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# Principal Director's Message



**Dr. Swati S. Mujumdar**  
Principal Director,  
Symbiosis Open Education Society

As we conclude 2025, our Silver Jubilee year, I reflect with pride on a year that reaffirmed SCDL's enduring mission: to democratise quality education and make it accessible, flexible, and relevant for learners everywhere. Over the past year, we continued to strengthen our learner-centric approach through industry-aligned programs, innovative certificate courses, and technology-enabled learning experiences that empower working professionals, graduates, women learners, and armed forces personnel alike.

Looking ahead to 2026, our focus remains firmly on the future. We are committed to advancing AI-enabled learning, expanding industry partnerships, and introducing future-ready programs that address evolving skill demands. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our students, faculty, staff, corporate partners, and alumni whose trust and collaboration continue to shape SCDL's journey. Together, we move forward with purpose, innovation, and a shared commitment to lifelong learning.

# Director's Message



**(Maj.) Sonali Kadam**

Director, Symbiosis Centre for  
Distance Learning (SCDL)

The year 2025 will always hold a special place in SCDL's history as our **Silver Jubilee Year**, marked by meaningful celebrations and remarkable milestones. We commemorated 25 years of excellence through vibrant city-wise events held across **Bangalore, New Delhi, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Dubai**, bringing together learners, alumni, corporate leaders, and aspiring professionals.

Each celebration reflected the true ethos of SCDL - *accessible education for all*. Whether it was a young professional exploring new-age skills, a working learner upskilling for career growth, or an alumnus reconnecting with the institution, these events showcased the transformative power of distance education.

A proud highlight of the year was SCDL being ranked **#1 by Outlook India among the Best Distance Learning Institutes**, reaffirming our commitment to quality and excellence. As we step into 2026, we remain inspired to create impactful learning journeys that continue to empower lives across geographies.

# Alumni Spotlight

## Testimonials



As a Mechanical Engineer, aspiring to build a career in international business, I chose SCDL's PGDIB program for its flexibility and strong academic foundation. I wanted to upskill, without taking a break from my job, and SCDL's distance learning format allowed my education and professional journey to progress together. The well-structured curriculum covering international logistics, finance, legal frameworks, and accounting has been especially valuable in my day-to-day interactions with global clients.



**Milankumar Modi**

PG Diploma in  
International Business (PGDIB)

The program content, online tutorials, and flexible examination process made learning seamless and practical. Today, I confidently handle international projects, including greenfield and brownfield initiatives, and meet eligibility criteria for global and multinational roles. SCDL has played a significant role in strengthening my international business perspective and professional confidence.



My journey with SCDL has been truly rewarding and impactful for my professional growth. I chose the program to enhance my skills through a flexible learning format that fit well with my schedule. What stood out was the comprehensive curriculum, practical orientation, and the opportunity to learn from experienced faculty. The program experts provided continuous guidance and real-world insights, making the learning experience engaging and relevant.



**Ekta Shah**

PG Diploma in Technical  
Writing in Business Management

Through this program, I gained specialized expertise in legal drafting, documentation, and technical communication, which has significantly strengthened my role as a Contract Manager in Real Estate Leasing at Verizon, San Diego. I deeply appreciate the well-structured curriculum, interactive learning resources, and supportive faculty that made my SCDL experience fulfilling and career-enhancing.



# Webinars - December 2025



**Topic:** Digital Revolution in Banking

**Speaker:** Ms. Shraddha Shinde

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Learners gained insights into how digital transformation is redefining banking operations and customer experience.



**Topic:** Role of Business Law & Ethics in Shaping Responsible Business Leaders

**Speaker:** Ms. Pallavi Ligade

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The webinar highlighted the importance of legal awareness and ethical practices in responsible leadership.



**Topic:** Legal Responsibilities & Rights in the Digital Workplace

**Speaker:** Adv. Harpreet Singh

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Participants gained clarity on legal rights, compliance, and responsibilities in today's digital-first work environment.



**Topic:** From Waste to Worth: Lean Supply Chain Management

**Speaker:** Dr. Amber Batwara

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Learners explored how lean principles can reduce waste, improve efficiency, and create sustainable supply chains.



**Topic:** Technology and Management

**Speaker:** Dr. Yogita Gupta

**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Participants understood how technology-driven decisions shape effective management and organisational performance.



