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Principal Director's Message



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

Vision for SCDL in 2025

Dear Students, Faculty, and Well-Wishers,

As we step into **2025**, SCDL proudly reflects on **24 years of excellence** and looks ahead to our Silver Jubilee milestone. This legacy strengthens our commitment to world-class, flexible, and industry-relevant education.

We are also delighted to announce that SCDL has been ranked #1 by Outlook India for offering the Best Distance Learning Programs—a testament to our dedication to quality and innovation.

At SCDL, we continuously evolve to meet the needs of modern learners while maintaining the highest standards. Let's make 2025 a year of transformation, success, and new opportunities!

This year, we aim to:

- ▶ Launch new industry-aligned programs to equip students with future-ready skills.
- ▶ Enhance digital learning for interactive experience.
- ▶ Expand global and corporate collaborations for practical learning opportunities.
- ▶ Uphold student success, supporting each learner's academic and professional growth.

Director's Message



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

Dear SCDL Community,

As we step into 2025, it is a moment of great pride and reflection. Our increasing student base only reaffirms our dedication to delivering high-quality distance education.

At Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning, we remain committed to our mission of providing quality education that is accessible, flexible, and future-focused. As the world of education continues to evolve, we strive to equip our learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in an increasingly dynamic landscape.

Our focus remains on innovation, student-centric learning, and academic excellence. Whether you are a student, alumnus, faculty member, or industry partner, your role in this journey is invaluable. Together, we continue to push boundaries, embrace new opportunities, & create meaningful learning experiences.

Thank you for being a part of the SCDL family. Let's continue to learn, grow, and inspire!

Alumni Spotlight

Marketing & Finance Alumni Success Story

“ Do you want to study and upskill yourself, but this hectic work life isn't letting you do so? My college was over, but the curiosity to learn more wasn't. But what could I even do about it, as I was having such a hectic work life which made me travel much more often? I always had an interest in Marketing and Finance, but didn't have much resources, nor that much knowledge to pursue it further as I am from an IT background. I soon realised it was quite difficult for me to pursue a full-time program, but I still was holding onto my interests and passions.

Hi. My name is Virat Kumar and I have pursued the Online Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration by SCDL with Marketing and Finance as my specialisations.

While I was looking for various courses, I came across this one by SCDL. The fact that it was online program under the renowned and prestigious Symbiosis name, I soon considered this as my option further. I got immense guidance throughout the admission process and a faculty member helped me in detail what exactly the course was. Choosing this program has



Virat Kumar, PGDBA, SCDL

been a great decision for me, right through the content, the content of the course that it covered, the theory and the concept that it explained. Also to the implementing section of this, it covered almost everything. From value adding video lectures to live interactive sessions to extremely helpful self-learning material, I'd got it all covered. And this was the thing that **helped me to successfully develop Marketing & Finance acumen. And the best thing about this program was the flexibility to give exam whenever I am ready. So this helped me a lot in continuing my job as well as to upskill myself.**

Thanks to SCDL that I don't have to give up on my ambitions, and neither should you.



Awards and Achievements

Celebrating Excellence & Global Recognition!



Prof. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar

President,
Symbiosis Open Education Society &
Symbiosis Foundation

We are proud to announce that Aston University, Birmingham, UK, honoured our Chancellor, Prof. Dr. S B Mujumdar Sir, with the prestigious Chancellor's Medal on 25th January 2025. This award, among the highest conferred by Aston University, is a testament to his outstanding contributions and enduring impact over the years.



Congratulations!

Prof. Dr. S B Mujumdar Sir, on this incredible honour, & thank you for continually inspiring us while elevating Symbiosis on the global stage!



Awards and Achievements

‘Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning’ proudly holds the prestigious #1 ranking by Outlook



Exciting News

Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL) has been ranked #1 by Outlook India for offering the Best Distance Learning Programs! This recognition reaffirms our commitment to providing high-quality, flexible, and industry-relevant education.



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Events

Seminars & Webinars

Empowering Leaders of Tomorrow: A Transformative Workshop at SCDL

We are thrilled to share the success of our 'Leadership and Professional Development' Workshop, held on February 22nd, 2025 at Symbiosis Bhavan, Pune, in collaboration with Maharashtra Times Planet Campus.

