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Principal Director's Message



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

This month, we celebrate two monumental milestones that define the very essence of SCDL—**Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir's 90th birthday** and **SCDL's 25th anniversary**. The legacy of SCDL began 25 years ago when **Dr. S. B. Mujumdar**, with a visionary mindset, founded Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning to provide **high-quality education to the armed forces personnel** who couldn't access traditional classroom learning. His vision was clear—to offer **flexible, accessible education that empowers learners regardless of their location**.

Over the years, SCDL has grown to serve not only the **armed forces** but also **civilians** and **professionals** from all walks of life. Today, we are proud to have empowered **over 10 lakh learners** across **36 countries**. This journey of growth and transformation would not have been possible without Dr. Mujumdar's unwavering commitment to **democratizing education** and making it **accessible to all**.

As we commemorate these milestones, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to **Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir** for laying the foundation of this remarkable institution. His visionary leadership continues to inspire us to aim higher, innovate, and transform lives through education.

Director's Message



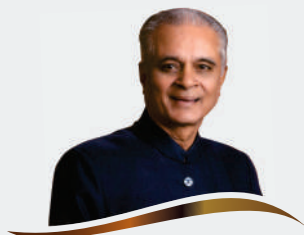
Maj. Sonali Kadam (Retd.)
Director, Symbiosis Centre for
Distance Learning (SCDL)

The SCDL Silver Jubilee Celebrations held across Hyderabad, New Delhi, and Mumbai were not just events—they were heartfelt tributes to SCDL's unwavering commitment to accessible, flexible, and future-ready education. Each city brought forward inspiring stories: a young tech enthusiast embracing AI, a homemaker upskilling for remote work, an armed forces veteran preparing for a second career—these moments truly captured the ethos of SCDL: *"Accessible Education for All."*

These celebrations also served as a powerful reminder of our impact across diverse sectors and lives. As we move forward, I thank our faculty, alumni, students, and corporate partners for continuing to make SCDL a trusted name in distance education.

It was also an honour to celebrate the 90th birthday of our visionary founder, Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir.

Mujumdar Sir Birthday



Happy Birthday
Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir
President,
Symbiosis Open Education Society

Celebrating the 90th Birthday of Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir

President, Symbiosis Open Education Society

On 31st July, we proudly celebrated the 90th birthday of our visionary founder, Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir. A beacon of inspiration, his remarkable journey and unwavering dedication to education have transformed countless lives and laid the foundation for Symbiosis's legacy of excellence.

To mark this special occasion, a grand felicitation ceremony was organised by Sakal Media Group, celebrating his outstanding contributions to the field of education. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, and included the release of a special edition of 'Gyan Parv'.



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A Poetic Tribute to Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar Sir

स्वप्न

तस प्रत्येकाचं काहीना काही तरी स्वप्न असत.
माझ ही एक स्वप्न होतं

स्वप्न तस् खूप मोठं नव्हत
पण आयुष्यात आपल्यालाही काही करता यावं असं मात्र नेहमीच वाटत होतं.

आयुष्य असच पुढे जात होत
पण स्वप्न काही पूर्ण होत नव्हत

आणि अचानक आयुष्याच्या वळणावर एक हात माझ्या पाठीवर पडला.
तो हात मला आधार देऊ पाहत होता
भविष्यात मी पाहिलेली स्वप्न साकार करण्याची संधी देऊ पाहत होता.

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अनेक उपेक्षितांच स्वप्न साकारल होत.
आणि वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्
हेच एक सत्य मानलं होत

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कशाची हवी होती साथ
कारण पाठीवर पडला होता डॉ. श्री.एस बी मुजुमदार सरांचा हात



Ravindra Vishwanath Shelar
Senior Exam Coordinator
Evaluation Department

Alumni Spotlight

Testimonials



Senior Data Engineer at Amazon, Seattle, USA

I chose SCDL for its flexibility, industry-aligned curriculum, and reputation in distance education. The program allowed me to upskill in data science while balancing my professional commitments.

The self-paced structure, hands-on projects, and expert mentorship provided a strong foundation in real-world analytics and data interpretation. What truly stood out was the collaborative and supportive learning environment fostered by program experts and peers alike. The knowledge, analytical skills, and problem-solving mindset I gained now help me drive insights and add value to my organisation. SCDL has not only prepared me for today's data-driven world but also enhanced my confidence as a strategic thinker.



