

# RAJAGIRI HIGHLIGHTS

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## INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✦ Rajagiri has been ranked 2nd Best Social Work College in India by India Today Best Social Work College Survey 2024.
- ✦ The Department of Psychology has been recognized as a Research Centre under MG University.
- ✦ Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has been ranked in 2024 as the 2nd among the top BBA colleges of Super Excellence in India for the 4th consecutive year –and the First in Kerala by GHRDC College Survey.
- ✦ Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) is ranked 14th in the Country and 1st in the State in Education World India Private Autonomous ASC College Ranking 2024-25.

## INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMMES

### “Samavarthanam 2024”



The Graduation Ceremony, “Samavarthanam 2024,” of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Rajagiri Business School was held on 8 June 2024 in KE Auditorium RSET. Ms. Divya Nanavaty, Managing Director of the India Knowledge Centre at United Airlines, served as the Chief Guest for the event. The Ceremony started with a proud procession of 2024 pass-out students. Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Provincial & Manager of S. H. CMI Province, Kochi,

presided over the function. Rev. Dr. Saju M D CMI, Principal of RCSS presented the report of the college. Rev. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director of the Hill Campus administered the oath to the new graduates. Rev. Dr. Francis Sebastian CMI, Assistant Director of the Valley Campus rendered the vote of thanks. Around 1000 students from different courses and 1 research scholar were felicitated on the occasion.

### Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights and IP Management for Startups

On 27 April 2024, The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation (CEDI) of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in collaboration with GHC Growth Lab, hosted a webinar on “IP and the SDG: Building our common future with innovation and creativity”. The workshop focused on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and IP management for start-ups, attracting over 50 participants as part of IPR day observation. Moderated by Dr. Pradeep P N, Assistant Professor and Coordinator at CEDI, and CS Manu Francis, CEO of GHC Growth Lab, the event featured Adv. Bhagyesh Rajendran, Founder of Lawyers Arcade, as the keynote speaker. The webinar covered essential topics such as



understanding Intellectual Property Rights, strategies for IP management, challenges, and solutions for start-up, and included an interactive Q&A session. Participants praised the insightful discussions and practical strategies shared during the event. The workshop emphasized the importance of IPR in fostering innovation and creativity, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The engaging sessions provided valuable knowledge and resources to budding entrepreneurs, contributing significantly to their start up journeys. Total 46 persons attended the webinar.

### Web It Up! 4.0 Hackathon



The Web It Up! 4.0 Hackathon, organized by Steyp in association with Grollius and Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation (CEDI), took place on 27-28 April 2024, at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Ernakulam. This event attracted tech-enthusiastic students from 5th standard to 12th standard across Kerala, keen on exploring the dynamic field of software development. Over 100 participants joined the hackathon, engaging in intense coding sessions and collaborative problem-solving. The hackathon focused on web development, with sessions designed to challenge and inspire participants. They worked on innovative projects, showcasing their skills in front-end and back-end development, user experience design, and more. Exciting prizes of Rs.10000/- for winners, Rs.5000/- for runners up and certificates to outstanding teams, were awarded at the end of the sessions motivating participants to push their creative and technical boundaries.

### Snehaveedu Project



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, in collaboration with the NSS of MG University, successfully completed the construction of a house under the Snehaveedu Project, with the sponsorship of K Chittilappilly Foundation. The key handing over ceremony took place in Koonammavu on 9 May 2024 at 9 am, marking the completion of the project within three months. Dr. Gigi George, NSS program officer, delivered the welcome address. Rev. Fr. Dr. Saju M D. CMI, the principal of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, delivered the presidential address. Mr. Deepak G., Manager, K Chittilappilly Foundation presented the key to Mrs. Chinnamal, the beneficiary of the Snehaveedu project.

### Celebrating the International Day of Yoga



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences celebrated Yoga Day on 21 June 2024 at Darsanam Auditorium, showcasing student-led demonstrations of Yogasanas and various other programmes. The event was inaugurated by Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, the Assistant Director of Hill Campus. Students and faculty participated together in the programme, enjoying sessions that could promote physical well-being, mental peace, and holistic health. The energy was palpable as everyone participated with enthusiasm and joy.

