

# RAJAGIRI HIGHLIGHTS

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## INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences received the Minister's Award for Excellence 2025 from the Government of Kerala in recognition of its outstanding achievement in higher education and top ranking in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF).
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) has qualified for the QS-IGAUGE Institution of Happiness (IOH) Award 2025-26
- Xavier Board National Excellence Award 2025 - RCSS has been recognized by the Xavier Board for its Outstanding Performance in NIRF and NAAC, demonstrating exceptional results across all parameters of national institutional ranking and reflecting a steadfast commitment to establishing and maintaining the highest standards of quality assurance in higher education.
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and our NSS unit is honoured by IMA for organising the highest number of blood donations during last year.
- MG University Women's Badminton Championship-2025 - RCSS, won the First place in the MG University Women's Badminton Championship-2025. Our team defeated St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam.
- Rajagiri College of Social Science has received the certificate of honour from the Kochi Municipal Corporation and the Happiness Kochi Project 2025 for the successful completion of all Mental Health Week initiatives.

## INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMMES

### SPLENDORE 2025



The Eleventh Edition of SPLENDORE 2025, International Inter Collegiate fest, "The Next Begins Now", was held on 28–29 November 2025. The programme was designed to celebrate creativity, culture, and student talent through a diverse range of artistic and performing.

### SPICMACAY 2025



We are honoured to host a spellbinding SPICMACAY concert by the Padma Bhushan & Grammy Awardee Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, accompanied by Shri Himanshu Mahant on Tabla, at our campus on 5 December 2025.

**IQAC INITIATIVES**

**Gathering meeting - Staff Training and Enhancement Programme (STEP)**

To acknowledge the achievement of successfully completing the Staff Training and Enhancement Programme (STEP) for non-teaching staff, a gathering was organised at Carmel Hall, Rajagiri Hill Campus, Kalamassery, on Monday, 22 December 2025. During the programme, the training completion certificates were distributed to the concerned Heads of the Departments.



**VALLEY CAMPUS**

**Seminar by National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)**

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences & Rajagiri Business School hosted a seminar titled “Introduction to the Securities Market and Scam Awareness” on October 9, 2025, as part of the World Investment Week (October 6-12, 2025). The seminar was conducted to address the growing need for financial literacy and investor protection among students. With the increasing complexity of financial markets and the prevalence of investment scams, the objective was to provide participants with practical knowledge and tools for safe investing.

**Rajagiri National Business Quiz (RNBQ)**



The 16th edition of RNBQ was held on November 15, 2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from corporate professionals, college students, and school students. The chief guest was Mr. John Kuriakose, CMD of Dentcare Dental care. A total of 1,702-member teams registered for the competition, reflecting the widespread popularity and strong reputation of RNBQ. The winners of the competition were Sai Mitra in the Corporate Category, IIT Madras in the College Category, and Dewan Public School, Meerut in the School Category.

**Management Development Program for Medical Professionals (MDP-Rx)**

The MDP- Rx commenced on October 26, 2025. 28 doctors have enrolled for the programme. The inaugural ceremony was held online. The opening lecture was delivered by Dr. Gigi Kuruttukulam, Medical Director of Rajagiri Hospital. The Management Development Program for Medical Professionals (MDP-Rx) is an 8-month hybrid postgraduate certification exclusively for doctors, featuring over 100 hours of live sessions with expert faculty, on-campus immersion at Rajagiri Business School and Rajagiri Hospital, and exposure to case studies, industry interactions, and peer networking.

**Leadership Masterclass Series**



The first edition of the Alumni Masterclass Leadership programme was conducted on December 12, 2025. The programme was well received and highly appreciated by the alumni participants for its relevance and practical insights. The masterclass featured distinguished resource persons, Mr. Ravi Kant, Former Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Tata Motors, and Mr. Rajesh Srivastava, corporate veteran, author, and TEDx speaker. Their sessions offered valuable perspectives on leadership, industry experience, and professional growth.

**Agentic AI Competition**



The Agentic AI Competition was organized by Rajagiri Business School under the aegis of the Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) during the period from August to October 2025. Greyamp Consulting acted as the industry partner for the competition and provided a live assignment to ensure real-world industry exposure for the participants. The competition was conducted in three rounds with the final round held on November 01, 2025.

