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## SRMIST hosts the sixth International Saiva Siddhanta Conference celebrating Tamil Spiritual Heritage

### STAFF WRITER

The 6th International Saiva Siddhanta Conference, jointly organized by the venerable Dharmapuram Adheenam and the Tamil Perayam of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), was inaugurated at SRMIST, Kattankulathur. The conference has drawn a distinguished gathering of scholars, spiritual leaders, students, and international delegates in a vibrant confluence of Saiva thought and Tamil spiritual heritage.

This year's conference stands out for its depth of scholarly engagement and cultural significance. The event witnessed the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare & Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India and Hon'ble Shri R.N. Ravi, Governor of Tamil Nadu, thereby underscoring the national importance of the gathering.

Also gracing the occasion were revered spiritual leaders including His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Kayilai Masilamani Desika Gnanasambandha Paramacharya Swamiga I (27th Guru Mahasannidhanam, Dharmapuram Adheenam), His Holiness Sri-La-Sri Harihara Gnanasambanda Desika Paramacharya Swamigal (293rd Gurumagasannidanam, Madurai Adheenam), and His Holiness Kundrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar (46th Gurumagasannidanam, Kundrakudi Thiruvannamalai Adheenam), whose presence bestowed spiritual significance and traditional depth to the event.

"Science and spirituality may take different paths, but both seek the same truth—one that asks us not to control, but to surrender; not to grasp, but to understand with humility." – Dr. P. Sathyanarayanan, Pro-Chancellor (Academics), SRMIST.

"Religion, at its core, is about being good and doing good—values that align closely with the spirit of science, inquiry, and

service. Through initiatives like language preservation, interfaith respect, and global academic exchange, SRM stands as a bridge between tradition and innovation." – Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, Founder Chancellor, SRM Group of Institutions.

"The objective of this International Saiva Conference is to promote and practice the divine thoughts of the four Saiva tenets — Pati, Pasu, Pāsam, and Maya. More than 300 research articles are being presented in 12 sessions, and 75 books are being released. Fourteen countries have participated, continuing a tradition started in 1984. This conference is a sacred offering of knowledge and unity, blessed by the presence of Aadheenam heads from Kumbakonam, Madurai, and others." – His Holiness the 27th Guru Mahasannidhanam of Dharmapuram Adheenam, Sri-la-Sri Kayilai Masilamani Desika Gnanasambandha Paramacharya Swamigal.

"Saiva Siddhanta is not merely a religious philosophy—it is a profound civilizational force that defines the sacred relationship between the soul, the Divine, and the world.





## SRMIST Women's Cricket Team Clinches Gold at the Padma Shri Mohanmull Chordia Gold Cup T20 Tournament

STAFF WRITER

The SRMIST Women's Cricket Team has emerged victorious, winning the GOLD Medal at the Padma Shri Mohanmull Chordia Gold Cup T20 State-Level Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament held at Agurchand Manmull Jain College, Chennai, on March 20th, 21st, and 27th, 2025. SRMIST extends heartfelt congratulations to the entire team for their outstanding achievement: Ms. Shatanyaa P K, B.Sc. EC (1st Year), Ms. Jasmine K, M.Com. VDP (1st Year), Ms. Sangeetha B, MCA VDP (1st Year), Ms. Poorvi Rajesh, BCA Data Science VDP (1st Year), Ms. C. R. Sana, B.Sc Psychology VDP (1st Year), Ms. S. P. Gagini, MBA Sports Management (1st Year), Ms. V. Renna Santro, B.Com (General) VDP (1st Year), Ms. N. Shresta, BBA (1st Year), Ms. S. Mennakshi, B.A. LL.B. (1st Year), Ms. M. B. Keerthana, B.Tech ECE (1st Year), Ms. S. Leema Shree, B.Tech ECE (1st Year), Ms. Abarna R, MBA Sports Management (1st Year), Ms. Ankam Vishnu Priya, B.Sc. Physical Education (1st Year), Ms. S. Aishwarya Menon, B.Tech ECE (1st Year), Ms. Meenakshi Shanmugam, MBA Sports Management (1st Year), Ms. Md. Afrah Muskahan, MBA Sports Management (1st Year). The entire team was mentored and managed by Dr. N. C. Jesus Rajkumar, whose guidance played a pivotal role in the team's success.



## ICD Confers Honorary Fellowship for Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar



SRMIST Founder Chancellor Dr.T.R.Paarivendhar receiving the honorary fellowship

STAFF WRITER

We don't just treat the poor; we make them smile. Service to the less fortunate is truly service to God, said Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, Founder and Chancellor of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), upon being conferred the Honorary Fellowship from the International College of Dentistry (ICD) Section VI (India, Sri Lanka & Nepal). This distinguished fellowship, rarely awarded to non-dentists or non-medical professionals, honours Dr. Paarivendhar's outstanding contributions to education and healthcare delivery.

Dr. Paarivendhar was recognised during ICD's annual meeting and convocation, held at SRMIST in Kattankulathur, in collaboration with SRM Kattankulathur Dental College and Hospital. The Honorary Fellowship was presented by ICD's Global President, Dr. Ian M. Doyle, and ICD

Section VI President, Dr. Meera Verma, in the presence of esteemed dignitaries.

In his acceptance speech, Dr. Paarivendhar highlighted the profound impact of dentistry, stating that it helps individuals walk upright, speak clearly, and laugh with confidence. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to ICD for honouring him with this recognition, acknowledging his contributions as a non-medical professional. Dr. Paarivendhar also emphasised the humanitarian initiatives at SRM Kattankulathur Dental College, where free dental care is provided to the underprivileged. His words underscored the institution's commitment to community service and the belief that caring for the less fortunate is a true act of devotion.

This recognition reflects SRMIST's unwavering dedication to societal well-being and its ongoing efforts to bridge healthcare gaps through education

## SRMIST Celebrates Empowerment and Resilience with Visually Impaired on Women's Day Event

The event, celebrating women and honoring the visually impaired, commenced with the Tamil Thai Vazhthu, followed by an inspiring address from Prof. T. Lakshmanan on the resilience of visually impaired individuals. A mesmerizing Bharatanatyam performance added to the cultural vibrancy. Chief Guest Dr. Helen Shaji J.C. highlighted the importance of NSS activities, while Dr. Sangeetha M. engaged in a heartfelt conversation with 18 visually impaired attendees, who shared their inspiring journeys. SRMIST extended its support by distributing dry ration supplies. The audience was captivated by soulful songs, meaningful proverbs, and a high-energy dance performance. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Prof. V. Prakash and a delightful lunch for Visually Impaired persons. The event was a resounding success, celebrating empowerment, resilience, and cultural expression. Event was coordinated by 14 NSS Programme Officers, SRMIST.





# மாநில அளவில் நடைபெற்ற 'சொல் தமிழா சொல்' நிகழ்ச்சி : 2000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்பு



காட்டாங்குளத்தூரில் அமைந்துள்ள எஸ்.ஆர்.எம். அறிவியல் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்ப பல்கலைக்கழக வளாகத்தில், தமிழ்ப்பேராயம் நடத்தும் 'சொல் தமிழா சொல்' நிகழ்ச்சியின் இறுதி போட்டி நடைபெற்றது.

'சொல் தமிழா சொல்' என்ற நிகழ்ச்சியில், பல்கலைக்கழகங்கள் மற்றும் கல்லூரிகள் சார்ந்த மாணவர்களின் பேச்சுத்திறனை கண்டறிய கடந்த மூன்று மாதங்களாக தமிழகம் முழுவதும் இருக்கும் அனைத்து மாவட்டங்களையும் 9 மண்டலங்களாக பிரிக்கப்பட்டு 20000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவர்களிடையே பல்வேறு தலைப்புகளின் அடிப்படையில் பேச்சுப் போட்டிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டது.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்து கொண்டு இறுதிசுற்றுக்கு முன்னேறிய 8 மாணவர்களுக்கு இடையே இன்று போட்டி நடைபெற்றது.

எஸ்.ஆர்.எம். பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் வேந்தர் டாக்டர் டி. ஆர். பாரிவேந்தர் அவர்கள் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்ற இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில், சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களாக பாரதிய ஜனதா கட்சியின் மாநில தலைவர் திரு. அண்ணாமலை ஐ.பி.எஸ்; நாம் தமிழர் கட்சியின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு. சீமான் ஆகியோர் கலந்துகொண்டு நிகழ்ச்சி மேடையில் சிறப்புரை வழங்கினர். இறுதி போட்டியில் நடுவராக பிரபல பட்டிமன்ற பேச்சாளர், கலைமாமணி, முனைவர். கு. ஞானசம்பந்தன் கலந்துகொண்டார்.

மேலும் நிகழ்ச்சியில் எஸ்.ஆர்.எம். பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தர் திரு. செ. முத்தமிழ் செல்வன், பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பதிவாளர் திரு. எஸ். பொன்னுசாமி, தமிழ் பேராயத்தின் தலைவர் பேராசிரியர் திரு. கரு நாகராஜன், ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டுள்ளனர்.

"போட்டிகளில் வெற்றியாளர்களை பரிசு மட்டும் கிடைப்பதில்லை, அங்கீகாரமும் சேர்த்து கிடைக்கிறது," என்று திரு. ஞானசம்பந்தன் போட்டியாளர்களை ஊக்குவித்தார்.

மேலும், பா.ஜ.க. மாநில தலைவர் திரு. கு. அண்ணாமலை, "பயம் இருக்கின்ற போதும் அதனை வெளிப்படுத்தாமல் செயல்படுவது தான் உண்மையான துணிவு," என்று கூறி பேச்சுத்திறமையின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை விளக்கினார்.

மேடைப்பேச்சு பற்றியும் தமிழ் மொழியின் மகத்துவத்தைப் பற்றியும் நாம் தமிழர் கட்சியின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு. சீமான் எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

பேச்சுப் போட்டியின் வெற்றியாளருக்கு ரூ.40 லட்சம் பரிசு வழங்கப்பட்டது. மேலும் இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் எஸ்.ஆர்.எம். பல்கலைக்கழகம் சார்ந்த மாணவர்கள் பல்வேறு கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகளை நடத்தினர், இறுதி போட்டி நிகழ்ச்சியில் 4000-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவ மாணவியர், பேராசிரியர்கள், துணை பேராசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் ஆசிரியர் அல்லாத பணியாளர்கள் நிகழ்ச்சியை கண்டு மகிழ்ந்தனர்.





## ₹12,000 Lakh Crore could be saved through 'One Nation, One Election' says Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at SRMIST

### STAFF WRITER

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) hosted Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Honourable Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, as the Chief Guest for a distinguished address. The central theme of her address was the potential economic benefits of implementing "One Nation, One Election" on April 5, 2025.

Stressing the role of academia, Hon'ble Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, mooted that it is high time that we engage in conversation with intellectual educators and students alike to popularise the model of 'One Nation One Election'.

"This idea of 'One Nation, One Election' has been discussed for nearly a decade across several expert committees. If we approach the matter with the perspective of what is best for our nation, we can understand where the opposition arises from and why. We are trying to implement the change through two bills. One is a Constitutional Amendment



SRMIST Founder Chancellor Dr. T.R. Paarivendhar felicitates Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with a memento at the event.

(129) to legally introduce the provision for simultaneous elections. Similarly, for State Assemblies like Puducherry, Jammu & Kashmir, and the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

The actual implementation of this idea is expected only after the 2029 general elections, when the President may initiate the procedure formally. For this, Sections 82A, 83A, and 327 will be introduced

to bring the plan into effect. In 2019, a Lok Sabha-led all-party meeting was held, and out of 19 parties present, 16 supported the proposal. A high-level committee was later formed under the chairmanship of former President Ram Nath Kovind, which consulted 47 political parties—32 of them favoured the plan. For the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, nearly 10 lakh security personnel and

25 lakh election administrative officials were deployed. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, approximately ₹1 lakh crore was spent. If elections are conducted once every five years under the 'One Nation, One Election' model, it is estimated that nearly ₹12,000 crore can be saved."

The event also witnessed Dr. Tamilisai Soundarajan, Former Governor of Telangana and Pondicherry, Mr. Arjuna Murthy, BJP's Intellectual Cell, Tamil Nadu, in the presence of Dr. T.R. Paarivendhar, Founder & Chancellor of SRMIST, whose visionary leadership has been instrumental in fostering academic excellence and intellectual discourse at the institution. The address by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman provided a valuable opportunity for the SRMIST community to gain deeper insights into the intricacies of national policy and the importance of strategic planning for the nation's progress. The university extends its sincere gratitude to the Honourable Minister for her enlightening address and for taking the time to interact with the attendees.

## SRMIST celebrates Linguistic Diversity with Playback Singer Dr. K. S. Chitra at the 3rd Edition of Languages Day 2025

### STAFF WRITER

"Language learning is not just about mastering vocabulary but about fostering meaningful connections where every voice is valued," said Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor of SRMIST. The audience was enthralled by the soulful performance of Padma Bhushan Dr. K. S. Chitra, the chief guest at the 3rd Edition of Languages Day 2025, organised by the Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRMIST-KTR.

The event brought together students and scholars to explore the power of languages through competitions, cultural performances, and interactive language booths curated by BTech students, EFL faculty, and research scholars. The chief guest inaugurated the booths, followed by a Bharatanatyam performance and the release of "Echoes of Melody: A Celebration of Her Musical Legacy," honouring Dr. Chitra's illustrious career. The event was presided over by:

- Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST
- Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, SRMIST
- Prof. Dr. T. V. Gopal, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, SRMIST
- Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, Professor and Head, Department of English and

Foreign Languages, SRMIST

In her Welcome Address, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, Professor and Head, the Department of EFL, emphasised the role of languages in fostering global connections and highlighted the significance of linguistic diversity in shaping societies.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, in his Felicitation Address, elaborated on how languages shape thought, bridge cultures, and build inclusive communities. He reiterated that language learning is not just about mastering vocabulary and grammar but about fostering meaningful

connections where every voice is valued.

A key highlight of the celebration was the address by Dr. K.S. Chitra, where she reminisced about her early career and how the legendary Dr. S. P. Balasubrahmanyam mentored her in Telugu, enabling her to reach audiences beyond her native language. As a special gesture, she delighted the audience with a mesmerising live performance, creating an unforgettable experience.

The event was the culmination of a week-long Languages Day competition, conducted both online and offline,

celebrating linguistic excellence and creativity. A variety of competitions, ranging from elocution, essay writing, poetry recitation, and multilingual storytelling to quiz contests and theatrical performances, engaged participants from across disciplines.

This celebration aligns with the Matrubhasha Diwas initiative by the Government of India, reaffirming SRMIST's commitment to multilingualism and cultural preservation. The event concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the efforts of faculty, students, volunteers, and support teams who contributed to its success.



SRMIST Vice Chancellor Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, Prof. Dr. T. V. Gopal, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, SRMIST, Dr. L. Kavitha Nair, Professor and Head, Department of English and Foreign Languages, SRMIST and playback singer Dr. K.S. Chitra at the Languages day event 2025.



## SRMIST celebrates the Fifty Years of International Women's Day 2025



SRMIST Founder Chancellor Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, Mrs. Padma Priya Ravi Pachamuthu, Vice Chairman, SRM Groups, Ms. Manimangai Sathyanarayanan, Director, SRMPS, Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, Dr. T. Mythili, Additional Registrar (MSL), Dr. Nitin M Nagarkar, Pro Vice-Chancellor (MHS), Dr. K. S. Lakshmi, Director, Directorate of Admissions, Dr. Nisha Ashokan, Director, Directorate of Student Affairs SRMIST,

### STAFF WRITER

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST-KTR) commemorated 50 years of International Women's Day 2025 with the theme "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment." The event, held at Dr. T. P. Ganesan Auditorium, brought together women staff, research scholars,

and students from all institutions across the Kattankulathur campus.

The celebration was graced by the presence of distinguished dignitaries:

Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, Founder Chancellor, SRM Groups, Mrs. Padma Priya Ravi Pachamuthu, Vice Chairman, SRM Groups Ms. Manimangai Sathyanarayanan, Director, SRMPS, Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice

Chancellor, SRMIST, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, SRMIST, Dr. T. Mythili, Additional Registrar (MSL), SRMIST, Dr. Nitin M Nagarkar, Pro Vice-Chancellor (MHS), SRMIST, Dr. K. S. Lakshmi, Director, Directorate of Admissions, SRMIST, Dr. Nisha Ashokan, Director, Directorate of Student Affairs, SRMIST, Dr. Leenus Jesu Martin M., Dean, Faculty of Engineering

and Technology, SRMIST, Dr. Revathi Venkataraman, Chairperson, School of Computing, SRMIST, Dr. Chitra V., Dean, College of Pharmacy, SRMIST, Dr. Helen Shaji J. C., Dean, College of Nursing, SRMIST The event underscored SRMIST's ongoing commitment to fostering gender equality and empowering women in all spheres of life.