## IQAC INITIATIVES

### Annual Academic Planning - BODHI-2024

The annual academic planning BODHI-2024, for the faculty members of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Rajagiri Business School was held from 2 – 6 April 2024. It was based on the theme 'Rajagiri Rising: Transforming Education beyond Boundaries'. Department level planning was held in the college on the first day. Distinguished speakers from academia led the classes on 3 – 4 April 2024. The final two days of Bodhi were held in Mountain Club Resort at Chinnakkal in Munnar.





## Technical workshop for Lab staff



A technical workshop was organized for the lab administrators and lab assistants of RCSS & RBS by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) on 2 – 3 May 2024. The Workshop commenced at 09.55 am in the Carmel Lab of RCSS, Kalamassery. Firewall Training, Linux Administration and Moodle training, AWS (Amazon Web Service), and Personality Grooming were the different areas of training. The training team visited Rajagiri Engineering College, Kakkanad for practical experience.

## GROW 2024



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized the second edition of GROW (Get Ready for Opportunities at Workplace) 2024, a comprehensive five-day faculty development program, from 27 – 31 May 2024. This intensive

program was tailored for the Teaching Staff of RCSS Kalamassery campus to empower them for the upcoming academic year by equipping them with the latest knowledge, skills, and resources. The “Get Ready for Opportunities at Work” program served as a valuable platform for faculty members to gain new knowledge, share best practices, and connect with colleagues.

## Academic Leadership Workshop - Towards Holistic Leadership



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized a One Day Academic Leadership Workshop for the RCSS Faculty. The full day workshop, “TOWARDS HOLISTIC LEADERSHIP” was convened on 18 June 2024, at the Carmel Hall of Hill Campus. The notable resource persons of the workshop were Prof. Arun A. Elias, Director and Dean of Rajagiri Business School, Kochi, and Prof. Ronald De Marco — Fellow of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences (FQAAS) and member of the European Academy of Sciences (MEUS). Prof. Arun A. Elias led the first session by introducing the concept of system thinking, the language of system thinking, and the art of system thinking. The second session was headed by Prof. Ronald De Marco. He focused on the topic “Excellence in Academic Leadership”.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



☆ Dr. Kiran Thampi, Head, Department of Social Work is appointed as the Honorary Fellow at the School of Social and Political Science, The University of Edinburgh for three years from 2024 to 2027.



☆ Ms. Aleena P Mathew, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Psychology was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology from the Central University of Karnataka for her work,



“Role of School teachers attribution, goal orientation and self-regulation on resilience” on 18 June 2024.

☆ Ms. Rincy Saji, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Languages was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in English Language and Literature from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for her work “Problematizing Sri Lankan Ethnic Conflict: A Study of Select Nonfiction Narratives” on 13 June 2024.



☆ Ms. Shoby Sunny, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Computer Science was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science from Mother Teresa Women’s University, Kodaikanal for her work “An effective plant Leaf Disease Identification using FDCHL Enhancement and a Modified Extreme Learning Machine” on 28 March 2024.

☆ Dr. Lijo K.J., Asst. Prof., Dept. of Psychology has received the Wenzhou-Kean University Internal start-up research grant for the study “Positive singlehood: Cross- National Investigation of Voluntary Single People’s Wellbeing and Behaviours: a multi-centered International study”.





☆ Dr. Lijo K J and Dr. Palayoor Benyne Jos, Asst. Professors, Dept. of Psychology are recognized as Research Guides in the Research Centre approved by MG University.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jibin Sabu John (MCA 23-25) secured First Prize in MG University inter collegiate Championship in Roller Sports Slalom event held at Newman College, Thodupuzha.

The Men's Basketball team of college won the Kripa Basketball Tournament, that featured a total of 8 teams in a knockout format. The tournament was held from 10 – 12 May 2024.

