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## A Monthly In-House Journal





## Are Degrees Enough for a Successful Career?

Let's be honest: if life were a video game, a college degree would be your starter pack. It gives you some basic gear, maybe a shiny badge, and a map of the world. But if you think that's all you need to slay dragons and win the game, you're in for a surprise. The truth is, while a degree is valuable, it's only the beginning of your career adventure—and not the guaranteed ticket to success that many believe it to be.

### The Degree: Just the First Step

Earning a degree is a proud achievement. You've spent years studying, pulling all-nighters, and perfecting your “I'm totally paying attention” face in lectures. When graduation day arrives, you clutch that hard-earned diploma, and your family beams with pride, convinced you're now set for life. But as you step into the real world, reality sets in. At job fairs and interviews, you quickly notice that almost everyone else has a degree too. Suddenly, your golden ticket feels a little less exclusive.

This realization can be jarring. A degree is important—it proves you can commit, learn, and handle deadlines. It shows you can juggle multiple tasks and absorb information. But in today's world, where higher education is more accessible than ever, a degree is just the entry pass. It gets your foot in the door, but it doesn't guarantee you a seat at the table.

### Beyond the Books: What Employers Really Want

So, what makes you stand out in a sea of graduates? The answer lies beyond textbooks and lecture halls. Imagine you're hiring someone for your team. Would you choose the candidate who can recite theories, or the one who can solve problems, communicate clearly, and stay calm when the Wi-Fi crashes during a big

presentation? Employers are looking for more than academic knowledge. They want people who can adapt, collaborate, and think on their feet.

These qualities—communication, problem-solving, adaptability, teamwork, and initiative—are often called “soft skills,” but there's nothing soft about their impact. For example, being able to explain your ideas so others understand, or stepping up to fix a problem before anyone asks, can make all the difference in a fast-paced workplace. These skills are developed through real-life experiences, not just classroom learning.

### The Value of Real-World Experience

This brings us to the importance of real-world experience. Your part-time job at the coffee shop, your summer internship, or even that time you organized a charity bake sale—all these experiences matter. They show you can handle responsibility, work with people, and deal with unexpected

challenges (like a customer who wants a “half-caf, double-foam, unicorn latte”). Employers love seeing that you've been out in the wild, not just in the classroom.

Furthermore, practical experience helps you discover what you actually enjoy doing. Sometimes, the dream job you imagined in college turns out to be quite different in reality. By trying different roles and industries, you gain insights into your strengths, preferences, and career goals. This hands-on learning is something no degree can fully provide on its own.

### Learning Never Stops

Of course, even with experience under your belt, the learning doesn't end at graduation. The world keeps changing—new technologies, new trends, and new ways of working appear all the time. If



## *From The Chairperson's Desk*



**Dear All,**

As we step into the month of September, I extend my warm greetings to the entire RIMS community.

September is a month of learning, celebration, and renewal. On the 5th of September, we observe Teachers' Day, an occasion to honour the invaluable role of our educators in shaping knowledge, character, and values. It is a reminder for all of us to remain grateful for the guidance, mentorship, and inspiration that teachers bring into our lives.

This month also brings the joyous festival of Durga Puja, which symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and the victory of courage, faith, and resilience. The celebrations remind us of the strength of unity and the importance of upholding righteousness in our personal and collective journeys.

As the academic session continues, I encourage all students and faculty to remain focused, innovative, and committed to both personal excellence and community growth. Just as our festivals inspire strength and renewal, let us channel that same spirit into our studies, teaching, and endeavors.

This edition of our college magazine reflects the vibrant pulse of the RIMS family—showcasing academic achievements, creative pursuits, cultural highlights, and community initiatives. It stands as a testament to the dedication, talent, and collaborative energy that define our institution.

May this September be filled with inspiration, productivity, joy, and meaningful contributions. Let us celebrate knowledge and culture together with gratitude and enthusiasm.

Wishing you all a fulfilling and memorable September.

May Goddess Durga bless us with wisdom, strength, and harmony.

***May God bless you all.***

**Smt. Nalini Prava Patnaik**

Chairperson  
RIMS, Rourkela

you stop learning, you risk falling behind. The most successful people are those who remain curious and open to growth. They take online courses, attend workshops, read books, and ask questions. They're not afraid to admit when they don't know something and are always eager to improve.

This mindset of lifelong learning is crucial for staying relevant and competitive. It's also what keeps your career exciting and fulfilling. Every new skill you learn, every challenge you tackle, adds another tool to your kit—making you more adaptable and resourceful.

### The Power of Connections



But even with a degree, skills, and a hunger for learning, there's another ingredient to career success: connections. It might sound unfair, but it's true—sometimes, it's not just what you

know, but who you know. Building relationships—whether at networking events, online, or just chatting with colleagues—can lead to job opportunities, mentorship, and advice you never expected.

