

# SCIE NEWSLETTER



## **SCIE:**

**Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE)** is a centralised department of SIU created for International Students. This department takes care of international students' right from their admission till the time they graduate from Symbiosis University. It also acts as a common platform for International Students not only of SIU but from colleges and Universities across Pune. SCIE aspires to expand its horizons for academic enrichment with foreign higher educational institutions through collaborative arrangements. It works with universities that feature in the top 100 of Times Higher Education or QS World University ranking. Actively working with European partners for Study in India Programs & Erasmus + Projects facilitates students, faculty mobility and strategic partnerships.

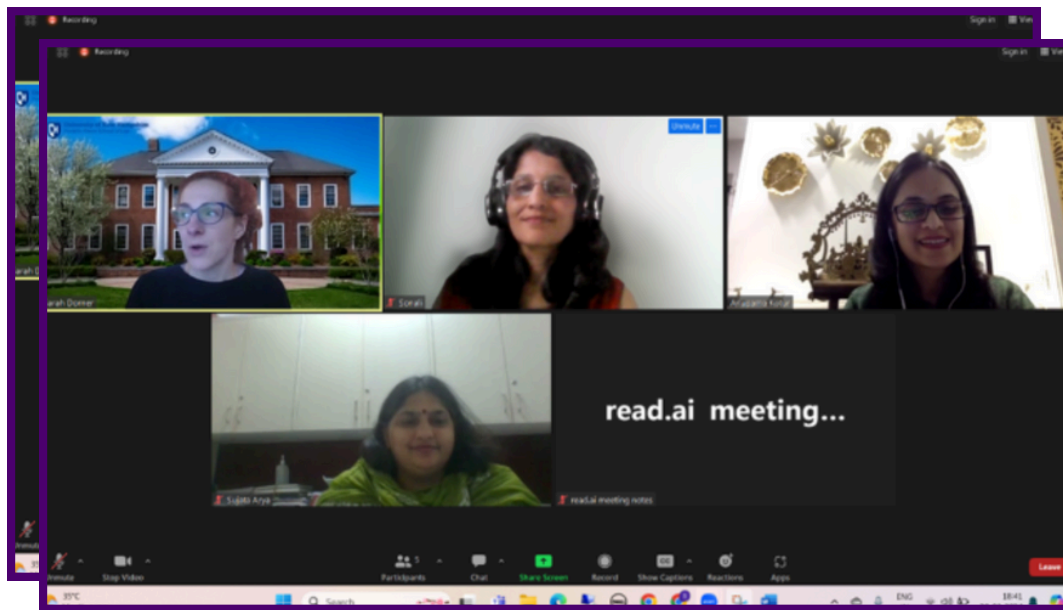
## **SIU:**

**Symbiosis International University (SIU)** was conceptualised by Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar with an aim to promote international understanding through the medium of quality education. Its objective is to develop students, who not only have growth in their careers but are also counted as ambassadors for promoting the idea of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which means 'The world is one family'. It aims at providing a feeling of being 'home away from home' for International students in India.

## **Credits:**

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## INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS:



Dr. Anupama Kotur facilitated an e-meeting with SLS-P and University of New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce School of Law, to explore collaboration and Dual degree programs. The meeting was attended by Sarah Dörner from UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law; Dr. Sujata Arya from SLS-P; and Dr. Anupama Kotur and Ms. Sonali Hardikar from SCIE





Symbiosis International (Deemed University) signed an MoU with National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan today paving the way for collaboration in student and faculty exchange and research in the Semiconductor domain.

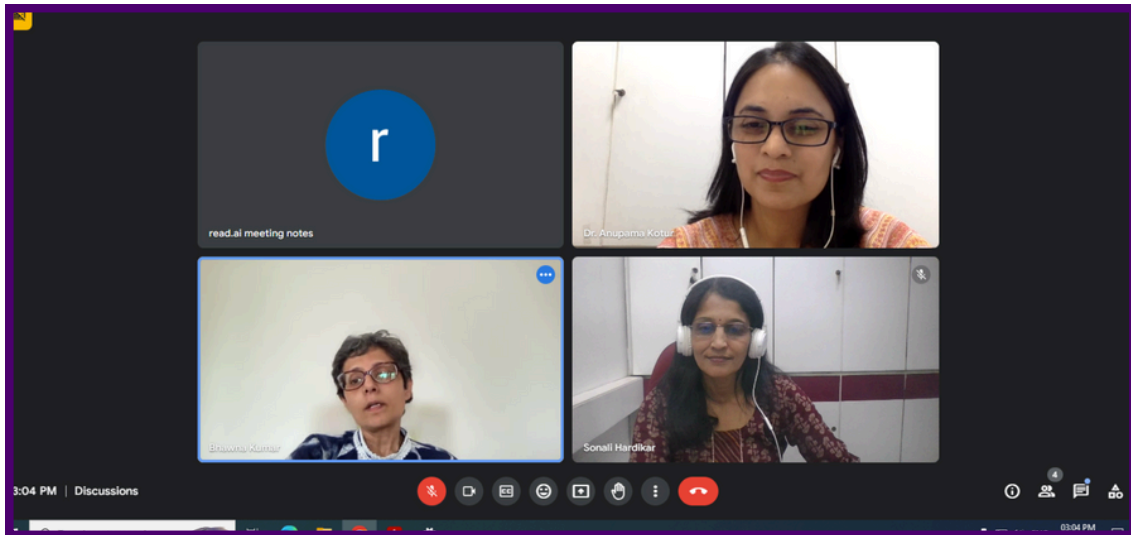
MOU was signed by Dr. M S Shejul, Registrar SIU and Dr. Anita Patankar, Director SCIE. Dr. Arundhati Warke, Deputy Director Symbiosis Institute of Technology and Dr. Nitin Khedkar, Deputy Director SIT along with teams from SCIE and SIT who were present there. The NCHU team also interacted with faculty and students from SIT.