## VALLEY CAMPUS

### Management and Leadership Training Programme



The fourth batch of the Management and Leadership Development Program for Administrators/Directors/Hospital In-charges / Doctors / Nursing Heads/ Paramedical staff of healthcare institutions in the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) was organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Rajagiri Business School from 03 – 07 May 2024.

### Women in Science (WiSci) Camp



Rajagiri campus is proud to announce that it was selected as the venue for holding Women in Science camp conducted by Girl up, United Nations Foundation, supported by the US Consulate of Chennai. It was organized in the Valley campus

from 1 – 8 June 2024. 100 girls between 15-20 years of age attended the camp. This was the first time that the camp was held in a South Asian country.

### Faculty Development Program



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Rajagiri Business School jointly organized the faculty development program from 10 – 14 June 2024 for all new faculty who have joined the valley campus. They were given training on Vision & Mission, Enterprise resource planning (ERP) and Learning management system (LMS), Assurances of Learning, mentoring and value-added programs., Faculty Research Policy, Examination Policy, Academic Excellence and Teaching methodology incorporating Simulations & Cases.

## HILL CAMPUS

### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

#### Paper bag preparation and distribution

On 5 June 2024, the second-year MSW students of RCSS celebrated World Environment Day with an impactful initiative focused on environmental sustainability and community engagement. The students initiated a hands-on approach by preparing and distributing paper bags to nearby shops, aiming to reduce the reliance on plastic bags and promote eco-friendly alternatives.





## Observance of World Environment Day



On 5 June 2024, World Environment Day was observed at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The event was organized by the ENCON Club in collaboration with the Department of Social Work. The inaugural speech was delivered by Dr. Kiran Thampi (Head of the Social Work Department). Saplings were distributed to all members of faculty. A flash mob was performed by the students of the Social Work Department.

## Summer Camp



The one-day summer camp on 19 April 2024, hosted by MSW first-year students at Eloor Municipality, centred on the theme

“Unlocking Potential: Essential Life Skills for Wellness and Drug-Free Living.” esteemed Chief Guest Sri K.K Shaju, member of the Child Rights Commission, emphasized fostering a healthy, drug-free environment for youth. The event, presided over by Mr. A.D Sujil, Municipal Chairman, highlighted community commitment to youth empowerment. Keynote speakers, including Dr. Anil John and Dr. Geo Baby, provided insights on personal growth, societal well-being, and career guidance. Life skills and drug awareness sessions, led by the social work trainees, equipped students with tools for personal growth and resilience.

## International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



An anti-drug campaign was organized by the students of BSW 2nd year, in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau Cochin Zonal Unit on 26 June, 2024 at Oberon Mall, Kochi. The main aim of the program was to make the people aware of the dangers of drug abuse. The highlight of the programme was the talk given by Mr. Shaiju Varghese, Inspector of Narcotics Control Bureau, Cochin Zonal Unit.

## Climate Career Conclave 2024

On 29 June 2024, the Climate Career Conclave was hosted by the Sustera Foundation in association with the Encon Club and the Department of Social Work at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. This event aimed to help the youth explore diverse careers in climate change and sustainability, making a positive impact.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

### Onboarding Students to Future Skills Prime

On June 22, 2024, from 10 to 11 am, Department of Computer Science students attended a Zoom meeting conducted by Future Skills as part of our non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NASSCOM. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the onboarding process for us to the

Future Skills Prime platform, which offers a wide range of free courses.

The meeting began with an introduction by the Future Skills team, who provided an overview of the platform and its benefits. They highlighted the variety of courses available, covering emerging technologies and essential skills for the future workforce.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### One Day Multi-Session Workshop from Concept to Publication: A Workshop on Scholarly Writing

The Department of Commerce and Professional Studies (DCPS) of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS), organized a one-day multi-session research workshop on “From Concept to Publication: A Workshop on Scholarly Writing” on 24 May 2024. The workshop aimed to provide the participants with comprehensive insights into the process

of scholarly writing, from crafting effective research topics to navigating the publication process. Dr. Ebina Justin M. A. was the key resource person. In addition to her, three other esteemed experts led the other three sessions: Dr. Arathi Krishna, Assistant Professor at Kochin Business School; Dr. Vineetha Mathew, an Independent Researcher; and Ms. Ruksana Ashraf, Senior Research Scholar at the School of Management Studies, CUSAT.