Networking isn't about collecting business cards or adding random people on LinkedIn; it's about forming genuine connections, helping others, and being open to new opportunities. Sometimes, your next big break comes from a coffee chat, not your résumé. The more people you know, the more likely you are to hear about

that perfect job—or get a recommendation when you need it most.

### Attitude and Adaptability: The Final Ingredients

Beyond skills and connections, your attitude matters deeply. Employers love people who are positive, curious, and willing to try new things. The workplace can be unpredictable, and a sense of humour can help you navigate tough days and build strong relationships with your team.

Don't be afraid to ask questions, admit mistakes, or laugh at yourself when things go wrong (because, trust me, they will). A little humility and a lot of curiosity go a long way. Being adaptable and approachable can turn challenges into opportunities and setbacks into learning moments.

### The Bottom Line

So, is a degree enough for a successful career? Think of it as your passport. It gets you started, but it doesn't guarantee you'll reach your dream destination. To truly thrive, you need to build skills, gain experience, keep learning, and make connections. Add a good attitude, a willingness to try new things, and maybe a sense of humour for the tough days, and you'll be ready for whatever comes next.

In the end, your degree is just the beginning of your story. The rest is up to you—so go out there, embrace the adventure, and make your career journey uniquely yours!

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## The Golden Age of Silver Workers

In every civilization, there comes a time when art and craft rise above necessity and become a reflection of culture, identity, and pride. For silver workers, that golden age was a period when their skill, creativity, and artistry reached heights of beauty and importance that continue to shine across centuries. This era was not just about making ornaments or utensils; it was about crafting heritage, weaving stories into metal, and leaving behind a legacy that speaks even today.

### Silver Across Civilizations

Silver has been admired since ancient times. Unlike gold, which symbolized wealth and divine power, silver was seen as the metal of elegance, purity, and moonlight. From the palaces of Persia to the temples of India, from the markets of Spain to the workshops of China, silver was the chosen medium for both sacred and daily use. During the medieval and early modern periods, the demand for silver work increased. Monarchs and noble families commissioned craftsmen to design elaborate jewelry, ceremonial vessels, and decorative household items. The skill of silver workers became a marker of status, and their creations travelled across continents through trade routes.

### The Craftsmanship of the Golden Age

The golden age of silver workers was marked by extraordinary attention to detail. Each region had its own distinct style:

- Indian silversmiths carved divine motifs, floral engravings, and temple ornaments.
- European craftsmen perfected filigree, repoussé, and chasing techniques, producing intricate chalices, cutlery, and crowns.
- Chinese artisans blended silver with jade and enamel, turning simple objects into cultural masterpieces.
- This was a time when silver was not mass-produced but patiently handcrafted. Every piece carried the imprint of its maker's soul, often passed down from master to apprentice in tightly knit guilds.

### Silver as Wealth and Symbolism

Silver was more than metal—it was a currency of power. Kings stored it in treasuries, traders exchanged it along the Silk Road, and

households prized it as heirlooms. Religious ceremonies often demanded silver artifacts, from chalices in Christian traditions to ritual vessels in Hinduism and Buddhism. The glow of silver became associated with purity, prosperity, and spirituality.

### The Life of Silver Workers

During this golden age, silver workers were highly respected. Their knowledge of metallurgy, design, and symbolism made them essential contributors to society. They worked in small workshops, often in family clusters, carefully hammering, polishing, and engraving by hand.

The labor was intense, requiring patience, steady hands, and deep artistic vision. Apprentices trained for years before being allowed to create their own designs. The dignity of craftsmanship was held above all—earning a silver worker not only livelihood but also honor.

### Decline and Legacy

As industrialization spread in the 18th and 19th centuries, machine-made goods reduced the demand for handcrafted silver. Many traditional artisans lost their trade, and the golden age faded. Yet, their legacy never vanished. Museums today preserve chalices, ornaments, and utensils from that era as treasures of human creativity.

In many cultures, silver working continues in small pockets, keeping alive traditions that once flourished. Handmade silver jewelry, temple ornaments, and festival artifacts still remind us of the skill and devotion of past generations.

### Why It Matters Today

The golden age of silver workers teaches us the value of patience, artistry, and respect for craft. In today's fast-paced, machine-driven world, their work reminds us that true beauty takes time. Each piece of silver from that era carries more than shine—it carries history, culture, and soul. Just as silver reflects light, the golden age of silver workers reflects the timeless brilliance of human creativity. Their hands shaped more than metal; they shaped a cultural heritage that continues to sparkle across time.

