

Newsletter

Edition 3

One-year, Full-time, Residential PGP in

**PGP in Artificial Intelligence & Data Science
PGP in Management (specialisation in Marketing)
PGP in Sports Management**

“Education is all about igniting young minds and enabling them to attain their fullest potential.”

Nita M. Ambani

Founder Chairperson,
Reliance Foundation Institution of
Education & Research



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PLACEMENT PROCESS

Class of 2024-25

PLACEMENTS 2024-25

PGP in Artificial Intelligence & Data Science

Pre-Placement Offers & Internships

Recognizing the excellent performance of the students during their internships, Ernst & Young (Consultant), Suzlon (Data Scientist) and Just Dial (Software Development) Engineer) offered pre-placement offers to our AI & DS students

For the Class of 2024-25, 25 participating companies offered Internship projects to the AI & DS cohort. These companies include

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| • McDonalds | • Innoviti Technologies | • DBS |
| • Suzlon Energy Ltd | • Dabur | • Innoviti Technologies |
| • Schoolnet | • Loyalty Rewards | • Kotal Mahindra Asset |
| • TCS | • Pine Labs | Management Company |
| • Reliance Industries Limited | • Jio Studio | |
| • Razorpay | • Reliance Retail | |
| • Just Dial | • Jio Platforms | |
| • SproutLife Foods Pvt Ltd (Yoga Bar) | • Ernst & Young | |
| • Segumento | • Axis Mutual Fund | |
| • Fynd | • Nivea | |
| | • Piramal Finance | |
| | • Axis Bank | |

List of the recruiting companies and the roles offered:

Suzlon, an energy major conducted its placement process on 27th Jan '25, selecting four students for the **Data Scientist** role in Pune. The process included shortlisting, group discussions, and two interview rounds. **Mr. Uday Nedunuri**, Group Head-Data & Analytics, was part of the five-member recruitment team

GEP Worldwide, a leading supply chain consulting, conducted its placement process from 27th - 29th Jan '25, selecting three students for the **Associate Data Scientist** role in Mumbai and Hyderabad. The process included an online test, followed by three interview rounds. **Ms. Yogitha Jayareddygar**, Principal Data Scientist, GEP, was part of the three-member recruitment team.

Jio bp, the fuel retail joint venture of Reliance & BP, conducted its placement process on 28th Jan '25, selecting one student for the **AI and Data Analytics Manager** role in Navi Mumbai. The process involved a resume shortlist followed by a technical interview. **Mr. Gopal Chandra Sahu**, Lead-Talent Acquisition, Jio bp, was part of the two-member recruitment team.

Jio Financial Services, leading financial services company, conducted its placement process on 27th Jan '25, selecting **two** students for the Data Scientist role in Mumbai. The process included a CV shortlist followed by an interview round. The recruitment panel comprised **Mr. Mitesh Bidawatka**, Head-Data Analytics, JFS was part of the four-member recruitment team.

Reliance Hydrocarbon: FC&A team conducted its placement process on 24th Jan '25, selecting four students for the **Audit Analytics - AI role**. The process included resume shortlisting followed by a technical and HR interview. **Mr. Prakash Negi**, GM-Governance, Risk & Audit, RIL was part of the three-member recruitment team.

Reliance New Energy, a leading company in renewables, conducted its placement process on 24th Jan '25, selecting one student for the **AI Agent & Model Development Engineer** role in Mumbai. The process included resume shortlisting followed by a technical and HR interview. **Mr. Prashant Bisoi**, Senior General Manager-IT, RIL was part of the three-member recruitment team.

Reliance Hydrocarbons: PetChem, the largest producer of petrochemicals in India, conducted its placement process on 24th Jan '25, selecting one student for the **IT Analytics & Visualization Expert** role.

The process included resume shortlisting followed by a technical and HR interview. **Mr. Sunil Yadav**, GM, RIL was part of the three-member recruitment team.