**Research Seminar and Workshop**

A Research Seminar and Workshop were conducted in December 2025 for faculty members and research scholars. The seminar on “Cultural Differences in Receptivity to AI” was delivered by Prof. Manoj K. Thomas (Cornell University) on 12 December 2025 at the KRL Auditorium. This was followed by a research workshop for FPM and PhD scholars on 19 December 2025, led by Dr. Tumulesh Solanki (University of New Orleans), focusing on research design, applied statistics, and teaching philosophy.

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Fr. Dr. Saju M.D., CMI, Principal, RCSS has been elected as Vice President of the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India-Kerala North Region
- Dr. V. Kalyani received the “Outstanding reviewer Award” for the Emerald Literati Awards 2025
- Mr. Fayas Ahammed, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social Work, has been awarded the Doctoral Degree by Gauhati University for his research titled: “Psychological Capital and its Relationship with Mental Health and Academic Stress among Undergraduate University Students”
- Mr. Thomas A Mattappally, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Languages, has been awarded the Doctoral Degree from CHRIST (Deemed to Be University) for his research titled “A Study of Paradox, Dilemma, and Responses of Characters in Select Works from Lockdown Literature”.
- Ms. Neenu Chalissery, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce has been awarded the Doctoral Degree from The University of Calicut for her research titled: “Asymmetric Volatility and Global Spillovers: Deciphering Indian Stock Market’s Response to Uncertainty and Sentiment Shifts”.
- Dr. Jiya Jose has been granted a patent for her invention titled “Wound Dressing Composition” (Patent No. 568959), dated 09 December 2025. This achievement marks a significant milestone in her research and innovation efforts.

## HILL CAMPUS

### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

#### Panel Discussion on Mind Matters

The Department of Social Work initiated a panel discussion titled “Mind Matters: Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies” on 7th October 2025 at 7:30 PM via Google Meet in connection with World Mental Health Day 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Fr. Dr. Saju MD, Principal and Professor, RCSS. Resource Persons were Fr. Joye James SJ (President, ICTA & Advisory member of KAPS), Dr. Rajeev SP (Assistant Professor, RCSS) and Ms. Meiya Varghese (Psychiatric Social Worker, Mehac Foundation).

#### MSW - CSW Trainees’ Initiative To Transform St. Mary’s LP School



The MSW–CSW trainees of the Department of Social Work, successfully implemented two impactful community initiatives. On 24 October 2025, they initiated the change at St. Mary’s LP School, Kanjoor, by establishing “The Haven Room”- a combined Computer Lab and Counselling Room.

#### “Koode” – Celebrating the Wisdom of Elders

On 25 October 2025, the first-year MSW–CSW students launched “Koode”, a community initiative promoting the well-being of the elderly, at the Association Residential Hall, in collaboration with the Changampuzha Association and the Rotary Club of Cochin Queen City. The event included interactive

sessions, laughter therapy, and motivational talks by Ms. Lija Mary Mathew and Sr. Leena Therese CHF, highlighting the importance of care, connection, and respect for older adults.

#### Swaraj Session: “Pathways of Hope”

Swaraj, Department of Social Work, conducted a session titled “Pathways of Hope” on 25 November 2025 in association with the Hope Child Cancer Care Foundation. The programme began with a welcome address, followed by an inaugural address by Dr. Rajeev S. P., Mr. Ameer Ali, Manager North Kerala Region, who led an insightful session on childhood cancer, addressing myths and sharing real-life experiences that emphasised the importance of supporting children with cancer. During the event, the MoU between the college and the Foundation was renewed.

#### Two-Day National Conference on A New Era for Elderly India: Challenges, Solutions, and Future Directions”



A two-day National Conference on “A New Era for Elderly India: Challenges, Solutions, and Future Directions,” was organised by the Department of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in collaboration with the National Institute of Social Defence from 27 - 28 November 2025. Across the two days, delegates engaged in expert lectures, and multiple parallel paper and poster presentations chaired by faculty and invited experts.

**YESummit - The Kerala Edition 2025**

YESummit—The Kerala Edition, a major summit designed to empower aspiring and existing entrepreneurs was co-organised by the Department of Social Work of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Youth Aid Foundation, Pune and The Ignite Foundation, Kerala. The summit was held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at the Hill Campus, Kalamassery.

