

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



Global Recognition:

QS Asia Rankings 2026:

Symbiosis enters the Top 200 in Asia!! - QS Asia Ranking 2026

The QS Asia Rankings 2026 have been announced, and our university has made a significant leap forward—entering the **Top 200 in Asia!**

Our consistent progress over the past years reflects our collective dedication and pursuit of excellence:

- **351** in 2023
- **261** in 2024
- **216** in 2025
- **200** in 2026

This remarkable journey is a testament to the tireless efforts, passion, and teamwork of the entire Symbiosis team of Directors, **Deans, Faculty Members, Staff, and Alumni** who have together made this milestone possible.

Here are the details of our 2026 standing:

- **200th** in Asia
- **43rd** in Southern Asia
- **20th** in India

And among Private – Not for Profit Institutions, Symbiosis shines even brighter:

- **40th** in Asia
- **12th** in Southern Asia
- **9th** in India

This recognition reflects the **consistent commitment of SIU and its institutes to academic excellence, innovation, and holistic education.**

As we celebrate this recognition, we also reaffirm our resolve to aim even higher, together, as one Team Symbiosis!

International Collaborations:



SIU had the pleasure of hosting a delegation from the **University of Waikato** comprising **Ms. Sharon Calvert, Assistant Vice-Chancellor** (International Engagement and Partnerships), and **Mr. Ashish Suri, Regional Manager – South Asia, International and Engagement Office**, Office of the Vice-Chancellor.

The delegates engaged in fruitful discussions with Dr. Ramakrishnan Raman, Vice Chancellor, SIU, Prof. Ketan Kotecha, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Hardik Vachharajani, Head – Global Engagement and Partnerships for Australia and New Zealand, Dr. Anupama S. Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE, and Ms. Sonali Hardikar, Senior Officer.

The meeting focused on exploring avenues for collaboration, particularly in the area of **Transnational Education (TNE)**, and identifying meaningful opportunities for future partnership.

Dr. Anindita Roy, Head- Internationalisation Cell, SIT, and Dr. Aniket K. Shahade, Assistant Professor, Dept. of AIML, facilitated the tour to the Bajaj BEST centre.





Dr. Sarina Pearson, Associate Professor - Humanities and Dr. Shuchi Kothari, Associate Professor, Media and Screen Studies from University of Auckland visited Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC, Pune) to foster academic exchange, discussions, and explore potential collaborations.

Dr. Sarina Pearson and Dr. Suchi Kothari - conducted a session for students 'In/Visibility: Asian New Zealanders on Screen'



Dr. Amit Sharma, Edward Friedman and Stuart Mann, Professor of Hospitality Management, Associate Director & Professor-In-Charge of Undergraduate Programs & Director, Food Decisions Research Laboratory, School of Hospitality Management, Penn State University visited Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts and Nutritional Sciences (SSCANS).

Dr. Sharma engaged in a meeting with Prof. Atul Gokhale, Prof & Director, SSCANS, Dr. Ajay Kumar Krishna, Deputy Director, SSCANS, Chef Dr. Rizwan Yargatti, HOD Culinary Arts and Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head - International Academic Programs, SCIE with discussion focused on identifying collaborative academic initiatives towards creating meaningful and mutually beneficial academic partnerships.



Prof. Martin Welton, Professor of Theatre and Performance, Deputy Head of School Queen Mary University of London and Mr. Abhishek Boral, Senior Recruitment Adviser - South Asia visited Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC, Pune).

The visiting delegation interacted with Dr. Ruchi Kher Jaggi, Professor, Director & Dean, Dr. Sushobhan Patankar, Professor & Deputy Director, Dr. Swapna Gopinath, Professor, Ms. Dhara Shah, Research Associate and Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head - International Academic Programs, SCIE and discussed academic collaborations, explored the potential partnership opportunities and possible synergy areas between Queen Mary University of London and Symbiosis.



Deakin University delegation comprising Prof. Victoria Duckett, Associate Dean, International & Engagement, Faculty of Arts and Education, Prof. Meghan Kelly, Head of School, School of Communication and Creative Arts, Faculty of Arts and Education and Ms. Irfa Javed, Manager, Research Engagement (South Asia) visited Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication (SIMC) and met Prof. Ruchi Kher Jaggi, Dean, Faculty of Media and Communication, Dr. Sushobhan Patankar, Deputy Director, SIMC, Dr. Sudha Venkataswamy, Dr. Kuldeep Brahmhatt, Dr. Mithunchandra Chaudhari, Dr. Anupama S. Kotur, Head - International Academic Programs, SCIE and Ms. Sonali Hardikar, Sr Officer, SCIE.