Hindalco, the leading aluminium manufacturer of the Aditya Birla Group, conducted its placement process on 31st Jan '25, selecting two students for the **Data Scientist and Data Engineer** roles respectively. The process included resume shortlisting followed by interviews. **Mr. Amit Sinha**, Data Science Head, Hindalco was part of the four-member recruitment team

Reliance Hydrocarbon: Bio Energy conducted its placement process on 24th Jan '25, selecting one student for the Team Member, **Data Digitization and Platforms** role in Navi Mumbai. The process included resume shortlisting followed by a technical and HR interview. **Mr. Sabyasachi Kumar**, GM, RIL was part of the two-member recruitment team.

PGP in Management (specialisation in Marketing)

Pre-Placement Offers & Internships

Recognizing the excellent performance of the students during their internships, Just Dial (Management Trainee) and Indo Nissin Foods (E-Commerce Key Account Executive) extended pre-placement offers to our Management (Marketing) students

For the Class of 2024-25, 22 participating companies offered Internship projects to the Management (specialisation in Marketing) cohort. These companies include:

- UNIBIC
- Marico
- Bold Care
- Vibrant
- Reliance Retail
- IFB
- PVRINOX
- Indo Nissin
- Dabur
- Reliance Industries Ltd
- Just Dial
- Jio Platforms Ltd
- JSW Steel
- Bestsellers
- Indusind Bank
- Jio Financial Services
- McDonalds
- Paytm
- Raymonds
- Tata Consumer Products
- Jio World Center
- Nivea

List of the recruiting companies and the roles offered:

Accops, a cybersecurity firm, conducted its placement process on 28th Jan '25, selecting one student for the **Marketing Evangelist** role in Pune. The process included a resume shortlist, a technical interview, and a final interview. **Mr. Maneesh Rathour**, VP Marketing, was part of the two-member recruitment team

Addverb Technologies, a warehousing automation and robotics company, conducted its placement process on 28th Jan '25, selecting one student for the **Manager (Management Trainee)** role in Delhi. The process included a resume shortlist, an HR interview, a technical interview, and a final interview. **Mr. Satish Shukla**, Co-Founder, was part of the five-member recruitment team

ICICI Bank, one of the country's largest private banks, conducted its placement process on 27th Jan '25, selecting three students for the **Retail Banking/Wholesale/Digital – Marketing Manager** role in Mumbai. The process involved an online registration followed by an interview round. **Mr. Sujit Inamdar**, AGM-Digital, ICICI was part of the two-member recruitment team

Reliance Retail, the largest retailer in India conducted its placement process on 23rd Jan '25, selecting seven students for the **Management Trainee** role across India. The process included an online test followed by three rounds of interviews. **Mr. Ashwin Khasgiwala**, Group CFO, and **Mr. GR Venkatesh**, CHRO were a part of the ten-member recruitment team

Network Science, a digital transformation company, conducted its placement process on 27th Jan '25, selecting **two** students for the **Co-Pilot to CEO** and **Presales and Solutioning Associate** roles respectively in Mumbai. The process included a resume shortlist followed by an HR interview. **Mr. Sandy Hardikar**, CEO & Co-Founder was part of the recruitment team for both roles

Onsurity Technologies, an employee healthcare platform, conducted its placement process on 27th Jan '25, selecting one student for the **Enterprise Growth Partner** role in Bangalore. The process included a resume shortlist, a technical interview, and an HR interview. **Mr. Vikas Gupta**, State Head-Business Expansion was part of the two-member recruitment team

Jio Platforms, a leading digital platforms company, conducted its placement process on 15th Jan '25, selecting **two** students for the **Management Trainee** role in Mumbai. The process involved a final interview. **Mr. Kaushik Mitter**, SVP-HR, JPL was part of the three-member recruitment team

Reliance Hydrocarbon: Bio Energy conducted its placement process on 24th Jan '25, selecting **one** student for the **Team Member-Marketing & Sales** role across PAN India. The process included resume shortlisting followed by a technical and HR interview. **Mr. Arun Banerjee**, Lead-Deep Tech was part of the two-member recruitment team