**DYUTI 2026 Pre-Conference**

The Department of Social Work, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), organized the DYUTI 2026 Pre-Conference programme on the theme "Shared Pathways: Social Work and Public Health", on 15 December 2025. The programme featured Dr Praveen G. Pai, Chairman of the Centre for Excellence in Developing Age-Friendly Communities, MAGICS NGO, as the Chief Guest. The event included thematic sessions and research paper presentations by BSW and MSW students, focusing on the intersection of social work and public health.



**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Grant Thornton Training**



The Grant Thornton Bharat LLP training programme was conducted from 17-11-2025 to 23-11-2025 at Caramel Lab 1 and Lab 2 for UG Semester IV students, who were divided into two batches to ensure effective participation. The one-week programme on Foundations of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Data Science using Python, handled by Dr. Butchi Babu Mavvula and Ms. Shalini Kumari, focused on enhancing students’ professional competencies and industry readiness. The structured sessions emphasized practical application of AI, ML, and Data Science concepts, fostering analytical thinking, problem-solving skills, and technical proficiency.

**Kalypso**



The Kalypso Outbound Training Programme was conducted at Kalypso Camp, Suryanelli, Munnar, for students of the Department of Computer Science, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, in two batches, with Batch 1 (30th November & 1st December) comprising 47 students and Batch

2 (1st & 2nd December) comprising 48 students from BCA, IMCA, and B.Sc Computer Science programmes. Students actively engaged in team-building, problem-solving, and raft-building activities, which fostered strategic thinking, coordination, decision-making under pressure, and mutual support, thereby providing a meaningful and impactful learning experience that complemented classroom education with real-world skill development.

**Oppam - SIDDA**



The Department of Computer Science and the Centre for Excellence in Whole Person Education, in association with SIDDA (Spine Injured Differently Abled Association), organized the programme “OPPAM” on 3 December 2025. The programme was held at Kommadi S.N. Auditorium, Alappuzha, with the participation of UG Semester 2 students. During the programme, differently abled persons were present, and as part of the initiative, various essential items required by them were distributed, including wheelchairs. The programme helped students develop empathy, social awareness, and a sense of social responsibility.

**Two day training for PG Students 2024-26**

A two-day training program was conducted for PG students (2024–26 batch) on 15 and 16 December 2025. The training covered the following topics: 1) Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking 2) Advanced Excel Workshop. Students from MCA and MSc Computer Science actively participated in the sessions.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### Medicine Donation Drive



The Medicine Donation Drive organized by the Young Indians (Yi) Club secured third place at the Inspiration Summit 2025, being recognized as the Best YUVA Event of the Year by the Yi Kochi Chapter. The initiative, titled “Medicine Challenge,” encouraged students to collect unused but unexpired medicines from their households and contribute them for a meaningful social cause. The collected medicines were systematically sorted and donated to palliative care centres, extending essential medical support to patients from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

### Valsalyam Sisubhavan Visit

As part of the Association of Commerce Students of Rajagiri, social commitment activities, an orphanage visit was organised to Valsalyam Sisubhavan run by Sisters of Nazareth, Kalamassery, on 20 December 2025. A total of 20 ACSR student



representatives, along with Ms. Aswini Asokan and Ms. Dina Joseph (Assistant Professors, DCPS, RCSS), participated in the visit. The initiative aimed to extend care, support, and companionship to the children residing at the orphanage. During the visit, essential items worth ₹23,448 were purchased and supplied for the children. In addition, a sum of ₹6,000 was provided as financial support to the institution.

### Cyber Crime Awareness Session

The Association of Commerce Students and Researchers (ACSR) organised a Cyber Crime Awareness Session for B.Com students on November 14, 2025, at Carmel Hall. The programme was conducted to create awareness among students about the growing threats of cybercrime and the necessary preventive measures. The session was led by Mr. Bindosh, SCPO, Cyber Cell, Kochi, who delivered an informative and engaging talk on the topic “Cybercrime Today – Risks and Countermeasures”.

### MoU Signing Ceremony with IMA (USA)



On 21 November 2025, the Department of Commerce, formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), USA, recognizing Rajagiri College as an IMA-recognized partner institution for offering the CMA (USA) programme.

## DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### Learning & Teaching Pillar

L & T Pillar of the department has conducted a prelims for RAISE (Rajagiri AI symposium and exhibition). Students showcased their ideas of AI applications focusing on the management area. Four students from BBA second year batch were selected for the final exhibition scheduled to happen on 20 January, 2026.

### Kalypso



A student development programme was conducted by DMPS on 5-7 November, 2025 at Munnar for BBA (H), BBA HRM & IMBA second year students. The programme focused on experiential learning, leadership, and teamwork.

