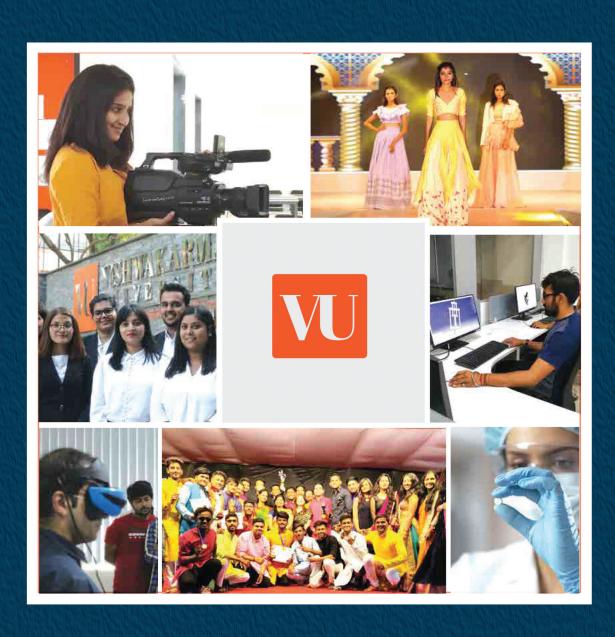
# VISHWAKARMA UNIVERSITY

SDG 17 REPORT 2024









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Maximising Human Potential

# **About This Report**

At Vishwakarma University (VU), our steadfast commitment to sustainable development is profoundly aligned with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These global goals delineate an aspirational vision for a sustainable future, one that VU has deeply integrated into its institutional framework and curriculum.

Our foundational principle, Unleashing Human Potential, reflects our dedication to cultivating an environment conducive to the holistic development of our students, empowering them with the resilience and confidence required to navigate contemporary challenges.

As part of our sustainability mission, VU has reimagined itself as an Eco-campus, exemplifying innovative and sustainable practices. This report details our continual efforts to minimize our carbon footprint and highlights the impactful partnerships underpinning these achievements. For instance, our Certificate Programme in Sustainability Management, developed collaboratively with Hof University of Applied Sciences, Germany, equips students with advanced competencies in business management and contemporary sustainable practices. Additionally, through a strategic partnership with the Wilo Foundation, we have established the Water Quality Centre of Excellence, aimed at advancing water treatment, purification, and public awareness of clean drinking water.

VU's commitment to sustainability extends beyond environmental stewardship. We have launched a dedicated Center for Sustainability, NEXUS, that undertakes activities aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our mission is to cultivate informed, ethical, and skilled individuals who uphold principles of equity, inclusivity, and excellence. By engaging students in practical applications of their knowledge, we bridge the divide between theoretical frameworks and real-world challenges.

Our participatory development model actively involves students and industry stakeholders, ensuring that our academic philosophy equips learners with the competencies essential for addressing the complexities of the modern business landscape. VU's extensive network, encompassing over 45 collaborations with prominent industries and educational institutions—including the Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy, Queen Mary Technical Institute, Buldhana Urban Cooperative Credit Society, and TATA Technical Limited—facilitates industry projects, live projects, internships, and placements, thus enhancing practical exposure and career prospects for our students.

Furthermore, VU is committed to fostering a well-rounded education and community engagement through initiatives such as the VU-Centre for Communication Development, the Sahyadri Communication Project, and the VU Legal Aid Clinic, all integral components of our VU-iPAR Model. This model emphasizes community involvement, and we encourage student leadership through programs such as the National Service Scheme (NSS) and the Student Council. In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, we offer NEP 2020 courses and have established the VUWCOE – VU Wellness Center of Excellence, supporting holistic development in both academic and wellness dimensions.

In summary, Vishwakarma University's commitment to sustainable development and the SDGs is firmly embedded within our institutional ethos. Through collaborative engagement with diverse stakeholders, we consistently integrate sustainability into our operations, fostering a culture of innovation, research, and learning. VU remains committed to preparing future leaders equipped to drive impactful change, contributing meaningfully to the global vision of sustainable development.

Prof. (Dr) Siddharth Jabade Vice-Chancellor Vishwakarma University, Pune, India

# VU's Participation in the THE Impact Rankings 2024

Vishwakarma University (VU) also participated last year in Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024, which looks at global universities' commitment and performance in furthering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

VU took part in the 4 SDGs listed below plus the mandatory SDG 17 and the results were as follows:

## **Overall Ranking 1001+**







Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

#### **Partnership for Goals**

Global issues like poverty, inequality, climate change, and injustice necessitate teamwork and collaboration in a world that is more interconnected and interdependent. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations offer a roadmap for overcoming these difficulties and a common vision of a better, more sustainable future for all. The central goal of this global agenda is SDG 17, "Partnerships for the Goals."

No institution pursues sustainable growth in a siloed manner. As centers of knowledge, innovation, and leadership, universities are essential for accomplishing the SDGs. We now publish the "SDG 17 University Report," a thorough evaluation of our university's dedication to developing international collaborations for sustainable development. This report provides an open and comprehensive assessment of our university's activities, collaborations, and progress towards SDG 17. We dive into our efforts to connect, engage, and contribute to the global community, emphasizing our dedication to establishing connections that catalyze long-term growth. We hope to showcase our position as a driving factor behind the realization of this critical SDG through a multidimensional analysis of our operations, research, policy, and community participation.

This document will give insight into our collaborations for sustainable development accomplishments, problems, and future goals. We believe that by sharing our experiences and accomplishments, we will inspire other universities and institutions to start on similar journeys, therefore increasing academia's collective effect on the global sustainability agenda.

#### MoUs with industry, government or any other organizations

ORGANIZATION	NATURE OF LINKAGE/ COLLABORATION		
Buldhana Urban Cooperative Credit Society	MoU - Industry Participation in Curriculum Design and Delivery – Micro-Finance	Buldana Urban was established in 1986, with 456 branches in 4 states of India as of today. With an aim to bring industrial perspective in our curriculum and to enable industry participation in curriculum design VU collaborate with Buldana Urban.	
Tata Technologies Ltd.	Setting up competency centre  Tata Technologies Limited is a company in Tata Group that provides services in engineer and design, product lifecycle management manufacturing, product development, and IT services management to automotive and aerospace or equipment manufacturers and their supplies		
Techniche Engineering P Ltd	Transdisciplinary Competency Centres	Techniche Engg. Pvt. Ltd. have know-how in the domain of risk & safety studies and training for various industries	
Inflexion Analytix P Ltd	Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Advanced Analytics (CAIA)	Inflexion Analytics was founded to help ambitious companies compete with larger competitors by providing access to the same high quality data analytics services at a market leading price.	
Indian Society for Training & Development	Conducting joint research on emerging issues in training and development	Indian Society for Training & Development involved in the area of training and development of Human Resource from Government, Public and Private sector organizations & enterprises, Educational and Training institutes and professional bodies.	

