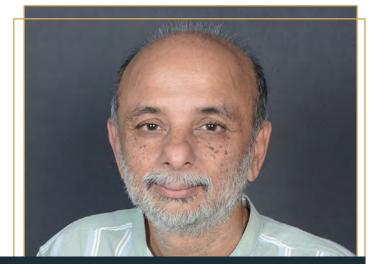


Inauguration of SoCSE's in-house research symposium, *Inspire'25* 

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) hosted its inaugural inhouse research symposium, *Inspire'25*, on 6 January 2025. The event served as a platform for students and faculty to showcase their research, exchange ideas and foster a spirit of innovation and collaboration.

Participants presented their work across diverse domains in computer science, contributing to an engaging and intellectually stimulating atmosphere. The symposium marked an important step in building a strong research culture at SoCSE.

The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) organised a transformative twoday Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Data Analysis in Social Science Research on 9–10 January 2025. This programme not only enriched the understanding but also reaffirmed the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing in academia. The session was conducted by Prof. (Dr.) Neeraj Hatekar from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru and Vice President of The Indian Econometric Society (TIES). Dr. Hatekar's deep insights into Applied Econometrics and unwavering passion for data-driven research left an indelible mark on all participants.



Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Data Analysis in Social Science Research by Prof. (Dr.) Neeraj Hatekar from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru



On 22 January 2025, the Centre for Studies in Politics and Democracy at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) hosted a guest lecture on "Political Economy of Gig Work in India". This was delivered by Dr. Akhil Alha, Assistant Professor in Council of Social Development, New Delhi.

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This immersion programme served as a platform for patent drafting, innovation capture and cultural exchange.

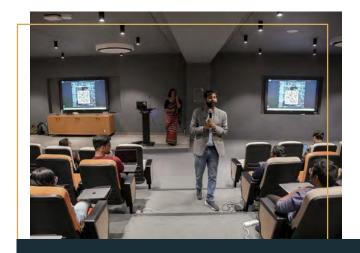
The team led by Prof. Dr. Phani Kumar, Associate Dean, SoCSE, RVU along with Prof. Dr. Sudhakar N., Prof. Chidhanand R.S., Prof. Suresh & Mr. Ramesh G. facilitated the technical and administrative aspects of the training.



The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) organised a masterclass on AI in Adobe Tools – Firefly and Generative AI Integration in Core Applications on 24 January 2025. Led by Mr. Prashant Alagiya, Adobe Education Domain Anchor, the session explored the latest AI-powered features in the Adobe Creative Suite. Students engaged with tools like Firefly and learned how generative AI is transforming core applications, unlocking new creative possibilities and enhancing design workflows.



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On 24 January 2025, the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) hosted an intensive 'Mern Stack' workshop. This was conducted by Mr. Sanjoy Paul, Partner, Thrive Together. It was a deep dive into fullstack development to equip students with industry-ready skills to build cutting-edge web applications.

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On 31 January 2025, SoCSE organised a research workshop, "Inspire Research"- A workshop on Scientific Writing. This was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Shobha G., Dean, SoCSE and Dr. Baishali Garai, Associate Professor and Programme Director for Basic Sciences Programme and Director of Rta (ऋत) Center for Science Innovation at SoCSE.



"Inspire Research"- A workshop on Scientific Writing was conducted by Dr. Shobha G. and Dr. Baishali Garai from SoCSE



The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) organised a two-day hands-on workshop on Python and Data Analytics for B.Tech students. Conducted by Mr. Chetan Adhikary Y., Data Analyst from Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), the workshops were held on 1 and 8 February 2025, offering a deep dive into essential programming and analytical skills.

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SoCSE organised a two-day workshop on AI, Process, Placements, C Programming and Blockchain

SoCSE organised a two-day workshop titled "Innovate and Elevate" on 14–15 February 2025, focusing on key topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Process, Placements, C Programming and Blockchain. The event featured insightful sessions by leading industry experts, offering students valuable exposure to current trends and practical insights.

The speakers included Mr. Akshay Joshi, CTO and Tech Co-founder of DoozieSoft, Bangalore; Ms. Jharana Vasavada, Director of Software Engineering at Infinera, Bangalore; Dr. D. Ranganath, Dean of Placements and Training at RVCE, Bangalore; Mr. Prashant Badsheshi, Expert Engineer at HPE, Bangalore; and Mr. Pranav Verma, Founder of ConnectVerse, former Developer Relations Engineer at Router Protocol and ex-Google Developer Lead.



The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) launched its first Seminar Series with a session by Dr. Bidur Paria, Assistant Professor at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University (BASE), on the topic "Irrigation-based Agricultural Intensification and Future Groundwater Potentiality: Experience of Indian States." The seminar was attended by SoEPP students and faculty, along with participants from other schools at RVU on 21 February 2025.

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The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) hosted a webinar titled "User Experience Design Dialogue and Careers" on 22 February 2025. The session was delivered by Mr. Ramesh Manickam, Senior Key Expert – Interfaces of the future, Virtual world, Ai at Siemens.



Mr. Ramesh Manickam from Siemens delivered a talk on "User Experience Design Dialogue and Careers"



Dr. Shilpa Sajeev, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru delivered a lecture on "Daring to Disturb the UniVerse:The Poetics of Hesitation in Prufrock" on 25 February 2025. The guest lecture was organised by the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) which was followed by a discussion with Prof. V. Krishnappa, Professor of Philosophy, SoLAS.

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Mr. Abhishek T., Software Engineer, Myntra Designs Pvt. Ltd. conducted a hands-on workshop on "Hybrid App Development". This was organised by the School of Computer Science & Engineering (SoCSE) on 7 March 2025.



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The Centre for Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) hosted an enriching "Folk Traditions & Embodied Storytelling" workshop on Ottan Thullal, a vibrant 18<sup>th</sup>-century traditional art form from Kerala. The session, held on 15 March 2025, was led by the renowned artist Kalamandalam Suresh Kaliyath and was attended by around 30 students. Dr. Upendra, faculty in Theatre Arts at RVU, assisted in facilitating the workshop, which offered students an insightful exploration into the history, techniques, and performative nuances of Ottan Thullal.

