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1. International Programmes and Collaboration Division

1.1. Strengthening Global Academic Partnerships | BPDC x RMIT

During his visit to Australia, Prof. Shashank Khurana, Associate Dean – International Programmes and Collaboration Division (IPCD), BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, met with Prof. Aonghus McNabola, Deputy Dean International for School of Engineering, RMIT University, on 14 July 2026, and with Prof. Charlie Xue, Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International), STEM College, RMIT University, on 17 July 2026. The meetings discussed strengthening academic and research collaboration between the two institutions. A key focus was the upcoming 2+2 B.E. Programmes in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, to be jointly offered by BPDC and RMIT, alongside opportunities for broader academic and research engagement.

The meeting was also attended by Prof. Abhijit Date, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, RMIT University, and Ms Boogie Balsan, Principal Advisor (International), RMIT University.

1.2. Off-Campus Thesis Travel Support Policy

The Off-Campus Thesis Travel Support Policy has been introduced at BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus (BPDC) to encourage students to undertake thesis work at reputed universities, research institutions and organizations inside and outside the UAE, and to foster internationalization. The policy provides eligible students with financial support towards travel expenses, facilitating access to high-quality research environments, specialized facilities and international academic exposure. It seeks to strengthen global research engagement, promote collaboration with leading institutions and enhance students' academic and professional development. For international placements outside the UAE, the Institute reimburses or arranges one round-trip economy-class airfare between the UAE departure airport approved by the Institute and the nearest practical international port of entry serving the host institution, subject to the Travel Policy and prior approval. For placements within the UAE, a fixed lump-sum transportation allowance, as determined by the Institute, is provided to support local travel between the point of arrival and the host institution or approved residence at the beginning and end of the placement programme.

Category	Maximum Support
Domestic placement	Up to AED 1,000
International placement (regional)	Actuals, up to AED 2,000
International placement (long-haul)	Actuals, up to AED 3,500

1.3. Welcoming Dr Yuri Razoumny from People's Friendship University, Russia

IPCD hosted a 90-minute in-person meet and greet session with Dr Yuri Razoumny, Space Scientist and Director of the Engineering Academy, RUDN, Peoples' Friendship University, Moscow, Russia. The session, held on 20 August 2026, explored joint academic and research programmes, student and faculty exchange, and collaborative programmes in Space Sciences and Engineering. Dr Yuri was welcomed by Prof. Souri Banerjee, Prof. Shashank Khurana, Prof. Vincent Shantha Kumar, Prof. Shrikant Charde and Prof. Syed Maqbool Ahmed.

2. Alumni Relations Division

2.1. Alumni Meets

2.1.1. Alumni Meet in Bay Area, San Francisco, USA

On 8 August 2026, an Alumni Meet was hosted in the Bay Area, San Francisco, USA. The event kicked off with Prof. Trupti Gokhale, Associate Dean, Alumni Relations, addressing the gathering and reading the citation for Dr Sriram Krishnamoorthy, the Young Alumnus Achiever awardee for 2023. Prof. Souri Banerjee, Director, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, handing the award to Dr Sriram. The evening progressed with a music night with the BITSians humming to the nostalgic songs close to their hearts.

2.1.2. Alumni Meet in Seattle, Washington, USA

On 11 August 2026, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus was delighted to engage with our alumni Ms Shreya Jain and Mr Shitij Vasist in Seattle. Prof. Trupti Gokhale, Associate Dean, Alumni Relations, Dubai Campus shared exciting updates and insights from the institute. Moments like these serve to validate that despite geographic limitations, BITS alumni and affiliates maintain a continuous, unified institutional alignment.

2.1.3. BITSian Day

'BITSians' Day 2026, Celebrating 25 Years of BITSAA' was successfully held on 8 August 2026 at The Permit Room, Majestic City Retreat Hotel, Mankhool, Dubai, bringing together 50+ BITSians from batches spanning 1991 to 2022. The evening offered a warm and nostalgic opportunity for alumni across generations to reconnect, share experiences, revisit cherished memories, and strengthen lifelong friendships.

With inspiring stories, engaging interactions, family activities, and great food, the gathering celebrated the diversity and enduring strength of the BITSian network. The venue, founded by a BITS Pilani alumna, added a special connection to the occasion and reflected the reach of the BITSian community beyond the campus. Marking 25 years of BITSAA, the event highlighted the legacy of the alumni community and its continued role in keeping the BITS spirit alive across generations. Alumni from diverse professions and backgrounds came together with a shared sense of pride and belonging. More than a reunion, BITSians' Day 2026 celebrated the shared memories, friendships, and lasting connections that unite BITSians in the UAE and beyond. It was a warm, engaging, and memorable evening that brought the alumni community together and created opportunities for meaningful connections, mentorship, and collaboration.

2.1.4. Alumni Meet at Deriv

On 14 August 2026, the BITS alumni community came together for a warm and memorable gathering at the Deriv office. Coordinated by Ms Seema Hallon, Chief Human Resources Officer at Deriv and a proud BITSian, who has been part of Deriv for the past five years, the event brought together around 70 alumni from varied batches, disciplines, and professional backgrounds.

Prof. Pranav Pawar, Head of the Department, Computer Science, and Prof. Tamizharasan, Associate Dean, Academics, Undergraduate Studies, and faculty member in Computer Science, from BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, along with Mr Udayan Gaidhani, President of BITSAA Middle East, and Mr Snehal Kumar, senior BITSian, participated in the gathering. Their presence added to the spirit of the celebration. The evening featured a wonderful blend of networking, conversations, professional experiences, Hi-Tea, fun games, and memorable photographs.

The centrepiece was a fireside chat titled "What should I bet on?" BITS alumnus and cybersecurity expert Amit Menon joined Seema Hallon (CHRO and BITS alumna), Rotimi Akinyele (VP of Security), and Abhishek Khatri (Senior Manager, AML). They talked through the choices they made straight out of university, how little certainty they had at the time, and which of those lessons still hold up decades later.

2.2. University Visits

2.2.1. University of California, Davis

Prof. Souri Banerjee, Director, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, and Prof. Trupti Gokhale, Associate Dean, Alumni Relations, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, visited the University of California, Davis. The delegation had the privilege of meeting Prof. Joanna Regulska, Vice Provost and Dean, Global Affairs, Office of the Chancellor and Provost, and Ms Sarah Olsen, Director, Global Partnerships, Global Affairs. Our distinguished alumnus, Mr. Prem Jain, facilitated this meaningful engagement. The discussions focused on identifying avenues for collaboration in academic and research partnerships, faculty and student exchange, and other areas of mutual interest. The interaction highlighted areas of potential collaboration between the two institutions.

