

## UNIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT

1. The past year at VGU has been marked by exceptional achievements, visionary initiatives, and transformative progress. Driven by our mission to promote academic excellence and create meaningful social impact, we have reached significant milestones in research, student success, and community engagement.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation

2. Today, on the auspicious occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation, celebrated alongside National Youth Day - the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, whose founding principles guide our university - we are proud to confer degrees upon **1,342 graduating students**. This includes **108 Diploma students, 787 Undergraduate students, and 447 Postgraduate students**. In addition, **50 scholars will be awarded the Ph.D.**

3. We are also delighted to honour **96 meritorious students with medals** for their academic excellence: **41 Gold Medals, 29 Silver Medals, and 26 Bronze Medals**. Congratulations to each of these outstanding achievers!

### Key Achievements

4. **Secured Prestigious Position in Global Ranking.** VGU made a remarkable global debut by **securing an impressive position in Band 681-700 of the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025**, marking a major milestone in its journey.

5. **Exceptional Growth Trajectory of Student Community.** The university witnessed a remarkable increase in newly admitted students - from 2,370 in 2022-23 to 3,651 in 2023-24, and further to **3,856 in 2024-25**. Today, it proudly hosts a vibrant community of **over 10,000 students, representing nearly every state in India and 16 countries worldwide**.

6. **Strengthened Institutional Profile.** The university enhanced its academic prowess by **onboarding 212 highly qualified and experienced faculty members, including 48 Ph.D. faculty**, reinforcing its commitment to delivering world-class education and research.

7. **Expansion of Academic Portfolio.**

(a) **Launched Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programs.** In February 2024, CDOE received approval for **Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Programs in MBA, BBA, MCA, BCA, and M.Sc. Mathematics**. Approximately, **800 learners were enrolled in the first batch**.

(b) **Enhanced Academic Ecosystem by Integrating Coursera Courses.** The University has obtained 1000 licenses, gaining access to over 15,000 Coursera Courses spanning diverse disciplines and specializations. In the last year alone, **more than 10,000 unique students and faculty members have leveraged these online courses** to enhance their skills and knowledge.

(c) **Adopted AI-enabled Learning Management System.** In Jan 2025, CDOE introduced a cutting-edge, AI-enabled Learning Management System (LMS) to revolutionize student learning experiences. This **advanced platform offers transcripts in 18 different languages**, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for a diverse learner base.

(d) **Fostering Interdisciplinary Learning.** VGU stands out as a unique institution where the **Transdisciplinary Project (TDP)** is a **mandatory credit course**.

(e) **Introduced Minor Degrees.** The university has introduced **10 minor degree programs in diverse and impactful areas**, including Indian Knowledge Systems, Design, Economics, Psychology, Performing Arts, Sustainable Development, Environmental Science, Sports, Social & Community Engagement, and Entrepreneurship.

(f) **Commenced New Innovative Programs.** By introducing new programs in emerging disciplines, including Computer Science and Technology, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AIML), Internet of Things (IoT), M.A. (Psychology), M.A. (Political Science), M.Sc. (Digital & Cyber Forensics), and Postgraduate Diploma programs in Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC), the university has increased the **academic offerings to more than 66 career-oriented programs**.

## 8. **Major Fillip to Infrastructure Development.**

(a) **Narayan Boys Hostel.** A modern hostel accommodating 650 students on a twin-sharing basis has been constructed. The facility features air-conditioned rooms with en-suite bathrooms, ensuring comfort and convenience.

(b) **Students' Mess Annexe.** A spacious dining facility capable of serving meals to 450 students at once has been developed, promoting efficiency and a vibrant dining experience.

(c) **State-of-the-Art Computer Centre.** A cutting-edge Computer Centre with a seating capacity of 150 has been established to enhance digital learning and computational capabilities.

(d) **Advanced Recording Studio and Seminar Halls.** A high-end recording studio and two fully equipped seminar halls have been set up, fostering academic discussions, presentations, and creative projects.

(e) **300 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)**. A robust Sewage Treatment Plant with a capacity of 300 KLD has been constructed to ensure sustainable waste management and environmental conservation.

9. **Spearheaded Examination Reforms**. As part of our comprehensive examination reforms, we **successfully implemented Online Screen Marking (OSM) and Inpods**, driving the transition to more transparent and efficient e-governance systems.

