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INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rajagiri has secured a prestigious 3 Star Rating in the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Performance for 2023-24.
- Rajagiri has secured 'A' Plus Grade and is certified as GREEN INSTITUTION by the Haritha Keralam Mission.
- The institution has received a Biodiversity Club registration certificate (BDC Reg. KSBB/BDC/07116/25) from Kerala State Biodiversity Board.
- The College has received an "Eat Right Campus" award as per guidelines established by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for a period of two years from 11th March 2025 to 10th March 2027.
- Rajagiri's Campus Video, celebrating its vibrant spirit, was recognized by the Government of Kerala as one of the best of its kind. The certificate was presented by Dr. R. Bindu, Minister for Higher Education & Social Justice and Sri. P. Rajeev, Minister for Industries, Law and Coir.

INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMMES

Inaugural ceremony of the Golden Jubilee of the ICSD and Silver Jubilee of the DYUTI conference



The inaugural ceremony of the Golden Jubilee of the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) and Silver Jubilee of the DYUTI conference of the Department of Social Work, RCSS, has done by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan on 14th January, 2025.

Empowering Entrepreneurs: Rajagiri Celebrates Startup Excellence



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) celebrated National Startup Day by honoring its alumni entrepreneurs and recognizing the professional achievements of its students through a grand felicitation ceremony held on 17th January 2025. The event featured a welcome address by Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Manager, RCSS, and was graced by Shri. P. Rajeev, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Law, and Coir, Government of Kerala. Fr. Prof. Dr. Saju M.D. CMI, Principal,

RCSS, shared insights into the institution's startup initiatives, journey and vision, while Dr. Binoy Joseph, Associate Director, felicitated the occasion. Furthering its commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship, the Rajagiri Talrop Techies Park was inaugurated at the Hill Campus as a collaborative venture between RCSS and Talrop, aimed at building a vibrant ecosystem for technology, innovation and student-driven startups. Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated the Rajagiri Business Forum (RBF) during the occasion. Together, these events reinforced Rajagiri's dedication to fostering entrepreneurial excellence and contributing meaningfully to Kerala's thriving startup ecosystem.

Break the Chains, Embrace the Change



On 21st February, 2025 Rajagiri College of Social Sciences organised a powerful protest against drug abuse, bringing together all first-year B.Com students. The students formed a human chain on the campus to raise awareness regarding the dangers of drugs and the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The protest was accompanied by a pledge, led by Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph, Assistant Director – RCSS emphasizing the commitment to stay away from drugs and support the cause of a drug-free community. A street play was also part of this event which was led by our MSW students. The event received significant media attention and was prominently featured in local newspapers, highlighting the students' active participation in the movement. The initiative not only drew attention to the harmful effects of drugs but also promoted unity among the students in their shared commitment to creating a safer, drug-free environment at the campus.

National Science Day 2025 celebration



National Science Day 2025 was celebrated at RCSS, Kalamassery on 28th February, 2025. It was jointly organized by the

Department of Biosciences, Rajagiri Research and Development Cell (RRDC), Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation (CEDI), Institutions Innovation Council (IIC), Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC), NSS Unit No. 59 and IQAC of RCSS. As part of the programme, we have organized an invited talk on 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat' by Dr. E. K. Radhakrishnan, Director, Business Innovation and Incubation Centre (BIIC), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. The scientists and research scholars of the Department of Biosciences and around 43 students from various departments of RCSS participated in the programme.

Rajagiri Basketball League (RBL)



Rajagiri Basketball League was organised from 10th to 13th February 2025. 12 teams participated in the tournament – 8 men's teams and 4 women's teams. The tournament was conducted on a league cum knock – out basis. The girl's final match was between Assumption college and S. H. Chalakkudy. Assumption College became women's champions of the tournament. Among the men's teams, the final match was between Kerala Varma College, Thrissur and Christ College, Irinjalakuda. Keralavarma College emerged as Men's champions of the tournament.

Ethnic Day 2025



Ethnic Day 2025, celebrated on 11th February, 2025 was a vibrant tribute to India's rich and diverse cultural heritage. Organized under the inspiring theme "Virasat – A Journey Through Heritage", the event united students from various departments to honor the beauty of tradition, identity and

cultural expression. The celebration served as a colorful reminder of the nation's enduring legacy and the importance of preserving its cultural roots.