2.2.2. San Jose State University

Prof. Souri Banerjee, Director, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, and Prof. Trupti Gokhale, Associate Dean, Alumni Relations, BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, visited San Jose State University. The delegation had the privilege of meeting Prof. Sheryl Ehrman, Don Beall Dean of Engineering, Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering. Our distinguished alumnus, Mr Jayan Ramankutty, facilitated this meaningful engagement. The discussions focused on identifying avenues for collaboration in academic and research partnerships, faculty and student exchange, and other areas of mutual interest. The interaction highlighted the shared areas of interest between the two institutions.

2.3. Beyond the Classroom*:* Alumni Insights on Careers, Skills & Opportunities in the Gulf

The Alumni Relations Division of BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, hosted a two-day series of alumni engagements on 25 and 26 August 2026, creating a platform for students to connect with accomplished BITS alumni. Through engaging conversations and shared experiences, the sessions offered students valuable insights into making the most of university life, exploring diverse career paths, and navigating an evolving professional world.

The first session, held at the Grand Hyatt on 25 August 2026 featured Avani Kottalgi, Vetha Varshini BP, and Akshay Gidwani. The session provided students with an opportunity to interact with the alumni and gain insights from their personal and professional journeys. Through the exchange of experiences and perspectives, students were encouraged to make the most of their time at university, explore the opportunities available to them, and approach their journey beyond the classroom with greater curiosity and confidence.

(Mr Akshay Gidwani, Director Prof. Souri Banerjee, Ms Avani Kottalgi, Ms Vetha Varshini BP, and Dr Trupti Gokhale at the Freshmen Orientation Day at Grand Hyatt.)

The second day began with Riddhi Goswami, who took students through her four years of college and shared the experiences that shaped her journey along the way. From projects and competitions to research, robotics, and computational biology, she spoke about trying different things and making the most of the opportunities available on campus. She also touched upon the questions many students find themselves asking, such as choosing between PS and a thesis, whether to pursue online certifications, and the value of taking up projects. Through her own journey, Riddhi reminded students that it is okay not to have everything figured out and encouraged them to explore, experiment, and find what genuinely interests them.

The session was followed by the Alumni Panel Discussion, “The Evolving Gulf: Careers, Skills and Emerging Opportunities,” featuring Swetha Suresh, Rohan Pandit, and Lavin Ahuja. The panel explored the changing career landscape of the Gulf and emerging opportunities in areas such as technology, AI, sustainability, logistics, finance, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation.

Swetha Suresh spoke about the importance of making the most of the opportunities available during university, particularly through lab projects and hands-on experiences. Drawing from her own experience of pursuing courses in data science and data analytics, she encouraged students to continuously build new skills and explore emerging fields beyond their academic curriculum.

Rohan Pandit reminded students that a degree does not have to define or limit their future career choices. Having studied biotechnology before going on to co-own an advertising startup, he shared how it is always possible to explore new paths and discover opportunities beyond one's original field of study. His journey highlighted the importance of staying open-minded and being willing to step into unfamiliar spaces.

Lavin Ahuja, meanwhile, emphasized the value of taking up projects and gaining experience beyond the regular academic curriculum. He highlighted how working on different projects can help students deepen their understanding, apply their knowledge in practical settings, and continue learning in ways that extend beyond preparing for a specific career.

Overall, the two-day engagement strengthened the connection between current students and the BITS alumni community, offering valuable insights and perspectives to help students make informed choices and navigate their journeys beyond university with greater confidence.

(Ms Siya Attarde (Student Representative), Mr Rohan Pandit, Prof Trupti Gokhale, Ms Swetha Suresh, Ms Riddhi Goswami, Mr Lavin Ahuja, and Ms Sreekutty OU at the alumni panel discussion at BITS Dubai Campus.)

3. Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC)

3.1. Faculty Orientation Programme and Intensive Training Workshop

The Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC) at BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, headed by Prof. Shazi Shah Jabeen, held a Faculty Orientation Programme and an Intensive Teaching Workshop for newly appointed faculty on 20 August 2026.

Prof. Tamizharasan Periyasamy, Associate Dean, Academic Undergraduate Studies Division, conducted the Orientation Programme where he introduced new faculty to academic policies, faculty responsibilities, teaching resources, support services and good practice in student engagement. Ten faculty members attended, from Computer Science, General Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Management Studies. The session also gave them a chance to meet and network with colleagues.

In the Intensive Teaching Workshop, each participant gave a short demonstration lecture from a course they currently teach. Experienced faculty gave constructive feedback, which helped participants refine their teaching methods, share ideas and build confidence in the classroom.

Together, the two sessions gave new faculty practical skills and knowledge of the institution and strengthened the teaching and learning environment on campus.

4. Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIED)

4.1. Entrepreneurship-Cell Orientation & Registration with Stall

The Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell) conducted an Orientation and Registration Drive from 25 to 27 August 2026 at BITS Pilani Dubai Campus as part of the student orientation programme. The session, led by Prof. Vilas Gaidhane, Faculty In-Charge, Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIED), introduced more than 1,000 freshers to E-Cell, its vision, activities and opportunities in entrepreneurship and innovation. An E-Cell stall enabled direct interaction between freshers and the E-Cell Council, who introduced the events, innovation challenges, workshops, mentorship opportunities and startup activities conducted on campus. One-to-one interactions explained the benefits of joining E-Cell. Registration was facilitated through a QR code linked to a Google Form.

The E-Cell team also organized a Shark Tank event, spin the wheel and short product-pitching games, in which students demonstrated creativity, communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills. The drive identified students interested in entrepreneurship, innovation, business, leadership and startup development.

4.2. Interactive Session on Innovation, Technology Translation, Entrepreneurship and Startup Commercialisation

On 31 August 2026, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus conducted an Interactive Session on Innovation, Technology Translation, Entrepreneurship and Startup Commercialisation to strengthen its innovation, incubation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. The session was held from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM and was attended by 52 participants, including students, faculty, staff and CIIED-incubated startup founders.

The session was led by Mr Anoovrat Singh of the Office of Technology Translation and Innovation Division, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. Mr Singh had worked closely with DST's NIDHI Programmes and co-authored the inaugural draft of the National Scientific Entrepreneurship and IP Commercialisation Policy Framework for publicly funded S&T and R&D institutions.