Arpit Anand

Post Graduate Diploma in
Data Science(PGDDS)



Academician, State Government University (West Bengal)

As an academician at a State Government University in West Bengal, I pursued the PGD in Instructional Design at SCDL to enhance my expertise in course design and curriculum development. SCDL's updated, industry-relevant curriculum is perfectly aligned with my professional needs.

The learning experience-delivered through their LMS-was highly flexible and interactive, allowing seamless communication with program experts and peers. The program empowered me to design academic syllabi with better psychological understanding and outcome assessment, directly benefiting my department. It has significantly improved my confidence, multitasking abilities, and even contributed to my API score. SCDL programs truly support the modern needs of higher education professionals.



Sarani Bhaumik

Post Graduate Diploma in
Instructional Design
(PGDID)

Events: SCDL Silver Jubilee Celebrations – July 2025

Continuing the spirit of our 25-year milestone, SCDL brought the Silver Jubilee Celebrations to three vibrant cities in July: Hyderabad (5th July), New Delhi (12th July), and Mumbai (26th July).

From insightful discussions to heartwarming alumni stories, these city-wise events truly reflected SCDL's impact in empowering learners across India.

Each city witnessed enthusiastic participation from new students, alumni, corporate partners, HR leaders, and aspiring professionals. The events featured Career Growth Seminars, Leadership Masterclasses, HR Roundtables, and Alumni Recognition Ceremonies, making every gathering a celebration of learning, legacy, and leadership.



Let's take a look at the glimpses from each city:

Hyderabad (05th July 2025)

Celebrating Legacy, Leadership, and Lifelong Learning

The Silver Jubilee celebration in Hyderabad witnessed enthusiastic participation from working professionals across sectors. A strong turnout of SCDL alumni added warmth and pride to the occasion, turning the event into a powerful blend of reflection and inspiration.

HR Roundtable:

Senior HR leaders came together to share strategies for future-ready leadership and the evolving role of HR in building agile organisations. The discussion focused on talent transformation, cross-functional capabilities, and learning-led cultures.



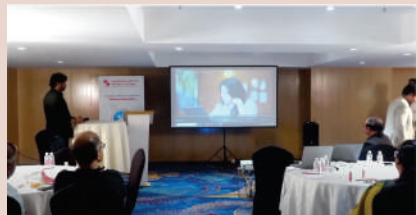
Leadership Masterclass:

An engaging and practical session that explored the core traits of effective leadership in today's dynamic world. Participants left inspired with real-world strategies to lead with influence, empathy, and resilience.



SCDL Film – A Silver Jubilee Journey: 25 Years of Excellence

A special screening showcased SCDL's legacy of transforming lives through flexible and quality education. The film received heartfelt appreciation from alumni and guests for highlighting the institution's impact.



Alumni Recognition & Awards Ceremony (Hyderabad):

We proudly felicitated our alumni who have risen to leadership roles across reputed companies. Their journeys stand as a testament to the power of continuous learning and SCDL's role in shaping careers.



Surya N S Chavali, MD at Accenture India
(CPGDBA)



Vikas Garg Wing Commander (Retd),
IAF Veteran (Operations & HR)



M V RAMA KISHORE, Zonal Head at
Indusind Bank (PGDBA)



Sai Venkat Ram Reddy Saddhi, VP
at Bank of America (PGDIB)



Shravanthi Premkumar, Founder &
CEO - Aarya Legal, (PGDBA)



Sandeep Damerla, AVP Business
Accountability at Wells Fargo
(Operations)



Ram Praveen, IT Architect at IBM
(PGDBA)

New Delhi (12th July 2025)

A Grand Milestone Celebration in the Capital City



The Silver Jubilee Celebration in New Delhi was one of the most impactful and memorable events in the entire city series. The day began with an inspiring keynote by renowned career mentor, Ankur Warikoo, and was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Principal Director of SCDL. The energy in the room was electric, with an overwhelming response from prospective students, eager to explore how SCDL can support their career growth.

