

# SCIE NEWSLETTER



## SCIE

**Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE)** is a nodal department of SIU established to facilitate the internationalisation aspirations of the university. This department takes care of international students throughout their Symbiosis journey - right from their admission till the time they graduate. SCIE also acts as a common platform for International Students of SIU as well those studying in other colleges and Universities across Pune through its international student council. SCIE also facilitates academic enrichment and research engagements with foreign higher educational institutions through collaborative arrangements. SCIE works with top ranked and leading universities of the world featuring in the top 1000 of Times Higher Education and QS World University ranking. SCIE also actively works with leading global university associations as one of the pioneers and leading voices in internationalisation of higher education in India.

## SIU

**Symbiosis International University (SIU)** is a multi-disciplinary university offering its students and faculty a vibrant learning ecosystem designed around its multi-cultural and innovative ethos. Symbiosis was established in 1971 by Prof. Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, which was a 'home away from home' for International students. The Institution is based on the principles of Vedic thought of "World as One Family". The University's name fittingly captures the quintessence of the relationship with International students; a mutually beneficial bond between India and the International student community. Symbiosis is committed to building international understanding by offering quality education, and is resplendent of the activities and students of more than 85 countries.

# INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS:



16 students from Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT) & Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR) participated in the Engineering Study Tour to Japan, which was organized by SGS Ltd., Japan in association with SCIE. Students visited Chiba University and Ritsumeikan University, Japan. They also participated in the lectures and industrial visits to NISSAN, Daifuku (logistical automation company), KPS Kodansha (publishing distribution company)



Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro-Chancellor Symbiosis International University (SIU) visited Aston University. Professor Aleks Subic, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Aston University and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar signed the Strategic Partnership Framework agreement between SIU India and SIU, Dubai with Aston University

Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, Provost, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences and Professor Aleks Subic, Aston University signed the Cotutelle (Dual PhD) Agreement with Symbiosis Centre for Research and Innovation (SCRI), SIU and Aston with a subject focus of Bioscience (Stem Cell Regenerative Medicine and Microbiology/Infectious Diseases)







Delegation from Newcastle University comprising Mr. Andrew Fleming, Regional Manager – South Asia, professor Chris Whitehead – Global Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Dr Aditya Sharma – Academic Lead for Partnerships in India and Clinical Senior Lecturer in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry visited SIU to explore possible collaborative opportunities with Symbiosis. The visiting delegation had a fruitful discussion on student and faculty mobility as well as research collaborations...



25 students with faculty coordinator participated in the Study India Program (SIP). Students attended lectures like Diversity & Multiculturalism, Social Structure & need for NGO in India, Vedic Maths, Indian Fashion, Indian Art & Design, etc. They participated in workshops like Indian cooking, Warli painting, etc. They visited NGOs working for children in difficult situations and women empowerment to understand their functions.



