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PSYCHCONNECT: A FRIENDSHIP CARNIVAL

The Department of Humanities (Psychology), M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, organized "PsychConnect: A Friendship Carnival" on 4th August 2026, celebrating International Friendship Day through Social Psychology-based activities. Coordinated by Varsha S. Deshpande, the event saw 200 participants engage in activities like Blindfold Identifying, Jinx Challenge, and Two Truths and One Lie, exploring concepts such as person perception, interpersonal attraction, and social cognition. Six student-managed stalls offered games, crafts, and friendship bands, adding to the festive spirit. Entirely organized by Psychology students, the event strengthened peer relationships, enhanced leadership and teamwork skills, and successfully bridged classroom learning with real-world application, earning appreciation from students and faculty alike.





TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), in association with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organised a Two-Day Workshop on Social Science Research Methodology on 11 and 12 August 2026. The workshop aimed to strengthen students' understanding of research methods and develop their ability to undertake systematic research across various social science disciplines.

The workshop featured two distinguished resource persons: Prof. M. S. Chaitra, Director and Senior Fellow at the Foundation for Study of Indian Culture (FSIC), and Dr. Krishnamurthy V. S., Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Psychology, Government Home Science College for Women. Through their expertise and academic insights, the resource persons introduced students to the fundamental principles and practices of social science research. The sessions provided an opportunity for students to enhance their research skills, develop analytical thinking, and understand the importance of systematic inquiry in academic work. The workshop contributed to fostering research awareness and encouraging students to pursue evidence-based learning.





NATIONAL SEMINAR ON INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY CONCLUDES WITH STRONG STUDENT RESEARCH

The Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), in collaboration with the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St. Joseph's University, organised a One-Day National Seminar titled "India's Foreign Policy in a Changing Global Order: Strategic Autonomy, Regional Cooperation, and Global Leadership" on 8 September 2026. The seminar was conducted online and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, providing a platform for academic discussions on India's evolving foreign policy and its role in the international arena.

The seminar featured paper presentations addressing significant contemporary issues, including the Indo-Pacific region, regional cooperation, strategic autonomy, and emerging security challenges. The presentations encouraged critical engagement with the geopolitical developments shaping India's diplomatic priorities and strategic interests in an increasingly complex global order.

A notable achievement of the seminar was the recognition of Mohammed Owais Bukhari, a student of M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), who secured third place in the Best Paper category. His paper examined China's growing presence in the Bay of Bengal and its implications for India's Indo-Pacific maritime strategy.

The achievement highlights the institution's commitment to promoting research, critical thinking, and academic excellence among students in the field of international relations and political studies.



THREE LENSES, ONE UNIVERSE: MÉLANGE 3.0 DRAWS 296 ENTRIES FROM 16 COLLEGES

The Department of Humanities (Political Science & International Relations), in collaboration with the Political Science Club – Law and Governance, organized a Guest Lecture on "Modern Indian Political Thinkers" on April 13, 2026. The two-hour session provided students deeper understanding of intellectual foundations shaping modern India's political and social landscape. Dr. S. Y. SThree Lenses, One Universe: Mélange 3.0 Draws 296 Entries from 16 Colleges

The Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), organised Mélange 3.0, a two-day inter-collegiate fest, on 29 and 30 September 2026 at the APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium. Centred on the theme "Three Lenses: One Universe," the fest brought together students from Psychology, Journalism, and Political Science, alongside cultural events and gaming competitions.

The fest witnessed an enthusiastic response, recording over 296 registrations from more than 16 colleges. It featured a diverse range of competitions designed to encourage creativity, critical thinking, teamwork, and intellectual engagement. Highlights included criminal profiling, a Middle East crisis simulation, Mad Ads, stand-up comedy, and a BGMI tournament, providing participants with opportunities to showcase their academic knowledge, communication skills, and talents.

Mélange 3.0 received support from twelve sponsors, with contributions valued at approximately ₹3,03,000, contributing to the successful organisation of the event. The two-day celebration concluded with a valedictory ceremony during which the winners were felicitated for their achievements. The fest provided a vibrant platform for intercollegiate interaction, collaboration, and the celebration of student talent.

urendra Kumar, an eminent academician, discussed contributions of pivotal thinkers including Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Jayaprakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia, Vinoba Bhave, Jaipal Singh, and Pandita Ramabai. Students engaged with themes of constitutionalism, socialism, grassroots democracy, gender justice, tribal rights, and moral politics. The lecture emphasized how these transformative ideas addressing colonialism, inequality, and injustice remain relevant in contemporary governance and policy-making.



HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT INAUGURATES STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS, WELCOMES FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), organised the Department Association Inauguration and First-Year Student Initiation Programme on 8 August 2026 at the MCA Gallery Room, with 54 participants. Coordinated by Ms. Varsha Deshpande, the programme aimed to familiarise first-year students with the department's academic environment and extracurricular opportunities.

The event introduced students to the department's three associations: MindScape, representing Psychology; Perspective, representing Journalism; and Law & Governance, representing Political Science. The respective associations were introduced by elected student representatives Ishana, Ananya G. Acharya, and Anushka, who highlighted their objectives and activities, encouraging students to participate in academic initiatives, creative pursuits, and collaborative learning experiences.

Mohammed Owais Bukhari served as the master of ceremonies, and all faculty members of the department were present for the occasion. The programme provided a platform for first-year students to understand the role of departmental associations in promoting leadership, teamwork, and active student engagement.

The initiative also encouraged interaction among first-year students, seniors, and faculty members, fostering a welcoming and inclusive academic atmosphere. The programme successfully marked the beginning of the academic year's departmental activities, inspiring students to participate actively in association initiatives and contribute to the department's academic and cultural life.



CAPTURING CREATIVITY: HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT MARKS WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

The Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), celebrated World Photography Day on 19 August 2026 at the MCA Gallery Room. The programme featured an interdepartmental photography competition and an engaging guest lecture by Mr. Solomon Maria Donald, Assistant Professor at Mount Carmel (Deemed to be University).

The guest lecture focused on photographic techniques, visual storytelling, and contemporary photography practices. The interactive session provided students with valuable insights into the creative and technical aspects of photography, highlighting its significance as a medium of communication and artistic expression.

Students from various disciplines participated enthusiastically in the photography competition, showcasing their creativity, observational skills, and technical abilities through their photographs. The competition encouraged participants to explore different perspectives and communicate ideas through visual narratives.

Mahathi Manoharan, a first-semester BBA student, secured first place in the competition. Thejazer Linyu, a fifth-semester BA student, secured second place, while Spandana A. Jain, a third-semester MSc student, secured third place.

The celebration successfully provided a platform for students to develop their photographic skills and appreciate the role of visual communication. The initiative also promoted interdisciplinary participation, creative exploration, and experiential learning, making the occasion a meaningful celebration of photography and its influence on contemporary communication.



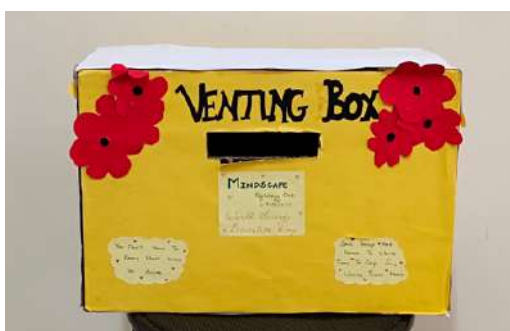
HOPE IN EVERY STROKE: TWO-DAY AWARENESS DRIVE AT M. S. RAMAIAH COLLEGE PUTS MENTAL WELL-BEING CENTRE STAGE

The Department of Humanities (Psychology), M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), organised a two-day Suicide Prevention Awareness Programme on 15 and 16 September 2026 at the MCA Gallery Room, in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day. The initiative aimed to promote mental health awareness and encourage open, stigma-free conversations about suicide prevention.

As a precursor to the programme, a Venting Box was placed on campus, enabling students from different departments to anonymously express their thoughts and emotions. The first day featured a Poster Making Competition, through which participants conveyed messages of hope, resilience, and mental health awareness through creative expression.

On the second day, first-year students presented a mime performance highlighting the importance of emotional support, empathy, and suicide prevention. This was followed by an insightful guest lecture by Ms. Diana Sapna Abraham, Counselling Psychologist, Indian Air Force, who shared valuable perspectives on mental well-being.

