

# Newsletter

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# Rankings

## **University Rankings**



- ▶ 72<sup>nd</sup> in Responsible Consumption and Production
- ▶ Between 601-800 overall
- ▶ Between 201-300 in Partnerships for the Goals
- ▶ Between 401-406 in Good Health and Well-being
- ▶ Between 201-300 in Gender Equality
- ▶ Between 301-400 in Reduced Inequalities



- ▶ 641-650 range globally
- ▶ 31<sup>st</sup> in the world for Employer Reputation
- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> in India for Employer Reputation
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> best Private University in India



- > 351-400 Band in Asia
- ▶ 22<sup>nd</sup> position among Indian Institutions
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> for International Outlook within India
- ▶ 65<sup>th</sup> for Teaching in India
- ▶ 64<sup>th</sup> for Industry in India
- ▶ 32<sup>nd</sup> for Research Quality in India
- ▶ 49<sup>th</sup> for Research Environment in India



- ▶ 301-350 Rank in the World
- ▶ 16<sup>th</sup> in India



- ▶ 140<sup>th</sup> in the World & 6<sup>th</sup> in India in Business & Management Studies
- ▶ 389<sup>th</sup> in the World & 10<sup>th</sup> in India in Social Sciences & Management
- ▶ Between 551-600 in the World & 2<sup>nd</sup> in India in Computer science & Information Systems

## **Institute Rankings**

Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts (SSCA), Pune

- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Best emerging Hotel Management College in the country
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> among all Private Hotel Management colleges
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> overall in the country

Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC) ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Media College in India.



#### Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management (SIDTM)

- ▶ 21<sup>st</sup> in Top Private B-Schools
- ▶ 33<sup>rd</sup> in Overall
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> in West Zone
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> in Pune

## **Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC)**

ranked the 4th Best Mass Communication Institute All India





#### Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management (SIDTM)

- ▶ 28<sup>th</sup> in Top Private B-School
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup>in Top Eminent B-Schools of Super Excellence

#### **Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS)**

- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State of Maharashtra amongst Private Institutes in India.
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> in Top Private B-Schools in India
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> for Faculty, Publication, Research, Consultancy, MDP & other programmes in India (Both Government & Private)
- 9<sup>th</sup> for Placement, USP, Social Responsibility, Networking & Industry Interface in India (Both Government & Private)

## Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR)

- ▶ Ranked in India's Best B-Schools Private Institutes by India Today
- ▶ 87<sup>th</sup> amongst Private MBA Institutes
- ▶ Symbiosis Institute of Technology Pune received NBA accreditation for B.Tech programs for Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering.
- Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management, Nashik, received NBA accredit to Masters of Business Administration (Operation Management) program.



## **Institute Achievements**

Symbiosis School of Visual Arts and Photography (SSVAP) bags Gold Award for Excellence in Photography & Visual Communication at the Edutainment Awards. This accolade was presented during the Edutainment Awards Show, Jio World Centre, Mumbai on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April.



Dr. Gagan Prakash, Director of SSVAP receiving the award



**Vidarbha Shining Star: Recognizing Academic Excellence:** On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Symbiosis Centre for Skill Development (SCSD), was invited to participate in the 'Vidarbha Shining Star' event organized by UCN Media. The event aimed to recognize and celebrate the top performers of class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from various schools across the Vidarbha region. For SCSD, the event was an excellent platform to reaffirm its commitment to skill-based education and the skilling of the local community.

Team from SCSD, @ the event

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# **Faculty Achievements**

Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, Provost, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FoMHS) and Dr. Alaka Chandak, Director, Symbiosis Centre of Health Care (SCHC) were invited by Dr. Matt Dolf to visit the University of British Columbia (UBC), Okanagan. Discussion for mirroring best practices as Health Promoting Universities, and setting benchmarks for wellness in education were discussed during the visit.



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. Vidya Yeravdekar at Aston University

Dr. Ramkrishnan Raman, Vice Chancellor of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), has been appointed on two key committees by the UGC. The first committee will recommend a selection process for identifying the best Ph.Ds in the country, and the second committee will examine and propose amendments to the regulations for the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). This highlights Dr. Raman's expertise in higher education and his prominent role in shaping its future.





Dr. Ramkrishnan Raman, Vice Chancellor, SIU

Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, Provost FoMHS & Dr. Alaka Chandak, Director, Symbiosis Centre for Health Care (SCHC), were invited to the International Congress on Academic Medicine (ICAM), 2024 (held on 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024) as members of the International Health-Promoting Universities & Colleges Steering Group. Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, shared insights on the Okanagan Charter's impact on healthcare in academic medicine with Dr. Matt Dolf and Dr. Victor Do.

Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar, Provost FoMHS, at International Congress on Academic Medicine



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)

Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar with Prof. Aleks Subic

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Dean, Faculty of Law and Director, Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Pune, was awarded the "Outstanding Leader in Higher Education" during the '4th ELETS Education Innovation Summit Pune on the 12th April 2024' in collaboration with Digital Learning Magazine.



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur receiving the award



Dr. Shashikala Gurpur Dean, Faculty of Law and Director, SLS, Pune, along with Dr. Sujata Arya, and Prof. Abhinav Shrivastava, attended 5<sup>th</sup> Translational Meeting of the Erasmus + CBHE project on Climate Change Policy and Law co-funded by the European Union. The project meeting was held at Uttara Malaysia University, Sintok, Malaysia from April 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Dr. Shashikala Gurpur at the 5th Translational Meeting

Dr. Netra Neelam, Director, Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development (SCMHRD), visited Atlanta, Georgia, USA for the world's largest business education conference, International Conference and Annual Meeting (ICAM) 2024 scheduled on 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



Dr. Netra Neelam with Stephanie Bryant, Executive Vice President



Dr. Vandana Sonwaney, Director SIOM, was invited as expert speaker for Human Resource Industry Summit 2024 organised by Ambad Industries & Manufacturers' Association, Nashik on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Dr. Vandana Sonwaney, Director, SIOM



Shweta Bhatnagar, Head - IT has been honoured with a prestigious spot on the CIO Powerlist 2024, recognized as a Digital Transformation Icon by CORE MEDIA. This award celebrates her exceptional leadership and innovation in driving digital transformation within the industry.

Shweta Bhatnagar receiving the award



Dr. Vandana Sonwaney, Director, Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management (SIOM), is appointed as a member of the Program Committee- International Conference on Management and Information Systems (ICMIS-24). Conference organized by the International Forum of Management Scholars, Chitkara University and AIMS International in Bangkok to be held on 29th to 30th September 2024.

- ▶ Dr. Sameer Pingle, Director SCMS, Nagpur, has been nominated as a National Council Member for Nagpur chapter of the Indian Society for Training and Development (ISTD) for the term 2024-26. He has been a dedicated life member of ISTD since 2008, contributing in roles such as Honorary Treasurer, Secretary, Chapter Vice Chair, and Chapter Chair over the years.
- ▶ Dr. Jatinderkumar R. Saini, Professor & Director, Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR), was nominated as a Technical Program Committee Member and Reviewer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Power Engineering and Intelligent systems (PEIS204) held at National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand India During 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



Dr. Nisha Bharti, Head of Department of Agri-Business, Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB), along with Sushant Malik, Assistant Professor from faculty of Agri Business, and student Akash Mondal, MBA- Agri-Business, reached a noteworthy milestone with the publication of their case in "Ivey Publishing." The case is tailored for serving as a valuable resource for courses in advanced agriculture, rural marketing strategy, operations strategy, and value chains.