International Guest's Talk

Prof. Philip G. Altbach, an eminent American author, researcher, and former professor at Boston College, delivered a talk on 16th January, 2025 at Carmel Hall, Hill Campus. Prof. Altbach, the founding director of the Boston College Center for International Higher Education and a globally respected authority on international higher education, addressed the audience with his insightful perspectives. The session began at 2:45 p.m. and was well-received by attendees, who appreciated his expertise and depth of knowledge.

Lifestyle Diseases Detection Camp

A Lifestyle Diseases Detection Camp was organized by the Centre for Excellence in Whole Person Education, in collaboration with Malabar Gold and Diamonds and the Kerala Social Security Mission, exclusively for the First Year UG Students of the 2024-28 batch. This event was held from 11th to 25th February, 2025 at Rajagiri College. The camp aimed to raise awareness about lifestyle diseases and provide students with essential health screenings to detect potential risks early on, promoting overall well-being and preventive healthcare practices.

International Women's Day Celebration



The International Women's Day 2025 celebrations themed #Accelerate Action#IWD2025, was inaugurated by Fr. Prof. Dr. Saju M.D. CMI, Principal of RCSS on 6th March, 2025. Dr. Hena N.N., a distinguished psychologist, DEI expert, and founder of the SEK Foundation, delivered an insightful talk titled "From Self-Care to Success: Thriving as Women Educators." The event also included interactive wellness initiatives, featuring complimentary Zumba sessions and access to the Open Gym. As part of the celebrations, Women Cell of the college hosted a panel discussion titled, "Let's Hear from the Men" on 10th March 2025 at the Courtyard. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Nycil Romis Thomas, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social work.

IQAC INITIATIVES

One-week Faculty Development Programme



UGC-MMTC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, SGTB Khatsa College, University of Delhi in collaboration with Rajagiri College of Social Science (Autonomous) conducted a One week Faculty Development Programme on "Innovative pedagogies and AI tools for Outcome Based Education" (Face to Face mode) from 17th - 22th March, 2025 at Carmel Hall of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Ved Prakash, Former Chairman, UGC with a keynote session on "Global trends in Higher Education". Prof. Vimal Rarh, Director, UGC-MMTC took a session on "Ice-breaking and Outcome Based Education".

Rajagiri Research Day

Rajagiri Research Day 2025 was jointly organized by Rajagiri Research and Development Cell & IQAC on 25th March, 2025 at Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kakkanad. Prof. Manoj Prasad from University of Delhi was the chief guest of the programme



and he delivered a lecture on 'Climbing the Career Ladder: Roles of Mentors and Mentees'. Prof. Manoj Prasad distributed the research awards to faculty members and research scholars.

FDP on Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Design Thinking in Focus - Second Session

On 11th February, 2025, the second session of the 5-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Entrepreneurship and Innovation in HEIs was held at Rajagiri College, organized by CEDI and IQAC. The session focused on "Design Thinking and Innovation", aiming to equip educators with creative problem-solving skills to foster innovation in higher education.

Participants took part in hands-on workshops, discussions, and case studies, exploring how design thinking can enhance teaching and promote entrepreneurial thinking. The day offered practical insights into building a culture of innovation within academic institutions.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



- Dr. Sabeela Beevi was honored with the "Outstanding Woman Researcher in Environmental Biotechnology" award by the Venus International Women Awards in recognition of her exceptional contributions and achievements in the field of environmental biotechnology.
- Dr. Santhosh Kuriakose was honored with the Physical Educators Award-2025 organized by Capt. M P Singh Sports Trust, Delhi.

VALLEY CAMPUS

Deeksharambham – Fellow Programme in Management



Deeksharambham for the Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) batch 2024-29, marking the beginning of an exciting new journey for our incoming students was held on 6th January, 2025.

Research Workshop



The research seminar organized on 7th January, 2025 that featured a talk by Prof. Piyush Sharma, a distinguished professor from Curtin University, Australia was an enriching experience. The session, titled "Doing High-Quality Research and Publishing Papers in Top Journals: My Experience", offered valuable insights into the intricate processes of conducting impactful research and achieving publications in reputed journals.

Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Case Writing

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Case Writing was led by Prof. Debamallya Chatterjee on 14th January, 2025. Prof. Chatterjee, a prominent academician specializing in Operations Supply Chain Management and Quantitative Methods and the Chairperson of the PGDM-Online at SPJIMR, Mumbai, shared valuable insights and strategies for developing compelling case studies.

Rajagiri Management Conference 2025



The Sixth edition of the Rajagiri Management Conference was held on 14th to 15th February 2025 in the Valley campus. The theme of the conference was "INNOVATE AND ADAPT: BUILDING BUSINESS RESILIENCE IN A DYNAMIC WORLD." Inaugural address was given by Mr. Krishna Prasad, Strategic Advisor, Saint Gobain. The conference has received a total of seventy-four papers. Participants from various educational institutions across India took part in the conference.

