

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.



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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'!

RANKINGS & ACCREDITATION



SIU's Global Recognition

The **QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025** have been officially announced, and **Symbiosis International University (SIU)** has made a remarkable mark on the global stage!

SIU is ranked **253rd** globally in **Social Sciences and Management**, reaffirming its standing as a premier institution for academic and research excellence.

Within India, **SIU** is ranked **2nd** for **Employer Reputation in Social Sciences and Management** – a testament to our strong industry connections and impactful graduates.

Additionally, **SIU** has achieved impressive subject-specific rankings:

Business & Management Studies – 151-200 globally

Accounting & Finance – 301-375 globally

Economics & Econometrics – 551-700 globally

Computer Science & Information Systems – 451-500 globally

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Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor Symbiosis and Prof. Neil Quigley, Vice Chancellor, University of Waikato signed an MoU between Symbiosis International University (SIU) and The University of Waikato, New Zealand in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Christopher Luxon. Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head - International Academic Programs represented Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE)



In a significant move to enhance global academic partnerships, **SIU and Deakin University**, Australia, signed a **Landmark Dual Degree agreement to launch three dual degree programs** that are exclusive opportunities offered at Symbiosis Institute of Technology, Pune for **students to earn two Bachelor's degrees within 4 years**. The delegation comprising Prof. Bas Baskaran, Associate Dean, International and Partnerships, Faculty of Science Engineering and Built Environment/Office of the Executive Dean Science, Engineering and Built Environment and Ms. Rachel Dust, International Program Manager, Deakin visited Symbiosis and met with Dr. Ketan Kotecha, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Deepali Vora, Professor and Head CSE, Dr. Sanjay Kulkarni, Officiating Head, Civil Engineering, Dr. Anindita Roy, Head- Internationalization Cell, SIT, Dr. Mugdha Khsirsagar, and other academic staff at SIT along with Dr. Anupama Kotur and Ms Sonali Hardikar, from SCIE.

The delegation also visited Bajaj BEST Research Center and Infosys Maker's Lab.





Dr. Anupama Kotur interacted with Ireland's Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Mr. James Lawless



Dr. Anupama Kotur, attended a Roundtable on International Collaboration in Education between India and Ireland organised by Education Ireland





Durham University delegation comprising Prof. Catherine Montgomery (Professor in the School of Education and Deputy Executive Dean, Global, Faculty of Social Sciences and Health) and Prof. Catherine Reading (Professor and Director of CPD/Professional Development, School of Education) visited **Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA)** for potential academic collaborations, research collaborations with the Faculty of Education, **Symbiosis Centre for Higher Education Research and Policy Advocacy (SCHERPA)** and collaborations with the **School of Economics (SSE)**. The visiting delegation met Dr. Jyoti Chandiramani, Dean - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Dean - Faculty of Education, Director – SSE and her team, Dr. Neeta Inamdar, Research Professor, SCHERPA, Dr. Shweta Sinha Deshpande, Director - SSLA, and other faculty members at SSLA. Ms. Sonali Hardikar, Sr Officer represented SCIE.



Dr. Anupama Kotur participated in the **Rutgers-IIE Thought Leadership Series at USIEF in New Delhi** on the 24th March 2025. Pro Chancellor Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar was a panellist in this event.

Dr. Anupama Kotur participated in the **Reimagining New Zealand Education in India: A Vision for the Future at New Zealand High Commission in New Delhi** on the 24th March 2025. Pro Chancellor Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar was a panellist in this event.





Dr Anupama Kotur attended the APAIE conference in New Delhi between the dates 25th to 27th March.

