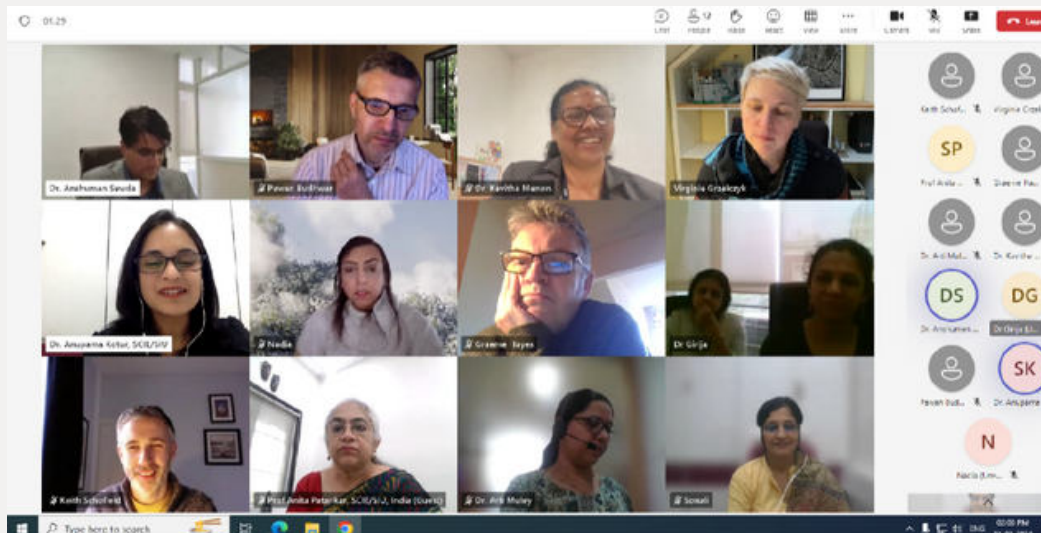


Initiatives and Collaborations:

1st March



Dr. Duc Nguyen Kuhuong and Ranjan Chaudhari from EMLV, France visited SCMHHRD for discussion on possible collaboration



Dr. Anita Patankar, Dr. Anupama Kotur and Sonali Hardikar discussed collaboration opportunities with Dr. Pawan, Budhwar, Keith Schofield, Virginie Grzelczyk, N.Naim at Aston University and SIHS team comprising Dr. Kavitha Menon, Dr. Arti Muley, Dr. Anshumen Sewda, Dr. Girija Mahale, Dr. Vidya Bhate, for the Nutrition and Dietetics and MPH program.

2nd March

Prof Deveral Capps, Dean of Law School Leeds Beckett University, UK our partner university, visited SLS N and interacted with students and faculty. He was accompanied by Joe Rossiter, Director of International Office of LBU UK



7th March



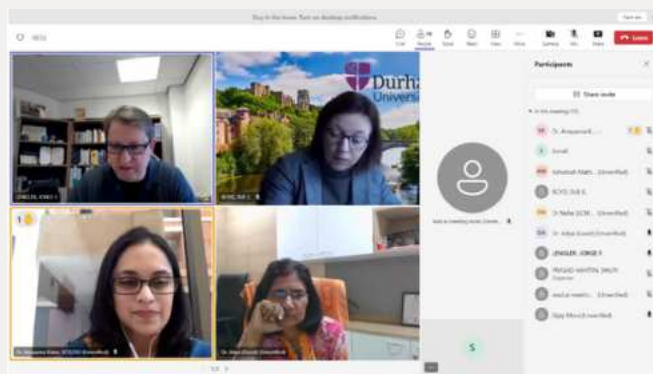
Kate Austin, Course Director BSc (hons) Nutrition & MSc Nutrition in Practice, School of Health and Linsey King, Course Director and Principal Lecturer in Nutrition and Dietetics visited SIHS today and conducted interactive sessions with the students doing their Masters in Nutrition and Dietetics

Professor Rakesh Pati, Senior Lecturer in Management and Deputy Director of Women's Entrepreneurship Research Alliance (WERA) at Deakin University and Ms. Irfa Javed Manager, Research Engagement (South Asia) visited SIU on Thursday, 7th March 2024.