Prof. Souri Banerjee, Director, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus; Prof. Vilas Gaidhane, Faculty In-Charge, CIIED; Prof. Jagadish Nayak; and Prof. Trupti Gokhale welcomed and engaged with the speaker.

Mr Singh spoke on innovation, technology translation, entrepreneurship, intellectual property and research commercialisation. CIIED-incubated startup founders pitched their ventures, presenting their solutions, business models and entrepreneurial journeys. The interaction focused on technology commercialisation, scalability, market potential and startup challenges.

The session provided exposure to government-supported innovation initiatives and strengthened collaboration among academia, incubators, startups, government and industry stakeholders.

4.3. Strengthening Research and Innovation Ecosystems in HEIs: Leveraging MANTHAN and UTTHAN for Institutional Transformation

On 2 September 2026, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus participated in the session “Strengthening Research and Innovation Ecosystems in HEIs: Leveraging MANTHAN and UTTHAN for Institutional Transformation,” organized in collaboration with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. Approximately 50 students attended through a group viewing session at the G23 Room, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The programme focused on strengthening research and innovation ecosystems in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) through initiatives such as MANTHAN and UTTHAN, and covered building institutional capabilities, fostering research and innovation, developing strategic partnerships, and translating ideas and research outcomes into solutions.

The session highlighted the importance of institutional ecosystems that support research, innovation, entrepreneurship and knowledge exchange. The group viewing gave students exposure to national-level initiatives and to the role of HEIs in strengthening research and innovation capabilities.

4.4. Vingo Start-up incubated at BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus Raises USD 1.2 Million in Seed Funding

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus congratulated Mr Parth Sarthi, Co-founder of Vingo, on raising USD 1.2 million (approximately ₹10 crore) in seed funding. Vingo, a consumer-to-consumer (C2C) marketplace for pre-owned products, announced the funding round on 5 August 2026. The round was led by India Quotient, with participation from Inuka Capital, a US-based fund, and angel investors.

Vingo aimed to build India's next-generation C2C marketplace for buying and selling pre-owned products in a trusted, accessible and convenient manner. The platform addressed trust-related challenges in peer-to-peer commerce through identity-based trust mechanisms, community-led discovery, escrow-backed payments and bidding. Its marketplace included categories such as smartphones, cameras, gaming consoles,

musical instruments, fashion and sports equipment, along with unique and collectible products.

The funding was to be used for strengthening Vingo's product and technology, enhancing its trust infrastructure, researching consumer behaviour and expanding targeted marketing initiatives.

The funding round was a milestone for BITS Pilani Dubai Campus, reflecting its focus on innovation, entrepreneurship and technology-driven problem solving.

Mr Parth Sarthi
Batch of 2022-2026
BITS Pilani Dubai Campus

5. Admissions and Marketing

5.1. Orientation 2026

This year, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus welcomed close to 1,000 students across undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes as the new academic year commenced. The incoming cohort had more than 60% of students joining from outside the UAE such as India, Nigeria, Thailand and the United States, as well as several Gulf countries including Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia this year.

First Degree Orientation: DAY 1

The First-Degree Orientation Programme for the B.E. and B.B.A. (Hons.) Class of 2026 was held from 25 to 27 August 2026, beginning at the Grand Hyatt Dubai and continuing at the BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus.

The three-day programme was hosted by Ms Sivapriya Madhu Pillai, an undergraduate student from the Department of Computer Science. As a current BITSian, Sivapriya brought a student perspective to the proceedings and helped connect the incoming students with the different aspects of academic and campus life that awaited them.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Ms Nahid Afshan, Deputy General Manager & Head of Admissions, followed by the UAE National Anthem. Prof. Souri Banerjee, Director, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, then addressed the students

Towards Excellence: Director's Vision for the Class of 2026, outlining his vision for the incoming cohort and the journey ahead.

Students were subsequently introduced to the academic and administrative leadership by Prof. Prakash Kumar, Associate Dean, Administration. Prof. R. Swarnalatha Rajaguru, Associate Dean, Admissions & Marketing, provided an orientation to the BITS journey, offering students an overview of the environment they were entering.

The academic structure was further explored through Academic Insights: From Courses to Credits, led by Prof. Tamizharasan Periyasamy, Associate Dean, Academic Undergraduate Studies. This was followed by Prof. Sujala Deepak Shetty, Associate Dean, Practice School, who introduced students to Practice School and its role in connecting classroom learning with industry exposure.

The programme then broadened its focus to career development and student experience. Mr. Abdul Razzak Sohail, Manager, Career Services, spoke about career pathways and opportunities for students, while Prof. Geetha Kannan, Associate Dean, Student Welfare, provided an overview of student welfare and campus life.

The international dimension of the BITS experience was highlighted by Prof. Shashank Khurana, Associate Dean, International Programmes and Collaborations Division (IPCD), who introduced students to the international programmes and collaborations available to them. The first day concluded with Alumni Insights, providing students with perspectives on the wider BITS journey and the possibilities beyond graduation.

DAY 2: Understanding the BITS Community

The second day focused on the practical aspects of student life as well as the networks and opportunities available beyond academics.

Prof. K. K. Singh, General Manager, addressed visa and passport-related administrative support, while Prof. Prakash Kumar, Associate Dean, Administration, covered insurance services. Prof. Ashutosh Mishra, Chief Warden, provided students with an overview of hostel facilities, rules, regulations and guidelines.

The BITS alumni community was introduced by Prof. Trupti Gokhale, Associate Dean, Alumni Relations, who also led the Voices of Experience: BITS Alumni Panel. The interaction provided the new students with an opportunity to hear alumni perspectives and understand the longer-term value of being part of the BITS network.

Innovation and entrepreneurship were also highlighted through an introduction to the Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship, led by Prof. Vilas Haridas Gaidhane, Faculty In-Charge, CIIED. Dr Rafiuddin, Deputy General Manager, Student Services, subsequently introduced students to opportunities in sports and extracurricular activities.

The afternoon was dedicated to essential onboarding activities, including original document collection, passport and visa verification, Emirates ID photography and faculty advisor interactions. Student-led cultural and recreational activities, with Karaoke Night, Games Night and Movie Night provided opportunities for students to interact informally and experience the community aspect of campus life.