The programme was coordinated by Ishana Sachin and Herita Singla, second-year BA students. It concluded with the distribution of prizes to the poster competition winners. The initiative successfully encouraged students to recognise the importance of mental health, seek support when needed, and contribute towards creating a compassionate and supportive campus environment.



Strategic Autonomy, Energy Security, and Asia Policy: Diplomatic Balancing amid t Conflict

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GIREESH B HIGHLIGHTS INDIA'S STRATEGIC AND MARITIME SECURITY PRIORITIES

Gireesh B, Assistant Professor in the Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, has contributed to academic research and discourse on India's foreign policy and maritime security through a scholarly publication and a national seminar presentation.

Co-authored with Neethu Thankachan, his research paper, "Strategic Autonomy, Energy Security, and India's West Asia Policy," was published in The Research Frontline – Journal, Volume I, Issue 3, covering April–June 2026. The paper examines the relationship between India's strategic autonomy, energy security requirements, and foreign policy priorities in West Asia, highlighting the significance of regional developments in shaping the country's strategic interests.

Further contributing to academic discussions on international relations, Gireesh presented his paper, "India's Maritime Security Strategy in the Indian Ocean," at a national seminar held on 8 September 2026. His presentation explored key dimensions of India's maritime security framework, including naval modernisation, strategic partnerships, the SAGAR initiative, the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), and India's engagement with the Indo-Pacific region.

These academic contributions reflect his engagement with contemporary geopolitical developments and India's evolving strategic priorities. His work also highlights the importance of research and scholarly dialogue in understanding the complexities of international relations, energy security, and maritime cooperation.



DR. NETHRAVATHI LM WINS BEST PAPER AWARD AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Nethravathi LM, Faculty of Journalism in the Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, has received the Best Paper Award at a national conference on “The Role of Libraries in Sustainable Development & Research.” The conference was organised by Acharya Pathasala Degree College on 25 September 2026 at Acharya Pathasala College of Arts & Science.

Dr. Nethravathi presented her research paper titled “Newspaper in Digital Age – Transforming Research, Teaching & Learning,” which examined the evolving role of newspapers in the contemporary digital landscape. Her research explored how technological advancements and digital platforms are transforming the use of newspapers in academic research, teaching methodologies, and learning practices, particularly within Journalism and Media Studies.

The paper highlighted the continuing relevance of newspapers as valuable academic resources while examining the changes brought about by digital transformation. It addressed emerging trends in media consumption, information accessibility, and the integration of digital resources into educational and research environments.

Her research was recognised for its academic relevance, originality, and contribution to the field, earning her the Best Paper Award at the conference. The recognition reflects her commitment to scholarly research and her engagement with contemporary developments in journalism, media education, and digital communication.

The achievement marks a significant academic milestone for Dr. Nethravathi and brings recognition to the Department of Humanities. The department congratulates her on this accomplishment and acknowledges her continued contribution to research, teaching, and academic excellence.



HUMANITIES STUDENTS TRIUMPH IN IN-HOUSE POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

Students Swetha and Bhavni from the Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), secured first place in the in-house Poster Making Competition organised by the Anti-Ragging Cell of MSRCASC on 18 August 2026. The competition aimed to raise awareness about ragging and emphasise the importance of maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful campus environment.

Through their creative poster, the students effectively communicated the message of preventing ragging and promoting positive relationships among students. Their work highlighted the significance of mutual respect, responsible behaviour, and collective efforts in ensuring a supportive educational atmosphere. The competition provided a platform for students to express their ideas through visual communication while engaging with an important social issue within the academic community.

The achievement reflects Swetha and Bhavni's creativity, teamwork, and commitment to promoting awareness about student safety and well-being. Their participation also demonstrates how artistic expression can serve as an effective medium for communicating important messages and encouraging responsible conduct among students.

The Department of Humanities congratulates Swetha and Bhavni on their well-deserved achievement and appreciates their contribution to the institution's anti-ragging awareness initiative. Their success reinforces the importance of student participation in creating a campus culture built on dignity, inclusion, and mutual understanding. The department continues to encourage students to participate in such initiatives, using their talents and abilities to promote positive social values within the college community.