The session was led by Major Sonali Kadam (Retd.), Director SCDL, who delivered an inspiring and insightful talk on leadership strategies, career growth, and professional development.

Participants were captivated by her expertise, gaining valuable takeaways on how to navigate leadership challenges in today's dynamic world.

The workshop provided a unique platform for learning, networking, and self-improvement, leaving attendees motivated to step up as future leaders.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude



SPEAKER

Maj. Sonali Kadam (Retd.)
Director, SCDL

to Maharashtra Times Planet Campus for their collaboration and to all the participants who made this event a grand success!

As a token of appreciation, all participants received an E-Certificate for their active participation.

Stay tuned for more such impactful events that help students upskill & achieve their professional goals!



Events

Seminars & Webinars

Webinar on "**Dedication – The Catalyst to Success**"

On February 8, 2025, Mr. Jeetendra Sharma, a B2B Marketing Consultant, Speaker, and Coach, conducted a Webinar on "**Dedication - The Catalyst to Success**" as part of the SCDL's CCP module for the academic year 2024. The session offered participants valuable insights into how dedication can drive professional success and personal growth.



Mr. Jeetendra Sharma
B2B Marketing | Consultant | Coach

Webinar on "**Multi-tasking at Workplace**"

On January 11, 2025, Mr. Jeetendra Sharma, a B2B Marketing Consultant, Speaker, and Coach, led a webinar on "**Multi-tasking at Workplace**" as part of the CCP

module for the academic year 2024. The event provided valuable insights and strategies for effective multitasking in a professional setting.

Webinar on "**Decoding the DNA of High-Performance Teams**"

On February 22, 2025, Neethan D'Souza, Sr. Vice President - Group HR at ACT Fibrenet, conducted a webinar on "**Decoding the DNA of High-Performance Teams**" as part of SCDL's Placement Module for the academic year 2024. The session provided participants with valuable insights into building and managing high-performance teams, enhancing overall organizational efficiency & success



Neethan D'Souza
Sr. Vice President, Group HR

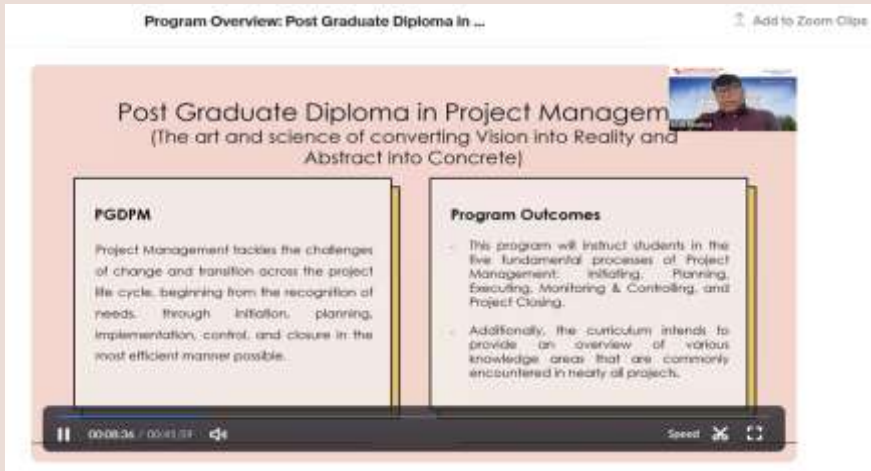
Events

Seminars & Webinars

Induction module for the students of January batch

The **Induction module for the students of January batch** of SCDL included three sessions. The first session was held on January 11, 2025, the second on January 25, 2025, and the third on

February 8, 2025. These sessions aimed to introduce new students to the program, helping them acclimate and prepare for their academic journey.



Webinar on "Express to Impress"

SCDL conducted an insightful webinar with Dr. Deepa Rele on **"Enhancing Communication Skills for Better Placement Opportunities"** on January 25, 2025. The session provided attendees with essential skills to excel in job interviews and build meaningful connections.

2025. These sessions aimed to introduce new students to the program, helping them acclimate and prepare for their academic journey.



Corporate Events & Guest Visits

We are thrilled to share that on 20th February, 2025, a session was conducted on **“Innovation Development, Technology Readiness Level; Commercialization of Lab Technologies & Tech-Transfer”**, organized by Institution Innovation Council (IIC) at Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL). The session was led by Mr. Karmjitsinh Bihola, and it covered foundational knowledge on Technology Readiness, a topic of great relevance for budding innovators and entrepreneurs.