ORGANIZATION	NATURE OF LINKAGE/ COLLABORATION	BRIEF ABOUT ORGANIZATION	
Queen Mary's Technical Institute	To support differently abled soldiers and their dependents.	Queen Mary's Technical Institute, earlier known as Queen Mary's Technical School for Indian Disabled Soldiers, was founded by Lady Marie Willingdon	
INFLIBNET Centre	To promotes open access to scholarly content generated in universities	INFLIBNET Centre, an Inter-university Centre of the University Grants Commission, as its mandate, promotes open access to scholarly content generated in universities.	
IES India Ltd,	Authorize Training Partner	Integrated Environmental Solutions Ltd is a software and consultancy company that specializes in building	
Dr. L. Subramaniam Foundation	To provide learning curriculum as per UGC guidelines relating to music courses	Performance analysis. IES create software tools for designing and operating energy efficient buildin Subramanyam foundation is engaged in music education	
Willo Mather and Platt Pumps	To develop VSTP	Wilo SE is a European manufacturer of pumps and pump systems for the building technology, water and industrial sectors with headquarters in Dortmund, Germany.	
Industrial Metal Powders India P ltd.	Conducting research on emerging issues in the industry	Industrial Metals Powders (India) Pvt. Ltd is in the business of supply of electrolytic iron powder and other iron components to various industrial, nutritional, cosmetic and other applications.	
Mahesh Industries Group (MIG)	MoU - Interface with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	It is not for profit organisation, committed to promote and encourage new age entrepreneurs and be a networking platform for fellow Maheshwari Industrialist. Our Collaboration provides students an interface with Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	
TGC Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	MoU - Capacity Building and Projects in Gamification	VU and TGC decided to work together with a vision of Conducting research on emerging issues in the industry related to Gamification and allied disciplines, by engaging a cross-functional specialized group of teachers and students on the Gamification projects.	
Jnana Prabodhini's Institute of Psychology (JPIP)	MoU - Psychometric Assessment and Counselling	Jnana Prabodhini's Institute of Psychology (JPIP) is an offspring of Jnana Prabodhini - the mother Institute and a psychology wing of Jnana Prabodhini Sanshodhan Sanstha (JPSS) and it is affiliated to the University of Pune as a research centre.	
Finishing School Training Ethnus		Ethnus offers industry-recognised certification programs in emerging technologies. We prepare learners for the future of work, training people in skills companies need.	
IMS India	Examinations training, guidance and support.	IMS is one of India's pioneering institutions in management education training, and was single-handedly responsible for building awareness	

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Riskpro management consulting p ltd	Conducting research on emerging issues in the industry	Riskpro Management Consulting Pvt. Limited is one of the leading management consultancy firms in the fields of Forensic Accounting, Due Diligence, Digital Forensics and Verification Services. Market Intelligence for Banking, Insurance and Corporate Sector Companies with use of advanced Information technology and Investigative Tools	
Entrepreneur- ship Development Centre	conducting IP related talks/workshops	It nucleate anWd nurture technology and knowledge- based enterprises for India by leveraging the scientific and engineering competencies of the institutions	
Schmersal India Private Limited	Development of online course/s	Schmersal is engaged in manufacturing and trading a wide range of switching products to enhance the safety of men and machines.	
Wizcraft MIME	Innovation & technology development, facilitation and capacity developmen	Wizcraft Management Institute of Media and Entertainment	
ASSOCHAM	Membership	The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India is a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group based in New Delhi, India. The organisation represents the interests of trade and commerce in India, and acts as an interface between issues and initiatives.	
Tata Consultancy Ltd	To provide TCS application system and TCS service Environment	TCS industry honour programme, is a set of structur industry designed courses in an industry relevant domain or technology offered to the institutions, institutions can integrate this set of courses with the existing degree programs to create a specialization degree in the industry relevant domain or technology.	
Research for Resurgence Foundation (RFRF), Nagpur	Collaborative research and innovation	The RFRF is a multi-domain research institute and a network hub of research and allied activities in academics and industrial sector.	
Design Media and Edutainment solution Pvt. Ltd	Industry Partner to deliver courses	Design- Media & Edutainment Solutions is a renowned design solutions company providing dedicated services in advertising and film design verticals.	
Bindurekha Fashion Studio	Conducting contemporary research in the area of ethnic apparel & jewellery design	Bindurekha Fashion Studio is label in premium range designer fashion jewellery based in Pune, design, manufacture and supply to leading apparel stores and brands throughout India	

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The Indus Entrepreneurs Association Pune Chapter	To promote creation of high impact start-ups that generate social and economic value for Indian society and the world-at-large.	TiE is a non-profit, global community welcoming entrepreneurs from all over the world. They believe in the power of ideas to change the face of entrepreneurship and growing business	
Sahyadri Farmers Producer Co. Ltd	To understand the model of farmer producer companies	SFPCL is India's one of the largest Farmers Producer Company which is 100% farmed owned, professionally managed, grower producer company, which has business of Producing, and supplying fruits and vegetables, fruit pulps, purees and pastes of fruits and vegetables and related products.	
Teenzclap Futureworks (OPC) Private Limited	Delivering skill-based course/s	Teenzclap's mission is to help learners achieve success with empathy and focus on impact-led outcomes, one of the least understood aspects of developing self.	
ANA Cyber Forensic Pvt. Ltd., Pune	Agreement- Development of Online Courses in field of Cyber Security	ACF provides services into Cyber Security along with Compliances, Digital Forensics, Cyber Laws and Training.	
Kusum Life Science	Consulting Services	A Kusum Life science is a Preclinical Contract Research Organization to provide quality Preclinical, Pharmacology, Analytical and Animal Supply services	
JT Foundations (NGO)	Agreement- Development of Online Courses in field of Diabetes & Obesity Management	JT Foundations is a Non- Governmental Organization registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act,2013.	
Willo Mather and Platt pumps pvt. Itd	Faculty of art and design working on Graphic design on theme of Culture, for Willo.	The Wilo Group is one of the world's leading premium providers of pumps and pump systems for the building services, water management and industrial sectors. In the past decade, we have developed from a hidden champion into a visible and connected champion. Today, Wilo has around 8,000 employees worldwide and we are in your region.	
Centre for Police Research Pashan Road, Pune	Promoting in-depth studies, training, and research on police operations and related social and behavioral issues.	CPR is ideal for research activities and training envisioned to conduct and promote in-depth studies and fundamental and applied research pertaining to Police and related social as well as behavioral issues.	
Extentia Information Technology, Pune	Provides software development services using best-in-class tools, processes, and systems to deliver impactful solutions for enterprises, organizations, and consumers. provides software development services using best-in-class tools, processes, and systems to deliver impactful solutions for enterprises, organizations, and consumers.	organisations, and consumers.	

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Entrepreneurship Development Centre (Venture Centre)	Strategic collaboration for incubation and startups	The Venture Center is a technology business incubator specializing in technology startups offering products and services exploiting scientific expertise in the areas of materials, chemicals and biological sciences & engineering. Venture Center strives to nucleate and nurture technology and knowledge-based enterprises by leveraging the scientific and engineering competencies of the institutions in the "Pune region" in India.	
ASSOCHAM	Membership that supports economic growth and development. It offers its members various services, such as networking opportunities, business promotion, and industry-specific insights, while also addressing issues relevant to diverse sectors of the economy.	competitiveness and strengthen its domestic ecosystem. With a focus on sustainability, empowerment, entrepreneurship, and digitization, it collaborates with the government and think	
AIESEC - Pune	Collaboration for student internships	AIESEC offers a chance to experience international internships for Indian students in countries like Egypt, Bahrain and more.	
Kusum Life Sciences, Hingoli	It is pharmaceutical company focused on the manufacturing of high-quality medicinal products, adhering to industry standards to ensure the efficacy and safety of its offerings for healthcare applications.	Preclinical, Pharmacology, and Analytical testing. Their state-of-the-art facility caters to diverse industries, providing Toxicology, Pharmacology, and Pharmacopoeia testing services.	
Brainsmaart Solutions	Providing career guidance and generating internship opportunities to students. Providing leadership and training to staff.	Training is provided in a holistic manner that empowers the youth to make an impact in society by transcending from personal aspirations to being a contributor to Society.	
QJ Technologies: IoT Product and Platform Development Firm	Collaboration for skill development/enhancement of students	QJ Technologies provides a mix of development training, and tech services. Some of its key offerings include website development and application development across multiple languages, Smart Home / IoT systems, Deskto application development (both Linux & Window Training on trending technologies, Networking IoT lab setups; also security & penetration test and vulnerability analysis	

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Minimac systems Pvt. Ltd.	Collaboration for skill development/ enhancement of students and faculty development programms	Founded in 2012, Minimac Systems Pvt Ltd. is a prominent technical consultant, trainer, and service provider, specializing in End-to-end Lubrication Reliability Solutions. Registered as an MSME under NSIC, the company offers solutions like the Efficient Reliability Programme and TPM. Minimac provides standardised and customised global solutions for Oil Purification, Filtration, and Flushing Systems, OEM filter replacements, Oil Testing devices, and Minimac Operations & Maintenance Services (MOMS) for various oil types. Minimac's mission and vision are strongly aligned with Clean Tech and ESG sustainability principles, serving as key drivers for sectoral growth.