**Topic:** Essentials of Digital Marketing

**Speaker:** Dr. Yogita Gupta

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

This session introduced core digital marketing concepts, tools, and strategies essential for modern businesses.

# Faculty Achievements:

## Prof. Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti

We are proud to share that Prof. Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti was invited as a Resource Person for the *NEP Orientation & Sensitization Programme* conducted under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

She delivered an insightful session titled “Redefining the Educator's Role by Realigning Purpose, Pedagogy, and Perspective under NEP 2020” on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025, held online. The program was organised by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC) at STRIDE, IGNOU, New Delhi, from 28th October to 5th November 2025.

Her contribution reflects SCDL's strong commitment to academic leadership, policy-aligned pedagogy, and faculty excellence in the evolving education landscape.



# Announcement : Launch of New Certificate Courses

We are pleased to announce the launch of two new **Certificate Programs**, designed to equip learners with future-ready skills aligned with industry needs:

## ► **Certificate in Guidance and Counselling (3 Months)**

This three-month professional program provides foundational knowledge and practical skills in guidance and counselling. Offered in collaboration with **The Outreach Collective (TOC)** as an industry partner, the course is ideal for individuals seeking to build competence in supporting emotional well-being and career guidance.

## ► **Certificate in Agentic AI and Software Solutions**

This advanced certificate focuses on developing **autonomous, goal-driven AI systems** and integrating them into modern software development workflows. The program blends agentic AI concepts with hands-on SDLC applications, preparing learners for real-world enterprise and technology-driven roles.

These new offerings reflect SCDL's commitment to delivering cutting-edge, industry-aligned education.

# Corporate Events

## 1. Corporate Training: Empowering Supply Chain Excellence at Sava Healthcare Ltd

On 19 December 2026, SCDL conducted a specialized Procurement & Purchase Management Training for employees of Sava Healthcare Ltd. at the SSPU campus. The intensive program was designed to bridge academic concepts with real-world supply chain challenges. Participants gained practical insights into strategic sourcing, vendor negotiation, contract management, and end-to-end purchase lifecycle optimization. The session also focused on modern cost-modelling techniques and demand forecasting to improve operational efficiency and profitability. Interactive discussions led by industry experts enabled participants to address live challenges within the pharmaceutical supply chain. We thank the Sava Healthcare team for their enthusiastic participation and commitment to operational excellence.



## 2. Corporate Info-Desk Activities: Strengthening Industry Connect

### Info-Desk at HDFC, Mumbai

SCDL conducted a two-day Info-Desk initiative at HDFC, Mumbai, aimed at creating awareness about SCDL's diverse academic programs. The activity facilitated on-the-spot interactions, registrations, and lead generation among HDFC professionals. The team highlighted the flexibility, industry relevance, and career advancement opportunities offered by SCDL programs, further strengthening the SCDL-HDFC partnership.



## Info-Desk at Leadec India Pvt. Ltd., Pune

At Leadec India Pvt. Ltd., Koregaon Park, Pune, the Info-Desk focused on introducing employees to SCDL's specialized distance learning programs, tailored for technical and manufacturing professionals. This initiative reinforced SCDL's commitment to bringing quality education directly to corporate workplaces.



### 3. Empowering the Frontline: Capability Building Webinar for McDonald's

SCDL hosted an impactful webinar titled “Capability Building & Upskilling” for employees of McDonald's, focusing on professional growth in the fast-paced retail and hospitality sector. The session was led by Maj. Sonali Kadam (Retd.), Director, SCDL, who emphasized the importance of continuous learning, adaptability, and leadership readiness. She also highlighted how SCDL's flexible, industry-aligned learning model enables professionals to balance demanding work schedules with academic advancement. The webinar inspired participants to invest in long-term skill development.



## **4. Exclusive Learning Series for Wipro: Empowering Capability & Leadership Excellence**

SCDL curated an exclusive learning series for Wipro, designed to equip professionals and emerging leaders with competencies essential for success in the **2026 business landscape**. The series focused on four key pillars: future-ready skills for career growth, strategic leadership and business acumen, personal branding and professional grooming, and effective decision-making for emerging leaders. This initiative served as a strategic investment in leadership development, enabling participants to strengthen their capabilities and thrive in an evolving corporate environment.



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