Dr. Nisha Bharti, Sushant Malik, and Akash Mondal, SIIB

- ▶ Dr. Pooja Singh, Assistant Professor at Symbiosis Centre for Waste Resource Management (SCWRM), has been selected to participate in Grand Challenges India, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), and WomenLift Health's inaugural Women Leadership in STEM (WLS) cohort, a leadership development programme. Dr. Pooja Singh was selected to be part of a cohort of 20 women scientists in India, who represent a wide range of STEM disciplines and organizations.
- Dr. Prashant Barge, Assistant Professor at QMB, has been appointed as a Guest Editor for a special issue of a Scopus-listed journal called "The Iranian Journal of Information Processing and Management." This special issue will focus on frameworks for assessing universities in international rankings.
- ▶ Dr. Gagan Prakash, Director, Symbiosis School of Visual Arts and Photography (SSVAP), has been honoured with the Excellent Mentorship Award in Photography at Edutainment Awards Show, Jio World Centre, Mumbai on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April.



Dr. Gagan Prakash, Director of SSVAP, receiving the award

- ▶ Dr. Aarti Mehta Sharma, Director of Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS), Bengaluru, was invited as a jury at the HR trailblazer award ceremony by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- Dr. Saikat Gochhait, a prominent researcher and educator from Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management (SIDTM), recently visited Uzbekistan to engage in collaborative academic and research activities. Dr. Gochhait, who holds research positions at Samara State Medical University in Russia, has an extensive background in digital technology and management.
- Shalini Sinha, Head Finance, SUHRC-SMCW has been recognized as an Emerging Finance Leader. This accolade honours her exceptional contributions, innovative approach & unwavering commitment to excellence.

Dr. Parag Ravikant Kaveri, Deputy Director & Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR) was invited as a Resource Person for Refresher Course – MOOCs, E-Content Development and Open Educational Resources organised by UGC – Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Dr. Rajashree Jain, Professor, SICSR, featured in Leadership Has No Gender! The unscripted leadership Stories - A coffee table Book by Antwalk Tales on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

A coffee table Book by Antwalk Tales





Dr Sneha Kumari, Assistant Professor, SSE has been appointed as an Associate Researcher with the Chair of Excellence for "Circular Economy and Territories" of the European Commission.

Dr. Sneha Kumari from SSE

International Webinar on COIL for Beginners: As a step towards Internationalization, a team of SCMS, Pune, Faculty comprising of Dr. Adya Sharma - Director SCMS, Pune, Dr. Sonica Rautela and Dr. Nehajoan Panackal - Assistant Professors trained the faculty members from Davao de Ore State College, Philippines on how to implement Collaborative Online International Learning as a part of their pedagogy.





**International Webinar on COIL for Beginners** 

Prof. Sagar Kolekar, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering, SIT, Pune, got a full sponsored opportunity to attend a series of workshops at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).



Dr. Sheela Upendra from Symbiosis College of Nursing (SCON), received award for – Best Nurse Researcher by TNAI, Pune city branch on the Eve of International Nurses Day celebration.

Dr. Sheela Upendra receiving award



- A book titled 'Mastering Beats in Journalism' edited by Shambhu Sahu, Assistant Professor Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC), is published in May 2024.
- Dr. Deepali Suryavanshi, Admin Officer, SICSR, was invited as a resource person for the lecture series organized by Alumni Association of Aadarsha Comprehensive College of Education and Research (ACCER) affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University.
- A team of researchers from SSBS and SSCA has won an initial grant (Innovation to Prototype) under the Tomato Grand Challenge of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India. The team will be exploring novel culinary applications of tomato via microbial fermentation.
- ITSR Foundation Awards 2024: The Institute of Technical and Scientific Research (ITSR), recently announced the winners of their prestigious "Best Researcher Award" for 2024. Three faculty members Dr. Saikat Gochhait, Dr. Pankaj Pathak, and Dr. Natraj N.A. from Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management, (SIDTM), were the recipients of this prestigious award.

## **Student Achievements**

Symbiosis Law Schools have cemented their reputation as a national mooting powerhouse with a string of impressive performances in this quarter.

Pooja Mahesh, a first-year student at Symbiosis Law School (SLS) in Pune, bagged the Best Speaker title at the 9th National Moot Court Competition held on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The competition was organized by Northcap University in Gurugram.



Pooja Mahesh, from SLS, Pune



Symbiosis Law School, Pune's team (Asmita Sen, Sanvi Patil, Tisha Motwani) dominated the 2nd Virtual Shri Ramswaroop Memorial Moot Court Competition (25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024), winning Best Memorial and Sanvi Patil receiving Best Speaker. (organized by Institute of Legal Studies, Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University).

Asmita Sen, Sanvi Patil, Tisha Motwani from SLS Pune

Students from SLS, Pune, Madhav Madan (1<sup>st</sup> Year) Tisya Chugh (1<sup>st</sup> Year), Sanskriti Nautiyal (1<sup>st</sup> Year LLB) were the Runners Up and received the Best Memorial award at 2<sup>nd</sup> National Moot Court Competition on 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, organized by SVKM's NMIMS Indore, Madhya Pradesh.



Madhav Madan, Tisya Chugh, Sanskriti Nautiyal from SLS Pune



Students from SLS, Pune, Rohan Gupta (4<sup>th</sup> Year) Aarya Nargunde (4<sup>th</sup> Year) Mukund Agarwal (4<sup>th</sup> Year) received the best memorial title at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lexosphere National Moot Court Competition on the 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, organized by Lexosphere, Bihar.

Students from SLS, Pune at the 1st Lexosphere National Moot Court Competition

Students from SLS, Pune, Kritish Dadu (2<sup>nd</sup> Year) Ronsiya Roy (3<sup>rd</sup> Year) Sumana Kundu (3<sup>rd</sup> Year) were declared as the winners of Smt. Subhadra Bhosale 3<sup>rd</sup> National Level Moot Court Competition on the 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024, organized by SNBP Law College, Pune, Maharashtra.



Students from SLS, Pune receiving the award



The team of SLS, Hyderabad, comprising Ayushmaan JM, Bevan Avil Pinto and Soorya Shrinivas (Batch 2020 - 25) were adjudged as Winners of the XXVII AIMC Bangalore University Moot Court Competition, 2024, which was conducted on 31<sup>st</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024, organised by the Bangalore. University, Karnataka.

Team of SLS, Hyderabad at XXVII AIMC Bangalore University Moot Court Competition

Students from SLS, Pune, Shreyans Parakh (4<sup>th</sup> Year), Adit Jain (3<sup>th</sup> Year), Aasavari Thakar (1<sup>st</sup> Year LLB), were the Runners Up and received the Best Memorial award at 4<sup>th</sup> GDGU International Law and Technology Moot Court Competition on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024, organized by GD Goenka University, Gurugram.



Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Bengaluru, received three prestigious awards at the District 121 Annual Conference, 'Crescendo 2024," held at Radisson Blu on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The "Spirit of 121 Award," the "Hall of Fame - Bronze Award," and the "Metamorphosis Award" highlight the dedication and hard work of our students in mastering Public Speaking and Communication.

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Students from SIBM, Bengaluru receiving the award

Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB), student Akash Mondal, MBA- Agri-Business (Batch 2022-24) has authored a case study published in "Ivey Publishing".



**Akash Mondal from SIIB** 

Bhanu Piyush Singh, an MBA-Agri Business student from SIIB, (Batch 2022-24) has received a certificate of achievement for the GREEN Olympiad for Youth (GO4Youth) by UGC, MoE, MoEFCC, and TERI. The online exam was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



Certificate of achievement for the GREEN Olympiad

SIIB students Chaitanya Nirgule, Harsh Choudhary, and Devrishi Koul, studying MBA-International Business (Batch 2023-25) have secured the 1<sup>st</sup> position at the National Level Case Competition Media Showdown hosted by IIM Visakhapatnam which was held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

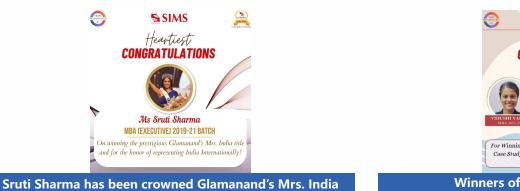


**Winners of National Level Case Competition Media Showdown** 

Sruti Sharma, MBA (Executive) (Batch 2019-21) from Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS), has been crowned Glamanand's Mrs. India and has the honor of representing India on an international stage!