#### **Institutional Memberships**

A sort of connection or relationship that organisations, institutions, or enterprises can create with various groups, clubs, societies, or other entities is referred to as institutional membership. These memberships are frequently created so that the institution and the organisation they are joining may benefit from one another. Institutional memberships are available in a variety of settings, including trade organisations, academic institutions, and professional societies.

FICCI	Membership	Established in 1927, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is the oldest, largest and the apex business chamber in India. Our history is closely interwoven with India's independence struggle and now with her emergence as one of the most rapidly growing economies globally.	
ASSOCHAM	Membership	The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India is a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group based in New Delhi, India. The organisation represents the interests of trade and commerce in India, and acts as an interface between issues and initiatives.	
ADI	Membership	Association of Designers of India (ADI) vision is to be a world class network representing professional interests of Indian Design community, creating a meaningful interface between design professionals, people as users, the industry, education institutions and the policy makers.	
MCCIA	Membership	Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture continuously strives to promote Pune as a premier investment destination as well as a major global source of quality products and services. MCCIA has been instrumental in setting up and bringing to Pune several institutions important for business.	

CII-Yi	Student Chapter	Confederation of Indian Industry-Young Indians (CII-Yi) engage students in various initiatives that the students conceptualize, and execute. In tune with the Yuva vision to influence inspire and motivate millions of students across the country, Yi is working with Vishwakarma University by forming a Yi Yuva chapter at VU
NHRDN	Membership	Established over 30 years ago, National human resource development NHRDN is an autonomous, not-for-profit professionall managed organization, playing a catalyst role in grooming leaders for tomorrow.
TSSC	Membership	Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) is a Non-Profit Organization, registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. It is an industry-led apex body, jointly set up by the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), Indian Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), to ensure adequate availability of skilled manpower to boost growth and productivity in the Telecom sector.
APTI - CONFIRM FROM PHARMA	Membership	Association Of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India (APTI) - an association found by the pioneers of Pharmacy education in India in 1966 by leading personalities like Prof. M. L. Schroff, Prof. G. P Srivastava and others, has come a long way in creating better intercommunication and promotion of excellence in pharmacy education.
IPA	Membership	Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) is a non-governmental organization National body representing over 1 million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists from Industry, Academia, Regulatory Hospital and Community Pharmacy and work to meet the India's health care needs.
SFE	Membership	Society for Ethnopharmacology (SFE) is constituted by the eminent academicians, researchers, industrialists with the vision of providin an environment for knowledge sharing among researchers, healthcare practitioners, and decision-makers interested in Ethnopharmacology.
FIP	Membership	The International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) is the global body representing over 4 million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. It works to meet the world's health care needs. FIP is a non-governmental organisation that has been in official relations with the World Health Organization since 1948.
ICSI	Membership	The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), headquartered in New Delhi, is a premier national professional body established under the Company Secretaries Act, 1980. It develops and regulates the profession of Company Secretaries ir India, providing education, training, and professional developmento ensure excellence in corporate governance.

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# **VU Research Publications**

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#### **Centres of Excellence**

- 1. VU-IQUBE https://iqube.vupune.ac.in
- 2. VU Centre of Excellence for Biosystems, Biomedical and Drug Delivery Technologies <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/vu-center-of-excellence-for-biosystems-biomedical-and-drug-delivery-technologies">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/vu-center-of-excellence-for-biosystems-biomedical-and-drug-delivery-technologies</a>
- 3. Centre of Excellence for Health Informatics <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-of-excellence-for-health-informatics">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-of-excellence-for-health-informatics</a>
- 4. Centre for Teaching and Learning <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/centre-for-teaching-and-learning">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/centre-for-teaching-and-learning</a>
- 5. VU-Wellness Center of Excellence (VUWCOE) <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/vu-wellness-centre-of-excellence-vuwcoe">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/vu-wellness-centre-of-excellence-vuwcoe</a>
- 6. Center for Women Empowerment <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-for-women-empowerment">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-for-women-empowerment</a>
- 7. Vishwakarma University Institute of Innovation <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/vishwakarma-university-institute-of-innovation">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/vishwakarma-university-institute-of-innovation</a>
- 8. VU Legal Aid Clinic https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/vu-legal-aid-clinic
- 9. Centre for Competitive and Entrance Examination <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/centre-for-competitive-and-entrance-examination">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/centre-for-competitive-and-entrance-examination</a>
- 10. Centre of Excellence for Energy and Sustainability <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/centre-of-excellence-for-energy-and-sustainability">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence-for-energy-and-sustainability</a>
- 11. Centre of Excellence for Innovation in Built Environment and Research Generation- i-BERG <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/centre-of-excellence-for-innovation-in-built-environment-and-research-generation-i-berg">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/centre-of-excellence-for-innovation-in-built-environment-and-research-generation-i-berg</a>
- 12. VU-BU Centre of Excellence for Design Thinking and Innovation <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence-for-design-thinking-and-innovation">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence-for-design-thinking-and-innovation</a>
- 13. VUCCD https://igube.vupune.ac.in
- 14. Equal Opportunity Cell https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/equal-opportunity-cell
- 15. Center for Sustainability Nexus <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-for-sustainability-nexus">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-for-sustainability-nexus</a>
- 16. Center of Excellence for Sustainable Tourism Innovation and Research <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-of-excellence-for-sustainable-tourism-innovation-and-research">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-of-excellence-for-sustainable-tourism-innovation-and-research</a>
- 17. Center for Indian Knowledge System <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-of-excellence-for-sustainable-tourism-innovation-and-research">https://www.vupune.ac.in/centres-of-excellence/center-of-excellence-for-sustainable-tourism-innovation-and-research</a>
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#### **Best Practices**

#### HOF

# Building a Strong Partnership: The Journey of Hof University and Vishwakarma University

#### Introduction:

The partnership between Hof University and Vishwakarma University has been a remarkable journey, fostering collaboration and creating opportunities for students from both institutions. This report outlines the key milestones in their partnership, including the establishment of Vishwakarma University and the opening of the Hof-VU Satellite Center, highlighting the common themes that have defined this enduring partnership.

#### Milestones in the Partnership:

The partnership began with the initial contact between Hof University and Vishwakarma Institute of Technology (VIT) in Pune, India, setting the stage for future collaborations.

2017: Vishwakarma University Established: Vishwakarma University was founded as a State Private University, further solidifying the commitment to education and collaboration...

Continuous Visits and Engagement. The two universities fostered a culture of continuous visits and engagement, building relationships and exploring opportunities for joint initiatives.

7th February 2019: Agreement Signed On this date, an official agreement was signed between Hof University and Vishwakarma University, formalizing their partnership.

vSince October 2019: Exchange Students .Exchange students from Vishwakarma University began coming to Hof every semester, promoting cultural exchange and academic growth.

January 2021: Joint Master's Program Inaugurated .The joint Master's program in Sustainability Management (M.B.A. & Eng.) was inaugurated, attracting students from all over India and exemplifying the universities' commitment to academic excellence.

September 2022: Hof-VU Satellite Center Opens. The most recent milestone was the opening of the Hof-VU Satellite Center on the Vishwakarma University campus, symbolizing a close partnership and shared commitment to education.

The Satellite Center – A Milestone of a Close Partnership: The idea for the Satellite Center was nurtured through multiple meetings, highlighting the universities' dedication to innovation and collaboration. During the winter semester 2022, students from Hof University's Graduate School played a pivotal role in designing the center as part of a SCRUM project, showcasing the practicality and innovation of their partnership.

Vishwakarma University's Faculty of Art and Design assumed leadership in transforming students' ideas into reality by establishing the Satellite Center, demonstrating their commitment to making collaborative visions come to life.

#### **Common Themes:**

Exchange Program: A consistent flow of students between Vishwakarma University and Hof University ensures a rich cultural exchange and enhanced learning experience.

Joint Study Programs: The introduction of joint Master's programs and collaborative research initiatives emphasizes the universities' shared commitment to academic excellence.

