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CONGRATULATIONS

Newly Elected Provincial Team



Rev. Fr. Poulose Kidangan CMI
Provincial



Rev. Dr. Shinto Thalian CMI
Vicar Provincial and
Councillor for Social Apostolate &
Healthcare



Rev. Fr. Martin Mundadan CMI
Councillor for Evangelization &
Pastoral Ministry



Rev. Dr. Varghese Kachappilly CMI
Councillor for Education &
Communication Media



Rev. Fr. Mejo Gracevilla CMI
Councillor for Finance & Agriculture



Rev. Fr. Alex Varappuzhakaran CMI
Auditor

INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has earned the distinction of being ranked No. 1 in India under the "Leading Super Excellence" category in the GHRDC Survey of Top BBA Colleges 2026. The college was also ranked first among BBA colleges in Kerala and the Southern Region, reaffirming its excellence in management education.
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences placed in the 601–800 global band in the Times Higher Education Sustainability Impact Rankings 2026.
- Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has been recognized in the MDRA India Today Rankings 2026 with the following achievements:
Ranked the second among the Best Social Work Colleges in India.
 - * Ranked the first among the Best Emerging B.Com. Colleges in India.
 - * Ranked the first among the Best BBA Colleges in Kerala and 28th nationally.
 - * Ranked the second among the Best B.Com. Colleges in Kerala and 35th nationally.

INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMMES

Annual Academic Retreat “Bodhi 2026”



Bodhi 2026, the annual academic retreat of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) and Rajagiri Business School, was held from 20–23 April 2026 under the theme "Academic Leadership in the Age of AI." Bringing together eminent academicians, industry leaders, and AI experts, the four-day retreat served as a platform for reflection, interdisciplinary dialogue, and strategic planning on the future of higher education in an AI-driven world.

Now to Next - HR Conclave

Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, in association with Grant Thornton Bharat, organized an HR Conclave “Now to Next” on 15 May 2026 at Grant Thornton Indus, Bengaluru. The event brought together HR leaders, industry professionals, and academicians for insightful discussions on contemporary HR practices. The sessions covered topics including Gen Z and multi-generational workforce management, AI and emerging trends in HR, HR certifications, and Labour Law updates.

Blessing Ceremony- Assumption Block



The blessing ceremony of the new academic space at the Assumption Block was held on 30 May 2026. The occasion was graced by Rev. Fr. Poulouse Kidangen, Provincial of the SH Province, Kochi, and Manager of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous).

LEEP 2026



The Leadership & Entrepreneurship Enrichment Programme (LEEP) 2026 commenced with its inaugural ceremony at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences on 30 June 2026. The programme, a flagship initiative of Mission Better Tomorrow

(MBT) in collaboration with EY Global Delivery Services (EY-GDS), aims to develop leadership qualities, entrepreneurial thinking, and industry readiness among students.

Samavarthanam 2026



Samavarthanam 2026 was held on 13 June 2026 at the KE Auditorium, Rajagiri Valley Campus, Kakkanad. The PhD and PG Graduation Ceremony took place at 10:00 a.m., followed by the UG Graduation Ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Both sessions were presided over by Rev. Fr. Poulouse Kidangen CMI, Provincial, SH Province, and Manager of Rajagiri Institutions. Mr. Sanjay Gopinath, Chief Marketing Officer, MathWorks, was the Chief Guest for the PhD and PG ceremony, while Dr. Subramani Ramakrishnan, Country Manager, UPS India Technology Centre, was the Chief Guest for the UG ceremony. Mr. Thomas J. Thundathil (MSW Batch 1993–95), Senior General Manager, Market Research, Malayala Manorama, attended both ceremonies as the Distinguished Alumnus and Guest of Honour.

TRIONDA' 26



The Department of Physical Education, in association with the Rajagiri College Union, organized the FIFA World Cup 2026 Celebration – "One Campus, One Goal" on 23 June 2026 at the Basketball Court. The celebration featured Jersey Day, a Football Proclamation Rally, team-wise dance performances, a Shoot-Out Competition, and the launch of the "One Campus, One Goal" Campaign, aiming to achieve One Million Goals.

