



GOAL 10

REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU) is committed to advancing **Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities** by fostering inclusivity, equity, and empowerment. Through scholarships, accessible infrastructure, inclusive curricula, and comprehensive support for marginalized groups, the university ensures opportunities for all. SRHU's initiatives span impactful research, cultural events, and community outreach, addressing systemic disparities and promoting diversity. By creating an environment that values inclusion and equality, SRHU strives to build a more just and equitable society.



Inclusive Education: Scholarships and Financial Aid

Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU) is committed to fostering inclusive education, ensuring access to quality learning for students from diverse backgrounds. The university prioritizes equity through various scholarships and financial aid programs, catering to marginalized groups, including those with disabilities, low-income families, and disadvantaged communities. By reserving 40% of seats for Uttarakhand residents and offering substantial tuition fee concessions, SRHU promotes regional representation and inclusivity. These initiatives align with the university's vision to empower individuals and bridge gaps in access to education, creating a supportive and equitable academic environment.



1. Reservation for Uttarakhand Residents

SRHU reserves **40% of seats in all courses** for permanent residents of Uttarakhand, demonstrating its commitment to regional inclusion. Additionally, **26% fee concessions** are offered to these students. If reserved seats remain vacant after the admission deadline, they are made available to other candidates, ensuring optimal utilization of resources. [For more information](#)

2. Merit-Cum-Means Scholarships

Designed for students from economically weaker sections, this scholarship applies to those with an annual family income of less than ₹5,00,000. It covers **50% of the tuition fee for the first year**, extendable to subsequent years based on a minimum of **70% academic performance and 80% attendance**. [For more information](#)



3. Special Scholarships

Special provisions include:

- Support for **transgender candidates** and **differently abled students**.
- Fee concessions for wards of **Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces, and Police Force personnel** (serving or retired).

4. Additional Fee Concessions

SRHU extends **25% tuition fee concessions** to:

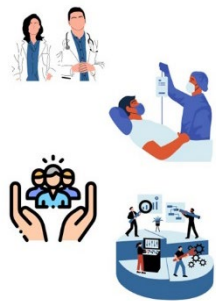
- Female candidates, promoting gender inclusivity.
- SRHU graduates pursuing higher degrees at the university.
- Wards of SRHU employees, subject to service conditions.

5. Free Education for Orphans:

A provision for **one orphan per academic program** ensures access to education for the most vulnerable, reaffirming the university's dedication to inclusivity.

Curriculum for Inclusivity and Equality

An inclusive and equitable curriculum is essential for preparing socially responsible professionals who can address disparities and foster diversity in their fields. A comprehensive approach to education includes **53 courses** that address cross-cutting issues of inclusivity, integrating diverse perspectives, cultures, and needs.



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Curriculum Integration
To promote Inclusivity and Equality

- **Medical and Health Sciences:** Courses such as **Community Medicine, Health Policy Planning, Geriatric and Adolescent Health, and Occupational Health** equip students with the skills to tackle healthcare inequalities. Subjects like **Health Economics** and **Biostatistics** enable critical analysis and the development of equitable healthcare policies.



- **Physiotherapy and Nursing:** Programs such as **Community Physiotherapy**, **Health Promotion**, and **Advance Nursing Practice** focus on community-oriented care, helping bridge gaps in healthcare access for underserved populations.
- **Social Sciences and IT:** Courses like **Sociology**, **Professionalism**, **Basic Computer Sciences**, and **Communication Skills** cultivate empathy, cultural awareness, and technological fluency, essential for building inclusive communities.
- **Management and Business:** Subjects such as **Human Resource Management**, **Business Communication**, and **Strategic Management** emphasize ethical leadership and inclusivity, empowering future professionals to advocate for equality within organizational frameworks.

This dynamic curriculum not only provides academic enrichment but also instils a deep sense of social responsibility, preparing individuals to address inequalities and contribute to a more inclusive and equitable world.

Accessible Learning Resources

At SRHU, accessibility and inclusivity are at the core of our educational philosophy. Our website is equipped with the **wp-accessibility plugin**, ensuring that color and font sizes are adaptable for individuals with visual challenges. For further personalization, users can modify their computer settings or install assistive technologies like **NVDA**.

The **SRHU Library System** stands as a model of excellence among private universities in India. It comprises a Central Library and six specialized faculty library centres spread across the institution's schools, including **HSMS, HSST, HCN, HSBS, HSYS, and HSPS**. The libraries collectively offer cutting-edge **digital services** powered by RFID, KOHA LMS, and remote access to vast collections of e-resources, including over **37,000 monographs, 2,561 foreign journals**, and access to lakhs of e-books and open-access journals.