### Thanksgiving Day

A thanks giving programme was conducted by MStrive, the Students Association of BBA Students at the College Courtyard. The event promoted gratitude and community bonding where students did a role switch and organized games and programmes for all the Non-Teaching Staff.

### Rethreads – Good Cause 2025

A social outreach programme was conducted by Rethreads at Thalayolapparambu on 22 November 2025, in collaboration with its initiative partners, Marriott Hotel and Kochi Metro. The programme supported children and palliative care through meaningful engagement activities and donations.

### Tune in to Hobbies

On 20 November 2025, the Arts Club of DMPS organized an insightful talk by RJ Neena at Carmel Hall, focusing on mental well-being, positivity, and stress management. The programme also marked the 150th anniversary of “Vande Mataram,” with students lighting diyas, singing the song collectively, and highlighting its historical significance.

**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**World Mental Health Day**

On October 10, 2025, students of M.Sc. Counselling Psychology, M.Sc. Clinical Psychology, and First Year B.Sc. Psychology at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS) commemorated World Mental Health Day with the objective of promoting mental health awareness and advocating emotional well-being, through a formal programme followed by an awareness rally.

**Certificate Course in Forensic Psychology**

The department conducted a 30-hour Certificate Course in Forensic Psychology from 3 - 6 November 2025, in in-person mode, with our Alumni Ms. Arya A. Menon, PhD Research Scholar, Lincoln University College, Malaysia, as the instructor. The course offered students an in-depth understanding of the psychological foundations of criminal behavior, profiling techniques, and ethical challenges in forensic practice through interactive lectures and real-world case discussions.

**“Daanam Punyam”: “A Christmas Hug: Clothing Drive Donation”**

The second edition of the clothing drive “Daanam Punyam”, titled “A Christmas Hug: Clothing Drive Donation,” was successfully conducted on 6 December 2025 at Providence Home, Vilangu, Edathala. It was jointly organized by the Department of Psychology and NSS Unit 59, with active



participation from B.Sc. Psychology students, aiming to foster social responsibility and compassion among learners. The collected clothes were donated to the home along with a financial contribution of ₹5,000, reinforcing the spirit of charity and community service.

**“Build a Bridge? - Relational Gestalt Psychotherapy and Taittiriya Upanishadic Concept of Person”**

The Department of Psychology, in association with IQAC organized a workshop titled “Build a Bridge? - Relational Gestalt Psychotherapy and Taittiriya Upanishadic Concept of Person” on 15 November 2025. The session was led by the distinguished resource person Dr. Leister Sam Sudheer Manickam, Gestalt Psychotherapy Trainer, offering valuable insights into integrative psychological and philosophical perspectives.

**DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**Joyful Yuletide: A Christmas Celebration**



The Department of Library and Information Science, in collaboration with the Happiness Club and Life RCSS, organized Christmas celebration as part of its community outreach initiatives at Snehakootayma Senior Citizens’ Club, Kanjoor, on 20 December 2025. The programme was inaugurated by the Club President, Mr. Jose, and Dr. Joshi George, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, RCSS. As part of the community outreach initiative, the students of the department organized a book collection drive titled Santa’s Library, and the collected books were handed over to the community members.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS**

**Alumni Interaction**

On 6 October 2025, the Department of Statistics organized a series of interaction sessions for M.Sc. Statistics with Data Science students. The sessions featured three distinguished alumni: Ms. Elizabeth Salmiya K S (Ph.D. Scholar, VIT), Ms. Aliya Hashim (Data Analyst, Safe Line Group, Dubai), and Ms. Fathima Riyas (Freelance Data Analyst). The speakers’ shared insights on higher education and research, international career opportunities, and freelance data analytics.

**Happiness Hour**

As part of the Mental Health Week celebrations (6–10 October 2025), the Department of Statistics, organized “Happiness Hour” on 6 October 2025 in the Second year M.Sc. Statistics classroom. The event aimed to promote mental well-being,



relaxation, and togetherness among students through fun and interactive activities. The session was hosted by Ms. Irene, first-year M.Sc. Statistics student. Students were divided into groups and engaged in games such as Heads Up, Dumb Charades, Guess the Movie, and Pictionary, which encouraged teamwork, creativity and enjoyment. The event concluded with a group song and dance, creating a joyful atmosphere.