MBA students from SIMS, Shweta Mehta, Shannon Souza, and Vidushi Yadav (Batch 2023-25) secured the top position at 'Arthayatra' - The National level B-School Case Study Competition organized by the Economics Club of IIM Bodh Gaya.

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For Winning 'Arthayatra' - The National level B-School
Case Study Competition organised by the Economics
Club of IIM Bodh Gaya.

Winners of 'Arthayatra' competition

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The BBA (Batch 2023-27) from SCMS Bengaluru secured first place in the HR Event, while Akshad Sonawane (2023-27) achieved first place in the Finance Event at Aarohan, hosted by BNMIT College on 9th May 2024.

Students from SCMS, Bangalore

Students of SCMS, Bengaluru, secured first place in the Finance Event at Aikyam 2024, held at ISBR on 20th April 2024.



**Winners of Finance Event** 



Anjali Kumar, Jay Thakkar, Suyash Buwade and Mr. Shreyas Gupta (Batch 2021-24) from SCMS, Nagpur, won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in Case Study Competition "ANALYTICA 4.0" by Grant Thornton at Nagpur.

**Winners of Case Study Competition** 

Aartha Bhandari, a student of BBA-IT Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR), (Batch 2023-27) secured Second Place for competition to submit groundbreaking ideas for environmental sustainability. His team, consisting of two dedicated members, embraced this opportunity to present our vision for a greener future on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



Certificate of Artha Bhandari, SICSR



Shrey Arora MBA-DSDA (Batch 2023-25) from Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT), has presented a solution at International Conference on Work Integrated Learning – 2024 organized by BITS Pilani Hyderabad, Campus during 15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Certificate of Mr. Shrey Arora, SCIT** 

Ms. Vaidehi Raj, student of Fashion Design (Batch 2021-25) from Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID), was announced the winner at Raymonds Kaun Banega Mega Stylist 2024 held in Thane on 24th and 25th April 2024.



Dr. Ms. Gloria Jehoshua, 2<sup>nd</sup> year student of M.Sc. Nursing from Symbiosis College of Nursing (SCON), received award of Best Student (PG) Special Category by TNAI Pune city branch on the Eve of International Nurses Day celebration.



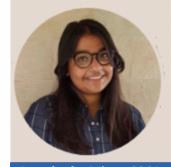
Dr. Ms. Gloria Jehoshua, receiving award



Students from Symbiosis Center for Media and Communication (SCMC), (Batch 2022-25), made their mark by dominating in the city finale of the Times Fresh Face S15 Pune.

Winners of Times Fresh Face S15 Pune

The article titled "An augury of the world's ruin – The Crisis of Authority in Arrow of God" of Roopkatha Misra, a student of Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA), (Batch 2024) has been published in Praxis International Journal of Social Science and Literature.



Roopkatha Misra, SSCA

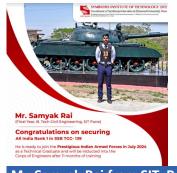


Utkarsh Kumar (1st year Robotics and Automation Engineering student), Pankhuri Varshney (1st year Computer Science Engineering student) along with Yash Parkhi (2nd year Computer Science Engineering student) studying at Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune, won the First Prize in 'GENESIS' Competition organised by Army Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune.

Third year students of B.Tech Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AIML) from SIT, Pune, Shantanu Rokde, Shivansh Nautiyal, and Riya Agarwal were declared winners at Avinya State-Level Project Competition, held at D. Y. Patil Institute of Technology on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.



Students of SIT, Pune, at Avinya State-Level Project Competition



Samyak Rai, Final year Student of Civil Engineering (Batch 2020-24) from SIT, Pune, has grabbed All India Rank 1 in Civil Engineering at the SSB - TGC 139 to join the Prestigious Indian Armed Forces.

Mr. Samyak Rai from SIT, Pune

M. Tech student of Robotics and Automation, from SIT Pune, Rahul Goraksha received the Best Paper award for Healthcare Monitoring Companion: The Social Robot, at the IEEE conference AlloT 2024.



Certificate of Appreciation of Mr. Rahul Goraksha, SIT Pune

Lalit Shrotriya, a student of the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology Engineering, SIT, Pune, (Batch 2020-24) received the Prestigious Roadies Debut Award - Given by BlinkX at JM Financials on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The Roadies Debut Award is a prestigious recognition presented by BlinkX @ JM Financials to celebrate the remarkable achievements of new professionals embarking on their careers with JM Financials.





The students of SIT, Nagpur, Arya Kashikar, Padhmanabh Wanikar, Lakshya Khanna, Srinivas Mahajan, and Aryan Partakke, have secured spots in the IIT Mandi Summer Research Internship in Cyber Security and Machine Learning under the guidance of Sudhanshu Maurya. It's an incredible opportunity for our students to make meaningful contributions to the digital era.

TiE Nagpur's TiE University Pitching Competition was held at GHRTBIF, Nagpur, Entrepreneurs from Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Nagpur, Mr. Parth Choudhari and Mr. Rudra Amgaonkar won the prize in the competition for their startup Legal Sahayogi.



**Winners of TiE University Pitching Competition** 



Twelve students of the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology Engineering, SIT, Pune, (Batch 2023-27) are selected for GSSoC 2024. The Girl Script Summer of Code (GSSoC) is an annual open-source program organized by the GirlScript Foundation, aimed at fostering a diverse and inclusive tech community. Sponsored by Google, GSSoC runs over three mcionths, during which participants work on various open-source projects under the guidance of experienced mentors.

In a remarkable achievement, three students from SIT, Nagpur, Prathamesh Yadav, Vedant Bhoyar, and Tanisha Jasu have successfully registered their own private limited companies showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit and innovative thinking.







- ▶ Civil Engineering (Batch 2021-25) student, Arman Joshi from SIT, Pune, secured All India 2<sup>nd</sup> Rank at the ASCE student Symposium, 2024 in structural design contest.
- ▶ Suragah Talal student of CSE (Batch 2021-25), SIT, Pune, had the incredible opportunity to participate in a study tour for engineering students in Japan, focusing on the latest trends in AI and sustainability. He had the privilege of attending insightful guest lectures at Ritsumeikan University and Chiba University engaging with both students and experts. Additionally, his visits to industry leaders like Daifuku, Nissan Motor Corporation, and Kodansha Ltd. provided a comprehensive view of the advancements in Al.

Yatendra Kumar, student of CSE (Batch 2020-24), Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune, secured an impressive package of USD 60,000 at Remote Tech Start-up! He will be leveraging his computer science expertise to enhance the company's efficiency.

Yatendra Kumar, SIT Pune





25 students participated in the Study India Program (SIP)

SIMS Heartiest **CONGRATULATIONS** For Winning the First position in a Solo dance mpetition held at the annual techno-management and cultural fest of National Insurance Academy, Pune.

Karen Chandel, SIMS Pune

Karen Chandel (Batch 2023-25) from Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS), Pune, secured the First position in a Solo dance competition held at the annual techno-management and cultural fest of National Insurance Academy, Pune.



Sangeet Agrawal, SIT Pune

Sangeet Agrawal, B.Tech CSE (Batch 2021-25) from SIT, Pune, has been recognized as an "India Book of Records Achiever" for performing 207 rope skips in 1 minute.

25 students with faculty coordinator participated in the Study India Program (SIP). Students attended lectures on topics such as Diversity and Multiculturalism, Social Structure & the need for NGOs in India, Vedic Maths, Indian Fashion, Indian Art & Design, etc. They also participated in workshops including Indian cooking, Warli painting, etc. Additionally, they visited NGOs dedicated to children in difficult situations and women's empowerment to gain insights into their operations.