Dr. Anupama Kotur participated in a meeting at SMCW with Provost, Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, Prof. Sanjay Zodpey (PHFI) and Dr. Shailendra Sawleshwarkar (University of Sydney) to discuss possible avenues for collaboration, Inter(national)ization Initiatives, International Collaboration on Dual-degree MPH Programme & Research and fructifying MoU with PHFI: Possible Avenues for Collaboration. They further explored the possibility of jointly hosting the event 'Women University Leaders / Women Leaders in Higher Education Summit' (virtual mode) in association with the University of Sydney



SCIE facilitated visit of Dr. Maria Anastasiou, Associate Provost and Senior International Officer, International Programs Center, UNC Greensboro, NC on 5th April. Dr. Maria discussed about the summer program, Study India Program – SIP as well as possible online collaborations between faculty and students with Dr. Anita Patankar, Dr. Anupama Kotur, Ms Mansi Joshi, Ms Sonali Hardikar, and Ms Bhakti Padhye. SCIE facilitated SIU campus tour and visit to AMM for Dr. Maria.



Dr. Anupama Kotur and Ms Sonali Hardikar had an online meeting with Ms Bhawna Kumar, TNE Project Director, Acumen for a discussion on collaborative opportunities.

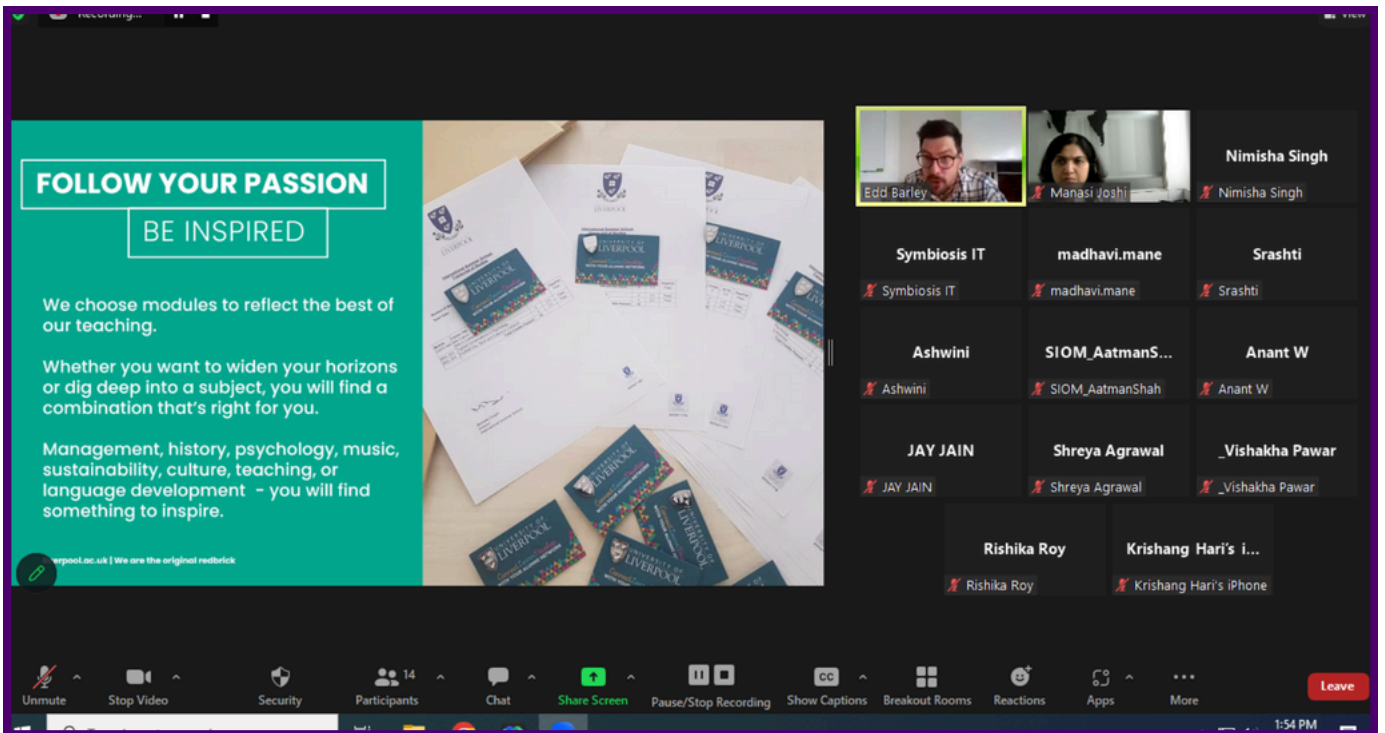


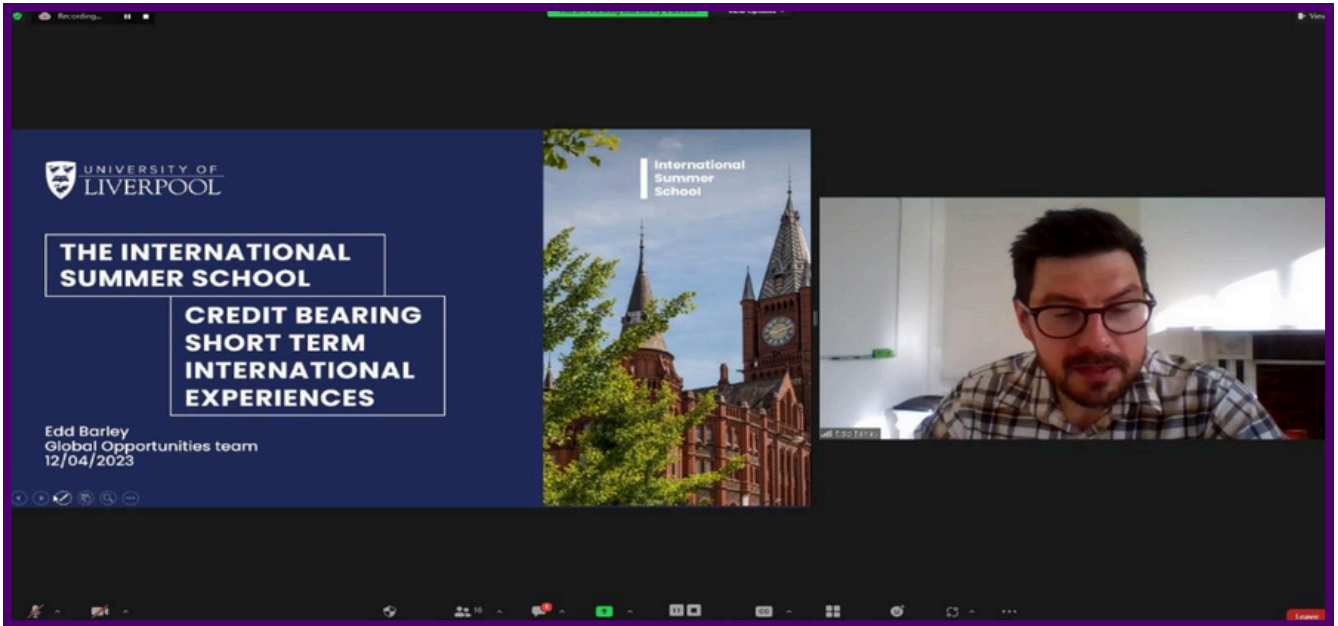


Prof Martin Hogg, Dean, School of Law, University of Galway and Ms Anju Singh, Senior Regional Manager- South Asia visited SLS-P for signing MoU with Symbiosis Law School, Pune. The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dean, Faculty of Law, Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Deputy Director – Academics and Dr Sujata Arya from SLS-P, Dr. Anita Patankar, Director, SCIE, Dr Anupama Kotur Faculty In-charge – Academic Collaborations and Sonali Hardikar Sr Officer- Academic Collaborations. The MoU signing was followed by brief discussion on collaborative opportunities with the delegates and student interaction session by Prof. Hogg.