The discussions focused on exploring potential collaboration opportunities, Co-teaching initiatives, Research scholar exchange programs and Co-supervision of research students.

Ms. Irfa Javed engaged in a meeting with Dr. Anindita Roy, Head – Internationalisation and Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, Dr. Sashikala Mishra, HoD, CSE, Dr. Shwetambari Chiwane, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering and Dr. Anupama S. Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE and Ms. Sonali Hardikar, Sr Officer, SCIE for review and discussion on the progress of the 2025 cohort at Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT)



Symbiosis hosted a delegation from the University of York as part of ongoing efforts to explore academic collaboration at Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P)

The delegation comprising **Professor Sue Westwood, Head of the Law School, Mr. Calum Porter, Senior Global Partnerships & TNE Manager, Suzannah Roach, Global Partnerships Officer and Ms. Mahima Kapoor, Regional Recruitment Advisor** engaged in a meeting with Dr. Aparajita Mohanty, Professor and Deputy Director, SLS-P, Dr. Atamaram Shelke, Associate Professor and Co-Head, SCALSAR, Dr. Sujata Arya, Associate Professor and Faculty-in-Charge, International Cell, SLS-P, and Dr. Anupama S. Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE to discuss potential collaboration in the areas of Joint academic initiatives, Joint research and publications, Semester exchange and summer school opportunities for students and faculty mobility programs towards strengthening collaboration. **Professor Sue Westwood, conducted a Faculty Development Programme on the topic “AI and Legal Education.”**

Norwich University of the Arts comprising Mr. Ammar Dhariwala, Head of Business Operations and Ms. Aparna Deshpande, South Asia Representative visited Symbiosis Institute of Design (SID) and engaged in discussions to explore potential academic collaborations in areas such as design, fashion, and creative industries with and met. Dr. Sanjeevani Ayachit, Dean-Faculty of Architecture & Design and team and Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE



Mr. Nitij Singh from Hertie Business School, Berlin visited Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (SSLA) to explore avenues for collaboration and met Dr. Afshan Majid, Deputy Director, SSLA, Dr. Sulakshana Sen, Centre Head, Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University; Assistant Professor and Faculty-in-Charge for International Relations, Political Science and Public Policy, Performing Arts, Branding and Promotions, SSLA and Dr. Anupama S. Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE).

The discussion focused on potential areas of collaboration, including the development of policy labs and other joint academic initiatives.



A delegation from Hanze University of Applied Sciences, comprising Dr. Austin Dsouza, Associate Lector (Associate Professor) – Sustainable Business, and Dr. Anu Manickam, Associate Professor responsible for the research group Region-to-Region for Regional Resilience (R2R4RR), visited SIU to explore academic collaborations and potential partnership opportunities.

During their visit, the delegation engaged in fruitful discussions centred on fostering collaborative research, academic exchange, and joint initiatives in sustainability, international academic engagement.



Dr. Pawan Jain, Principal at Quanti Metrics Financial Services and Visiting Professor of Finance at the University of Memphis visited Symbiosis School of Banking & Finance (SSBF) and delivered Guest lecture for students on topic “Blockchain and its application in Finance”. He met Dr. Neha Parashar, Director - SSBF, Dr. Deepa Pillai, Deputy Director - SSBF, Dr. Sumit Banerjee, Assistant professor - SSBF and Dr. Anupama S. Kotur, Head - International Academic Programs, SCIE to explore potential collaboration opportunities.



Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE, and Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur, Head – Symbiosis Centre for European Studies (SCES) & Head - International Initiatives, SCIE - Noida, participated in the Indo Canadian Business Council's (ICBC) Annual Convention in Delhi.

Dr. Anupama Kotur spoke at the Roundtable on "Innovating Models in Transnational Education" in Delhi. This was hosted by International Business University, Canada.

They also attended the reception hosted by H.E. Chris Cooter, High Commissioner of Canada to India, at his residence in New Delhi. In the photographs, they are also seen with Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Government of Ontario, Canada.