## SRMIST Hosts ICIOT 2025, Advancing Global Collaborations in IoT and Emerging Technologies

### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Computing Technologies, School of Computing, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), successfully inaugurated the Fifth International Conference on the Internet of Things (ICIOT 2025), from 2nd to 4th April, 2025. This prestigious event has established itself as a leading platform for driving innovation, research, and global collaborations in IoT and related domains. ICIOT 2025 focuses on fostering academic excellence, strengthening industry-academic partnerships, and enabling project-based collaborations. The conference provides a vital networking forum for industry leaders, researchers, academicians, and students, facilitating knowledge exchange on cutting-edge advancements in IoT and emerging technologies.

The conference featured distinguished academicians and industry experts, including Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai, Chair Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SRMIST; Dr. M. Leenus Martin, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, SRMIST; Dr. Arumugam Murukiah – MD & CEO, Broadline Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Chennai; Chairman, TNIFMC; Mr. Sreenivasa Reddy, Director, SmartThings (IoT) Cloud Group,

Samsung R&D Institute India – Bangalore; Mr. Unnikrishnan P K, Head, R&D Tyre Testing, Apollo Tyres Ltd., Chennai; Dr. Thota Narayana Rao – Sci/Eng-SG & Head (CCSG), National Atmospheric Research Laboratory, Tirupati; Dr. Celal Alagoz – Sivas University of Science and Technology, Turkey; Dr. Ari Happonen – LUT University, Finland; Dr. Revathi Venkataraman – Professor, Chairperson, School of Computing, SRMIST; Dr. Pushpalatha M – Professor, Associate Chairperson (CS), School of Computing, SRMIST; Dr. Jansi KR – Organizing Secretary, Associate Professor – CTECH, School of Computing, SRMIST; Dr. Niranjana G – Convenor, Professor & Head – CTECH, School of Computing, SRMIST; Dr. R.I. Minu – Co-Convenor, Professor – CTECH,

School of Computing, SRMIST.

Keynote sessions at ICIOT 2025 provided valuable insights into transformative technologies. Dr. Arumugam Murukiah, MD & CEO of Broadline Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, and Chairman, TNIFMC, delivered a compelling keynote on "Quantum Computing and Industry 4.0: From Evolution to Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)," highlighting the transition from classical digital computing to quantum-based atomic-scale computation.

Dr. Thota Narayana Rao, Sci/Eng-SG & Head (CCSG) at the National Atmospheric Research Laboratory, presented an engaging session on "Atmospheric-Based IoT Devices for Disaster Mitigation and

Lightning Protection". He emphasised the role of IoT-driven atmospheric sensors and early-warning systems in improving disaster resilience and mitigating risks posed by extreme weather events.

Further emphasising the importance of international collaboration, Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai, Chair Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, SRMIST, discussed the ambitious "75-Satellite Global Project". He elaborated on how this initiative aims to leverage satellite networks for environmental monitoring, communication systems, and advanced scientific research, along with the role of IRSA (Indian Remote Sensing Applications) and the Andhra Satellite Station in agricultural advancements.





## Nobel Laureate Inspires Future Leaders at the ProUPS International Conference at SRMIST

### STAFF WRITER

Nobel Laureate Prof. Aaron Ciechanover (2004, Chemistry) delivered a special address at the inaugural ProUPS (Proteostasis & Ubiquitin Proteasome System) conference held at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST). The conference, themed Cellular Symphony: Decoding Protein Homeostasis in Human Health, focused on protein homeostasis, its impact on human diseases, and drug discovery.

The event was organised by the Division of Medical Research, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH&RC), in collaboration with the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru.

In his talk, Prof. Ciechanover discussed the history of ubiquitin and the crucial role of intracellular protein degradation in quality control, cellular processes, and differentiation. He also highlighted the contributions of scientists, particularly those active during World War II, who advanced research in the field of ubiquitin. Emphasising the importance of an open environment for scientific progress, Prof. Ciechanover stated, "Science needs democracy to flourish. Only then can researchers and scientists work freely."

Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, the Founder Chancellor of SRMIST, remarked, "International conferences like this one foster connections and help participants stay updated with the latest developments in the field." He encouraged students to take full advantage of such



SRMIST Founder Chancellor Dr.T.R.Paarivendhar presents a memento to Nobel Laureate presents Prof. Aaron Ciechanover in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof.C.Muthamizhchelvan.

opportunities to learn and grow.

In his special address, Prof. L.S. Shashidhara, Director of NCBS, Bangalore, emphasised the value of interactions outside the lecture hall. "Learning should not be limited to classroom lessons," he said. "Engaging with like-minded individuals during conferences is as important, if not more so, than attending classes." The three-day conference featured

over 19 speakers from countries including Israel, Australia, Japan, the USA, Germany, and Ireland. Among those present at the event were Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor of SRMIST, Lt. Col. Dr. A. Ravikumar – MCH&RC Advisor, Dr. Rajiv Janardhanan – Dean of Research (MHA), Prof. B. Neppolian – Dean of Research, and Prof. T. P. Singh from AIIMS, New Delhi.

## Empowering Women Farmers: SRMIST Hosts Training Programme on Marketing of Organic Produce

### STAFF WRITER

SRM College of Agricultural Sciences, SRMIST, in collaboration with the Human Resource Development Foundation (HRDF) NGO, conducted a one-day training programme on "Value Addition and Effective Marketing of Organic Produce" on April 22, 2025. The event brought together 80 women organic farmers from various parts of Chengalpattu district, highlighting SRM's commitment to

community development and sustainable agricultural practices.

The programme began with an inaugural address by Dr. R. Rajasekaran, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Communication, who emphasised the importance of knowledge-sharing platforms for empowering rural women in agriculture.

The Chief Guest Address was delivered by Dr. Thirugana Kumar S, Professor and Head of the Department of Genetics and

Plant Breeding, who appreciated the collaborative efforts in strengthening grassroots-level organic farming.

Key technical sessions featured:

– Mrs. S. Chandraprabha, Assistant Professor, Post-Harvest Technology, who delivered an insightful session on "Value Addition on Organic Produce", focusing on innovative post-harvest handling and processing techniques to increase product shelf-life and market appeal.

– Dr. Indhushree A., Assistant Professor,

Agricultural Economics, who addressed "Marketing Strategies on Organic Produce," offering practical guidance on branding, packaging, and establishing profitable market linkages.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. M. R. Naveen Kumar, Assistant Professor in Agricultural Extension and Convenor of the Training Cell, who reiterated SRM's commitment to farmer-centric capacity building.





## Dr. Prakash V Honored as Best NSS Programme Officer by Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell

STAFF WRITER

Dr. Prakash V, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Economics, SRMIST, Kattankulathur, has been honored with the Best NSS Programme Officer Award for 2025 by the Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell. Recognized for his exceptional service in community development, Dr. Prakash has over 12 years of dedicated NSS experience and currently serves as NSS Programme Coordinator for SRMIST. The award was presented in a grand ceremony attended by key dignitaries. His leadership has inspired many students to engage in social service, reflecting SRMIST's commitment to civic responsibility and community welfare through faculty-led initiatives.



## App Fair 2025 Showcases Student Innovation at SRMIST's iOS Development Centre



SRMIST Vice Chancellor Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Dr. Shantanu Patil, Associate Director, Directorate of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Dr. Revathi Venkataraman, Chairperson, School of Computing, Dr. Leenus Jesu Martin M, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology

STAFF WRITER

The App Fair 2025, held at the iOS Development Centre, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, was a celebration of student innovation, creativity, and technical prowess. The event, conducted by the Directorate of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, SRMIST, served as a platform for budding developers to present their app-based solutions aimed at solving real-world challenges. The event commenced with Dr. A. Murugan, Head of the iOS Development Centre, followed by an insightful program overview from Dr. Paul T Sheeba. One of the highlights of the event was the felicitation

of seven student developers — Arjun Prathap, Haswanth, Roshan Steve, Vinod, Saanvi Kumar, Shyam Jaiswal, and Aditya Bhushan — by the Vice Chancellor for their remarkable achievement in winning the 'Swift Student Challenge', securing a spot among the top 350 developers globally. The App Showcase was a testament to the students' technical capabilities, featuring 15 standout apps from the 30 developed under Cohort 3 of the iOS Student Developer Program. The event provided students with invaluable feedback and guidance from the attending industry experts, empowering them to refine their innovations for broader societal and commercial impact.

## Department of ECE organises 4th International Conference on Recent Advances in Electrical, Electronics, Ubiquitous Communication and Computational Intelligence

STAFF WRITER

The 4th International Conference on Recent Advances in Electrical, Electronics, Ubiquitous Communication, and Computational Intelligence (RAEEUCCI-2025) was inaugurated on April 23, 2025, organised by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering and technically co-sponsored by IEEE, RAEEUCCI 2025 aims to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and showcase cutting-edge research that shapes the future of technology. The inaugural ceremony was hosted by emcees Bangsuka and Sahana, who welcomed attendees and set the tone for a day filled with scholarly engagement and innovation. The event began with an invocation and the ceremonial lighting of the Kuthuvilakku, symbolising the illumination of knowledge and wisdom. Dr. M. Sangeetha, Head of the Department of ECE and Chair of RAEEUCCI 2025, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the conference's

mission to encourage knowledge-sharing and nurture impactful research dialogues across a wide spectrum of technological fields. Dr. Damodar Panigrahy provided an insightful conference overview, emphasising the global research impact of RAEEUCCI 2025 and its relevance in addressing emerging challenges in technology. Milestone Moments. A key highlight of the event was the release of the official conference proceedings by the Vice Chancellor, reaffirming SRMIST's dedication to promoting high-impact academic publications and global research exchange. In his Presidential Address, Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, VC, SRMIST, underscored the university's unwavering commitment to innovation, entrepreneurship, and nurturing future-ready engineers. His vision of student-centric academic excellence resonated throughout the event. Chief Guest Dr. Arun Chandrasekhar delivered a thought-provoking Inaugural Address, urging students to think beyond conventional

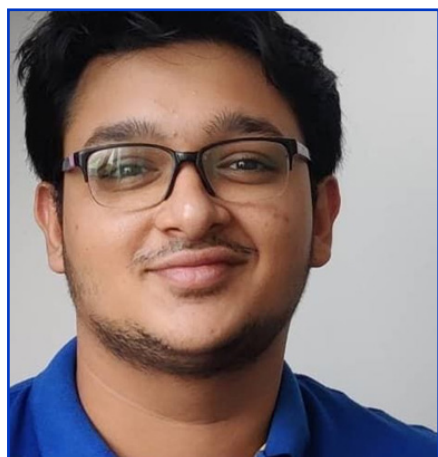
boundaries in electronics design and integration and to embrace a global, innovation-driven mindset. In his Special Address, Dr. Sandip Patil reflected on his inspiring journey from research to entrepreneurship, highlighting the transformative potential of nanotechnology and the value of strong academia-industry collaborations. The inaugural ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. K. Vijayakumar, Chairperson, School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering,

acknowledging the efforts of organisers, speakers, sponsors, and participants. As the national anthem echoed through the hall, a shared spirit of curiosity and collaboration united the audience. With the ceremonial launch complete, RAEEUCCI 2025 now paves the way for engaging technical sessions, research presentations, and thought leadership discussions that will continue to shape the future of technological advancement.





## A New Grandmaster is Born!



L.R. Srihari

### STAFF WRITER

We are elated to announce that Mr. L.R. Srihari, a brilliant III B.Com student of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Vadapalani Campus, and a core member of the SRMIST Men's Chess Team, has officially been crowned as the 86th Grandmaster of India and remarkably, the 17th Grandmaster from SRM!

This extraordinary achievement reflects not only Srihari's relentless commitment, strategic mastery, and years of disciplined hard work, but also reinforces SRM's legacy as a breeding ground for excellence both in academics and sports. From checkmates to championships, GM Srihari's journey is nothing short of inspiring. His triumph brings immense honour to the SRM fraternity and ignites a spark of aspiration among our students and sports enthusiasts alike.

Congratulations, Grandmaster L.R. Srihari! The SRM family celebrates your success and stands beside you as you rise to even greater heights on the global chess stage.



Grand Master Pranesh of II- BSc CSE, triumphed at the prestigious 8th Cappelle la Grande International Rapid Open Chess Championship 2025, held in France, February 2025.

## SRMIST Team Triumphs at All India Inter-Collegiate SSN Trophy Tournament 2025

### STAFF WRITER

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) reaffirmed its sporting excellence with a dominant performance at the prestigious All India Inter-Collegiate SSN Trophy Tournament 2025, held at SSN College, Chennai, from 25th to 28th February 2025.

Their hard work and determination led to an incredible haul of four GOLD medals and a BRONZE medal in Men's Table Tennis, showcasing their dominance on the national stage.



## International Conference on AI for the Oceans 2025

### STAFF WRITER

Artificial Intelligence is not a challenge—it is a catalyst for change, said Dr. Balaji Ramakrishnan, Director of the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), setting the tone for the launch of the International Conference on AI for the Oceans 2025 (ICAIO 2025) at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur.

The conference was organised in collaboration with the Marine Technology Society (MTS) India Section, the three-day conference brings together over 250 delegates including scientists, policymakers, academicians, and industry experts to explore more

depth on AI-driven solutions for environmental challenges.

ICAIO 2025 builds on the momentum of the 2023 MTS TechSurge "AI for the Oceans." This year's conference spans 12 thematic tracks, covering areas such as marine conservation, autonomous systems, deep-sea exploration, and global climate solutions.

The release of the Conference Proceedings and a special IEEE CSI issue highlighted recent research and international collaboration in marine technology and AI.

During the occasion, Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, stated, "The ocean is not just a source of resources—it holds solutions. Science, technology, and

innovation must come together to tackle challenges and create sustainable outcomes in food, energy, and health."

Delivering the Special Address, Dr. Balaji Ramakrishnan stated, "AI is unlocking new frontiers—from redefining job roles to exploring the deep sea. With nations investing in AI-driven ocean technologies, SRMIST's initiative comes at a critical time."

In his Presidential Address, Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor of SRMIST, said, "At SRMIST, we are moving towards an integrated model of education that combines AI-based learning, research, innovation, industry partnerships, and community service. Our focus is on addressing real-world issues

in water, energy, environment, and healthcare."

Bringing global insights to the forum, Mr. Hans Van Sumeren, Senior Director, Ocean Enterprise Initiative, MTS, and Dr. V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, also addressed the gathering.

Dr. Kamakoti emphasised, "AI amplifies our ability to understand and engage with the oceans. It helps us access unexplored regions and build sustainable coastal systems. Interdisciplinary collaboration will be key to long-term impact."

A highlight of the event was the MTS India Section's Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony, which honoured outstanding contributions in the marine field.



SRMIST Vice Chancellor Dr.C.Muthamizhchelvan releases the conference proceedings



# SRM School of Law conducts the sixth National Tamil Moot Court Competition

## STAFF WRITER

The Sixth Annual National Level Tamil Moot Court Competition, held from April 8th to 10th, 2025. The event, hosted at the Dr. T. P. Ganesan Auditorium, SRM Institute of Science & Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur.

The three-day national-level competition witnessed enthusiastic participation and rigorous legal argumentation, effectively highlighting the richness and efficacy of Tamil as a language of legal discourse.

The competition was formally inaugurated on April 8th in a distinguished ceremony. The Honourable Justice D. Hariparanthaman, Retired Judge of the Madras High Court, graced the occasion and delivered an insightful address emphasising the significance and eminence of the Tamil language, referencing its importance within the framework of the Indian Constitution. Adding further gravitas, the Honourable Justice A.A. Nakkiran, Judge of the Madras High Court, expounded on the critical aspects of freedom of speech and expression. Dr. G. Jaya Gowri, Principal of Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Pudupakkam, attended as



the Chief Guest and commended SRM School of Law for its proactive role in organising such a prestigious Tamil Moot Court Competition.