Niyaj while receiving the award from dignitaries during IEEE International Conference at MIT ADT University, Pune

Student from SIG M.Sc. (DS&SA) programme, Niyaj Attar has received the best research paper award at the IEEE International Conference on Sustainable AI for Multidisciplinary Applications conducted at MIT ADT University, Pune in April' 24. His paper titled "Optimizing Fertilizer Usage using Machine Learning Techniques" was recognized for its outstanding contribution.

# **Quality Initiatives**

The Quality Management and Benchmarking (QMB), department at Symbiosis International University, plays a key role in driving continuous quality improvement initiatives to maintain high standards and global benchmarking in the higher education landscape.

Some of their notable initiatives include:

**Samvaad QMB - Conversation on Quality at SIU:** This podcast series focused on discussions around the quality journey at Symbiosis University. Season 2 was recorded in visual format to make it more inclusive. QMB completed recording all episodes for the upcoming season in April and May 2024. QMB has announced the launch of Season 2 aligning with World Accreditation Day.

**Establishment of Symbiosis Accreditation Framework (SAF) by QMB:** The Quality Management and Benchmarking (QMB) department at Symbiosis International University is developing a comprehensive "Symbiosis Accreditation Framework" to serve as a universal standard across the university. This framework will include detailed guidelines and an evaluation instrument to assess and rate the university's constituent institutes.

प्रकर्ष (Prakarsh) QMB : प्रकर्ष (Prakarsh) QMB knowledge Series initiative offers training programs on advanced quality practices in higher education. An expert speaker, Dr. Poornima Tapas, Professor and Programme in-charge, MBA (Exe.), SIBM, Pune shared insightful examples and elucidated the criteria for identifying best practices and institutional distinctiveness. The session attracted over 250 attendees.



प्रकर्ष (Prakarsh) QMB- Session held on 12th, April 2024



**Ask QMB:** Ask QMB is an ongoing virtual forum held on the last Friday of every month where the university community can engage with QMB on quality assurance matters. It highlights the department's commitment to building a "Community of Problem Solvers" focused on quality.

Ask QMB, Session held on April 26th, 2024

## **Faculty Development Programmes**

Faculty Development Programmes are conducted by Symbiosis Teaching Learning Resource Center, to enhance the teaching skills and research capabilities of the faculty members. The department has organized 15 FDPs over 59 days during the months of April to June 2024. These FDPs were in the areas of Teaching, Learning, Evaluation, AI & Technology and Research methodology across all disciplines at SIU.

**Some Glimpses of the FDPs** 









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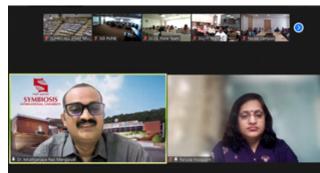
## **Human Resource Initiatives**

During the second quarter, other than the regular orientation sessions, PAR training for Administrative staff and several other training sessions were conducted by the Learning & Development, Central HR Department, Symbiosis.

## **Snapshot of the Sessions conducted from April to June 2024:**

Title / Topic covered	Resource Person, title and the Firm name	No. of Participants
Department Exam - Batch II	L&D Central HR	196
Transform and Lead: A Coach's Guide to DEI and Change Management	Ms. Lakshmi Sreenivasan, Leadership Coach & L&OD Specialist, Service Delivery Lead-DE&I	471
Basic Excel Training	Dr. Priti Kulkarni, Assistant Professor, SICSR	594
Teaching PAR 2023-24 : Orientation Session	Mr. Pari, Technology Partner from Ish-Info	377
Navigating the Exit Module: Employee Separation with Dignity	Ms. Seema Atish Bihani, Directors of Ekklavya Tech Inspire Private Limited	328
Finance & Library Orientation May 2024	Mr. Jitendra Bhide, Deputy Chief - Finance & Mr. Sheetal Gade, Assistant Librarian	23
AIMS ERP Training	Ms. Supriya Upadhye, Senior Administrator IT - ERP	529
Power BI	Ms. Ashwini Kothari	466
Don't Cross the Line: Awareness Session on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (POSH)	Ms. Renuka Mukadam, Management and Business Consultant	677
Promotion Exam	L&D Central HR	56





Don't Cross the Line: Awareness Session on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace (POSH)





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## Research



Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary for Department of Biotechnology (DBT) @ SIU

Visit of the Secretary for Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to Symbiosis International University: The visit of Dr. Rajesh Gokhale, the Secretary for Department of Biotechnology (DBT) to Symbiosis International University on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024, was a landmark event. Dr. Gokhale's visit marked a significant step in fostering collaboration between academia and government, particularly in biotechnology. Dr Gokhale appreciated SIU's commitment to Research and Innovation and urged the researchers to establish collaboration with DBT Research centers across the country.

**Coffee with SCRI**: (Symbiosis Centre forResearch and Innovation) is an initiative that brings people togetherto spark engagement and cooperation. These informal meetings are a breedingground for valuable networking, exchanging ideas, and ultimately turning theminto concrete results.



Dr. Young Ho-Kim, Director of IKCRI at SCRI

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, SCRI hosted Dr. Young Ho-Kim, Director of IKCRI, to explore collaboration opportunities with South Korean researchers. This discussion led to an invitation for Dr. Borotikar to travel to New Delhi for further talks on medical device development.

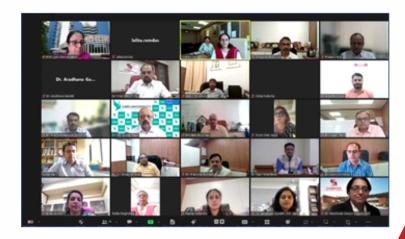


Dr. Sushanta K. Chatterjee visited SCRI

On 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, under coffee with SCRI, activity, Dr. Sushanta K. Chatterjee, Chief of Regulatory Affairs at the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), New Delhi, India was invited. His visit included a comprehensive overview of SIU's research capabilities, interactions with Deans and experts, and tours of several research centres.

Research Advisory Board (RAB) meeting: On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the Fifth meeting of the Research Advisory Board was held at SCRI. Dr. Ruchika Ghanekar, Director, SCRI highlighted the University's research strengths (excellent support, facilities, funding) and collaborative networks. She proposed intensifying interdisciplinary research, securing more funding, and increasing publications (including non-STEM) and technology transfer.





## **Research Publications**

Publication	April 2024-June 2024
Scopus	973
Web of Science	353
	1118

## Research Project (Sanctioned in the period April 2024 to June 2024)

Year of Project Awarded	Government		Non - Government National		Non- Government - International			Total Grant
	No. of Project	Grant Sanctioned (INR in Lakhs)	No. of Project	Grant Sanctioned (INR in Lakhs)	No. of Project	Grant Sanctioned (INR in Lakhs)	of Project	Sanctioned (INR in
FY 2023-2024 (April 2024 to June 2024)	1	11.00	2	13.25	5	22.72	8	46.97



## MoUs

#### National MoUs signed with the following Institutions/ Centres/ Industries:

- Biocosmic Innovations Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai (Addendum)
- Technology Xpress Infor Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- Life Secure Enterprise
- Renishaw Metrology Systems Ltd.
- Crescendo Worldwide Pvt. Ltd.
- Parallel Minds Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- Charkos UK Ltd.
- India Sponsorship Committee
- Sneh Foundation
- VTP Reality
- ▶ 3D Future Technology Pvt. Ltd.
- KEMHRC
- Brainsmart Solutions (Boldnet India)
- The IndUS Enterpreuners, Pune
- Ecosan Services Foundation.
- Telecommunications Consultant India Ltd.
- Tharuni NGO
- Grant Thornton Bharat
- International food Policy Research Institute for Harvest Plus



## National Agreements signed with the following Institutions/ Centres/ Industries:

- Grammarly Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- Taylor & Francis Group
- A. G. Diagnostics
- Bennett Coleman & Company Ltd.
- Emerald Publishing Ltd.
- Larson & Toubro Ltd.