## Eco- Impressions: Environment Day Poster Contest



The Department of Commerce and Professional Studies (DCPS) of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS), organized a Poster Contest to celebrate World Environment Day, titled “Eco- Impressions: Environment Day Poster Contest” in collaboration with ACSR and the *Sustainability and Social Responsibility Club* (SSRC). The contest was held at the Carmel Block on 5 June at 11 am, with free registration to all participants. The club coordinators, Dr. Preetha R and Dr. Bharathi Rajan. R, along with student volunteers from the club, meticulously coordinated the event. The first prize was won by students from the M.Sc. Psychology department.

## Visit to “RoboVerse”: Robotic Expo

The Data Analytics Club in association with the Sustainability and Social Responsibility Club organised a visit to “RoboVerse”,



a robotic expo conducted at Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Kochi. The exhibition was organized by *Manorama Online* in collaboration with Jain University. A total of 37 students visited the event on 13 June 2024 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The event has provided students with better insight into the recent advancements in the field of Robotics. During the expo, students participated in a variety of interactive activities that showcased the latest advancements in Robotics and related technologies. Among the highlights were virtual reality games, where students immersed themselves in simulated environments that demonstrated the capabilities and potential applications of VR technology.

## DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### Plant – Pledge - Preserve: World Environment Day Celebration



The Department of Management and Professional Studies of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in collaboration with Marriott Hotel Kochi and Lulu Mall, organized a meaningful World Environment Day celebration at Lulu Mall on 5 June 2024. The event focused on distributing approximately 300 plant saplings to visitors, promoting environmental responsibility. Dr. Anto Joseph, Head of Department, and Ms. Preethy Nagaraj, along with dignitaries from Marriott Kochi,

inaugurated the event. Students engaged with the public, discussing environmental awareness and distributing saplings.

### Mastering Emotional Intelligence: Insights from Navarasa Workshop



The Department of Management and Professional Studies of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences hosted a transformative Navarasa Workshop on 12 June 2024, led by Mr. Pratish Nair. This workshop aimed to deepen students’ understanding of Navarasa, the classical Indian concept of nine primary emotions, and their strategic application in branding and advertising. Through interactive role-playing exercises and insightful discussions on real-life case studies, students not only explored the nuances of human emotions but also learned practical techniques to harness these emotions in crafting compelling marketing campaigns. This immersive learning experience, guided by Mr. Nair’s expertise, equipped participants with enhanced emotional intelligence, crucial for their future success in the competitive business landscape.



## DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

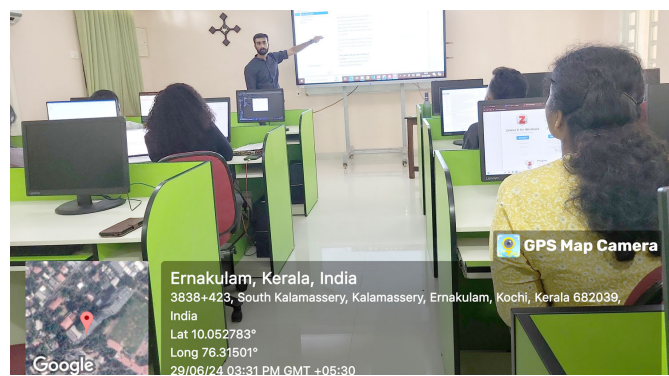
**Diploma in Library Automation: Third Batch Completed**

The Third batch of the diploma program offered by the Department of Library & Information Science on 'Library Automation' was completed on 21 April 2024. Mahesh Palamuttath, Librarian of the S.H. College, Thevara, East campus, was the resource person of the program. 30 participants including LIS professionals and LIS students completed this certificate course providing hands-on training on Linux, KOHA and D-Space.