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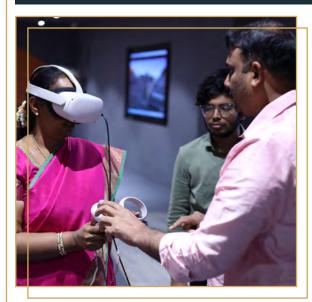
Organised by CVPA at SoLAS from 20 March to 22 March 2025, the three-day Kuchipudi workshop was primarily designed for boys, but its inclusive nature encouraged wider participation. Led by Ms. Vyjayanthi Kashi and Ms. Prateeksha Kashi, the workshop offered students valuable insights into the expressive and technical aspects of the classical dance form.



Centre for Visual and Performing Arts hosted a three-day Kuchipudi workshop



Workshop on AR and VR for the 6<sup>th</sup> Semester B.Sc. students by industry experts



The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) successfully organised a five-day (30-hour) workshop on Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) for the 6<sup>th</sup> Semester B.Sc. students (2022 Batch). The workshop was held from 24 to 28 March 2025.

The sessions were led by industry experts, including Mr. Rameshkumar Kalimuthu, Senior Technical Consultant at Trendsetters Infoservices (part of ARK), Mr. Logesh, Unity Certified Developer at ARK–Fusion VR, Chennai, and Mr. Sri Krishnasamy, also a Unity Certified Developer at ARK–Fusion VR, Chennai. The workshop provided students with valuable hands–on experience and insights into the latest developments in AR and VR technologies.



The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) invited Prof. Saumya Chakrabarti, Professor and Head, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva Bharati (a central university and an institution of national importance) as Distinguished speaker. Dr. Chakrabarti delivered a lecture on "Structural Transformation and Labour."

Held on 26 March 2025, the session delved into an in-depth discussion on the evolving dynamics of labour in the process of structural transformation. It was an engaging and thought-provoking exchange, thoroughly enjoyed by both students and faculty members.



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An insightful and pertinent talk, "Elsewhere the Planetary Crisis & Our Role in it", on climate change was delivered by Mr. Sameer Shisodia, CEO of Rainmatter, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester B.Des. students. The session was both empowering and thought-provoking, particularly for foundation students currently exploring the theme of CARE in their studio course. This was organised on 26 March 2025 by the School of Design and Innovation (SDI).

Mr. Sameer Shisodia, CEO of Rainmatter gave a talk on "Elsewhere the Planetary Crisis & Our Role in it" The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) conducted a two-day hands-on workshop on "Building Scalable dApps & DeFi Solutions Using Web3 Tools and Blockchain Frameworks". The workshop, held on 28 and 29 March 2025, offered participants practical exposure to Web3 technologies and blockchain development, focusing on decentralised applications and DeFi solutions. It provided an engaging platform for students to deepen their understanding of emerging tech and build future-ready skills in the rapidly evolving world of blockchain.



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Mr. Kaustubh Maske Patil, Software Engineer at Gooey.Al, conducted a workshop on Al Decoded: Learn, Apply, Evolve for our B.Tech. students.This was organized by SoCSE on 28 March 2025.

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The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) organised a lecture 'When Crafting an Experience, Why Should You CARE?' on 28 March 2025 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester B.Des. students. Mr. Vinay Parmeshwarappa, Founder of Gully Tours, brought in his entrepreneurial experience in curating meaningful experiences with care.



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40 scholars and faculty members from different institutions attend a two-day workshop on "Mastering Literature Review" conducted by our School o<u>f Business</u>

The School of Business (SoB) organised a two-day workshop titled "Mastering Literature Review" on 28–29 March 2025. Conducted by the faculty and staff of RVU, the workshop saw participation from over 40 scholars and faculty members representing various institutions across Bangalore.

The sessions covered a range of essential topics, including the types of literature reviews and their significance, navigating academic databases and identifying quality journals, managing references efficiently using Mendeley, and synthesising and structuring literature for academic writing and publication. The workshop offered participants valuable insights and practical skills to strengthen the quality and depth of their academic research.

#### Internationalism



RVU's School of Economics and Public Policy, in collaboration with the Open University, Bristol, organised an international workshop titled "Towards a Holistic Valuation of Breastfeeding in Society"

The Centre for Global Health and Development at the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), in collaboration with the Open University, Bristol, organised an international workshop titled "Towards a Holistic Valuation of Breastfeeding in Society."

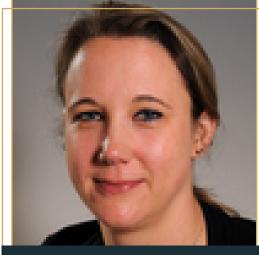
The workshop examined the societal valuation of human milk and how access to and the need for it remain unequally distributed across different communities. This initiative was part of the prestigious Open Societal Challenges programme, UK, under the theme of Tackling Inequities, and was funded by the Open University, Milton Keynes.

The workshop was attended in person by Dr. Susan Newman, Head of Economics, Open University, Milton Keynes, and Dr. Michal Nahman, Associate Professor, University of the West of England. They were joined by 13 other delegates, including medical professionals, researchers, scholars, public health officials, women's rights activists, and grassroots-level health functionaries, making it a truly interdisciplinary and impactful engagement.

Prof. A.M. Kannan, Professor in the Polytechnic School of the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering at Arizona State University, USA was invited on 24 January 2025 to deliver a lecture on "Clean Energy Systems – Research, Development, and Demonstration."



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Dr. Laurissa Tokarchuk, Senior Lecturer from Queen Mary University of London (UK) visited RVU on 27 January 2025. She delivered a talk on 'AI for Tabletop Games.'

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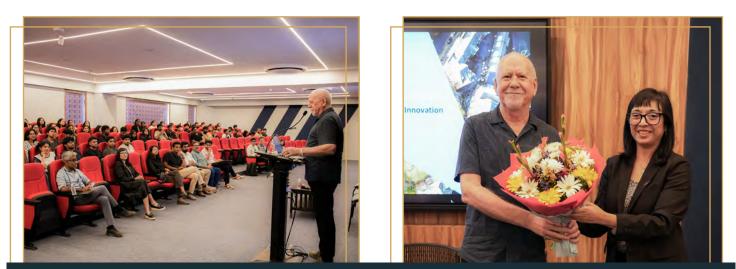


Mr. Rainer Erich Scheichelbauer conducted a five-day intensive typeface design workshop for SDI students

The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) hosted Mr. Rainer Erich Scheichelbauer from 3–8 February 2025 for a five-day intensive workshop on typeface design, titled "The Glyphs Type Design Workshop."

