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# Principal Director's Message



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

Dear Readers,

As we celebrate **25 years of Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL)**, it is truly heartening to reflect on our journey of making accessible, high-quality education a reality for learners across the globe. From our humble beginnings to becoming a trusted name in distance education, **we have proudly empowered over 10 lakh learners and today serve an active student base of 80,000+ across India and 36 countries.**

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This milestone is a testament to our unwavering vision of education that evolves with time. The future of learning lies in **“Education on Demand”** personalized, skill-based, and aligned with real-world needs. SCDL remains committed to this future, blending flexibility with academic rigor.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our **students, faculty, and staff** whose dedication, trust, and passion have been the foundation of this remarkable journey.

# Director's Message



**Maj. Sonali Kadam (Retd.)**  
Director, Symbiosis Centre for  
Distance Learning (SCDL)

Dear Readers,

This month marks a proud and historic moment for all of us at **Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL)** as we celebrate **25 glorious years of empowering learners through online education. Our Silver Jubilee Anniversary event, held on 9th May 2025, was a heartfelt tribute to our legacy of delivering quality, flexible, and industry-relevant education that has transformed countless lives.**

As we look ahead, I'm excited to share that we will be celebrating this milestone across India through a series of **PAN India events in New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Pune during June and July 2025.** These events will include **Career Growth Seminars, Alumni Meets, and Corporate Talks,** bringing our vibrant learning community together and connecting with new aspiring professionals.

We thank you for being a part of this journey and invite you to continue growing with us.

# Alumni Spotlight

## Testimonial



Principal Consultant at  
Persistent Systems

Grateful. Honored. Inspired.  
Happy to share that I was  
felicitated with Excellence  
Award by Symbiosis Center for  
Distant Learning (SCDL) in  
recognition as top-ranked  
alumnus in the Post Graduate  
Diploma in Psychological  
Counselling program.

This special moment took place as part of Silver Jubilee celebrations, in the esteemed presence of the founder and President of the Symbiosis Society, Padma Shri Padma Bhushan Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Pro-Chancellor of Symbiosis Skills and Professional University Dr. Swati Mujumdar and Chief Guest Mukta Puntambekar.

This diploma has deepened the psychological lens I bring both to Agile Coaching and music therapy, allowing me to support individuals with greater empathy, structure, and emotional insight.



**Jootika Kolatkar**

Agile Coach | SPC | Software  
Quality Specialist | Music Therapist

Immensely grateful to Symbiosis for offering such well-designed courses to working professionals like us to upskill in the area of interest along with job.



# Events

## Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence in Distance Education – SCDL’s Silver Jubilee Year

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

We were proud to mark a momentous occasion with the celebration of the 18<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Symbiosis Open Education Society, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Silver Jubilee Year) of Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Symbiosis Skills & Professional University (SSPU).

Under the **visionary legacy of Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir** and the **dynamic leadership of Dr. Swati Mujumdar Ma’am**, the event was a tribute to SCDL’s journey of excellence, impact, and innovation in distance learning.

The occasion was graced by esteemed dignitaries and featured inspiring messages:

**Dr. Swati Mujumdar** emphasized the need for **“Education on Demand”** and shared SCDL and SSPU’s vision to evolve into an Online university offering degree programs to meet future skill demands.

**Dr. S. B. Mujumdar** reflected on SCDL’s remarkable journey, recognizing the staff’s contribution and emphasizing the importance of



**Dr. Mukta Puntambekar**, our Chief Guest, highlighted the role of **skill training in the rehabilitation** of individuals battling addiction, offering them a renewed path in life.

**Major Sonali Kadam**, Director of SCDL, reiterated the institution’s commitment to **delivering quality education aligned with current industry needs** and preparing learners for real-world challenges.

To mark this momentous Silver Jubilee Year, We unveiled our official Silver Jubilee Logo, a symbol of our journey, values, and continued commitment to excellence. With the ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and our mission of **“ One World - One Campus,”** this logo represents the global impact of SCDL and the countless dreams we’ve helped turn into reality.

A special moment during the event was the felicitation of exceptional alumni, including academic toppers, corporate achievers, and former soldiers who have made successful transitions into civilian careers - each one representing the life-changing power of education.

As we enter this landmark year, we look forward to continuing our journey of excellence, impact, and innovation in distance education.



# Celebration

## A Heartfelt Celebration for Our Principal Director -Dr. Swati Mujumdar

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025



The SCDL family came together in warmth and admiration to celebrate the birthday of our beloved Principal Director, **Dr. Swati Mujumdar**.

Joined by all HODs, faculty, and staff, the occasion was a heartfelt tribute to a leader whose vision, purpose, and dedication have transformed the landscape of distance education.

Dr. Mujumdar's leadership goes beyond administration. It is rooted in empowering people, shaping futures, and inspiring excellence at every step of the way.

We are proud to celebrate the journey of a remarkable woman who continues to lead with courage, compassion, and innovation.