Mr. Stephane Thys,
Director of International
Outreach, University of
Lille, France and
Ms. Rini Abraham from
Campus France visited
SCIE and met with
Ms. Manasi Joshi,
Head – International
Student Mobility, to
explore collaborative
opportunities



Prof. Dr. Daniel Porath,
from Hochschule
Mainz University of
Applied Sciences,
Germany visited SCIE
to discuss future
possibilities of
collaborations related
to students and
faculty mobility with
Ms. Manasi Joshi



St. Petersburg School of Economics and Management
Department of Finance

Departmental Workshop
"So it changes?"
HSE & Symbiosis School of Economics

St. Petersburg
1-27 March 2025

Predictive Algorithms: How AI Is Transforming Investment Strategy

Olga V. Albozova – MSc in Finance
Boris A. Lindaglin – MSc in Finance

A Joint Online Colloquium on AI and Finance was organized by Symbiosis School of Economics (SSE), SIU with one of our Partner Universities, HSE University, St. Petersburg, Russia



The Symbiosis International Students' Council elections for the academic year 2025-26 were conducted on 1st March 2025 across four campuses: S.B. Road, Vimannagar, Lavale Hill Base, and Hinjewadi. Only foreign national students from Symbiosis Institutes were eligible to contest, whereas foreign nationals (non-Symbiosis) and NRIs were nominated by Dr. Prof. S.B. Mujumdar and Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, respectively. These candidates were selected after an interview process.

The election aimed to encourage student participation in governance while providing insight into democratic processes and the importance of voting. Candidates campaigned both online and offline, presenting their ideas and objectives. Students were allowed to cast their votes after verifying their identity with a valid college ID and Residence Permit (RP).

The 15-member Symbiosis International Students' Council was formed by candidates from Symbiosis who received the highest votes during elections along with the non-Symbiosis candidates and NRIs, who came in through nominations. This new Council took part in the Oath Taking ceremony formally taking on their roles and responsibilities in the Council 2025-26. This council assists SCIE in organizing events, workshops, and initiatives for international students in Pune.



SCIE hosted an Iftar dinner for international students, fostering a spirit of community and togetherness during Ramadan. The event commenced with the traditional consumption of dates, followed by a sumptuous dinner, allowing students to engage in a meaningful cultural exchange.





The Bangladesh Independence Day was celebrated on 26th March 2025 at Symbiosis Vishwabhavan, S.B. Road Campus, in collaboration with the Bangladesh Student Council, Pune. The event was coordinated by Mr. Alif Mahmud Dipto, Country Head of Bangladesh, with support from SCIE. The Chief Guest, Dr. Vijay Khare, and Guest of Honour, Ms. Amruta Ruikar, highlighted the significance of the occasion and emphasized the value of cross-cultural collaboration.

Cultural performances, including traditional songs and dances by students concluded the event on a celebratory note. The celebration successfully strengthened cultural ties between Bangladesh and India.



SCIE hosted an empowering workshop titled "I Am Remarkable," facilitated by Ms. Melanie Lobo. This is a part of the Empower Yourself program. The session aimed to instill self-confidence, encourage self-promotion, and inspire actionable leadership among council members. Through interactive discussions, reflective exercises, and collaborative sharing, the seminar left a lasting impact on all attendees. It was a transformative experience, equipping council members with tools to embrace their worth and lead with conviction.

Student Programs:

Mr. Roel from the University of Ghent, Belgium, and Ms. Anna from IMT Atlantique, France, took part in the Research Internship at the Symbiosis Centre for Medical Image Analysis (SCMIA).



SIU Students participated in the Winter School at Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR Berlin), Germany

SCIE hosted 19 students and 2 faculty members from **Singapore Polytechnic Institute (SP)**, Singapore for **Learning Express (LeX)- Study India program**. SP and SIU now collaborate on the SP global initiative program for SP and SIU students called the Learning Express (LeX) internationalisation program, which involved 20 SIU students and two faculty members joining 19 SP students in using design thinking to uncover community challenges and insights, and identify unmet needs of grassroots communities. These grassroots community engagements were facilitated through SCOPE.

Dr. Vijayakumar Bharathi S & Dr. Mandaar Pande from the Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT) were the faculty facilitators/design thinking trainers for the project. This collaboration provided a unique opportunity for the students to enhance their global perspectives, engage in meaningful community projects, and develop crucial design thinking and innovation skills.

LeX took place with the students from SP coming to SIU and working with our students on this project. Our students were nominated by the respective directors of SSE, SSI, SICSR & SIT Nagpur.