HUMANITIES STUDENT THEJAZER LINYU SECURES SECOND PLACE IN WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY COMPETITION

Thejazer Linyu, a fifth-semester BA student from the Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), secured second place in the Interdepartmental Photography Competition organised to commemorate World Photography Day on 19 August 2026 at the MCA Gallery Room. The competition provided a platform for students from various disciplines to showcase their photographic abilities, creativity, and visual storytelling skills.

Organised by the Department of Humanities, the celebration featured a practical-oriented guest lecture by Mr. Solomon Maria Donald, Assistant Professor at Mount Carmel (Deemed to be University). The session introduced students to essential photographic techniques, visual composition, and the significance of photography in contemporary communication. It also encouraged participants to explore different perspectives and develop their understanding of photography as an expressive and creative medium.

Thejazer's achievement reflects his ability to communicate ideas through compelling visual imagery and demonstrates his interest in photography as a form of artistic expression. The competition encouraged students to observe their surroundings creatively, experiment with visual perspectives, and convey meaningful narratives through their photographs.

The Department of Humanities congratulates Thejazer Linyu on securing second place and acknowledges his accomplishment. The initiative highlights the department's commitment to encouraging student participation in creative activities and providing opportunities to develop practical skills beyond the classroom. Such programmes promote visual literacy, interdisciplinary engagement, and experiential learning while nurturing students' creative potential.

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RAMAIAH STUDENT NAMED MYGOV CAMPUS AMBASSADOR, EYES BIGGER ROLE IN NATION-BUILDING

Mohammed Owais Bukhari, a third-year BA student specialising in Political Science and Journalism at M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, has been selected as a MyGov Campus Ambassador under the “Youth for a Viksit Bharat” initiative. This recognition marks an important milestone in his academic journey and reflects his interest in public affairs, governance, and national development.

As a Campus Ambassador, Owais will contribute to promoting citizen engagement and encouraging students to participate in discussions on governance and public policy. The initiative seeks to connect young people with governance processes, providing them with opportunities to share ideas, express perspectives, and engage with issues relevant to the country’s development.

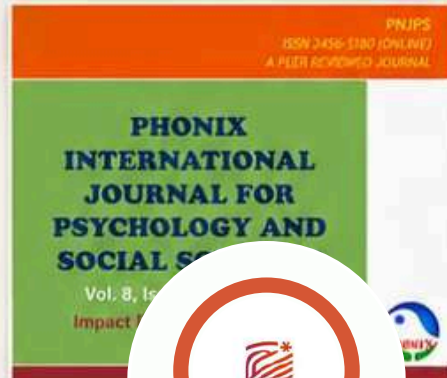
The MyGov platform, an initiative of the Government of India, promotes citizen participation in governance by creating opportunities for people to engage with public programmes and policy-related discussions. Through the campus ambassador programme, students can help strengthen awareness of civic responsibilities and encourage greater participation among their peers.

Owais is known within the college community for his keen interest in political affairs, international relations, and contemporary developments. His selection reflects his continued engagement with current affairs and public discourse as part of his academic interests.

The Department of Humanities congratulates Mohammed Owais Bukhari on this achievement and wishes him success in his new responsibility. His selection highlights the importance of youth participation in democratic processes and the role students can play in promoting informed citizenship and contributing to India’s development.

PHONIX INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

(A Peer Reviewed Journal)



Title of the Paper

"Achievement Motivation Scale on Class 11 Students in Assam"



Journal Name

Phonix International Journal for Psychology and Social Sciences



DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES PROMOTES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH THROUGH STUDENT PUBLICATION

The Department of Humanities at M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, continues to encourage undergraduate research and academic collaboration, with third-year BA student Md Fardin Ali achieving a significant milestone through the publication of a research paper in the Phonix International Journal for Psychology and Social Sciences.

Fardin Ali, a student pursuing Psychology, Journalism and English, co-authored the research paper titled "Achievement Motivation Scale on Class 11 Students in Assam" with Ms. Varsha Deshpande, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities. The paper was published in Volume 8, Issue 4, August 2026, of the journal, which has a reported impact factor of 3.489.

The study focuses on achievement motivation among Class 11 students in Assam, addressing an important area of psychological inquiry within the educational context. Research on adolescent motivation contributes to understanding the factors that influence students' academic engagement, aspirations, and learning experiences. The publication provides an opportunity to examine these aspects through a research-oriented approach.