Whatfix, a B2B SaaS digital adoption platform, conducted its placement process on 16th Jan '25, selecting **two** students for the **Business Development Representative** role in Bangalore. The process involved video resume submissions followed by an interview round. **Ms. Shruti Gautum**, Digital Adoption Strategist was part of the six-member recruitment team

Jio-bp, the fuel retail joint venture of Reliance & BP, conducted its placement process on 28th Jan '25, selecting one student for the **Digital Marketing and Marketing Communications Manager** role. The process included a resume shortlist followed by a technical interview. **Mr. Rajesh Velodi**, Brand Communications Specialist, was part of the two-member recruitment team

Reliance Hydrocarbon: Refining & Marketing conducted its placement process on 24th Jan '25, selecting **three** students for the **Area Sales Manager - B2B Sales & Marketing** role in Ahmedabad, Udaipur, Mangalore, Chandigarh, Vizag, and Gandhidham. The process included resume shortlisting followed by a technical and HR interview. **Mr. Viren Joshi**, VP-Domestic, RIL was part of the four-member recruitment team

PGP in Sports Management

Internships

The sports management students worked on projects across the business of sports in the areas of Sports Research and Analytics, Team and Athlete Management, Sports Media and Content Management, Sports Operations & Program Management, Business Development and Strategy at 9 companies. These companies include:

- Adani Sports Line
- Collearn
- Ernst & Young
- FC Madras
- IOS Sports & Entertainment
- Sport Seed
- Sports Interactive
- StepOut Play
- Vijayi Bharat

List of the recruiting companies and the roles offered:

Ultimate Table Tennis, a sports league under the Dani Foundation, conducted its placement process on 28th Jan '25, selecting **one** student for the **Sports Operations** role in Mumbai. The process included a technical and HR interview. The recruitment team comprised **Mr. Sumesh Skay**, Head-Operations and Projects was part of two-member recruitment team.

SportsVot, a sports broadcasting firm, conducted its placement process on 30th Jan '25, selecting **one** student for the **B2B Sales** role in Mumbai. The process included a group discussion followed by technical and HR interview. **Mr. Siddhant Agarwal**, Founder lead the recruitment process.

ITW Consulting, a sports consulting company, conducted its placement process on 27th Jan '25, selecting **one** student for the **Sales & Sponsorship** role in Delhi. The process included a presentation for a business proposal followed by a technical and HR interview. **Ms.Priyanka Chokra**, Head-Recruitment & Corporate Relations was part of the two-member recruitment team.

The following companies have participated in the ongoing placement process for the PGP in Sports Management class of 2024-25

- PwC
- Dream 11
- Sportz Interactive
- Sportz Village
- Deloitte
- Pro Panja League
- Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ)
- Go Sport Foundation
- Decathlon
- Kerala Blaster FC
- Mumbai City FC
- Vijayi Bharat
- KPMG

Recruiting and Participating Companies



EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Deloitte's CHRO Vantage Programme

Jio Institute, in collaboration with **Deloitte** and **HT Media**, hosted the Strategic Excellence Programme for high-potential senior HR professionals from Deloitte. The 3-day programme, from 15th-17th January, 2025, served as the final leg of a hybrid programme that included virtual sessions and in-person modules.

As part of the **Strategic Excellence Workshop**, participants explored evolving principles of organisational design, focusing on aligning structure with strategy in a rapidly changing world. Talent management frameworks were examined thoroughly, emphasising workforce optimisation and the cultivation of high-potential leaders. Participants also developed financial acumen through sessions on compensation analysis and interpreting financial metrics for strategic HR decisions. The integration of HR technology was addressed with practical guidance on conceptualisation, implementation, and change management.

The workshop concluded with a session on the strategic role of chief human resource officers in boardrooms highlighting their influence on governance and decision-making. The programme culminated in a celebratory graduation ceremony, where participants received certifications for their achievements and reflected on their transformative learning journey.

The CHRO Vantage Programme demonstrated a remarkable commitment to shaping visionary HR leaders, capable of navigating and influencing the future of work. It stood as a testament to the power of strategic learning in developing dynamic and impactful professionals.