Career Growth Seminar:

Ankur Warikoo on "Venturing into the Real World"

Ankur Warikoo captivated the audience with an eye-opening session on navigating careers in today's AI-first, ever-evolving job market. He spoke about mindset, intentionality, and how to build a life—not just a résumé—in the modern world.



HR Roundtable

Industry leaders gathered to exchange insights on how organisations can nurture adaptable, future-ready talent. The session highlighted the importance of agility, coaching, and continuous upskilling in workforce development.



Dale Carnegie Leadership Masterclass

This empowering session focused on unlocking the leader within by developing influence, emotional intelligence, and adaptive leadership skills through proven techniques and real-world case studies.



Silver Jubilee Celebration & Alumni Awards Ceremony

The celebration marked 25 glorious years of SCDL's journey in distance education. Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Principal Director, shared a powerful message:

"Completing 25 years is not just a milestone but a testament to our vision of democratizing quality education and making it accessible to learners everywhere. Over the years, SCDL has continually evolved to meet the needs of students and the industry, and this Silver Jubilee celebration reflects our commitment to innovation, excellence, and lifelong learning. We are grateful to our students, alumni, faculty, and partners who have been part of this journey, and we look forward to shaping many more success stories in the years to come."



The evening was gracefully anchored by Major Sonali Kadam, Director SCDL, whose warm presence and heartfelt words made the event even more special for all attendees.



Alumni Awards Ceremony (New Delhi)

Outstanding SCDL alumni were honoured for their achievements and leadership across industries, standing as proud examples of the institution's lasting impact.



Durgesh Chandra Sharma
Secretary General at CropLife India
(PGDBFS)



Disha Dubey
Director(Operations) at MoneyTree
Partners (PGDIT)



Laher Khurana
Founder at AIVeda (PGDIT)



Kiran Yadav
Principal at MM Public School (PGDBCL)



**Brigadier Alok Jain,
SM, PhD
Brigadier at Indian Army (CPGDBA)**



**Santosh Ramnath Rao
Group Head of People and Culture at
SNAPDEAL (PGDBCL)**



**Col Rahul Chutani
Founder at Last mile Xpress (PGDBA)**



**Anu Suri
Vice President - Legal, Operations &
HR at Replika Press Pvt Ltd (CPGDBA)**



**Bhumesh Mishra
Vice President -Sales & Marketing Rosmerta
Technology Limited (CPGDBA)**



**Deep Bhaskar
Regional Manager - Projects Savino Del
Bene Forwarders India Pvt Ltd
(International Business)**



**Dhairya Kaushik
VP Macquarie (PGDBA)**



**Gaurav Sharma
PGDBA -HR**

Mumbai (26th July 2025)

A Grand Celebration with Alumni, Learners and Corporate Partners in the Financial Capital

The Mumbai leg of SCDL's Silver Jubilee Celebrations was a powerful blend of learning, industry insight, and heartfelt recognition. The day brought together working professionals, corporate partners, and proud alumni under one roof.



Career Acceleration Masterclass by Dale Carnegie India

The event kicked off with a high-impact Career Acceleration Masterclass, attended by both new students and alumni.

- Proven Dale Carnegie principles to boost confidence, leadership & communication
- Real-world tools to thrive in high-pressure corporate environments
- Ways to make yourself indispensable in any team or industry





Alumni Awards Ceremony (Mumbai)

High-achieving alumni were felicitated for their leadership, innovation, and impact across diverse industries—proud ambassadors of SCDL's legacy.



Prabhat Pawaskar
AGM IT at OMKAR Reators and Developers
(PGDIT)



Vishnu Bhalchandra Gavkare
Founder-Director at WECOS Global
Consultants private limited (PGDBA)



Siddharth Bhawal
Vice President - Technology & Process
Engineering at Laxmi Organic Industries
Limited(PGDIB)



Amol Katkamwar
Construction Head at Adani
(PGDBA)



Shraddha Tripathi
Deputy vice president at HDFC bank
(PGDID)



Mahendra Singh
AGM Project at Hinduja Renewables
(PGDBA)



Amit Ranjan
Vice President(Wind) at Aditya Birla
Renewables(PGDBA)



Mehul Maru
VP Finance controller & strategy leader at
Writer Information Management Services
(PGDBA)



Pradnya Talikoti
Founder at Pixelz Unlimited (DCWE)



**Mehul Tolia GM - CRM at Raheja Universal
Pvt Ltd (PGDCRM)**

HR Roundtable

Senior HR professionals and L&D leaders discussed how continuous learning and skill adaptability are shaping future-ready organisations.