Rainer, a renowned type designer, joined the Glyphs team in 2012. He creates and produces typefaces, conducts type design workshops across the globe, translates Dutch books on typography into German, and writes extensively on the subject—including Python scripts for type design applications.

During the workshop, students immersed themselves in the full digital workflow of typeface creation using the Glyphs App. From sketching bold letterforms to refining kerning, spacing, and exploring variable fonts, they gained hands-on experience under expert guidance.



Dr. Thomas Garvey, President of the World Design Organization engaged with SDI students in a discussion on "Designing with AI for Peace"

The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) had the distinct honour of hosting Dr. Thomas Garvey, President of the World Design Organization (WDO) on 3 February 2025. As a WDO member institution, SDI welcomed Dr. Garvey to engage in a rich exchange of ideas on design, sustainability, and global responsibility.

A key highlight of the interaction was a thought-provoking discussion on "Designing with AI for Peace", a theme that sparked imagination and critical thinking among the students.



RV University hosted Dr. Aaron Potito from the University of Galway, Ireland, for a session on Paleoclimatology on 3 February 2025. He discussed how natural archives like sediments, glaciers, and tree rings reveal climate patterns from up to 800,000 years ago. Dr. Potito also highlighted how these insights can guide present-day decisions on drought management, coastal planning, and climate policy.

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A delegation comprising Ms. Ayaka Ando and Mr. Swastik Kulkarni from Japan External Trade Organisation, JETRO, visited the RVU campus on 12 February 2025. They met with our Pro Chancellor, Mr. D.P. Nagaraj and interacted with the students in an interactive session.



Ms. Ayaka Ando and Mr. Swastik Kulkarni from Japan External Trade Organisation, JETRO, visted RVU



Dr. Sandeep P. Patil, Director, RWTH India Office Group Leader, RWTH Aachen University interacted with RVU students

On 12 February 2025, Dr. Sandeep P. Patil, Director, RWTH India Office Group Leader, RWTH Aachen University, visited RVU. Dr. Patil met our SoCSE students and engaged with them in an interactive session. RWTH Aachen is ranked 99<sup>th</sup> overall in the QS World University Rankings and 19th globally in mechanical engineering.

The School of Design & Innovation (SDI) hosted Mr. Suresh Dinakaran, Chief Storyteller at ISD Global—avisionarybrandinnovator with experience across diverse geographies and media platforms. The session titled, "Re–imaging the World: Where All Bets Are Off", encouraged students to embrace creativity and adopt a transformative mindset for both personal and professional growth. This was held on 21 February 2025.



SDI organised a session with Mr. Suresh Dinakaran, Chief Storyteller at ISD Global



The Centre for Postgraduate Legal Studies (LL.M.) at the School of Law (SoL), in association with the University of Wollongong, Malaysia, hosted a guest lecture series. The first lecture from the series was on "Contract Law in India and Malaysia: Reflections on the concept and principles." and it was held on 18 March 2025. Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, VC (i/c), RVU delivered the inaugural address which was followed by the keynote address from Mr. Nikhil A. Murthy, Director, RVU. Ms. Prema Darmalinggam, Lecturer, University of Wollongong, Malaysia, KDU College was the guest speaker. Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Programme Director LL.M. at RVU moderated the session.

Ms. Prema Darmalinggam, Lecturer, University of Wollongong, Malaysia, KDU College was the guest speaker in a lecture for LL.M. students at the School of Law

Dr. Parv Venkitasubramaniam, Director Data Science at the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering, Lehigh University in USA visited RVU to meet the Prof. (Dr.) Shobha G., Dean, School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) along with Ms. Hemlata Sharma, Director – International Office at RVU to discuss collaboration opportunities. This meeting was held on 21 March 2025.



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## **Student Achievements**



Ms. Diya Arjun Gupte

Ms. Diya Arjun Gupte, a first-year student at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS), has consistently won multiple awards in national, All India Inter-Zonal, and South India Zonal Karate competitions.

Ms. Krithika Chandrashekara Jamkhandi, an LL.M. IPR specialisation student and Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Programme Director LL.M., at the School of Law (SoL) presented a paper titled "Artificial Intelligence and Copyright Law: Mapping the Challenges of Ownership and Legal Protection" in the 1st South Asian Global Intellectual Property Conference 2024 (SAGIPC 2024). It was organised by the Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research, Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation as on 6 January 2025.

Ms. Krithika also co-authored an opinion piece titled "Use of AI in electioneering and

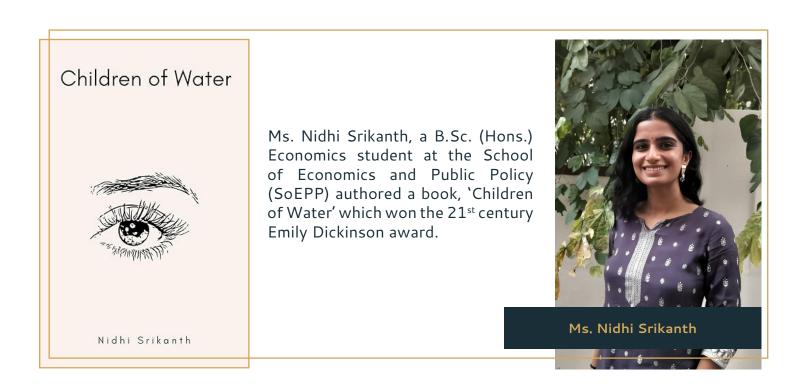


Ms. Krithika Chandrashekara Jamkhandi

its raising concerns" published in 'The Daily Guardian' on 10 Jan 2025.



Five students from the School of Law (SoL) successfully completed a two-week online Capacity Building Programme on Alternative Dispute Resolution, jointly organised by Sambhav Initiative and ProBono India from 1 to 14 December 2024. The participants included three students from the general LL.M. stream—Mr. H.C. Pradyumna, Ms. Hema Chandrashekhar, Ms. Nagashree A. as well as two students specialising in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Mr. Rahul R. Kumar and Mr. Vishak Ameen J.