The visiting delegation had a meeting with Brig. (Dr.) Rajiv Divekar, Dean Faculty of Management, Dr. Ruchika Kaul-Ghanekar, Director – SCRI, Dr. Sanjay Pohekar, Head - Research Programmes, Dr. Yogesh Patil, Head - Research & Publications, Dr. Prasoom Dwivedi, Head - Research Projects & Funding, Dr. Anand Shindikar, Head - Intellectual Property Cell, Dr. Vishal Pradhan, Asst Prof. Statistics, Dr. Anita Patankar, Director-SCIE, Dr. Anupama Kotur, Faculty In-charge -Academic Collaborations and Ms. Sonali Hardikar, Sr. Officer at Symbiosis regarding the Dual PhD program and created a favourable framework for future collaboration.



Dr. Rakesh Pati engaged in a half day workshop with recently enrolled PhD students on the topic – 'Identifying a good research question'. It was an enriching experience for the students and will assist them in their research endeavours.



Dr. Anupama Kotur and Sonali Hardikar had discussions in an Online meeting with Dr. Adya Sharma, Director, SCMS-P, Dr. Ashutosh Mathur, Dr. Vijay Prakash Misra and Dr. Nehajoan Panackal for introduction to the wider team, possible Collaborative Programs with Durham University and way forward. Durham University was represented by Dr. Jorge Lengler, Prasad- Martin Shilpi and Boyd Sue.

8th March



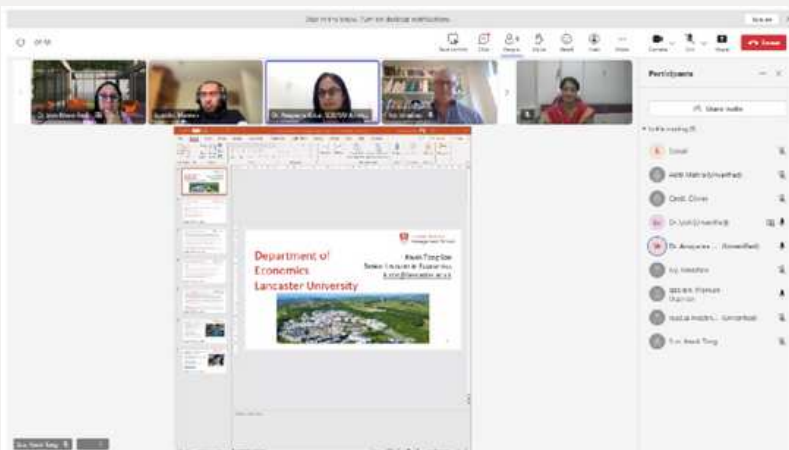
Dr. Sarah Mills, Head for Architecture School, Leeds School of Arts, Leeds Beckett University visited Symbiosis Institute of Design to discuss collaborative initiatives

12th March



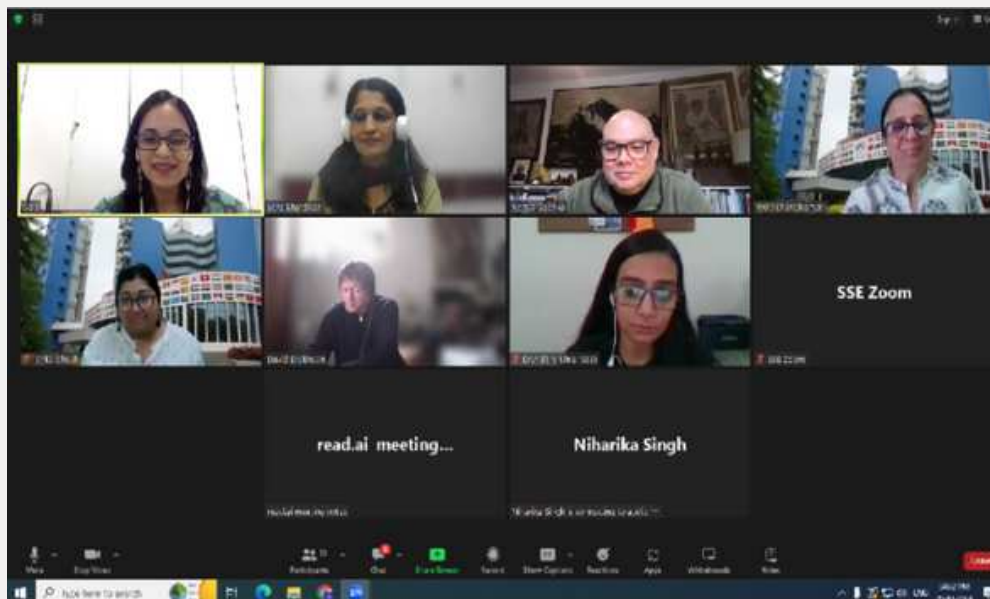
Ms Manasi Phatak facilitated Information session for the students participating in Leeds Beckett University, UK's upcoming Summer Program