10. **Successful Conduct of Mega Placement Drive**. Last year's placement season marked a significant achievement for the University, reflecting its unwavering commitment to student success. **Over 850 students secured positions in nearly 150 prestigious companies**, with an impressive average salary of ₹5.50 LPA and a remarkable **highest package of ₹42 LPA**, showcasing the institution's excellence in career readiness.

11. **Adopted Tech-Based Solutions for Enhancing Student Engagements and Experiences**.

(a) The university has collaborated with Zolostays Property Solutions Pvt. Ltd. to enhance students' engagements and experiences.

(b) We also partnered with Almashines to foster deeper connections with our ever-growing alumni network, enhancing their engagement and enriching their experiences with the University.

12. **Sustained Efforts in Capacity Building**. Recognizing VGU's exceptional potential in capacity building, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) established one of its 10 national-level centres at VGU - the AIU-VGU Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AIU-VGU-AADC). Under this prestigious initiative, VGU successfully **organized 8 Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) and 3 Faculty Induction Programs (FIPs)** during the year, fostering academic and administrative excellence.

13. **Conducted Blood Donation Drive**. We donated around **1046 units of blood during the Blood Donation Drive** organized on the campus on October 1, 2024.

### **Awards and Recognitions**

14. VGU continued its steadfast commitment to growth and excellence, further solidifying its position as a leader in higher education. Besides QS World University Rankings: Asia 2025, some of the other accolades won by VGU during the last year are as follows: -

(a) Ranked **3<sup>rd</sup>** in India and 1025 Worldwide in **Global University Rankings** (DEI & SI Rankings 2024), as also secured **Gold+ Band** in Global University Rankings (DIISC Rankings 2024).

(b) Ranked in **Diamond Band** (Institution of Prominence) in **R World Institutional Ranking** (Outcome-Based Education Rankings 2024), as also **Titanium Band** in **R World Institutional Ranking** (India Academia Rankings 2025).

(c) Ranked **3<sup>rd</sup>** amongst Private Universities in Rajasthan and **33<sup>rd</sup>** Overall in India in **Outlook-ICARE Rankings 2024**.

(d) Ranked **27<sup>th</sup>** and **Diamond Band** in India in **Mental Health & Wellbeing Rankings 2024**.

(e) Additionally, ranked **17<sup>th</sup>** **State-wise**, **57<sup>th</sup>** **Zone-wise**, and **99<sup>th</sup>** **All Over India** in **IIRF Rankings 2024**, rated **A+++** by **Careers360** in Young University Rankings, ranked **25<sup>th</sup>** in India for BBA by **Times B School**, ranked **740<sup>th</sup>** and **Diamond League** Globally in **Global University Rankings** (Graduate Outcomes World Rankings 2024), and ranked **111<sup>th</sup>** in India by **Outlook India** (Engineering Institution Rankings).

### **Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Ecosystem**

15. To enhance and promote research opportunities for young, aspiring students and faculty members, we have **entered into 51 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with reputed institutions and industries** both in India and abroad.

16. The University has **published 107 patents and design copyrights**. VGU faculty members have **published 664 research papers** in reputed and peer-reviewed journals and **36 books/book chapters** during this year.

17. Along with research, VGU also encouraged faculty to undertake consultancy works. Some of the **major clients of the University** are Indian Railways, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL), CompuCom Software Limited, Ministry of MSME, GOI, Federation of Indian Granite Stone Industry (FIGSI), Export Promotion Council of Handicrafts (EPCH) and Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Authority (CREDA) to name a few.

18. VGU has been **empanelled for training and conducting capacity building programs** of reputed agencies like Khadi and Village Industry Commission (KVIC), Jal Jeevan Mission, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, CSIR - National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI), and also an active member of Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council.

19. **Entrepreneurship Activities.** VGU has created a well-established innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem on the campus which is fuelled by three dedicated incubation centres and various impactful schemes that empower students to tackle pressing challenges with creativity and determination.

(a) ACIC-VGU Foundation has been selected under the Start-up India Seed Fund Scheme, securing **₹2.00 Crore for funding start-ups**.

(b) ACIC-VGU Foundation secured the **financial support of ₹4.00 Crore** from the Department of Science & Technology (DST) under the NIDHI-Seed Support Program (NIDHI-SSP), intended to act as a bridge between the development and commercialization of innovative technologies, products, and services.