We were delighted to receive Dr. Sara Ward, Director of Executive and Post Graduate Education and Sports Management and Dr. Lauren Duckworth, Course Director for the Postgraduate Suite of Sports Science from our partner university, Leeds Beckett University, UK at the Symbiosis School for Sports Sciences (SSSS).

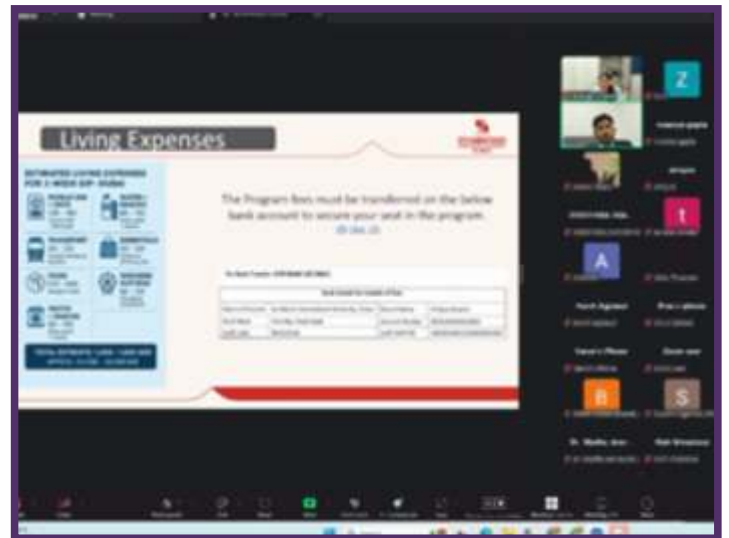
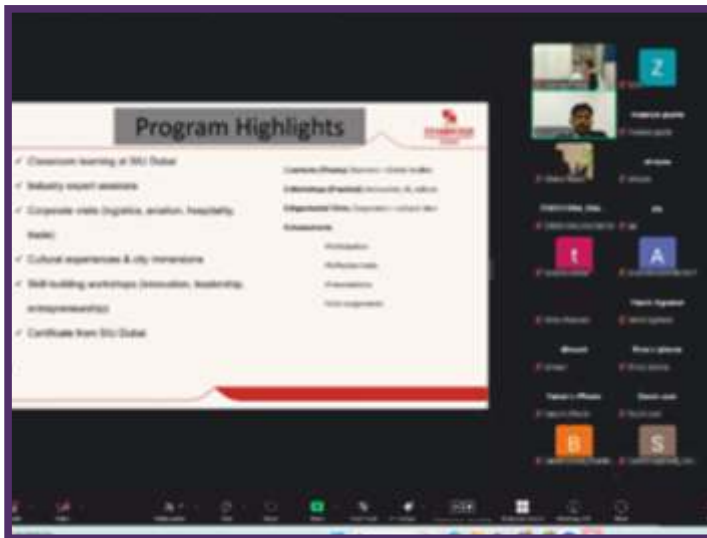
Overview of the program structure

Eligibility & Requirements

- 18 years old
- No active backlog
- Minimum 7 CGPA in last semester
- Strong disciplinary record
- Valid passport (6 months minimum)
- Recommendation letter (as per university rule)
- Ability to follow international student conduct norms

Duration:
Start Date: 05 JAN 26 Monday
End Date: 24 JAN 26, Saturday

Key Dates:
Registration Deadline: [29 Nov 25, Saturday]
Payment Deadline: [05 Dec 25, Saturday]
Final Orientation (Online): [08 Dec 24, Tuesday]
Check In Starts : [04 Jan 2026]



Study in Dubai Information session

International Student Relations and Events:

The Bangladesh High Commission delegation of Mr. Md Alamgeer Hossain, Counsellor (Political) had an interaction session with the students from Bangladesh studying at Symbiosis International University, India on 29th November, 2025.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Pro Chancellor, SIU, Dr. Abhijit Deshpande, Head - Department of Student Welfare, SIU, Ms. Rupali Chaudhary, Head - International Student Relations & Events, SCIE and Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head - International Academic Programs, SCIE.

The discussions centred around student welfare and exploring potential collaboration opportunities.