The semi-final rounds witnessed fierce competition among the final four teams, judged by a panel of six legal experts,

including judges from the small causes court.

The valedictory ceremony, was graced by the presence of esteemed legal luminaries: Mr A.R.L Sundharesan, Senior Advocate and Additional Solicitor General of Madras High Court; Dr M.

Rajeswaran, Principal, Government Law College Trichy; Dr S Murugesan, Principal, Government Law College Karaikudi; Mr M. Bhaskar, Advocate; and Mrs. Adhi Lakshmi Logamurthy, Advocate and Social Activist.

## Gold for SRMIST: Men's Volleyball Team Excels at Warora Championship

### STAFF WRITER

The SRMIST team secured the gold medal, demonstrating their skill, teamwork, and perseverance against strong contenders from across the country. Their performance throughout the tournament reflected their commitment and strategic play.

Here are the winners:

Mr. OM Lad Vasanth, IIIrd year, B.Sc. Physical Education, Mr. Aswath, Ist year, M.Sc. Yoga, Mr. Dushyanth, Ist

year, M.Sc. Yoga, Mr. Sayanth, IIIrd year, B.Sc. Physical Education, Mr. Namith, IIInd year, B.Sc. Physical Education, Mr. Tharun, IIInd year, M.Sc. Yoga, Mr. Chetan Raju Balbudhe, IIIrd year, B.Sc. Physical Education, Mr. Gokul. M. S., IIInd year, BBA, Mr. Vikraman, Ist year, M.Sc. Yoga, Mr. M. Deepak Kumar, Ist year, M.Sc. Yoga, Mr. Srinath, IIIrd year, BBA, Mr. Mugesh, IIInd year, B.Sc. Physical Education, Mr. B. Thangabalu, Ist year, B.Sc. Physical Education, Mr. S. Vignesh, Ist year, B.Sc. Physical Education.



## Dr. Mohanakrishnan of SRMIST Honored with SDG Impact Award for Promoting Peace through Sports

### STAFF WRITER

Dr. Mohanakrishnan, an esteemed academic from SRM Institute of Science and Technology, was honored with the prestigious SDG Impact Award for his groundbreaking contributions to peacebuilding through sports. The award was presented by the Sustainable Development Council (SDC) during the South Asia Summit on Education for Peace (SASEP) at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand, on 24 March 2025. The SDG Impact Award celebrates individuals and organizations making significant strides toward advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dr. Mohanakrishnan received the award in recognition of his exceptional efforts to use sports as a vehicle for promoting peace, fostering social cohesion, and empowering youth. His work exemplifies the intersection of education, sports, and peacebuilding, demonstrating the transformative power of sports in addressing global challenges. The award was presented by Dr. Kamaleswaran Jayarajah from the



Secretariat of Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO).



## Milan 2025: A Celebration of Culture, Diversity, and Artistic Brilliance Unfolded

### STAFF WRITER

Milan 2025, the signature cultural festival of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), opened to a packed audience, setting the stage for four days of artistic expression and cultural celebration.

The inauguration, held on April 3 at 6:30 PM, was graced by actor Atharvaa Murali, who expressed his admiration for the students' enthusiasm and the vibrant energy of the festival.

With the theme "Celebrate Diversity Through Art and Dance: Where Heritage Meets Harmony," Milan 2025 united around 50,000 students from across the country in a grand celebration of culture, creativity, and artistic expression.

The extravaganza, which ran from April 3 to April 6, 2025, featured over 40 club events and two spectacular pro shows, with a total prize pool exceeding Rs. 8 lakhs, drawing in thousands of talented participants.

During the inauguration, Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, Founder Chancellor of SRM Groups, shared, "As one of the nation's largest multidisciplinary universities, SRM recognised that cultivating well-rounded individuals requires more than just academic rigour. We believed cultural and extracurricular activities are essential for students to develop into multi-dimensional leaders." Later, actor Atharvaa expressed his admiration for the institution, revealing that he once aspired to study at SRM but instead made his way there as the Chief Guest.

Milan 2025 stood out as a festival for the students, by the students. Under the dynamic leadership of the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) at SRMIST, students played a pivotal role in organising and executing the event—from planning to coordination.

The night came alive with an electrifying performance by Thaikkudam Bridge, the internationally acclaimed 15-member rock band known for their fusion of Indian folk, classical, and global music influences.

With over 650 shows across 25 countries, their hit albums Navarasam (2016) and Namah (2019) had already captivated audiences worldwide.

The excitement continued on April 4 with a pro show featuring Indian percussionist Sivamani and flutist Naveen Kumar, along with National Film Award-winning music director and playback singer Thaman S. Known for his work in blockbuster films like Dookudu (2011), Race Gurram (2014), and Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (2020), Thaman left an indelible mark on the Indian music scene.

On April 5, the stage lit up for Naslen and his crew, the Alappuzha-based Ging Gang, who delivered a night of high-energy entertainment.

The festival concluded on April 6 with a valedictory ceremony featuring actress Kayadu Lohar, known for her role in the movie Dragon.

With an incredible lineup of performances, competitions, and cultural showcases, Milan 2025 proved to be an unforgettable celebration of talent, diversity, and artistic excellence.



SRMIST Founder Chancellor Dr.T.R.Paarivendhar felicitates at Atharvaa Murali at the Milan - 2025 event in the presence of Registrar Dr.S.Ponnusamy and others



## Bazaar 8.0 Retro Ignites Entrepreneurial Spirit at SRMIST

### STAFF WRITER

The Faculty of Management (FOM), SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, Bazaar 8.0 Retro, a three-day extravaganza fostering entrepreneurship and innovation, held from February 12th to 14th, 2025. Stepping into the eighth year of Bazaar, the students unveiled their creativity and entrepreneurial

spirit, exhibiting their products on the floor.

Bazaar 8.0 Retro was inaugurated on February 12th in the Prof. Peter Drucker Hall, MBA Block. The ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Mr. Moses, Founder and CEO of "Aladipattayan" and SRMIST alumnus; Mrs. Anees Begam, Founder and Managing Director of "Haiku"; Dr. Venkata Shastri, Director,

Directorate of Career Centre; Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Associate Director Campus Administration; Dr. Shivganesh Bhargava, Dean, FOM; and other faculty members.

Mr. Moses, who began his entrepreneurial journey at the first edition of Bazaar, shared his inspiring story of scaling his Karupatti Coffee business to 60 o

**Three Days of Inspiration,**

**Networking, and Commerce**

The bazaar featured over 60 student and commercial stalls, showcasing a diverse range of products and services, including food, fashion, and crafts. Students from SRMIST Kattankulathur and Vadapalani campuses participated, creating a vibrant marketplace.

**Valedictory Celebrates Success and Recognizes Talent**

The valedictory function on February 14th featured keynote addresses by Mr. C. K. Mohan, Chairman of TFSC, President, TANSTIA FNF, and Mr. S. M. Imran, Chief Marketing of "Zimson Watches." Certificates of appreciation were awarded

to coordinators and stall owners by Dr. K. Subathra and Dr. Rajalakshmi. The best stall awards were presented to "Ph.D. Pani Puri" (Stall No. 5), "Arora" (Stall No. 36), and the photo booth (Stall No. 18).

Adding to the festivity, playback singer, Shivathmika entertained the audience with her melodious songs on February 14th, 2025. Bazaar 8.0 Retro, housed in a 10,000 square foot venue, demonstrated SRMIST's commitment to fostering entrepreneurial spirit, providing a valuable platform for students to showcase their talents and connect with the business community.

The event's success highlighted the institution's dedication to nurturing future entrepreneurs.





## SRMIST Hosts ICONN 2025, Showcasing Global Advancements in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

### STAFF WRITER

The 8th Biennial International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICONN-2025) was organised by the Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, from March 24 to March 26, 2025.

The event, co-sponsored by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), WILEY, Springer Nature USA, and Malvern Panalytical Spectrics Pvt. Ltd., Netherlands, was conducted in association with prominent international institutions including Shizuoka University, Japan; University of Paris Cite, France; National Yang Ming Chiao University, Taiwan; University of Malaya, Malaysia; Riga Technical University, Latvia; Flinders University, Australia; University of Tasmania, Australia; Mordovia State University, Russia; and the Nanotechnology Research Centre (NRC), SRMIST

The conference features over 30 scientific sessions encompassing keynote addresses, technical presentations, and panel discussions. The sessions covered a range of topics, including materials at reduced dimensional scales, nanofabrication, nanoelectronics, energy applications, and emerging nanomedicine technologies. Participants presented cutting-edge research on energy harvesting,



SRMIST Registrar Dr.S.Ponnusamy felicitates the Chief guest at the ICONN 2025

nanocomposites, catalysts, and two-dimensional materials, fostering collaboration between researchers, industry experts, and academicians. The event also provided a platform for young scientists and students to showcase their work, encouraging interdisciplinary engagement.

The conference witnessed the presence of dignitaries, including: Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, SRMIST

Dr. R. Vijay, Director, International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Hyderabad, Prof. Satishchandra Ogale, Director,

Research Institute for Sustainable Energy (RISE), TCG-CREST, Kolkata, and Emeritus Professor, IISER Pune, Dr. Arthanareeswari M., Professor and Chairperson, Department of Chemistry, SRMIST, Dr. Rohini Kitture, Deputy Editor – Small and Physical Sciences Journals, Wiley, Dr. Anatoly Lysakov, Director, National Research Mordovia State University, Russia, Dr. D. John Thiruvadigal, Dean (Sciences), SRMIST, Dr. Senthil Kumar Eswaran, Professor and Head, Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRMIST, Prof. Hiroya Ikeda, Professor, Department of Electronics and Materials, Shizuoka University, Japan, Prof. Mohamed JOUINI,

University of Paris, Cite, France, Prof. Ivo Rietveld, University of Rouen Normandie, France, Dr. Mario Hentchel, University of Stuttgart, Germany, Prof. Pāvels Onufrijevs, Riga Technical University, Latvia, Dr. A. Karthigeyan, Professor, Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRMIST, Dr. Archana J., Professor, Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRMIST. The inaugural session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. E. Senthil Kumar, Convener, ICONN-2025, followed by the presidential address delivered by Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST, who emphasised the significance of advancing research and

development in nanoscience and nanotechnology.

Dr. R. Vijay, Director, ARCI, Hyderabad, delivered the inaugural address, highlighting the importance of technology transfer and industrial collaboration in the field. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. J. Archana, Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRMIST.

The conference also honoured eminent scientists with the SRM-ICONN Innovation Award, the SRM-ICONN Outstanding Woman Researcher Award, the SRM-ICONN Young Researcher Award, and the Springer Nature Best Oral and Poster Awards.

The second day of the conference includes in-depth scientific discussions on topics such as energy harvesting, computational physics, nanospectroscopy, green hydrogen production, and drug delivery systems. The final day features an exclusive program titled “Seeding Nanoscience and Nanotechnology in Young Minds—Live Interaction with Scientists,” which engages around 250 school students in interactive sessions with eminent professors from various organisations.

With over 1100 participants, ICONN-2025 provided a global platform for fostering scientific dialogue and advancing innovations in the field of nanoscience and nanotechnology.

## SRMIST Honoured with Certification of Recognition for Contribution to Universal Human Values

### STAFF WRITER

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST-KTR) has been awarded the ‘Certification of Recognition’ by the UHV Foundation, acknowledging its contribution to Universal Human Values (UHV) in Education. The honour was presented by AICTE Chairman Prof. T. G. Sitharam on 3rd April 2025 during the UHV National Conference held at SRMIST NCR Campus, Ghaziabad. This recognition places SRMIST among an elite group, as only two universities across India received this accolade — a testament to its unwavering commitment to value-based education. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the SRM UHV Cell also for the entire SRMIST community. It reflects the collective dedication of faculty, staff, and students in fostering an academic environment rooted in ethics, empathy, and holistic development — truly embodying the motto, “Wellbeing for All.”

SRMIST has been actively integrating Universal Human Values into its curriculum and campus initiatives, with



the aim of nurturing socially responsible individuals who can contribute meaningfully to a harmonious society.

This recognition inspires to further our efforts and continue making impactful strides in value-based education.



## SRM IHM Alumni Reunion 2025: A Record-Breaking Culinary Event



### STAFF WRITER

On March 1, 2025, the SRM Institute of Hotel Management (SRM IHM) achieved a remarkable milestone by preparing 3,688 vegan burgers in 1 minute and 55 seconds, securing a place in the Triumph World Records for the "Most Number of Vegan Burgers Prepared by Students and Alumni."

Organised with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, SRMIST-KTR, the event brought together 350 students and alumni at the Dr. T.

P. Ganesan Auditorium, SRMIST, to celebrate culinary teamwork and alumni connections.

The event featured a keynote address by Senior Executive Chef Y. B. Mathur of ITC Hotel, who shared insights into the hospitality industry and encouraged students to explore their creativity.

#### Dignitaries Presence:

Prof. Muthamizhchelvan C, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST

Dr. Ponnusamy S, Registrar, SRMIST, Dr. Rathinam A, Director, Directorate of Alumni Affairs,

SRMIST, Dr. Antony Ashok Kumar D, Director, SRM IHM, Ms. Lalitha J, Vice Principal, SRM IHM.

The vegan burgers, made with millet buns (prepared on February 28, 2025) and fresh vegan patties (prepared on March 1, 2025), were distributed to the needy, promoting the concept of "No Food Waste."

#### Alumni Connections & Teamwork:

The reunion gave alumni a chance to reconnect with their peers and share their experiences with current students. It highlighted the collaborative spirit of SRM IHM, where students and alumni work together to achieve meaningful goals.

#### About Triumph World Records:

Triumph World Records recognises and honours achievements across

various fields, providing a platform for people to showcase their talents globally.

The World Record Certificate was presented to SRM Institute of Hotel Management, Kattankulathur, marking this achievement in the institution's history. This event reflects SRM IHM's dedication to innovation, community service, and lasting alumni relationships.



SRMIST Vice Chancellor Prof. Muthamizhchelvan C, Dr. Ponnusamy S, Registrar, SRMIST, Dr. Rathinam A, Director, Directorate of Alumni Affairs, SRMIST, Dr. Antony Ashok Kumar D, Director, SRM IHM, Ms. Lalitha J, Vice Principal, at the SRM IHM Alumni Reunion 2025 event

## Russian and Indian Cultures Blend in Colorful Performances at SRMIST

### STAFF WRITER

The cultural event "Russia and India: Culture Unites" was held on March 8, 2025, at the Dr. T.P. Ganesan Auditorium to commemorate the partnership between N.P. Ogarev National Research Mordovia State University (Russia) and SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST).

The program was inaugurated by Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, Mr. Lakshmi Narasimhan, Director of International Relations, Dr. Dmitry Glushko, Rector of Mordovia State University, along with delegates from the Russian House. The

event was witnessed by Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, faculty members, students, corporate partners, and distinguished guests.

A diverse array of performances was presented by students and artists from N.P. Ogarev National Research Mordovia State University (Russia), featuring a blend of classical music, traditional dances, and fashion shows. Notable highlights included iconic Russian pieces such as "Fly on the Wings of the Wind," and the Indian favourite "Jai Ho."

The event also showcased Mordovian folk performances, Russian classical ballet, and an Indo-Russian Costume

collection, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of both nations. An interactive quiz on Russian culture engaged the audience, with prizes awarded to participants.

A special video presentation highlighting the experiences of Indian students at Mordovia State University was screened, emphasizing the spirit of cultural exchange and academic collaboration.

The program concluded with expressions of gratitude to the performers, organizers, and dignitaries, underscoring the enduring friendship between Russia and India through cultural and educational ties.





# Jhalak 2025: A Celebration of Talent, Creativity, and Community

## STAFF WRITER

The Directorate of Student Affairs, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST-KTR), hosted Jhalak 2025, an inter-college competition that brought together diverse talents under one roof. The event spanned across multiple venues, including the Dr. T.P. Ganesan Auditorium and Law Hall, showcasing the artistic, musical, literary, and performing skills of students across eight competitive houses.

### Stage Play: Stories that Stirred the Soul

The stage play competition, held at TP Ganesan Auditorium, revolved around the theme "Slice of Life." Eight houses delivered compelling 15-minute performances, weaving narratives of humor, struggle, and heartfelt emotions. House Trishul entertained the audience with a comedic portrayal of filmmaking struggles, highlighting language and cultural barriers on a chaotic movie set.

House Aakash delivered a powerful story about an autistic child in a marginalized family, exploring societal stigma and parental resilience.