(c) ACIC-VGU Foundation got **₹35 Lakhs of CSR funds** from HDFC Bank under HDFC Parivartan schemes to support the start-ups.

(d) To support MSME and innovation, **₹24.25 Lakhs of funding** was received under the **SIDBI Swavalamban Chair**.

(e) ACIC-VGU Foundation has **disbursed ₹2.30 Crore to 20 start-ups**. Notably, **six VGU-affiliated start-ups have also successfully accessed substantial** funding through government grant schemes.

(f) During the year **more than 10 startups have been registered with DPIIT**. While **02 start-ups have been funded with ₹2.4 Lakhs** from DOITC Rajasthan, **one start-up got ₹25,000 cash funding** from Rajasthan Pollution Control Board.

(g) ACIC-VGU Foundation has been selected as an **implementing agency for the prestigious 'Gen-Next Support for Innovative Start-ups (GENESIS) Scheme** by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). **Among just 4 institutions in Rajasthan and 64 across India**, ACIC-VGU Foundation will spearhead this initiative, which aims to support approximately 1,600 technology-driven start-ups over the next five years, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship on a national scale.

(h) Sustained efforts of ACIC-VGU Foundation have resulted in **more than 50 DPIIT registered start-ups, 50+ corporate partners, 20+ academic collaborations, 40+ mentors, and 120+ events** fostering learning, networking, and collaboration.

(i) During the year, to promote experiential learning, **more than 550 teams participated in Code Red Triathlon 4.0**, more than **150 teams participated in the Google Cloud Hackathon**, and more than **160 teams participated in the Smart India Internal Hackathon**.

20. **R&D Grants**. The University has received **₹40.00 Lakhs from DST Wise Scope**, and **₹50,000/- from Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**.

### **Academic Events Organised**

21. Not just the co-curricular activities but in the year gone by, the campus has been abuzz with numerous academic activities also. Some of the major events are highlighted below: -

(a) **2<sup>nd</sup> VGU R.K. Rastogi National Negotiation Competition 2024** was organised from September 27 to 29, 2024, in collaboration with Shri Rajdeepak Rastogi, Additional Solicitor General of India. The event was graced by dignitaries like Hon'ble Mr. Justice Augustine Masih (Judge, Supreme Court of India) as Chief Guest; Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Shrivastava (Chief Justice, Rajasthan High Court) as Presiding Guest; Hon'ble Mr. Justice Avnish Jheengan (Judge, Rajasthan High Court) as Guest of Honour, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Rastogi (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India) as Special Guest. The **competition attracted 34 teams from premier NLUs** and leading law schools across India, fostering exceptional legal talent.

(b) The **3<sup>rd</sup> VGU Ranka National Moot Court Competition** was held from February 24 to 26, 2024, and witnessed participation from **over 30 prestigious institutions**, including GNLU, NLU Patiala, SLS Pune, and Amity University.

(c) A one-day training program titled "Breaking Barrier" was organized on August 31, 2024, in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). The **event focused on empowering LGBTQ+ communities** through enhanced visibility, advocacy, and policy reforms.

(d) Conducted PCP (Personal Contact Program) sessions for ODL learners of February 24 and October 24 batches, where approximately **450 plus sessions were conducted in hybrid mode** during the months of May 2024 and December 2024.

(e) **October 2024 OL mode batch saw over 2050 enrolments and over 2800 enrolments in the ODL mode batch** reflecting growing trust and interest in CDOE Programs.

(f) Organised **Neuro Management & Leadership Conference** on March 2, 2024.

(g) Hosted the prestigious **International Conference "Anubhuti: A Journey through Indian Knowledge Systems"** from April 26 to 27, 2024, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

(h) **MSME Summit, "Desert Bloom"** under SIDBI Swabhalamban Chair was organized on October 16, 2024.

(i) **InnoHRvation 2.0 - an HR Conclave and Conference** was held on November 30, 2024, that had over 400 HR professionals and guests in attendance.

(j) Organised **Forensic Gyan, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on "Recent Developments in Forensic Science"** from November 14 to 15, 2024, attracting approximately 500 participants from across the country.

(k) Organized **"Reconstron,"** a crime scene reconstruction competition from February 2 to 3, 2024, which saw participation from 45 teams representing renowned forensic science universities.

