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Report on Student Research Symposium – ANVESHAN 2026

Date: 09.05.2026	**Venue: Seminar Hall**
	Conducted by: Centre for Research and Extension **Resource Persons: Chief Guest (Inauguration): Ms. Ulka Kelkar, Executive Program Director, WRI** **Guest of Honour: Ms. Kavita Kapoor, CFO, Quinnox** **Mr. Satya Sesha Sai, Director, Xerox (Valedictory Session)**

Overview:

RV Institute of Management successfully organized **ANVESHAN 2026**, a Student Research Symposium, on 09 May 2026. The symposium served as a vibrant platform for budding researchers and management students to present their scholarly work, exchange innovative ideas, and engage in meaningful academic discussions. The event aimed to foster a culture of inquiry and critical thinking by encouraging participants to address contemporary business challenges through rigorous research.

ANVESHAN 2026 brought together students, academicians, industry experts, and external evaluators, thereby creating opportunities for interdisciplinary learning and collaboration. The proceedings of the symposium were formally released during the inaugural session, reflecting the institution's commitment to promoting quality student research.

Objectives:

- To provide a platform for students to present and discuss their research work.
- To encourage scholarly inquiry and evidence-based problem-solving.
- To facilitate interaction between students, academicians, and industry experts.
- To promote interdisciplinary research in management and allied disciplines.
- To recognize and reward excellence in student research.
- To strengthen research orientation among management students.

Agenda / Event Flow

- The programme commenced with an invocation by Ms. Kavya, IV Semester MBA student, followed by the welcome address by Dr. Aparna Rao, Deputy Director.
- The dignitaries participated in the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, marking the formal inauguration of ANVESHAN 2026.
- Dr. Tamizharasi, Professor, RVIM, introduced the symposium and highlighted its objectives, theme, and significance in promoting student research.
- Ms. Ulka Kelkar, Executive Program Director, WRI, addressed the gathering as the Chief Guest and encouraged participants to undertake research that creates meaningful societal and business impact.
- The ANVESHAN 2026 Proceedings were officially released by the dignitaries.
- Ms. Kavita Kapoor, CFO, Quinnox, delivered the Guest of Honour address and shared insights on the relevance of research, innovation, and analytical thinking in today's business environment.
- The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Jahnavi M.
- Technical paper presentation sessions were conducted simultaneously across ten venues within the institution.
- Student researchers presented their papers before evaluation panels comprising external examiners from academia and industry, along with internal faculty members from RV Institute of Management, ensuring a rigorous and balanced assessment process.
- The evaluators provided constructive feedback, critical insights, and recommendations to help participants strengthen the quality and applicability of their research.
- Student coordinators facilitated the smooth conduct of the technical sessions and ensured effective coordination across all venues.
- The valedictory session commenced with a welcome address, followed by a glimpse of the day's proceedings and highlights of the symposium.
- Mr. Satya Sesha Sai, Director, Xerox, delivered the valedictory address, emphasizing the importance of innovation, adaptability, and continuous learning.
- The Best Paper Awards were presented to recognize outstanding research contributions showcased during the symposium.
- The event concluded with a vote of thanks, marking the successful completion of ANVESHAN 2026.

About ANVESHAN 2026:

ANVESHAN 2026 was organized under the theme **"Pioneering the Future of Business Research."** The symposium encouraged participants to explore emerging business issues and develop innovative solutions through systematic research.

Research contributions were invited in diverse areas including Marketing, Finance and Accounting, Economics, Human Resources, Operations Management, Strategy and Entrepreneurship, Business Analytics, Emerging Technologies, and other allied fields in management.

Inaugural Session:

The inaugural programme commenced at 9.30 AM with an invocation rendered by Ms. Kavya, IV Semester MBA student. Dr. Aparna Rao, Deputy Director, welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of nurturing research capabilities among students.

The ceremonial lighting of the lamp was carried out by the dignitaries, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. Dr. Tamizharasi, Professor, RVIM, presented an overview of ANVESHAN 2026 and highlighted the significance of student-led research initiatives.
Ms. Ulka Kelkar, Executive Program Director, WRI, addressed the participants as the Chief Guest and encouraged students to undertake research that contributes to sustainable and socially relevant business practices. The ANVESHAN 2026 Proceedings were formally released by the dignitaries.
Ms. Kavita Kapoor, CFO, Quinnox, addressed the gathering as the Guest of Honour and shared valuable insights on the importance of analytical thinking, innovation, and industry relevance in research.
The session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Jahnavi M. The proceedings were efficiently compered by Mr. Abhiram Bhatt and Ms. Ananya Bhatt of IV Semester MBA.

