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Events and Initiatives

Summits, Conferences and Community Projects that Build Partnerships across Sectors

SRM University-AP, Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

OVERVIEW

Events and Initiatives for SDG 17

Partnership is built in rooms where different groups meet. The SDG 17 annual reports for AY 2024-25 and AY 2025-26 describe a steady run of summits, conferences and community projects through which SRM University-AP brings government, industry, other universities, civil society and local communities together, and each event is linked in the reports to SDG 17 targets such as 17.6 (knowledge sharing), 17.9 (capacity building), 17.16 and 17.17 (multi-stakeholder partnerships). This page features the events and initiatives that are documented with colour photographs.

AY 2024-25

Featured Events, AY 2024-25

Systems Engineering Summit 2025 (23–24 January 2025)

Held at the APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium, the summit was hosted by the Departments of Electronics and Communication Engineering and Electrical and Electronics Engineering with Efftronics Systems Pvt. Ltd., as a joint initiative with INCOSE India, the IEEE Systems Council and CII Andhra Pradesh. Its theme was “Systems Engineering: The Guaranteed Path to a Better World”. Speakers and panellists came from Boeing, Eaton, Wabtec, Philips, Ansys, John Deere India, Bajaj Auto, IRISET, DRDO’s RCI and Mahindra University, and the inauguration included the vice-chancellors of VIT-AP, Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education and Acharya Nagarjuna University. Sessions covered systems thinking, lifecycle management, reliability and safety, and railway, healthcare, aerospace and automotive perspectives.



Image 1: Systems Engineering Summit 2025: lamp lighting, document exchange, panel and audience

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Outcome. Memorandums of Understanding were signed between SRM University-AP, Efftronics, INCOSE and other industry and academic entities. A Centre of Excellence on Functional Safety was proposed, and an MoU with the Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications, Secunderabad, is in progress. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.16 and 17.17.

ECE Open House Day: Technology Showcase from Microchips to Megatrends (23 April 2025)

The first edition of the ECE Open House Day, hosted by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at the APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium, showcased more than 150 capstone, UROP and postgraduate projects together with faculty-led patented solutions. Experts from IBM Research, Mphasis, Efftronics and the IETE Vijayawada Chapter evaluated and gave feedback on the work, and top projects in each specialisation were recognised. It doubled as an outreach programme to inspire school students and technology enthusiasts, and strengthened the academic–industry–community linkage. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.16 and 17.17.



Image 2: ECE Open House Day 2025: event flyer

NSS Volunteer Service at TTD Venkatapalem (14–15 March 2025)

On 14 March (5:30 – 10:30 pm) and 15 March 2025 (7:30 am – 1:30 pm), NSS volunteers of the Directorate of Student Affairs helped with the hygienic and efficient packing of food and temple items for devotees. The service gave students a way to contribute to a meaningful community effort, to build teamwork and organisational skills, and to gain first-hand experience of large-scale event management and logistics. SDG 17 link: Target 17.17, partnership between students and a community institution in public service.



Image 3: Volunteers packing food and temple items, 14 and 15 March 2025

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AY 2025-26

Featured Events, AY 2025-26

Green Hydrogen Summit 2025 (18–19 July 2025)

Hosted by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, the summit opened a cross-sector dialogue on India's National Hydrogen Mission, covering hydrogen production, storage and applications, research and commercialisation, and the policy frameworks and incentives that support hydrogen projects. It aimed to encourage partnerships and investment in green hydrogen and to raise awareness among stakeholders. It produced three outcomes: the AP State Green Hydrogen Valley Declaration; recognition of SRM University-AP as the nodal agency for green hydrogen projects in Andhra Pradesh; and the formation, by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, of an Advisory Council to carry out clean-energy projects. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.16 and 17.17, multi-stakeholder partnership among government, industry and the University.

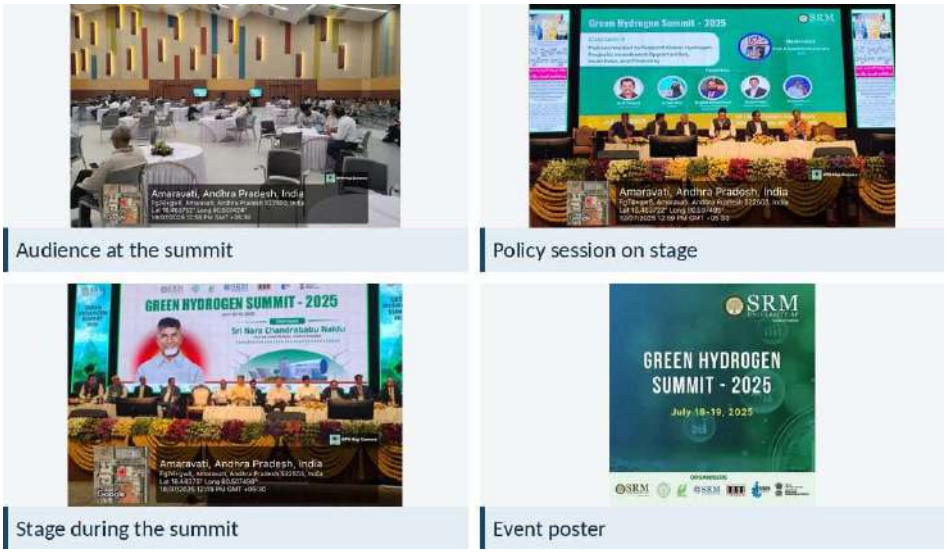


Image 4: Green Hydrogen Summit 2025: audience, policy session, stage and event poster