Strong Industry Connect: Both institutions prioritize connecting students with industry partners to provide practical, real-world experiences. Modern Practice-Oriented Learning & Teaching: A focus on practical, industry-relevant education methods enhances the learning experience for students. Digital-Supported Learning: The integration of digital tools and resources facilitates education in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

#### **Conclusion:**

The partnership between Hof University and Vishwakarma University, as evidenced by their journey and milestones, is a testament to the power of collaboration in the academic world. It continues to thrive and evolve, benefiting students, faculties, and the broader educational community. The opening of the Satellite Center stands as a symbol of the progress made and the boundless potential for future endeavors between these two prestigious institutions

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#### **Harvard Business School courses**

Vishwakarma University is pleased to collaborate with HBS online to offer its students, faculty and alumni exceptional and enriching learning online experience to stay relevant in the ever-changing business environment.

The collaboration with Harvard Business School Online reflected international unison in this unprecedented time of corona pandemics. Harvard Business School Online offers a unique and highly engaging way to learn vital business concepts.



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#### **Legal Aid**

The Faculty of Law was established under the Faculty of Law in 2018 as a centre for legal research and education. The department runs PhD, LLM, LLB and BBA-LLB programmes.

In line with Article 39A of the Constitution of India, which advocates for equal access to justice for all, regardless of their vulnerability based on factors like religion, race, caste, economic status, and place of birth, Vishwakarma University established the VU Legal Aid Clinic on October 26, 2021. The clinic welcomes students from the Faculty of Law and other academic disciplines to volunteer and engage in legal aid initiatives. This unique opportunity enables students to connect with diverse segments of society, gain insights into their specific legal challenges, and formulate legal remedies. The Legal Aid Clinic also conducts interdisciplinary research projects addressing socio-legal issues. It collaborates with

nonprofit organizations and community-based groups to identify the distinct legal needs of marginalized populations. Additionally, the clinic collaborates with the judiciary and government agencies to enhance access to a broader range of cases and also partners with technology companies to develop digital solutions for legal issues

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#### 1. VIVU & Indian Chamber of Commerce

Vishwakarma Institutes & Vishwakarma University (VIVU), Pune, have achieved a remarkable milestone by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Chamber of Commerce, South Korea. This strategic collaboration is aimed at promoting academic excellence, enhancing research capabilities, and creating global opportunities for students and faculty members.

The MoU focuses on building a strong framework for student internships and placement programs, enabling students to gain international exposure and industry readiness. In addition, it emphasizes the development of sponsored projects and advanced laboratory facilities that will significantly contribute to innovation and skill development. Through this partnership, both institutions will explore collaborative research initiatives in emerging areas, thereby strengthening the culture of innovation and applied learning.

This collaboration represents a crucial step towards fostering global engagement and industry-academia partnerships. By bridging the gap between education and industry, the agreement will provide students with practical learning experiences while simultaneously supporting faculty in undertaking impactful research projects.

The partnership is expected to generate long-term benefits for both institutions, creating avenues for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and cultural understanding. It not only highlights the commitment of Vishwakarma Institutes & University to academic growth but also demonstrates their vision of preparing students for global opportunities.

In essence, this MoU with the Indian Chamber of Commerce, South Korea, lays the foundation for a mutually beneficial association that will drive innovation, enhance employability, and strengthen international collaborations.



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## 2. Partnership with De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

Vishwakarma Institutes & Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, proudly announce their strategic academic partnership with De Montfort University (DMU), Leicester, United Kingdom. This collaboration marks another milestone in VU's pursuit of global academic engagement, aiming to provide students and faculty with enriching international opportunities.

The partnership is designed to facilitate international student exchanges, enabling learners to experience diverse educational environments, cultures, and global perspectives. By participating in exchange programs, students will gain exposure to advanced teaching methodologies, international industry practices, and cross-cultural learning experiences, thereby enhancing their personal and professional development.

In addition, the collaboration emphasizes joint research initiatives between faculty members of both institutions. Through co-authored publications, shared expertise, and interdisciplinary projects, the partnership will foster innovation and knowledge creation in diverse fields of study. The exchange of resources and academic best practices will further enrich the learning ecosystem at both universities, paving the way for impactful discoveries and practical applications.

This association also focuses on developing transformative learning experiences by aligning curricula with global standards. Students will benefit from new avenues of academic mobility, collaborative projects, and opportunities for networking with international peers and experts.

By partnering with De Montfort University, VU reaffirms its commitment to shaping globally competent graduates equipped with the skills, adaptability, and vision needed in today's interconnected world. Together, both institutions aspire to cultivate a future driven by innovation, academic excellence, and international collaboration.

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#### 3. MoU with Taledge Solutions Private Limited

Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Taledge Solutions Private Limited, a leading organization known for its expertise in talent development, skill enhancement, and career-focused learning solutions. This collaboration represents a strategic step towards bridging the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that students are equipped with the necessary skills to meet the evolving demands of the professional world

The MoU aims to create opportunities for students to engage in specialized training programs, workshops, and internships designed by Taledge Solutions. These initiatives will enhance employability, foster industry readiness, and provide students with exposure to real-world challenges. Additionally, the partnership will support curriculum enrichment by integrating industry-relevant modules and experiential learning practices into academic programs at VU

Through this collaboration, faculty members will also benefit from knowledge-sharing sessions and industry-oriented training, helping them stay aligned with current trends and technologies. Furthermore, the MoU will encourage joint projects and research in the areas of skill development, employability enhancement, and innovative learning methodologies

This association reinforces Vishwakarma University's commitment to holistic education that goes beyond theoretical knowledge, empowering students with practical skills, confidence, and global perspectives. By working closely with Taledge Solutions, VU aspires to create a dynamic learning environment where students can seamlessly transition from classrooms to successful careers

The MoU marks a significant milestone in VU's journey towards building strong industry-academia linkages and shaping the future of employability-driven education.

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#### 4. MoU with FFCP-Muskaan

Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with FFCP-Muskaan, an organization dedicated to social welfare, community development, and empowerment initiatives. This collaboration marks an important step in strengthening VU's commitment to social responsibility and holistic education by creating opportunities for students and faculty to actively engage in community-focused projects.

The MoU aims to provide a platform for collaborative activities such as awareness programs, workshops, and outreach initiatives that will benefit both students and society at large. Through these activities, students will gain practical exposure to pressing social issues and develop empathy, leadership, and problem-solving skills while working towards meaningful community impact.

The partnership will also encourage interdisciplinary research and student projects in areas related to social development, sustainability, and public health. By integrating these initiatives into academic curricula, VU ensures that its students not only excel in professional domains but also become socially responsible citizens. Faculty members will have the opportunity to contribute their expertise in designing impactful programs, mentoring students, and collaborating with FFCP-Muskaan on developmental projects.

This collaboration reflects Vishwakarma University's vision of education that extends beyond classrooms, fostering a culture of inclusivity, compassion, and service. By joining hands with FFCP-Muskaan, VU reaffirms its dedication to nurturing graduates who are equipped with knowledge, skills, and values that contribute to both professional excellence and societal well-being.

The MoU thus represents a shared commitment to creating positive change and building a better future through education and social action.

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### 5. Winter Immersion Program with Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, proudly inaugurated its one-week Winter Immersion Program in collaboration with Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. The program commenced with an inspiring inaugural session, setting the tone for an exciting week of global learning and academic engagement. Designed exclusively for the newly joined cohort of students, this initiative marks an important step towards preparing learners for international exposure and interdisciplinary growth.

The program offers students a unique opportunity to interact with global experts, attend interactive workshops, and explore emerging technological trends. Sessions focus on a wide range of topics, including digital innovation, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and engineering advancements. By participating in these activities, students are introduced to real-world applications of their learning while also gaining insights into global industry practices and academic methodologies.

A significant highlight of the program is its emphasis on understanding societal and engineering challenges from a global perspective. Students are encouraged to critically analyze these issues and brainstorm innovative solutions, thereby nurturing problem-solving skills and creativity. The structured blend of lectures, case studies, and group activities ensures active participation and experiential learning. This initiative reflects VU's vision of providing transformative education that extends beyond the classroom. By collaborating with NTU, one of the world's leading universities, VU ensures that its students develop not only technical expertise but also cultural adaptability and global outlook.