International Yoga Day celebrations

The Department of Management and Professional Studies, in association with NSS Unit No. 59, observed International Yoga Day on 22 June 2026 at Chavara Hall under the theme "Yoga for Healthy Ageing". The programme featured a yoga pledge, motivational addresses, and a yoga demonstration, promoting physical and mental well-being and encouraging participants to adopt yoga as a part of their daily lives.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Prof. Fr. Dr. Saju M. D., Principal, RCSS has conferred the title of Honorary Professor, an elevation from his earlier recognition as Honorary Fellow at the University of Edinburgh.
- Dr. Kalyani V, Department of Social Work, RCSS, has been awarded an Ad-hoc Annual Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 1,50,000/- by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) for the publication of the journal, Rajagiri Journal of Social Development for the year 2025-26.

HILL CAMPUS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

World Environment Day celebration 2026

The Department of Social Work and ENCON Club, in association with NSS Unit No. 59, Bhoomithrasena Club, and Biodiversity Club, organised the World Environment Day Celebration 2026 on 5 June 2026. The theme for 2026 is "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future".

Street Theatre Workshops



Two street theatre workshops were conducted by the Fourth Wave Foundation for BSW II Year students (9-10 June) and MSW/MSW-CSW students (19-20 June). The workshops introduced participants to theatre as a tool for communication, creativity, self-expression, teamwork, and community engagement. Facilitated by Mr. Divyadarshan R. and the Fourth Wave Foundation team, the sessions highlighted the role of street theatre in social work practice through "Project Venda", an initiative promoting awareness on the rising substance use.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

On 15 June 2026, the Department of Social Work, in collaboration with the Gender Equity Cell, Junior Red Cross, NSS Unit No. 59, and the Social Justice Department, observed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day under the theme "Beyond Awareness: Making Elder Abuse Prevention Work". The programmes, held at the campus and Priyadarshini Hall, Kakkanad, aimed to raise awareness about elder abuse, promote preventive action, and foster respect and care for older persons.

World Blood Donor Day

World Blood Donor Day was observed on 16 June 2026 by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with the National Service Scheme and Youth Red Cross. The programme aimed to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and recognise student donors from the second and third-year BSW batches. The event included an address on the significance of voluntary blood donation, felicitation of student blood donors and screening of a short film promoting the cause.

CV Making Workshop

The Department organized a CV -Making Workshop on 22 June, 2026 for BSW III year students. The session was led by Mr. Scaria Thomas, Assistant Director, Office of Corporate Relations.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Alumni Meet 2026 – "Veendum"



The Department organized its Alumni Meet 2026, "Veendum", on 20 June 2026 at Golden Aureole hall. The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. C. T. Francis, Head of the Department, followed by the inauguration by Fr. Dr. Saju M.D., CMI, Principal. Fr. Dr. Rintle Mathew, CMI, Administrator, delivered the felicitation address, and Mr. Mahesh K. M., Alumni Faculty Coordinator, proposed the vote of thanks.

One-day workshop on Research Methodology: A Practical Approach

The Research Cell of the Department organized a One-Day Workshop on "Research Methodology: A Practical Approach" on 26 May 2026 through the Zoom platform. The workshop featured three technical sessions handled by Dr. Arathi Krishna, who discussed Literature Review and Research Gap Identification; Dr. Vineetha Mathew, who covered Research Design, Hypothesis, and Methodology; and Dr. Ebina Justin M A, who delivered a session on Data Analysis, Research Tools, and Academic Writing.

ARISE 2026

The Department organized ARISE 2026 (Augmenting Rajagiri Inspiring Student Excellence), the induction programme for first-year FYUGP students, on 30 June 2026 at KG Auditorium. The programme welcomed the newly admitted students and



familiarized them with the department, academic programmes, campus culture, and opportunities for holistic development. An alumni panel discussion titled “Building Your Future: Academics, Skills & Opportunities” was also conducted as part of the programme.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Reading Day Observation

As part of Reading Day, Re-threads organized an outreach programme for book donation and reading at Kripa Special School on 19 June 2026. Student volunteers donated storybooks and engaged the children through storytelling and interactive reading sessions, promoting reading habits, inclusion, and community engagement.

