

[CORE] Social Responsibility (SR)

Sub Criterion: 5.3

SR4 Environmental impact

Sustainability Report

Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)

Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU) is dedicated to promoting inclusive education by providing equal opportunities for students from all backgrounds. The university emphasizes equity through a range of scholarships and financial assistance programs aimed at supporting marginalized groups, including individuals with disabilities, students from low-income households, and underprivileged communities. SRHU also ensures regional representation by reserving 40% of its seats for residents of Uttarakhand and offering significant tuition fee concessions. These efforts reflect the university's commitment to empowering individuals and narrowing educational disparities, thereby fostering a supportive and inclusive academic environment.

1) Admissions Inclusion & Fee Equity

1.1 State-quota seats for Permanent Residents of Uttarakhand (PRU) and tuition rebate

- 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.

2) Scholarships, Special Provisions & Fee Concessions (2024–2025)

2.1 Current scholarship framework

Policy for Scholarships & Fee Concessions ([click here](#))

2.2 Key equity-oriented instruments

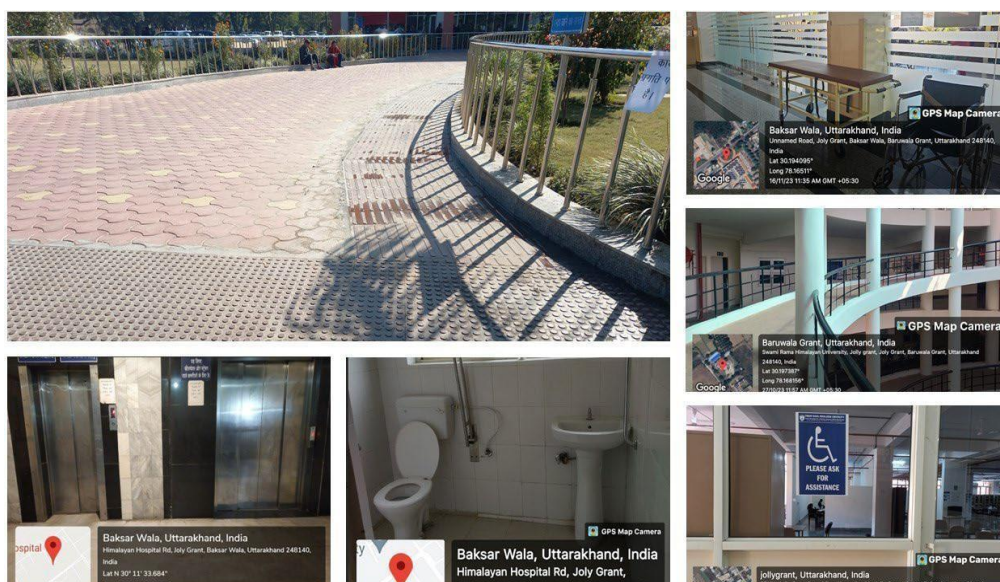
- **Merit-cum-Means (EWS):** For students below a defined **family income threshold** (\leq ₹5,00,000 in current communication), typically **50% of first-year tuition** with continuation contingent on **minimum CGPA/percentage and $\geq 80\%$ attendance**.
- **Special Scholarships:** Provisions for **Transgender** and **Differently-abled** candidates; concessions for **wards of Armed/Paramilitary/Police personnel**.
- **Fee Concessions promoting inclusion:** **25% concession** (generally on first-year tuition) for **female candidates, SRHU graduates admitted to next higher degrees at SRHU, and wards of SRHU employees (conditions apply)**.

- **Free-ship for Orphans:** One orphan per academic program is eligible for **free education** (subject to timely document verification/availability).