#### List of International collaborations signed with the following Universities

- University College Birmingham, UK
- Dubai Medical College for Women, UAE
- University of Galway, Ireland
- National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan
- ▶ Iowa State University of Science & Technology, USA (Pathway Agreement for SIT, Nagpur



**Galway MU Signing** 



**University College Birmingham MoU signing** 



NCHU MoU Signing (1)

## **Events**

Symbiosis International University, Dubai campus, has been a hub of activity, hosting a series of oncampus events and conducting webinars across the UAE.

**GETEX Exhibition:** The university recently showcased its programs by participating at the GETEX education exhibition on April 26-27 at the Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Dubai connecting with prospective students.

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**GETEX Education Exhibition** 

Symbiosis International University, Dubai conducted a fantastic session on 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Consulate General of India, Al Hamriya, Diplomatic Enclave, Dubai. Shri. Sanjeev Kapoor, Shri. Satish Kumar Sivan and Shri. Karan Rathore, were the panellist speakers along with Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, SIU.



Shri. Sanjeev Kapoor at SIU Dubai Campus



Open Days conducted at SIU Dubai Campus

**Symbiosis University Dubai Seminar:** A seminar was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2024 at the Millennium Plaza Hotel, Dubai for prospective parents and students to explore the various programs offered at Symbiosis international University.



**Symbiosis University Dubai Seminar** 

Symbiosis International University Dubai had a wonderful meet and greet session in Kuwait. The Dubai Team got an opportunity to connect with school principals and enthusiastic students, making the event truly special.



**GIS International school visit** 



### **Deeksharambh: Induction Program 2024**

'Deeksharambh', the student induction program at Symbiosis International(Deemed University) is designed to ensure that all new students have a smooth transition into the academic community of the university. As a part of the Induction several activities were conducted across all the Constituents of SIU. Activities included Session on Gender sensitization, Emotional Well-being, Climate Change, Biodiversity & Sustainability, Alumni/Industry interaction, Yoga and meditation, Session Creative Arts & culture activity, Ice breaking sessions, Campus Tour and Outbound activities. The students were addressed by the Chancellor Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Vice Chancellor Dr. Ramakrishnan Raman, and Pro Chancellor Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Dr. Rajeev Yeravdekar, Provost, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, of the University as a part of the Common Induction program.



Deeksharambh

2024

@ Symbiosis International (Deemed University)

**Glimpses of Deekshrambh** 

Induction Programme for students of Symbiosis School of Online and Digital Learning (SSODL): On the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, the student Induction Programme of the Jan 24<sup>th</sup> (Batch 2 of AY 2023-24) of SSODL was held. The objective of the student induction program was to help the newly enrolled students acclimate to their academic environment and feel comfortable within the educational institution.

#### **SYMHEALTH 2024**



Guest of Honour: Dr. Nitin Kareer, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra



**Group Photograph** 

Annually, the Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences (FoMHS) at Symbiosis International University (SIU) hosts the conference "SYMHEALTH." This year, the conference, themed "Sustainable Healthcare Systems for Population and Planet Health," took place on April 26th and 27th, 2024, at Lavale, Pune. The conference aimed to gather experts and stakeholders to explore innovative solutions and the intersection of healthcare sustainability, public health, and environmental stewardship.

'Oath Taking Ceremony' of the International Students Council: Symbiosis has an International Students' Council, which helps Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE), in conducting events, workshops and various programmes for the International students' community in Pune. The oath taking ceremony of the newly elected Student Council took place at the SIU Auditorium on 1st April, 2024.



**SYMROLIC 2024:** Symbiosis Law School, Pune, organized the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Research Conference-Rule of Law in Context: Rethinking Law and Policy with reference to Quality of Life as Global Economic Justice (SYMROLIC 2024) on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Indrajit Dube, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Meghalaya shared his wisdom on the day of commencement and inaugurated the newly developed Culture, Language, Law & Justice Lab.



Student of SLS, Pune, orchestrated the theatrical master piece for Law

Mosaic 6.0: SLS Hyderabad's Literary and Debate Society held Mosaic 6.0, a day-long literature festival on March 23rd, 2024. The event featured unique debate formats like "Pressure Point," where participants argued as pop culture characters, and "Turncoat Debates," testing critical thinking through defending and opposing literary-themed motions.

Open House Meet for Foreign National students: An 'Open House Meet' for Foreign National students studying at AIU was conducted on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024 at SIU Auditorium. The event was headed by the Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mujumdar Sir with Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar Provost, SIU, Dr. Anita Patankar, Director SCIE, Ms. Amruta Ruikar, Head International Initiatives and Brig.

Ratnaparkhi, Chief Admin as co-chairs.



Open House Meet for Foreign National students



**Annual International Research Conference at SLS, Pune** 

**Symbhav 2024:** Symbhav 2024, the annual event at Symbiosis Law School, Pune, addressed social issues through a powerful play "Maaye Maati Chhodab Nahi" (I will not leave my Land) that highlighted the struggles of tribal communities. This thought-provoking event transitioned into a lighter mood with a star-studded Pronite Concert featuring renowned Bollywood artist Shaan, showcasing a successful blend of social commentary and artistic celebration.



Symbhav 2024, the annual event at SLS Pune

8<sup>th</sup> National Moot Court Competition: "The Moot Court Association (MCA) of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, organised 8<sup>th</sup> National Moot Court Competition from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024, focusing on Data Privacy. Hon'ble Justice Sri Jasti Chelameshwar, Hon'ble Justice Sri P.S. Narayana, Hon'ble Justices Sri Rangaswamy Natraj, Shri Seetharama Murthy, Shri Adarsh Kumar Goel, Sri Ashok G. Nijagannavar, and Mr. Supratim Chakraborty were invited as the resource persons and judges for the various rounds of competition.



8th National Moot Court Competition at SLS, Hyderabad

Inauguration of Atlas Copco India Private Limited MBA (Executive) Batch III: Symbiosis Centre for Corporate Education (SCCE), Pune, launched the third batch of MBA (Executive) for Atlas Copco India Private Limited on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The event was graced by senior leaders from both the organisations. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. Kabir Gaikwad, Head, Corporate HR, Atlas Copco India Private Limited followed by the key note address by Prof. (Dr.) Seema Singh, Professor & Director, SCCE, Pune.



Inauguration of Atlas Copco India Private Limited MBA (Executive) Batch III

4<sup>th</sup> National Conference at SLS Hyderabad: The Centre for Specialization in Cyber Law Studies at SLS, Hyderabad, organized the 4<sup>th</sup> National Cyber Law Conference on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 on the theme "Data Privacy and Protection in India and Beyond - Challenges and Innovation" in collaboration with the Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence - Data Security Council of India (CCoE-DSCI). Distinguished resource persons included Hon'ble Justice Shri Mandhata Seetharama Murthy, Former Judge of Andhra Pradesh High Court; Dr. Sriram Birudavolu, CEO of CCoE-DSCI; Mr. Raj Pagariya from The Cyber Blog India; Mr. Gokul Narayan from the Asian School of Cyber Laws; and Hon'ble Justice Mrs. Surepalli Nanda, Sitting Judge of the High Court of Telangana.



4th National Conference at SLS, Hyderabad

**AVYANNA 2024:** The Second Inter-Collegiate Cultural Festival - AVYANNA 2024, organized by the students of Symbiosis Medical College for Women (SMCW), held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024. AVYANNA, the unique inter-college festival by Symbiosis Medical College for Women in Pune, was a celebration of diverse talents in art, music, sports, and dance.

Fashion Show: Day 2 Avyanna'24



Fashion show @ AVYANNA 2024

Round-table discussion: SIBM, Bengaluru, hosted a senior delegation from Deakin University, Australia on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024. A Round-table discussion organized on the 'Opportunities and Challenges confronting Industry-Academia Partnerships', yielded valuable and actionable insights on the future course of action towards strengthening this symbiotic relationship. The Roundtable saw active participation from Ms. Ravneet Pawha, Vice President (Global Alliances), Deakin University; Prof. Colin Higgins, Associate Dean, Professor of Management Deakin University, and Prof. Jenni Lightowlers, Executive Dean, Faculty of Business and Law Deakin University.