Mr. M.P. Jagruth, a B.Tech (Hons) student from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE), Batch of 2024–25, won the gold medal in the Individual Male Kata category at the All India Inter–University Karate Championship. The event was held at Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana, from 15 to 18 January 2025.



Mr. M.P. Jagruth



Our students from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) won the SMI SIGCHI Designathon held at Srishti Manipal Institute, Bengaluru on 18–19 January 2025.

The team Totally Spice comprising Ms. Richa Kurian (B.Des. UX Design, 2022–26), Ms. Sarayuu Reddy (B.Des. UX Design, 2022–26) and Ms. Anchita Gopkumar (B.Des. Communication Design, 2022–26) secured first place for their design on gamification in the health-tech industry to promote healthy eating habits. They were awarded a trophy, certificates of achievement and a cash prize of Rs.18,000 for their solution. Additionally, Team Next Wave from RVU comprising Ms. Harika S.A. (B.Des. Product Design, 2022–26), Mr. Reuben Thomas (B.Des., Product Design, 2022–26), Ms. Niyanthri R. Sridhar (B.Sc. (Hons.) Data Science, 2022–26), Ms. Adishree Karthikeyan (B.Sc. (Hons.) Data Science, 2022–26) and Ms. Harshini Mridula Mohan (B.Tech. (Hons.) Computer Science, 2022–26), secured the third place for their innovative climate change adaptation designs, receiving a trophy, certificates and a cash prize of Rs. 7,000.

Mr. Ashwin Suhail and Mr. Anirudh Menon, second-year BBA students from the School of Business (SoB), participated in the National Level Inter-Collegiate Fest, Emporio, held in January 2025 at St. Joseph's University in Bengaluru. They emerged as champions in the Marketing segment.



Mr. Ashwin Suhail and Mr. Anirudh Menon



Eight students from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) have secured placements at leading companies in the design and technology space.

Prithvi Rao (Product Design) and Shreeya Janakunavar (UI/UX Design) have been placed at TheMathCompany (MathCo<sup>®</sup>), a global Enterprise AI and Analytics firm.

Additionally, six students from the B.Des. UI/UX Design programme – Aasiya Ali, Piya Sarah Kurian, Akshaya G., Amritha Waghmore, Arushi Basal, and Adikeshav Kalyani – have secured placements at Lowe's India.

A big congratulations to all our students. Their journey from aspiring designers to industry professionals is a testament to their hard work, creativity, and dedication.









17 students from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) were selected by the Curatorial Committee of the Kala Ghoda Arts Festival (KGAF) 2025 to showcase three large-scale installations at the renowned festival, held in Mumbai from 25 January to 2 February 2025. This marked SDI's second consecutive year of participation, offering students an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity and engage with the broader design and arts community.

The students presented three distinct installations. Armouria featured three striking silver Ghoda horses, symbolising Freedom, Power, and Speed. Pulse of Mumbai reflected the vibrant spirit and dynamic energy of the city, capturing its diverse cultural rhythm. Silver Reflections offered an abstract interpretation of a horse, composed of four separate pieces with a reflective silver finish, playing with ideas of perception and form. These works highlighted not only the students' design excellence but also SDI's emphasis on bold, socially relevant creative expression.

SDI students showcase three large-scale installations at the renowned Kala Ghoda Arts Festival 2025 held in Mumbai

Our students, LCPL Sudhir V.C. (All India Guard of Honour) and Ms. Apeksha (Karthavya Path participant) from the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) represented RVU with honour at the Republic Day Parade Camp, Delhi 2025. They were felicitated at our campus in a ceremony on 20 February 2025.



LCPL Sudhir V.C.



Ms. Apeksha



Ms. Tabassum Shaik, Ms. Subhiksha Prakash, Ms. Aleena Faizeen K., and Ms. Zhankhana N. Sahoo

Four students from the B.Sc. Psychology programme at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) – Ms. Tabassum Shaik, Ms. Subhiksha Prakash, Ms. Aleena Faizeen K., and Ms. Zhankhana N. Sahoo – embarked on a semester abroad at our partner institution, the Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU/APIIT), Malaysia.

The programme runs from February to June 2025, offering them valuable international exposure and academic enrichment.



Ms. Samriddhi Nagori

Ms. Samriddhi Nagori, a B.Des. User Experience Design student at SDI had the honour of representing India as a Youth Leader at the Special Olympics Global Youth Leadership Summit in Turin, Italy from 7–12 March 2025.

Special Olympics Bharatis a national organization committed to transforming lives of intellectually disabled (ID) through the joy of sports, they have pioneered a programme called Unified Sports. This initiative brings together individuals with and without intellectual disabilities to play on the same team, fostering inclusion, breaking down stereotypes.



In March 2025, Ms. Nandana Pradeep, fourth-year B.Des. student from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) emerged as the first runner up in the Industrial Design category in the Association of Designers of India Battle of Projects 2025.



Ms. Nandana Pradeep



Congratulations to the Sententia Society's Debate Team for a stellar performance at Agora, Alliance University's debate event held on 20–21 March 2025. Our students, Diya Arjun Gupte, Sannidhan Gowda (First-year, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences), Sohali M. (Third-year, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences), and Pratha K (First-year, School of Economics and Public Policy), swept all the awards: Best Team, First Place, Best Speaker, Second Best Speaker and Best Adjudicator.

Diya Arjun Gupte, Sannidhan Gowda, Sohali M., and Pratha K.

Mr. Sooraj V. our student from the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), secured first position in the Inter–University Competition conducted by Alliance University from 19–21 March 2025. Sooraj won the Gold Medal in Tennis.



Mr. Sooraj V.



On the occasion of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day, RVU with WRI-India co-organised a fireside chat on climate change and blue-green infrastructure for the public event Namma #BluGreenUru. The Green Alliance, student club of RVU, led this initiative from RVU. The event was held on 22 March 2025 at the Turahalli tree park and was open to the public. The Green Alliance spoke about the citizen science initiatives on campus that they have spearheaded, building a community of students interested in environmental change, and using the campus as a laboratory to carry out science.