3) Accessible Campus & Learning Resources

3.1 Infrastructure

- **Barrier-free infrastructure:** Ramps, lifts, tactile pathways, and accessible washrooms at key locations.
- **Wheelchair assistance at the University hospital.**

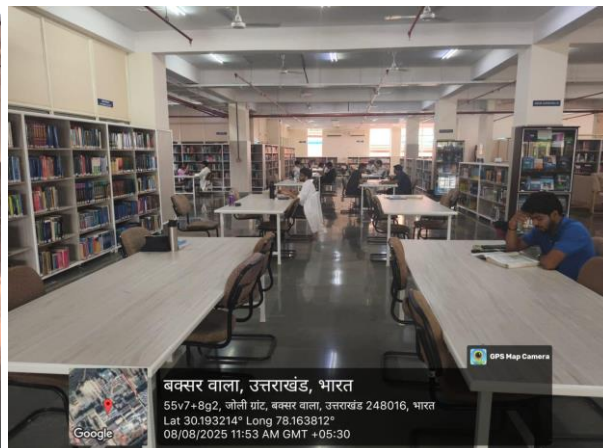
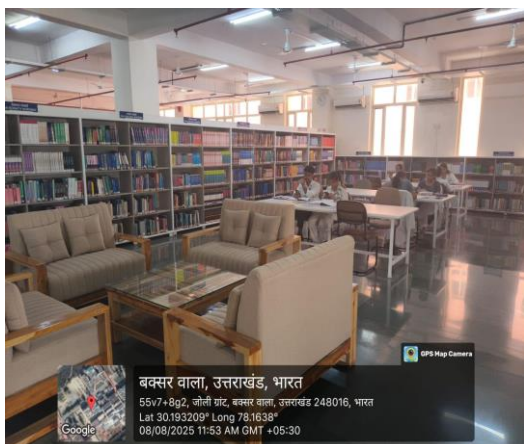


3.2 Digital & Library Access

SRHU Library System: Central Library + six faculty libraries, 37,000+ monographs and 2,561 foreign journals.

KOHA LMS, RFID technology, and remote off-campus access ensure students can access learning materials from anywhere.

The Himalayan digital repository archives research, question papers, and open-access resources.



SRHU Central Library

Notable resources include Scopus, Cochrane Library, NEJM, IEEE CSDL, NPTEL, 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.

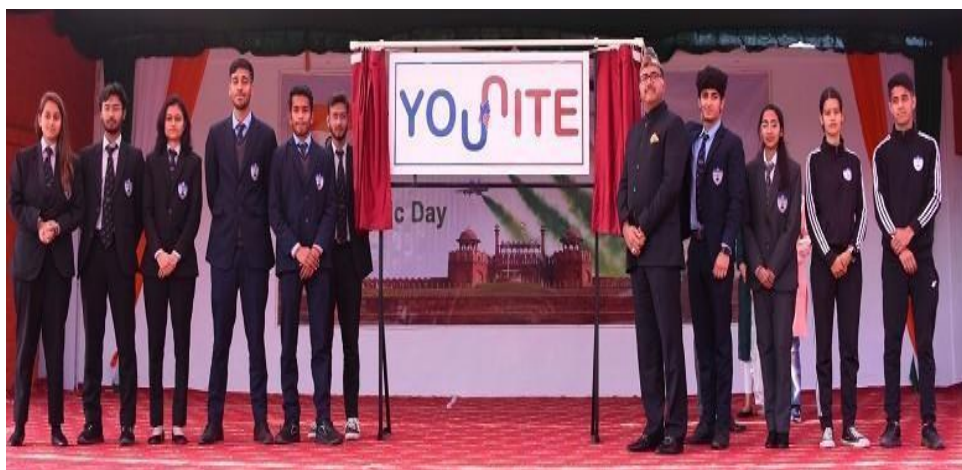
The Central Library, with a 425-seat capacity, has evolved over its 32-year journey to become a beacon of knowledge and inclusivity, empowering students and researchers to thrive in a diverse academic environment. For assistance, recommendations, or remote access, the library staff and services remain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

4) Inclusive Academic & Cultural Ecosystem

4.1 Student-led inclusion: YOUNITE

SRHU's student-led club, fosters unity and empowerment through:

1. **Yuvotsav 2024:** Hackathons, start-up competitions, Model UN, e-sports.
2. **Stress-Buster Sessions** for Nursing students' mental well-being.
3. **Cultural Nights:** Garba & Dandiya Eve, Wildlife Painting Competitions.





Different Activities organized by Younite club

Result: Platforms like YOUNITE promote **student voice, collaboration, and leadership**, reducing social barriers on campus.

4.2 University-wide cultural inclusion: Himotsav-2024

Himotsav 2025, SRHU's three-day Foundation Day celebration, became a powerful platform for cultural inclusivity:

- Showcased regional folk traditions (Garhwali, Punjabi, Marathi, and South Indian) alongside contemporary performances.