**Delegates at the Round Table discussion** 

**SAMAAVESH'24:** SIBM, Bengaluru, successfully organized SAMAAVESH'24, an event for the batch of '26, was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, where alumni connected with students and contributed to the event's success by sharing their valuable corporate experiences.



**Scribbling day at SCMHRD:** On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Alumni Relations Team of SCMHRD, conducted Scribbling Day. The event was graced with the presence of MBA (Batch of 2022-24), the Director and Deputy Director along with all faculty members.



SYMBICON 2024: SIBM Nagpur organized SymbiCon 3.0, an international conference on April 20, 2024, held online. It gathered global research scholars, industry experts, and students to discuss "Impact of AI & Emerging Technologies on Business." Prof. Sumanta Singha from Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University, USA, delivered the keynote speech, while Prof. Jayanta Banerjee from MAHE Dubai Campus provided the Valedictory Speech.



Keynote Speech by Prof. Sumanta Singha (Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University, U.S.A)

Industry Visit to Haier Group, Greater Noida: SIBM, Noida students completed an industry visit to Haier, Greater Noida on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Haier Group is a leading global provider of solutions for a better life and digital transformation. With the purpose of "More Creation, More Possibilities," the group is committed to co-creating infinite possibilities for a better life with users and for industrial development.



**Outbound Activity:** Staff and Faculty Outbound activity of SCMHRD was conducted at Adlabs Imagica on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. This outbound activity created lasting memories, strengthened team spirit, and emphasized the importance of fun and relationships outside of work.



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India's Techade-Chips for Viksit Bharat: Students, faculty, and staff at Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB), watched the live video conference of the "India's Techade - Chips for Viksit Bharat" initiative by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The screening covered India's Techade vision, the Semiconductor Mission, and strategies for Viksit Bharat @2047 through research and innovation. The event celebrated India's Techade initiative, fostering dialogue and collaboration towards a technologically empowered and self-reliant India by 2047.



Live streaming of 'India's Techade-Chips for Viksit Bharat' session

Seminar on application of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Faculties of Symbiosis Institute of Digital and Telecom Management (SIDTM), conducted a Session in energy forecasting at National University of Uzbekistan. The session aimed to illuminate the transformative potential of AI technologies in predicting energy consumption and optimizing energy resources, which is crucial for advancing sustainability and efficiency in the energy sector.



Faculties of SIDTM, at National University of Uzbekistan

Magic I Transformation event: Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS), Pune, hosted an inspiring event by Drzyshakti and Team titled "Magic I Transformation." During the session, Ciyon John, Gauri Gadgil, Gulshan Kumar, and Karuna Sarkar shared their amazing journeys. Every speaker has overcome adversity to succeed in their own industries, from dancing to entrepreneurship, and they all symbolize perseverance and achievement. Their experiences have not only motivated us but also instilled a deeper sense of empathy and appreciation for the power of the human spirit.



**Magic I Transformation event at SIMS Pune** 

**Aarambh :** Aarambh is an annual cultural evening organized to welcome the new batch of MBA OM and AOM students of SIOM, This year, Aarambh was held on 21<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, for the MBA OM and AOM 2024-26 batches, featuring vibrant cultural performances such as singing and dancing.



Aarambh – cultural event at SIOM

**Commencement ceremony:** An annual ceremony marks the graduates' achievements and their transition into the professional world. The celebration highlights student growth and excellence, with top performers receiving recognition. Faculty and guest speakers offer inspiring words, sending graduates off on their future journeys.





**Entangle with Zentagle** - Stress relieving activities were conducted at various Institutes to observe the Stress Awareness Month. Several activities were conducted which included art based activities and Counselling sessions.





**Awareness sessions on Importance of Voting:** Institutes organised several activities to bring awareness regarding voting amongst the students. "Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye" campaign was conducted to promote electoral participation among students for the upcoming 2024 Lok Sabha Elections. The campaign emphasized youth engagement in the democratic process and highlighted the Election Commission of India's SVEEP program to combat urban and youth apathy. Students were encouraged to take an online pledge to exercise their democratic rights.



@ SIIB





Promote Voter Awareness Campaign 2024 @SIIB

Voting Awareness online event @ SCMS, Pune

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8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Demystifying the Trade Life Cycle: A workshop on the Basics of the Capital Market with Mr. Ganesh Kumar, Engineering Leader at Standard Chartered Bank, covered the trade life cycle from order initiation to settlement. Participants gained insights into trade processing stages, technology's role in post-trade activities, and market operations intricacies.



Mr. Ganesh Kumar taking a workshop

**Investiture:** The Investiture Ceremony of Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS), Bengaluru, to badge the new Student Council for 2024 was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



The Investiture Ceremony of SCMS, Bangalore

**UGC Event- Youth Leadership Workshop on Global Citizenship:** The Cultural Committee of Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS), Pune, organized the UNESCO Youth Leadership Workshop on April 29, 2024. The workshop focused on Global Citizenship Education under the University Grants Commission and was hosted in collaboration with the Academic Cell to raise awareness about the Lok Sabha Elections 2024.



**UNESCO Youth Leadership Workshop at SCMS Pune** 

HR Conclave: Managing BFSI Career: Crucial Competencies and Techniques: On June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Symbiosis School of Banking and Finance (SSBF), hosted a highly insightful HR Conclave under the theme "Managing BFSI Career: Crucial Competencies and Techniques." The conclave featured an impressive lineup of HR professionals who shared their expertise and insights on navigating careers in the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI).



**HR Conclave at SSBF** 

**Clash of Cash:** A business-based monopoly game - Clash of Cash was organized on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 by SCMS, Bengaluru, Business and Finance Club.



Clash of Cash game at SCMS, Bangalore

**Collegare** –An enriching panel discussion was held on "Al for Enterprise" at Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR), The esteemed panellists, Himanshu Shah, Atul Pawar, Abhishek Mishra, Piyush Saurav, and Rahul Jain from Snowflake, led a dynamic conversation on leveraging Al to drive innovation and growth in enterprise settings.



Figure Collegare 2024 - Panel discussion

**Hurukuro lecture series:** SICSR, Placement Cell organized an Informative session on the topic "Campus Placement Preparation "by Mr. Margik Baxi, Alumnus, MBA-DT (Batch 2021-23) & Mr. Sanket Kurdukar, Placement and Information Officer interacted with students of batch 2023-25 at SICSR, Pune on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

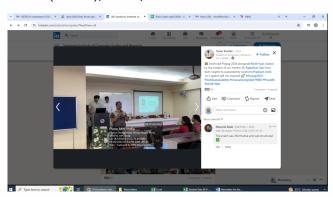


Hurukuro lecture series

HH Gauranga Das Prabhuji's,( ISKCON Governing body member) visit to SSCA: We were deeply honored to host HH Gauranga Das Prabhuji, ISKCON Governing body member and Head, Govardhan Eco Village at the Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts! His visit was filled with enlightening discussions and inspiring moments that left a lasting impact on us. This occasion also marks the beginning of an exciting collaboration to foster a holistic educational experience.



**Prayag 2024:** IEEE (SICSR), Student Branch Pravidhi (11434) in collaboration with IEEE, Pune, Section conducted the event Prayag 2024, Business Academia Meet at Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR), Pune, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



Prayag 2024 @ SICSR

**Eklavya Dronacharya Symposium:** Department of Ophthalmology, Symbiosis Medical College for Women (SMCW), conducted a comprehensive Ophthalmology Symposium for PG students on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024. 11 Eminent speakers. Dr. Shirish Shirole was the NMC observer. First time comprehensive Ophthalmology – Oculoplasty, Squint, Paediatrics Cataract, Retina, systemic diseases, Glaucoma, Health fitness talk covered for All Medical colleges and Institutes (8 institutes) PG students from Pune.