House Brahmos took first place with their moving depiction of the struggles of male youth, while House Aakash and House Trishul secured second and third positions, respectively.

The event was judged by Ramesh Govindarajan, an esteemed scriptwriter associated with SUN Network, who praised the students' storytelling depth and emotional range.

### Fashion Group: A Runway of Imagination

The Group Fashion Show turned the stage into a canvas of evolving fashion eras, judged by F.C. Vinoth, a renowned fashion choreographer and President of the Tamil Nadu Models Association.

House Trishul fused monarchy with modernity, showcasing LED-lit crowns and satin gowns.

House Astra took the audience on a "Western Odyssey," blending historical and futuristic fashion with daring stunts. House Brahmos claimed victory with a stunning display of upper-class vintage styles merged with avant-garde futuristic fashion.

Vinoth commended the students for their creativity and passion, noting the event's flawless coordination and vibrant energy.

### Mr. & Ms. Jhalak: Confidence Meets Charisma

Participants strutted the stage with poise, representing their houses through fashion and personality. The event was judged by Mr. Ajmal Mohammad (actor and CEO of Darlins Production) and



Ms. Aishwarya (model and TVC artist). The duo emphasised the importance of confidence, inspiring students to embrace their individuality.

**Battle of Bands: The Sound of Passion**  
The Battle of Bands competition electrified the TP Ganesan Auditorium, with each house delivering dynamic performances. Judged by Amogh, a rapper and winner of the Red Bull Spotlight 2018, the event highlighted the raw musical talent of SRM's students. The judge applauded the bands for their technical precision, innovative compositions, and stage presence.

**Poetry, Debate & Dance: A Literary and Artistic Feast**

**Slam Poetry:** Participants captivated the audience with verses in multiple languages, judged by RJ Deva, a celebrated spoken-word poet.

**4v4 Debate:** Teams fiercely debated topics from mythology to historical ideologies, showcasing sharp wit and deep knowledge.

**Solo Dance:** The competition featured stunning performances across classical and modern dance forms, judged by Jessica Grace from StepX Dance Crew.

**Duet Singing: Harmonies That Touched Hearts**

The vocal competition, judged by V.U.M. Ayshwarya (of Super Singer Junior 6 fame), brought soulful melodies to life.

Pairs delivered emotional and powerful performances, leaving the audience enchanted.

### A Grand Finale: Celebrating Student Excellence

Jhalak 2025 was not just a competition but a testament to the boundless creativity, resilience, and camaraderie of SRM students. The event concluded with heartfelt speeches from judges and faculty, celebrating the collective spirit of innovation and expression.

With events like Jhalak, SRM Institute of Science and Technology continues to nurture a thriving student community, empowering young minds to explore, express, and excel beyond boundaries.



# SRMIST presents IRIS-BioVention 2025: Advancing Health, MedTech, Pharma & AgriTech

## STAFF WRITER

The SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, hosted the second edition of its Industrial Research and Innovation Summit (IRIS) 2025 — BioVention Edition, held on 17 April 2025, with a strong sectoral focus on Healthcare, MedTech, Pharma, and Agri-Tech.

This edition of IRIS, SRM's flagship technology expo aimed at fostering industry-academia partnerships, was held as part of World Intellectual Property Week celebrations.

IRIS-BioVention 2025 exemplified the University's dynamic approach to translating cutting-edge research into market-ready innovations. With 472 patents granted, including over 50 in life sciences, SRMIST continues to drive its mission of transforming patents into products for the benefit of industry and society at large. The event was jointly supported by leading industry and innovation partners, including TICEL Bio Park, TIDCO, Sathguru Consultants, KIIT TTO, C-CAMP, TIMED – TIPS, and Bangalore Bioinnovation Centre. These partners played a crucial role in bridging the gap between research and commercialisation by presenting real-world problem statements and offering collaborative platforms for solution development. IRIS-BioVention 2025 featured 54+ patented inventions and research projects by students and faculty, 12 advanced R&D labs and competency centres from across SRMIST, 60+ industry professionals in attendance, many of



*IRIS-BioVention 2025 brought together technology, talent, and transformative ideas, reinforcing SRMIST's position as a catalyst for innovation and collaboration. By aligning academic research with industrial needs, SRMIST continues to power the "Make in India" dream into a tangible reality.*

whom extended mentorship opportunities and expressed keen interest in various showcased products, and 3 significant MoU signings with: Sewon Intelligence, South Korea; Anabond Pvt. Ltd.,

Chennai; Switching Batteries, Singapore. Adding to the occasion, 53 patent awardees from the academic year 2024-25 were felicitated for their innovative contributions.

## A Landmark Day of Knowledge & Innovation at SRMIST, FSH Vadapalani Campus

### STAFF WRITER

The National Conference on "Insights and Innovation: Exploring Business, Technology, and Human Behaviour" on 19th February 2025 was a remarkable gathering of academicians, researchers, and students, all united in the pursuit of knowledge and progress. We were privileged to host Dr. R. Aravindhan, Senior Principal Scientist at CSIR-CLRI, as our esteemed

Chief Guest, who inspired us with his visionary insights on sustainable innovation. The conference was enriched by thought-provoking discussions, interactive sessions, and groundbreaking research presentations, fostering meaningful collaboration and intellectual growth. A heartfelt appreciation to all participants, speakers, sponsors, and volunteers for their invaluable contributions in making this event a grand success!



## SRMIST Men's Chess Team Strikes Gold for the Fourth Consecutive Year at All India Inter-University Championship

### STAFF WRITER

The Directorate of Sports, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), proudly celebrates a momentous achievement as its Men's Chess Team clinched the Gold Medal for the fourth consecutive year at the prestigious All India Inter-University Chess Tournament (Men's), held at Marwadi University, Rajkot, Gujarat, from 2nd to 5th April 2025.

This year's tournament made history with the highest-ever participation of titled players, including 3 Grandmasters (GMs) and 8 International Masters (IMs)—a benchmark that underscores the elite standard of the championship.

The SRMIST team was represented by a star-studded lineup:

GM Mr. Arjun Kalyan – 2nd year, M.Com  
GM Mr. Pranesh – 1st year, B.Sc. Computer Science  
IM Mr. Hari Krishnan – 2nd year, M.Com  
IM Mr. Srihari – 1st year, B.Tech ECE, IM Mr. Srihari LR – 1st year, B.Com  
IM Mr. Raahul VS – 1st year, MBA

Under the guidance of Dr. M. Senthil Kumar, the team's Coach and Manager, the players displayed extraordinary skill and cohesion throughout the tournament.





# SRMIST Students Embrace Wellness in Lead-Up to International Yoga Day 2025

STAFF WRITER

The vibrant campus of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) buzzed with energy and a sense of well-being today as the Directorate of Sports and the Department of Yoga, in collaboration with the esteemed Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, successfully hosted a Yoga Practical Session and Seminar. This initiative marked the beginning of a 60-day countdown to the globally celebrated International Day of Yoga, scheduled for June 21st, 2025.

The morning began with an invigorating Yoga Practical Session over 530 enthusiastic students participated in the session, basking in the early morning sunshine while experiencing the rejuvenating benefits of yoga. The session was also

streamed live, allowing even more members of the SRMIST community to partake in the wellness initiative.

The spirit of well-being continued with an insightful Yoga Seminar, graced by the presence of the honorable Registrar of SRMIST, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, who inaugurated the event. The seminar featured enlightening talks by distinguished yoga experts: Dr. Prof. Elangovan, Dr. Valli, and Dr. Samudra. These eminent speakers shared their profound knowledge on the significance of yoga in fostering mental clarity, enhancing physical strength, and promoting overall well-being. Their words resonated deeply with the young audience, inspiring them to consider yoga as a valuable practice for both their personal and professional journeys.

This successful event marks the beginning



of SRMIST's preparations for International Day of Yoga 2025, setting a positive tone for further activities aimed at promoting

the ancient practice of yoga and its myriad benefits within the university community.

## SRMIST conducts the 14th Research Day and 6th Dr. Paarivendhar Research Colloquium

STAFF WRITER

The spirit of research and academic excellence took center stage at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, as the institution celebrated its 14th Research Day and the 6th edition of the Dr. Paarivendhar Research Colloquium (DPRC 2024) held on 21st April, 2025, with great enthusiasm and recognition. The event was graced by Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, Honourable Founder Chancellor, SRMIST; Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice-Chancellor, SRMIST; and Prof. Shekhar C. Mande, Distinguished Professor at Savitribai Phule Pune University and Former Director General, CSIR – India. The celebration served as a platform to acknowledge and honour the exemplary research contributions made by students and faculty across disciplines. A total of 47 students and 32 faculty members were awarded gold medals and certificates, while 51 students and 4 faculty members received silver medals and certificates. In addition, 43 faculty members who had published in Nature-indexed journals were felicitated with mementos and certificates.

Delivering the presidential address, Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar highlighted SRMIST's commitment to cultivating a research-driven academic environment. "We take pride in being one of the first institutions

in the country to dedicate a day to celebrate research. With India steadily advancing in global research rankings, patent filings, and innovation indices, our role as educators is more crucial than ever," he said. "Innovation begins in the classroom — in curious minds that ask questions, explore possibilities, and challenge conventions.

It is this spirit of inquiry that we must continue to foster." In his keynote address, Prof. Shekhar C. Mande spoke on the importance of nurturing young scientific minds: "India has produced stalwarts like C. V. Raman and G. N. Ramachandran, who redefined the frontiers of science. If guided well, today's students have the potential to follow in their footsteps," he

remarked. "With access to advanced tools and collaborative ecosystems, there has never been a more exciting time to be a researcher. The opportunities are immense, and the time to act is now."

As part of the celebrations, DPRC 2024 was inaugurated by Prof. Shekhar C. Mande. Organised by the Directorate of Research in collaboration with the Department of English and Foreign Languages, the colloquium will continue till April 23, 2025. The event offers a vibrant platform for scholars to present their research, engage in interdisciplinary dialogue, and contribute to the evolving landscape of knowledge.



SRMIST Founder Chancellor Dr.T.R.Paarivendhar releases the abstract of the researches along with Vice Chancellor Prof.C.Muthamizhchelvan, Dr.Vinay Kumar Pro VC (SBL), Registrar Dr.S.Ponnusamy and others at the Research Day event.



## SRMIST Signs MoU with Atos to Forge a Transformative Academia-Industry Partnership



SRMIST Registrar Dr. S. Ponnusamy showcasing the MoU signed between SRM IST and ATOS.

### STAFF WRITER

The Career Centre at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST-KTR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Atos on 4th March 2025, marking the beginning of a groundbreaking collaboration designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry. Key Highlights of the MoU: Academic-Industry Synergy: SRMIST's expertise in DevSecOps, IoT, and cutting-edge technologies will complement Atos' industry insights. Plans are underway to establish a Research Lab/ Centre of Excellence (CoE) focused on AI-driven automation, cybersecurity, software development, and cloud technologies. Research & Innovation: The partnership will set annual

research goals, encouraging publications, patents, and technological breakthroughs. Joint research initiatives will benefit from shared infrastructure and expert knowledge exchange.

Industry-Led Learning: Co-developed courses blending academic rigour with industry relevance will offer students hands-on projects, real-world case studies, and mentorship from ATOS professionals.

Skill Development & Competitions: Hackathons, datathons, and ideathons will be organised to foster creativity and innovation with rewards and internship pathways for high-performing students.

Global Exposure and Sustainability: SRMIST's foreign language programs will prepare students for global roles, and collaborative sustainability projects will focus on renewable energy and green technologies.

## SRMIST's Exemplary Achievement with 5th Nova World Record in Ball Badminton

### STAFF WRITER

The Directorate of Sports, (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, has attained its fifth Nova World Record in Ball Badminton (High Service). The event was held on February 27, 2025. This milestone reinforces SRMIST's legacy in sports and social awareness campaigns.

The event was inaugurated by Registrar, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, along with the Chairman of St. Joseph Engineering College, Dr. B. Babu Manoharan, initiating the first high service. Over the next 25 hours, 282 ball badminton players executed high services reaching 20 metres to raise awareness about drug abuse prevention.

SRMIST's Legacy of Records

This Ball Badminton Marathon is the latest in a series of Nova World Records by the Directorate



Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan and Director, Directorate of Sports, Prof. R. Mohanakrishnan, cordially received the Nova World Record certificate from the CEO of Nova World Record, Mr. Rajkumar.

of Sports, SRMIST:

Longest Yoga Marathon – 24-hour yoga performance by 84 students against drug abuse.

Pledge Against Drugs – 5,084 students took a pledge and

joined a signature campaign.

10th International Yoga Day – 520 students set a record for maximum Surya Namaskars.

24-Hour Basketball Free Throws – 85 students continuously performed free throws.

## SRMCAS Hosts 4th Students Club to Empower Student Leadership and Engagement

### STAFF WRITER

The SRM College of Agricultural Sciences (SRMCAS), under the aegis of the Centre for Students Welfare (CSW), marked a new chapter in student engagement with the grand '4th Students Club' at the vibrant SRMCAS Amphitheatre.

The newly launched student body is structured around five flagship groups: ARJUNA, SHAITYA, UTSAV, AVINYA, and SWARA. Together, these groups encompass 20 specialised clubs that cater to a wide range of student interests—from Sports, Debating, Media & Technology, and Creative Arts to Nature Conservation, Social Service, Women Empowerment,

and beyond.

Whether it's the 'Agpreun Club' nurturing future agri-entrepreneurs or the 'Tamil Ilakkiya Mandram' preserving cultural heritage, each club is designed to nurture talent, encourage dialogue, and instill a strong sense of community.

Nurturing Future Leaders

In a bid to ensure vibrant and accountable student leadership, the CSW, in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs, conducted personal interviews to identify and appoint Secretaries, Joint Secretaries, Convenors, and Co-Convenors. These student leaders will spearhead club initiatives, act as change-makers, and enhance the SRMCAS campus

culture. The event unfolded with a warm welcome address by Dr. R. Angelin Silviya, CSW Coordinator, setting a gracious tone for the ceremony. The Chief Guest Address was delivered by Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Dean of SRMCAS, who officially introduced the newly appointed club bearers, celebrating their passion and dedication.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. B. Rex, CSW Coordinator, acknowledging the efforts of every individual behind the success of the event. Adding to the festive spirit were a series of captivating cultural performances by students - each a powerful reflection of the creativity and camaraderie that define SRMCAS.





# 18th edition of Aaruush at SRMIST sets new benchmarks in Technology & Innovation

## STAFF WRITER

The 18th edition of Aaruush, an international techno-management festival, recently took place at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST). Over four dynamic days, the event was inaugurated by Mr. Anand Mohanram, Managing Director of Mr. Cooper India, with Mr. Prasanna Lohar, Dr. S. Ponnusamy – Registrar of SRMIST, and Dr. A. Rathinam – Convenor of Aaruush, gracing the event. With over 100 events, 90+ competing teams, and 15 major flagship activities, this year's Aaruush surpassed expectations. Notably, the festival earned a place in the International Book of Records for hosting the Largest Space Exploration Lesson, attended by over 800 participants. The fest saw a footfall of 65,000+ attendees across its wide range of events, with 500+ students from 210 universities and colleges engaging in a variety of technical and domain-specific activities. In addition to the festival's main events, the SRM Global Tech Conclave provided a platform for alumni leaders across industries to address and inspire the student audience. The theme of Aaruush this year, "Harmonizing Holistic Well-being through Technology," was aligned with

Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), underscoring the festival's commitment to fostering innovation for social impact. Mr. Anand Mohanram delivered an insightful address, highlighting the importance of leveraging technology and the need for continuous learning and adaptability in today's rapidly evolving landscape. He emphasised the role of compliance and accurate data referencing, particularly in industries such as finance and data management. Delving into the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), he outlined how these technologies are not just revolutionizing user-facing innovations but also transforming the core data infrastructure of industries. Mr. Prasanna Lohar shared his perspective on India's growing role as a global hub for innovation, reflecting on the country's advancements in emerging technologies. Drawing from his experiences in banking and finance, he spoke about the rapid evolution of AI, cloud computing, and quantum blockchain, noting that new technologies are reshaping industries every five years. He also emphasized the importance of collaboration and acquiring industry-relevant skills to stay competitive in an increasingly technology-driven world.



## SRMIST Signs MoU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Bangalore

### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Computing Technologies, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Bangalore. This strategic collaboration aims to foster research, development, and skill enhancement in emerging technologies, bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.