Speakers	Affiliation
Mr. Sudhanshu Tripathi	Board Member, Hinduja Group
Dr. Zubin Mulla	Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India
Mr. Prabir Jha	CEO, Prabir Jha People Advisory Firm
Mr. Nitin Razdan	Partner and Human Capital Consulting Leader, Deloitte South Asia
Mr. Sankalp Mohanty	Partner, Deloitte

Tableau Training

Jio Institute conducted the '**Tableau for Explorer Users**' programme for participants from the Integrated Business Operations Center (IBOC) of retail. The programme, held at the Learning & Development Center (LDC) at Reliance Corporate Park (RCP), was designed to provide advanced Tableau Explorer training for professionals with prior experience to Tableau. The programme was delivered by **Mr. Jayen Thakkar**, Chief Trainer, MetricMinds.in, India.



‘Certified Senior Leader in Buying & Merchandizing’ for Reliance Retail

Jio Institute organized the 4-month **‘Certified Senior Leaders in Buying & Merchandizing’** (CSLBM) programme for senior leaders from various functions of Reliance Retail. The course, which has 4 modules at Jio Institute, is designed to equip senior leaders with skills for strategic buying and merchandising decisions.

In the second module held in January, **Mr. Srikant Gokhale**, Former Group CEO, Landmark Group, Dubai, and Lecturer at UC Berkeley, emphasized the importance of updating both retail stock and human resources on the shop floor. Addressing Reliance participants, he highlighted that today’s business success relies on positive cash flow rather than mandatory profits. He explained how businesses sustain themselves through investor and lender cash flow while stressing the need for effective vendor management, contract negotiation, risk mitigation, and structured offboarding.

A key takeaway from his session was the need for flexibility in processes, cautioning against rigid SOPs that hinder adaptability. Quoting **“What got you here won’t get you there,”** he urged participants to embrace fresh perspectives for evolving markets.

On the second day, **Dr. Dipak Jain**, Vice-Chancellor, spoke about developing a winning mindset, focusing on leadership traits such as anticipation, adaptability, and courage in ambiguity. He stressed that while knowledge comes from analysis, wisdom stems from connecting the dots. He also advised retail professionals to stay ahead by following trends in organic food, slow food, and slow fashion.

Mr. Gokhale further analyzed Starbucks’ failure against Luckin Coffee in China and, citing Philip Kotler, advised having a five-year vision. The sessions facilitated rich discussions and problem-solving exercises, leaving participants with valuable leadership insights into retail and business strategies.

‘AI in Social Sector’ for Reliance Foundation

“Artificial Intelligence won’t replace humans, but humans who use AI will replace those who don’t.” This statement set the tone for an engaging and thought-provoking workshop on ‘AI in the Social Sector’, organised by Jio Institute for 71 participants from Reliance Foundation. Bringing together thought leaders, researchers, and practitioners, the event delved into the transformative role of artificial intelligence in social development. The discussions spanned multiple domains, emphasising AI’s potential in agriculture, healthcare, disaster management, education, and women’s empowerment.

The workshop highlighted AI’s ability to enhance decision-making and optimise resources across various social sectors. Experts elaborated on how AI can be leveraged in agriculture, particularly in irrigation water management, crop health detection, and precision farming. With the integration of AI-driven sensors and satellite imagery, farmers can optimise sowing and harvesting cycles, improving yield and sustainability.

'AI in Social Sector' for Reliance Foundation

A major focus of the workshop was the role of AI in women's empowerment and digital inclusion. AI-powered platforms can facilitate post-harvest market linkages for women farmers, enabling them to access better prices and reduce dependency on intermediaries. Additionally, AI-driven educational tools can help bridge the digital divide by providing tailored learning experiences for rural women, fostering financial literacy and entrepreneurship.

Disaster management emerged as another critical area where AI can drive significant impact. AI-enabled predictive models can enhance disaster preparedness by analysing weather patterns and historical data to forecast natural calamities. Real-time AI-powered monitoring systems can help protect livestock and rural livelihoods by enabling early interventions during floods, droughts, or other emergencies.

