

SCIE NEWSLETTER



SCIE:

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

SIU:

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

Credits:

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INITIATIVES AND COLLABORATIONS:



Prof Amy Richards, Senior Lecturer, Leeds Beckett University visited Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS), Noida



A delegation consisting of Dr. Anna Zoellner, Associate Professor in Media Industries, Dr. Andrea Thoma, Director of International Activities, Lecturer of Art and Design and Ms Shweta Dutt, Country Advisor visited SCIE to explore the collaborative opportunities at Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC) and Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID)



SCIE Conducted an online induction for Ms Taif from United Arab Emirates University, UAE- a participant of Elective Program, helping her integrate into the program.



Dr. Yvonne Reinwald, Senior Lecturer, Department of Engineering, School of Science and Technology, Nottingham Trent University (NTU), UK visited Symbiosis School of Biological Sciences (SSBS), SIU to explore further avenues in terms of collaborations and partnerships between the two Universities



Dr. Anita Patankar participated in QS Summit at Barcelona. She was an Invited speaker and the topic was- AI Powered Research (research & discovery) on 12 July 2024



Prof Raman Randhawa, Senior Vice Dean for Academic Programs and Professor of Data Sciences and Operations – Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California visited SIU to discuss collaborative program opportunities in Business Analytics, Finance, Supply Chain, Entrepreneurship and Marketing with Dr. Anupama Kotur, Faculty In-charge – Academic Collaborations, SCIE.



SCIE conducted an Orientation program for Incoming Exchange students from France and the Netherlands.



Deakin University delegation comprising Prof Bas Baskaran, Pro Vice Chancellor – International Research & Partnership and Associate Dean, International and Partnerships for the Faculty of SEBE, Rachel Doust, International Program Manager, FOSEBE Partnerships and Engagement, Faculty Services to Symbiosis, Basab Choudhury and Ms. Irfa Javed visited Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT), Pune to discuss research collaborations and dual degree programs with Dr. Ketan Kotecha, Dean-Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Anupama Kotur, Faculty In-charge – Academic Collaborations, SCIE and other faculty members.



Prof Bas Baskaran discussed research collaborations under Women's Entrepreneurship Research Alliance (WERA) and way forward with Dr Madhura Bedarkar, Deputy Director – Administration Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM), Pune



Deakin University delegation discussed co-supervision arrangements with Dr. Ruchika Kaul-Ghanekar, Director Symbiosis Centre for Research & Innovation (SCRI), Dr. Sanjay Pohekar, Head – Research Programmes, SCRI, and Dr. Anupama Kotur, Faculty In-charge – Academic Collaborations, SCIE



Dr. Anitha Chinnaswamy, Deputy Director, Cyber Security Innovation Centre from Aston University had a meeting with Dr. Dhanya Pramod, Dean– Faculty of Computer Studies, other faculty members and Dr Anupama Kotur, Faculty In-charge – Academic Collaborations, SCIE to discuss Joint degree program and other collaborative aspects at Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT), followed by MBA ITBM student interaction



Prof. Mark McCormack, Deputy Dean Research for the College of Business and Social Sciences, Aston University and Ms Saumya Agarwal, Regional Manager – Central and South Asia, Aston University visited Symbiosis international (Deemed University) to discuss potential research collaborations under the faculty of management. Brig Rajiv Divekar, Dean Faculty of Management, SIU, Director SIMS, Dr. Anupama Kotur, Faculty In-charge, Academic Collaborations, SCIE, Dr. Pravin Dange, Associate Professor, SIMS were present in the meeting.



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We hosted a special function in collaboration with Leeds Beckett University (LBU) to acknowledge the generous funds raised by LBU students. These students, having participated in the 2-week long Study India Program last year which involved classroom sessions, field activities and visit to the Rihe village, where they interacted closely with the local community, were deeply moved by the social challenges they witnessed and the efforts of local civil society organizations. This experience motivated them to undertake a fundraising campaign back home in the UK to support local schools in Lavale.

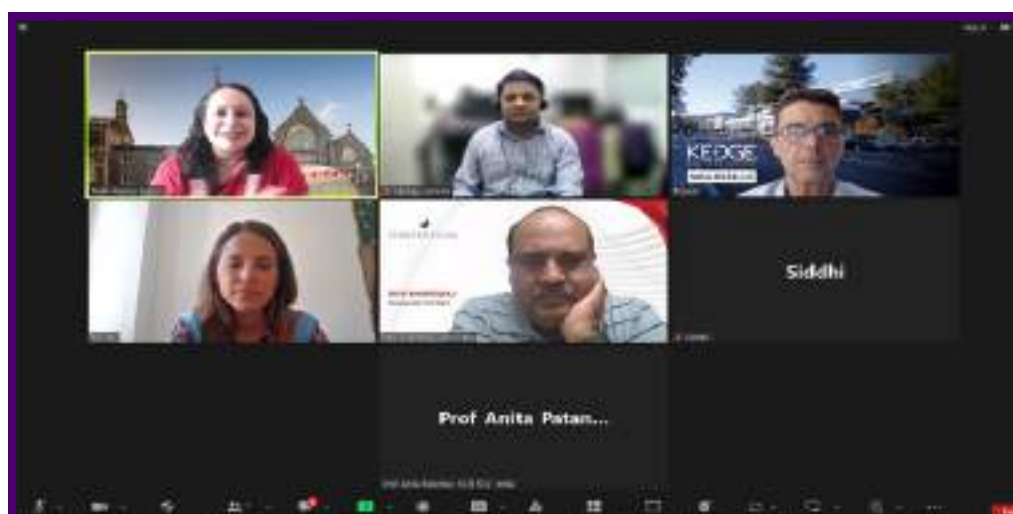
The funds they raised helped us procure sports equipment for 7 local schools, strengthening the collaboration between SIU and LBU. The sports equipment included a cricket kit, badminton kit, Volleyball, football, chess, Carrom and skipping ropes. We also donated 114 benches to three different schools in Lavale village.

The principals, teachers, and a few students from these schools attended the function to whom the handover of sports kits was done by Dr. S B Mujumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University). For this occasion, Ms Jayashree Raghuram, Regional Director, South Asia, Leeds Beckett University and also Faculty and students from LBU, UK were present online for the event.

CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES:



Prof Nidhi Piplani Kapur, mentor as part of the WICCI Mentorship programme with other fellow colleagues and mentees. 4 students of SIU are mentees as part of this programme



SCES-SCIE, SIU and Kedge Business School, France along with their legal teams, had a meeting to clear MoU-related queries and take the process forward

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RELATIONS AND EVENTS:



For the first time, an international students' fashion show was conducted during the celebration of International Students' Day, marking the birthday of our beloved founder president and chancellor, Dr. S.B. Mujumdar.

A diverse group of 22 international students participated in the fashion show, representing 12 countries. The winners were judged based on presentation, style of walk, knowledge about their attire, and overall representation of their country.

Mr. Symbiosis (Best Male Model): Peters Emmanuel
Ms. Symbiosis (Best Female Model): Ni Kadek Tata Pebriani



The students from 13 countries participated in the Cultural Dance Competition showcasing their country's vibrant culture through the various dance forms.



Students from 26 countries presented their diverse cuisines during the International Food Festival

Top 3 Dishes:

1. Dolmas – Yemen
2. Potu – Sri Lanka
3. Chicken Satay – Indonesia