

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



Accomplishments:

Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2026:

We are delighted to share that **SIU has been ranked in five subject areas** in the **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2026**. This is a significant milestone for the university and a proud moment for us.

What makes this recognition even more meaningful is the fact that **the total number of universities participating globally has increased**, making the rankings more competitive than ever. Despite this, **SIU has successfully maintained its position across most disciplines (Computer Science, Social Sciences, Business and Economics & Medical and Health) and has shown notable improvement in Engineering.**

The improvement in **Engineering** is particularly encouraging and reflects **SIU's strengthening research footprint**, including growth in publication quality, citations, and research outcomes. This advancement is a direct outcome of the sustained efforts of our faculty members and researchers.

A Moment of Global Pride: Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar's (Pro- Chancellor - Symbiosis International University) Impactful Presence at WEF Davos:

It is with immense pride and heartfelt joy that we extend our warmest congratulations to **Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar on being invited to speak at the prestigious World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos — not for one, but for two significant sessions.**

Her participation in the session on mindset shifts needed to drive meaningful empowerment of women and in the dialogue on Blooming Leaders: The Poland–India Blueprint is a remarkable testament to her thought leadership, global vision, and unwavering commitment to transformative education and inclusive progress. These are conversations **that matter deeply to the world today, and her voice being part of them reflects the depth of impact she continues to create.**

The World Economic Forum, since its founding in 1971, has evolved into one of the most influential global platforms where heads of state, government leaders, CEOs of major multinational corporations, policymakers, academics, and civil society leaders converge to deliberate on the world's most pressing challenges and pathways for economic and social development. **With more than 800 global CEOs in attendance and thousands of journalists and media outlets covering the proceedings, Davos represents the very pinnacle of global dialogue and influence.**

To be invited as a speaker at such a forum is, in itself, a rare distinction. **To be invited to contribute to two sessions is an honour of the highest order - one that brings immense prestige not only to Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar personally, but to the entire Symbiosis fraternity.**

Through her presence and insights, the stature, vision, and values of **Symbiosis have been showcased on a truly global stage. This achievement is a matter of great pride not just for her as Pro-Chancellor, but for the institution as a whole. Her leadership continues to elevate Symbiosis into international conversations that shape the future.**

International Collaborations:



Study in Dubai – 10 students completed 3-week Study in Dubai program at the SIU Dubai campus from 5 to 24 January 2026.



7 students from different SIU institutes attended the Winter school at BSEL, Germany from 5 January to 17 January 2026.



14 students from different SIU institutes attended the Winter school at IMT, France our partner University. They were accompanied by Dr Gauri Joshi, Assistant Professor at SCMHRD. The Winter school was from 12 to 24 January 2026.

The purpose of the GRIP

What is GRIP? "Global & Regional Interprofessional Education Plus Program"

- GRIP is the Program for Human Resource Development of Global Community Care IPE Plus Professionals.
- It is a global interprofessional education program involving universities in Japan, India, the UK, and Australia.
- Professionals and students from multiple disciplines and nationalities, including medicine, education, medical engineering, and administration, learn together both online and offline, based on cross-cultural sensitivity and expertise.