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Ms. Nakshatra Lakshmanan and Mr. Mustafa Jillisger, students of the SoEPP, secured first place in the Best Research Paper category at the prestigious Ecofluence IBA International Conference.

Their paper, titled "Transgender Marginalisation in India: Barriers and Choices," stood out among 30 high-quality entries submitted by leading universities across the globe. In recognition of their outstanding work, they were awarded a cash prize of INR 25,000.



Ms. Nakshatra Lakshmanan and Mr. Mustafa Jillisger

## **Faculty and Staff Achievements**



Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi , Associate Dean and Associate Professor, SoEPP at the Ecofluence IBA International Conference

Associate Dean and Associate Professor from the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi participated in a thought-provoking panel discussion at the Ecofluence IBA International Conference. Joined by distinguished experts, Dr. Panchamukhi delved into vital discussions on sustainability, discrimination, and urbanisation, focusing on the challenges faced by the urban poor. Together, the panel explored solutions for creating more inclusive and sustainable cities, reflecting RVU's commitment to advancing public policy and economics for a better tomorrow.



Mr. Chethan Bopanna, Senior Executive with the Admissions and Outreach Team at RVU displayed remarkable prowess in hockey tournaments, helping his team win one and being named Man of the Match in another

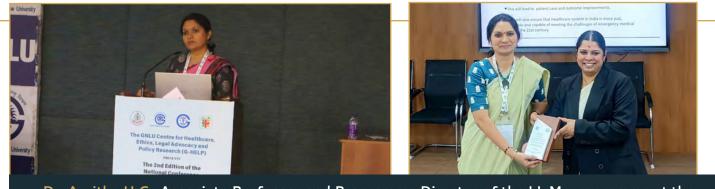
Mr. Chethan Bopanna, Senior Executive with the Admissions and Outreach Team at RVU, showcased his athletic talent as a member of the KAIG Hockey Team at a state-level 5-a-side hockey tournament held in Bengaluru from 3–5 January 2025. His team emerged victorious in the finals against the Tamil Nadu team, winning the tournament along with a cash prize of Rs. 70,000.

Continuing his sporting streak, Mr. Bopanna also participated in the Mudhanana Hockey Festival 2025, a Guinness World Record event, held on 30 March 2025 in Coorg, Karnataka, as part of a month-long celebration of the sport. During the match, he scored a goal and was awarded the Man of the Match for his outstanding performance.

Dr. Soumen Ghosh, Assistant Professor at the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) presented a paper at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE) at ISEC, Bangalore on 10 January 2025. This paper was co-authored with Srija Mitra and it explores social sustainability, gender equity, and industrial relations in India's manufacturing sector.



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Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Programme Director of the LL.M. programme at the School of Law (SoL)

Dr. Arpitha H.C., Associate Professor and Programme Director of the LL.M. programme at the School of Law (SoL), made notable contributions to the second edition of the National Conference on Medical Law, Policy and Ethics (MEDLAWCON 2025), held on 11–12 January 2025 at Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), Gandhinagar. Organised by the GNLU Centre for Healthcare, Ethics, Legal Advocacy and Policy Research (G–HELP), the conference served as a significant platform for discourse on contemporary issues in health law.

Dr. Arpitha presented a paper titled "A Profession Under Threat: Advocating for a Comprehensive Legislation for the Safety of Healthcare Workers," highlighting the urgent need for legal safeguards for healthcare professionals in India. She was also invited as a panellist at the conference, where she participated in discussions addressing key concerns in medical law, public policy, and ethics. The conference received media coverage by LiveLaw.

Further recognising her academic achievements and research contributions in the discipline of law, Dr. Arpitha was awarded the *Outstanding Woman Researcher in Health Law* by the Centre for Women Development, Venus International Foundation, on 1 March 2025. This honour celebrates her dedication and impactful work in advancing the field of health law.



Mr. Srinath Rao, Assistant Professor at the School of Design and Innovation (SDI), made a remarkable impression with his solo photography exhibition, *Under Eiffel's Watch*, held at Alliance Française, Trivandrum, as part of its 45<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebrations.

The exhibition officially opened on 18 January and received appreciation from art enthusiasts, along with notable media recognition.

Mr. Srinath Rao, Assistant Professor at SDI, Mr. Srinath Rao's photography collection, Under Eiffel's Watch, was displayed at Alliance Française, Trivandrum

Dr. Arindam Mitra, Professor and Dean at the School of Allied and Healthcare Professions, RVU, has authored a FEMS microblog titled 'Microbes as Artisans for Making Your Perfect Cup of Coffee' on 21 January 2025.

Published by the Federation of European Microbiological Societies (FEMS), this blog delves into the fascinating intersection of microbiology and daily life, exploring how microbes enhance the quality of food and beverages, promote sustainability, and inspire innovation. It's a perfect blend of science and storytelling, highlighting the critical role of scientific communication in showcasing research applications and fostering collaboration across disciplines.



Dr. Arindam Mitra, Professor and Dean at the School of Allied and Healthcare Professions, RVU

On 6 February 2025, Dr. Mitra co-authored another insightful publication, 'Building an Inclusive Culture at Scientific Meetings: Foundations for Future Progress,' which got featured in Microbiology, a prestigious peer-reviewed journal published by the Microbiology Society, UK.

On 4 March 2025, Dr. Mitra published his second Scopus-indexed international collaborative publication with RVU affiliation. While in the previous publication, Dr. Mitra was an equal author, in this latest work, he had served as a co-corresponding author.



Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy, Professor and Founding Dean at the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) was invited as one of the esteemed online jury members for the '11<sup>th</sup> Smile International Film Festival for Children & Youth' (SIFFCY) 2025. The festival was hosted by the Smile Foundation in partnership with the European Union and took place from 28 January to 3 February 2025.

Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Roy, Professor and Founding Dean at SoFMCA invited as a jury member for the '11<sup>th</sup> Smile International Film Festival for Children & Youth' (SIFFCY) 2025



Dr. Baishali Garai, Programme Director for the Basic Sciences Programme at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) and Director of Rta (ऋत) Center for Science Innovation

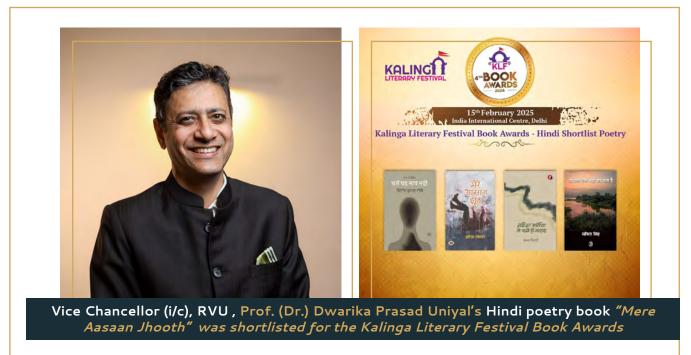
Dr. Baishali Garai, Programme Director for the Basic Sciences Programme at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) and Director of Rta (ऋत) Center for Science Innovation, delivered a plenary lecture in the second module of the International Convocation Series on Applied Science and Technology: Bridging Academia and Industry, organised by Cagayan State University, Andrews Campus, Philippines, on 30 January 2025. Her talk, titled "Role of Artificial Intelligence in Applied Science Science Research", explored Al's impact on scientific advancements.

She was also invited as a guest speaker for the third module of the series on 27 February 2025, where she delivered a lecture on "Nanomaterials for Sensor Development".

On 31 January 2025, Dr. Baishali delivered an expert lecture at Inspire Research—a workshop on scientific writing organised by the School of Computer Science and Engineering at RVU. Additionally, on 17 February 2025, she participated in the Research Advisory Committee meeting for three Ph.D. students at Reva University in Bangalore.

She was also invited to be part of the Technical Committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference and Exhibition on NDE 4.0, held at Taj Yeshwantpur, Bangalore, from 3 to 6 March 2025. In recognition of her contributions to research over the past year, Dr. Baishali was honoured with the Prestigious Faculty Achievement Award by RSST.

Dr. Garai delivered an expert lecture on "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Materials Science Research" at BMS College of Engineering on 19 March 2025. The session was conducted for sixthsemester B.Tech. students, offering insights into the integration of AI in advancing materials science research.



The Hindi poetry book *"Mere Aasaan Jhooth"* by Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Vice Chancellor (i/c) was shortlisted for the Kalinga Literary Festival Book Awards in the Poetry category. The list was announced on 29 January 2025.



Prof. Sanjeetha M., Assistant Professor at the School of Design and Innovation (SDI), was selected to showcase her sculptural artwork at the prestigious CIMA Awards 2025 exhibition, held from 31 January to 28 February 2025 in Kolkata — one of India's most celebrated platforms for contemporary visual arts.

Her research-driven creative practice, supported by RV University's Career Development Allowance Programme, exemplifies our commitment to nurturing innovation, creativity, and artistic excellence.

Assistant Professor at SDI , Prof. Sanjeetha M.'s was selected to showcase her sculptural artwork at the CIMA Awards 2025 Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences published an article on 23 January 2025 titled 'Ayahs at the deathbed re-visioning elder care: bereavement support and anchorage for inhome dying older adults in India' in Mortality, a journal of the Taylor & Francis group, and listed as SCOPUS – Q1.

It is part of the special issue titled 'Innovation at the end-of-life', commemorating the 20th anniversary of CDAS (Centre for Death and Society) in the Department of Social and Policy Sciences at the University of Bath.



Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi, Assistant Professor of Sociology at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences



On 3 March 2025, Dr. Pushkarni Panchamukhi, Associate Dean and Associate Professor at the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) attended The Capstone Conclave 2025 which was organised by the Department of Liberal Arts, in association with Labournet. Dr. Panchamukhi was part of a panel which delved into the domain of Capstone projects. She distinguished capstone from internships, noting that capstone allows students to apply learned skills in chosen fields, fostering autonomy and deeper industry engagement.

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Mr. Sukriti Saha, Associate Professor of Communication Design from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) registered a new story with the Screenwriters Association (SWA) and is gearing up to pitch it nationally. His Bengali film, *Jonglee*, directed by M. Rahim in collaboration with Film Man and MIB Studio, Bangladesh, released this Eid 2025 in Bangladesh.



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The India Didactics Association (IDA) is India's exclusive membership association for the education and skills fraternity, bringing together all stakeholders committed to enhancing teaching and learning. It serves as a platform that unites the government (both central and state), education solution providers, and educators to drive meaningful collaboration.

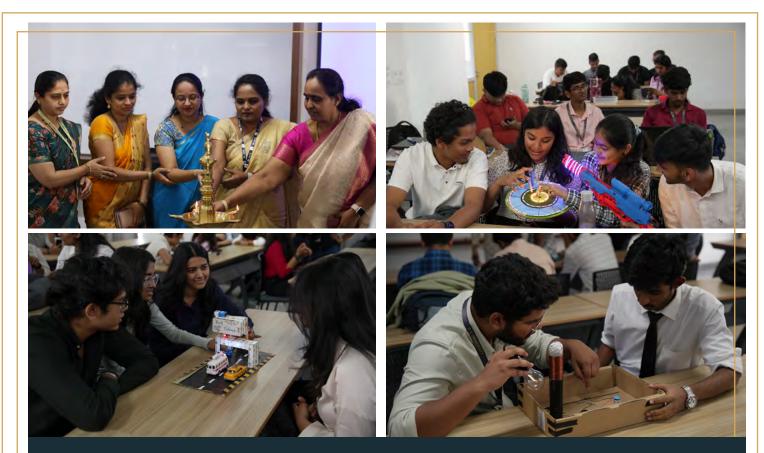


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## **Events and Conferences**



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The Centre of IoT and Edge Computing in collaboration with the Chiptech Club at RVU organised a vibrant project exhibition titled "Circuitrix 2.0 – Light Up RVU" on 3 January 2025. Themed around the intersection of electronics and illumination, the event aimed to foster innovation by encouraging students to integrate creative lighting elements into functional electronic systems. The exhibition showcased nearly 100 projects developed by first-year B.Tech. students, demonstrating not only their technical skills but also their ability to blend aesthetic appeal with practical application. From electrifying circuits to visually captivating designs, the projects reflected the exciting potential of merging technology with visual storytelling.