19th March



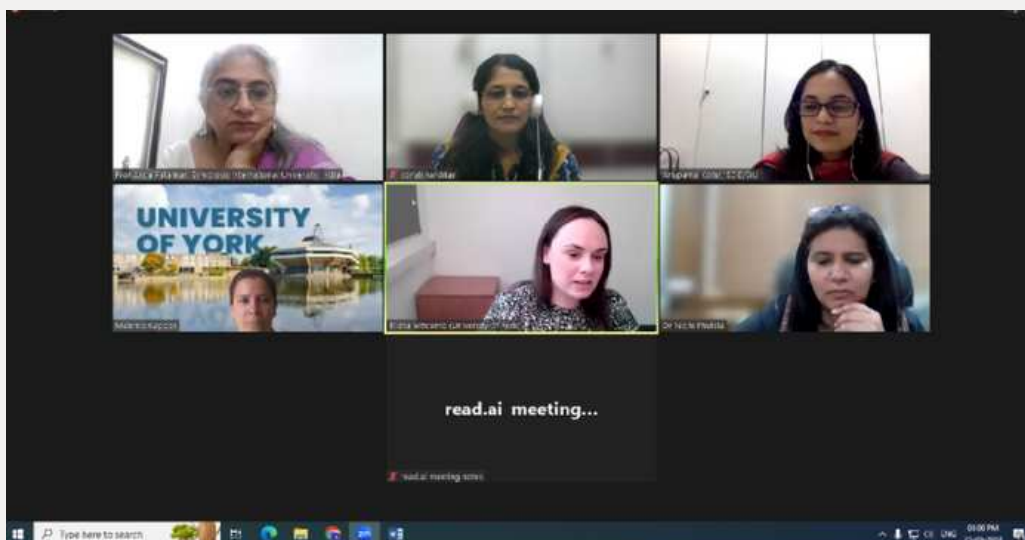
Dr. Anupama Kotur and Ms. Sonali Hardikar had a meeting with Lancaster university represented by Izzeldin, Marwan, Cardi Olivier, and Soo, Kwok Tong and Dr Jyoti Chandiramani, Dr Aditi Misra from SSE to explore collaborative program opportunities for pathway (in the 3.5+1 model) programs and dual degree programs (in the 2+2 model) for undergraduate students

20th February



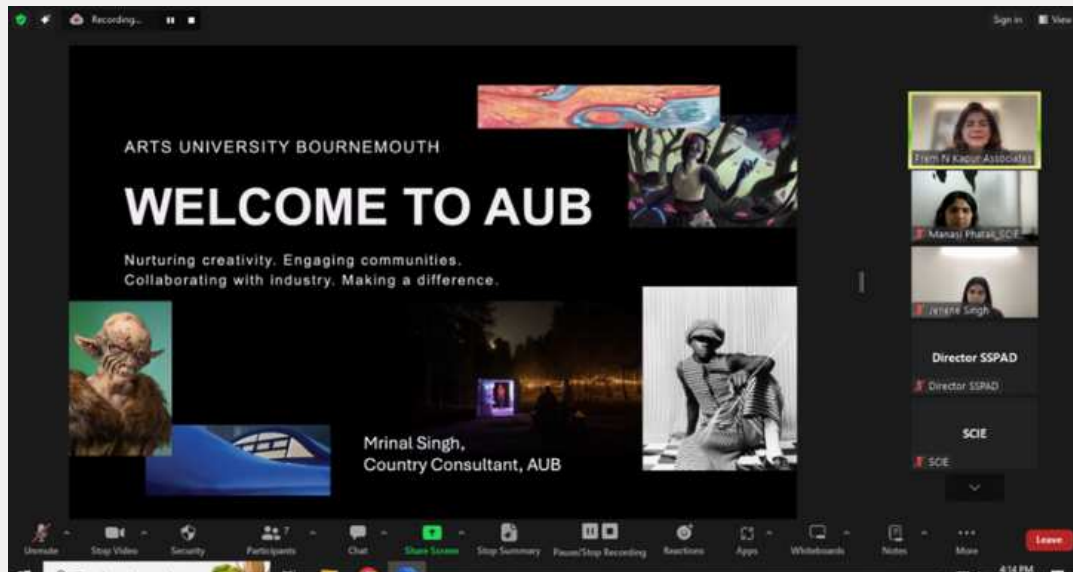
An online meeting was convened for University of Birmingham (UoB and Symbiosis School of Economics to discuss possible collaborations and the way forward. Dr. Anupama Kotur and Ms. Sonali Hardikar from SCIE, Dr Jyoti Chandiramani and Dr Aditi Misra from SSE and Dr David Dickinson, Dipankar Chakraborty and Aditya Goenka from UoB participated in the meeting