Day 3: Building Connections and a Sense of Belonging

The final day of the First-Degree Orientation placed greater emphasis on student engagement, wellbeing and community participation.

An ice-breaker and tree-planting activity marked the beginning of the day, symbolizing the start of a new chapter for the incoming students. This was followed by an introduction to the Student Council by Prof. Geetha Kannan and an overview of student associations and clubs by Prof. Geetha Kannan and Prof. Sonu K. Thomas.

Student wellbeing remained an important component of the programme. Ms Eunice Fernandes and Ms Aleena Babu introduced students to campus counselling and the confidential support available to them. Dr Neha Sultana Nasir introduced the 24X7 male and female nurses and the medical support on campus.

The day concluded with course registration and sign-ups for clubs and professional associations, giving students the opportunity to begin actively engaging with the academic and student communities they had been introduced to over the three-day programme.

Higher Degree & Ph.D. Orientation

The orientation programme continued from 28 August 2026 with the Higher Degree Orientation Programme for students joining the M.E., M.B.A. and Ph.D. programmes. Held at the InterContinental Hotel, Dubai Festival City, the programme brought together students preparing to begin the next stage of their academic and professional journeys.

The programme was hosted by Ms Jaanavi Bakshi, current MBA student at BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus. Drawing from her own experience as a student on campus, Jaanavi served as the student voice for the evening.

The evening opened with the UAE National Anthem, followed by the Welcome Address by Prof. R. Swarnalatha, Associate Dean, Admissions & Marketing. Prof. Souri Banerjee, Director, then presented Towards Excellence: Director's Vision for the Class of 2026, setting out his vision for the new Higher Degree cohort. Academic orientation was led by Prof. Vincent Shantha Kumar, Associate Dean, Academic Graduate Studies & Research, through a session on curriculum and credits. Prof. Sujala Deepak Shetty, Associate Dean, Practice School, followed with an overview of Practice School and its role in bridging research and industry.

The professional dimension of the student journey was addressed by Mr Abdul Razzak, Manager, Career Services, who spoke about career pathways and future opportunities. Prof. Ashutosh Mishra, Chief Warden, Student Welfare Division, provided an overview of student welfare and campus life along with hostel facilities, ensuring that students were introduced to the support and engagement opportunities available alongside their academic pursuits.

Prof. Shashank Khurana, Associate Dean, International Programmes and Collaborations Division, highlighted the global opportunities available through international programmes and collaborations. While, administrative support was covered by Prof. K. K. Singh, General Manager, who addressed visa-related services, and Prof. Prakash Kumar, Associate Dean, Administration, who provided an overview of insurance support.

The programme then moved into department-specific interactions, with Prof. Pranav Mothabhau Pawar, Head of the Department of Computer Science, Prof. Akshay Venkateswaran, Head of the Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering, and Prof. Sartaj Rasool Rather, Head of the Department of Management Studies, sharing their inputs with the incoming students. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Nahid Afshan, Deputy General Manager & Head of Admissions, followed by course registration support and dinner.

6. Student Welfare Division

6.1. Groove

6.1.1. Freshman Orientation

On 26 August 2026, 15 dancers, Samhita Kakumani, Sathvik Padamanabhuni, Amitha Gadipelli, Arushri Gangji, Vainavee Subash, Mayookha Satheesh Kumar, Nishvan Anbumani, Kahini Desai, Mohith Sunil, Vaibhavee Sonawala, Om Vantaram, Adithya Praveen, Rishi R, Aishit Neb and Sivapriya Madhupillai, performed for the freshmen and their parents at the Freshman Orientation held at the auditorium from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The President introduced the club in a speech, followed by the performance. Over 600 attendees watched the performance.

6.1.2. Groove Membership Stall

The Groove membership drive was held on 27 August 2026 from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM at the Auditorium, where students signed up for the upcoming auditions. The office bearers, Samhita Kakumani (President), Nishvan Anbumani (Vice President), Vainavee Subash (General Secretary) and Vaibhavee Sonawala (Treasurer), presented highlights of the previous year's Groove events to the new students.

6.2. Association for Computing Machinery – Women (ACM-W)

6.2.1. BITS & BYTES Brain Teasers

ACM-W organized BITS & BYTES Brain Teasers, a three-week online summer quiz conducted every Friday on the ACM-W Instagram handle from 17 July to 31 July 2026, with 25 participants. The event was an engaging and accessible activity for students during the summer break, with brain teasers from different fields of Computer Science, including Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Compiler Construction and other technical domains. Participants answered a fresh set of questions every week, allowing them to test their knowledge, think critically and explore topics beyond the classroom. Scores were recorded and accumulated over the three weeks, and the winners were selected based on overall performance across all rounds. Tanishq Sujan

secured first place, Shurshti second place and Ifza Ishtiag Shakir third place. Participants had the opportunity to win an AED 50 prize. Overall, BITS & BYTES Brain Teasers served as an informative initiative that brought students together through technology, problem-solving and friendly competition.

6.2.2. ACM-W at Icebreakers Stall

On 27 August 2026, during the allotted time for Freshers Clubs & Associations Day, ACM-W organized engaging activities at its stall in the Auditorium. The highlight of the day was the Pixel Perfect and Would You Rather games, which students found very interesting. The turnout was encouraging, with a large number of freshers actively participating. Winners and newly joined members of the club were given chocolates as a token of appreciation. A vibrant pink-themed stall and a digicam also attracted many students. Overall, the event was highly successful in engaging freshers, creating a welcoming atmosphere and boosting club visibility and participation.

6.3. Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

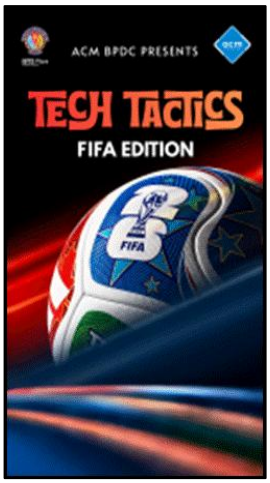
6.3.1. Tech Tactics: FIFA Edition

ACM BPDC hosted TechTactics: FIFA Edition, an online Instagram story event, on 18 and 19 July 2026, with 80 participants. The event blended football with technology and artificial intelligence through quizzes, polls, sliders and question stickers, all inspired

by the sport. Featuring a football-themed visual identity, it offered students an opportunity to test their technical knowledge while celebrating one of the world's biggest sporting events.