SoCSE organised a two-round coding competition, CodeCon 2025

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) successfully organised CodeCon 2025, a two-round coding competition held on 20 and 27 January 2025. Designed to challenge the programming and problem-solving skills of 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester B.Tech. students, the event began with a screening test on 16 January. Shortlisted participants advanced to the final round, where they tackled complex coding problems across multiple stages. CodeCon 2025 provided a dynamic platform for students to apply their technical knowledge in a competitive setting. The felicitation ceremony took place on 7 March 2025.





76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebration at RVU campus



In an atmosphere filled with celebration and patriotism, RVU commemorated the 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with great zeal. The celebration began with the flag hoisting followed by a parade by RVU's NCC cadets, many of whom were felicitated. It was attended by the staff and students of RVU along with NCC officers.



SDI curated and hosted a panel discussion at Bangalore Design Week 2025

The School of Design and Innovation (SDI) had the privilege of curating and hosting a panel discussion titled "Ethics and Design in the Age of AI" at Bangalore Design Week 2025, where SDI served as an institutional sponsor. Held on 30 January 2025, the panel brought together critical perspectives on the intersection of ethics, design, and artificial intelligence.

Moderated by Prof. Rajavel Manoharan, Associate Dean, SDI, the session featured insightful contributions from RVU faculty members - Prof. Meghna Sharma, Assistant Professor at the School of Law (SoL); Prof. Vinayak Varma, Visiting Faculty, SDI; Dr. KarthiKeyan P, Associate Professor at the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) and Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi, Assistant Professor at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS). Together, they examined the social, legal, technological, and design implications of working with AI, including thought-provoking debates on the use of dark patterns and the ethics of designing for and with intelligent systems.









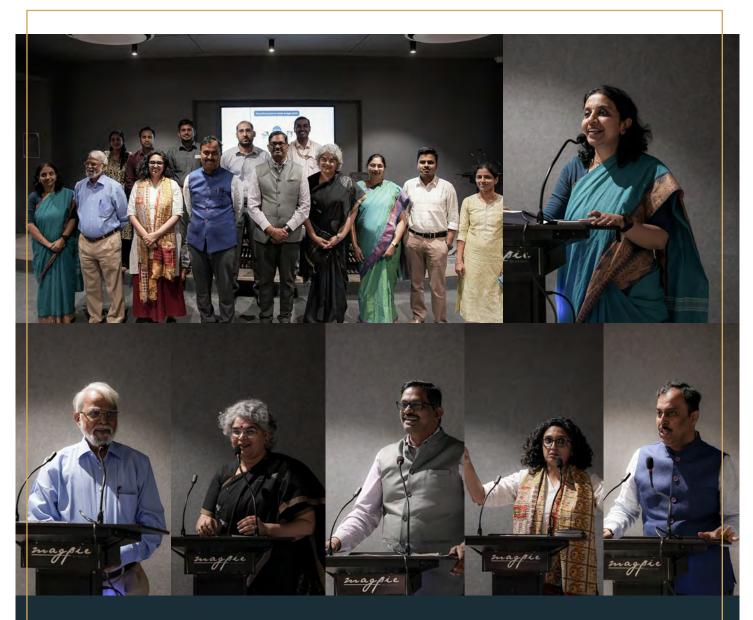


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On the occasion of World Cancer Day, RVU's NSS & NCC Units, in association with Lions International, Blood Centre BLST, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, and Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, successfully organised a Blood Collection Camp at our campus. With the overwhelming support of donors, both staff and students, we collected 320 units of blood, each contributing to saving lives and making a difference.





SoEPP organised a post-budget panel discussion on the Union Budget 2025

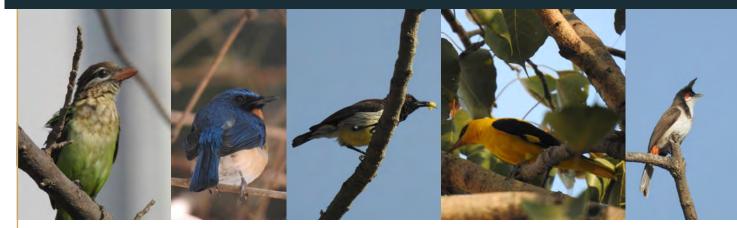
The Centre for Contemporary Economics (CCE) at the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP), hosted a post-budget panel discussion on the Union Budget 2025. The event brought together eminent voices from academia and industry to provide insights into the government's budget allocations and their broader implications.

The panel featured Prof. Bhanumurthy N R, Director of Madras School of Economics; Dr. Niveditha Menon, Director of CBPS; Dr. R S Deshpande, Former Director of ISEC; Dr. Gayathri Vasudevan, Chief Impact Officer at Sambhav Foundation and Chairperson at LabourNet; and Dr. Vishal R, Director of the Fiscal Policy Institute.

Students and faculty from SoEPP, along with participants from other schools and universities, engaged actively in this thought-provoking discussion.



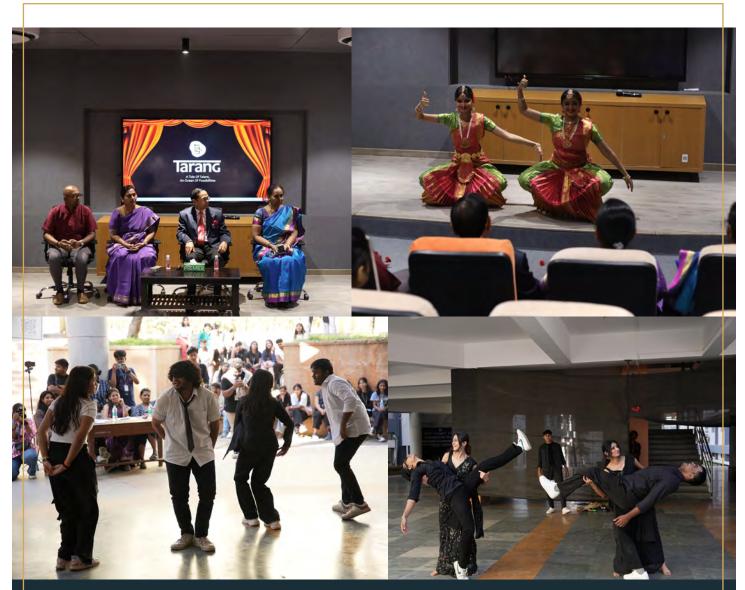
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On 5 February 2025, RV University hosted the third edition of the Campus Bird Count, in collaboration with the Ataavi Birders Club of RVU. Organised as part of the Great Backyard Bird Count—a global citizen science initiative that monitors bird populations—this event brought students together for an engaging bird walk across the campus.