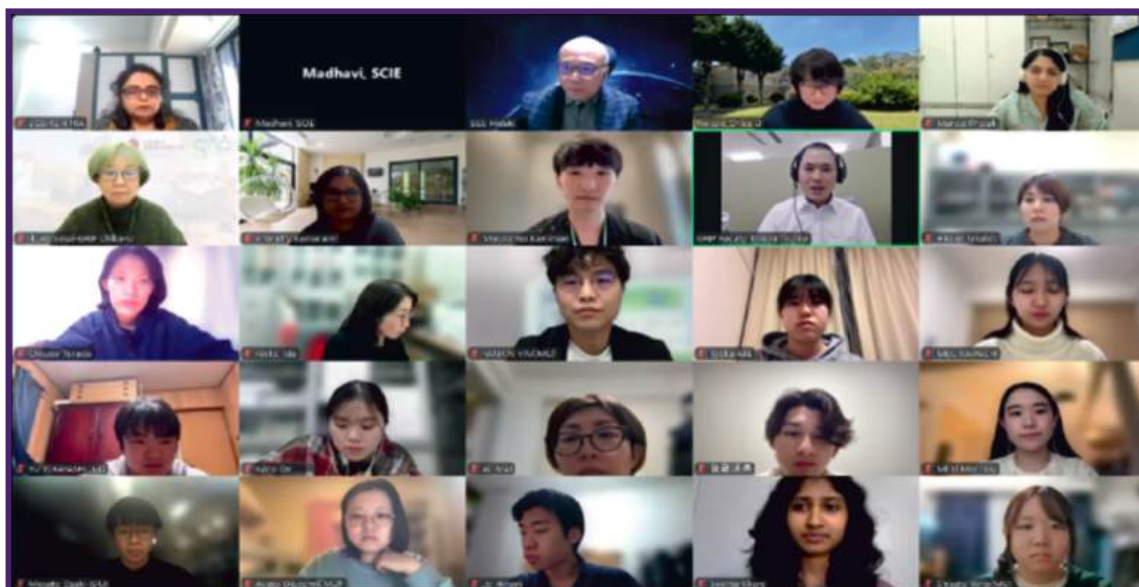
Purpose of GRIP

- To develop human resources capable of creating community care that delivers "health and well-being for all."
- To contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3): "good health and well-being for all."
- To promote Universal Health Coverage, "A state in which all people can receive appropriate preventive, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and other healthcare services at a cost they can afford."









SCIE conducted the orientation session jointly with Chiba University for the upcoming GRIP Program on 9 January 2026.



SCIE conducted an **online orientation** for the students who will be undertaking a semester exchange at different partner universities.



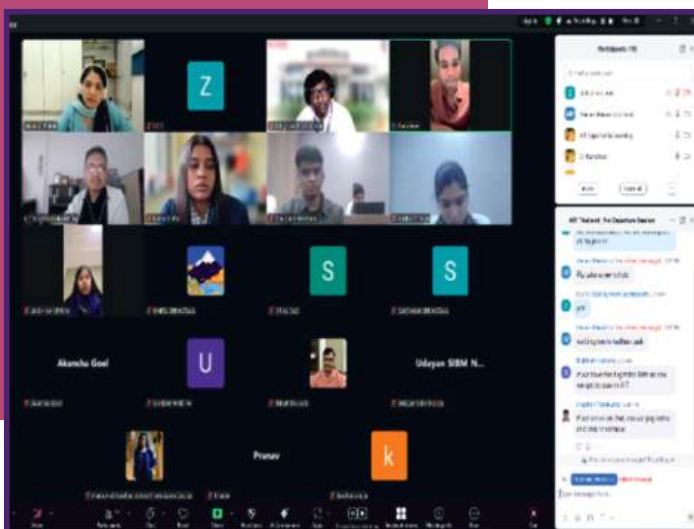
Ms Manasi Phatak conducted a session as part of the FDP organized by STLRC on International Mobility.



Meeting with Ms Joy Kurian from University of Warwick for possible collaboration



Dr Mugdha Kshirsagar travelled to Loughborough University, UK as part of research visit.



SCIE and AIT conducted a **joint orientation** for the students travelling for Study tour to AIT



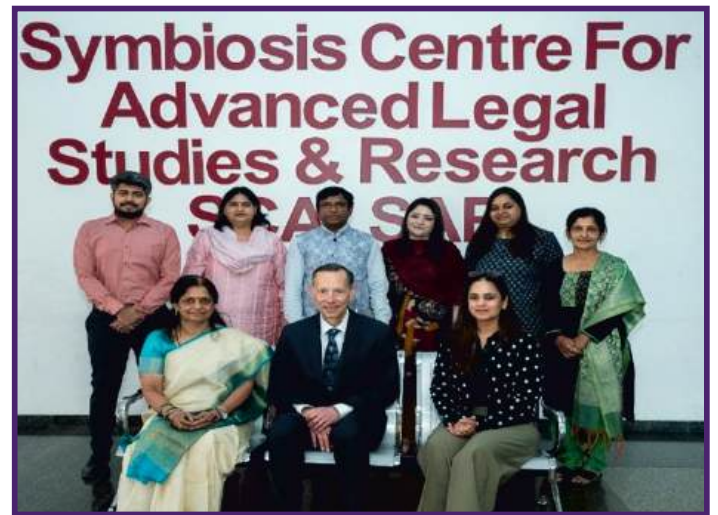
Dr. Sangeeta Khorana, Professor of International Trade Policy from the Department of Entrepreneurship, Finance and Economics at Aston Business School delivered a guest session and valuable insights to students at Symbiosis School of Economics, (SSE) and Symbiosis Centre for Management Studies, (SCMS) Pune.