This achievement highlights the Department of Humanities' commitment to fostering a culture of inquiry, critical thinking, and scholarly engagement among undergraduate students. Through faculty mentorship and collaborative research opportunities, the department encourages students to explore academic interests beyond the classroom and engage with relevant research questions.

The collaboration between Fardin Ali and Ms. Varsha Deshpande also demonstrates the importance of faculty guidance in developing students' research capabilities and introducing them to academic publishing.



HUMANITIES STUDENTS SECURE TOP HONOURS IN HINDI SPEECH COMPETITION

The Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, celebrated a notable student achievement as Mohammed Owais Bhukari and Himanshi Sharrma secured the first and second prizes, respectively, in a Hindi Speech Competition organised by the Department of Indian Languages.

Mohammed Owais Bhukari, a third-year BA student specialising in Journalism and Political Science, won first prize, while Himanshi Sharrma, a second-year BA student pursuing the same combination, secured second prize. Their accomplishments highlighted their Hindi language proficiency, public speaking abilities, and capacity to communicate ideas effectively before an audience.

The competition was organised as part of a three-day programme commemorating the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages of the Republic of India on 14 September. The event provided students with a platform to demonstrate their linguistic skills, develop confidence in public speaking, and appreciate the significance of Indian languages in communication and cultural expression.

The achievement reflects the Department of Humanities' emphasis on nurturing students' communication skills and encouraging participation in literary and language-based activities beyond the classroom. Such opportunities enable students to strengthen their oratory, broaden their perspectives, and develop confidence through healthy academic competition.

The Department of Humanities congratulates Mohammed Owais Bhukari and Himanshi Sharrma on their success. Their performance brings recognition to the department and demonstrates the importance of encouraging students to explore diverse platforms for intellectual and personal development. The achievement also reinforces the value of multilingual proficiency in fostering effective communication and cultural understanding.



HUMANITIES STUDENT MD. FARDIN ALI CONTRIBUTES TO MSRCASC'S FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

The Department of Humanities, M. S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, celebrates the sporting achievement of its student Md. Fardin Ali, who represented the MSRCASC football team as goalkeeper during the 'Games on 26' Tournament organised by Transcend Group of Institutions, Bengaluru.

Competing against 24 participating teams, the MSRCASC football team emerged as champions, demonstrating exceptional teamwork, determination, and competitive spirit. In the final match, the team secured a convincing 3–0 victory over Transcend University to claim the championship title. The achievement marks a proud moment for the institution and highlights the dedication of its student athletes.

Fardin Ali's participation reflects the Department of Humanities' encouragement of students to engage in extracurricular activities alongside their academic pursuits. As a student of the department, his involvement in competitive football demonstrates the importance of balancing academic development with physical fitness, teamwork, and personal growth.

The department recognises that participation in sports provides students with valuable opportunities to develop discipline, leadership, resilience, and collaborative skills. These qualities complement classroom learning and contribute to the holistic development of students.

The Department of Humanities congratulates Md. Fardin Ali and the entire MSRCASC football team on their remarkable achievement. Their success highlights the importance of student participation in intercollegiate sporting events and brings recognition to the institution. Fardin's contribution to the championship campaign stands as an encouraging example of the diverse talents and achievements of students from the Department of Humanities.



BALLOTS FOR BUDDING VOTERS: HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT HOLDS MOCK ELECTION

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Coordinated by Dr. Ganesh Naik, the programme featured a simulated Student Council Election that allowed participants to experience the fundamental stages of an electoral process. The exercise provided students with an opportunity to understand the importance of voting, informed decision-making, and active participation in democratic institutions.

A total of 24 students participated in the programme, demonstrating their understanding of electoral procedures and civic responsibility. The activity also encouraged students to reflect on the principles of equality, freedom, accountability, and responsible citizenship that underpin democratic governance.

The Department of Humanities designed the initiative to connect classroom learning in Political Science with practical experiences, enabling students to gain a clearer understanding of democratic institutions and electoral participation. The collaboration with the Law and Governance Club further strengthened the department's efforts to promote civic awareness and political literacy among young learners.

The programme highlighted the importance of experiential learning in preparing students to become informed and responsible citizens. Through such initiatives, the Department of Humanities continues to encourage democratic awareness, critical thinking, and meaningful student engagement in governance and public affairs.



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