**Eklavya Dronacharya Symposium 2 SMCW** 



**SCOPE - Environmental Awareness and Menstrual Hygiene and Career Insights:** On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, SCOPE – Symbiosis Hyderabad Campus, conducted a significant awareness event at BC Welfare Girls Residential School, Shabad. The event aimed to educate students on important topics such as Good and Bad Touch, Menstrual Hygiene, Environmental Awareness, and Career Insights.

Augmentation of Dialysis Unit at SUHRC: The Department of Dialysis, Symbiosis University Hospital & Research Centre (SUHRC), was augmented with 6 more Dialysis machines, with a grant from Rotary Club of Bombay. The Inauguration took place at the hands of President Elect Rotary International, Ms. Stephanie Urchick, Pennsylvania, USA on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. Around 60 patients undergo dialysis daily at SUHRC.



**Augmentation of Dialysis Unit at SUHRC** 

Induction for the new batches of students at SCHS were conducted at the various campuses.



Induction of XLV Batch of PGDEMS Programme @ Pune



Induction of II Batch of PGDEMS Programme @ Noida

**Labour Room Inauguration:** Labour room was inaugurated on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 by Mrs. Aruna Katara, President, Hope Foundation & Mr. Anil Wahibi, Director Finolex Pvt Ltd in virtual presence of Provost, FoMHS & Mrs. Ritu Chabaria, Co-Founder & Managing Trustee - Mukul Madhav Foundation. They donated OT table, Labour table, Anesthesia machine, Multipara monitor & USG machine to SUHRC



**Inauguration of the Labour Room at SUHRC** 

**Photography Workshop:** Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication (SCMC), is committed to providing a transformative learning experience for its students, emphasizing experiential learning to equip them with practical skills and knowledge for their future endeavours. First-years donned many hats in a 2-day workshop from April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. From art design to camera work, they planned and ran their own shoots, gaining practical skills for the future.



**Photography Workshop at SCMC** 

Research Colloquium: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA) hosted a Research Colloquium on April 8th featuring Dr. Afshan Majid. The lecture focused on 'Reading a Subjective Source' and explored the complexities of interpreting Abdul Qadir Badauni's works, particularly the Muntakhab-ut-Tawarikh, highlighting unexpected insights gained from such sources.



Dr. Afshan Majid

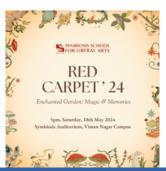
Capstone Exhibition by Media Studies Students: On 18<sup>th</sup> April, students from SSLA, majoring in Media Studies from the outgoing batch of 2024 organised 'No Cap', an exhibition to showcase the work done in their final semester course. A total of 24 students exhibited their work, with the exhibition kept open to faculty, staff and students. Every project had tangible elements resulting from unique ideas, critical thinking and creative processes.



The 24 students who participated in the exhibition

**Project exhibition and industry summit:** B.Tech Al and ML students of Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune, showcased an impressive array of innovative projects spanning various Al domains in Healthcare, FinTech, AgriTech, Smart City, etc.at the summit held on 27<sup>th</sup>April From demonstrating concepts in Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, NLP, Reinforcement Learning and Generative AI, and everything in between, the exhibition was a testament to the incredible talent and ingenuity of our students.

**Red Carpet' 24:** SSLA's annual year-end celebration, 'The Red Carpet', was hosted on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024. An evening of cultural extravaganza, performances were staged by SSLA, students and faculty members. The efforts of the students throughout the year, was recognized with academic and non-academic awards. Along with the Director's note, the event also hosted the Last Lecture by Dr. Damini Kulkarni.



SSLA', s annual year-end celebration

**Stone-Tool and Bead-Making Workshop:** As part of the inaugural event, the Collaborative of Anthropology at SSLA, held a workshop on traditional stone-tools and bead-making on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The workshop was led by Mr. Anwar Hussain Shaikh, a national award-winning craftsman.



Mr. Anwar Hussain Shaikh, showcasing his work to students and faculty members



B.Tech AI and ML students of SIT, Pune

Industry Summit on the Future Roadmap for onboarding Al Workforce at SIT, Pune: The summit brought together industry leaders like NVIDIA, NSEIT, Pyrack Solutions Private Limited, Codenera, Philips, E2E Networks, T-Systems India ICT Pvt Ltd, Globant, Giesecke and Devrient India Pvt Ltd, Audentia Tech Ventures, Oceaneering, Geeky Bee Al Pvt Ltd, Accrete.ai, and Arunanko Hore, educators, and policymakers to address the critical issues surrounding Al talent acquisition and development.



Industry Summit on the Future Roadmap for onboarding Al Workforce @ SIT, Pune

YouTubers Meet 2k24: The Computer Science and Engineering Department at SIT, Nagpur, in association with the Students Representative Council's Literary Club, organized the YouTubers Meet 2k24 on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Distinguished guests gracing the event were Mr. Nitin Sachdeva, President of delaPlex Inc., USA, Dr. Rishi Mohan Bhatnagar, President of Lava International Ltd., and Ms. Shweta Berry, Director of Marketing & Head of Strategic Alliances at Aeries Communications. Their insights into management, technology, and marketing added significant value to the proceedings.



Inter Institutional Start-up Competition: The Entrepreneurship Cell at Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Nagpur, hosted a three-day Inter Institutional Start-up Competition from 4<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> April , 2024. Sponsored by SIT, Nagpur, and TiE, Nagpur, the event aimed to encourage students to develop their entrepreneurial skills in ideation, business planning, and pitching.



The Entrepreneurship Cell at SIT, Nagpur

Intellectual Property Rights & IP Management Workshop at SIT, Nagpur: Led by Dr. Priti Tayade (Gosavi), this workshop offered a deep dive into patents and their crucial role in innovation and idea protection. Attendees explored the benefits of patents, learned strategies for generating innovative ideas, and gained insights into intellectual property management.



Intellectual Property Rights & IP Management Workshop at SIT, Nagpur

**Pride Month Celebration :** SCEW marked Pride month with a series of events in June, including 'Ally Art' where SIU students showcased diverse art

forms to express support for the LGBTQ+ community, promoting messages of inclusivity, love, and acceptance.





Some short-listed submissions by SIU students for Ally Art

Awareness session on 'Women's Health': Symbiosis International (Deemed University) as a Health Promoting University is committed to fostering a healthier nation. Symbiosis Centre of Health Care (SCHC) organized a lecture on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 on 'Women's Health'. Dr. Aarti Phadatare, a distinguished physician with extensive expertise holding an MBBS and DNB in General Medicine was a speaker. It was aimed at enhancing awareness and knowledge among our SCHC staff.



**Swareness session on Women's Health** 

**Iftar Dinner:** Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE), hosted an Iftar dinner for International students on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



Iftar Dinner conducted by SCIE

**Seminar on Summer School opportunities:** Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE), conducted a session with the University of Liverpool for upcoming opportunities like Summer schools.



**Seminar on Summer School opportunities by SCIE** 

Awareness Session – Health Promotion Activities: SCOPE has implemented health education activities to increase health awareness in the areas of nutrition, maternal and child health, infectious diseases, noncommunicable diseases, vector-borne diseases, alcohol and tobacco deaddiction, deworming, and organ donation, etc. To date, SCOPE has effectively organized numerous such programs where Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) of the community, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and government stakeholders actively collaborate in the activities.



Awareness Session - Health Promotion Activities by SCOPE

**Move-Breathe-DeStress:** An activity of Move-Breathe - DeStress was conducted by SCEW at the Viman Nagar Campus, Pune on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Students from the campus joined hands to wrap up the Stress Awareness month with some breathing, movement and grounding.



Ms Amisha Vernekar, Yoga Therapist SCEW facilitating the session

▶ **Design Showcase:** SID's Design Showcase held on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2024, featured exhibitions by graduating designers in Communication Design, Industrial Design, Fashion Design, & Fashion Communication. The event included a fashion show and Academic Awards Ceremony, with Ms. Ashwini Deshpande from Elephant Design as Chief Guest.