Participants tackled football-inspired coding puzzles, AI and machine learning trivia, Python challenges and questions exploring how technology was transforming modern football. Interactive polls, opinion sliders and open-ended question stickers encouraged participants to share their perspectives on topics such as AI referees, goal-line technology, AI commentary and the future of technology in sports. The event concluded with a “Final Whistle” story, allowing participants to review their overall performance and receive a football analyst title based on their quiz score.

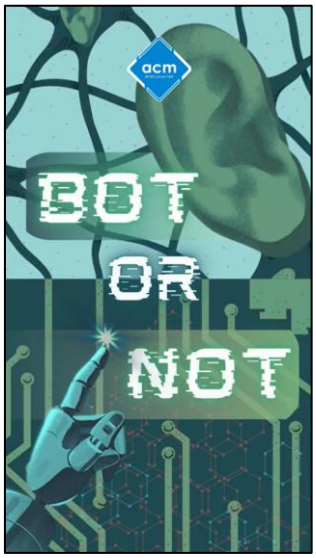
Open to everyone, the event combined current sporting trends with technical concepts in an interactive format. It continued ACM BPDC’s efforts to provide digital activities that encouraged participation, introduced technical concepts and made learning technology enjoyable for the entire community.



6.3.2. Bot or Not

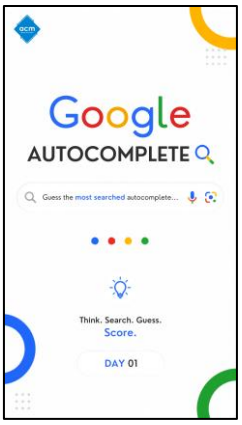
On 1 and 2 August 2026, ACM BPDC hosted Bot or Not, a two-day online Instagram Story event with 50 participants, designed to challenge participants' ability to distinguish between real and AI-generated audio. As artificial intelligence continued to transform the way content was created, the event encouraged the community to explore synthetic media through a fun and interactive social media experience.

Participants listened to a series of audio clips shared through ACM BPDC's Instagram Stories and voted, using Instagram's interactive poll feature, on whether each clip was AI-generated or created by a real person. Each reveal was accompanied by brief information about the technology behind AI-generated audio, providing an overview of its capabilities and limitations. Open to everyone, Bot or Not provided an interactive way to explore AI-generated content and develop awareness of synthetic media.



6.3.3. Google Autocomplete

On 8 and 9 August 2026, ACM BPDC conducted Google Autocomplete, a two-day online Instagram Story event with 50 participants, inspired by one of the internet's most familiar features, Google Search. The event challenged participants to predict the most commonly searched autocomplete suggestion for incomplete search queries, testing their intuition about online search trends and how people interacted with technology on a daily basis. Participants were presented with incomplete search phrases along with four possible autocomplete options and voted, using Instagram's interactive poll feature, for the one they believed was the most frequently searched. The questions spanned themes such as artificial intelligence, programming, startups, engineering student life, AI engineering, tech companies, internet culture, ChatGPT-related searches and other relatable topics. After each poll, the correct answer was revealed, offering insights into real-world search behavior and digital trends.



6.3.4. ACM Unplugged

On 22 and 23 August 2026, ACM BPDC conducted ACM Unplugged, an online interactive session with 30 participants, in which the usual tech talk took a backseat and conversations took centre stage. Designed to let students connect with ACM in a more casual setting, the session created an open space for questions, opinions and stories. Participants took part in Q&As, quick-fire questions, fun prompts and interactive discussions covering college life, technology, careers, projects and

experiences at BPDC. Students heard from seniors about their experiences, learned more about the club, exchanged ideas and interacted with the ACM community in an informal setting. The session was filled with laughter, honest conversations and stories that students would not have heard in a classroom.

6.3.5. ACM at Icebreakers Stall

On 27 August 2026, ACM BPDC conducted its signature Icebreakers Session in the Auditorium, with 170 participants. The session was a high-energy introduction to the club for new and returning students, bringing together quick games and interactive activities to help them meet new people and get a feel for the ACM community. Participants took part in icebreaker games, challenges and team-based activities, from quick-fire questions to unexpected challenges, designed to encourage them to step out of their comfort zones and connect with people they might not have met otherwise. Participants also got a glimpse of what ACM BPDC had planned for the year ahead. The session gave students a chance to start the year with fun, laughter and a little chaos.

6.3.6. ACM Orientation Day

ACM BPDC hosted its official Orientation Session on 31 August 2026, from 11:30 am onwards in the TP Room, with 100 participants. The session served as a gateway for students to discover the chapter's vision, interact with the executive council and gain an insider's look at the initiatives planned for the term. The session gave an overview of ACM BPDC's activities, including skill-building workshops, hackathons, expert talks and peer-led projects, and highlighted opportunities for students with different levels of technical experience to participate. The event also included an informal interaction session where students met other attendees and members of the chapter over refreshments.

6.4. Institution of Engineers, India (IEI)

6.4.1. The Multiverse: An Interdisciplinary Online Quiz

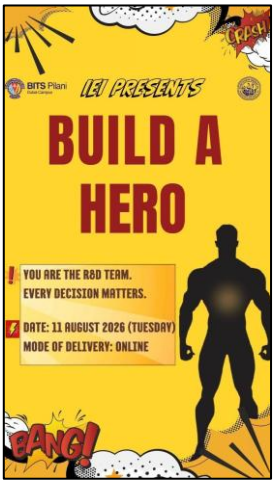
The Multiverse was a five-day interdisciplinary online quiz organized by the BITS Pilani Dubai Campus chapter of the Institution of Engineers, India (IEI). Over 70 participants from five engineering disciplines took part.

Each day featured one discipline: Computer Science (10 August), Electrical Engineering (11 August), Biotechnology (12 August), Chemical Engineering (13 August) and Mechanical Engineering (14 August).

Questions were posted as Instagram Stories, and participants selected answers through polls. Scores were tallied after all rounds, and the highest scorers were declared winners. The first prize was AED 50 and the second prize was a free membership.

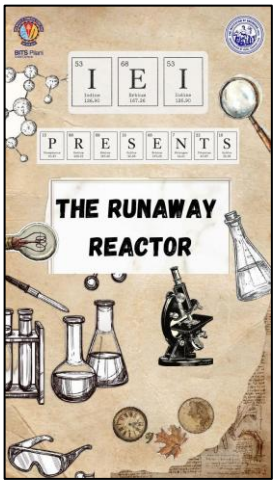
Sudarshan was the overall winner, with Musthaq Rahman as runner-up. The discipline winners were Yuvraj (Computer Science), Fawaz (Electrical Engineering), Mahima (Biotechnology), Sai Uday (Chemical Engineering) and Hrishit (Mechanical Engineering).