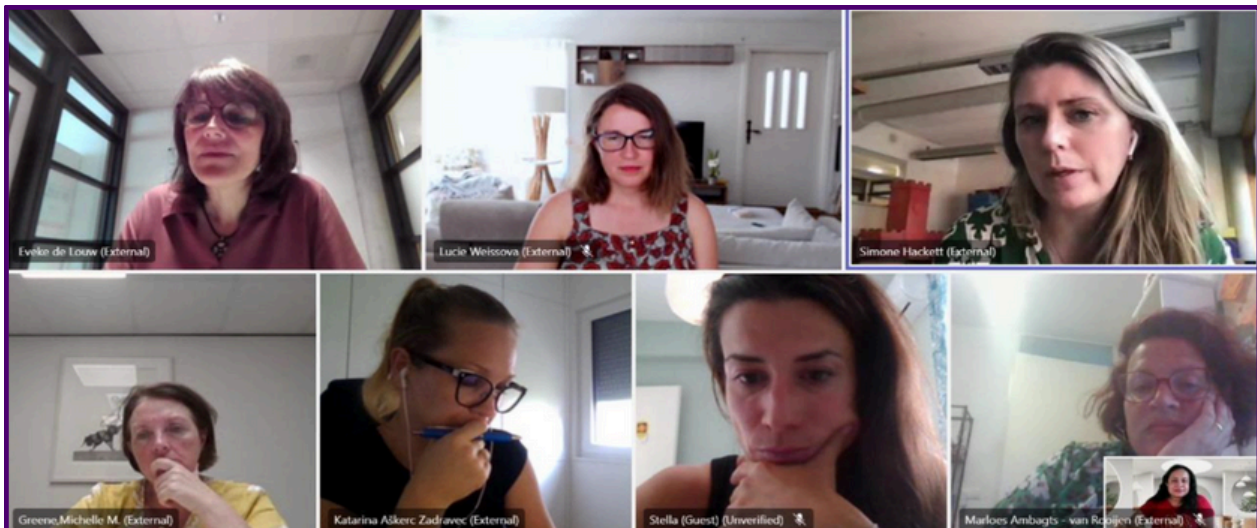
# CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES:



SCES Team had a meeting with GlobalEd Labs on possibilities of collaboration between GlobalEd Labs and SIU



Dr Ruchika Kaul-Ghanekar, Director, Symbiosis Centre for Research and Innovation (SCRI) represented SIU at the EURAXESS India webinar, discussing fully funded post-doctoral opportunities through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoc-Global Fellowships (MSCA-PF-GF) program. SCRI represented SIU on behalf of SCES



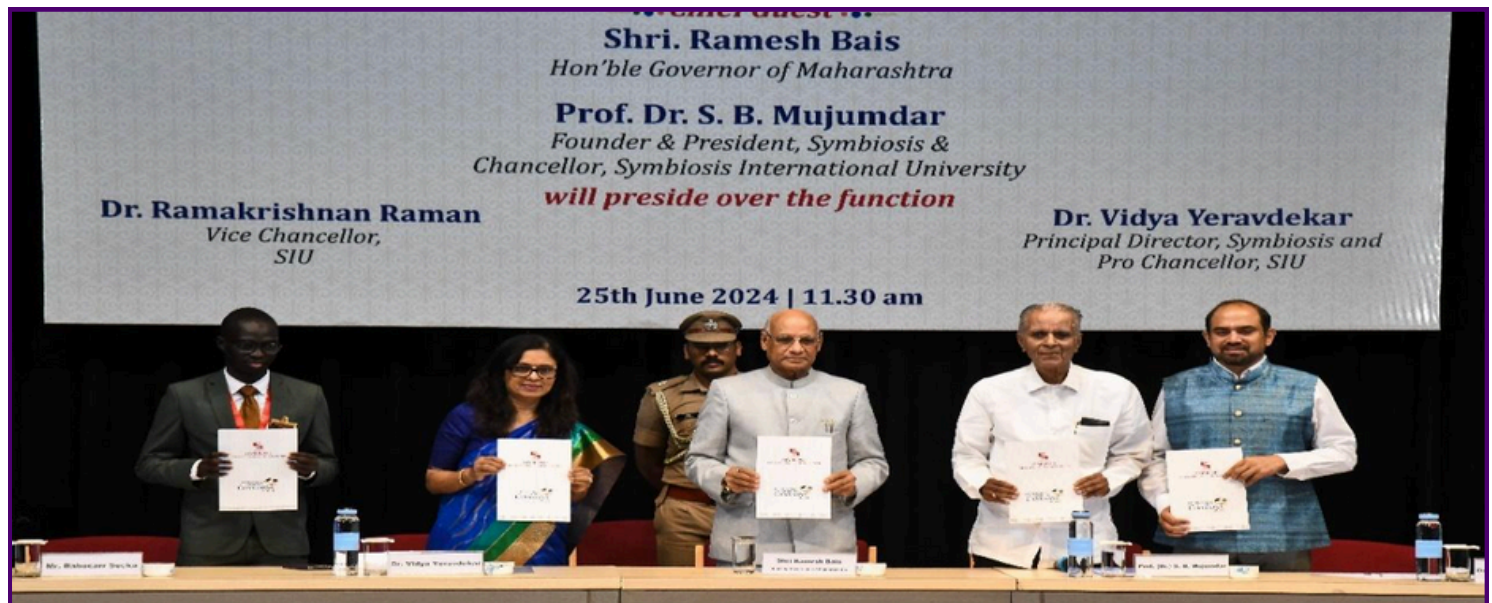
Prof Nidhi Piplani Kapur in conversation with colleagues from different EAIE Thematic Committees brainstorming the session spotlight on 'Research in Internationalisation' to be held at the European Association for International Education Conference in Toulouse, France