Paper Presentation Sessions:
Following the inaugural ceremony, technical sessions were conducted across multiple venues within the institution. Student researchers presented their papers before panels comprising external experts and internal faculty members.

The sessions witnessed active participation, critical evaluation, and constructive feedback from the panel members, enabling students to refine their research perspectives.

Valedictory Session:
The valedictory programme commenced at 4.00 PM with a welcome address, followed by a glimpse of the day's activities and achievements.
Mr. Satya Sesha Sai, Director, Xerox, addressed the gathering as the Chief Guest of the valedictory session. He encouraged students to continue their pursuit of research excellence and highlighted the growing importance of innovation and adaptability in the contemporary business environment.
The symposium concluded with the presentation of the **Best Paper Awards**, recognizing outstanding research contributions presented during the event. The programme ended with a vote of thanks. The valedictory session was compered by Mr. Somshekar and Ms. Disha of IV Semester MBA.

Key Takeaways from the Session

- Students gained valuable experience in presenting and defending research work.
- Participants received expert feedback from academicians and industry professionals.
- The symposium enhanced research aptitude and critical thinking abilities.
- Students developed confidence in scholarly communication and academic discourse.
- The event fostered a culture of inquiry, innovation, and evidence-based decision-making.
- Interactions during the symposium strengthened industry-academia engagement.

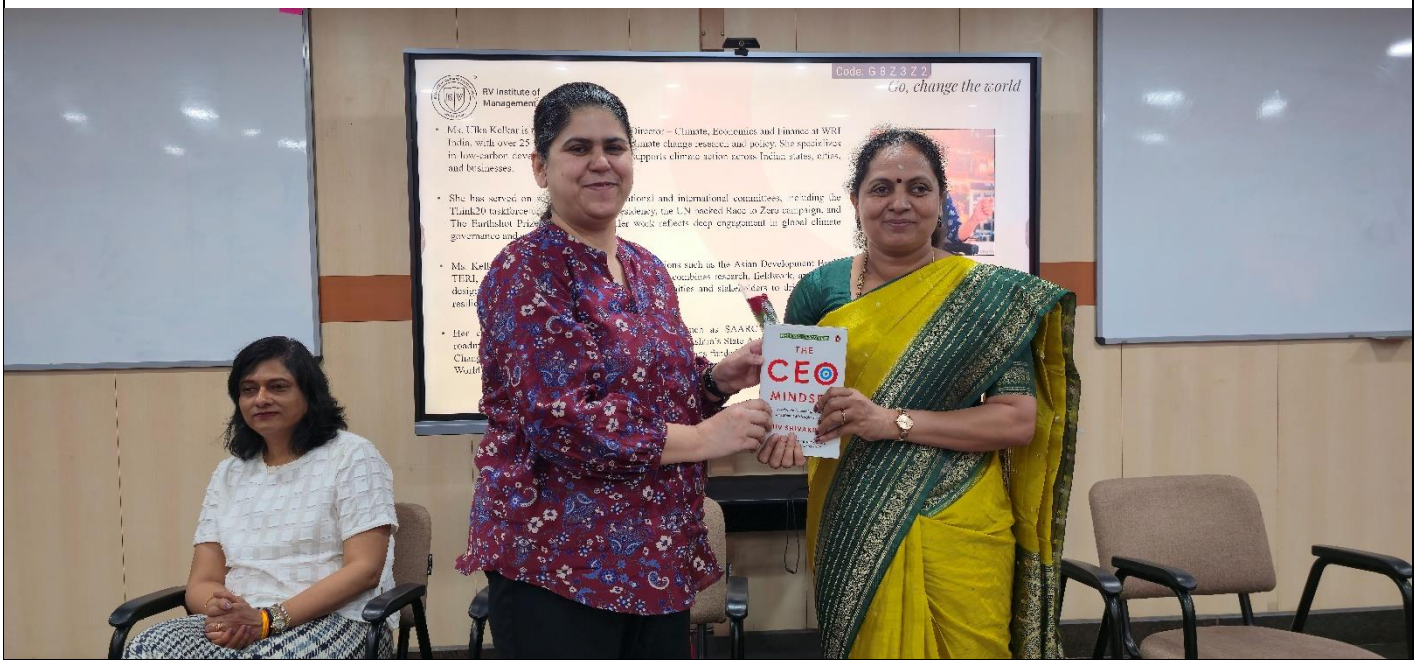
Outcome and Impact:
ANVESHAN 2026 successfully achieved its objective of promoting student research and creating an ecosystem that values intellectual curiosity and academic excellence. The symposium motivated participants to pursue meaningful research and contribute to addressing contemporary business challenges through innovative solutions.