## International Visit for Academic Collaboration and Conference Participation

Dr. Dais George, Head of the Department of Statistics, visited Nam Can Tho University, Vietnam, from 15–20 October 2025 to promote international academic collaboration. She served as Organizing Chair and Session Chair of ICEIR 2025, presented a research paper on 17 October 2025, and authored four papers published in the ISBN-numbered conference proceedings. She also held academic discussions with Nam Can Tho University and the University of Economics and Finance (UEF), Vietnam, exploring collaboration, faculty exchange, and joint research initiatives.

## International Statistics Day Celebration

As part of the International Statistics Day observance, an invited talk titled “Introduction to Kalman Filters and its Applications” was held on 21 October 2025, via Google Meet. The session was delivered by Mr. Julius Zwirner, Firmware Engineer at Munich Electrification, and coordinated by Mr.

Dev Anand K, Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics. The talk was attended by M.Sc. Statistics with Data Science students and faculty members. The speaker explained the fundamentals of Kalman Filters and their real-world applications, particularly SoC and SoH estimation in electric vehicle battery systems. The programme aligned with UN SDGs 3, 8, and 9, effectively bridging theory and industrial practice.

## Unlocking Innovation: Research and Publication Essentials for Students

A talk titled “Unlocking Innovation: Research and Publication Essentials for Students” was conducted on 2 December 2025, led by Dr. Sabeela Beevi Ummalyma, Scientist E. The session covered key aspects of academic research and publication, including problem identification, methodology, literature review, ethical practices, and the publication process. Students were guided on journal selection, peer review, and improving manuscript quality, encouraging confident and professional engagement in research.

## DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES

### Kerala Piravi Celebration



Kerala Piravi was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 1 November 2025 in association with RSWA. The programme was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, who also administered the oath. Rev. Dr. Rintle Mathew CMI, Dr. Achamma Alex, Dr. Jaya Vijayan, and Dr. Leena Leon addressed the gathering, highlighting the cultural significance of the occasion. The celebration featured vibrant cultural performances by students and staff, including dances, folk songs, Silambattam, Vanchisamangalam, and folk dances.

### Hindi Diwas – Samanway (Harmony)



Hindi Diwas – Samanway (Harmony) was organised on 20 December 2025 at the Golden Aureole to promote linguistic and cultural unity. The programme showcased India’s cultural

diversity through participatory activities, aligning with SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities). The event was inaugurated by Dr. Remya Krishnan, Asst. Professor, Department of Hindi, St. Teresa’s College (Autonomous) with a presidential address by Rev. Fr. Dr. Saju M.D., CMI, Principal, RCSS. The highlight was a ramp walk on the theme Samanway, where students represented the traditional attire of 28 Indian states, symbolising unity in diversity.

### International Bilingual Conference on Child Studies



The Department organised an international bilingual conference and paper presentation competition focusing on child studies, bringing together academicians, professionals, and students for interdisciplinary discussions on contemporary challenges affecting children. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Saju M.D., Principal, and the keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Varoshini Nadesan (University of Johannesburg) on “Childhood in a Digital, Social and Climate-Anxious World.” A panel discussion featured experts from law enforcement, legal practice, parenting, and academia. Best paper awards of ₹10,000 each were presented to Arya P.G. (Malayalam) and Hasna P. (English), along with certificates.

## DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES

### International Symposium on Advances in Algal Research (AAR-2025)

The third International Symposium on Advances in Algal Research (AAR-2025) was jointly hosted by IIT Guwahati, CSIR

NEERI, Nagpur and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS), Kochi at Rajagiri Business School campus, Kochi from 3- 4 November, 2025. The event successfully facilitated knowledge exchange, collaboration, and discussions on the future of



algal research, emphasizing its critical role in sustainability and biotechnology.

**National Energy Conservation Day 2025**



In connection with National Energy Conservation Day 2025, awareness programmes on energy conservation were jointly organised by the Biodiversity Club, Encon Club, NSS Unit No. 59, and Rajagiri outREACH. A public awareness programme was held on 10 December 2025 at Kothad, Kadamakkudy Gramapanchayath, with the participation of 106 local residents. An invited talk on “Energy Conservation” was conducted at RCSS on 20 December 2025, delivered by Er. Baby Kuriakose, General Secretary, Energy Conservation Society, Thrissur, to create awareness among students. The programme was attended by 58 students and faculty members.