Rajagiri Cricket League



Rajagiri Cricket League (RCL) is more than just a tournament—it is a platform that promotes sportsmanship, teamwork, and inclusivity while championing a greater social cause. RCL is dedicated to empowering specially-abled players, proving that cricket is a game for all, breaking barriers, and inspiring countless individuals. The Fourth edition of RCL was held on 9th - 10th February 2025. Six teams from six districts participated in the league. The finals were between Soaring Sixes Ernakulam and Hawks Malappuram. Soaring Sixes Ernakulam won the league. Former Indian cricketer Tinu Yohannan and Maneesh Narayanan, Editor-in-Chief & CEO of The Cue were the chief guests for the valedictory function.

Turnitin International Webinar

The International Webinar on "Ethical Writing Practices in the Age of AI: Avoiding Unintentional Plagiarism" was successfully conducted on 21st February, 2025 via the Zoom platform. The event was organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Rajagiri Business School in collaboration with Turnitin to address the growing concerns of ethical writing, particularly in an era dominated by Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools. The session aimed to provide insights into avoiding unintentional plagiarism while leveraging AI-assisted writing tools.

HILL CAMPUS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

24th ICSD Biennial and DYUTI 2025 Conference



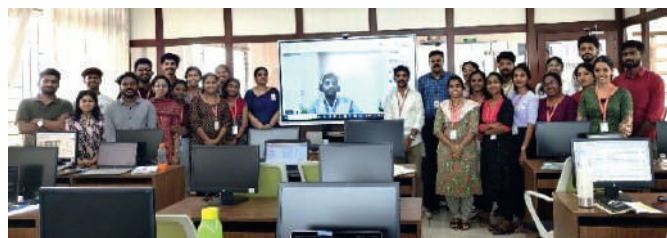
The 24th ICSD Biennial Conference – DYUTI 2025, held from 8th to 10th January 2025, was organized by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in collaboration with the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD). The conference, held at Rajagiri Business School in Kakkanad, served as a global platform, bringing together professionals, scholars and practitioners from 21 countries to exchange ideas and collaborations for social change. The theme, "Innovations in Social Work and Social Development: Uniting Communities Across the Globe for Sustainable Change," highlighted the importance of collective action in addressing global challenges and promoting sustainability.

One-Day Workshop on Supervision for Social Workers

The Department of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences - Autonomous, Kalamassery, conducted a one-day workshop on "Supervision for Social Workers" on 13th January 2025. The resource person of the workshop was Dr. Avril McIvor, Senior lecturer in Social Work, University of Edinburgh Scotland.

ESG Certification program

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), through its Department of Social Work, collaborated with KPMG India



to organize an ESG (Environment, Social & Governance) Certification Program for MSW students. This industry-academia partnership aimed to enhance students' understanding of ESG principles and practices. The program, conducted on 17th to 21st January 2025 at RCSS, provided a platform for academic and professional engagement.

Wetland Mitra Enrollment & Training Workshop

The Social Work Department of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in collaboration with KSCSTE-CWRDM and the State Wetland Authority Kerala (SWAK), hosted the Wetland Mitra Enrollment and Training Workshop on 21st and 24th February, 2025. The event featured a collage competition, quiz competition and an interactive workshop, all aimed at raising awareness about wetland conservation.

Road Safety Awareness Campaign

On 30th January, 2025, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in collaboration with Rajagiri Outreach organized a road safety awareness campaign with the support of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. The event featured an engaging street play and a dynamic flash mob, designed to highlight the importance of road safety and responsible driving practices. Targeting drivers and employees of the two organizations, the initiative was met with enthusiastic participation and positive feedback.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Session titled "Interaction with Youth Entrepreneurs"

As part of the National Youth Day commemoration, the Department, in collaboration with the IEDC wing of the college, organized an inspiring session titled "Interaction with Youth Entrepreneurs", featuring Mr. Yasir Muhammed and Mr. Muhammed Siyad, two accomplished entrepreneurs on 14th January, 2025. During the session, both speakers shared their entrepreneurial journeys, detailing the challenges they encountered and the opportunities they capitalized on, emphasizing the significance of determination, innovation, and leadership in building successful ventures. They underscored the importance of practical experience and adaptability in navigating the entrepreneurial landscape. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, offering students the opportunity to seek guidance on startup challenges, resource management and entrepreneurship opportunities, thereby motivating them to pursue their own entrepreneurial aspirations with confidence and clarity.