Healthcare applications of AI were also extensively discussed. AI-powered diagnostic tools, wearable health monitors, and telemedicine platforms are already transforming access to medical care in remote areas. The workshop explored AI's role in drug discovery, disease prevention, and pandemic response, paving the way for more equitable healthcare solutions.

An important takeaway from the discussions was the need for interoperability and system integration. AI solutions must be seamlessly embedded within existing social and governance frameworks for effective implementation. Participants emphasised the importance of building digital infrastructure, such as smart cities and AI-driven information services, to foster a more inclusive and efficient society.

Dr. Shailesh Kumar, Chief Data Scientist, Centre of Excellence in AI/ML cited several key takeaways from the workshop, emphasising the role of AI in automating decision-making, optimising workflows, and ensuring data-driven interventions. He highlighted the importance of proactive intelligence, where AI not only reacts to situations but also anticipates and prevents crises before they occur. His insights underscored the need for an AI ecosystem that integrates human expertise with machine intelligence to drive sustainable social impact.

As AI continues to evolve, its role in social development will expand, creating new opportunities and challenges. The workshop underscored the need for collaboration between policymakers, technologists, and social sector experts to harness AI responsibly and equitably. With continued innovation and ethical implementation, AI has the potential to drive sustainable development and improve the lives of millions worldwide.





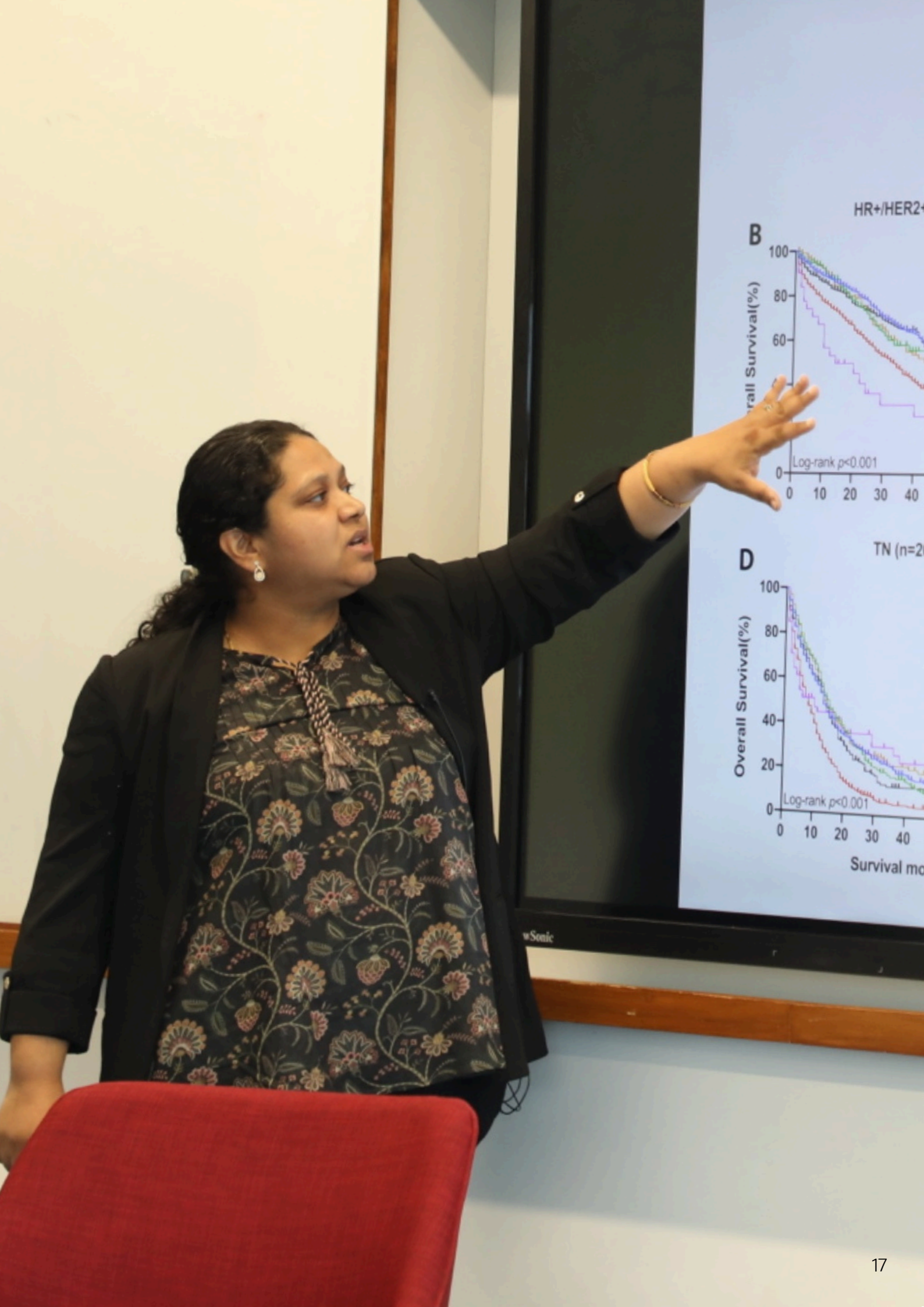
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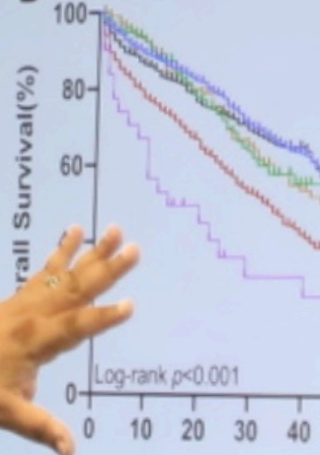
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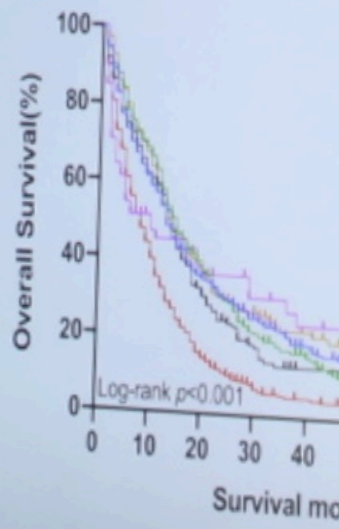
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Dr. Ankita Bansal Assistant Professor of Biomedical & Life Sciences, Jio Institute