3rd Research Scholars' Summit (10–11 October 2025)

Hosted by the Department of Civil Engineering under the motto "Inspire, Ignite, Innovate", the summit brought young researchers together to share original work, build connections and develop a research-driven culture. Participation came from 10 universities across India, with 250 participants and 280 abstract submissions across five thematic areas: engineering and technology; medicine, life sciences, agriculture and fisheries; management, social sciences and humanities; applied sciences, including computational physics; and society. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.6 and 17.16.



Image 5: 3rd Research Scholars' Summit: session, delegates, lecture hall and conference programme

International Conference on Class Groups of Number Fields and Related Topics, ICCGNFRT 2025 (6–10 October 2025)

The eighth edition of this conference, hosted by the Department of Mathematics, drew 121 participants, with speakers mostly from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, the Philippines, Canada, Hong Kong, China, Hungary, Japan and the Czech Republic, and a few from India. It served experts, early-career researchers and doctoral scholars in number

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theory, and offered a forum for exchanging current results and techniques, mentorship for young mathematicians and several new joint research initiatives between Indian and international researchers. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.6 and 17.16.

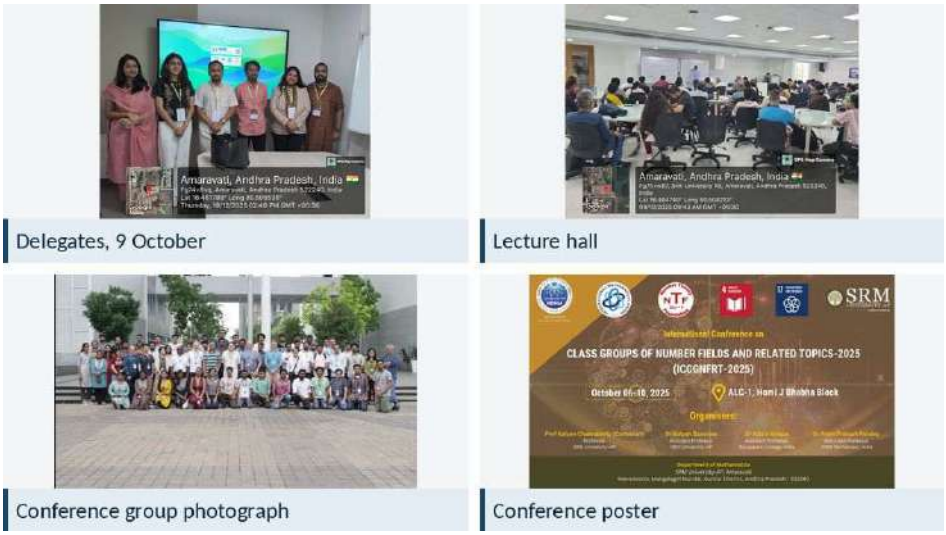


Image 6: ICCGNFRT 2025: meeting, discussion, group photograph and conference poster

2nd International Conference on Electronic and Photonic Integrated Circuits, EPIC 2025 (6–8 November 2025)

Hosted by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering with 515 participants, EPIC 2025 offered a common platform for researchers, academics, students and industry professionals to share advances in electronic and photonic integrated circuits and to bridge academia and industry. The programme included keynote, plenary and invited talks by eminent experts, academia–industry discussion on collaborative research and technology transfer, and opportunities for young researchers to present work and build professional networks. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.6 and 17.16.



Image 7: EPIC 2025: session, speakers and delegates, participants and conference brochure

International Conference on Data Analytics and Cyber Security, DACS 2025 (21–23 December 2025)

The eighth edition of DACS, hosted by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering with 300 participants, offered researchers, academics, industry professionals and students a global platform to share work in data analytics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing and cybersecurity, and to strengthen academic–industry links. The conference proceedings were published by Springer, with international authors contributing to the accepted programme. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.6 and 17.16.

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Conference stage, 21 December | Presentation of awards, 23 December

Image 8: DACS 2025: conference stage (21 December) and presentation of awards (23 December)

50th All India Sociological Conference, AISC 2025 (28–30 December 2025)

The largest gathering of the year, with 2,951 participants, was hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology with the Indian Sociological Society. Its theme was “Mobilities and Inequalities: Shifting Contexts, Changing Paradigms”. It set out to examine how caste, class, gender, tribe, religion and region shape access to mobility and resources, to discuss migration, labour mobility, digital mobilities and environmental displacement, to encourage collaborative research networks and to promote dialogue between academia and policy practitioners. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.6 and 17.17.