The Winter Immersion Program stands as a milestone in VU's commitment to shaping future-ready graduates equipped to thrive in an interconnected and innovation-driven world.

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### 6. Innovation Fest 2024 in collaboration with Watson College

Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, proudly hosted Innovation Fest 2024, a remarkable event organized in collaboration with Watson College. The fest served as a dynamic platform for students, innovators, and thought leaders to come together and showcase ground-breaking ideas aimed at addressing contemporary challenges through sustainable solutions.

The event highlighted the power of collaboration, creativity, and knowledge exchange, providing participants with an opportunity to explore innovative approaches in areas such as technology, environment, entrepreneurship, and social impact. With a strong focus on sustainable innovation, the fest encouraged students to design solutions that are not only technologically advanced but also environmentally responsible and socially inclusive.

Interactive workshops, project exhibitions, and panel discussions enriched the experience, allowing participants to learn from experts and peers while fostering interdisciplinary learning. Students had the chance to pitch their innovative ideas, receive constructive feedback, and connect with mentors who could guide them in transforming concepts into impactful ventures.

The success of Innovation Fest 2024 was made possible through the collective efforts of faculty, students, industry partners, and collaborators from Watson College. Their support and active involvement ensured that the event achieved its objective of inspiring young minds to think creatively and act responsibly toward building a sustainable future.

Innovation Fest 2024 stands as a testament to Vishwakarma University's commitment to nurturing talent, promoting global partnerships, and creating platforms where innovation thrives. The university expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all contributors and looks forward to continuing its journey of fostering transformative learning and impactful innovation.

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### 7. MoU with DhairyaDa Center for Psychological Well-Being

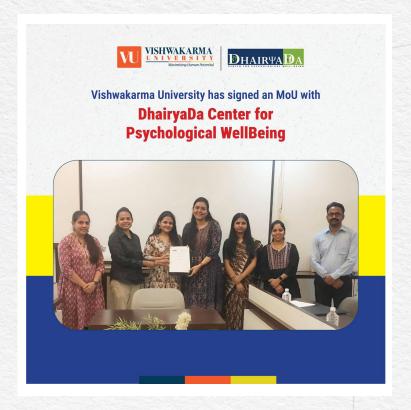
Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DhairyaDa Center for Psychological Well-Being, a reputed organization dedicated to promoting mental health, emotional resilience, and holistic well-being. This collaboration underscores VU's commitment to fostering not only academic and professional growth but also the psychological health and personal development of its students, faculty, and staff.

The MoU aims to create a framework for joint initiatives that address the mental health needs of the academic community. Through this partnership, a series of awareness programs, counselling services, and workshops on stress management, mindfulness, and emotional well-being will be conducted. These initiatives will provide students with the tools to manage academic pressures effectively while enhancing their emotional intelligence, interpersonal skills, and overall quality of life.

Additionally, faculty members will benefit from capacity-building sessions designed to help them identify early signs of psychological distress among students and provide the right support or referrals. Collaborative research in areas of psychological health and well-being will also be encouraged, further contributing to the knowledge base in this critical field.

By working with DhairyaDa, VU reinforces its vision of holistic education that integrates intellectual, professional, and emotional development. This partnership is expected to create a supportive and empathetic campus environment where students and faculty can thrive both academically and personally. The MoU represents a shared commitment to prioritizing mental health, thereby ensuring that education at VU remains truly transformative and future-ready.

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### 8. MoU with The Rewachand Bhojwani Academy - India

With great pleasure, Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, announces the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Rewachand Bhojwani Academy – India, a respected institution known for its dedication to quality education and holistic student development. This collaboration reflects VU's vision of building meaningful academic partnerships that enhance learning experiences and create opportunities for growth beyond traditional classrooms.

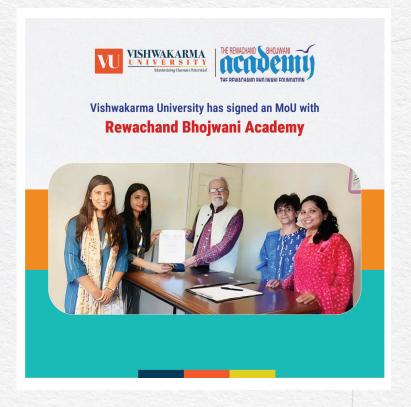
The MoU is designed to foster cooperation in areas such as academic enrichment, co-curricular development, and knowledge exchange. Both institutions aim to collaborate on workshops, seminars, and skill-development programs that provide students with practical exposure, innovative learning opportunities, and the confidence to meet real-world challenges.

Through this partnership, students will benefit from shared resources, joint initiatives, and mentorship programs that encourage leadership, creativity, and critical thinking. Faculty members will also have avenues to engage in collaborative teaching and training, enhancing their pedagogical practices while contributing to the professional development of learners.

Furthermore, the association seeks to promote interdisciplinary projects and community engagement activities, inspiring students to become socially responsible citizens while excelling academically. By aligning efforts, VU and The Rewachand Bhojwani Academy envision creating a nurturing educational environment that emphasizes values, skills, and lifelong learning.

This MoU is a significant step toward VU's goal of expanding its network of strategic partnerships, ensuring that its students are well-prepared for future challenges and opportunities. Together, both institutions look forward to a fruitful collaboration that will contribute to academic excellence and holistic development.

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### 9. MoU with Grow2fly Child and Adolescent Counselling Centre

Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Grow2fly Child and Adolescent Counselling Centre, an organization committed to supporting the psychological, emotional, and social well-being of children and young adults. This collaboration highlights VU's dedication to holistic education that goes beyond academics, ensuring that students receive comprehensive support for their overall growth and development.

The MoU will pave the way for a variety of initiatives, including counseling services, awareness sessions, and skill-building workshops that address the mental health needs of students and adolescents. Topics such as stress management, emotional resilience, social skills, and coping strategies will be emphasized, equipping students with tools to face academic and personal challenges with confidence.

Through this partnership, VU also aims to sensitize its faculty and staff to the importance of early identification of psychological concerns among students. Training and capacity-building programs will enable educators to provide timely support and guidance, creating a more empathetic and supportive campus environment.

Additionally, the collaboration will encourage research and joint projects in the areas of child and adolescent psychology, contributing to academic knowledge while addressing real-world challenges. By combining expertise and resources, VU and Grow2fly aspire to foster a culture of openness, understanding, and positive mental health practices.

This MoU represents an important step toward VU's mission of nurturing well-rounded individuals who are not only academically competent but also emotionally balanced and socially responsible.

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# 10. Visit of Delegation from Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)

On 1st October 2024, Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, had the honor of welcoming a distinguished delegation from the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS). The visit marked an important milestone in strengthening academic and institutional partnerships, fostering global dialogue, and exploring new avenues of collaboration.

During the meeting, representatives from SUSS, along with leaders from Vishwakarma Institutes and Vishwakarma University, engaged in fruitful discussions aimed at building long-term academic and cultural ties. The focus was on identifying mutually beneficial opportunities such as student and faculty exchange programs, joint research projects, knowledge-sharing platforms, and skill-development initiatives.

The delegation also explored ways to collaborate on programs that integrate social sciences, technology, and community development, aligning with both institutions' vision of creating impactful education that addresses global societal challenges. Such collaborations are expected to provide students with international exposure, access to diverse learning methodologies, and opportunities to work on interdisciplinary projects with global peers.

The visit further emphasized the importance of cross-border partnerships in higher education, preparing students to thrive in an interconnected world. Faculty members from both institutions expressed enthusiasm about co-developing academic modules and organizing joint seminars, workshops, and conferences.

Vishwakarma University values this interaction as a stepping stone towards establishing a strong and sustainable relationship with SUSS. The meeting highlighted the shared commitment of both institutions to academic excellence, innovation, and global engagement, setting the stage for impactful collaborations in the future.

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# 11. Vishwakarma University (VU) teams up with National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)

Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, proudly announces its collaboration with the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This strategic partnership marks a significant step in driving innovation, fostering entrepreneurship, and addressing pressing social challenges through cutting-edge technology.