Environment Day Observation



Ernakulam, Kerala, India

As part of the World Environment Day celebrations, the Green Club organized a campus clean-up and tree plantation drive at St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, on 23 June 2026. Student volunteers cleaned the designated area before planting indigenous saplings, reinforcing the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable practices. The activity encouraged students to take collective responsibility for maintaining a clean, green campus promoting biodiversity.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

International Lecture Series

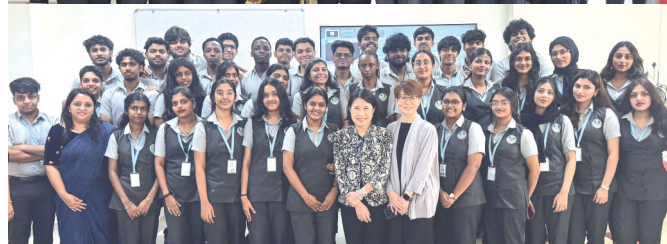
The Department organized the first session of the International Lecture Series, "Frontiers in Neuropsychology: From Assessment to Opportunities," on 11 June 2026, featuring Dr. Ann Paul, whose expert lecture and live demonstrations of neuropsychological assessment tools enriched students' understanding of cognitive evaluation and its practical applications in neuropsychology.

Expert Talk on Observing International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



The Association of Commerce Students of Rajagiri (ACSR) organized an expert talk on “Observing International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” on 23 June 2026 at Carmel Hall. Ms. Anila David, District Coordinator, Vimukthi Mission, Ernakulam, highlighted the harmful effects of substance abuse and emphasized prevention through awareness and informed decision-making.

International Faculty Lecture Series



The Department of Management & Professional Studies organized two sessions under the "International Faculty Lecture Series" on 22 June 2026. Dr. Sandeep Khanijou, Chairperson, Department of Business Economics, MSME Business School, Assumption University, Thailand, delivered a session on “Managerial Economics” for Semester 5 IMBA students, offering global perspectives on economic decision-making. Dr. Chayada Thanavisuth, Dean, Theodore Maria School of Arts, Assumption University, Thailand, led a session on “Leadership Development” under the theme “Bringing Global Perspectives to Inspire Local Impact,” highlighting communication, emotional intelligence, adaptability, ethical decision-making, and strategic thinking.



International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

The Department of Psychology, in association with NSS Unit No. 59, observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 30 June 2026 by organizing an Anti-Drug Day Awareness Programme. The programme aimed to raise awareness among students about the harmful effects of substance abuse and illicit trafficking, while promoting informed choices, healthy lifestyles, and a drug-free society.



DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

INKSPIRE 2025 – Reading Week Celebration

The Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with the Department of Languages organized INKSPIRE 2026, a Five-day Reading Week Celebration held from 15 - 19 June 2026. The event featured a variety of competitions like Read Aloud, Recall the title, Quiz competition, Treasure hunt and Movie Review aimed at promoting reading habits among students. A significant highlight of the celebration was an enlightening talk by P.V Shaji Kumar, Author and Screenplay Writer whose inspiring words left a lasting impact on the audience.



DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Contemporary Kochi: SDGs and Disaster Response



On April 24, 2026, the Centre for Statistical Analysis (CSA), Department of Statistics & The International Institute of Migration and Development and Infocrita hosted the third edition of the Panel Discussion on "Contemporary Kochi: SDGs and Disaster Response," featuring delegates from Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK. Facilitated by Dr. Rajeev SP, the session brought together powerful voices on sustainability, disaster resilience, and Kochi's development story.

How to Crack NET

The Department organized an online guidance session titled "How to Crack NET" on 01 May 2026 at 7.00 pm through Google Meet. The session was led by Nazil Muhammed and Fuad Muhammed Rafi, NET Qualified (2025) alumni from the 2023-25 MSc Statistics with Data Science batch. The objective of the session was to guide students in preparing effectively for the UGC-NET examination and to motivate them to pursue higher academic and research opportunities.

National Statistics Day Celebration – 2026

The Department organized the National Statistics Day Celebration – 2026 on 22 June 2026 at Alex Hall to commemorate the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis and promote awareness of the



importance of official statistics in national development. The keynote address was delivered by Ms. Anjali Jose (ISS), Executive Officer, Directorate of Census Operations, Kerala, who highlighted the significance of official statistics in census operations, evidence-based policymaking, socio-economic planning, and ethical data practices.