Day 1: Computer Science, Byte Hunt

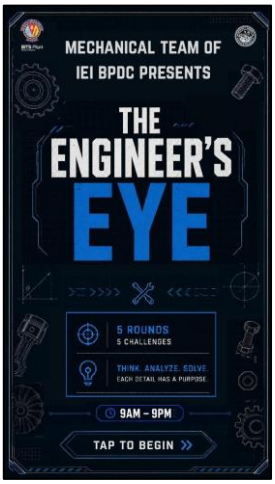


Day 2: Electrical Engineering, Build a Hero

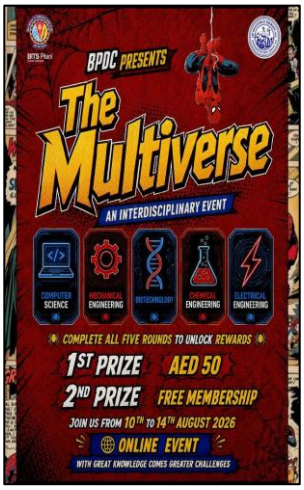
Day 3: Biotechnology, Real vs Fake



Day 4: Chemical Engineering, The Runaway Reactor



Day 5: Mechanical Engineering, The Engineer's Eye



6.4.2. Icebreakers Orientation

On 27 August 2026, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, the BPDC chapter of IEI introduced itself to the incoming batch of freshmen during Icebreakers, an orientation session held at the Auditorium, and opened membership. More than 50 new members attended.

The session introduced IEI BPDC as an interdisciplinary association in which students across branches take part in hackathons, competitions, workshops and webinars

through the year. Attendees took part in discipline-based games covering Computer Science, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical and Biotechnology, which demonstrated the activities the chapter conducts. Chocolates and chips were given as prizes to the winners of each round.

Membership was offered in three tiers: AED 10 for an individual, AED 25 for a group of three and AED 35 for a group of five, with sign-ups handled on the spot through a QR code. Over 50 students joined the chapter during the drive.

6.5. Intelligent Flying Object for Reconnaissance (IFOR)

6.5.1. IFOR Membership Stall

On 27 August 2026, IFOR set up a stall in the auditorium as part of the club orientation programme to introduce the team and its robotics work to new students. Students began visiting before the scheduled time.

The stall had over 600 visitors and displayed three robotic models previously developed by IFOR, a robotic arm, a plane and a drone, along with banners and posters on the team's work. Many students said they were interested in robotics but did not know where to start or had no prior knowledge of the field.

This response led the team to focus on making robotics accessible to beginners. Speakers at the event included Saakhee Madnani, Karthika Senthil, Yukta Gidwani, Meer Kalra, Kella Sri Keerthana, Amirtha Varshini, Yuvraj Bhatia, Vansh Sethi, Bharath Kshatriya and Jessica Maraiana John.

IFOR planned to introduce basic workshops, learning sessions and hands-on activities for students to explore robotics. The stall received over 40 registrations of interest, and several students completed their registrations.

7. Achievements and Activities of Departments

7.1. Department of Biotechnology

7.1.1. General Updates

Invited Talks

Prof. Trupti Gokhale delivered a talk on “Sustainable Biofuel Generation from Microalgal Biomass: A Biorefinery Perspective” as part of the “NRI Lecture Series” organized by the Microbiologist Society of India, with more than 100 participants.

New Projects

Prof. Shrikant Charde received an industry-sanctioned project worth AED 33,000 from Esperer Global UAE, a leading organization in the areas of nutraceuticals, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and strategic consulting, for a project titled “Development and Regulatory Compliance of Stage-Specific Cancer Nutraceuticals.”

Publications

Prof. Pallab Sanpui published an article titled “Optimization and Evaluation of Curcumin-Loaded Zein Microneedles for Potential Treatment of Melanoma.” doi: 10.1016/j.colsurfb.2026.116087

7.2. Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering

7.2.1. General Updates

Journal Publications

1. Mishra, M. and Ganesan, A., 2026. A review of biosensors for continuous health and safety monitoring across multiple body-worn platforms. Discover Electronics, 3(1), p. 99.
2. Nongthombam Joychandra Singh, Anupma Thakur, Chandra Sekhar Reddy Kolli, Babak Anasori, Nilesh Goel, Parikshit Sahatiya, “Decoupling stimuli from cross-sensitized Mo2TiC2Tx MXene-based multimodal sensors”, Journal of Materials Chemistry C, doi: 10.1039/d6tc00986g.
3. N. J. Singh, N. Goel and P. Sahatiya, “A Flexible and Stretchable MXene-Hydrogel Sensor With Geometry-Enhanced Selectivity for Multiaxial Strain Sensing,” IEEE Sensors Letters, vol. 10, no. 9, Sep. 2026, Art. no. 2002104, doi: 10.1109/LSENS.2026.3717741.
4. Edwis F, A.T., Rajak A.R., A. Radiation characteristics optimization for a reconfigurable antenna using Ti_3C_2F–CNT–ferrite hybrid nanocomposite. Appl. Phys. A 132, 956 (2026).

Conference Presentations

1. Mishra, M., Husain, M. and Ganesan, A., 2026. “Monostability Phenomenon in Energy Harvesting - A Review”. International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Energy Technologies (ICECET), Rome, Italy.
2. Nair, K., Regi, H. and Ganesan, A., 2026. “Temporal Interference Stimulation - A Review”. International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Energy Technologies (ICECET), Rome, Italy.

Invited Talk

An expert lecture on “Multi-Spectral Imaging for Autonomous Vehicles” was delivered on 11 July 2026 as part of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Advanced Wireless Communications: Concepts, Challenges, and Optimization Strategies,” held from 6 to 12 July 2026. The programme was organized by Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Prayagraj, in association with Electronics & ICT Academy, NIT Patna, and sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

Book/Book Chapter Publications

1. Abhirup Khanna, Divya Srivastava, Ashutosh Mishra, Manoj Kumar, Abdul Rajak A. R., 2026. Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development Goals: Principles, Techniques, and Case Studies. ISSN: 978-3-032-28217-0. Published: 30 June 2026. Publisher: Springer Cham. doi: 10.1007/978-3-032-28217-0.
2. Indra Gandhi, K., Jawahar, P.K., Kannan, G., Rajak, A. R., A., Mishra, A. (2026). AI-driven quality inspection for sustainable manufacturing in Industry 4.0. In: Khanna, A., Srivastava, D., Mishra, A., Kumar, M., Rajak, A. R., A. (Eds.),

Artificial intelligence for sustainable development goals. Springer, Cham. doi: 10.1007/978-3-032-28217-0_5.

