

SCIE NEWSLETTER



SCIE:

Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE) is the central department of Symbiosis created solely for designing and managing all internationalisation endeavours for the university. This department takes care of all things international: from branding Symbiosis globally, promoting programs and recruiting international students, creating a home away from home for all international students studying in Pune, nurturing the spirit of multicultural inclusion and diversity at all campuses, offering leadership opportunities through the vibrant International Student Council to working with carefully selected, like minded international partner universities, designing joint academic collaborations, and ensuring internationalisation@home to all staff and students across the university.

SIU:

Symbiosis International University (SIU) was envisioned by Founder Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar with an aim to promote international understanding through quality education. One of its main objectives is to develop students who not only work towards growth in their professional careers and personal lives, but also consider themselves as ambassadors for living (and evangelising) the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', 'the world is one family'.

Credits:

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INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS:



Dr. Schwuchow Karlheinz from Hochschule Bremen City University of Applied Sciences, Germany was a Scholar in Residence at Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development (SCMHRD) and Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB) for 3 weeks. He conducted a few study sessions at Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS) and Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune as well during his visit to SIU.



22 students from various SIU institutes participated in the 'Study in Dubai' program.



Symbiosis International (Deemed University) and George Mason University, USA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance academic and research collaboration between the two prestigious institutions. The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Ajay Vinzé – Dean and Dr. JK Aier – Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Global Engagement, both from Costello College of Business, George Mason University, Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar – Pro Chancellor, SIU, Dr. R Raman- Vice Chancellor, SIU, Dr. Shirang Altekar – Director, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune and Dr. Anupama Kotur – Head, International Academic Programs, SCIE.



SCIE in association with Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT) hosted a group of 20 IT professionals from various Japanese companies like IT Assist, JCB Co. Ltd., Mynavi Corporation, and NTT TechnoCross Corporation (NTT – TX). Objective of the visit was to enhance Japanese participants' understanding of the characteristics, values, and career approaches of Indian IT engineers, fostering deeper insights into differences with Japanese engineers.



Mr. Michael Schreuder, Deputy Principal Officer (DPO) and Ms. Koyel Sen, Public Engagement Specialist from U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai visited Symbiosis International University. The visiting delegation met Dr. Ramakrishnan Raman, Vice Chancellor, SIU, Dr. Ketan Kotecha, Dean-Faculty of Engineering, SIU and Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE and Ms. Sonali Hardikar, Sr. Officer, SCIE. They also visited research facilities – Symbiosis Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (SCEI) – Infosys Maker lab, Bajaj BEST centre and Symbiosis Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (SCAAI) at SIU exploring opportunities of collaboration on research, exchange opportunities and technology transfer in the areas of critical minerals and battery technology.



Dr. Amit Srivastava, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Technology, from University of Adelaide visited SIU for discussion on joint programs and research for the students in all disciplines. They had fruitful discussions with Dr. Ketan Kotecha, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Anindita Roy, Head- Internationalization Cell, SIT and Dr. Anupama Kotur Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE.



Professor Aleks Subic, Vice Chancellor of Aston University, UK visited Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune and explored various facilities at the institute. He had fruitful meetings with SIU leadership, and also visited Research Centres and Labs at SIU including Symbiosis Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (SCEI), Symbiosis Centre for Stem Cell Research (SCSCR) and Symbiosis Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (SCAAI).





The establishment of the 'Symbiosis Aston Research Academy' (SARA) was announced by Symbiosis International University and Aston University, Birmingham, United Kingdom in the presence of Professor Aleks Subic, Vice Chancellor of Aston University, UK, Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, SIU, Dr. R Raman, Vice Chancellor, SIU, Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, Provost, FoMHS, Dr. Anita Patankar, Director, SCIE, Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head, International Academic Programs, SCIE.

SARA will be a multidisciplinary platform focused on developing high-impact research focused on opportunities in industry and business, and other research challenges facing our societies.



SCIE, in collaboration with SCIT, SIT, and Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance (SSBF), hosted a global debate on the intersection of AI and Fintech, in partnership with Durham University, UK. The event brought together experts and students to explore the future of technology in finance. Thought-provoking discussions highlighted the impact of AI on financial services and innovation. The speakers shared diverse perspectives, fostering global dialogue on emerging trends. It was a dynamic exchange of ideas, showcasing the power of collaboration across borders.



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Director, SLS – Pune along with Dr. Sujata Arya and Prof. Abhinav Srivastava visited Hue University, Vietnam for Final Conference and Project meeting – Curricula Development on Climate Change Policy and law.

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NEW PUBLICATION RELEASE

EXTRAORDINARY & PLENIPOTENTIARY DIPLOMATIST

Poland's EU Presidency in 2025: Priorities and Challenges for Europe

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Prof Nidhi Piplani Kapur and Mr Pankaj Sarpal co-authored an article on 'Poland's EU Presidency in 2025: Priorities and Challenges for Europe' that has been published in Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary Diplomatist.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RELATIONS AND EVENTS:

54TH SYMBIOSIS FOUNDATION DAY FUNCTION:

Symbiosis celebrated its 54th Foundation Day on 26th January, 2025. Prof. Aleks Subic, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive, Aston University, UK and Prof. Leslie Haig, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive officer, Health Sciences University, Bournemouth and London, UK graced the function as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

The formal function included a flag presentation ceremony and the most awaited Symbiosis International Students' Sports Meet (SISSM 2024-25) – Awards. Students enthusiastically participated in the cultural dance competition, which brought the event to a close. It is noteworthy to mention that students from **50 countries** took part in the ceremonial flag presentation, proudly presenting their country's flag to the Chief Guest, encouraging students to participate in future events.