**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**MG University Inter-Collegiate Women’s Championships (2025–26)**



The Department of Physical Education organised the MG University Inter-Collegiate Women’s Basketball and Badminton Championships in November 2025. The Women’s Basketball Championship was held on 6–7 November 2025, with Alphonsa College, Pala securing first place, followed by Assumption College, Changanacherry. The valedictory function was led by Rev. Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, along with the Director of MG University, who jointly distributed the prizes. The Women’s Badminton Championship, conducted on 15–16 November 2025, witnessed Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Kalamassery emerge as champions, with St. Teresa’s College, Ernakulam as runners-up. The valedictory

**One-Day On-Site Demonstration Training on Mushroom Cultivation**



One-day on-site demonstration trainings on mushroom cultivation were conducted as part of capacity-building initiatives. The first programme was held on 18 October 2025 at Thrikkakara Municipality under the ATMA (2025–26) scheme for sustainable agricultural development, with 18 participants. The second training was conducted on 22 November 2025 at Doulus Theological College for Women, Keezhamad, organised by the AMAR SAATH Foundation, Edappally, under the AMAR YUVA initiative, with 17 participants, focusing on empowering migrant and marginalised students.

function was led by Dr. Anita Rajah, Department of Psychology, and concluded with prize distribution and appreciation of participants.

**Inter - Department Intramural Sports Competitions**

The Intramural Inter-Department Sports Competitions were conducted during November–December 2025 with enthusiastic participation from all departments. The events included Men’s Volleyball (19–20 November 2025), Women’s Throw Ball (25–26 November 2025), and Men’s Cricket (2–22 December 2025). In Men’s Volleyball, the Department of Library Science emerged as winners, with B.Com CA securing the runner-up position. The Women’s Throw Ball competition was won by the BSc Psychology Department, while B.Com ACCA finished as runners-up. In Men’s Cricket, the MSW Department claimed the championship, with B.Com ACCA as runners-up. The competitions fostered teamwork, sportsmanship, and a vibrant intramural sporting spirit.

**Kerala Piravi Sports Carnival**

On 1 November 2025, the Department of Physical Education organized a Kerala Piravi Sports Carnival for the teaching and non-teaching staff. The programme included five events and was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Shinto Joseph CMI, Assistant Director, along with Rev. Fr. Rintle Mathew CMI, Administrator and Sports In-charge.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Niharika Renjith, student of First Year B.Sc. Psychology (2025-29) was crowned as runner up in Miss South India 2025 and Miss Confidence 2025 by Significant Fashion Company.
- Anna Saji, First Year BSW student, made a splash by securing the Third place in the 50m Backstroke and Third place in the 50m Freestyle in the MG University Intercollegiate Swimming Championship held at St. Thomas College, Pala.
- Mikhael S. Varghese, First Year B.Sc Psychology student secured the Gold Medal at the Inter-District Badminton Championship 2025.
- Diya Ann Mariya (First Year IMBA) secured the gold medal at the Twenty-Seventh Kerala State Senior Taekwondo Championship 2025 held at Kozhikode. Following her outstanding performance, she has been selected to represent Kerala at the 41st National Senior Kyorugi and 14th National Senior Poomsae Taekwondo Championships 2025, organized by the Telangana Taekwondo Association under the aegis of the Taekwondo Federation of India, Telangana Olympic Association, and Sports Authority of Telangana State.
- Rajagiri lit up the stage at St. Berchmans College during Berchnova 2025, bringing home the Overall Championship and making us all immensely proud!
  - John George, Ruby B George, Aleena Mariam, and Trincy Sebastian secured 1st Prize in the Best Management contest.
  - Fathima Shukoor, Ayisha Shakeel, Nirupama Konikkara, and Minha Ansudheen won the Second Prize in the Marketing Game.
- Jordan Cherian Eapen (Third Year BBA) Asin Sebastain Mathew of and Siddharth. S (First Year B. Com) took part in the Kerala state senior Men's basketball Championship held at Trichur.

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

- The International Field placement students from Western Sydney University, Australia successfully completed their international field placement in the Month of October.
- A delegate from Child light - Global Child Safety Institute associated with University of Edinburgh, UK, visited Rajagiri to discuss potential areas of collaboration.
- Delegates from Assumption University, Thailand, visited Rajagiri College and discussed potential areas of collaborations.