The MoU establishes a framework for joint research in advanced fields such as High-Performance Computing, Quantum Computing, Artificial Intelligence, and Cyber Security. It also paves the way for skill development through specialised training programmes, workshops, and seminars, enhancing technical expertise among students and faculty. Through this partnership, SRMIST and C-DAC will collaborate on innovative projects, submit joint research proposals for funding, and work together to develop

healthcare technologies and solutions for societal benefit. The agreement also emphasises industry-academia integration through internships, industry visits, and real-world project opportunities,

ensuring students gain practical insights and hands-on experience. In addition, the MoU encourages innovation in emerging technologies like IoT, Drone Technology, and Language Computing,

while facilitating the establishment of specialized research labs and a Centre of Excellence (CoE) dedicated to future technologies.



SRMIST Registrar Dr. S. Ponnusamy showcasing the MoU signed between SRMIST and C-DAC Bangalore



# SRMIST Archer T. Ganesh Mani Rathanam Creates History at Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament 2025

## STAFF WRITER

The Directorate of Sports, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) takes immense pride in celebrating the remarkable achievement of Mr. T. Ganesh Mani Rathanam (1st year – BCA, who has brought international glory to India and SRMIST. Competing in the Asia Cup World Ranking Tournament, Stage 1, held in Bangkok, Thailand, from February 16th to 23rd, 2025, he played a crucial role in the victory of the Indian Compound Team, securing the gold medal for the nation.

The Indian team achieved a remarkable feat by setting a new world record in the 50-meter round, surpassing the previous

benchmark of 2111 points with an astounding 2129 points. This record-breaking performance has placed India at the pinnacle of international archery and solidified the team's dominance in the compound category.

Mr. Ganesh Mani Rathanam has been a rising star in the field of archery, consistently showcasing his talent at national and international levels. His recent gold medal win follows another outstanding performance at the Suwon 2024 Asia Cup Leg in Korea, where he secured a bronze medal, proving his mettle among the world's best archers. His dedication, rigorous training, and relentless pursuit of excellence have set him apart as an elite athlete.



SRMIST Registrar Dr.S.Ponnusamy along with SRMIST Archer T.Ganesh Mani Rathnam

## Faculty of Management & The Times of India Hosted “Union Budget 2025: A Comprehensive Post-Budget Analysis” at SRMIST

### STAFF WRITER

The Faculty of Management at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) in Kattankulathur, in collaboration with the Times of India, successfully organised “Union Budget 2025: A Comprehensive Post-Budget Analysis” on February 5, 2025. The program provided a platform for insightful discussions on the Union Budget 2025, featuring prominent industry experts, academicians, and financial analysts.

Prof. Shivganesh Bhargava, Dean of the Faculty of Management, SRMIST, delivered

the welcome address, emphasising the significance of analysing the budget's impact. Prof. Vinay Kumar A, Pro Vice-Chancellor (SBL), SRMIST, inaugurated the program, highlighting key government initiatives and their implications.

The keynote speaker by Dr. T. Ramachandran, Professor and Head of Finance, Faculty of Management, SRMIST. Mr. Gopal Mahadevan, Director – Strategic Finance and M&A, Ashok Leyland, Chennai, delivered the keynote address, providing an in-depth analysis of the Union Budget 2025, focusing on key reforms, fiscal policies, and their

anticipated economic impact.

Mr. Aravind Srivatsan – Head of Tax Practices, Nangia Andersen India Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. V. Balasubramanian – Economic Analyst and Secretary, Mylapore Institute for Policy Research, Chennai.

Mr. Sridhar Narayanan – Founder & CEO, Grand Alliance for Excellence in Management.

The panellists offered valuable insights into the budget's taxation policies, economic effects, industry perspectives, and growth opportunities.

An interactive Q&A session allowed the

audience to engage with the panellists, address various budget-related queries, and receive expert responses.

The closing session featured a vote of thanks by Dr. Karthik Sridhar, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, SRMIST, expressing gratitude to all participants and dignitaries.

The “Union Budget 2025: A Comprehensive Post-Budget Analysis” program successfully provided a platform for students, faculty, and industry professionals to gain valuable insights into the economic and financial implications of the latest budget.



Prof.Vinay Kumar Pro VC (SBL), SRMIST and other dignitaries at the Union Budget 2025 analysis event at SRMIST



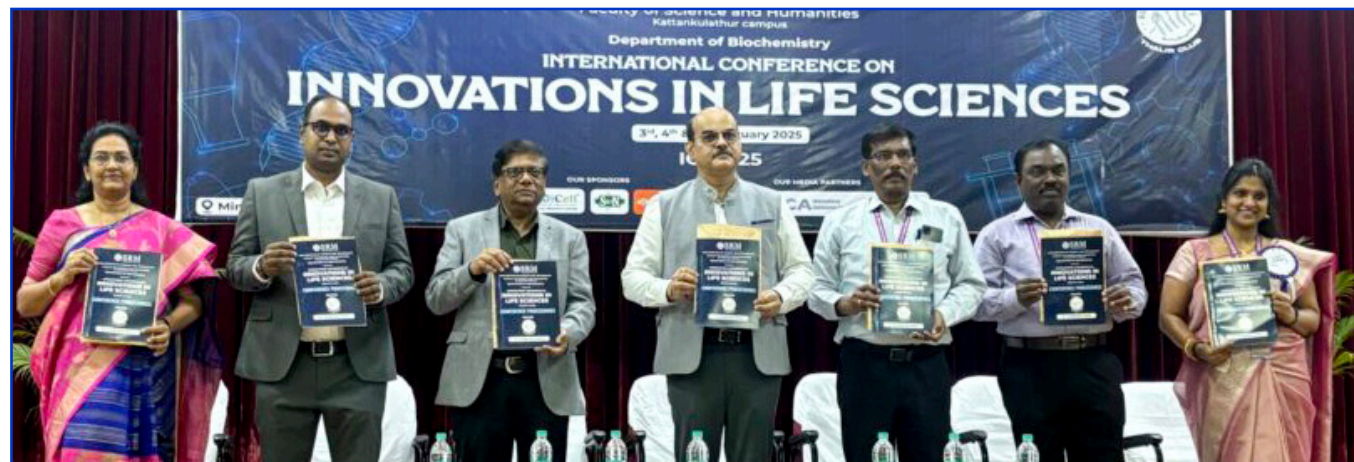
# International Conference on Innovations in Life Sciences (ICILS'25)

## STAFF WRITER

The Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science and Humanities at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, successfully hosted the International Conference on Innovations in Life Sciences (ICILS'25), held in a hybrid format. This conference spanned around 3 days, dated 3rd, 4th, and 5th February 2025. The conference attracted 120 registrations and featured 10 esteemed technical speakers from India and abroad, providing a dynamic platform for knowledge sharing and discussions on the latest advancements in life sciences.

The conference kicked off with a Presidential Address by Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. A. Vinay Kumar, followed by an insightful Inaugural Address by Dr. Prathap Ganesh, Vice President – Quality Assurance, LifeCell International Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Ganesh discussed quality assurance and the latest developments in life sciences. Felicitations were presented by Dean Dr. A. Duraiswamy and Deputy Dean Dr. Albert Antony Raj, who emphasized the integration of science and technology in advancing the field.

The first day featured three technical sessions focused on key areas: Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Postdoctoral Research Opportunities, and Patenting. Notable presentations included "Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Role of DSIR, Government of India" by Dr. P. Josthna and "Patenting and Regulatory Requirements



*Prof. Vinay Kumar Pro VC (SBL), SRMIST, Dean FSH Dr. Duraisamy, Deputy Dean FSH Dr. S. Albert Antony Raj and other showcasing the conference proceedings*

of Natural Products and Traditional Medicine – An Indian Perspective" by Dr. L. Hariprasad.

Day 2 continued with four engaging technical sessions. Dr. Rita M. Heuertz, Professor at Saint Louis University, USA, delivered a thought-provoking talk on Bacterial Biofilm and Its Role in Pathogenesis. A special session on Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells and Their Applications was conducted by Dr. U. R. Ezekiel, Professor of Clinical Health Sciences at St. Louis University, USA.

Additional sessions included Innovations in Regenerative Medicine by Dr. P. Raghu Babu, Technical Director at Acadicell Innovations International Pvt. Ltd., and Therapeutic Applications of Exosomes by Dr. Ajith Kumar, Scientific Director

at Acadicell Innovations International Pvt. Ltd.

The final day of the conference featured three technical sessions. Dr. Vrushank Dave, Associate Professor at Moffitt Cancer Centre & USF – Morsani College of Medicine, USA, discussed Identifying Molecular Drivers of Lung Cancer for Precision Medicine. Dr. Nithyakalyani, Chief Scientist at Apollo Hospitals, presented Opportunities in the Field of Life Sciences. The concluding session, Modern Trends in Gene Editing in Microalgae for Commercial Purposes, was delivered by Dr. Sridharan Govindachary, Founder and CEO of Plant Innov, Montreal, Canada.

The valedictory function was graced by Mr. Thangiah Immanuel, Managing Director of CEPHAS Medical Pvt. Ltd.,

MEPZ, who engaged with participants in an insightful discussion and shared valuable perspectives, marking a memorable conclusion to the conference.

120 registrations from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. 80 abstracts submitted, with a strong response to the call for papers. 40 abstracts were selected for oral presentations. 20 abstracts were chosen for poster presentations. 60 abstracts were included in the official conference proceedings. Hybrid Presentation Format: All sessions were evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges in both in-person and virtual formats. Award-Winning Presentations: Cash prizes, mementoes, and certificates were awarded to the top paper and poster presenters. Participation Certificates:

## SRMIST NSS Officers Join HSI & NSS Regional Directorate, GOI, New Delhi Roundtable on Plant-Based Sustainability & One Health

The NSS Programme Officers from SRMIST Kattankulathur, Ramapuram, and Vadapalani—Chennai actively participated in the roundtable discussion. The discussions helped them gain valuable insights into the impact of animal

agriculture and the need for a shift towards Sustainable Food Systems, which in turn helped them move forward and further promote sustainability initiatives on their campuses.





## SRMIST Signs MoU with FC Madras to Develop Young Footballers

### STAFF WRITER

The Directorate of Sports, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST-KTR), has entered into a transformative five-year partnership with FC Madras through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 27th February 2025. This collaboration aims to create a seamless pathway for young footballers, blending high-performance training with academic excellence.

Under this agreement, SRM athletes will have the unique opportunity to represent both SRMIST in university-level tournaments and FC Madras in national and state leagues, fostering dual career progression in sports and academics. FC Madras, a 4-star-rated professional football academy, is renowned for its Elite Scholarship Program, which offers full boarding, lodging, training, and education. The MoU ensures that graduates from FC Madras' high school program can seamlessly transition to higher education at SRMIST while continuing their professional football careers.

Voices from the Partnership:

Mr. Abhishek Yadav, CEO, FC Madras, expressed his enthusiasm:



SRMIST Registrar Dr.S.Ponnusamy showing the MoU signed between SRMIST and FC Madras

"At FC Madras, we nurture players through our Elite Scholarship Program until higher secondary education. With this MoU, SRM University provides the academic pathway beyond that while ensuring players stay in the professional football system. This partnership aligns perfectly with our mission of creating 'Champions for Life.'"

Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, SRMIST, highlighted the significance of the collaboration:

"University sports play a key role in talent development worldwide. This partnership with FC Madras is a step toward building a system where young footballers can excel both academically

and professionally. We envision this collaboration paving the way for future Olympic participation."

Mr. Venkatesh Shanmugam, Technical Director, FC Madras, underscored the importance of player development:

"The transition from U17 to professional football is critical. This collaboration ensures our players receive structured training, competition exposure, and education at a crucial stage of their careers."

FC Madras board member, Mr. C.K.M. Dhananjai, remarked on the broader impact:

"University sport is a global force, and FC Madras is stepping right into it! This

partnership integrates elite sport with higher education, empowering young athletes on and off the field. The rewards of this collaboration extend to players, the university, and Indian football as a whole."

**Commitment to Holistic Development:** SRMIST will invest INR 5 crore over five years, reinforcing its dedication to sports development. The university will offer academic admissions, accommodation, food, and state-of-the-art training infrastructure for FC Madras U20 players. Meanwhile, FC Madras will oversee player development, coaching, technical training, competition participation, and performance monitoring.

## SRMIST Celebrates National Science Day 2025: Empowering Youth for Global Leadership

### STAFF WRITER

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, celebrated National Science Day 2025 on February 28 at Dr. T. P. Ganesan Auditorium under the theme "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for VIKSIT BHARAT." The event featured distinguished speakers: Prof. V. Ravichandiran, Vice Chancellor of Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, delivered the National Science Day Address, while Prof. Tapas K. Kundu, Director of CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, graced the event as Guest



Prof. Tapas K. Kundu, Director of CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, addresses the audience as Guest of Honour during the National Science Day 2025 celebrations at SRMIST.0

of Honour; Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST, presided over the function.

Prof. V. Ravichandiran highlighted India's contributions to space exploration, healthcare, and sustainable technology, touching on ISRO's achievements, AYUSH initiatives, and research on small nucleic acid drugs. Prof. Tapas K. Kundu traces India's scientific legacy, emphasising curiosity and dedication as key drivers of innovation. The event also recognised academic excellence, with 53 students and scholars receiving Chancellor Awards and Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate, Postgraduate, and Doctoral Research across multiple disciplines. Additionally, Dr. T. V. Gopal, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology; Dr. A. Duraisamy, Dean, Faculty of Science and Humanities; and Dr. V. Chitra, Dean, College of Pharmacy, received the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award for Ph.D. research. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. D. John Thiruvadigal, acknowledging the efforts of speakers, participants, and organisers in making the event a resounding success.

## Shining Stars of SRM!

### STAFF WRITER

A big round of applause to Mr. Kapil V and Mr. Syed Mohammad Mohsin from the Department of Commerce (Honours) – International Accounting and Finance for clearing the prestigious ACCA

Financial Reporting Paper in December 2024 Batch!

Their achievement was proudly recognized by the Head of the Department and IQAC Coordinator at SRMIST - Faculty of Science and Humanities, Vadapalani Campus, Chennai.





## National Conference on Sage Agasthiyar organized by SRM Tamil Academy and Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, New Delhi

### STAFF WRITER

Tamil Academy of SRM Institute of Science and Technology Kattankulathur, in collaboration with the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti (under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi), successfully organized a National Conference on "Sage Agasthiyar: Contributions to Grammar, Literature, and Traditional Medicine" on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Sudha Seshayyan Vice President of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil. Dr. B. Jaiganesh secretary of Tamilperayam welcomed the gathering. Dr. Karu. Nagarasan, Coordinator and Head of the Tamil Academy delivered keynote address. Dr. A. Duraisamy Dean, faculty of science and

Humanities felicitated the function. Dr. J. Jegathratcahan proposed vote of thanks.

The conference featured a series of scholarly presentations on various topics, including Agastya's linguistic theories, grammatical works, literary contributions, traditional medicinal texts, and scientific insights. Eminent scholars contributed research papers and discussions. During the valedictory session, Mr. R. Arunachalam, Estate officer welcomed the gathering.

Dr. T.R. Paarivendhar, Chancellor of SRM Institute of Science and Technology, presided over the function and delivered an inspiring speech. Keelambur S. Shankara Subramanian, Editor of Kalaimagal magazine, delivered a special address. As part of the event, an exhibition



SRMIST Founder Chancellor Dr.T.R.Paarivendhar at the National Conference on Sage Agasthiyar

on Sage Agasthiyar was also organized which received widespread appreciation. Distinguished scholars and dignitaries, including Dr. Tiruppur Krishnan, Dr. O. Muthaiya, Siddha doctor Dr. P. Selva Shunmugam, Pro-Vice Chancellor of SRM Medical Dr. Nithin Madhusudhan Nagarkar, Dr. A. Vinayakumar pro-vice chancellor (SBL), attended

and enriched the conference. Other participants including along with numerous students, faculty members from various colleges and universities, researchers, and the general public with a keen interest in Agastya's contributions. The conference was a grand success. Mr. M. Balasubramani Assistant professor proposed vote of thanks.