- 118 Academic Awards, 55 Sports & Literary Awards, and 24 Diplomas honored students' achievements beyond academics.
- Best College: HIMS (Sports) | Best Athletes: Rahul Negi (HSST) & Sonali Negi (Nursing).
- Chief Guest Dr. Dhan Singh Rawat (Minister of Health & Higher Education, Uttarakhand) recognized top-performing students.



Qwwali Performance by students during HIMOTSAV 2025



Yoga Performance by SRHU students during HIMOTSAV 2025



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Inclusive Impact:

- Celebrated diversity through arts and culture.
- Provided equal opportunities to showcase talents across disciplines.
- Strengthened campus unity by bringing together students from all states.

4.3 Other Cultural Observances

- Observed Mother Language Day, Republic Day, and inter-school fests promoting linguistic and cultural diversity.

Matrabhasha Diwas: Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), Dehradun, celebrated International Matribhasha Diwas on 21st February 2025 with enthusiastic participation across departments, marking the 25th anniversary of the observance. The event aimed to promote the importance of mother languages and celebrate India's rich linguistic and cultural diversity.



Garhwali song by Nursing Students on Matribhasha Diwas



HSMS Participants Photograph on Matrihasha Diwas

Republic Day celebration: The spirit of unity and patriotism filled the campus of Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), Jolly Grant, as the 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and dignity. The university grounds came alive with vibrant colours, disciplined formations, and a collective sense of national pride. Dr. Vijay Dhasmana, President of SRHU, unfurled the national flag and inspected a well-coordinated parade by the students, symbolizing the strength and promise of youth in shaping the nation's future. As the tricolour soared and the national anthem echoed, the atmosphere was imbued with reverence and inspiration.



5. Key Activities Supporting SDG 10 at SRHU (2024–25)

5.1 Gender Equality & Social Inclusion Training

- From January 29 to February 1, 2025, SRHU organized a four-day international training on Gender Equality & Social Inclusion (GESI) in Springshed Management, in partnership with ICIMOD and GB Pant NIHE.

This workshop integrated gender-responsive practices into environmental and community resilience planning and included participants from across India and the Himalayan region. [Click Here](#)



5.2. Plastic-Free Campus & Waste Inclusion

- In February 2024, SRHU initiated a major drive to become a zero plastic-waste campus, setting up a “Plastic Bank” and installing 12 jumbo bins. Over 3,000 kg of plastic waste was collected, and recycled demonstrating environmental fairness and equity in campus waste management.



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5.3 Learning Disability OPD Launch

SRHU inaugurated a **Learning Disability OPD** at Himalayan Hospital in June 2025. This Multidisciplinary clinic provides comprehensive evaluations, therapy, counselling, IQ testing, and follow-up services for children with learning challenges marking a significant step in inclusive healthcare and education.



Inaugurated a Learning Disability OPD at Himalayan Hospital

5.4 Disability & Rehabilitation by RDI

The **Rural Development Institute (RDI)**, SRHU's allied unit, actively focuses on the holistic development of persons with disabilities. It ensures grassroots-level rehabilitation, assistive device distribution, education support, and disaster relief empowering communities through inclusive development. [click Here](#)



RDI Department SRHU.

SRHU's Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program integrates nutrition and livelihood components into its holistic disability support framework, addressing the disproportionate food insecurity faced by persons with disabilities (PWDs) in underserved regions. Through inclusive economic empowerment initiatives, 17 PWDs were supported in launching micro-enterprises such as hawker carts, tailoring units, and festival-based vending, generating seasonal incomes of ₹10,000–15,000 and enhancing household food security. Ten inclusive self-help groups (SHGs) were formed—five linked to banks—enabling access to credit for food, agriculture, or small business investments.

Social protection measures were strengthened through facilitation of 30 disability certificates and 38 UDID cards, linking PWDs to entitlements such as disability pensions, subsidized rations (PDS), and education-based nutrition support. Complementary

interventions further amplified the program's impact: 11 mobility aids were distributed to promote independence in food access and preparation. Through this integrated approach, the CBR program advances food security, nutrition, and dignity for persons with disabilities under SDG 2.



SRHU supported marginalized communities through hawker carts, small business investments, and distribution of mobility aids enhancing economic independence, food access, and dignity