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## Today's Generation and Their Situation

Every generation carries its own story—shaped by the times, technology, struggles, and opportunities it encounters. Today's generation, often called Gen Z and Millennials, lives in a world very different from that of their parents and grandparents. This generation is intelligent, ambitious, and creative, but also faces challenges that no other age group in history has faced in quite the same way.

### A Digital-First World

The biggest change shaping today's generation is technology. From childhood, young people have grown up with smartphones, social media, and the internet. Information is available at their fingertips—news, knowledge, entertainment, and even careers can be built online. This digital lifestyle has brought great opportunities, such as:

Access to global education and online learning. Platforms to showcase creativity like YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. Ability to connect across cultures instantly. But it has also created struggles: Addiction to screens, leading to stress and lack of focus. Pressure from social media comparisons, which affect self-esteem. A constant race for “likes” and approval from others.

### Education and Career Pressure

Today's generation is more educated than ever before. Parents and schools push students to excel, and society often judges them by marks, degrees, and jobs. This has created:

High pressure on students to perform well academically.

Job competition, where even highly educated people struggle to find stable work.

Mental health issues, as failure or setbacks sometimes lead to stress, depression, or even extreme steps.

### Dreams and Ambitions

Despite challenges, today's youth are also more ambitious and open-minded. Unlike earlier generations who often chose traditional careers, this generation wants to explore: Entrepreneurship and startups.

Creative careers in arts, design, and entertainment.

Social causes like climate change, gender equality, and human rights.

Their courage to think differently makes them change-makers, though society sometimes struggles to understand their choices.

### Relationships and Social Life

Today's generation is deeply connected online, but often lonely in real life. Friendships and relationships are influenced by fast lifestyles, social media, and changing values. While many young people believe in equality and freedom, they also face struggles with:

#### Broken relationships.

Lack of real emotional support. Generational conflicts with parents or elders over traditions vs modern values.

### Challenges of the Times

Beyond personal struggles, today's generation also faces global problems: Climate change and pollution, threatening their future. Economic instability, with inflation and job insecurity. Cultural identity struggles, balancing tradition with modernity. Yet, this generation is also the most aware, vocal, and active about solving these issues. They protest, campaign, and use technology to raise awareness like no generation before them.

### Conclusion

Today's generation lives in a world of contrast—unlimited opportunities but also heavy pressures, freedom of choice but also confusion, global connections but also personal loneliness. They are smart, innovative, and passionate, yet they also need more emotional support, understanding, and balance in life.

If guided with care and given space to express themselves, today's youth can turn challenges into opportunities and lead society into a brighter future. After all, they are not just the generation of today—they are the leaders of tomorrow.

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## Ganesh Chaturthi

Ganesh Chaturthi, also widely known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, is a cherished Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesha—the remover of obstacles and the embodiment of wisdom and prosperity. Across India and in Indian communities worldwide, this ten-day festival stands out for its vibrant rituals, colorful decorations, and a profound spirit of unity. In 2025, Ganesh Chaturthi falls on August 27, and its cultural, spiritual, and ecological significance continues to inspire millions, especially students and young learners.

### Cultural Importance

Ganesh Chaturthi traces its roots to ancient Hindu scriptures describing the birth of Lord Ganesha, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Traditionally observed during the Bhadrapada month (August–September), the festival symbolizes the victory of wisdom and good over ignorance and evil.

Ganesh Chaturthi gained its current community-centric form in the late 19th century when freedom fighter Lokmanya Tilak encouraged large public celebrations in Maharashtra. This move united people against colonial rule and established the festival's importance as both a religious and cultural event. Today, Ganesh

Chaturthi is marked by public processions, art, devotional music, and community service, especially in states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.

### Key Rituals and the Ten-Day Celebration

Each year, Ganesh Chaturthi unfolds over ten days, starting with Ganesh Sthapana (installation) and ending with Ganesh Visarjan (immersion). Rituals blend devotion with creativity and community participation:

- Day 1 (Chaturthi): Installation of Lord Ganesha idols at homes, schools, or public pandals. Special prayers mark the beginning.
- Daily aarti, chanting, and offerings of sweets like modak (Ganesha's favourite) and laddus.
- Devotional songs, bhajans, art, and craft activities, especially among students.
- Community events and competitions such as rangoli, drawing, and essay writing.
- Day 10 (Anant Chaturdashi): Ganesh Visarjan—the farewell, where idols are immersed in water, symbolizing life's cycle of creation and dissolution.

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## Nuakhai Juhar

Nuakhai is one of the most important agrarian festivals celebrated in the western part of Odisha and some regions of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. The word “Nuakhai” is derived from two words – “Nua” meaning new, and “Khai” meaning food or eat. As the name suggests, it is the festival of eating newly harvested crops, symbolizing prosperity, gratitude, and togetherness.