**Reader's Retreat 2024**

The Department of Library & Information Science and the Department of Languages jointly conducted Reading Week

Celebrations, READER'S RETREAT 2024 from 19-21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 as part of the National Reading Day of 19 June. Various competitions including quiz, essay writing, spell bee, bookmark making, cover page design, puzzle, know your library, just a minute and reel competition were conducted as part of the event. Students from various departments actively engaged in the competitions and won prizes. As part of the end of the event, an invitees talk by Adv. Saran Rajeev on 'A Life Shaped by Many Stories' revealed how reading could shape and mould a human being in life. He also distributed the prizes for the winners of various competitions conducted as part of the event.

**Capacity Building Programme: Tools and resources for Academic Research**

The first cycle of the "Capacity Building Programme" training series on 'Tools and resources for Academic Research' conducted by the Department of Library & Information Science of RCSS was completed on 29 June 2024. Akarsh R, Assistant Professor of DLIS was the resource person for the last session on Reference Management & Plagiarism Checking Software.

## DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

**Discussion on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

Centre for Statistical Analysis (CSA) under The Department of Statistics, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in collaboration with the International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD) and the University of Northumbria, Newcastle, UK., organized Discussion on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on 18 April 2024. Students and Staff from the University of Northumbria, Newcastle, UK., "Staff from IIMAD and CSA, Doctoral & Postdoctoral Scholars of Rajagiri Business School and International Students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences were the participants. Representatives from IIMAD, Rohith, and Vasrha, actively participated, contributing to the rich discussions on sustainable development goals (SDGs) within the context of India and Kerala.

**Inauguration of Lecture Series and First Lecture on Statistical Modelling**

The Department of Statistics with Data Science of Rajagiri College of Social Science organized a significant event to inaugurate a lecture series titled "Theory and Application of

Statistics” on 20 June 2024. The inaugural event was followed by the first lecture focusing on “Some Basic Aspects of Statistical Modelling of Data Sets,” delivered by Dr. K. Jayakumar, Senior Professor of the Department of Statistics. He elucidated fundamental concepts and methodologies involved in statistical modelling, making complex ideas accessible to attendees from diverse academic backgrounds. The lecture not only provided theoretical insights but also included practical examples to illustrate the application of statistical techniques in real-world scenarios.

### National Level Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) with Smart PLS

The National Level Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) with Smart PLS organized by the Centre for Statistical Analysis (CSA) of The Department of Statistics was held at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi, from 20 - 24 May 2024. This program promoted a deep understanding in to the application of advanced statistical methods in research. The resource person for the program was Dr. Jitto Jose, Assistant Professor at

the Department of Statistics, Mar Athanasius College. It brought together participants from various states and institutions, offering a rich, collaborative learning experience.

### Alumni Talk



The second alumni talk of The Department of Statistics for the year 2024 was held successfully on 19 June. The event was organized to reconnect with former students and provide insights into recent developments in various fields. Vyshnavi K T, a distinguished alumnus who currently serves as a Probationary Officer (Junior Management Grade 1) at Federal Bank, shared her expertise and experiences and also delivered a talk on Time Series Analysis, leveraging the professional insights she gained at Federal Bank.

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES

### Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) Project



Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) funded, one-day training on mushroom cultivation was organized by the Department of Biosciences, RCSS for the 45

women beneficiaries from Chendamangalam and Elamkunnappuzha Gramapanchayath, Ernakulam district, on 16 and 28 June, 2024 respectively at RCSS Campus.

### A One-day demonstration training program for Mushroom Cultivation

A one-day demonstration training program for mushroom cultivation was rendered by the Department of Biosciences for the women beneficiaries of second batch of Kadungallor Gramapanchayat under the multi-skill training program on 17 April, 2024. The program was organized as part of the CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) project of SUDCHEMIE, India, Pvt. Ltd. implemented by the Rajagiri outREACH, Department, in partnership with Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development. A total of 22 women participants were present for the demonstration training program.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### Selection Trials for Basketball

On 17 April 2024 Basketball selection trials were held for boys and on 18 April 2024, basketball selection trials were conducted for girls from various districts of Kerala as well as from the other states. The 29 participants were assessed by 4 selectors through physical and game tests, finally selecting 6 players for our college team.