3. Sabura Banu, U., Mohamed Ismail, M., Mishra, A. (2026). AI-Driven Precision Diagnostics for Sustainable Healthcare through Breast Cancer Detection Using HOA-Optimized Inception V3. In: Khanna, A., Srivastava, D., Mishra, A., Kumar, M., Rajak, A. R., A. (Eds.), Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development Goals. Springer, Cham. doi: 10.1007/978-3-032-28217-0_9.
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6. Sabura Banu, U., Mohamed Ismail, M., Rajak A. R., A. (2026). Accessing Olaichuvadi Using Artificial Intelligence for Establishing Sustainability in Preserving Cultural Heritage. In: Khanna, A., Srivastava, D., Mishra, A., Kumar, M., Rajak A. R, A. (eds) Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development Goals. Springer, Cham.
7. Sameeha Adil, Sufiyan Syed, Wajahat Khan Mohammed, Ashly Thomas, Murchana Changmai, and Swarnalatha Rajaguru contributed Chapter 11, “Impact of 2D Nanomaterials on Adsorption Performances,” to the book Two-Dimensional Nanomaterials for Water Purification (ISBN: 978-0-443-44530-9).

7.3. Department of Computer Science

7.3.1. General Updates

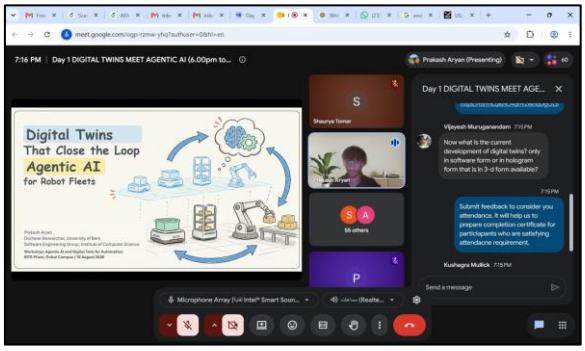
Invited Talks

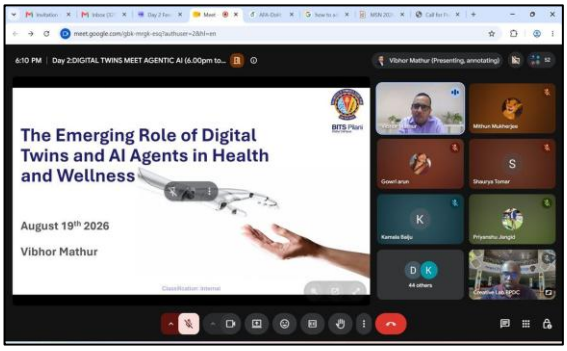
Prof. Elakkiya R conducted a workshop titled “BITS Dubai X Noon Workshop: AI-Powered Fleet Operations Intelligence” for the Noon, Dubai team (Operations, PRO, Backend, HR, Associates), organized by the Placements Division, BITS Pilani Dubai Campus, on 10 July 2026.

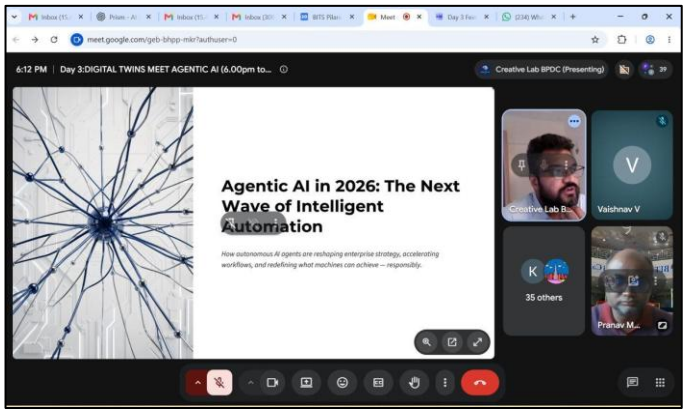
Workshop Conducted

1. Creative Lab, BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus, conducted the Summer Workshop on "Digital Twins Meet Agentic AI: From Autonomous Robots to Intelligent Healthcare" online from 18 to 24 August 2026. Prof. Mithun Mukherjee and Prof. Pranav M. Pawar conducted the workshop, with expert sessions by Prakash Aryan (University of Bern, Switzerland) and Vibhor Mathur (Emirates Health Services, Dubai, UAE). The workshop covered applications of Digital Twins and Agentic AI, including autonomous robotic systems, intelligent healthcare and

hands-on development. More than 200 participants from across the globe attended online.







Journal Publications

1. S. Girija, P. M. Pawar, M. Mukherjee, R. Muthalagu et al, "Agentic AI-Driven Federated Unlearning for Secure Semantic Communications," in IEEE Communications Standards Magazine.

Conference Publications

1. Siddharath Malavalli, Pranav M. Pawar, Mithun Mukherjee, Raja Muthalagu et al., “ObsidianRAG: A Multi-Layered Approach to Safeguard the Retrieval-Augmented Generation Pipelines,” in IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM) 2026, Accepted (Core B).
2. Ritvik Bhatnagar, Pranav M. Pawar, Mithun Mukherjee, Raja Muthalagu et al., “Secure Cross-platform Interoperability using Blockchain for Healthcare Management System as Proof of Concept,” in IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM) 2026, Accepted (Core B).
3. Shini Girija, Pranav M. Pawar, Mithun Mukherjee, Raja Muthalagu et al., “A Dual-AI Framework for Secured Agentic Federated Unlearning,” in IEEE Global Communications Conference (GLOBECOM) 2026, Accepted (Core B).
4. Subhasis Patra, “Designing Adaptive Lightweight Encryption Protocols for Secure Multi-Device Communication in Resource-Constrained IoT Architectures,” in 2026 6th Biennial International Conference on Nascent Technologies in Engineering (ICNTE), doi: 10.1109/ICNTE66387.2026.11437422.