Beyond LinkedIn

The Department organized a workshop titled "Beyond LinkedIn" on 09 June 2026 for the II Year MSc Statistics with Data Science students. The session was conducted by Dr. T. M. Jacob, Director, Rajagiri Centre for Excellence in Statistical Analysis, RCSS, with the objective of helping students build a strong professional identity and effectively utilize LinkedIn for career development.

Navigating Opportunities and Career Growth in Statistics

The Department organized an online alumni interaction session titled "Navigating Opportunities and Career Growth in Statistics" under the Statsphere initiative on 5 June 2026 via Google Meet. Ms. Litty Adens (Infocrita) and distinguished alumni shared their professional experiences and insights into career opportunities in Statistics and Data Science.

VALLEY CAMPUS

Workshop on "Mastering the New Labour Codes: Central Rules, 2026"



The Rajagiri Centre for Excellence for Workplace Happiness & Compliance organized a two-day workshop on "Mastering the New Labour Codes: Central Rules, 2026" from June 4 – 5, 2026. The programme brought together employers, HR professionals, administrative officials, and labour law enforcement officials, providing practical insights into the implementation of the new labour codes and equipping participants to navigate the evolving regulatory framework effectively.

MDP Rx Programme



The inaugural batch of the MDP Rx Programme graduated on 31 May 2026, marking the successful completion of an enriching eight-month learning journey. The programme commenced on 28 October 2025, with classes conducted every Sunday to accommodate the schedules of practicing medical professionals. The curriculum combined academic rigor with practical exposure through three campus immersion programmes and one hospital immersion programme.

Workshop – Qualitative Research

The Workshop on Qualitative Research in Social Sciences: Exploring Perspectives, Generating Meaning, Advancing Knowledge was conducted from June 8 –12 2026. The programme was jointly hosted by RCSS and RBS in association with the Kerala State Higher Education Council. The five-day workshop brought together 25 participants, including 22 research scholars from various universities and affiliated colleges across Kerala, and three faculty members from universities and colleges.

Faculty Development Programme

RCSS and RBS jointly organized a FDP on "How Universities (and B-Schools) can Survive and Thrive in the Incoming AI Disruption?" on June 23, 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Tojin Thomas Eapen, Founder, Center for Creative Foresight, and Senior Fellow, The Conference Board. The programme



provided faculty members with insights into the transformative impact of AI on higher education, highlighting strategies for curriculum innovation, AI-enabled teaching, and preparing institutions for an evolving academic landscape.

Induction 2026 – Management Immersion Programme



The Stakeholder Pillar conducted Induction 2026, a five-day immersive orientation programme for the 2026–28 batch of MBA, MA (HRM), and PGDM students from June 15–19, 2026. The programme welcomed around 375 students and introduced a redesigned management immersion model that provided early exposure to real-world organizations and professional environments. Built around the Institutional, Management, and Academic pillars, the programme familiarized students with Rajagiri's values and culture, strengthened their understanding of managerial roles and leadership, and bridged classroom learning with industry exposure through company visits and reflective academic presentations.

International Teaching Week (ITW)



Rajagiri Business School successfully hosted the 3rd International Teaching Week from June 22 – 27, 2026, reaffirming its commitment to internationalization and the development of globally competent business leaders. The programme featured 11 international faculty members, who engaged second-year PGDM students through intensive sessions across various areas of management specialization.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- K.Vivek (II year IMCA) selected for the All India inter University Water polo Championship.
- Abina Jaleel, a student of M.Sc. Computer Science (Data Analytics) (2025–27), has been selected as a Google Student Ambassador.
- Meenadevi Ravikumar a student of MCA (2025–27), has been selected as a Google Student Ambassador.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

- International Field Placement students from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and the University of Maryland, Baltimore, are currently undertaking internships/placements at the institution from May to August and June to November 2026, respectively.



- Delegates from Assumption university, Thailand visited Rajagiri College of Social Sciences in the Month of June and had discussions on the possibilities of implementing the student exchange programmes.
- Prof. Melissa Lundquist from St. Thomas University, USA visited Rajagiri College and had a discussion on the faculty led exposure programme which is going to happen in December 2026.