LinkedIn Training Program

The Department of Computer Science organized a LinkedIn Training Program on 23rd January, 2025, for the first-year students of MCA and MSc Computer Science. The session was led by experts from Face Prep, who provided in-depth guidance on building a strong professional presence through LinkedIn. The training session focused on key aspects such as profile optimization, networking strategies and utilizing LinkedIn for exploring career opportunities. Students were introduced to best practices for writing impactful summaries, showcasing skills and accomplishments and effectively connecting with industry professionals.

Innovate and Inspire: Idea Pitching Event

The Department of Computer Science of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) in collaboration with CSTAR and the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation (CEDI) organized an idea pitching competition

titled "INNOVATE AND INSPIRE" on 4th February, 2025. The primary objective of the event was to provide a platform for students to present innovative and impactful ideas that integrate technology with real-world solutions. The event encouraged entrepreneurial thinking, creativity and effective communication among students.

Power BI Training Program by EY

A two-day Power BI training session was conducted by EY for MSc Computer Science (Data Analytics) and MSc Statistics with Data Science students at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The program focused on key aspects of Power BI, including data visualization, data transformation using Power Query, data modeling with DAX expressions, dynamic report creation, Power BI Service usage and advanced analytics using AI features and Python/R integration. Participants also learned the best practices for creating interactive and user-friendly dashboards. A hands-on test was held during the training, where students created dashboards to apply their learning. The top performers were Thomas Anto Moothedan,

Agus Raju Thaliyan, Ann Rose George, Arathy Vijayachandran, and Muhammed Irfan K. P. The training was highly effective in enhancing practical skills in data analytics and business intelligence, equipping students with industry-relevant tools for real-world applications.

Cloudium Campus Recruitment Drive

The Department of Computer Science organized a campus recruitment drive in association with Cloudium on 28th March, 2025 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The drive was led by Ms. Nikitha, representing Cloudium. It was open to final-year students of MCA and MSc Computer Science (2023 batch), with a total number of 16 students participating. The recruitment process consisted of a Technical Round, followed by a Personal Interview. Following a two-day evaluation, two students were selected and offered placements at Cloudium. The recruitment drive served as a valuable platform for students to interact with industry professionals and demonstrate their technical competencies, reflecting the institution's continued commitment to student career advancement.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Union Budget Quiz

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in association with Young Indians, organized an essay competition on 7th January, 2025 at 2:00 pm to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Manmohan Singh, India's Thirteenth Prime Minister. The competition focused on the topic "Economic Growth and Social Welfare: Balancing the Two," with five enthusiastic participants sharing their thoughts on this critical issue. The event was successfully executed under the guidance of faculty coordinators Mr. Nebu Cherian and Mr. Ebin Babu, with student coordinators Kesia M Thomas and Karthyayani S ensuring its smooth organization. This essay competition served as a fitting tribute to Dr. Manmohan Singh's legacy, encouraging young minds to critically analyze the challenges facing our nation. We look forward to hosting more such events in the future.

Financial Wellness

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in association with Young Indians, organized an event on Financial Wellness, conducted on 15th January, 2025 by Pankaj Sahijwani, Managing Director of Mentoring Matters India Limited, New Delhi. The event aimed to provide valuable insights on managing personal finances and promoting financial well-being. Pankaj Sahijwani, an expert in the field, shared his knowledge on various aspects of financial management, including budgeting, investing and planning for the future. His session was well-received by the participants, who appreciated the practical advice and strategies he provided to achieve financial independence and stability. The event helped to raise awareness on the importance of financial literacy and how it could lead to better decision-making in everyday life. With Pankaj Sahijwani's expertise, the session was informative, interactive, and engaging. The event was a significant step toward empowering students with the knowledge necessary to make sound financial decisions.

ACCA Case Study Competition 2025



The ACCA Case Study Competition 2025 organised by the Department of Commerce and Professional Studies of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in association with ACCA (UK), was successfully conducted on 24th January, 2025. The competition provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their analytical and problem-solving skills in the field of finance and accounting.