- Faculty delegates and students' delegates from Artvelde University of Ghent, Belgium, visited Rajagiri as part of the faculty-led study abroad programme.
- A faculty delegate from University of Exeter, UK, visited Rajagiri and discussed potential collaboration and future partnership. She also gave orientation to BBA students as well.
- Students from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences attended a programme at Mahatma Gandhi University on "International Confluence on Cultural Diversity - 2025",



organized by UCIC exclusively for all international students under Mahatma Gandhi University.

- A faculty delegate from the University of Malmo, Sweden, visited Rajagiri college and discussed the potential collaborations with Rajagiri and Malmo University. We also signed the MoU from our side and are waiting for the signature from our partner university. He also gave sessions to PhD scholars, BSc psychology students and BSW students.
- A delegate from the UK visited Rajagiri college and gave sessions to BSW and BSc psychology students.
- Three faculty members and 12 students from the University of Houston, USA, visited Rajagiri College as part of the faculty-led study abroad programme. The programme includes academic sessions, cultural site visits and tourist place visits and agency visits.
- A faculty delegate from the University of New Orleans, USA, visited Rajagiri College. MoU on articulation and potential collaboration is under discussion. He also took a session for MSc Statistics students and the session went well and was interactive.

## OFFICE OF PLACEMENTS

### LinkedIn Orientation

The Placement Office of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in association with the Department, organized a hands – on session to learn practical strategies for professional networking and personal branding on LinkedIn - a first level training

program for IMBA, BBA HRM, BSc Psychology 1st & 2nd years, BBA 1st year, MLiblSc 1st year, BSc Comp Science 1st Year, BCA 1st year, BCA 2nd year, MSc Stat, MCA and MSc Comp Science 1st year. The session was led by our final year MSW Students.

**Placement TPO Meet**



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, was privileged to host the Kerala TPO Meet, in collaboration with iqigai by

Fractal Analytics. The event brought together 37 Training & Placement Officers from 32 colleges across Kerala, including IITs, creating a vibrant academic–industry interface focused on employability and future skills.

**Industria Academia Collaboration**

The Office of Placement and Career Support, in association with TCS, conducted the Workshop on Design Thinking for the students. The session commenced with Ms. Anna George welcoming everyone. The session was conducted by Mr. Rajeev and Mr Jacob. A one-day workshop was conducted for BBA second-year students to enhance their experiential learning through a hands-on workshop.

**CENTRE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION**

**Exposure visit to the KIED and KSM**

Exposure visits to the Kerala Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (KIED) and Kerala Startup Mission (KSM) were jointly organized by the Department of Social Work and the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation (CEDI), Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) on 18 October 2025. A total of 59 BSW students, accompanied by two faculty members, participated in the programme. The visit provided valuable insights into Kerala’s startup ecosystem, incubation support, and government initiatives promoting



entrepreneurship. Interaction with institutional officials enhanced students’ understanding of innovation-driven enterprise development.

**RAJAGIRI ACCELERATED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

**International Academic Dialogues**



Academic engagements focusing on academic collaboration, programme pathways, and student opportunities, with James Cook University (Australia), the University of South Wales (UK), Virginia Commonwealth University (USA), and the University of New Orleans (USA) were undertaken for strengthening RCSS’s global academic presence.

**Now to Next: Reaching Schools**

Under the Now to Next – Rajagiri Reaches Out to Schools initiative, RCSS conducted career orientation and awareness sessions in 10 schools during November–December. Led by senior faculty, the sessions addressed personality development, emotional awareness in the digital age, and responsible use of AI tools. Each programme began with executive yoga and included cultural performances by Rajagiri international students.

**Community Outreach Through Festive Participation**

Under the leadership of Rev Dr Rintle Mathew, RASAP represented RCSS and RBS by sponsoring Buon Natale – Season 5, a large-scale Christmas outreach event in Kannur in December 2025. Faculty and students joined the festive procession and managed an exhibit stall, enhancing community engagement, institutional visibility, and experiential learning.

**‘LIFE’ RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR HAPPINESS AND WELLBEING**

**Recognition from Kochi Municipal Corporation**



The Rajagiri College received a Certificate of Honour from the Kochi Municipal Corporation and the Happiness Kochi

Initiative for its exemplary contribution to mental wellness as part of the mental health day celebrations and activities conducted by the LIFE and Happiness Club on 10th November, 2025. The certificate was received by Happiness club coordinators.