# Honouring Our Alumni

## Achievers & Toppers Awards

As part of our Silver Jubilee Celebration, we proudly felicitated outstanding alumni who have excelled in academics and made significant strides in their professional journeys. From top performers across batches to trailblazing achievers in the corporate world and defense, each awardee is a shining example of the impact of SCDL's education.

Their success continues to inspire our community of learners.

### SCDL Achievers:



**Mr. Nikhilesh Kulkarni**  
Director, **Capgemini** Engineering  
(Class of 2004)



**Col Yogesh Joshi (Retd),**  
Director & Zonal Security Head at  
**Wipro** (Class of 2005)



**Hemant Sethia,**  
Head of Talent Acquisition at  
**MNG-Global** (Class of 2005)



**Atul Upadhyay,** Executive Vice  
President at **Pride Hotels Group**  
(Class of 2010)

## SCDL Top Performers:



**Jootika Kolatkar,**  
Principal Consultant at **Persistent**  
(Class of 2021)



**Rituparna Mukherjee** (Class of  
2014)



**Gayatri Pillai** one of our proud  
SCDL Toppers from the Class of  
2009



**Madhuraa Joshi** one of our proud  
SCDL Toppers from the Class of  
2018



**Dr. Yash Kenjale,** Director at  
Yugandhar Academic Services for  
Harmony (Class of 2023)

# Faculty Achievements

Celebrating SCDL Through Words: Poems by Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti

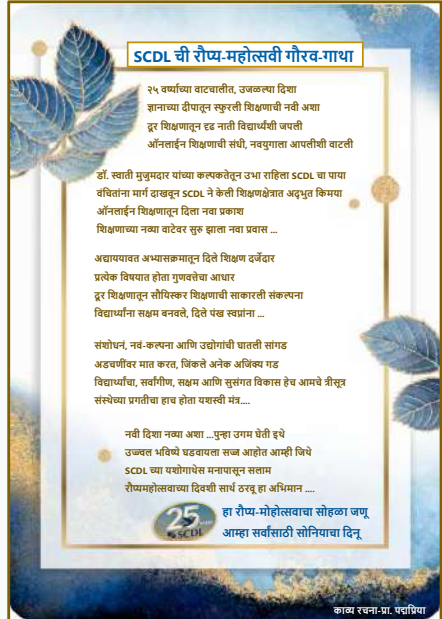


**Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti**

Professor, SCDL

As part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations, our esteemed senior faculty member, Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti, beautifully captured the spirit and legacy of SCDL through her original poems - “The SCDL Silver Jubilee Anthem” and “The Glory of SCDL.”

These heartfelt compositions are a tribute to SCDL's journey of excellence and its vibrant academic community.



# Research & Academic Contributions by Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti

We are proud to share the recent research and academic accomplishments of our senior faculty member, Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti:

- Published a research paper in the International Journal of Research Publication and Review titled **“Exploring Flipkart Sustainable Packaging, Supply Chain and Warehouse Strategies.”** on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 .



We commend Dr. Irabatti for her continued contributions to academic excellence and thought leadership.



- Presented a research paper titled **“The Genius Strategy of Tata Motors in India – Racing Ahead of Hyundai & Suzuki”** at an **International Conference organised by Ness Wadia College of Commerce** on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025.
- Attended a **Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** organised by **Bharati Vidyapeeth, AKIMSS, Solapur** on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Participated in an **International Conference** organised by **MITCON** on **“From Analytics to Action Shaping Tomorrow’s Organisation”** on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

# Corporate Events

## SCDL Alumni Meet

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025



As part of our **Silver Jubilee Year celebrations**, SCDL hosted its **Alumni Meet in Dubai**, bringing together professionals across industries for an evening of inspiration, reconnection, and collaboration.

The event featured **thought-provoking panel discussions**, exploring the evolving role of **AI across HR, transport, real estate, jewellery, finance, and IT**, along with **critical conversations on cybersecurity and data protection**. The sessions sparked deep insights and cross-industry perspectives.

“Grateful to SCDL for not just the education, but for creating a platform where professionals can reconnect, learn, and collaborate. Honoured to be part of the 25-year celebration and the launch of the Dubai alumni chapter.”

— **Arti Bhargava, An Alumni Attendee**, Entrepreneur-Founder & CEO | Hidden Gems Finder LLC, Dubai

A truly memorable evening that marked the official launch of the SCDL Dubai Alumni Chapter and reaffirmed the value of lifelong connections.

# HR Round Table - Dubai: Building Future-Ready Leaders

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Our exclusive **HR Round Table** in Dubai brought together senior **CHROs, HR Heads, and L&D leaders** to discuss:

**“Leadership Development and Capability Building: Upskills, Reskills, and Cross-skills.”**

The session focused on how organisations are redefining leadership in a digital-first world, highlighting the importance of continuous learning, cross-functional agility, and personalised development.



## Key insights included:

- Creating a culture of continuous learning
- Using cross-skilling to foster agility
- Leveraging coaching, data, and digital tools for leadership growth

A sincere thank you to all participants for their valuable contributions. Together, we're enabling leaders to thrive in a future shaped by change.

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