SIU's flagship academic conference, the International Relations Conference was conducted by the Symbiosis School of International Studies (SSIS) on 29th and 30th November, 2025 at SIU Auditorium, SIU Hill Top Campus, Lavale, Pune.

The theme of the conference was “India at the Epicentre: Strategic Responses to Global Turbulence – Navigating Conflicts, Competition, and Diplomatic Challenges”. IRC 2025 brought together diplomats, scholars, international delegates, and students to discuss India's strategic role amid global uncertainties. The conference featured keynote addresses, panel discussions, diplomatic engagements, and student participation.

Shri Periasamy Kumaran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India graced the conference as the Chief Guest. A significant highlight of the inaugural ceremony was the **International Students' Flag Presentation ceremony**, where 37 international students presented their country's flag to the Chief Guest.



SCES:



Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur, Head – International Initiatives, SCIE, Noida and SCES and Mr. Akshay Lahade (online), along with Dr. Neeta Inamdar, Dean – Faculty of Education & Jean Monnet Chair Professor; Dr. Alka Maurya, Director, Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB); Dr. Dipen Paul, Deputy Director & Assistant Professor (MBA Sustainability Management), SIIB; Dr. Ravi Sharma, Assistant Professor & Head – Sustainability Management, SIIB; Dr. Netra Neelam, Director, Symbiosis Centre for Management and Human Resource Development (SCMHRD); Dr. K. Rajagopal, Deputy Director, SCMHRD; Dr. Prakash Rao, Professor & Head – Symbiosis Centre for Climate Change and Sustainability (SCCCS); Dr. Aradhana Gandhi, Professor in Charge – Symbiosis Centre for Behavioral Studies (SCBS); and Dr. Anupama S. Kotur, Head – International Academic Programs, SCIE, met with representatives from **Hanze University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands - Dr. Austin Dsouza (Sustainable Business) and Dr. Anu Manickam (Region-to-Region for Regional Resilience)** - to explore academic collaborations and potential partnership opportunities

SCIE - Noida:



▶ Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur represented Symbiosis International University, Dubai at '**Uniwizard Career Fair**' at Presidium School, Indirapuram, Delhi



Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur representing Symbiosis International University, Dubai at 'Uniwizard Career Fair' at DPS Maruti Kunj, Gurgaon



Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur representing Symbiosis International University, Dubai at 'Uniwizard Career Fair' at Fortune World School, Noida



Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur, Head – International Initiatives, SCIE Noida; Dr. Vandana Ahuja, Director, SIBM–Noida; Dr. Nidhi Phutela, Director, Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies (SCMS), Noida; and Dr. C. J. Rawandale, Director, Symbiosis Law School (SLS), Noida, met with Ms. Bhavna Bagga, Head of Region (South Asia), University of Wolverhampton, UK, to explore collaborative opportunities



Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur representing Symbiosis International University, Dubai at 'Career Fair 2025' at Mahavir Senior Model School, Delhi



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Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur was invited to the high profile Diplomatic Nite 2025 in Travancore Palace in New Delhi, celebrating 30 years of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist Magazine. The event brought together distinguished members of the diplomatic community and provided an opportunity to reconnect with long-standing diplomatic partners of SIU, including H.E. Alem Tsehaye Woldemariam (Ambassador of Eritrea & Dean of the Diplomatic Corps), H.E. Ms. Harisoa Lalatiana Accouche (High Commissioner of Seychelles), Dr. Diana Daczi (Embassy of Hungary), Dr. Firas Sabah Salih Al-Turaihi (Embassy of Iraq), and Mr. Mahmoud Ejweli (Embassy of Libya), among others.

The Symbiosis Centre for European Studies (SCES) has been collaborating with Diplomatist Magazine, offering several interns the opportunity to publish their work since past five years

Glimpses from the Events as below:



▶ Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur with Dr. Firas Sabah Salih Al-Turaihi, Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Iraq and Mr. Mahmoud Ejweli, Academic Attache, Embassy of Libya.

▶ Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur with Dr. Diana Daczi, First secretary for science and technology, Embassy of Hungary.





Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur with Ms. Linda Hawke, Chief Executive Officer, The Diplomatist and Dr. Diana Daczi, First secretary for science and technology, Embassy of Hungary.

Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur with H.E. Alem Tsehaye Woldemariam, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea & Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