Key features include:

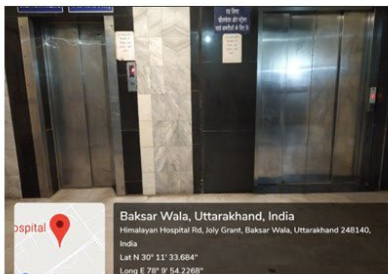
- Off-campus access to subscribed and open-source resources.
- Continuous **information literacy programs** for optimal utilization of resources.
- A robust digital repository, **The Himalayan**, offering a comprehensive archive of question papers, research outputs, and more.

Notable resources include **Scopus**, **Cochrane Library**, **NEJM**, **IEEE CSDL**, **NPTTEL**, **SWAYAM**, and **Shodhganga**, among others. Additionally, the library offers specialized access to open resources such as **Gandhi Heritage**, **Vedic Heritage**, and **PubMed Central**, ensuring a blend of traditional and modern knowledge.

The Central Library, with a **425-seat capacity**, has evolved over its **32-year journey** to become a beacon of knowledge and inclusivity, empowering students and researchers to thrive in a diverse academic environment. For assistance, recommendations, or remote access, the library staff and services remain readily accessible.

Disability Inclusion

In alignment with **SDG 10: Reduced Inequality**, the university is dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff with disabilities. To ensure accessibility for all, the campus is equipped with ramps, lifts, and tactile pathways at key locations, facilitating safe and independent navigation for individuals with mobility challenges. Disability-friendly washrooms are strategically placed throughout the campus to meet the diverse needs of our community. Additionally, wheelchair assistance is provided at the University hospital, ensuring that healthcare services are easily accessible to everyone. These efforts reflect our commitment to reducing inequality and promoting an environment where all individuals, regardless of ability, can fully participate in academic, social, and extracurricular activities.



Cultural and Religious Diversity

To promote cultural and religious diversity, ensuring that students from varied backgrounds can engage, collaborate, and learn in an inclusive environment. With 751 students admitted from other states, the university celebrates the rich blend of cultural perspectives and traditions. This diversity is further nurtured through a variety of cultural events organized throughout the year.

The '**Himotsav-2024**' foundation day celebration exemplified the university's commitment to cultural inclusivity. The three-day event saw students from different regions and communities come together, showcasing the vibrant cultural diversity of India. Performances ranged from Garhwali and Punjabi dances to Marathi and South Indian folk traditions, creating a memorable exchange of regional cultures. The participation of students from diverse disciplines highlighted the unity in diversity, fostering a sense of belonging among the entire student body. [For more information](#)

In addition, the university observes international celebrations such as **Mother Language Day** and **Republic Day**, further enriching the cultural fabric of the campus. These events promote linguistic diversity and the preservation of cultural heritage, ensuring that students' identities and backgrounds are respected and celebrated.



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The campus continues to be a platform where different cultures converge, providing opportunities for students to share ideas, learn from each other, and contribute to a more inclusive society. [For more information](#)





Research Initiatives

The university actively contributes to **Sustainable Development Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities)** through impactful research aimed at addressing disparities in health, education, economic inclusion, and social equity. Notable studies include evaluations of government de-addiction programs, socioeconomic differentials in maternal healthcare access in urban slums, and workplace stress among healthcare providers, all of which highlight systemic barriers and propose actionable solutions for more equitable outcomes.

In addition to healthcare, the university's research promotes educational and financial inclusion. Studies on AI tools for students with disabilities and comparisons of mid-day meal beneficiaries with private school attendees emphasize the role of inclusive policies in bridging educational gaps. Economic-focused research, such as optimizing credit card fraud detection models and reducing remittance transaction costs, supports underserved populations in achieving financial security. These initiatives collectively reflect the university's dedication to fostering equality and advancing sustainable development.

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Student Clubs and Initiatives

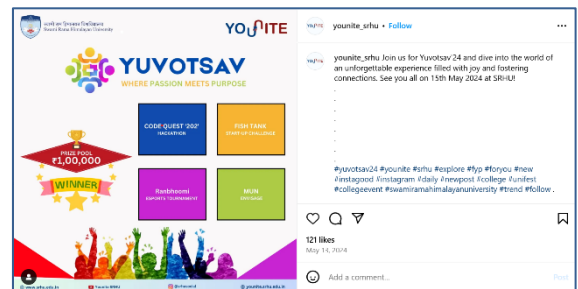
YOUNITE, a dynamic student-led initiative at Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), exemplifies the principles of **SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities** by fostering unity, inclusivity, and empowerment among students. Launched by the Honorable Vice Chancellor, YOUNITE, symbolized by the emblem of **joining hands**, represents the synergy that emerges when youth unite to drive positive change. This vibrant club champions equal opportunities, bridges divides, and uplifts marginalized groups through leadership workshops, peer support networks, and community engagement initiatives. By encouraging collaboration and holistic growth, YOUNITE inspires students to embrace diversity, break barriers, and create a more equitable campus environment, reflecting SRHU's unwavering commitment to reducing inequalities and fostering social harmony.