Under this MoU, NRDC will play a vital role in scaling up more than 300+ innovations developed at VU, ensuring that creative student and faculty projects are transformed into impactful real-world applications. The collaboration also emphasizes strong support for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection, enabling students to safeguard their innovative ideas and gain recognition for their contributions.

A key objective of this partnership is to encourage and nurture start-ups and entrepreneurial ventures emerging from the university ecosystem. By providing mentorship, technical guidance, and commercialization opportunities, NRDC will empower VU innovators to bring their solutions to market and create sustainable impact.

This collaboration positions Vishwakarma University among India's premium institutions recognized for their contributions to innovation, research, and technology-driven solutions. It also aligns with VU's vision of preparing globally competent graduates who combine academic knowledge with practical problem-solving skills.

Through this partnership, VU and NRDC will work together to create an ecosystem where innovation thrives, students gain hands-on entrepreneurial exposure, and ground breaking solutions are developed to address societal needs.

This MoU is a milestone in VU's journey of empowering students, promoting research excellence, and contributing to nation-building through technology and innovation.

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### 12. Participation in CII 5th Global Education Conclave 2024

Vishwakarma Institutes and Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, were honored to participate in the prestigious CII 5th Global Education Conclave 2024, a platform that brought together leading academic institutions, policymakers, and industry experts to discuss the future of education. The conclave served as an enriching experience, enabling knowledge exchange and collaboration on transforming higher education to meet global challenges.

During the event, experts from Vishwakarma Institutes and VU actively contributed to thought-provoking discussions on innovation in pedagogy, industry-academia partnerships, and the globalization of education. These sessions highlighted the institution's commitment to adopting progressive teaching-learning practices, integrating technology in classrooms, and developing curricula aligned with industry needs. By engaging in these conversations, VU reaffirmed its vision of creating a dynamic education ecosystem that nurtures creativity, critical thinking, and global competencies among students.

The conclave also provided an excellent opportunity to network with global leaders in education and explore collaborative avenues for research, student exchange programs, and joint initiatives that strengthen international engagement. Participation in such high-level forums reflects VU's dedication to positioning itself among forward-thinking institutions that prioritize both academic excellence and societal relevance.

Vishwakarma Institutes and University express heartfelt gratitude to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the organizers, and fellow participants for hosting an insightful and impactful event. The experience not only broadened perspectives but also reinforced the institution's mission of shaping education that is innovative, inclusive, and globally connected.

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#### 13. Centre of Excellence in Gaming Xperience & Learning (GXL) with Zensar Technologies

Vishwakarma Institutes and Vishwakarma University (VIVU), Pune, are proud to announce the establishment of a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Gaming Xperience & Learning (GXL) in collaboration with Zensar Technologies. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to this effect was signed on 23rd July 2024, marking the beginning of a transformative journey in the field of game design and development. The GXL Centre of Excellence aims to become a global hub for training, development, and research in the gaming domain. With a vision to transform the game development landscape, the initiative is designed to cultivate a pool of creative and skilled game developers, ready to contribute to the fast-growing global gaming industry.

Through this collaboration, VIVU and Zensar Technologies will offer top-tier training programs for students and industry professionals, ensuring exposure to advanced tools, methodologies, and industry practices. The centre will also serve as a platform to empower individuals with enhanced career and academic opportunities while promoting entrepreneurial ventures and start-ups in the gaming sector. In addition to technical training, the initiative emphasizes the use of gaming as a powerful tool to address critical issues in education, healthcare, and social development, thereby aligning entertainment technology with national interest and social relevance.

The GXL Centre will also incubate innovative ideas, encourage research, and foster a vibrant ecosystem that connects academia, industry, and the community.

This collaboration underscores VIVU's commitment to innovation, creativity, and global engagement, setting new benchmarks in experiential learning and impactful research.

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### 14. Visit by Representatives from the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai

On August 23, 2024, Vishwakarma Institutes and Vishwakarma University (VIVU), Pune, had the honor of welcoming Ms. Brenda Soya, Public Diplomacy Officer, and Ms. Ananya Ghosh, English Language and Education Outreach Coordinator, from the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai. The visit marked an important step toward strengthening academic and cultural ties between the institutions and the U.S. Consulate, fostering opportunities for collaboration in education, language development, and international exchange.

During the interaction, discussions centered around enhancing global engagement, promoting academic partnerships, and developing student-centered initiatives that align with the shared vision of quality education and cross-cultural understanding. The representatives from the U.S. Consulate highlighted several programs and opportunities available for Indian students and educators, including exchange programs, research collaborations, and English language enhancement initiatives.

The visit also provided an opportunity for both institutions to explore potential areas of cooperation such as faculty development, cultural exchange events, and joint academic projects aimed at promoting innovation and international exposure. Faculty and students from Vishwakarma Institutes and University actively participated in the discussions, sharing their experiences and aspirations related to global learning.

This visit reinforced VIVU's commitment to fostering international collaborations and global competencies among its students. It also reflected the university's dedication to creating a vibrant academic environment that bridges education, culture, and diplomacy.

Vishwakarma Institutes and University express sincere gratitude to the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai, for this meaningful engagement and look forward to continued collaboration in promoting educational and cultural exchange.

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# 15. MoU with Carneo Pharma (OPC) Pvt. Ltd.

With great pleasure, Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, announces the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Carneo Pharma (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. on July 6, 2024. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in strengthening the link between academia and industry, aimed at enhancing research, innovation, and practical learning opportunities in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

The MoU is designed to facilitate knowledge exchange, skill development, and research collaboration between VU and Carneo Pharma. Through this partnership, students will gain access to industry-oriented training programs, internships, and workshops that provide real-world exposure to pharmaceutical practices, regulatory frameworks, and technological advancements.

Additionally, the collaboration will promote joint research projects, enabling students and faculty to work alongside industry experts on innovations in drug formulation, quality assurance, and product development. Carneo Pharma's expertise in pharmaceutical manufacturing and regulatory compliance will serve as a valuable resource for enriching the academic curriculum and aligning it with current industry standards.

Faculty development programs and guest lectures by professionals from Carneo Pharma will further strengthen the learning ecosystem, fostering a culture of innovation and applied research within the university.

This MoU reflects Vishwakarma University's continuous commitment to bridging the gap between education and industry, preparing students for successful careers in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors. The partnership with Carneo Pharma is expected to open new avenues for collaborative growth, ensuring academic excellence and real-world

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#### 16. MoU with Lifecare Pharma

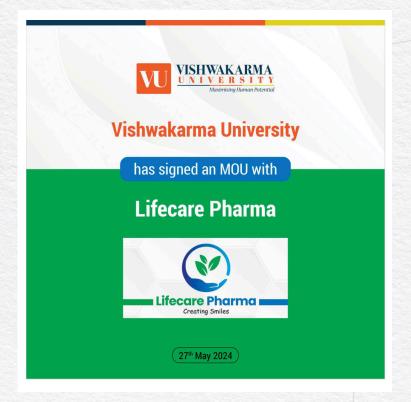
Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Lifecare Pharma on May 27, 2024. This strategic collaboration aims to strengthen academia-industry relations and foster innovation, research, and skill development in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

The partnership with Lifecare Pharma will provide students with valuable exposure to real-world pharmaceutical operations, research methodologies, and industrial practices. Through this collaboration, VU students will gain opportunities to participate in internships, training programs, and hands-on workshops, enabling them to bridge the gap between academic learning and professional application. The MoU also emphasizes joint research and development initiatives, focusing on advancements in drug formulation, quality control, and novel pharmaceutical technologies. Faculty and researchers from both institutions will engage in collaborative projects that promote scientific inquiry and contribute to the growth of the pharmaceutical sector.

In addition to research, the collaboration will include guest lectures, seminars, and expert sessions conducted by professionals from Lifecare Pharma, providing insights into current industry trends and regulatory frameworks. Such interactions will enhance the academic environment and inspire students to pursue innovation-driven careers in healthcare and pharmaceuticals.