21st March



An online meeting was convened with University of York for various collaboration possibilities of mutual interest with SCMS- Noida including Dual Degree/ Pathway Program, Summer School and Study India Program, Semester Exchange, Faculty Exchange and Research Collaboration.

Dr. Anita Patnakar, Dr Anupama Kotur and Ms. Sonali Hardikar from SCIE, Dr Nidhi Phutela, Director SCMS- Noida and Ms Mahima Kapoor and Ms Elisha Witcomb from University of York participated in the meeting.



Ms Manasi Phatak facilitated an information session with Arts University Bournemouth, UK regarding upcoming summer school

1st to 9th March



10 students from SIU visited Chiba University, Japan under GRIP funded program



SLS Noida students visited SOCHI Russia for the International Youth Festival 2024

11th to 22nd February

Symbiosis initiated a long-term strategic partnership with Singapore Polytechnic (SP) last year in various areas such as student exchange, innovation, setting up an Advanced Manufacturing Learning Journey at SIU, commercializing design thinking projects with industry, etc. SP and SIU now collaborate on the SP global initiative program for SP and SIU students called the **Learning Express (LeX) internationalisation program**, which involves 20 of our students and two faculty members joining 20 SP students in using design thinking to uncover community challenges and insights, and identify unmet needs of grassroots communities. **This collaboration provides a unique opportunity for our students to enhance their global perspectives**, engage in meaningful community projects, and develop crucial design thinking and innovation skills. Students from SID, SSE, SICSR, SSLA, and SSI participated in the program



International Student Relations and Events:

2nd March

The voting for Symbiosis International Students' Council 2024 - 25 was held at each campus. It began in the morning at 9am and went on till 3pm in the afternoon at the S. B. Road Campus whereas at the other campuses the polling booths closed at 2pm. The candidates from only Symbiosis Institutes contested in the polling. The other foreign nationals (Non Symbiosis) and NRIs are nominated by Dr. Prof. S.B. Mujumdar sir and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar respectively.

This year as we had kept the polling stations at 4 locations, namely, S.B. Road, Vimannagar, Lavale Hill Base and Hinjewadi. This helped in increasing the participation of students in the voting. By taking part in this process the students understood how democracy functions and the importance of making their voice heard through the medium of casting their ballot. The candidates who stood for elections contested by campaigning, both online and offline to share their ideas.

There were 14 candidates from 11 countries who contested. Amongst these the candidates the ones who got the maximum votes were: Babucarr Secka, Mohamed Drammeh, Aditi Singh, Umar Bala Magaji, Zeinelddin Husain Ali, and Henry Tebandeke.



At the Vimannagar campus polling station



At Lavale



At S.B. Road



At Hinjewadi



Students at the registration desk at Lavale campus, all ready to cast their votes



At S.B. Road campus – SCIE Conference Room

Workshop on Leadership and Team building for Council:

The new International Student Council for 2024–2025 participated in a team-building and leadership workshop on 16th March, 2024 at Vishwabhavan Conference Hall, hosted by SCIE. The purpose of this workshop was to foster an interconnected and effective international student council by enhancing team-building skills, promoting trust and collaboration, developing leadership qualities, and imparting enthusiasm for organizing various activities and events throughout the year. The session was held by Lt Col Sameer Kulkarni, an Indian army veteran, alongside his team from the training hub, The Woodpeckers, who arrange a variety of activities for the council.

They explored the fundamentals of successful teamwork and effective leadership through a variety of engaging exercises and talks. While undertaking these exercises the students learnt various skills such as trust, leadership, team work, communication, open mindedness, patience, empathy, understanding of each other and the situations they faced. Through hands-on learning activities, they refined critical abilities like decision-making, communication, and conflict resolution – all of which are vital foundations for developing effective teams and great leadership. The session fostered a sense of togetherness and teamwork among the diverse group of students, creating an atmosphere where mutual understanding and growth were valued in addition to offering insightful information about individual leadership styles.