## Empowering Healthcare with AI: Hands-on Training on Medical Image Processing organised by Department of Computer Applications

### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Computer Applications, SRM Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM IST Chennai-KTR, conducted a training session benefiting the students. The transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare is undeniable, and to equip professionals with the skills to harness this power, a hands-on training session on "Recent Trends on AI for Medical Image Processing" was held on March 5th, 2025. This event provided a deep dive into the practical applications of AI in diagnostic imaging. Key Focus and Training Agenda: Organised by Dr. K. Sathya, Dr. J. Devagnanam, and Dr. Anwar R Shaheen, the training targeted medical professionals, AI practitioners, data scientists, researchers, and students eager to explore the intersection of medical imaging and AI. The comprehensive agenda covered both theoretical foundations and practical applications, including:

- Introduction to AI in Medical Imaging: An overview of AI applications, medical imaging modalities (CT, MRI, X-ray, Ultrasound), and current challenges and opportunities.
- Deep Learning in Medical Imaging: Exploration of key deep learning concepts (CNNs, RNNs, and transformers) and how they enhance image segmentation, classification, and

diagnosis, with case studies in oncology, neurology, and cardiology.

- Hands-on Session: Image Preprocessing and Augmentation: Practical experience with data preprocessing techniques (normalization, resizing, augmentation) using Python libraries like OpenCV, NumPy, and TensorFlow, and exploring augmentation techniques to improve model performance.
- Building AI Models for Medical Image Segmentation: Hands-on coding sessions focused on training CNN-based

architectures (U-Net, ResNet) for image segmentation, and techniques for addressing imbalanced datasets, overfitting, and underfitting.

- AI for Disease Detection: A Practical Approach: Application of deep learning models for early disease detection (e.g., lung cancer from chest X-rays, skin cancer from images), transfer learning, and evaluation metrics (accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, AUC).
- Deploying AI Models for Real-World Applications: Overview of model

deployment on cloud platforms (Google Cloud, AWS, Azure), integration of AI tools into healthcare systems, and regulatory and ethical considerations.

- Q&A and Networking Session: Interactive discussions on real-world implementation, ethical dilemmas, and regulatory concerns, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing.

**Key Highlights and Outcomes:** The training emphasised a practical focus, enabling participants to immediately apply their learning through

hands-on coding exercises with medical image data and AI-based image analysis tools. The event featured expert speakers who shared insights into the latest AI trends, including transformers for multi-modal data and advances in explainable AI. Collaboration and networking were also key, with interactive Q&A sessions facilitating connections among professionals.

Participants worked with tools and technologies like TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, OpenCV, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Jupyter Notebooks, Google Colab, and publicly available Brain tumour datasets.



Deputy Dean FSH Dr.S.Albert Antony Raj felicitates the chief guest



## International Conference on Media, Design, and Language for Sustainable Development Concludes at SRMIST

STAFF WRITER

The Departments of Journalism and Mass Communication, French, Tamil, English, Fashion Design, and Visual Communication, Faculty of Science and Humanities at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST-KTR) successfully hosted a two-day International Conference on Media, Design, and Language for a Sustainable Future. Held on February 5 & 6, 2025, this interdisciplinary event brought together experts, academics, and industry leaders to explore the evolving relationship between language, culture, and media in shaping a sustainable future. The conference was a collaborative effort between the various Departments.

Day 1: Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Evolving Media Landscape

The conference kicked off with an inaugural address by renowned filmmaker Mr. Seenu Ramasamy, who emphasised the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly in filmmaking. He discussed how integrating diverse perspectives and skills enhances storytelling and leads to more impactful cinematic experiences. Following this, Mr. G. Kartikeyan, political editor of Puthiya Thalaimurai, presented a session on the critical role of journalism in today's interconnected world. He examined the ethical challenges journalists face in the digital age, the growing influence of artificial intelligence in media



Mr. Seenu Ramasamy, film maker and Mr. G. Kartikeyan, political editor of Puthiya Thalaimurai, giving chief guest's address at the event

production, and the pressing issue of misinformation in public discourse. Mr. Kartikeyan stressed the need for journalistic integrity and effective fact-checking mechanisms.

Prof. A. Vinay Kumar, Pro Vice Chancellor (SBL) of SRMIST, spoke about the economic advantages of linguistic diversity within the media industry. He explored how multilingual content creation fosters cultural understanding and opens new opportunities for content distribution, offering valuable insights for future research in communication studies.

Day 2: Shaping the Future of Journalism Education and Media Literacy

The second day of the conference featured Dr. Sundeep Muppidi, a media



expert, who addressed the future of journalism education in India in the context of the National Education Policy. Dr. Muppidi called for a comprehensive overhaul of journalism curricula to equip students with the skills necessary to navigate the rapidly evolving media landscape and address challenges like misinformation, press freedom, and the ethical implications of emerging technologies. The afternoon session featured a keynote address by Mr. Elangovan of Junior Vikatan. His thought-provoking presentation centred on the importance of media literacy and critical thinking in today's media environment. Mr. Elangovan emphasised the need for individuals to become discerning consumers of information, capable of

evaluating sources and identifying bias. He also highlighted the role of media in promoting civic engagement and fostering a more informed and participatory society. The conference concluded with a recognition ceremony, honouring the faculty and students who played key roles in organising the event. This acknowledgment reaffirmed SRMIST's commitment to academic excellence and innovation within the fields of journalism and mass communication. The International Conference on Media, Design, and Language for a Sustainable Future underscored the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in addressing the dynamic challenges of the media landscape.

## "Press Pressure" Session at SRMIST Explores Media Challenges and Crisis Management for Students

STAFF WRITER

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC), Faculty of Science and Humanities, and the SRM College of Management, in cooperation with the Young Journalists' Association, successfully held an interactive session titled "Press

Pressure" at the MBA Block, SRM IST Chennai-KTR.

The session aimed to deepen students' understanding of the press's challenges and responsibilities in modern media and equip MBA students with crisis management skills through engaging discussions and hands-on exercises that simulated real media scenarios.





## Workshop on “The Importance of Personal Branding to Face Interviews”



### STAFF WRITER

The Department of English and the Career Development Cell at SRM IST, Faculty of Science and Humanities, Vadapalani campus successfully organized an insightful workshop on personal branding for interviews.

Dr. Swati Patil, HR Director at Hogarth, Chennai, shared valuable insights on self-awareness, communication,

professional etiquette and online presence, empowering students with strategies to enhance their employability.

The session was highly interactive, with enthusiastic participation from B.Sc. Computer Science and BCA students.

This impactful session equipped students with essential skills to build a strong professional identity and stand out in interviews!

## SRMIST Students Plant 250 Saplings in Anjur Village Government School

### STAFF WRITER

Demonstrating their commitment to environmental sustainability, students of SRM University, along with faculty and hostel wardens, planted 250 saplings in the playground of the Government School in Anjur village. The initiative was organized under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), a national program aimed at rural development.

The plantation drive took place from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with active participation from 67 students of Pierre Fauchard Hostel, SROs, faculty members, and hostel wardens. Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Associate Director (CL) and UBA Nodal Officer, spearheaded the event, while Dr. Shakti Prasad, Warden of Pierre Fauchard Hostel, coordinated the arrangements.

During the event, participants took a pledge to protect the environment and ensure the well-being of the planted saplings. The drive concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Md. Shwahidul



Islam, Head of the Department of Hindi.

The initiative reflects SRM University's ongoing efforts to promote environmental consciousness and rural engagement, reinforcing the university's commitment to sustainable development.

## Dept. of French celebrates French day on International Francophonie Day

### STAFF WRITER

On 21st of March 2025, French Day, coinciding with the International Francophonie Day—a day dedicated to honouring the richness of the French language and the vibrant cultures that unite more than 300 million Francophones across the world was organised by Department of French, Faculty of Science and Humanities. The French Day Programme was celebrated with great enthusiasm, bringing together students and faculty to appreciate the French language and culture. The event commenced with Tamizh Thai Vazhthu followed by Welcome address. Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Science and Humanities, Dr. S. Albert Antony Raj, gave the Presidential Address. He emphasized the importance

of learning foreign languages and their role in broadening students' academic and career opportunities. Following this, the Inaugural Address was delivered by Dr. Marion Vercaene, Directrice of Lycée Français International, Chennai. She encouraged students to integrate French into their daily lives and explore new linguistic opportunities. She also highlighted the benefits of learning multiple languages in today's globalized world. The event recognized academic excellence by awarding prizes to first-year students who secured an “O” grade in their French examination, appreciating their dedication and achievement. Additionally, badges were handed over to new office bearers, marking the formal transition of leadership in the student community. A significant highlight of the programme was



Dr.S.Albert Antony Raj, Deputy Dean FSH at the French Day Celebration

a PowerPoint presentation by students, showcasing various countries and detailing their region, culture, language, and cuisine. This segment provided an engaging and informative experience for all attendees. The competition was judged by Ms. Abigail and Ms. Dhanya Jacob, who evaluated the presentations based on creativity, content, and presentation skills. Prizes were awarded

to the winners, acknowledging their hard work and insightful presentations. The event concluded on a high note, reinforcing the importance of cultural exchange and linguistic diversity among students.

The French Day Programme was a resounding success, leaving students inspired to deepen their appreciation for the French language and culture.

## Beyond the Classroom: Real-World Leadership at the Officers Training Academy

### STAFF WRITER

The students of the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, SRM Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM IST Chennai-KTR, gained unique insights into leadership and professional development by attending the OTA Passing Out Parade. Observing the culmination of years of rigorous training demonstrated the importance of continuous learning and dedication. This experience has broadened our students' understanding of leadership principles and their application in high-stakes environments.





# SRMCOT hosts International Conference on Autism 2025

## STAFF WRITER

The SRM College of Occupational Therapy, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), successfully inaugurated the International Conference on Autism 2025 on April 25, 2025, under the theme “Rethinking Autism: A Holistic Approach to Participation, Education, and Employment”. The event, held at the Dr. T.P. Ganesan Auditorium, witnessed the participation of over 1500 attendees, including students, faculty, researchers, clinicians, and international delegates. Eminent dignitaries graced the inauguration ceremony:

- Chief Guest: Dr. Teresa A. May-Benson, President, TMP Educational Enterprises, Norristown, USA
- Guest of Honour: Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Shukla, Director, National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual



Disabilities (NIMHR), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

- Presided by: Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Pro-Vice Chancellor (MHS), SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, SRMIST

The program commenced with the invocation of Tamil Thai Vazhthu and a traditional

lighting of the Kuthuvilakku, followed by a warm welcome address by Dr. U. Ganapathy Sankar.

Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, in his presidential address, emphasized SRMIST's strategic vision to promote inclusive education and healthcare services.

Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Shukla highlighted the pivotal role of government initiatives in empowering individuals with

disabilities during his Guest of Honour address. Dr. Teresa A. May-Benson, in her Chief Guest address, shared global perspectives on autism, advocating for holistic participation, education, and employment strategies. One of the highlights of the event was the presentation of the “Excellence Award in Autism” and the release of a special conference souvenir to mark the occasion.

Mrs. Grace Lydia Sarojini D.

delivered the Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the efforts of the organising team, the enthusiasm of the participants, and the unwavering support from SRMIST leadership.

The conference stands as a significant milestone towards strengthening global collaboration, research innovations, and a unified commitment to creating inclusive environments for individuals with autism.

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## SRM College of Physiotherapy hosts the SRM International Hand Conclave 2025 Celebrating Innovation, Collaboration, and Excellence in Hand Therapy and Surgery

### STAFF WRITER

SRM College of Physiotherapy (SRMIST), in collaboration with the Department of Plastic Surgery, SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRMMCH & RC), proudly inaugurated the SRM International Hand Conclave 2025, a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at bridging expertise in hand therapy and surgery. The two-day conclave, held on April 29 and 30 at Hippocrates Hall, SRM Medical College, welcomed medical professionals, students, and experts from across India and abroad. The event was presided over by Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Medical), who delivered an inspiring presidential address. “The hand is not just an organ—it is an expression of the heart and mind,” he said, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in medical education. “This conclave perfectly reflects



SRM's multidisciplinary strength and commitment to collaborative healthcare that truly transforms lives,” he added.

Dr. Veeragouthaman, Dean of SRM College of Physiotherapy, delivered the welcome address and emphasised the goal of promoting functional restoration. “A functional hand is a complete hand, and a complete hand is a happy hand. A happy hand leads to a happy community and a happy nation,” he shared passionately. The highlight of the event was the address by

Dr. Rajasabapathy, President of the International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand (IFSSH) and Chairman, Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore, who served as the Guest of Honour. In his keynote speech, he stated, “India needs a large number of dedicated hand therapists. Conferences like this are crucial in inspiring the next generation and taking hand therapy in our country to the global stage.” He praised SRM for organising such a forward-thinking event and added, “I think this conclave

marks a great beginning for the field of hand therapy in India.” Dr. G. Karthikeyan, Consultant Plastic Surgeon, Esvee Hospital, Chennai, delivered a special address, stating, “It's the first time I've seen a conclave solely on hand therapy—I was thrilled by the brochure! It's a field I love, and I applaud SRM for spotlighting it. This aligns perfectly with SDG 3 (Good Health), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 17 (Partnerships).” Other esteemed dignitaries who graced the event included Dr. C. Balasubramanian, Professor and Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery, Dr. R. Venkatraman, Medical Superintendent of SRMMCH & RC, and Dr. Santharam R, Professor of Plastic Surgery.

The conclave featured a robust scientific program, including a pre-conference workshop, expert lectures, and vibrant student participation. The event also supported the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals—promoting good health, quality education, and collaborative partnerships in medicine.



## HR Excellence Award 2025



### STAFF WRITER

Dr.K.Santhanalakshmi, NHRWA's, the HR Excellence Award 2025 - Chennai in the category of "HR Leader of the Year", she successfully selected as an awardee.

NHRWA sincerely appreciate her valuable contributions and look forward to celebrating her achievements.

The HR Excellence Award 2025 – Chennai is organized by the NHRWA Foundation (National Human Resource Welfare Association) to recognize outstanding contributions in HR leadership, innovation, and best practices across industries.

This prestigious recognition is a testament to her dedication and excellence in shaping employee-centric initiatives that drive workplace culture and engagement.

## SRMIST Students Unite for Blood Donation Drive

### STAFF WRITER

The spirit of collaboration and community service was vibrant at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, as the Faculty of Management, in conjunction with NSS Unit Cell 13 and the Tamil Academy—Paarivendhar Student Tamil Association, successfully organised a blood donation camp on 21st March 2025. The initiative, held in collaboration with the Madras Voluntary Blood Bureau, witnessed an overwhelming response from the student body, with over 100 enthusiastic students stepping forward to donate blood.

The day commenced with an efficient registration

process, followed by comprehensive health screenings conducted by a dedicated team of nurses and doctors from Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital.

The success of the camp was significantly bolstered by the invaluable contributions of dedicated student volunteers. Their proactive involvement in registration, providing guidance to donors, and ensuring the smooth flow of the blood collection process was truly commendable.

This impactful initiative was spearheaded by Dr. K. Maheswari, NSS Programme Officer, Faculty of Management, SRMIST-KTR.



## SRM NCC Sets Nova World Record: 2025 Bullets Fired to Promote 'Say No to Drugs'

### STAFF WRITER

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, created a Nova World Record by firing 2,025 bullets to promote the powerful message: "Say No to Drugs." The event, held at the SRM NCC Firing Range from 0600 hrs to 0900 hrs, aimed to raise awareness about drug abuse and encourage a healthier, drug-free society. A total of 49 cadets, including 17 first-year, 18 second-year, and 14 third-year cadets, participated in the event. The cadets assembled at 0540 hrs, ready for the momentous occasion. The event was inaugurated at 0600 hrs by Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST, and Dr. Leenus Jesu Martin M, Professor, Department of Automobile Engineering, SRMIST. The prestigious Nova World Record Award was received by Dr. Gopal T V, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, SRMIST-KTR, in the presence of: Prof. Mohana Krishnan R, Director, Directorate of Sports, SRMIST, Dr. Lakshmanan T, NCC

Advisor, SRMIST, Captain P. Jekan, NCC Officer (Army Wing), Sub Lieutenant Dr. G. B. Sakthi Prasath, NCC Officer (Navy Wing) The cadets from the Army (1(TN) SIG COY NCC) and Navy (4 (TN) NAVAL TECH UNIT NCC) wings fired each bullet,

echoing a unified message against drug abuse. Every shot symbolised a collective commitment to discipline and social responsibility instilled through NCC training. The event was meticulously documented by Nova World Records

to ensure global recognition. By 0900 hrs, in just 2 hours and 7 minutes, the cadets had successfully completed firing 2,025 bullets, officially setting a world record.