Dr. Ankita Bansal leads the **Cancer Metabolism and Therapeutics** lab. With a PhD from the University of Massachusetts Medical School, she explored the genetics of aging, distinguishing between longevity and healthspan. Her postdoctoral research at Mount Sinai and the University of Pennsylvania identified novel strategies to starve tumor cells by limiting nutrient availability.

At Jio Institute, her work focuses on targeting metabolic vulnerabilities in cancer cells for precision therapeutics. She actively engages with academia and industry to translate research into practical applications, supporting India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Dr. Ankita Bansal delivered a public lecture to clinicians and the Vice Chancellor of **MGM Hospital**, where she discussed potential research collaborations. The event generated significant enthusiasm, leading to multiple proposed projects for joint work. In addition, she has been invited to serve as an expert external examiner for subjects such as Animal Tissue Culture and Molecular Biology at **DY Patil University**, having previously examined Food Biotechnology. She has also been appointed to the external thesis committee for two PhD students at **NMIMS**. Through these engagements, Dr. Bansal aims to strengthen institutional collaborations, aiming for opportunities in interdisciplinary research. By this she aims to create a pipeline of talented researchers for RA and postdoctoral positions.

Dr. Varun Aggarwala, Assistant Professor and Principal Investigator of the Microbiome Therapeutics Laboratory

Dr. Varun Aggarwala focuses on engineering complex microbial communities across various body sites—such as the gut, skin, and vaginal tract—using combinatorial approaches like fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT), probiotics, prebiotics, and bacterial cocktails to target health and disease.