### Specialized Basketball Coaching Camp

From 13 – 18 May 2024, the Department of Physical Education conducted a specialized Basketball coaching camp for college teams, both women and men. The camp was led by Mr. Babu



Davis, an Indian coach. 8 girls and 13 boys participated in the camp.



## RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (RCPS)

### 3-day Drone workshop for beginners



The 3- day Drone Workshop on 1-3 April 2024 for beginners was organised by RCEET for children between 10 to 14 years of age, at RCEET, from 9 am to 4 pm. The workshop was formally inaugurated in the presence of Fr. Dr. M K Joseph, CMI, Dean, Department of Commerce & Professional Studies, Fr. Dr Shinto Joseph, Assistant Director, RCSS, Dr. Jaya Vijayan, Dean, RCPS, Squadron Leader Versha Kukreti (Retd) Air, Veteran, Vineet A Maliakal, Co-founder & Founder, Amosaerospace Technologies, Mr. Abhijith and Mr. Sachin

Benny, Trainers. The workshop gave insights on the history of drones, its technology, types, parts, assembling and building, safety protocols and flying methods. The students had hands-on flying experience on soldering, assembling and flying the DJI mini drone. We had an active group of 14 students participated in the workshop.

### Launch of Certificate Course in Voice Acting

Rajagiri Centre for Professional Studies along with Soundpark Academy launched the first batch of Certificate Course in Voice Acting on 1 June, 2024 with an online orientation of the course from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. 17 candidates who have enrolled for the course along with faculty and staff from RCPS and Soundpark Academy had attended the orientation. Mr. Balakrishnan Periya, managing partner, Ms. Sreeja Balakrishnana, CEO, and staff including Mr. Jibin, Mr. Vishwajyothis and Ms. Radhika from Soundpark Academy, along with Dr. Jaya Vijayan & Ms. Maheswari Menon V R from RCPS had attended the sessions as hosts. Alumni Ms. Haney Paulose, Ms. Ammu Reshma and Ms. Hasee shared their experience through the voice acting course.

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

### Faculty Visit to Other Universities

Fr. Dr. Saju M D and Dr. Binoy Joseph visited US universities for discussions on collaborations and attended NAFSA Conference from 15 May to 02 June.

Dr Kiran Thampi, Head of The Department of Social Work, Dr Nycil Romis Thomas, Faculty member and their students, Ms. Parvathy Kuroor and Ms Arundathi Anilkumar (BSW 2022-25) attended the General Assembly conducted by Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Germany as part of Transcultural Interdisciplinary International Partnership Project (TIIPP) funded by the German Academic Exchange Service in June 2024.



Fr. Dr. Saju M D, Dr. Binoy Joseph and Dr. Manoj Mathew visited Srilanka and had a meeting with the High Commissioner of Srilanka.

Dr. Fr. Francis Sebastian CMI visited Daffodils International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh from April 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Dr. Smitha Siji participated in the International Conference and Annual Meeting (ICAM-2024) organized by AACSB from April 15-17, 2024 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Prof. Arun A Elias attended the EFMD annual conference in Bologna, Italy representing Rajagiri Business School from June 09<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Delegates Who Visited the Campus

Students from University of Edinburgh, UK., and Hes-so, Switzerland, did their internship at Rajagiri College as part of the student exchange programme. The students were given one-week orientation on different themes soon after their arrival.



Delegates from the University of Queensland, Australia, visited Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and discussed about the collaborations between both institutions.

### MoU Signed with International Universities



RCSS signed MoU with Marshall University in the month of May 2024.

RCSS signed MoU with The University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 6 May 2024.