5. Fathima Rahmat Qadri, Angel Arul Jothi J and Prof. Elakkiya Rajasekar, CRGS-GAN: Colorectal Gland Segmentation Using Multi-Scale Features and Adversarial Learning For Digital Pathology, 33rd International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP) 2026, Accepted (Core B).

Resource Person

Prof. Elakkiya R served as a Program Committee Member for the 41st AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-27), scheduled for 16 to 23 February 2027 in Montréal, Canada.

Research Proposal Reviewed

1. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research proposal titled "Diagnostic Accuracy of Preoperative Computed Tomography in Identifying Complicated Appendicitis, Using Histopathology as the Reference Standard" for the Research Ethics Committee, Saudi German Hospital, Dubai, Initial Submission (Protocol v1.0), on 23 August 2026.

Paper Reviews

1. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a manuscript titled “UncL-STARK: Uncertainty-Guided Inference-Time Depth Adaptation for Transformer-Based Visual Tracking” submitted to ICONIP 2026 (Core B) on 26 July 2026.
2. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “SSNet: Semantic-Aware Skip Connections for Real-Time Pavement Crack Segmentation in Autonomous Driving” in IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, Revision 3, on 26 July 2026.
3. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Real-Time Sign Language Recognition and Translation Using Deep Learning with Convolutional Neural Networks” in Speech Communication, Elsevier, Revision 0, on 26 July 2026.
4. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “When Effective Routing Exploits Model-Discrepancy to Optimise Accuracy in Cascading Classification Models” in Neurocomputing, Elsevier, Revision 0, on 26 July 2026.
5. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Discovering Effective Pesticide Management Strategies with Reinforcement Learning” in Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence, Elsevier, Revision 1, on 26 July 2026.
6. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Adaptive Attention Networks for Interpretable Multi-Disease Healthcare Risk Prediction” in Scientific Reports, Springer Nature, Revision 2, on 26 July 2026.
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12. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Multi-Stream HMMs-CNN-LSTM Model for Continuous/Isolated Sign Language Recognition using Subunit Sign Model” in Signal, Image and Video Processing, Springer Nature, Revision 1.1, on 26 July 2026.
13. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “PARDA: A Perceive-Act-Reflect-Distill Agent for Source-Free Unsupervised Domain Adaptation” in IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, Revision 1, on 6 July 2026.
14. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Forecasting and Real-Time Detection of Neonatal Seizures: A Machine Learning Perspective” in Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine, Revision 2, on 6 July 2026.
15. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Next-Generation Artificial Intelligence Architectures for Space Situational Awareness: A Systematic Review and Research Roadmap” in Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence, Elsevier, Revision 0, on 6 July 2026.
16. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Arbitrary Single-Lead to 12-Lead ECG Reconstruction via Convolutional Mamba-UNet with Physiological Constraints” in Neurocomputing, Elsevier, Revision 2, on 6 July 2026.
17. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Epileptic Seizure Detection from EEG via a Mixture-Component Hidden Markov Scale Mixture Model and Cross-Band Integration” in Biomedical Signal Processing and Control, Elsevier, Revision 3, on 6 July 2026.
18. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “THAC-Seg: Topology-Hierarchical Attention Contrastive Network for Interpretable Cervical Lesion Segmentation” in Biomedical Signal Processing and Control, Elsevier, Revision 2, on 6 July 2026.
19. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Vision Transformers versus Convolutional Neural Networks for Stem Damage Segmentation: A Case Study on Norway Spruce (Picea abies) Forests” in Ecological Informatics, Elsevier, Revision 0, on 6 July 2026.
20. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Integrating Deep Learning with Mamdani–Sugeno Fuzzy Systems for Adaptive Music Teaching Effectiveness” in Discover Computing, Springer Nature, Revision 2, on 6 July 2026.
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Indian Sign Language Recognition” in Scientific Reports, Springer Nature, Revision 2, on 6 July 2026.

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24. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Transformer-Based Spatial–Temporal Framework for Bharatanatyam Movement Classification in Computational Ethnochoreology” in Scientific Reports, Springer Nature, Revision 3, on 6 July 2026.
25. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “SAgroLeafMorphX: A Geometry-Aware Deep Learning Framework for Fine-Grained Plant Disease Recognition under Field Variations” in Scientific Reports, Springer Nature, Revision 1, on 6 July 2026.
26. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “SIGN-AIR: Real-Time Sign Language Recognition and Translation Using Gesture-Aware Neural Networks on Aerial Robotic Platforms” in Scientific Reports, Springer Nature, Revision 4, on 6 July 2026.
27. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled “Comparative Machine Learning Analysis Identifies Random Forest and Adaboost as Superior Models for the Evaluation of Semen Quality and Reproductive Hormones” in Frontiers in Reproductive Health, Revision 0, on 2 July 2026
28. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled "NLP4Health: A Multimodal Multitask Vision-Language Framework for Medical Image-Grounded Generation" for the 2026 5th Edition of IEEE Delhi Section Flagship Conference (DELCON), on 3 September 2026.
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31. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled "A Benchmark Study of EfficientNet Architectures for Multi-Class Pap Smear Cell Classification with Explainable AI" in IEEE International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA 2026), Initial Submission, on 18 August 2026.
32. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled "FSCIL-Driven Spam Detection using Improved LSTM-BERT and Deep Stacking Networks in Social Media" in Big Data Research, Revision 0, on 17 August 2026.

33. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled "SignSage: A Low-Latency Motion-Aware Landmark-Based Hybrid Framework for Real-Time Indian Sign Language Recognition" in Scientific Reports, Springer Nature, Revision 4.0, on 26 July 2026.
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41. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled "Explainable Hybrid Zero-Shot Forecasting of AI Adoption Trends Using Amazon Chronos T5 with Dual Residual Correction" in the 14th International Conference on Big Data Analytics (BDA 2026), BITS Pilani, India, on 16 August 2026.
42. Prof. Elakkiya R reviewed a research paper titled "Justifying the Answer, Not Proving It: Faithfulness Checks for Legal Holding Explanations" in the 14th International Conference on Big Data Analytics (BDA 2026), BITS Pilani, India, on 16 August 2026.
43. Prof. Sujala D. Shetty reviewed a paper for the journal SoftwareX on 12 August 2026.
44. Prof. Sujala D. Shetty reviewed a paper for the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Applied Intelligent Systems (AIAIS 2027), scheduled for 22 to 24 January 2027 at City University of Hong Kong.

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