- (l) Participated in “**Lakme Fashion Week, FDCI,**” at Jio Convention Centre, Mumbai from March 13 to 17, 2024, and “**Lakme Fashion Week**” at New Delhi from October 13 to 19, 2024.
- (m) Organized National-level event “**Encode**” and Annual Fashion Show “**Turpan**” at World Trade Park, Jaipur on May 18, 2024.
- (n) Participated and volunteered at **Jaipur Couture Fashion Show** from May 31 to June 2, 2024.
- (o) Organised **National Level Project Exhibition 2024** on September 15, 2024, to provide students with a platform to showcase their work, learn from other students from across India, and promote innovation and creativity.
- (p) Organised National Conference on the “**Role of Hospitality & Tourism with the Vision of Making India as a Developed Country @2047,**” on April 27, 2024.
- (q) Organised Food Festival “**Fusion Festa - 2024**” from March 15 to 16, 2024, and a Chef Competition – **International Chef Day 2024** on October 17, 2024.
- (r) Conducted National Conference on the “**Importance of Minor Millets on Entrepreneurship and Human Health**” from March 29 to 30, 2024.
- (s) International Conference on “**Special Functions and Applications**” was organised from November 28 to 30, 2024.
- (t) Organised panel discussion on “**Union Budget 2024-25**” on February 6, 2024, and “**Startup Ecosystem Par Charcha – Empowering Success Through Knowledge**” on November 13, 2024.
- (u) Organised **3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Parliament 2024** under the guidance of the National Youth Parliament Scheme, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on February 13, 2024.

### **Faculty and Student Achievements**

22. VGU was **empanelled with the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board**, Government of Rajasthan for the Environment Audit Program. Two faculty members have been nominated for this initiative.

23. Our faculty members have been conferred with the **Best Academician Award** by Physio Concept Academy, **Outstanding Academician Award** by the World Physiotherapy Congress, **Excellence in Academic Award** by Sehat Saathi Foundation, **Empowered Women Award** by 3<sup>rd</sup> International Osteopathy & Manual

Therapy Conference and **Certificate of Excellence** by Rajasthan Physiotherapy Clinicians Association in 2024.

24. Our faculty members have been felicitated with the **Young Scientist Award** and **Best Poster Presentation Award** by National and International Organizations.

25. Our students have been conferred with the **Student of the Year Award** at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Osteopathy & Manual Therapy Conference, and at the 7<sup>th</sup> Relife Ortho Physiocon Conference in 2024.

### **Student's Activities**

26. VGU maintains a very strong focus on the overall development of its students. While academic initiatives are a high priority at VGU we remain committed to making the educational experience of our students multifaceted.

27. **Games and Sports**. The students of VGU have won numerous laurels in the field of games & sports. Some of their major achievements are as follows: -

(a) The **American Football Team won Gold Medal** in AIU organized during 21 - 24 May 2024, and **won Silver Medal (M) & Bronze (W)** in Senior Men & Women Flag Football Khel organized during 4 - 7 October 2024.

(b) The **Grappling (F) Team won the Silver Medal** in Senior GI – Grappling organized during 4 – 6 May 2024, and **won the Gold Medal** in the National Junior Grappling Championship during November 2024.

(c) The **Kabaddi Team won the Gold Medal (W)**, whereas the **Basketball Team won the Silver Medal (M)** at IIT, Jodhpur organized during 9 – 13 October 2024.

(d) While **Boxing Team (F) qualified for Khelo India** in AIU organized during November 2024, **six students from Boxing Team (M) qualified** from 26<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

(e) The **Table Tennis Team won Gold & Silver Medals** in the Extra Murals Tournament at Global University during 22 - 24 November 2024.

(f) The **Basketball Team won the Silver Medal** in GIT Tournaments during 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

28. **NCC and NSS**.

(a) NSS Volunteer **Amrita Mahee was selected for RDC-2025** (Republic Day Camp), New Delhi from January 1 to 31, 2025.

(b) Sgt Kanishk K Sharma and Cadet Manish Singh **attended Republic Day Parade (RDC-2024)** held at New Delhi (January 1 to 31, 2024).