## **Celebrations**.

**International Yoga Day:** Symbiosis International University, celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga with a record participation of 4953. The event emphasized yoga, inclusivity, practicality, and diverse benefits, promoting well-being for all participants.

#### Key highlights:

- Virtual Desk Yoga sessions across all campuses (4140 participants).
- Symbiosis Yog Utsav at Lavale campus (theme: Empowerment through Yoga) featuring live performances, yoga stations, and challenges (800 participants).
- ▶ Yoga for diabetes management sessions.

## **Glimpses of International Yoga Day:**















Law Day: Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Pune, organized Law Day Oath, Justice Y. V. Chandrachud Memorial Public Lecture, 2024 and Symposium organized in collaboration with NGO – PRAVAH Vidhi Manthan: Bharatiya Gyan Parampara in Law & Justice. Hon'ble Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Former Chief Minister of Karnataka and Former Law Minister, Govt. of India, was the chief guest for the function.

Law Day Oath at SLS, Pune

**SIOM Foundation Day:** The 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the Symbiosis Institute of Operations Management (SIOM), was celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Students, faculty, and staff members gathered to commemorate this significant milestone. The celebration featured a cake-cutting ceremony, speeches from staff and faculty sharing their experiences, and cultural performances by the students.



**World Blood Donor Day:** Symbiosis University Hospital & Research Centre (SUHRC), celebrated World Blood Donor Day on June 14, 2024, with great enthusiasm and participation. 69 units of blood was collected through a voluntary blood donation drive organised.



Student donating bloos on World Blood Donor Day

World No Tobacco Day: The Department of ENT, SMCW and SUHRC, organized World No Tobacco Day-awareness programme. The event featured a skit performance by SMCW, students, highlighting the dangers of tobacco use. Additionally, there were poster and rangoli-making competitions to engage participants creatively. Survivors of tobacco-related diseases were also honoured, sharing their inspiring stories and reinforcing the importance of a tobacco-free life



Village Health and Nutrition Day: Village Health and Nutrition Days are carried out in the villages of Mulshi block by Govt. health functionaries every month. All eligible children and Antenatal Clinics are given vaccines against preventable diseases. Antenatal Clinics and Prenatal Clinics learn about concerned preventive and promotive aspects of healthcare along with the importance of Breast-feeding and Vaccination for expecting child.



SCOPE Nurse Assisting VHND Session and creating awareness on ANC and PNC care

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Celebrated

## World Environment Day

with Greening Initiatives





Participants of offline group sketching competition centered on the theme 'Green Symbiosis'

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Symbiosis International University actively participated in World Environment Day. The Symbiosis Centre for Waste Resource Management (SCWRM) collaborated with their partner ExploreiT to organize a "Shramadan" (voluntary community service) activity and tree plantation event at the historic Deccan College campus, one of Pune's oldest heritage sites. Faculty, staff, and students from the Symbiosis Viman Nagar campus actively participated in the event.

Expanding on the on-site activities, the Symbiosis Center for Climate Change and Sustainability (SCCCS) further extended their reach through engaging online events designed to promote environmental awareness. Dr. Sakshi Bharadwaj's informative talk, "Creating Urban Gardens at Home," provided participants with practical tools to cultivate their own green havens within their living spaces. For the artistically inclined, a "Green Symbiosis" themed group sketching contest encouraged creative expression focussed on environmental themes. Finally, the online "Nature Knowledge Knockout Quiz" tested participants' knowledge about the natural world in a fun and interactive format.

Celebration of World Intellectual Property Day: Dr. P. V. Madhusudhan Rao Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering & Design, IIT Delhi was an Expert Speaker for the "Celebration of World Intellectual Property Day" organized on 26/04/2024.

Celebrating
world Intellectual Property Day

Expert Speaker

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**Intellectual Property Day** 

**Annual Management Day:** Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune, celebrated Annual Management Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.



**Annual Management Day at SIBM Pune** 

# **Alumni Spotlights**













#### Alumni Visits to SCAE at S. B. Road, Pune



Mr. Prashant
Kothadiya (SLS-Pune
1984 Batch)
consultant at Azim
Premji Foundation &
Dr. Muhannad (SCAC
1987 Batch) from
Palestine currently
working at the
University of Dubai.

Vijay Vedantam (SIIB-1997) Founder President of Atlas Fin Research, and Soham Panase (Symbi School-2006) SCAE is looking forward to many more such interactions shortly.



SCAE is looking forward to many more such interactions shortly. SCAE would like to host alumni if they come to Pune. Please let us know at <a href="mailto:director alumniengagement@siu.edu.in">director alumniengagement@siu.edu.in</a>.

- SCAE would like to invite alumni to stay connected with us on all our social media platforms to keep up with the latest news, events, and opportunities. SCAE's Pan Symbiosis Global alumni portal and social media.
- ▶ Portal: https://alumni.symbiosis.ac.in/user/signup.dz
- Portal Mobile App: https://www.myalumni.network/15153251
- LinkedIn Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/10530181/
- LinkedIn Page: https://www.linkedin.com/company/symbiosis-centrefor-alumni-engagement
- ► Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2640595712828657
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# **New Appointments**

Prof. Rajanikanth Aluvalu is appointed as Director at Symbiosis Institute of Technology, Hyderabad from 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



Prof. Rajanikanth Aluvalu is an accomplished professor with a wealth of 21 + years of experience and contributions in the field of Computer Science engineering and academia. His extensive tenure as a professor, coupled with his leadership roles in reputed academic institutions and professional organizations, reflects his commitment to education and research. Holds Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering specializing in cloud computing. He holds IGIP international Engineering educator certification. Practises OBE and believes in Interactive Learning through use of Technology and Innovations in pedagogical practices. He is serving as Member, Board of studies for various institutions. He has strong understanding on NBA, NAAC Accreditation processes. Prof. Aluvalu demonstrates a strong foundation in both theoretical knowledge and practical expertise. His significant publication record, comprising over 150 research articles in various

peer-reviewed journals and conferences. He edited 7 books for springer, De Gruyter, CRC, IGI Global, AAP publishers. He edited Special issues for Springer soft computing, Inderscience IJDATS, SPCE journals. He is the recipient of the Best faculty Advisor Award from IEEE Hyderabad Section as well as the IUCEE Faculty Fellow Award (2018). He is Life Member of ISTE and Member of ACM and MIR Labs. Served as resource person for various technical programs, FDPS etc. He has organized various international conferences and delivered keynote addresses.

#### Dr. Alka Maurya is appointed as Director at Symbiosis Institute of International Business from 17th June 2024

Dr. Alka Maurya is a Computer Science Graduate and has done her Master's in International Business from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi, India, and her Ph.D in International Business from Jiwaji University, Gwalior, India. She has over 28 years of experience in teaching, research and consulting. She has worked with Amity International Business School (AIBS), Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, where she was engaged in teaching, research, and consulting in the area of International Business. Dr. Alka was working in the industry before joining AIBS. She worked with The Plastics Export Promotion Council (Plexconcil) as Deputy Director where she worked on several projects for promoting exports of plastic products from India. She led many delegations of plastic exporters to explore opportunities in the foreign market. Before Plexconcil, she was working with NCTI (National Centre for Trade Information), a UN-designated Trade Point in India,



where she was associated with various projects of the Department of Commerce, Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards, etc. She worked with a few Export Houses as well to have hands-on experience in international trade processes and procedures. Dr. Alka has been recognized with multiple national and international accolades for her contributions in research and teaching. She is invited as a keynote speaker for various international/national conferences and seminars in the area of international Business. She has published several books and research papers/ case studies in her area of specialization. Teaching and research are her passion, and she also likes to spend her time shaping young minds to take up the challenges in this dynamic and competitive environment.

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