## —COLLEGE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH “LIVE LABS”—

### RAJAGIRI OUTREACH

#### Capacity Building Programme



Capacity Building Programme organized by Rajagiri outREACH for Strengthening Child Protection Services in Kerala in collaboration with UNICEF and Mission Vatsalya, State Child Protection Society, Dept of Women and Child Development. Rajagiri outreach organized three batches of Training and Review cum planning meeting for Outreach Workers, Social workers, Officials from Parenting Clinics and DCPUs from Fourteen districts in Kerala. The objective of the training programme is to strengthen Child Protection Services in Kerala through capacity building, Review, Documentation, and Learning Exchange Programme. The programmes were organized at Rajagiri Business School Kakkanad, Ernakulam, on 8-10 May 2024, 13-14 May 2024 and 21-22 June respectively. Eighty Participants attended in the three training programmes.

#### Souhrudam Summer Camp 2024



Rajagiri outREACH, Rajagiri College of Social Science, organized a summer Souhrudam camp for children in April and May 2024 titled 'Ithiri Neram, Othiri Karyam' focusing on Eco-Mental Health Intervention for children. Rajagiri outREACH conducted an activity based training session for trainers on 18 April 2024. The Souhrudam camp was conducted in 20 centres in various locations throughout Kerala. Each centre designed activity-oriented programs that fostered engaging and interactive experiences for children. 1,643 children participated in the Souhrudam camp. The activity-based approach encouraged active participation among children. The programme enriched children on environment protection.

### RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (RCSD)

#### SAHRUDAYA Multi -Skill Training Programme Inauguration



On 22 May 2024, the SAHRUDAYA Multi-Skill Training program was inaugurated at Alex Hall, a project by Sahrudaya Services and Charities with support from CEVA Ernakulam. The event was launched by Rev. Fr. Biju Vadakkal CMI, General Councillor for Social Apostolate, and featured an address by Dr. Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI. The first batch includes 20 students, with the program aiming to train 240 students over three years, equating to 80 students annually. This initiative focuses on providing essential skills to participants, enhancing their employability and contributing to community development.

#### Sud – Chemie Batch 2 Completion and Certificate Distribution Ceremony

The completion and certification ceremony for Batch 2 of the Multi-Skill training program was held at Rajagiri College's Alex Hall on 22 May 2024. Dr. Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI inaugurated the function and distributed certificates to students. Notably, 15 students from Batch 2 have secured



placements. The completion and certificate distribution ceremonies for the Sud – Chemie Multi-Skill training program marked a significant achievement. Supported by SUD CHEMIE INDIA PVT Ltd under their CSR program with Rajagiri outREACH and implemented through Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development, 50 students from Kadungallur Grama Panchayath underwent the 2-month training. All 50 students successfully completed the training and secured placements, showcasing the program's success.

#### Environment Day Observation

On 5 June the training centre observed Environment Day with a focus on the 2024 theme: "Land Restoration, Halting Desertification, and Building Drought Resilience." Students from the Multi Skill Training program conducted various activities to raise awareness on these critical issues. As part of the Rajagiri Centre for Skill Development's (RCSD) commitment to observing important days, the event included educational sessions, poster presentations, and Skits.



## FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE AND SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE

## Group work conducted at Abhaya old age home



Group work was conducted on 08 April 2024 at Abhaya old age home by MSW trainees of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences with approximately 30 inmates, most of them were in their late adulthood. The group work was conducted in 3 sessions. During the first session the trainees engaged the group with recreation activities which provided them with moments of joy. It also fostered their sense of community. During the second (April 9) and the third sessions (April 10) the group was given some tasks and group work activities were completed on 10 April 2024 and the same day the group was dissolved.

## Awareness class about “Stop Domestic Violence”

An awareness session about “Stop Domestic Violence” was organized by Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre and Service Providing Centre for Housekeeping staff’s Rajagiri College on 25 May 2024. It included concepts domestic violence, how to identify domestic violence, different types of abuses like physical abuse etc. The session also included services provided through Service Providing Centre and details of stake holding institutions. Legal counselling included different sections of Acts and they were well explained.

## “International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking”

As part of the observance of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Counsellors of Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre, in collaboration with Rajagiri ODIC, conducted a poster making competition for high school students at GHS, Kadungallor on 26 June 2024. The topic for poster making was the theme of this year: “The evidence is clear: Invest in prevention.” After the competition Abhijith and Akhila of ODIC conducted a class for high school students of the school.

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