Delegates in the hall



Inaugural session on stage



Conference poster

Image 9: AISC 2025: participants after the conference, conference brochure, group photograph and poster

4th International Conference on Materials Genome, ICMG IV (19–21 February 2026)

Led by Prof. Ranjit Thapa of the Office of the Dean Research (CIDR) with 340 participants, the conference was held under the theme of the Asian Consortium on Computational Materials Science and organised in association with Virginia Commonwealth University, Flinders University, the National University of Singapore, National Tsing Hua University, JNCASR, IIT Guwahati, C-MET Pune and CSIR-IICT Hyderabad. It featured three keynote lectures, 80 invited oral presentations and 96 poster presentations on magnetism, catalysis, energy storage and AI-enabled discovery of quantum materials, and led to new collaborations and interdisciplinary initiatives. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.6 and 17.16.



Participants at the conference



Conference programme

Image 10: ICMG IV: participants at the conference and conference programme

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Guest Lecture: Industrial Decarbonisation from GHG Accounting to Net Zero Roadmap (13 April 2026)

The lecture in the Guest Expert Lecture Series of the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering was given by Dr Lovelyn Theresaa Innocent, Head of Projects for Energy, Environment and Climate Change at an industry body, to 57 participants. It aimed to give practical insight into climate action, policy frameworks and industry-driven sustainability solutions for students, researchers and faculty. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.6 and 17.17, knowledge exchange between industry practice and the University.



Image 11: Guest lecture: poster, lecture audience and speaker with participants

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Community Initiatives: Samaj Seva Projects, March to April 2026

In March and April 2026, MBA students of the Paari School of Business carried out 14 community activities as part of their Samaj Seva course, guided by faculty mentors. The activities form three projects, each built on a partnership with a community organisation, a school or a local enterprise.

Digital Empowerment of Kondapalli Artisans (8–30 March 2026)

The partner was Jahnvi Kondapalli Wooden Toys, a family-run enterprise in Kondapalli with no website, no payment gateway and no searchable catalogue, which relied on walk-in customers, local markets and middlemen. Over five stages a team of six MBA students surveyed the artisans' digital readiness, set up and optimised an Instagram presence, built a WhatsApp Business catalogue with automated replies, trained the artisans to handle customers and orders, and launched a mobile-friendly website with a Razorpay payment gateway. The project ended with training and a handover of website credentials and digital operations to the artisans, who can now run the channels themselves; hosting and domain together cost ₹2,817.84. It created a new direct-to-customer sales channel and reduced reliance on middlemen. SDG 17 link: Targets 17.8 and 17.17; the project also relates to SDGs 1 and 8.



Image 12: Digital empowerment of Kondapalli artisans: the five stages

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Student team with artisans at the shop, 8 March | Artisan at work in Kondapalli, 8 March

Home page of the website launched for the artisans | Product categories on the website

Image 13: Student team with artisans, artisan at work, and the website home page and product categories

Project Shiksha and Swachhata, Government Primary School, Neerukonda (8 March – 6 April 2026)

The partners were the Rotaract Club of Vijayawada Elite League, Rotary Midtown, Sreshta Dental Clinic and Neerukonda Panchayat. The project brought hygiene, health and environmental learning to a government primary school through a Swachh Bharat cleanliness drive, interactive awareness sessions using skits, role play and handwashing demonstrations, a dental health camp with a local clinic and Rotary volunteers, and two plantation drives, including a Green Future Initiative tree drive. Thirty saplings were planted within the school premises, ten by the student team and twenty with partner organisations, and the project closed with 25 steel plates for hygienic mid-day meals and certificates of appreciation for teachers. A before-and-after questionnaire recorded improved awareness of hygiene, handwashing and oral health. SDG 17 link: Target 17.17.



Planting at the primary school | Sapling planted by student volunteers

Health camp at the school | Certificate of appreciation for school staff

Image 14: Planting at the school, sapling planted by student volunteers, health camp and certificate of appreciation

Child Development at Sharon Charitable Trust Children's Home (8 March – 5 April 2026)

With Sharon Charitable Trust Children's Home, Navuluru, Vijayawada, a group of MBA students led four sessions for 36 children at the home, which shelters orphaned and underprivileged children: a role-play session on hygiene practices, a colour-based game contrasting good and bad habits, a cartoon-colouring activity encouraging creative expression, and a menstrual hygiene session. Recommendations include regular follow-up programmes, more demonstrations and visual

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aids, and the involvement of healthcare professionals in future sessions. SDG 17 link: Target 17.17; the sessions also relate to SDGs 3, 4 and 5.

REPORTS

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