(c) While NCC Cadet Diksha Bhargava **attended All India Thal Sainik Camp 2024** held at DG NCC New Delhi from September 1 to 13, 2024, Cadet Anushka Pareek attended **IGC cum Pre-RDC-I** held at NCC Complex from November 5 to 14, 2024.

(d) Sgt. Gaurav Singh, Cadet Samarveer Sikand, and Cadet Ajay Singh **attended the Army Attachment Camp** held at 17 Raj Rif Sawaiman, Niwaru Military Station Jaipur from September 8 to 27, 2024.

(e) Cadet Siddhant Arya **attended the Rock Climbing Training Camp (RCTC)** held at Pithoragarh from June 20 to 25, 2024.

(f) NSS Volunteers Aastha Verma, Amrita Mahee, Ritesh Chanda, Sanjay Sinhrathore, and C. Anand **attended NYF (National Youth Festival)** held at Nashik, Maharashtra from January 12 to 16, 2024.

29. **Cultural Events.**

(a) In inter-university cultural events, **Ms. Harshita Bose won 1st place in Solo Dance** during "RANGMANCH," a part of the prestigious AGROVON 2k23 at the CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing.

(b) The VCTA Warriors Team, comprising Vishal Kumar, Rohit Kumar, and others, also brought glory by **securing top positions in events such as Nukkad Natak at X'Animo 2023 and SABRANG-23** held at premier universities like Suresh Gyan Vihar University and JK Laxmipati University, Jaipur.

(c) **Avantika achieved the 1st position in Music** at VEETHIKA 24, showcasing her talent on a significant university platform.

30. **Students' Club Activities.** The dynamic initiatives of VGU's student-led clubs highlight the university's dedication to holistic development and community engagement. Some of them are highlighted below: -

(a) The Student Welfare Cell and Proctor Office came together to observe **Anti-Ragging Day** to promote a ragging-free campus, as also spearheaded the **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan**, spreading awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco.

(b) The VSSA Club took the lead in celebrating Gandhi Jayanti with a **campus-wide cleanliness drive**. To empower the girls in hostels, the club also **conducted a self-defence workshop**, equipping them with essential safety skills.

(c) The V-Studio Club conducted a **hands-on photography and videography workshop**, helping budding photographers refine their skills.

(d) The Art Brook Club organized visits to Jaipur's artisans, where members **explored the rich heritage of blue pottery and block printing**, gaining cultural and industrial exposure.

(e) The Design Adda Club encouraged students to **showcase their creativity through a doodling competition** that brought out some amazing talent.

(f) The **Face of VGU Season 3** was a highlight of Zofest, where freshers impressed everyone with their talent, confidence, and charm.

(g) On Constitution Day, the Student Council, in collaboration with the Law Department and India First TV, **organized a quiz competition** to promote awareness about India's Constitution.

(h) Volunteers from NCC and NSS led the **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Campaign**, planting trees around the campus to contribute to a greener environment.

## **Placements**

31. The University places great emphasis on the value of confidence and positivity that students gain through employment opportunities. It is committed to enhancing the employability of its students while supporting their aspirations for higher studies, preparation for competitive exams, and entrepreneurial endeavours.

32. Our three students viz. **Mansi Sharma, Sristi Prasad, and Kareena Kala have qualified in the Rajasthan Judicial Services (RJS) Examination 2024.**

33. For the **batch of 2025, 40 companies** have already provided **over 100 placements**, with the **average salary rising to ₹5.54 LPA.**

34. Looking ahead, the upcoming IAC-4 (Placement Week), scheduled for January 2025, is expected to host at least **100 corporate organizations, offering around 1,000 placements** and internships, marking another milestone in the University's commitment to student success.

## **Acknowledgement**

35. The University is grateful to all regulatory bodies, alumni, parents, faculty members, staff, students, industry people, and media for providing their continuous support in making VGU a contemporary university with a commitment to excellence in education and nurturing talent with social and national values to develop students as professionals of global standard. VGU also honours those who have supported our student's university journey by keeping faith in their potential.

36. We at VGU wish all students graduating today, great success and a life filled with learning, peace, and happiness.

37. VGU has carved out a niche for itself in the field of higher education in Rajasthan. VGU is determined to continuously reinvent and better itself and not just rest on its past laurels. Today standing tall VGU thanks each and every person involved in achieving this through their dedication and hard work.

Thank You!  
Jai Hind! Jai Bharat!

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