Coordinator/ Incharge: Dr. Tamizharasi D
No. of Participants/Section: Student researchers, faculty members, external examiners, industry experts, and invited guests.- 180 Internal Participants and 30 External participants
No. of Technical Sessions Conducted: 10 parallel paper presentation sessions.

No. of Hours: 9.00 AM to 4.30 PM

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Professor & Director RVIM

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Profile of Chief Guests

Ms. Ulka Kelkar

Ms. Ulka Kelkar is the Executive Program Director – Climate, Economics & Finance at WRI India, a leading global research organization focused on sustainable development. She is an economist with over 25 years of experience in climate change research, policy outreach, and capacity building. Her work focuses on low-carbon development pathways, climate policy, just transitions, and sustainable economic growth.

She has served on several national and international committees, including advisory groups associated with India's G20 initiatives and climate action programmes. Prior to joining WRI India, she worked with organizations such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Her research has been published in reputed international journals, and she holds a Master's degree in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Guest of Honour Profile

Ms. Kavita Kapoor

Ms. Kavita Kapoor is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Everforth Quinnox, a global digital transformation and technology solutions organization. She is a seasoned finance leader with over two decades of experience in corporate finance, commercial strategy, pricing, financial planning, and business operations.

In her leadership role, she oversees the organization's financial strategy, governance, and performance management, contributing significantly to sustainable business growth and operational excellence. She has played an instrumental role in driving strategic initiatives and fostering a culture of innovation and accountability within the organization. Ms. Kapoor is also associated with various corporate social responsibility initiatives that focus on creating meaningful societal impact.

Her extensive industry experience and strategic insights make her a respected leader in the field of corporate finance and business management.

Chief Guest (valedictory Session)

Mr. Satya Sesha Sai Casukhela is a seasoned corporate leader currently serving as a Director at Xerox. He brings with him more than three decades of professional experience spanning finance, business operations, account management, and strategic leadership. Prior to his association with Xerox, he held senior leadership positions at renowned multinational organizations, including IBM India Private Limited and Hewlett-Packard (HP) India.

Over the course of his career, he has led large-scale business operations, driven organizational transformation initiatives, and contributed significantly to enhancing operational excellence and customer-centric practices. His extensive industry experience and strategic insights have made him a respected leader in the corporate sector, particularly in the areas of business operations and governance.

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Student Research Symposium

ANVESHAN 2026

Pioneering the Future of Business Research



09 May 2026 Saturday **Mode: Hybrid** (In-person for Bangalore participants)

About the Event

The research symposium offers a dynamic platform for emerging scholars to explore and influence the evolving landscape of business research. In an era shaped by rapid technological advancements, shifting geopolitical dynamics, economic fluctuations, and a growing emphasis on sustainability, the forum encourages innovation and interdisciplinary collaboration. It enables young researchers to present meaningful insights that contribute to business transformation. By bridging theoretical frameworks with real-world applications, ANVESHAN 2026 fosters impactful research and aspires to redefine the future of business through fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to emerging socio-economic challenges.

Call for Papers

We invite extended abstracts from undergraduate and postgraduate students across a range of areas, including:

- Marketing
- Finance and Accounting
- Economics
- HR
- Operations Management
- Strategy and Entrepreneurship
- Business Analytics
- Emerging technologies and allied areas of Business and Management

Important Dates

Extended Abstract/Full manuscript Submission Deadline	:	April 25, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	:	April 30, 2026
Registration Deadline	:	May 04, 2026
Registration fee	:	Rs 500

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Guidelines for Submission

Extended Abstract text– word count is restricted to 1000 words and full manuscript 4000 to 5000 words

Abstracts must be submitted with the following sections:

- Purpose / Motivation (< 150 words)
- Literature Review & Research Gaps (< 150 words)
- Design / Methodology (< 150 words)
- Analysis & Findings (< 400 words)
- Conclusions (< 150 words)
- Keywords: Not more than 5 keywords

Submission of Extended Abstract/ Full manuscript to srs.rvim@rvei.edu.in

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(* Conditions apply)

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