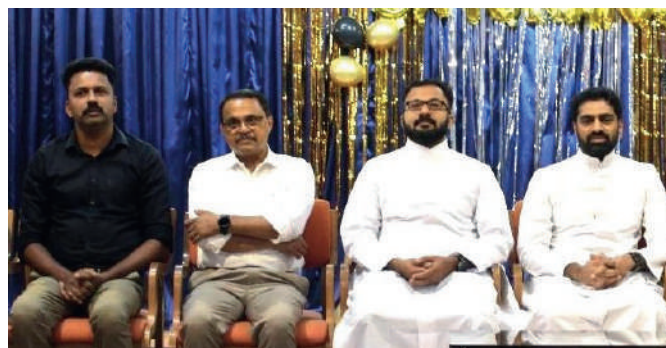
National Tourism Day

In honor of National Tourism Day, observed on 25th January, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences conducted an online photography contest titled "Exploring the World Through Your Lens". The contest aimed to encourage students to showcase their creativity and perspective on global tourism through photography. Participants were invited to capture images that represented the beauty, culture and diversity of travel and exploration. The event provided a platform for students to express their passion for tourism and photography while celebrating the significance of National Tourism Day. The contest received enthusiastic participation with entries highlighting the vibrant and diverse world we live in.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Sayonara 2025 – A Farewell to Remember

The farewell event “Sayonara” held on 27th February, 2025, was a heartwarming blend of reflections, fun, and celebration. The event was graced by Rev. Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph, Rev. Fr. Rintle Mathew, Dr. Manoj Mathew and Dr. Anto Joseph, who shared words of encouragement and appreciation. The evening unfolded with emotional speeches, fun games, and cultural performances. The floor erupted with excitement when teachers joined the students on the dance floor. The event wrapped up with smiles, music, and cherished memories.



DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psyesta 2025



The Psyesta National Fest 2025, a vibrant celebration of psychology and academic collaboration was conducted on 21st January, 2025. The fest brought together about 200 participants from various colleges across the country, offering a dynamic platform for creativity, learning, and the exchange of ideas. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp at the Golden Aureole, graced by distinguished guests, faculty coordinators and student representatives—symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and the transformative power of psychology. A series of engaging competitions were conducted across various venues of the college. Dr. Amal Tom Jose, Dr. Jovita Sherin George and Dr. Devi N. P. served as the event coordinators, ensuring the smooth and successful execution of Psyesta 2025.

SPARSH

Embracing Diversity Celebration of Abilities 2025 was held on 20th February, 2025. This is conducted as the heartwarming cultural festival that brings together students from special

schools to showcase their talents. The countdown that was held on 17th February, 2025, commenced with the official program headed by Dr. Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, Hill Campus, Dr. Ann Baby, Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Manoj Menon, Head, Dept. of Personnel Management, Dr. Anita Rajah, HoD, Dept. of Psychology, faculty members and crew of the film 'Thadavu' (The Sentence), including Fazil Razak, Writer & Director. The official inauguration function was celebrated with the warm presence of Fr. Rintle Mathew CMI, Administrator, Rajagiri Hill Campus.

JBS Event



The JBS (Junior Behavior Scientist) event held on 28th February, 2025 at Rajagiri College was a notable academic gathering that brought together psychology undergraduate students from across India. The event commenced at 9:15 a.m. with a formal function, featuring the Rajagiri Anthem, welcome address by Ms. Athira and an inaugural speech by Dr. Anita Rajah, highlighting the value of academic research and dialogue.

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Alumni and Faculty Meet

The Department of Library and Information Science organized an Alumni and Faculty Meet on 16th February, 2025 at the Golden Aureole Auditorium, RCSS, Kalamassery. The gathering witnessed the participation of 19 alumni and faculty members who enthusiastically shared their cherished memories, professional achievements and experiences since their time at the institution. The event served as an excellent platform for networking, reconnecting and reminiscing about the past while also discussing future aspirations.



Session on 'Facing Exams with Confidence'

The Department of Library and Information Science, in association with LIFE RCSS, organized a session on 'Facing Exams with Confidence' to support students in managing exam-related stress. The session took place on 5th February, 2025, Wednesday at Alex Hall from 2.00pm-4.00pm with Ms. Aarcha Gowry and Ms. Neha Flory as resource persons. Students actively participated in discussions, shared their concerns, and received expert guidance on how to stay calm and focused during exams. The session was well-received and provided practical remedies for overcoming exam stress.



