

SCIE NEWSLETTER



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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'.

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Vice Chancellor of Aston University (UK) conferred the prestigious Chancellor's Award on Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar

Vice Chancellor of Aston University, UK – Prof. Aleks Subic visited various institutes, research centres and labs at SIU such as Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune; Symbiosis Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (SCEI), Symbiosis Centre for Stem Cell Research (SCSCR) and Symbiosis Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (SCAAI), as well as had fruitful meetings with SIU leadership



SIU and Aston University, Birmingham, United Kingdom announced '**Symbiosis Aston Research Academy**' (SARA) in the presence of SIU leadership. SARA is a multi-disciplinary platform focused on creating high-impact research opportunities and fostering industry and business research engagements to address challenges facing the industry and the society at large.



SIU and George Mason University, USA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance academic and research collaborations 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. Shrirang Altekar - Director, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune and Dr. Anupama Kotur - Head, International Academic Programs, SCIE.



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 event as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour, respectively. The formal inauguration event 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.





SCIE, in collaboration with Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT), Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), and Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance (SSBF), hosted the **Global Debate in 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.



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.



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 academic sessions and student interactions at Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS) and Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune as well during his visit to SIU.

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 Anupama Kotur, SCIE along with Professor Kotecha, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Dr Anindita Roy, SIT, Dr Ishita Ghosh, School of Economics, SIU met with Prof Kevin Denny, Associate Professor, School of Economics from University College Dublin to discuss various collaborative opportunities.



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.

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.



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



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