Events Organized by YOUNITE Aligned with SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

- **Yuvotsav 2024**

A vibrant celebration of talent, innovation, and collaboration, featuring diverse competitions such as the **Code Quiz 202 Hackathon**, **Fish Tank Start-Up Challenge**, **Ranbhoomi E-Sport Tournament**, and **MUN - Envisage**. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their creativity, problem-solving abilities, entrepreneurial ideas, and leadership skills, fostering inclusivity and camaraderie. By bringing together participants from various disciplines, Yuvostav exemplified YOUNITE's commitment to SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities, creating opportunities for learning, growth, and unity within the SRHU community. [For more information](#)





- **Alumni Meet 2024**

A nostalgic reunion where former students reconnected with their alma mater, sharing memories and experiences. The gathering emphasized inclusivity by welcoming alumni from various years, strengthening bonds and mutual support within the SRHU community.



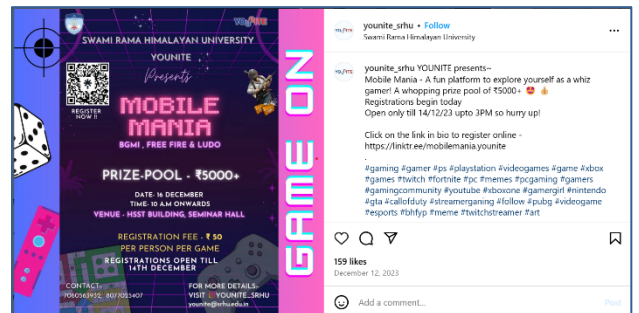
- **Fun Quiz for School Students**

YOUNITE conducted interactive quiz sessions at DAV Public School and Nirmal Ashram Deepmala Pagarani Public School, engaging students in a stress-free and enjoyable environment. These activities fostered curiosity and joy, breaking the monotony of routines and encouraging collaborative learning.



- **Mobile Mania Gaming Event**

Bringing students together through their love for gaming, this event featured thrilling battles in games like BGMI, Free fire, and Ludo. By creating a platform for shared interests, YOUNITE fostered friendships and inclusivity through this engaging experience.





- **Garba and Dandiya Eve**

Under a starry sky, YOUNITE organized a colourful Garba and Dandiya night, where students from various schools joined hands to celebrate unity and tradition. The event transcended boundaries, blending cultural diversity with collective joy and togetherness.



- **Stress-Buster Session at Himalayan School of Nursing**

A lively session filled with games, laughter, and camaraderie, providing nursing students a much-needed break from their rigorous schedules. The event highlighted the importance of mental well-being and community bonding.



- **Nature and Wildlife Painting Competition**

In collaboration with the Literary and Fine Arts Committee, YOUNITE hosted a painting competition in the serene Gazebo Garden. Students from different disciplines portrayed nature's beauty on canvas, fostering creative expression and inclusivity in a peaceful, collaborative setting.



Through these events, YOUNITE not only promotes creativity and camaraderie but also actively contributes to reducing inequalities by creating platforms that celebrate diversity, unity, and equal opportunities for all.



Community Outreach Activities

The University has implemented a wide range of initiatives under SDG 10 to ensure equal opportunities, support, and empowerment for people with disabilities. These efforts span across various domains, including comprehensive support services, career assistance, medical care, income generation programs, and awareness campaigns. By addressing the unique needs of individuals with disabilities, SRHU aims to enhance their quality of life, promote their participation in society, and provide them with the tools to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

Below is an overview of the key initiatives undertaken by the university to support the disability-inclusive community:

- **Comprehensive Support**
 - The University has been actively involved in providing comprehensive support to individuals with disabilities, reaching over 500 people in need. This initiative included offering medical care and counselling services to address their health and emotional well-being. Additionally, assistive devices such as wheelchairs and tricycles were provided to 11 individuals, enabling them to move freely and independently.
- **Learning Disability Clinic**
 - A dedicated multidisciplinary team comprising psychologists, educators, and speech therapists supported over 190 children with learning disabilities. The clinic adopted a holistic approach, focusing on enhancing the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual well-being of these children.
- **Unique Disability ID (UDID) Cards**
 - In line with simplifying disability verification and identification processes, assistance was provided to 40 individuals to help them register for and obtain Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards by assisting these individuals in obtaining the UDID cards, the initiative ensured that they could more easily access social welfare schemes, healthcare services, and other essential support systems available for people with disabilities.
- **Career Support**
 - The university's career support initiatives focused on empowering individuals with disabilities to find meaningful employment. A total of 100 individuals were registered with the National Career Service Centre (NCSC), and 57 successfully completed the registration process. Additionally, 20 individuals participated in career fairs, with 8 securing positions in reputed companies such as Amazon and Bajaj Finance.



- **Corrective Surgeries and Scholarships**

The University conducted screenings for individuals requiring corrective surgeries, helping identify 3 individuals in need of surgical intervention. In addition to medical support, 9 special children were awarded scholarships to assist with their educational needs, ensuring that financial constraints did not hinder their academic progress.