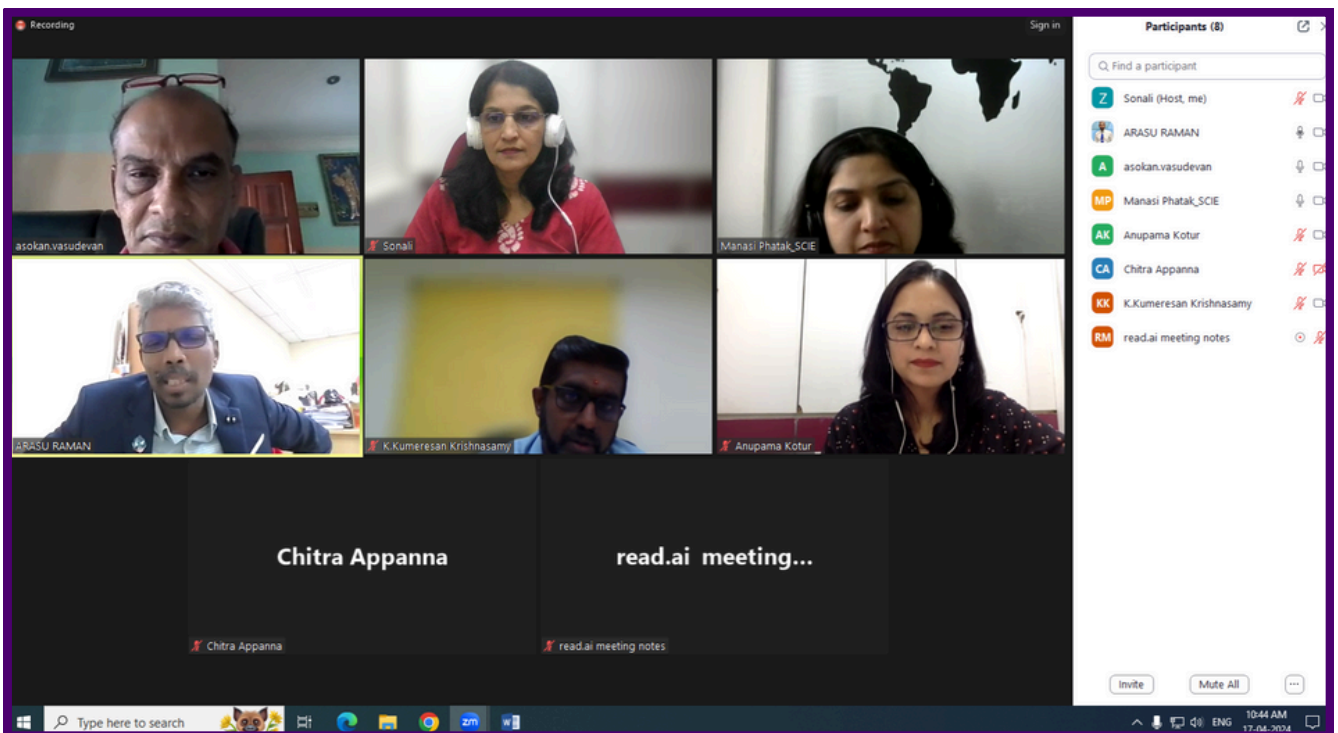


SCIE conducted a session with the University of Liverpool for upcoming opportunities like Summer schools





Dr. Anupama Kotur, Ms Mansi Joshi and Ms Sonali Hardikar had an online meeting with Ms.Chitra Appanna, Dr Arasu Raman, Dr. Asokan Vasudevan AP. Dr.,K Kumeresan Krishnasamy from INTI International University to explore other broader areas of collaboration and co-organize Conference with SIU.





Professor Michael Harkin, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, and other delegates from University College Birmingham (UCB) visited Symbiosis International University (SIU) Lavale on Saturday, 20th of April, 2024 to mark the beginning of comprehensive academic partnership between the universities by signing a Dual Degree Agreement with Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts (SSCA, SIU). This momentous agreement, facilitated by Symbiosis Centre of International Education at Symbiosis marks a significant advancement in international collaboration within the realm of culinary education.

The event was presided by Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor of Symbiosis International University



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RELATIONS AND EVENTS:



Symbiosis has an International Students' Council, which helps SCIE in conducting events, workshops and various programmes for the International students' community in Pune. SCIE conducts the council elections for it, following which the council takes oath in the 'Oath Taking Ceremony'. The council is made up of 15 members. The oath taking ceremony took place at the SIU Auditorium on 1st April, 2024.



SCIE hosted an Iftar dinner for International students on 1st April, 2024 at SIU Lavale. The students observing a fast for the holy month of Ramadan broke their fasts after consuming dates followed by the delicious dinner.





Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar Sir expressed his wish to hold an 'Open House Meet' for Foreign National students studying in our University. The Open House meet was conducted on 1st April, 2024 at SIU Auditorium at 5:30pm. The event was headed by Dr. Mujumdar Sir himself with Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, Dr. Anita Patankar, Ms. Amruta Ruikar and Brig. Ratnaparkhi as co-chairs.

The Open House meet provided the students with a unique opportunity to engage directly with university leadership. The event aimed to foster an open dialogue, address concerns, take forward the suggestions and celebrate achievements within the student community.