Dale Carnegie Leadership Masterclass

The Mumbai celebration featured an impactful Leadership Masterclass by Dale Carnegie, attended by alumni, corporate partners, and working professionals. The session focused on cultivating essential leadership traits such as emotional intelligence, adaptability, and influence—critical for thriving in today's dynamic corporate landscape. Through real-world examples and interactive discussions, participants gained actionable tools to lead with confidence and purpose.



Silver Jubilee Celebration & Alumni Awards Ceremony

The grand celebration honoured SCDL's 25-year journey in distance education with corporate partners, alumni, and faculty. Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Principal Director, shared:

"It's heartening to see so many alumni and corporate leaders together. SCDL's journey from serving the armed forces to empowering over 10 lakh learners across 36 countries has been truly inspiring."

Academic Achievements



Dr. Yogita Gupta

Book Publication: Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain Empowered HRM



We're proud to share that Dr. Yogita Gupta has authored a new book titled "*Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain Empowered HRM*", published by Scientific International Publishing House.

Dr. Gupta was awarded a certificate in recognition of this scholarly contribution, adding another feather to SCDL's commitment to academic excellence.



Prof. Vivek Ware

Explores Cybersecurity Trends at Security BSides Mumbai 2025



Prof. Vivek Ware represented SCDL at the **Security BSides Mumbai 2025** conference held at Ravindra Natya Mandir on **12th July 2025**. The event featured advanced sessions on topics such as **APOLLO**, **credential fingerprinting**, and **non-human interaction**, with keynote talks by Bhavye M., Vishal Chand, Aditya Singh, and Microsoft's Mr. Joshua Bahirvani. A major highlight was the live **Arsenal demo** by Vishal Chand on **Volatility-MCP Server**, offering deep insights into memory forensics. Prof. Ware also engaged with cybersecurity expert, **Mr. Nikhil Mahadeshwar**, Founder of Cyber Secure India, and gained valuable knowledge on emerging security trends. His participation reflects SCDL's strong focus on faculty development and industry alignment.

Webinars This Month

As part of our ongoing *Knowledge Series*, SCDL conducted insightful webinars designed specifically for new and prospective students. These sessions provided foundational understanding across key areas of business, management, and technology — helping learners prepare for their academic journey with confidence.



Topic: Industry 4.0: Transforming the Future of Manufacturing and Supply Chains

Speaker: Prof. Amber Batwara

Date: 05th July 2025



Topic: Responsible Marketing

Speaker: Dr. Padmapriya Irabatti

Date: 12th July 2025



Topic: Technology and Marketing

Speaker: Dr. Yogita Gupta

Date: 12th July 2025



Topic: CSR for Practitioners: A Strategic Approach

Speaker: Dr. Pankaj Kumar Das

Date: 12th July 2025



Topic: The Role of Business Law in International Trade

Speaker: Ms. Pallavi Ligade

Date: 25th July 2025



Topic: Coaching and Mentoring Skills for Leaders: Unlock Your Potential

Speaker: Dr. Uttara Deolankar

Date: 26th July 2025



Topic: Emerging Trends in Data Science

Speaker: Prof. Vivek Ware

Date: 26th July 2025

On 29th July 2025, SCDL organised a special webinar for existing students on **"Innovation / Prototype Validation – Converting Innovation into a Start-up"**, conducted by Mr. Jeetendra Sharma, renowned B2B Marketing Consultant and Speaker. The session offered practical insights into transforming innovative ideas into viable entrepreneurial ventures.

Corporate Events

Hettich Immersion Session 3 at SSPU Campus

SCDL's corporate team successfully hosted the third Immersion Session for Hettich India Ltd. at the **Symbiosis Skills and Professional University** campus. The session offered students valuable exposure to real-world business practices.

Prof. Shraddha Shinde conducted an engaging module on **Project Finance**, while Prof. Ambar Batwara led a session on the **Fundamentals of Supply Chain Management**. This initiative exemplified our commitment to bridging the gap between academia and industry by equipping students with practical, job-ready skills.





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