- Dr. Fr. Shinto Joseph, participated in the International Assembly 2026 on "Human Rights and the Rights of Nature - A Critical Transdisciplinary Reflection" and offered a workshop titled: "Strengthening solidarity with young people and families in community work" at the Protestant University of Applied Sciences, Ludwigsburg, Germany from April 20 - 24, 2026.
- Dr. Rajeev SP, being part of the Erasmus+ Programme (funded by the European Union) for teaching, learning, and research mobility at the University of Padova, Italy.
- 5 international regular students from various countries joined different academic programmes during the academic year 2026.

OFFICE OF PLACEMENTS

Corporate Immersive Learning – KPMG



Faculty members from the Dept. of Commerce and from the Dept. of Management and Professional Studies participated

in the INDspire Corporate Immersive Learning Experience organized at KPMG Kochi on 2 June 2026.

Industry - Academia Collaboration

The B. Com Final Year G and F batch students visited ClaySys Technologies, Infopark Phase II, Kakkanad, as part of the Industry-Academia Collaboration initiative on 16th June, 2026. The visit included an interactive white paper discussion session on the topic "Designing Economies – How Modern Nations Create Value and Drive Growth?". The resource persons from ClaySys Technologies facilitated an engaging session, encouraging students to analyse economic concepts, share their perspectives, and apply theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios.

RAJAGIRI ACCELERATED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

International Academic Collaborations

In April and May 2026, RCSS engaged in discussions with international universities to explore opportunities for academic collaboration, student progression, and global education pathways. Mr. Kevin Geoghegan, Director of Griffith College, Ireland, visited RCSS in the first week of April for discussions with the RASAP team, focusing on potential academic partnerships and progression pathways. On 4 May 2026, representatives from Woosong University, South Korea, visited RCSS to discuss master's programmes, student progression opportunities, and avenues for international



education, further strengthening RASAP's network of global university partnerships.

'LIFE' RAJAGIRI CENTRE FOR HAPPINESS AND WELLBEING

Orientation Programme

As part of the induction programmes for first-year students, orientation sessions on LIFE were conducted to provide an overview of LIFE and the services available to students. The sessions also addressed various challenges that may arise during academic life and introduced basic techniques for self-care and well-being.



RAJAGIRI STAFF WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Penalty Shootout Tournament

In the context of the FIFA Football World Cup, the Rajagiri Staff Welfare Association, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education, organized a Penalty Shootout Competition on 24 June 2026. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from members of the Staff Welfare Association, including both male and female staff.



COLLEGE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS THROUGH "LIVE LABS" RAJAGIRI OUTREACH

Souhрудam Summer Camp 2026



The Souhрудam Summer Camp 2026, themed "e-ലോകവും കുട്ടികളും" (e-World and Children) based on the New Module themed "Screen Addiction, Social Media and Digital Safety", provided a vital platform for children to understand the complexities of the digital world. By blending expert-led sessions with interactive participation, the camp successfully equipped the students with the knowledge required to use technology responsibly and stay safe in the "e-world".

Student Internship

309 students, including 53 students who participated in a one-day orientation, from various colleges undertook their internship/orientation at Rajagiri outREACH, RCSS.

FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE AND SERVICE PROVIDING CENTRE

Domestic Violence with Reference to Peace Perspective



The Cultural Academy for Peace organized a panel discussion on "Domestic Violence with Reference to Peace Perspective" on 23 April 2026 at Shanthibhavan, Ernakulam. The programme focused on preventing domestic violence through peace and cooperation.

Orientation Programme

An orientation session was conducted for the first-year MSW students on 23 June 2026 at Golden Aureole Hall of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences. The session was led by Counsellor Akhila P. Paul and Adv. Ehlas Haleema from the Rajagiri Family Counselling Centre (FCC) and Service Providing Centre (SPC).

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

(01.04.2026 - 30.06.2026)

Category	Numbers
Scopus Q1	32
Scopus Q2	22
Scopus Q3	18
Scopus Q4	5
Others (Scopus/WoS)	11



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (RCSS) has achieved a remarkable milestone with 1,000 publications indexed in Scopus.