Following the academic discussion, students were introduced to life at Aston University, including its vibrant campus culture, strong industry connections, international student community, and opportunities for academic and professional development. She further engaged in a meeting with Dr. Anupama Kotur, Head - International Academic Programs Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE), Dr Aditi Mishra, Assistant Professor at Symbiosis School of Economics (SSE), Dr. Niharika Singh, Assistant Professor, SSE and Sonali Hardikar, Executive, SCIE.



SIU hosted a delegation from **Rutgers University** comprising **Prof. Mukund Karwe**, Distinguished Professor, Department of Food Science; **Ms. Megan Francis**, Assistant Dean of International Programs and **Prof. Iman Paul**, Assistant Professor of Marketing, at **Symbiosis School of Culinary Arts and Nutritional Sciences (SSCANS)**.

The delegation engaged in meetings to explore potential research and academic collaboration synergies interactions focused on strengthening international academic partnerships and fostering collaborations across food science, sustainability, public health, and biological sciences.



Prof. Mukund Karwe delivered an engaging lecture titled “Food Facts, Fads, and Myths” to students at SSCANS.



Prof. Robert Schapiro, Dean and C. Hugh Friedman Professor of Law, University of San Diego, USA; Ms. Ruupa Raaman, Senior Manager – Partnerships, GradRight; and Ms. Apoorva Gupta, AVP – University Partner Success, GradRight, at Symbiosis Law School, Pune (SLS-P).

The visiting delegation engaged in detailed discussions on proposed areas of academic and institutional collaboration with senior leadership and faculty members of SLS and the international office. The interaction marked a significant step toward strengthening international academic partnerships and exploring collaborative opportunities in legal education and global engagement.

Prof. Robert Schapiro conducted a Faculty Development Programme on “Recent Developments in U.S. Constitutional Law with a Focus on Executive Power,” for the Symbiosis Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and Research (SCALSAR) team at SLS-P.





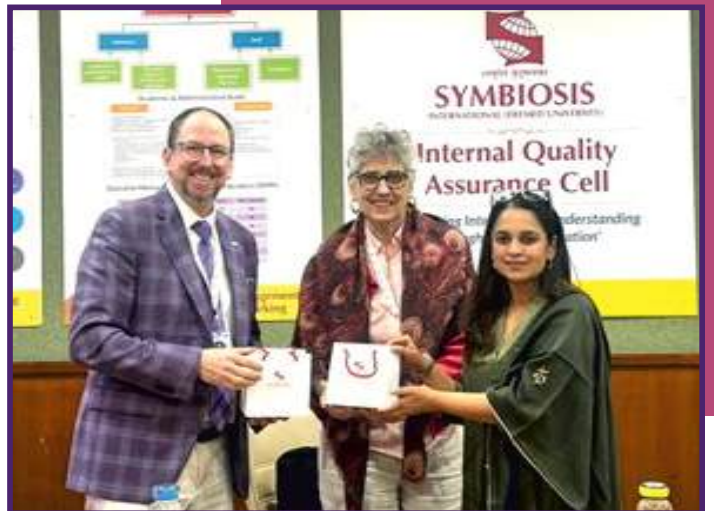
Symbiosis International (Deemed University) (SIU) was honoured to host **Prof. Dr. Manoj A. Gupte, Professor & Academic Director at Ludwigshafen University of Business and Society (LUBS), Germany** on 27 Jan 2026.

Prof. Dr. Gupte participated in detailed discussions on prospective academic and institutional collaborations for sustainable outcomes. The interaction focused on strengthening international academic partnerships, student & faculty mobility, research connections, while also exploring collaborative opportunities in Internationalisation initiatives.



Symbiosis International (Deemed University) (SIU) was honoured to host a delegation from **Texas Christian University (TCU)** comprising **Mr. Heath Einstein**, Vice Provost for Enrolment Management, Texas Christian University (TCU); **Dr. Catherine Winnie**, International Education Consultant; **Dr. Diya Dutt**, Adviser, **Association of Indian Universities**; **Mr. Khwaja Umam**, Founder & CEO **KAN**; **Mr. Aryan Tandon**, Director, University Relations at **KAN International Education**.

The delegation interacted with **Dr. Anupama Kotur**, Head – International Academic Programs, Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE) and **Ms. Sonali Hardikar**, Executive, SCIE with a focus on global academic partnerships, enhancing student and faculty mobility, fostering research collaborations, and scholarships programs, as well as the scope for pathway and progression programmes.