### Origin and Significance

Nuakhai has deep roots in agricultural tradition. Farmers celebrate it to thank Mother Earth, nature, and deities for a good harvest and pray for future prosperity. It is observed on the day after Ganesh Chaturthi, generally in the month of Bhadraba (August–September). The festival is not only a cultural practice but also a way to strengthen community bonds and preserve the agrarian heritage of Odisha.

### Rituals and Celebrations

The celebration of Nuakhai begins with a specific ritual called Nabanna (new rice offering). The head of the family offers the freshly harvested paddy to the presiding deity, usually Goddess Samaleswari in Sambalpur, followed by all

members of the family consuming the new crop.

Families gather together and prepare traditional dishes. Elders bless the younger ones, and people seek forgiveness for past misunderstandings. Folk dances, songs, and cultural programs mark the festive atmosphere. Traditional attire, especially Sambalpuri sarees and dhotis, add to the charm of the celebration.

### Cultural Importance

Nuakhai is not just about crops; it reflects the spirit of unity and harmony in society. It fosters respect for agriculture, strengthens family ties, and emphasizes gratitude for nature's gifts. The festival also promotes Odia culture through folk art, music, and cuisine.

### Conclusion

Nuakhai stands as a beautiful reminder of the deep connection between humans, nature, and culture. It teaches us to respect our roots, cherish our traditions, and celebrate the bond of community. More than a harvest festival, Nuakhai is a festival of gratitude, unity, and cultural pride.

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## Failing Forward: Why Failure is the First Step to Success

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## Celebration of Teacher's Day



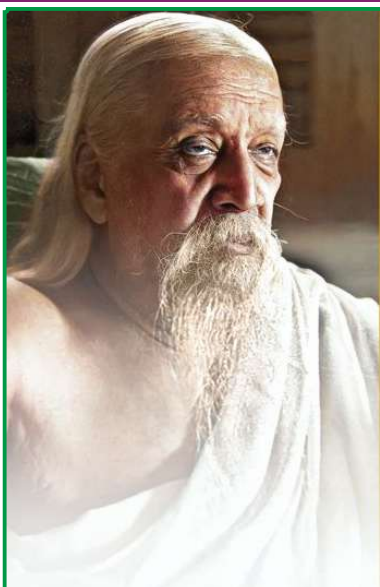
## CURRENT AFFAIRS, JULY-2025

- ❑ India–U.S. NISAR Satellite Launched – Enhances Earth observation on August 1.
- ❑ UNSC Attributes Pahalgam Attack to TRF – Pakistan agrees on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025.
- ❑ Supreme Court: Safe Roads = Fundamental Right under Article 21 on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .
- ❑ On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 ,U.S. Imposes 25% Tariff on Indian Exports – Pharma hit hardest
- ❑ On 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 ,Discovery of Rare CRIB Blood Antigen in Bengaluru
- ❑ UNFSS+4 Summit–Global food system reform discussions on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .
- ❑ PMKSY Budget Raised to ₹6,520 Cr – Focus on food safety on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .
- ❑ Starlink Approved for Satellite Broadband in India on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .
- ❑ EU AI Code of Practice Signed – 26 firms commit to safety on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
- ❑ Independence Day Address – PM announces Blue Economy White Paper on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
- ❑ Kandla Port Commissions Green Hydrogen Plant on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025.
- ❑ India–ASEAN Digital Trade Pact Signed – Boosts e-commerce on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .
- ❑ Return of Lord Buddha's Piprahwa Relics to India on 22<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .
- ❑ India's Teacher Count Crosses 1 Crore – UDISE+ 2024–25 report on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .
- ❑ National Small Industry Day – MSMEs celebrated nationwide on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025 .



*Cultural Programme on Teacher's Day-2025*





*"For the powers of our mind, life, and body are bound to their own limitations, and however high they may rise or however widely expand, they cannot rise beyond them. But still, mental man can open to what is beyond him and call down a Supramental Light, Truth, and Power to work in him and do what the mind cannot do. If mind cannot by effort become what is beyond mind, Supermind can descend and transform mind into its own substance."*

*- Sri Aurobindo*

## Independence Day & Induction Program

Independence Day & Induction Program Presenting the highlights of two important occasions observed in our institution. The Independence Day celebration was held with patriotic zeal, where the flag hoisting and cultural activities reminded us of the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. The program also emphasized the role of education in nurturing values of responsibility, unity, and nation-building among students.

At the same time, the Induction Program for newcomers was conducted, marking the beginning of their academic journey. The program introduced the students to the institution's educational ethos, academic opportunities, and guiding principles. Together, both events reflected the spirit of learning, growth, and responsibility, encouraging students to contribute meaningfully to society through education.

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