This agreement underscores Vishwakarma University's commitment to experiential learning, industry collaboration, and academic excellence. By partnering with Lifecare Pharma, VU continues its mission of empowering students with practical knowledge and skills, preparing them to become competent professionals capable of contributing to the global pharmaceutical landscape.

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#### 17. MoU with UM Pharma Pvt. Ltd.

Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UM Pharma Pvt. Ltd. on May 21, 2024. This collaboration marks an important milestone in VU's ongoing efforts to strengthen academia—industry partnerships and promote innovation, research, and practical learning in the field of pharmaceutical sciences.

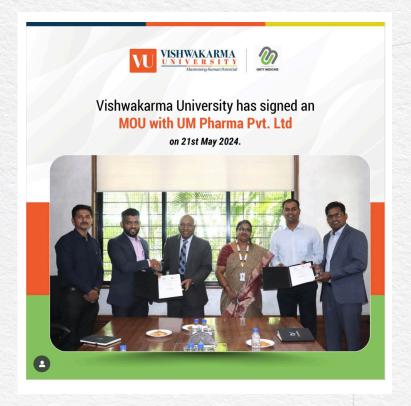
The MoU aims to create a robust framework for joint research, product development, and student training programs, providing an excellent platform for students to engage with real-world pharmaceutical processes and technologies. Through this partnership, students will have opportunities for industrial visits, internships, and hands-on workshops, enhancing their technical expertise and preparing them for successful careers in the pharma sector.

Faculty and researchers from both institutions will collaborate on research and development projects, focusing on key areas such as drug formulation, quality assurance, and pharmaceutical innovation. The collaboration will also include expert lectures, seminars, and knowledge exchange sessions led by professionals from UM Pharma, ensuring that students stay updated with current industry practices and regulatory standards.

This partnership reinforces Vishwakarma University's vision of delivering education that blends academic knowledge with industry relevance. By integrating experiential learning and applied research, the university continues to nurture skilled, innovative, and socially responsible pharmacy professionals.

The MoU with UM Pharma Pvt. Ltd. is a significant step toward building a future-ready ecosystem for research, innovation, and professional excellence in the pharmaceutical domain.

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### 18. MoU Signing between Vishwakarma University and Hrieva Group

Vishwakarma University is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hrieva Group on July 5, 2024. This partnership marks a significant milestone in strengthening the collaboration between academia and industry, aligning with the university's vision of providing experiential and industry-oriented learning opportunities to its students.

The MoU aims to create a platform for student internships, training programs, and joint research initiatives that enhance employability and professional growth. Hrieva Group, a reputed organization in human resource management and talent development, brings expertise in bridging skill gaps and preparing students for real-world challenges. Through this collaboration, both institutions intend to facilitate industry exposure, guest lectures, and collaborative projects that integrate academic learning with practical application.

This partnership will also focus on fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership among students by offering opportunities to participate in workshops, career development programs, and live projects. Faculty members will benefit from enhanced interaction with industry professionals, helping them align curriculum and teaching practices with emerging trends.

The MoU signing reinforces Vishwakarma University's commitment to holistic education and its continuous efforts to prepare students for global careers. Both Vishwakarma University and Hrieva Group envision this collaboration as a step toward building a robust ecosystem that nurtures talent, promotes research, and contributes to the socio-economic development of the nation.

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### 19. MoU Signing between Vishwakarma University and Ishwa Holidays Pvt. Ltd.

Vishwakarma University is glad to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ishwa Holidays Pvt. Ltd. on May 28, 2024. This collaboration marks another milestone in the university's ongoing efforts to strengthen academic-industry partnerships and promote experiential learning for its students.

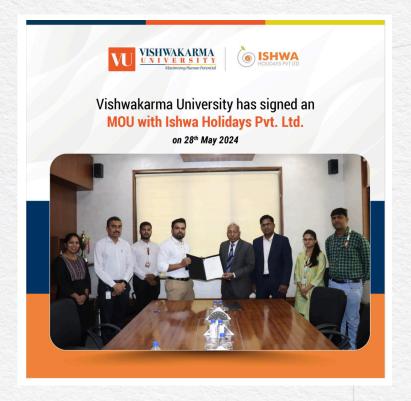
The MoU aims to create opportunities for student training, internships, and collaborative projects that blend academic knowledge with practical industry experience. Ishwa Holidays Pvt. Ltd., a reputed name in the travel and tourism sector, specializes in curating innovative travel experiences, event management, and hospitality solutions. Through this partnership, students will gain valuable exposure to the tourism industry's operational, managerial, and entrepreneurial aspects.

This association will also facilitate guest lectures, workshops, and industry visits, providing students with insights into emerging trends in sustainable tourism, digital marketing in travel, and customer experience management. Faculty members will also benefit from professional interactions that help align teaching with current industry practices.

The collaboration embodies Vishwakarma University's vision of nurturing holistic, industry-ready professionals and fostering a culture of innovation and applied learning. It will encourage knowledge sharing, skill enhancement, and research initiatives that contribute to the dynamic growth of the tourism and hospitality sector.

By joining hands with Ishwa Holidays Pvt. Ltd., Vishwakarma University continues to expand its network of strategic partnerships that empower students to explore new opportunities, enhance their professional capabilities, and prepare for successful global careers.

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# 20. MoU Signing between Vishwakarma University and Timechain Labs

A remarkable milestone for Vishwakarma University, Pune! The University is delighted to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Timechain Labs on June 14, 2024. This collaboration reflects Vishwakarma University's commitment to fostering innovation, promoting cutting-edge research, and strengthening industry-academia partnerships in the field of emerging technologies. Timechain Labs is a pioneering organization specializing in blockchain technology, Web3 solutions, and decentralized systems. Through this strategic partnership, Vishwakarma University aims to provide students with opportunities to engage in research projects, internships, and hands-on training that enhance their understanding of blockchain applications and digital transformation.

The MoU envisions creating a collaborative platform for joint research, knowledge exchange, and skill development programs in areas such as blockchain, fintech, cybersecurity, and digital innovation. Students and faculty members will have access to industry expertise through guest lectures, workshops, and live projects, bridging the gap between theoretical learning and practical implementation.

This partnership will also support the development of a Center for Blockchain Innovation, serving as a hub for research, experimentation, and entrepreneurship. By integrating academic excellence with real-world insights, Vishwakarma University and Timechain Labs aim to nurture the next generation of tech innovators and thought leaders.

The MoU with Timechain Labs reaffirms Vishwakarma University's vision of equipping students with future-ready skills and strengthening its position as a hub for technology-driven learning, innovation, and global collaboration.

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# 21. Exploratory Meeting between Vishwakarma University and Washington University of Science and Technology, USA

In a significant step toward strengthening global academic engagement, Prof. Ujjwal K. Chowdhury, Vice President, Washington University of Science and Technology (WUST), Virginia, USA, visited Vishwakarma University (VU), Pune, for a productive exploratory meeting with Prof. Siddharth Jabade, Vice Chancellor, Vishwakarma University.

The meeting aimed to explore possibilities for a mutually beneficial academic relationship, focusing on enhancing international collaborations through student and faculty exchange programs, joint research initiatives, and academic conferences. Discussions revolved around developing sustainable models for academic partnerships that promote innovation, knowledge sharing, and cultural exchange.

TRepresentatives from both institutions emphasized the importance of global exposure and interdisciplinary learning, which are crucial for preparing students to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world. The deliberations also included the international relations officers from the Vishwakarma Group of Institutes, comprising Vishwakarma University (VU), Vishwakarma Institute of Technology (VIT), Vishwakarma Institute of Information Technology (VIIT), and Vishwakarma College of Arts, Commerce & Science (VCACS).

The interaction was marked by a spirit of collaboration and shared commitment to academic excellence. Both parties expressed enthusiasm for initiating concrete steps toward the proposed areas of cooperation, which would benefit students, faculty, and researchers alike.

This meeting reinforces Vishwakarma University's dedication to building global academic partnerships that foster innovation, knowledge exchange, and holistic development, aligning with its vision of becoming a globally recognized center of excellence in higher education.