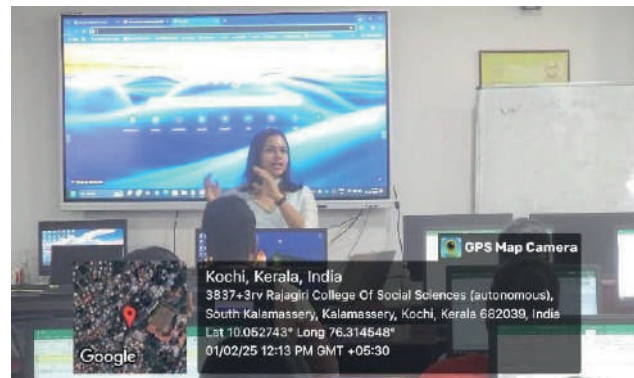
DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Online Workshop on Population Dynamics

The Department of Statistics organized a three-day online workshop on Population Dynamics, a NET Coaching program from 3rd to 6th January 2025, via Google Meet, for enhancing student's preparedness of the NET examination. The sessions were led by Ms. Anju N. B., Assistant Professor, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam. The workshop covered key demographic concepts, including population growth, migration, fertility, mortality and the impact of socio-economic factors on population dynamics. It also emphasized the importance of data collection and interpretation in understanding demographic trends. The sessions were insightful and well-received by students, faculty and external participants, contributing significantly to their academic and exam readiness.

Peer Interaction and Skill Sharing Programme

The Department of Statistics in collaboration with Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha organized a one-day Peer Interaction and Skill Sharing Programme on 1st February, 2025 to promote knowledge exchange and enhance students' technical skills.



The event included three interactive sessions on data transformation, financial analysis and data visualization led by student experts from Nirmala College. Participants received hands-on training in Excel with Power Query, explored stock market trends using Google Finance in Sheets and created interactive dashboards using Google Data Studio. The sessions were engaging, practical and well-received, offering valuable insights into real-world data analysis tools.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES

Wetlands Day 2025 celebration

The Biodiversity Club, ENCON Club and National Service Scheme Unit No. 59 of RCSS jointly organized World Wetlands



Day 2025 celebration at RCSS, Kalamassery on 28th January, 2025. As part of the programme, Shri. Manoj Kumar I.B, Environmentalist, delivered an invited talk on 'Protecting Wetlands for our Common Future'. Tree saplings were planted in the RCSS campus on that day and a reels making contest was also conducted for students as part of the programme.

A field visit to Mangalavanam was organised for the students on 14th February, 2025, as part of the programme.

National Seminar on Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Utilization 2025

The Biodiversity Club at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences was officially launched on 28th January, 2025 by the Principal



Prof. Fr. Saju M. D. CMI. Following this, a one-day National Seminar on Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Utilization was held on 4th March, 2025 at the RCSS Kalamassery campus

organized jointly by the Department of Biosciences, Rajagiri Research and Development Cell (RRDC) and the Biodiversity Club. The seminar featured keynote addresses by Dr. P. E. Rajasekharan, IIHR, Bengaluru and Dr. K. M. Prabhukumar, CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow. During the event, Dr. C. S. Vimal Kumar,

Kerala State Biodiversity Board presented the club's official registration certificate. The seminar included eleven presentations and was attended by 35 research scholars and faculty members from RCSS and other institutions.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Inter Department Showdown Basketball

An Inter department showdown Basketball tournament was conducted on 6th to 7th January, 2025. 8 teams from the programmes of MSW, BSc Psychology, B.Com Computer application, B.Com M2 F&T A Batch, B.Com M2 F&T B Batch, B.Com M2 F&T C Batch, BSW and BBA were participated in the tournament.

Annual Sports Meet

The Annual Sports Meet (Sportopia Verve) 2025 was conducted on 18th February 2025 at Rajagiri Football Ground. The program started at 2 pm. The event began with a welcome address by Jenin Jose Jitty, the Chairman of the College Union. The program started with a grand march-past of four houses. The houses are Terra (Green House), Ignis (Red House), Indus



(Yellow House) and Aqua (Blue House). The event was officially inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph, the chief guest of the occasion. The sports meet featured five major events: 50m race (men & women), 100m race (men & women), 4x100m shuttle relay (men & women), long jump (men & women), shot put (men & women) and discus throw (men & women).



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Abinav Krishna, the First-year BBA student, represented Kerala in the 69th Junior National Ball Badminton Championship, secured 4th place, and received the esteemed Star of India Award.
- 2nd year BBA students won First place in the Best Management team competition at the Inceptra RCMAS Fest on 31st January 2025.
- The Football team of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) bagged the Runners up Trophy in the Swamy Saswathikananda College, Poothotta Football Tournament

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS



- Delegates from Kadambari Memorial School, Nepal, James Cook University, Australia, Wollongong University, Australia, Artevelde University of Applied Sciences, Belgium, Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium, University of Greenwich, UK, University of South California, USA, University of New Orleans, USA, Malmo University, Sweden, Alma Mater Europea University, Slovenia visited the campus for different programmes and institutional collaboration.
- As part of a faculty-led study abroad programme and field placement, Rajagiri College had the privilege of hosting one student from the University of Edinburgh, UK, one student from the University of Alabama, USA and a delegation from Virginia Commonwealth University, USA, which included two faculty members and fifteen students.
- Dr. Kiran Thampi visited Vives University of Applied Sciences, Belgium, to give guest lectures in the minor transnational social work, in the month of March.
- Eleven BSW students from Rajagiri College undertook their international field placement at various universities abroad, gaining valuable global exposure and practical experience in diverse social work settings.