**Digital Poster Design Competition**

Along with LIFE and in association with the Kochi Municipal Corporation under the Happiness Kochi Project, the Happiness Club conducted a Digital Poster Design Competition on 22nd October, 2025. Students submitted creative entries highlighting the theme of emotional well-being, accessibility, and positive engagement.

**RAJAGIRI STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION**

**Double wicket Cricket Tournament**



The Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education, organized a double-wicket cricket tournament for its members on 4-6 December, 2025. The winners were awarded trophies during the Christmas and New Year celebrations.

**Christmas New Year Celebration 2025 - '26**



The Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association's Christmas & New year Celebration 2025-26 was held on December 22, 2025 at the Golden Aureole (Hill campus, Kalamassery). Provincial Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara gave a Christmas message to everyone. Christmas carol singing and Christmas card making competitions were also organized.

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**RAJAGIRI OUTREACH**

**Observation of International Elders' Day 2025**



The International Day of Older Persons 2025 was celebrated on 11 October 2025 at the Rajagiri High School Auditorium, Kalamassery, under the theme "Older Persons Driving Local and Global Action: Our Aspirations, Our Well-Being, and Our Rights." Around 530 participants, including 394 senior citizens from various centres in Ernakulam District. Rajagiri outREACH organized the event in collaboration with the Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala; Sud-Chemie India Pvt. Ltd.; Carborundum Universal Ltd. (CUMI); Rotary Club Kalamassery; and NSS students of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences.

**International Child Rights Day Celebration**

International Child Rights Day was observed on 20 November 2025 at the Vyttila Mobility Hub, Ernakulam. The programme, organized by the Kaval Plus Project of Rajagiri outREACH in collaboration with DCPU and MVD Ernakulam, with support from Sud Chemie India Pvt. Ltd., featured a flash mob and mime by BSW students highlighting drug prevention and

child protection. The event was inaugurated by Adv. Ullas Madhu (Chairperson, CWC Ernakulam), with addresses by Mrs. Binu (CWC Member) and Mrs. Meena Kuruvilla (Project Director, Rajagiri outREACH). Motor Vehicle Inspector Vinod Kumar attended as special guest.

**Capacity Enrichment Programme on Psychosocial Care of Children in Conflict with Law**



Rajagiri outREACH of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in collaboration with UNICEF and the Mission Vatsalya State Child Protection Society, Department of Women and Child Development, organized a six-day Capacity Enrichment Programme for Kaval Functionaries from seven districts, including Kaval staff and Legal-cum-Probation Officers from DCPU. The programme was held from 24–29 November 2025 at Rajagiri Business School, Kakkanad, with 45 participants. Hon'ble Justice Shri K. Babu, High Court of Kerala, interacted with the participants. Several officials from ICPS, UNICEF, the Department of Women and Child Development, and Rajagiri outREACH were also present.

**FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE AND SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE**

**Awareness and Orientation Sessions on Domestic Violence**

An awareness session on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 was conducted for DDU-GKY students on 15 October 2025, where the Legal Counsellor of the Rajagiri Service Providing Centre explained key provisions of the Act, ways to address domestic violence, and support

mechanisms for victims. Subsequently, on 25 November 2025, a Counsellor from the Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre and a Legal Counsellor from the Rajagiri Service Providing Centre conducted an orientation session for students of Bharata Mata School of Social Work (BMC), providing insights into FCC, SPC, domestic violence, and the Domestic Incident Report (DIR)

**Life Skill Training for NCC and SPC Cadets**



Counsellors from the Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre conducted life skill training sessions for NCC and SPC cadets at the District Court, Ernakulam, as part of the Samvada programme in association with the District Legal Services Authority, Ernakulam.

The sessions were held on 30 October 2025 (NCC) and 13 November 2025 (SPC). Key life skills such as self-awareness, problem-solving, decision-making, and empathy were addressed through interactive activities and games. The participants were enthusiastic and actively engaged.

**RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

**Sahrudaya Multi Skill Training Programme**



Dr. Fr. Shnito Joseph, CMI, Assistant Director of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences and Chairman of Sahrudaya Rajagiri, awarded certificates to students of the seventh batch on 20 November. On the same day, a new batch commenced with 20 students.

**Daycare and Pre-School Training**



A one-month Daycare and Pre School Management Training Programme funded by the District Kudumbashree Mission, Ernakulam, commenced on 3 December 2025. 20 women entrepreneurs from different Grama Panchayaths and Municipalities of Ernakulam district enrolled in the program.

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