## FoM Teams Shine at Forge Inspira – Ideathon, IIT Hyderabad

### STAFF WRITER

Two teams from the Faculty of Management, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (MBA AIDS - CC2 Section), participated in the prestigious Forge Inspira – Ideathon, a national-level innovation challenge hosted by IIT Hyderabad. The competition aimed to foster original, AI-driven ideas addressing real-world problems.

Team Athreya Aero – 3rd Place Winners

• Anirudh Raghunath, Meghana S. P., Srinivasan R. & Rammohan S. Team Athreya Aero clinched 3rd place for their cutting-edge project, Drone-as-a-Service (DaaS). Their solution targets the inefficiencies in logistics systems, particularly high operational costs, delayed deliveries, and poor real-time monitoring. Leveraging

AI, the team proposed a DaaS model powered by swarm-enabled drones and a hybrid charging mechanism. The system is designed for scalability, speed, and efficiency, revolutionizing logistics through smart automation.

Team Piezoelectric Energy • Jayashri J. & Sailasri K. Team Piezoelectric Energy impressed with their proposal for a Footstep-Powered Lighting System. Utilizing piezoelectric technology, their project envisions harvesting mechanical energy from human footsteps and vehicular movement to generate electricity—an eco-friendly innovation with vast potential for sustainable urban infrastructure. Both teams showcased commendable creativity and technical insight, bringing pride to FoM, SRMIST on a national platform.



## SRM College of Nursing organises State Nursing Conference on Health Information Technology



SRMIST Vice Chancellor Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan releasing the Conference proceedings at the State Nursing Conference

### STAFF WRITER

The 9th State Nursing Conference on Health Information Technology, hosted by SRM College of Nursing, with over 480 delegates from 41 institutions, including 30 nursing colleges and 4 hospitals, the conference was a dynamic melting pot of ideas, innovations, and groundbreaking discussions on the future of nursing.

The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries, including: Prof. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor of SRMIST, Lt. Col (Dr.) A. Ravi Kumar, Advisor—Medical & Health Sciences, SRMIST, Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Pro Vice-

Chancellor (In-charge) of SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Dr. Venkatraman, Medical Superintendent, SRM MCH & RC, Prof. Dr. Helen Shaji, Dean, SRM College of Nursing, Dr. Vijayalakshmi, Vice Principal, SRM College of Nursing

Further emphasising the need for innovation, Prof. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor of SRMIST, called for a paradigm shift in education, stating, “We should transition from a teaching institute to a learning institute and utilise AI efficiently.” His insights highlighted the growing necessity of adaptability in an increasingly digital healthcare landscape.

The event featured cutting-edge presentations, interactive panel discussions, and live demonstrations, offering in-depth insights into the role of health informatics in patient care, medical research, and nursing education.

SRM College of Nursing was established in 1992. The SRM College of Nursing is a premier institution under the SRM Institute of Science & Technology, known for its “bench-to-bedside learning” approach. Students receive hands-on training at the 1,200-bed SRM Medical College Hospital, ensuring they are well-equipped for the rapidly evolving healthcare industry.

## “SEA the Future 2025” - International Conference

### STAFF WRITER

Kasetsart University, in collaboration with SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur Campus, organized the SEA the Future 2025 international conference in Thailand from February 26 to 28, 2025. This event was held under the (MoU) signed between the Faculty of International Maritime Studies, Kasetsart University, Thailand, and SRMIST KTR.

Themed “Sustainable Oceans and Coasts for the Next Generation,” the conference focused on advancing research and fostering innovation in maritime technology and

marine resource conservation. Over 100 research papers were presented, covering key topics such as:

- Smart port development for enhanced maritime transport systems
- Pollution management and marine environmental conservation
- Solutions for microplastic pollution
- Autonomous ships and climate change mitigation
- Remote sensing applications in coastal zone management
- Harnessing renewable energy from the sea

With participation from 26 countries including the USA, Germany, Italy, China, Indonesia,

Syria, the Netherlands, Malaysia, and the UAE, the event saw 117 research abstracts selected for presentation. On behalf of SRMIST KTR, Dr. Nagalakshmi Radhakrishnan, Associate Professor, and Mr.

Saichand Venkatachalam, Research Scholar from the Department of Civil Engineering, attended the conference. Dr. R. Nagalakshmi was honoured as the Best Invited Speaker and was also appointed

as a Session Chair. Meanwhile, Mr. V. Saichand presented his research paper and engaged in discussions with conference organizers regarding coastal pollution management.





## Dept. of Biotechnology conducts 2nd International Conference on Emerging concepts in Biotechnological Innovations

### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Biotechnology, College of Sciences, Faculty of Science & Humanities, SRMIST, KTR organized the 2nd International Conference on Emerging concepts in Biotechnological Innovations from 26th – 28th February 2025. The conference commenced with an inspiring inaugural address by Dr. T. Selvam, Scientist at DRDO. The event drew over 500 participants from diverse academic and research backgrounds, marking a strong start to the proceedings. Technical Sessions and Presentations Spanning three days, the conference featured 16 technical sessions conducted in a hybrid format. Distinguished speakers from countries including Spain, Hong Kong, the USA, and Thailand, along with experts from reputed Indian universities, contributed to enriching and insightful discussions. A total of 170 participants presented their work through both oral and poster presentations.

### Awards and Recognitions

To honor outstanding contributions, the following awards were presented:

- Best Oral Presentation Awards – 3 recipients
- Best Poster Presentation Awards – 3 recipients
- Best Innovation Award – 1 recipient
- Best Researcher Awards – 3 recipients
- Budding Scientist Awards – 10 recipients
- Young Researcher Awards (Special Category) – 5 recipients



*Prof. Vinay Kumar, Pro VC, SBL, SRMIST releasing the conference proceedings along with FSH Dean Dr. Duraisamy and others*

### Sponsorship and Support

The conference received generous financial support from two major national funding agencies:

- Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)

Additionally, over 10 private organizations extended sponsorships, contributing to the event's success.

### Non-Technical Events

On the second day, a range of non-technical events were organized, offering internal participants a platform to showcase their creativity and talents beyond academics.

### Valedictory Session

The conference concluded with a valedictory address by Dr. Devika Pillai, Assistant Director General (ADG) of ICAR,

who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and lauded the collaborative spirit of the event.

### Conclusion

The conference emerged as a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration among researchers, academicians, and industry professionals. It concluded on a high note, fostering new avenues for research and scientific advancement.

## Annual Sports Award Function – SRM IST, FSH, Vadapalani

### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Physical Education, SRM IST, Faculty of Science and Humanities, proudly hosted the Annual Sports Award Function on February 20, 2025. The event celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship, honoring the winners of the competitions held from January 22 to January 25, 2025.

With over 1000+ participants, students showcased their excellence in volleyball, basketball, football, cricket, badminton, throwball, table tennis, chess, carrom, and yoga. The Department of Commerce emerged as the overall champions in both men's and women's categories.

The ceremony featured an inspiring welcome address by Dr. C.V. Jayakumar, Dean I/c, SRM IST, FSH, Vadapalani, followed by an inaugural address by Prof. R. Mohana Krishnan, Director Sports, SRM IST. The event was graced by Mr. A. Muthusamy, Inspector of Income Tax, Chennai, who felicitated the winners and motivated students to embrace sports alongside academics.





## National Constitutional Day celebrated with Engaging Competitions and Thoughtful Discussions



### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Science and Humanities, successfully organized the National Constitutional Day Celebration on February 24, 2025. The event aimed to foster awareness and understanding of the Indian Constitution among students through various competitions, including quiz, oratorical, debate, and essay writing. The students actively participated and demonstrated their knowledge and analytical skills in their respective competitions.

#### Events and Highlights:

##### 1. Debate Competition

Students engaged in a thought-provoking debate on the topic "The Equality and Inequality of Indian Laws." Participants shared diverse perspectives on the effectiveness, implementation, and impact of laws in ensuring equality and addressing social inequalities. The debate encouraged critical thinking and a deeper understanding of legal provisions.

##### 2. Oratorical Competition

The oratorical competition featured speeches delivered in English, Hindi, and Malayalam on the theme "Know Your Rights as a

Citizen." Participants eloquently expressed the importance of constitutional rights and duties, emphasizing the role of citizens in upholding democratic principles.

##### 3. Essay Writing Competition

Students penned insightful essays on "Indian Laws and Rights," showcasing their understanding of the legal framework governing the nation. The essays reflected comprehensive research, analytical reasoning, and awareness of contemporary legal issues.

##### 4. Quiz Competition

The quiz competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from multiple teams. After intense preliminary rounds, one team advanced to the final round, where they competed in a challenging last round to determine the ultimate winners. The quiz tested students' knowledge of the Indian Constitution, fundamental rights, and legal provisions.

The National Constitutional Day Celebration provided an excellent platform for students to enhance their legal awareness and develop critical thinking skills. The event successfully instilled a sense of responsibility and informed citizenship among participants.

## MERCIUM 2025 - Where Talent Meets Creativity!



### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Commerce (Shift - 1), Faculty of Science & Humanities, SRM IST, Vadapalani Campus, proudly hosted MerCIUM 2025, an electrifying Intercollegiate Co-curricular Fest, bringing together students from top institutions to showcase their exceptional skills and creativity!

The event was inaugurated by Mr. Thomson (KPY Director), who shared valuable insights on holistic development and the power of co-curricular excellence. The grand valedictory ceremony was graced by Actor Mr. Amir, who honored the winners with prizes and certificates, celebrating their outstanding performances.

With a perfect blend of on-stage

Mercium 2025 was more than just a competition - it was a celebration of passion, innovation, and the limitless potential of students!

and off-stage competitions, the fest provided a vibrant platform for young talents to push boundaries, compete with the best, and embrace the spirit of learning beyond classrooms.

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## National Girl Child Day Outreach Initiative to Empower Girl Students at Rural Schools

### STAFF WRITER

SRM Muthucharam Community Radio, in collaboration with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0, SRMIST, has organised a National Girl Child Day Outreach Initiative aimed at empowering female students at rural schools, namely at Panchayat Union Middle School in Pattaravakkam village, on February 7, 2025. Dr. T. Kalaivani, the station manager of SRM Muthucharam Community Radio, warmly welcomed attendees to the event and underscored the significance of National Girl Child Day, along with the vital role of community radio in local outreach activities.

The keynote presentation titled "Empowerment and Independence of Girls" was delivered by Dr. C. Preferential

Kala, Professor in the Department of Physics and Nanotechnology at SRMIST. The headmistress of Panchayat Union Middle School in Pattaravakkam provided insightful remarks and evaluations. Girl students who participated in the event received accolades. The vote of thanks was delivered by Assistant Station Manager Dr. R.M. Hariharan, who exemplified a spirit of camaraderie and gratitude. Ms. Anju, Coordinator of UBA2.0, hosted the occasion. Mr. Kesavan, Sound Engineer, and Mr. Satish Kumar, Program Assistant, both from SRM Muthucharam Community Radio, adeptly orchestrated the event. The occasion underscored the significance of Girl children to our society. This program will be broadcasted through Muthucharam Community Radio.





## IHFC, Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi to launch a Co-Innovation Centre (CiC) at SRMIST

STAFF WRITER

IHFC collaborates with 10 leading institutions across India to launch transformative Co-Innovation Centres, in Deep Tech Domains like AI & ML, IoT and Robotics; promoting Translation led Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship among Indian Youth.

The Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi (IHFC), set up under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (NMICPS) under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, is embarking on a transformative journey by collaborating with ten prestigious institutes to establish Co-Innovation Centres. This ambitious initiative aims to nurture the spirit of innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship among the youth of India. Among the premier institutes a Co-Innovation centre is launched and inaugurated at SRM IST on 6th March 2025. Furthermore, they aim to promote research and development of indigenous deep-tech products. This clearly aligns with the vision of Honourable Prime Minister Shri



From left Dr. M. Cheralathan, Prof & Chairperson, School of Mechanical Engineering; Dr Shantanu Patil, Director, DEI; Mr Ashutosh Dutt Sharma, CEO, IHFC; Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Ph.D, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST; Dr. Akash Sondhi GM (Head) Consulting and Campus Engagements, IHFC; Dr Selvakumaran T, Co-innovation Mentor.

Narendra Modi for a Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Leaders Speak on the Initiative

Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST expressed his pride in the initiative, saying create new ideas and methods and turn those into successful businesses. Identifying needs of a customer, solve problems, and bring new products and services to market. So, the technology translation happens

at the Co-innovation Centre with young minds. Besides, VC thanked IHFC for their efforts, initiated by Government of India. Ashutosh Dutt Sharma, CEO of IHFC, at the Co-Innovation Centre inauguration: "These centres will significantly boost technology and entrepreneurship in deep tech domains in India, thus bridging the gap between idea generation and product development."

## Dept. of Computer Applications organises the 3rd International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Mathematical Applications (CIMA 2025)

STAFF WRITER

The III International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Mathematical Applications (CIMA 2025), organized by the Department of Computer Applications, Computer Science, and Mathematics & Statistics. This two-day conference, which commenced on 6th February 2025, a remarkable platform for intellectual discussions, knowledge exchange, and innovation in the theme of Computational Intelligence and Mathematical Applications. The Conference started with an inaugural session on February 6th in the Hippocrates auditorium. Dr. Raju Kanchibhotla, Honorary Secretary of the Computer Society of India, Chief Guest, accompanied by Pro Vice Chancellor Professor . A Vinay Kumar , , Deputy Dean Dr S.Albert Antony Raj , and IQAC Coordinator Dr Nedunchezian. Dr. Raju Kanchibhotla captivated us with his keynote address, exploring 'Mathematics and Science in the World Around Us' and the evolution of AI across various domains. His insights laid a strong foundation for the thought-provoking discussions

that followed. We were privileged to have distinguished speakers in online from around the globe, including Dr. Sultan Ali, Dean at CTB, Riyadh Elm University; Prof. Saravanan Venkataraman from CTB, Riyadh Elm University, KSA; Prof. Joan Lu from SCE, University of Huddersfield, UK; Professor SSN Perera from the Department of Mathematics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; and Mr. Ganesh Nagarajan, a specialist in Cloud Architecture from IRS, USA. Each keynote session brought unique perspectives, advancing our understanding of

computational intelligence and mathematical applications. CIMA 2025 received an overwhelming response, with 170 abstracts submitted, 110 registrations, including 6 international papers and 15 national papers. The abstracts were compiled and released as part of the conference proceedings during the inaugural session.

Sessions:

The tracks for paper presentation were thoughtfully divided into two domains—Mathematics and Computer Science—across

six tracks, with two tracks dedicated to online presentations and four to offline presentations. We also hosted a special technical session dedicated to student interaction, fostering dialogue and idea exchange among emerging scholars.

The valedictory session has been held on 7.2.2025 and awarding with best papers for researchers, students, and faculty members in both domains. Thanks for the unwavering support of our sponsors—Riyadh Elm University, Saudi Arabia, the Computer Society of India.





## Second UBA Model Physiotherapy Centre opened at Orathur village

### STAFF WRITER

The Second UBA Model Physiotherapy Centre took place on 29th January 2025 at the Panchayat Service Centre, Neelamangalam, Orathur. The event was graced by Dr. S. Subash, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatrics, SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, SRMIST, followed by Mr. & Mrs. Sundar, Panchayat President of Orathur, who served as the Chief Guests. The event featured a special address by Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Associate Director (CL), Nodal Officer UBA-SRMIST, and a presidential address by Prof. T.S. Veeragoudhaman, Dean, SRM College of Physiotherapy, SRMIST.

The Chief Guest, accompanied by the Special Guest and dignitaries, initiated the ceremony by cutting the ribbon and lighting the traditional kuthuvilaku. This auspicious act was performed by the Chief

Guests Dr. S. Subash and Mr. Sundar, Special Guest Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Prof. T.S. Veeragoudhaman, Principal Investigator Dr. K. Vadivelan, Co-Principal Investigators Dr. C. Balaji, Dr. P. Venkataraman, and Dr. M. Manikumar.

Dr. K. Vadivelan delivered the opening speech, addressing the gathering and emphasizing the importance of this initiative. The Special Guest, Dr. V. Thirumurugan, followed with remarks on the significance of the UBA initiative and its benefits to the community. The Chief Guests, Dr. S. Subash and Mr. Sundar, also shared words of encouragement and support for SRM's efforts.