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### 22. Successful Completion of Al Internship at Universidad Maria Auxiliadora, Peru

Vishwakarma University proudly announces the successful completion of a fully sponsored Artificial Intelligence (AI) internship program at Universidad Maria Auxiliadora (UMA), Lima, Peru, where nine of our talented students showcased exceptional performance in AI-based product development.

This achievement marks a significant milestone in Vishwakarma University's journey toward fostering global academic collaborations and experiential learning. The internship was the result of an academic partnership established a year ago between Vishwakarma University and UMA, aimed at promoting international exposure, skill development, and research-oriented learning for students in emerging technologies.

The program provided students with an opportunity to work on real-world Al applications, develop innovative solutions, and collaborate with international mentors and researchers. Their work not only demonstrated technical excellence but also reflected VU's emphasis on interdisciplinary learning and innovation.

This collaboration was further strengthened and celebrated through the esteemed visits of H.E. Javier Manuel Paulinich Velarde, Peruvian Ambassador to India, and Hon. Mr. Vishwas Sapkal, Indian Ambassador to Peru, to Vishwakarma University. Their presence symbolized the growing educational and cultural ties between India and Peru, promoting cross-border academic cooperation.

Vishwakarma University extends its heartfelt gratitude to Universidad Maria Auxiliadora for their generous sponsorship, mentorship, and continued support in creating such transformative global learning opportunities.

This successful international internship stands as a testament to VU's commitment to global engagement, innovation, and academic excellence, empowering students to become leaders in the evolving world of technology.

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# 23. World Water Day Celebration

World Water Day was celebrated at Vishwakarma University with an engaging and informative event aimed at sensitizing students about the global water crisis and the urgent need for conservation. The event featured an esteemed panel of speakers, including Dr. Ravindra Utgikar (Vice President Project Sales), Mr. Ravindra Ulangawar (National Head of Water Management Business, Wilo Group), Mr. Mukul Pendse (Wilo Group), Mr. Shrikant Gabale (Managing Director – Graphias Solutions Pvt Ltd), and Prof. Wasudeo Gade (Vice President, Vishwakarma University).

The sessions highlighted statistics on water availability, its significance in sustainable development, and explored innovative ways to involve communities in water conservation. The celebration also provided students with an opportunity to showcase FY B.Tech projects on sustainable water use, participate in competitions, and engage with industry experts through a panel discussion.

World Water Day at Vishwakarma University was a holistic, multi-layered event that combined expert insights, hands-on student participation, and interactive competitions to raise awareness about water conservation and sustainability. The celebration not only educated students about the criticality of water management but also inspired them to innovate, collaborate, and take responsibility as future professionals.

This initiative stands as a model for integrating SDGs into higher education, particularly emphasizing SDGs 6, 7, 14, and 17, and promoting a culture of sustainability through partnerships, awareness campaigns, and student engagement.

Project Links: <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/happenings/world-water-day">https://www.vupune.ac.in/happenings/world-water-day</a>



# 24. Inauguration of Vishwakarma University Institute for Future Skills

Vishwakarma University recently inaugurated the Vishwakarma University Institute of Innovation (VUII), marking a pivotal step to strengthen its role in nurturing innovation that spans academia,

The inauguration of VUII represents more than just a milestone—it signals Vishwakarma University's commitment to transforming how education, innovation, and societal needs intersect. By partnering with established experts, focusing on socially relevant research domains, and setting up structures for interdisciplinary collaboration, VUII aims to be a catalyst for meaningful innovation.

While challenges such as resource demands, sustaining community engagement, and scaling innovations remain, the foundation laid by VUII is strong. With effective partnerships and continuous effort, VUII has the potential to contribute significantly, in line with SDG 17, by breaking silos, mobilizing shared expertise, and creating solutions that address local and societal problems.

Project Links: <a href="https://vupune.ac.in/blog/vishwakarma-university-unveils-the-future-at-vuii-inauguration">https://vupune.ac.in/blog/vishwakarma-university-unveils-the-future-at-vuii-inauguration</a>

### 25. Introduction to Autonomous Systems and Their Applications

Vishwakarma University, organized an expert talk by Dr. Yong Wang from Binghamton University, USA, on the topic "Introduction to Autonomous Systems and Their Applications." The session aimed to familiarize students with the fundamentals of autonomous systems and their real-world applications, providing exposure to advanced technologies shaping the future of mobility, robotics, and intelligent systems. This initiative was designed to inspire students to explore interdisciplinary approaches and applications of autonomous systems, aligning with the university's commitment to innovation and global knowledge exchange.

The talk was structured to be accessible for undergraduate students while also providing insights relevant to researchers and faculty. Dr. Wang presented case studies and examples of real-world autonomous systems, including applications in smart mobility, manufacturing, and healthcare, encouraging students to think about their own potential contributions to the field.

Interactive Q&A segments allowed participants to engage directly with Dr. Wang, clarifying doubts and exploring potential research collaborations.

The expert lecture by Dr. Yong Wang successfully bridged the gap between theory and application, giving students a comprehensive understanding of autonomous systems and their transformative potential. The session fostered curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration, encouraging students to contribute to future technological advancements while aligning with the global sustainable development agenda. By connecting students with a global expert, this event reinforced Vishwakarma University's vision of nurturing globally competent and socially responsible professionals.

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# **26.International Day for Monuments and Sites**

Organized by the Department of Travel & Tourism in collaboration with the Centre of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) at Vishwakarma University, Pune.

Exhibition of Student Projects (C2P2) in the Eventorium: Student-designed projects showcasing varied aspects of Indian heritage — art, architecture, festivals, indigenous practices, etc.

Reel-Making Competition: Short video reels themed around Indian Heritage & Tourism; judged on originality, visual appeal, storytelling, relevance.

Visit to the Tribal Museum, Pune: To provide experiential learning about tribal communities in Maharashtra, their customs, way of life, heritage, and intangible culture.

The Celebrating World Heritage Day 2025 event at Vishwakarma University was a valuable and well-rounded educational initiative. It succeeded in engaging students in multiple hands-on and creative ways — through project exhibitions, digital storytelling, and immersive cultural experiences. By focusing on India's rich heritage (including tribal culture), the event enhanced awareness, sensitivity, and knowledge among students, while developing skills that go beyond classroom theory.

Furthermore, the collaboration between departments and institutions strengthened institutional partnerships, aligning well with SDG 17's goal of taking partnerships for sustainable development. The event not only celebrated heritage but also laid foundations for continuous appreciation, preserving cultural identity, and possibly inspiring future initiatives in heritage conservation, research, or tourism.

Project Link: <a href="https://www.vupune.ac.in/event/celebrating-world-heritage-day-2025">https://www.vupune.ac.in/event/celebrating-world-heritage-day-2025</a>









### Conclusion - Advancing SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals

Vishwakarma University's continuous efforts toward fostering strategic collaborations and global partnerships strongly reflect its commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Partnership for the Goals. Through numerous Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and alliances with leading national and international institutions, industries, and organizations, the university has established a dynamic ecosystem that promotes knowledge exchange, innovation, research, and capacity building.

Partnerships with organizations such as Timechain Labs, Hrieva Group, Carneo Pharma, UM Pharma, Lifecare Pharma, Ishwa Holidays Pvt. Ltd., FFCP-Muskaan, DhairyaDa Center, Grow2Fly Counselling Centre, and global institutions like De Montfort University (UK), Universidad Maria Auxiliadora (Peru), Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), and the Indian Chamber of Commerce (South Korea) have expanded opportunities for student internships, collaborative research, skill development, and faculty exchange.

These alliances not only enhance academic excellence but also create sustainable frameworks for addressing real-world challenges through education, innovation, and community engagement. The university's participation in global events and academic exchanges further strengthens its vision of building bridges across borders, fostering inclusivity, and encouraging interdisciplinary problem-solving. By integrating academic strengths with industrial expertise and global partnerships, Vishwakarma University continues to contribute meaningfully to SDG 17 — nurturing a culture of cooperation, mutual growth, and shared responsibility toward building a more connected and sustainable world.



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