Events and Student Relations:





Sudan's 70th Independence Day was celebrated on 3rd January, 2026 by the Sudanese Students Association in India- Pune (SSAI-Pune) in collaboration with SCIE at Symbiosis Ishanya Bhavan Auditorium, Viman nagar Campus.

Mr. Mohammed Ali Fazari, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Sudan in India was the Chief Guest for the function. The event showcased the rich cultural heritage of Sudan through traditional dance and singing performances, exhibition of Sudanese artefacts and cultural presentations by Sudanese students. The program reflected the spirit of cultural pride, unity, and international friendship.





26th January, the Republic Day of India, is a special day for Symbiosis too, as it is the 'Foundation Day' of Symbiosis. This year Symbiosis International University marked a historic milestone with the inauguration of the Rotary Peace Centre, with it being the first Rotary Peace Centre in South Asia and the eighth in the world.

The inauguration ceremony was held in the presence of:

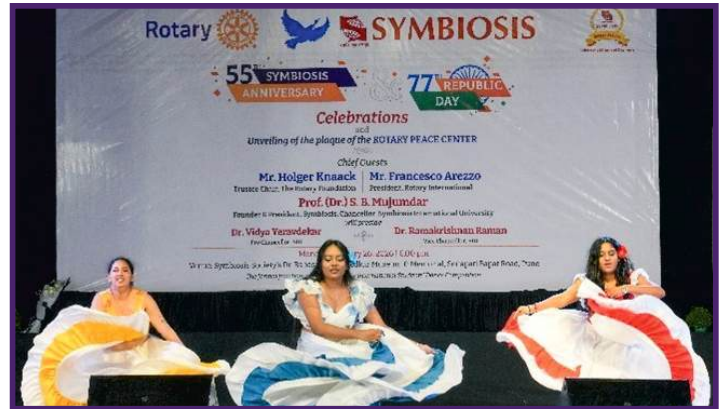
- Mr. Francesco Arezzo, President, Rotary International
- Mr. Holger Knaack, Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation
- Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU
- Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University
- Rotary officials from across the world





International students from 38 countries had the honour of presenting their national flags to the distinguished guests during the ceremonial 'Flag Presentation ceremony'. A special dance performance on the theme of Peace, symbolising global unity and harmony was presented by 20 international students from 18 countries.





Symbiosis celebrated its **55th Foundation Day** with great enthusiasm, commemorating its legacy of providing a true “Home Away from Home” for international students on **26th January, 2026**. The Chief Guests for the function were Mr. Francesco Arezzo, President, Rotary International; Mr. Holger Knaack, Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation; Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Hon'ble Chancellor, SIU.

The Foundation Day also witnessed the grand Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Symbiosis International Students' Sports Meet (SISSM) 2025–26 and an International Cultural Dance Competition.

Participants from 10 countries across Asia and Africa took part:

- **Asia:** Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan
- **Africa:** DR Congo, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sudan, South Sudan

Dance forms included classical, folk, contemporary, and fusion styles.

SCES:



Grateful for the journey, the people, and the conversations. Celebrating 7 glorious years of the Symbiosis Centre for European Studies!



Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur, Head – International Initiatives, Ms. Shweta Garg, Supervisor, SCIE, Noida along with Dr. Nidhi Phutela, Director, SCMS Noida, and Dr. Nidhi Natarajan, Deputy Director, SCMS Noida, hosted Ms. Anam, Principal Advisor – Engagement & Partnerships, Education in Ireland (South Asia), for an insightful interaction with students on the theme “Destination Ireland for Higher Education” at SCMS Noida

SCIE - Noida:




Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur represented Symbiosis International University, Dubai at MBA Expo Fair, Gurgaon





Mr. Bhanu Sood represented Symbiosis International University, Dubai at Hotel Eros, Nehru Place, New Delhi.

**Foundations of
INTERNATIONALISATION AT HOME (IaH)
&
INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CURRICULUM (IoC)**



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Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur, Head – International Initiatives, SCIE Noida and Head – SCES facilitated a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Policy Foundations of Internationalisation at Home (IaH) and Internationalisation of the Curriculum (IoC)' jointly organised by the Association of Indian Universities, the Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC) and SIU which comprised 75 participants from different Indian HEIs.



Dr. Nidhi Piplani Kapur, Head – International Initiatives, SCIE Noida, Symbiosis International (Deemed University), along with Ms. Harshita Tripathi, Associate Director, Office of Global Engagements, Plaksha University, conducted a masterclass on “Operationalising Internationalisation at Home: The Role of COIL” and network with senior leaders from US universities in the event organised by Gen Next Education- Junction91 Conference