He presented a paper at the **49th Annual Meeting** of the **Indian Society of Human Genetics** (ISHG 2025) at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru, further showcasing his commitment to advancing microbiome research and its therapeutic applications.



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Dr. Samik Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Condensed Materials Physics and Semiconductor Materials and Devices Lab

Dr. Samik currently leads the **SMEIT Lab**. Previously, he held postdoctoral positions at the Leibniz Institute in Germany, Polytechnique Montréal in Canada, and Applied Materials Inc. in the USA. His Ph.D. research at École Polytechnique, University of Montréal, focused on synthesising semiconductor nanostructures for silicon photonics, nanoscale thermal transport, and quantum technologies.

The SMEIT Lab at Jio Institute, which includes collaborations with **IIT Kharagpur** and **IIT Delhi**, focuses on green energy harvesting, on-chip photonic devices, and mid-infrared to terahertz devices.

The lab has published in journals like **Nano Letters**, **Small**, and **Advanced Materials Technology**. Under the National Quantum Mission, they are working with leading Indian institutions to develop silicon-germanium quantum heterostructures for scalable quantum computing.

Through multi-institutional collaborations, Dr. Mukherjee and the SMEIT Lab aim to pioneer high-impact research, attract and train motivated researchers, and position Jio Institute at the forefront of semiconductor physics and device innovation.

Dr. Sudipta Roy, Associate Professor

Dr. Sudipta Roy focuses on addressing complex real-world challenges through medical imaging and precision diagnostics using AI. His research merges cutting-edge computer science with practical clinical and industrial insights, utilising state-of-the-art methodologies like diffusion models and dynamic transformer networks. Dr. Roy's work not only advances theoretical knowledge but also translates these innovations into deployable solutions, collaborating with leading institutions to bridge academic research and industry practice.

Dr. Roy has been ranked amongst the world's '**Top 2 % Cited Researchers**' by Stanford.

He has participated in international conferences such as **CVPR**, **MICCAI**, and **ICPR**, sharing his insights globally. His research has been published in high-impact journals like *IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence* and *Applied Soft Computing Journal*. Notably, he has delivered talks on "**Deep Learning for Industrial Applications with Minimal Labels**" and "**Self-Supervision Learning: Advanced AI in Industry 5.0 Environment**," showcasing his expertise in AI applications.

Dr. Roy's contributions extend to his role as an expert reviewer for the ICMR Project Selection Committee and his active engagement in shaping research and academic excellence in India.



REPUBLIC DAY 2025



Republic Day 2025 at Jio Institute

On Republic Day, Jio Institute had the honour of welcoming **Dr Shailesh Kumar**, Chief Data Scientist, Centre of Excellence in AI/ML, Reliance Jio. The celebrations commenced with a grand entry of our esteemed chief guest, accompanied by a guard of honour, with cheering employees flanking his path to the dais on either side. This was followed by a **flag-hoisting** ceremony and an impressive **parade** by the security personnel of Jio Institute, marking a moment of unity and national pride.

The event was enriched by an inspiring speech delivered by Dr. Shailesh, who reflected on the significance of Republic Day as a time for pride, reflection, and gratitude. He emphasised that Jio Institute stands as a beacon of innovation and collaboration, pioneering academic excellence through its programmes in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Management. He highlighted the Institute's commitment to nurturing **future entrepreneurs**, technological advancements, and positioning India as a global technology leader.

Dr. Shailesh also spoke about the Institute's role in bridging the gap between **technology** and **industry** needs, particularly through initiatives such as the forthcoming Fintech programme for working professionals. He underscored the importance of lifelong learning, innovation, and research in shaping the future of education and industry.

In addition, heartfelt speeches by students echoed his vision of empowering individuals through knowledge and societal contributions. The celebration concluded with a sincere vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the faculty, staff, students, and all contributors who make Jio Institute a hub of excellence and transformation. As the event drew to a close, the spirit of innovation and patriotism remained high, reminding everyone of their role in shaping a brighter future for India.



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