Mr. Karmjitsinh Bihola

Founder | Design Thinker |
Innovation Strategist | Start-up Mentor

Mr. Karmjitsinh Bihola is a well-known Design Thinker, Innovation Strategist, Startup Mentor, Creative Intelligence Coach, WCIW Creativity Ambassador.

SCDL Corporate Cell recently completed the **'Master the Art of Resume Writing (Advanced)'** course by Jeetendra Sharma on 9th November 2024. This course is

instrumental in empowering students with strategies and techniques to stand out in the competitive job market.



Corporate Events & Guest Visits

The Corporate team hosted the participants of their **Corporate- PGDBA program** from '**Shriram Finance Limited**' for a 2-day campus immersion at 'Symbiosis Skills & Professional University' on 18th January 2025 and 19th January 2025.

This immersion of Batch One and launch of Batch Two provided a unique opportunity for the participants to engage with our faculties, interact with their peers, and participate in immersive learning sessions.

The campus immersion is a crucial component of our CPGDBA program, designed to provide a

holistic learning experience to the participants, which combines academic rigor with practical relevance.

We are proud to partner with '**Shriram Finance Limited**' to develop the skills and knowledge of their leaders. Our CPGDBA program, offered at 'Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning,' is tailored to meet the needs of working professionals, providing a flexible and accessible learning experience.

A big thank you to our participants, faculty, and staff for making this campus immersion a success!



Faculty Development Programs

The recent Professional Development Session on **“Best Practices in Online Teaching and Learning,”** was held on February 22nd, 2025. Dr. Yogesh Velankar, Director of Symbiosis Institute for Staff Training and Professional Development, led this faculty development program. The event took place in the AV Hall on the 3rd floor of SCDL, Model Colony, Pune. It was heartening to see

enthusiastic participation from our internal SCDL faculty members. The session was expertly conducted and provided invaluable insights into effective online teaching methodologies. Faculty members praised the practical and interactive approach of the session. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the session's impact on professional development.



Prof. Amber Batwara completed the AICTE ATAL Faculty Development Program on **'Recent Advances and Applications of Manufacturing in Industries 4.0'** at IPS College of Technology & Management from February 3, 2025 to February 8, 2025, scoring 96%.



Announcements

Future Plans of SCDL

We are excited to announce that SCDL is launching new, industry-relevant programs and courses starting July 2025 Semester to further enhance our students' learning experience. The two new courses announced are:

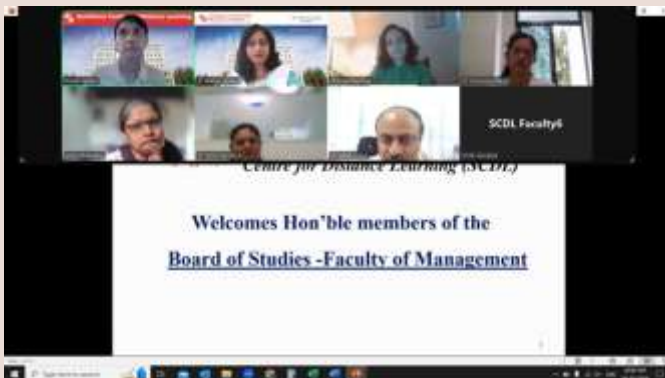
Certificate Program in ESG Management:

The Certificate Program in ESG Management is designed to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand, implement, and manage 'Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG)' principles within organizations. This program addresses the growing demand for expertise in sustainable business practices, responsible investment, and corporate governance. In this 6-month short duration program, candidates are delivered more intense contents through a relevant and contemporary

curriculum of the program. The rise of sustainable investing and ESG-focused funds is driving the need for expertise in evaluating and managing ESG risks and opportunities.

Certificate Course in CSR for Practitioners:

The "Certificate Course in CSR for Practitioners (CCSRP)" has been carefully designed to give learners a thorough grasp of the conceptual underpinnings, tactical methods, and real-world applications of corporate social responsibility (CSR). This 6 months' program gives the fundamentals of CSR, strategic planning, Governance, regulatory compliance, CSR audits, emerging global trends, evolving challenges, and future strategies. It equips participants with knowledge and skills required to stay ahead in the dynamic CSR landscape.





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