The initiatives and efforts of SRM and child development speech were led by Dean college of Physiotherapy and Dr. C. Balaji.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. P. Venkataraman. Following the formal proceedings, cakes were



distributed to the children and parents present. The event saw the participation of 20 children, aged 0–6 years, along with their parents, including three special children with identified disabilities. Initial assessments and treatments

were conducted by Ph.D. scholars Mr. J R Abishek and Ms. M. Manju Bashini, as well as postgraduate students in paediatrics: Mr. E. Rajajarishi, Ms. S. Shamilee, Ms. K. Sushmitha, and Ms. S. Thabitha Janet.

## Our Power, Our Planet': SRMIST Hosts Solar Lamp Training on Earth Day 2025

### STAFF WRITER

As part of the World Earth Day 2025 celebrations, a Hands-on Training Program on Solar Study Lamp Assembly was successfully conducted on April 22, 2025, under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) initiative of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST). Organized in collaboration with the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) and the SRM College of Agricultural Sciences, the event aimed to promote awareness of renewable energy and equip rural communities with practical technical skills.

Held at the SRM College of Agricultural Sciences campus, the training program drew enthusiastic participation from school students, faculty members, and residents of SRMIST's UBA-adopted villages—Minnal Chithamur, Baburayanpettai, and Keezhathivakkam.

The session commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. Anbarasan A., SRM Agri Adopted Villages Overall Coordinator, who highlighted the growing relevance of renewable energy in the current era. He emphasized the role of educational institutions in advancing sustainability and fostering innovation and self-reliance in rural communities.

The event was presided over by Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Nodal Officer, UBA-SRMIST. In his address, he emphasized the Earth Day 2025 theme – "Our Power, Our Planet", underscoring the importance of adopting renewable energy sources such as solar power. He reiterated how

initiatives like these play a vital role in addressing energy disparities and empowering local communities.

An insightful keynote was delivered by Dr. Thirugnana Kumar S., Professor and Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, who spoke passionately about the global urgency to transition to green energy. He stressed that sustainability is not merely a technological shift, but a moral responsibility to protect the environment for future generations.

The event was graced by Mr. Govindhasamy, Panchayat President of Keezhathivakkam, and Mr. C. Balaji, Panchayat President of Minnal Chithamur. Mr. Balaji delivered a thoughtful address, emphasizing the

importance of nature conservation and the need for widespread adoption of clean energy in combating global warming.

Participants were provided with individual solar lamp kits and guided through the entire assembly process by EEE department Associate Professors Dr. Geetha, Dr. Usha, and Mr. Saravanan, supported by Mr. Velmani (AME) and his team. The hands-on session focused on understanding key components such as photovoltaic panels, batteries, LED circuits, and switches, along with practical troubleshooting and safety practices.

Each participant assembled their own solar study lamp and was encouraged to take it home for daily use—applying

their new knowledge in real-life situations and supporting both education and household lighting needs in an eco-friendly manner.

The program concluded with a feedback session and certificate distribution ceremony, recognizing the efforts and participation of all involved. A heartfelt vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. N. Periasami, Village Coordinator – Keezhathivakkam, who expressed sincere gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty, student volunteers, and organizing members including Ms. Aishwarya L., Ms. Anju, Mr. Sridhar N.S., and Dr. Sathiah, Village Coordinator – Baburayanpettai.





# SRMIST FoM celebrates World Happiness Day



## STAFF WRITER

The Faculty of Management at SRMIST, Kattankulathur, recently hosted a vibrant and enriching celebration of World Happiness Day. Held on 21st March 2025, the event provided an uplifting experience for all attendees, fostering a sense of well-being and positivity within the community.

The program commenced with an insightful introduction by Dr. K. Sankara Moorthy, Assistant Professor, Faculty of

Management, SRMIST-KTR. He shared valuable perspectives on navigating life's experiences, emphasising both successes and challenges in personal growth and the importance of maintaining joy throughout.

A highlight of the day was an engaging session led by Dr. Nirmala Narayanan Anand, a distinguished Psychologist & Internationally Certified Laughter Therapist. Her demonstration of laughter yoga and the innate joy of infancy resonated deeply with the audience, underscoring

the profound therapeutic benefits of simple laughter.

The program continued with an insightful talk by Mr. Kirubakaran, a prominent figure in the EdTech industry. He shared his journey and illuminated the transformative potential of technology in shaping the future of education, offering a motivating and thought-provoking perspective.

Attendees were also privileged to hear from Ms. Lakshmi Padmanabhan, a Transformational Coach & Healer, and

an expert in Vedanta and Energy Healing. Her session explored the compelling intersection of spirituality and success, providing profound wisdom on leveraging spiritual principles to achieve personal and professional goals. Her healing program was exceptionally well-received, leaving participants with a greater sense of peace and mindfulness.

The event concluded with Dr. K. Maheswari, NSS Programme Officer, Faculty of Management, SRMIST-KTR, gathering valuable feedback from the students.

## A Sand Art Campaign Highlighting Ocean Pollution: School of Architecture and Interior Design, SRMIST

## STAFF WRITER

The School of Architecture and Interior Design at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, raised environmental awareness through the power of sand and creativity. On April 27, 2025, Elliot's Beach in Chennai hosted a thought-provoking 'Sand Art Campaign' that addressed the critical theme of ocean pollution.

This public event invited people from all walks of life to witness the transformation of sand into striking artistic expressions that highlighted the urgent need to protect our oceans and freshwater ecosystems. The sculptures, crafted by students and faculty, narrated visual stories, emphasising the consequences of pollution and the importance of sustainable practices in safeguarding our environment.

"This was more than just sand art; it was a powerful cry from the shore. Through sand, sea, and storytelling, we sculpted

a movement. Each grain spoke of the damage done, and each form urged us to protect what remains," said the organisers from SRMIST's School of Architecture and Interior Design, Kattankulathur.

Open to the public, the event aimed to inspire community participation and spark dialogue around the environmental impact of human actions. As marine life faced the devastating consequences of pollution, the campaign served as a call to action for reflection, responsibility, and change—beginning with awareness.

This campaign was not merely an artistic showcase; it was an invitation to pause, reflect, and engage. The beach, as a public and symbolic space, offered an ideal setting for the community to take part in this environmental dialogue, from casual onlookers to passionate advocates. As the tide rolled in beside these intricately crafted sculptures, viewers were reminded of the delicate balance between human activity and the health of our ecosystems. Marine



life gasped for survival, suffocated by plastics, toxins, and negligence. Through this initiative, SRMIST hoped to spark meaningful conversations, instill a sense of collective responsibility, and inspire

tangible action for a cleaner, healthier planet. The Sculpt & Save Sand Art Campaign stood as a powerful reminder that it was not too late to turn the tide for the Earth if we acted in time.



# SRMIST Organizes Road Safety Awareness Initiative

## STAFF WRITER

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) successfully conducted a Road Safety Awareness Initiative to educate students on road safety, responsible commuting, and adherence to traffic regulations. The program aimed to minimize road accidents by instilling safe driving, cycling, and pedestrian habits among participants.

### Objective of the Initiative

The primary goals of the initiative were: To create awareness about traffic rules and safety regulations.

To encourage responsible road behavior among students.

To reduce road accidents through education and awareness programs.

Student Participation and Faculty

### Involvement

The initiative saw active participation from NSS course students, with faculty members playing a pivotal role in guiding and mentoring the participants. Through interactive sessions, students gained valuable insights into road safety measures, risk factors, and best practices for ensuring safe travel. Faculty Coordinators : Dr. Usha K (Course Coordinator): Supervised the initiative, ensuring meaningful learning experiences for students. Course Faculty Members: Provided continuous support and mentorship throughout the program.

The Road Safety Awareness Initiative at SRMIST stands as a significant step in promoting a culture of road safety, responsibility, and awareness among students and faculty. Through interactive discussions and expert-led sessions,



participants gained essential knowledge to ensure safer roads and responsible commuting. SRMIST remains committed

to conducting more such initiatives that contribute to the well-being and safety of the community.

## SRMIST FoM outreach initiative for Government School



## STAFF WRITER

'Go Extra Mile' (G.E.M.) is the flagship outreach initiative by the Faculty of Management, SRMIST that connects with communities both inside and outside SRMIST through three distinct verticals – (1) Sishya Sanyog (Inter-departmental student driven collaborative program) (2) Sthree (Program aimed at women empowerment) (3) Sahyog (Student-driven Outreach program for Community engagement and development).

In alignment with the vision and mission of GEM- Sahyog and to celebrate the spirit

of International Education Day 2025, a workshop on 'Effective Digital Learning for Government school students' in association with Evergrowth Academy, was conducted for the 6th and 7th class students at Chettipunniyam Government School on Friday, 31.01.2025.

The activities taken up were in alignment with SDG4 (Quality Education) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the goals) 29 students in total (3 from BBA and 23 from MBA) conducted several activities for the students, with guidance from G.E.M. Coordinator – Dr. Nagalakshmi M.V.N.

## Dept. of Mathematics organised Alumni Talk

## STAFF WRITER

The Department of Mathematics in association with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs organised an Alumni talk on 29th April 2025. Mr. Gokulakrishnan Ayyappan [M.Sc., Mathematics – 2021-23 Batch], who is working as Programmer Analyst in Zifo Technologies, was invited to deliver a talk on "Beyond the Blackboard: Applying Math in the World of Biostatistics". All B.Sc. and M.Sc., Mathematics students, Research Scholars and faculties of Mathematics Department attended the program. The event was hosted by Dr. G. Sheeja, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, SRMIST. Dr. G. Sheeja, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, SRMIST, welcomed the gathering and introduced the speaker and shared the experience with the speaker. Dr. L. S. Senthil Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, SRMIST, shared his experiences with the speaker as his Class In charge during his

stay in SRMIST. He elaborated on the current trends in the clinical research and quantum computing techniques in the field of Biostatistics. He then explored and showcased the real-time applications of mathematics in trending fields like Cryptography, Cybersecurity and Data Science.

The speaker quoted on the skills and tools required to excel in these fields and how to gain them. He also gave tips for aspiring professionals. Mrs. Radha Ravindran, Assistant Director, Directorate of Alumni Affairs, presided over the event and delivered valedictory remarks. She encouraged all the UG/PG students to actively involve in the placement activities at SRMIST and the department to conduct more such event. She thanked the speaker and presented him with a memento. The program concluded with vote of thanks delivered by Dr. G. Ramesh, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, SRMIST.





## Striking a Pose: How Students Became Book Cover Models – and What They Learned

### STAFF WRITER

In a creative twist on traditional classroom activities, B.Ed students, Department of Education, SRM School of Teacher Education and Research took part in a unique venture: posing as models for book covers. What started as a fun, artistic endeavour quickly turned into a powerful learning experience that taught them about visual storytelling, collaboration, confidence, and the publishing process. The students were trained and then challenged to reimagine iconic book covers of their choice. They took on roles as models, stylists, set designers, prop makers, technicians, and photographers. Each pose was carefully planned. Students had to consider lighting, costume design, facial expressions, body language, and symbolism – all to convey the same tone and theme of the story. In doing so, they discovered the depth of visual literacy: how much a single image can communicate without words. The class was grouped as team A, B and C.

### What They Learned?

1. **Storytelling Beyond Words** Students began to understand how visual elements like posture, shadow, and setting can enhance or reinterpret a narrative.
2. **Teamwork and Communication** Posing for a cover wasn't a solo act. Each photo required a team effort – someone directing, another adjusting lighting,

a few others doing makeup or props. This fostered communication and respect for different roles. "It was like running a mini movie set," one student commented.

3. **Creativity and Problem-Solving** With limited budgets and resources, students had to think outside the box. They also made some wise choices to keep it within their budget as well.
4. **Confidence and Self-Expression** For many, standing in front of a camera was intimidating at first. But over time, posing allowed them to explore self-expression and build confidence.
5. **Understanding the Publishing World** Beyond photography, they also studied real book cover designs and the marketing aspects behind them. They learned how covers influence reader expectations and how design choices target specific audiences.

### The Final Showcase

It culminated in an exhibition where the students' book covers were displayed with short descriptions of the stories they represented. It drew attention to creativity in education in a unique way. "The students had an enriched learning experience because there was a blend of reading, creativity, teamwork, smart choices, theatre-skills and self-expression," notes their Professor Dr. Anderleen Diana Lazarus.

SRMIST Department of Social Work conducts Two-Day Workshop on Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Strategies for Women in Entrepreneurship



### STAFF WRITER

The Department of Social Work, SRMIST, organise a two-day workshop titled "Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Strategies for Women in Entrepreneurship" on January 28th and 29th, 2025. The event aims to equip aspiring and existing female entrepreneurs with the necessary tools, strategies, and confidence to navigate the challenges they face in the entrepreneurial landscape.

The workshop will be inaugurated by Ms. Anamika Ramesh, I.A.S., Additional Collector (Development), District Rural Development Agency, Chengalpattu, who will serve as the Chief Guest. The event will be presided over by Dr. V. Thirumurugan, Associate Director, Campus Life & Nodal Officer, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, and felicitated by Dr. A. Duraisamy, Dean, Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRMIST.

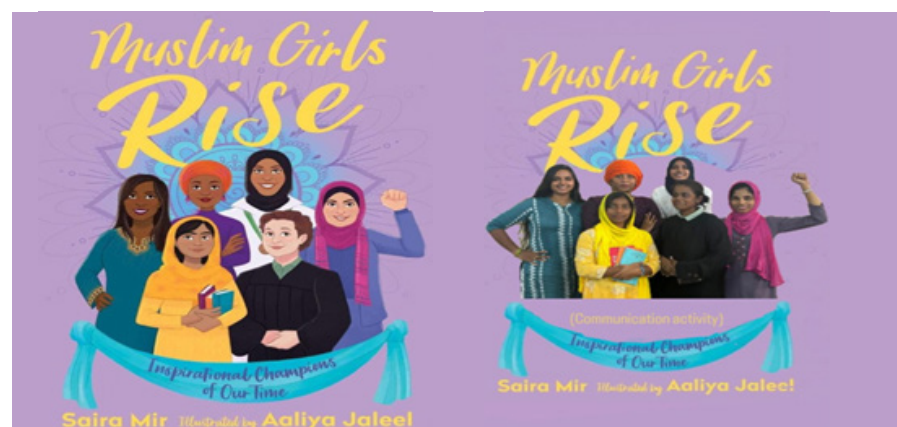
In today's dynamic business environment, women are making significant strides in entrepreneurship, contributing innovative ideas and reshaping industries. However, despite these advancements, many women still face formidable challenges that hinder their growth and success. These challenges, often referred to

as the "glass ceiling," include societal expectations, limited access to financial resources, and insufficient mentorship and networking opportunities.

This workshop aims to address these barriers by providing a supportive platform where participants can gain insights from industry experts, acquire essential entrepreneurial skills, and enhance their professional networks. Through interactive sessions, expert talks, and hands-on activities, the event will empower women to harness their potential, overcome limitations, and thrive in their business endeavors.

With a focus on practical strategies and real-world applications, the workshop will cover key topics such as business leadership, financial literacy, networking, innovation, and overcoming gender-based challenges in the entrepreneurial sector. Participants will leave with enhanced knowledge, practical solutions, and renewed confidence to excel in their respective fields.

The Department of Social Work at SRMIST invites all aspiring and established women entrepreneurs to take part in this empowering initiative and contribute towards fostering a more inclusive and dynamic business ecosystem.



## Medical Camp at Siruvanjur, Nattarasanpattu adopted village

### STAFF WRITER

SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan SRMIST has conducted free medical camp for village members at Anjur adopted village on 10-01-2025 Friday. Camp was conducted at the Panchayat office located in the village which is easily accessible for the village peoples. This camp is totally teamwork which consists of medical and health professionals from various departments of SRM

hospital. This General medical camp comprises of professionals and physicians from Pediatrics, General Medicine, Dermatology, Gynecology, Audiology and Speech therapy. All are treated with free consultation, medication, and diagnosis. Patients who need further and regular checkup and treatments were referred to SRM general hospital provided with a free treatment card. Free food is being given when coming for treatment in hospital. This regular camping will improve the health status

of the village members and be very helpful for the early detection, diagnosis and also the treatment or therapeutic procedures. People who need medical care were referred to the respective departments and go through detailed evaluation and recommended for the treatment procedures.