This year's Campus Bird Count recorded 38 species of birds, including notable sightings such as the Asian Koel, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Green Sandpiper, and Eastern Cattle Egret. A total of 17 students from across various schools at RVU participated in the event, contributing to this global movement in biodiversity monitoring.

The initiative was greatly enriched by the expertise and guidance of Aksheeta Mahapatra from the Ataavi Bird Foundation, along with Harindra Baraiya and Reena Philips. We extend our sincere thanks to them for generously sharing their time and insights with the RVU community.



RVU's flagship cultural festival, Tarang (तरंग) featured two days of competitions, performances and exhibitions

Tarang is RVU's flagship cultural festival, held annually to celebrate student creativity and talent. The word Tarang (तरंग) means wave or vibration, symbolising energy, movement, and creative expression. Held on 6–7 February 2025, Tarang 2025 featured two days of competitions, performances, exhibitions, and food stalls, bringing together students from across disciplines in a shared space of cultural exchange and participation.

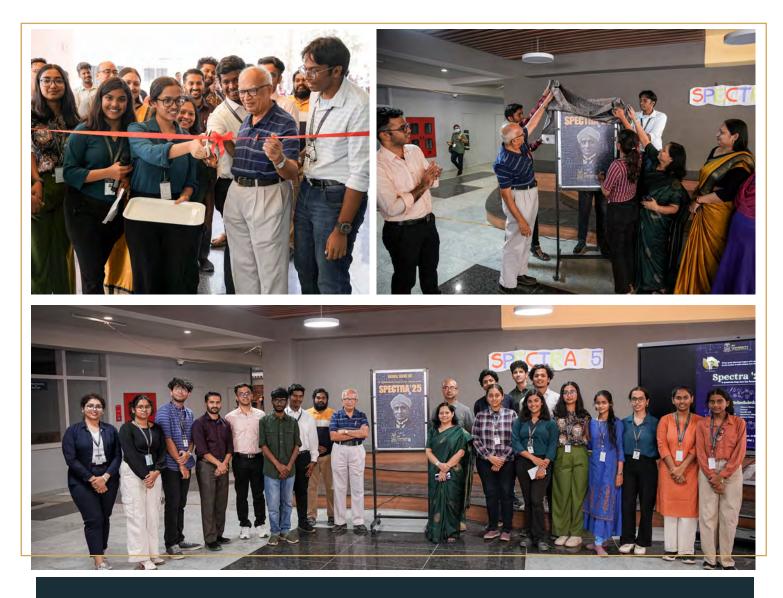




**RVU hosted the JEET tournament**, an intercollegiate sporting event

RVU hosted the JEET tournament from 24 February to 2 March 2025, bringing together students from various universities and colleges for a high-energy, intercollegiate sporting event. The tournament featured a dynamic lineup of sports including men's cricket, men's and women's badminton, men's football, and throwball for both men and women.

With enthusiastic participation and spirited competition, the event created an electrifying atmosphere on campus, celebrating teamwork, sportsmanship, and athletic excellence across disciplines.



SoCSE organised SPECTRA'25 on the occasion of National Science Day

On the occasion of National Science Day, the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) organised SPECTRA'25. Held on 28 February 2025, it was a day filled with poster presentations, fun-filled science activities like "Guessing the Scientist," balancing chemical equations, a science quiz, activities related to science experiments, and much more. The enthusiastic participation of the students made the event a grand success.



RVU celebrated International Women's Day with an inspiring session from Ms. Shamala D.D., IRS, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax

On 6 March 2025, RVU celebrated International Women's Day with an inspiring session featuring our esteemed Chief Guest, Ms. Shamala D.D., IRS, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax. The event was anchored by the School of Design and Innovation (SDI).

In her engaging address, Ms. Shamala spoke candidly about the realities of gendered labour both at home and in the workplace. She reflected on the representation of the feminine in Indian languages and mythologies, while also highlighting the achievements of prominent women who have shaped the nation's history and progress.





RVU, in association with RV Nursing College, successfully conducted the Basic Life Support (BLS) Training Programme for NCC cadets of RVU

On 7 March 2025, RVU, in association with RV Nursing College, successfully conducted the Basic Life Support (BLS) Training Programme for NCC cadets of RVU.

From understanding the importance and principles of BLS to hands-on CPR training for adults, children, and infants, participants gained essential life saving skills. The session also covered the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), choking management, recovery positions, tourniquet application, and engaging mock drills & practical assessments.





## **Partnerships and Collaborations**





The Centre for Advancement of Global Health signed an MoU for pursuing research projects with the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) at RVU. This was signed on 17 January 2025.

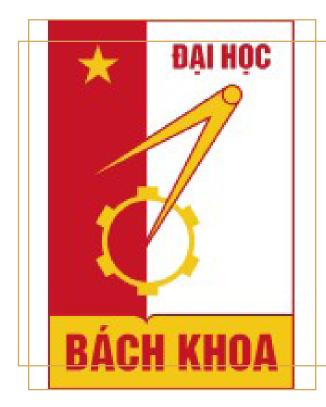
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The Centre for Sustainable Development at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) and Ataavi Bird Foundation signed an MoU on 23 January 2025. The partnership is to launch 'Ataavi College Chapter' initiative which aims to foster student-led groups, Ataavi Birders Club with The Green Alliance at RVU, that promote bird watching, conservation and environmental stewardship.



The Centre for Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) signed an MoU with Courtyard Koota. This was signed on 31 January 2025.



On 12 February 2025, the School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) signed an MoU with Hanoi University of Science and Technology to explore semester exchange programmes.