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RELATIONS AND EVENTS:



The Symbiosis International Students' Convocation 2024 was held at Symbiosis International (Deemed University) – (SIU), Lavale. This was an initiative started by Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar, Chancellor of SIU, to facilitate foreign national students to take part in the Convocation Ceremony, which is a big part of a student's life. The foreign national students had to leave the country well before the usual convocation ceremony took place, with them missing the opportunity to feel the joy of getting on stage to receive the coveted graduation certificate in their graduation regalia. Shri. Ramesh Bais, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, was the Chief Guest for this function. 85 graduates from 26 diverse countries participated in the convocation after completing their Undergraduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) degrees.

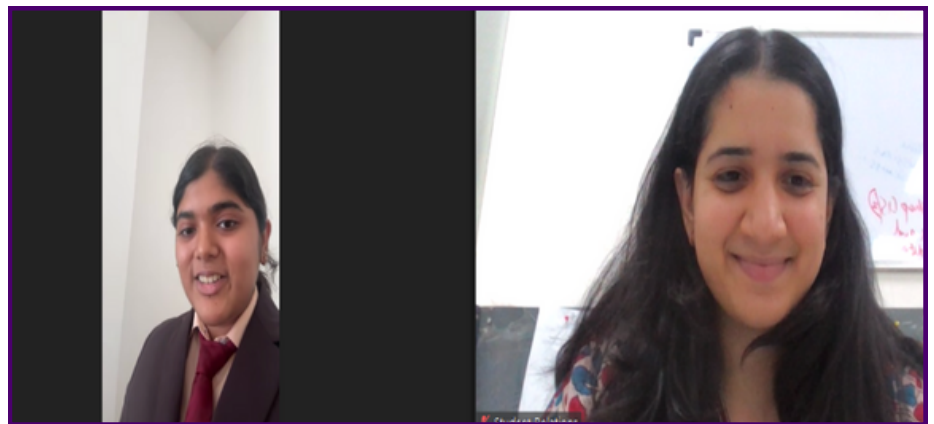




The Independence Day of The Democratic Republic of the Congo (D.R. Congo/ DRC) was celebrated on 30th June, 2024 at Symbiosis by students of the D. R Congo. Mr. Martial Mpoyo, President of Association of DRC Students in Pune organized the event in collaboration with SCIE. Impactful speeches about the struggle for independence and its meaning for today's youth were given by students. Guest speakers in the form of students who are at the helm of various students' associations graced the event with their presence. A beautiful song from the African jazz genre which described the celebration of independence was played at the end of the function.



SCIE brings a unique and international Internship Program 2024-2025 for the students studying in Symbiosis. Each buddy is allocated one international student from their respective institute in order to guide them and settle them in the city and the institute. This internship will play a major role to help the new international students to settle in but also give an exposure of the multicultural and global working to the national students.



SCIE Director and Executive (Dr Anita Patankar and Ms Rucha Limaye) meet Symbiosis alumni Ms Sneha Desai, now a social media influencer with 101k followers virtually to discuss collaborations on various platforms through new age channels.



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