CENTRE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION (CEDI)

Grand Finale of Rajagiri Business Spark Challenge Season 2



The Grand Finale of Rajagiri Business Spark Challenge Season 2, organized by the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation (CEDI) on 15th February, 2025, at Carmel Hall, celebrated outstanding student entrepreneurship. The winners, Adithyan V S (MCA, First Year) from Team ERA, received Rs. 1.5 lakh seed money and Rs. 7,500 cash prize. The First Runner-Up, Basil Noble, Sliya Mariya, Rona Johnson & Emil K Joseph (B.Com, First Year) from Team ID Sensor, secured Rs. 1.5 lakh seed money and Rs. 7,500 cash prize. The Second Runner-Up, George C Alex & Alvin Varghese Thalody (B.Com Model 1 F&T, Third Year) from Team Thejus, won Rs. 1 lakh seed money and Rs.5,000 cash prize, showcasing Rajagiri's commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

2-Day Entrepreneurship Boot Camp

The 2-Days Entrepreneurship Boot Camp organized by CEDI, IEDC & IIC at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences on February 13th to 14th, 2025, provided an intensive learning experience for Rajagiri Business Spark Challenge finalists. The sessions covered problem-solution fit, Lean Canvas Model, technology

readiness, commercialization, sales and marketing strategies. Expert mentors, including Jolly Jose Pynadath, Vignesh Palakkal, Kannan and Arjun, guided students through practical frameworks and real-world startup challenges. The boot camp empowered participants with essential skills to refine their business ideas, achieve product-market fit and confidently pitch their ventures. CEDI continues to nurture innovation and entrepreneurship among students.

MoU Signing between RCSS and ZIFE for Sustainability and Industrial Exposure



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS), Kalamassery, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment (ZIFE), Dubai, on 7th January, 2025. This collaboration aims to provide students with academic and industrial exposure through internships in Dubai while fostering sustainable development initiatives. The partnership will facilitate knowledge exchange, research opportunities and global networking to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This milestone strengthens RCSS's commitment to environmental consciousness and entrepreneurship, empowering students with international learning experiences.

'LIFE' RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR HAPPINESS AND WELLBEING

Fostering Mental wellbeing in higher education institutions



A session on "Fostering mental wellbeing in higher education institutions" was conducted by the Department of Social work in association with the Tree of Life, Centre for Happiness and Wellbeing and IQAC at Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Sciences, Kakkanad, on 21st January, 2025. Ms. Aarcha Gowri Varma gave an overview on mental health and the common mental health issues seen in educational institutions. The session enlightened the audience on how to identify mental health issues and the need to promote help seeking attitude among the staff and students in higher education institutions. The session also highlighted the role of social works in the

mental health domain. BSW students, faculties of social work and other departments participated in the event.

"Facing Exams with Confidence"



On 5 February 2025, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., a vibrant and interactive session titled "Facing Exams with Confidence" was facilitated for Library Science students by Ms. Aarcha Gowri Varma and Ms. Neha Flory. The session aimed to help students identify and manage exam-related stress while boosting confidence through practical strategies. Activities included group discussions, creative exercises like "Study Pattern Bingo" and "Letter to Future Me," and hands-on planning tools. The session encouraged self-reflection, healthy habits, and proactive time management, creating a supportive environment to approach exams with calm and clarity.

RAJAGIRI STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Free Ayurveda Medical Camp

A Free Ayurveda Medical Camp was successfully organized at the Rajagiri Kalamassery Campus on Thursday, 27th March 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The initiative was a collaborative effort between the Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association and Punarjith Ayurveda Hospital, with the aim of promoting holistic health and wellness among the campus community.

The camp was officially inaugurated by Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph, Assistant Director of the Rajagiri Hill Campus. A team of experienced Ayurvedic doctors and therapists from Punarjith Ayurveda Hospital were present to provide free consultations, health check-ups, and personalized health advice.

The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation from the staff, with around 120 members attending and availing themselves of the services.

— COLLEGE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH “LIVE LABS” —

RAJAGIRI OUTREACH

Public Hearing of Social Impact Assessment Studies



Nine Public Hearings of Social Impact Assessment Studies for Land Acquisition were conducted in Ernakulam, Alappuzha, Thrissur, Pathanamthitta, Palakkad, Kollam, Malappuram, Kasaragod and Wayanad Districts from January to March 2025.

Livelihood Promotion Programme for Women

As part of the women empowerment initiatives, a livelihood promotion programme for women was organized on 18th March 2025. The programme “Aadum Koodum” aimed at ensuring a sustainable livelihood opportunity for women in the community. This programme identified 15 needy women

from Kadungalloor Grama panchayath and supported them with Goats and Goat Cage.

Road Safety Training for Tank-Truck crew of IOCL Irumanam



Three road safety and first aid trainings were organized by Rajagiri outREACH for the Tank-Truck Crew of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Irumanam. A total of 150 TT crews attended the training sessions which were handled by officials from the Motor Vehicle Department. Flashmob and Street play were also organized on 30th January, 2025 at IOCL terminal as part of the road safety awareness month observation.

FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE AND SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE

Awareness Class On “Domestic Violence Act 2005”



An awareness session on the “Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005” was conducted for the students of DDU-GKY on 25th February, 2025. The legal counsellor explained the different types of domestic violence and the legal procedures involved in seeking protection. She discussed the importance of recognizing emotional and economic abuse in addition to physical harm. The session helped participants understand how law protects women and the steps to file a case on domestic violence. The family counsellor from Rajagiri Family Counselling Center also explained the support services available for victims. The session ensured active participation and created awareness on the importance of legal literacy. Participants left with practical knowledge to help themselves or others in abusive situations.

“Emotional Intelligence For Women: Empowering Self-Awareness and Relationship”

A session on emotional intelligence was conducted at Mahila Mandiram for the inmates on 3rd March, 2025. The facilitator discussed the role of emotional awareness in building strong relationships and improving mental well-being. Topics such as self-awareness, emotional regulation and empathy were covered through interactive games and group discussions. Participants shared personal experiences and reflected on how emotions influence daily interactions. The session highlighted the importance of understanding emotions for better decision-making. Practical exercises were provided to help women apply emotional intelligence in their daily lives. The session concluded with a positive response from the participants.

Awareness Session on “Posh Act 2013 and Domestic Violence Act 2005”

An awareness session on the POSH Act 2013 and Domestic Violence Act 2005 was organized on 10th March, 2025 for Haritha Karma Sena members. The legal counsellor explained the legal structure, reporting procedures and protection measures under both Acts. 72 women actively participated in the session and asked questions related to real-life issues.

RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT (RCSD)

Süd-Chemie Multi Skill Training Program

The first batch of the Süd-Chemie Multi Skill Training Program concluded successfully on 5th February, 2025. To commemorate this achievement, a certificate distribution ceremony was held on 18th February, 2025. The event was graced by Mr. Shiju Bhaskaran, Senior Manager - HR & IR, Süd-Chemie India, who presided over the function. The ceremony was formally inaugurated by Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. Simultaneously, the second batch of the training program was launched on 5th February, 2025, marking the continued commitment of Süd-Chemie to community skill development. A total of 27 students from Kadugallur Grama Panchayath have enrolled in this new batch, embarking on their journey toward enhanced employability and skill development.

Sahrudaya Multi Skill Training Program



The fourth and final batch of the first year of the Sahrudaya Multi Skill Training Program successfully completed their training on 25th January 2025. A certificate distribution ceremony

was held to mark the occasion, presided over by Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Chairman of Sahrudaya Services and Charities and Assistant Director, RCSS. Continuing the momentum, the first batch for the financial year 2025–2026 began their training on 20th February 2025. To warmly welcome the new trainees, a welcome kit distribution event was conducted on 28th February, 2025, graced by Fr. Biju Vadakkal CMI, General Councillor, Social Apostolate & Health Care and Director, CEVA.

Women's Day Observation and Field Exposure Visit



As part of the training curriculum, Women's Day was observed at the training centre on 7th March, 2025. Fr. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Chairman of Sahrudaya Services and Charities and Assistant Director of RCSS, along with Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla, addressed the students, highlighting the importance of Women's Day. The students actively participated in various events, including poster-making, skits and debates, which contributed to their personal and professional development. Additionally, to mark Women's Day, students had the opportunity to participate in a field exposure visit to Grand Hyatt, Bolgatty. This visit provided valuable insights into real-world workplace environments, enhancing their practical learning experience.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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