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# Editor's Note

*Words have the power to ignite minds, spark creativity, and unite communities. Welcome to the world of ideas, where we share stories that matter.*



We, as part of the Web and Media committee, welcome you to our Monthly magazine which is filled with dynamic events in SCIT.

There is a surge of new energy sweeping around campus as the batch of 2023-25 starts its academic year. The last few weeks have been a transforming chapter and the start of endless opportunities SCIT has to offer. Students had an enriching experience on their academic trip to Suryashibir. The event 'Samaarambh' was arranged in collaboration between students and faculty members. 'Life at MBA till now' article covers the fresher's campus experience.

The magazine covers Chandrayaan- 3, launched on July 14th, which is the third lunar Indian Space Research exploration mission under the Chandrayaan program. On July 23rd, Alumni Mr. Vineet Chandra, Program Manager at IBM Consulting was interviewed by Alumni Relations Committee where he shared his experience at campus and Trends in Digital Transformation in IT Industry.

All these guest lectures and alumni meetings were to guide students about the variety of career options they are a chance to achieve. This month's esteemed Star Alumni, Mr. Rohit Khatri, is presented with great honor by us.

Continue reading to learn in-depth insights into the amazing events that shaped SCIT this month.

- Pooja Mourya







# In the Spotlight

## Surya Shibir: A Campout



On June 15th, the Information Technology and Business Management (ITBM) and Data Science and Data Analytics (DSDA) branch of the Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT) along with Symbiosis Department of Sports, Recreation and Wellness (SDSRW) arranged an outdoor management program, Surya Shibir. It is an eco-friendly resort nestled deeply in the Sahyadri valley full of Adventure games, green scenery and much more.

The one-day trip to Surya Shibir is planned for first-year MBA grads for them to connect via activities. Professor and Deputy Director, Kanchan Patil along with faculty members also accompanied the students. They were greeted with warm hospitality and a buffet of breakfast, setting the tone for a day full of activities.

The very first activity was Zumba dancing. In the second activity, a randomly created team of twelve students was then entangled. It was pure teamwork to get detangled and win a race against time. The third activity was a blind retriever, a test of trust and partnership. The fourth activity was teaching liability. Students were given a balloon, paper, thread and a responsibility to protect an egg thrown from a height of 9-10 m. Last but not least activity was a fashion show event. The students were given raw materials like staplers, newspapers and the freedom to use anything from nature detached from trees/plants. Each team created outfits dedicated to some theme. The last session was an awareness about mental well-being and to teach the destructiveness caused by consumption of illegal products. During all these activities, students were delighted to explore the beautiful property of Surya Shibir including tree houses with a variety of fauna, vibrant Varasgaon backwater.

In conclusion, Surya Shibir resort was a wonderful escape into nature's embrace. It's extensive range of activities has been a truly inspiring experience. It is a destination that it's visitors with fond memories.

-Pooja Mourya

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## ‘LIFE AT MBA TILL NOW

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We all had butterflies in our stomachs as soon as we entered the gates of the SCIT campus for the first time. Everyone shared a familiar feeling of coming a step closer to their dreams. With dreams in our eyes and passion in our hearts, we attended our induction, where we were briefed about how our next two years would unfold. Followed by that, we went to Surya Shibir, which was a fresh breath of air from busy lectures. The purpose of it was achieved as it turned out to be a great bonding session. Then came the much-awaited event, Samaarambh, which exhibited diverse cultural dance and music. Watching different people from such varied places come together and perform was aesthetically pleasing.

Life from here changed the gear, and the pace became fast. Late-night committee interviews, early morning lectures, deadlines of assignments, and in-between tests have become a regular thing. All this is part and parcel of MBA life. The 10 minutes tea break between lectures is one of the best parts of the day, along with the late-night chats over Maggie while completing assignments, and early morning sleep-deprived faces have also become a routine.

The hustle and bustle can sometimes overwhelm you, but continual learning provides an enriching experience. It has only been a month for us, but the journey so far has been incredible. It is rightly said by Greg Anderson that- "Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it."

This new chapter will enable us to touch new unknown possibilities and territories.

-Manvi Khandelwal



# Alumni Interaction



The Alumni Relations Committee of SCIT organized an alumni-student interaction on July 23, 2023, with Mr. Vineet Chandra at the SIC auditorium. Mr. Vineet Chandra is a Product Manager at IBM Consulting.

Mr. Vineet Chandra belongs to the batch of MBA ITBM- 2012-14. After passing out from SCIT, he worked as Information Security Consultant with Tech Mahindra Business Services for two years. After that, he joined Black Box Limited (formerly AGC Networks Ltd) as Senior Consultant for nine months before joining IBM Consulting, where he has been working for six years now.

Srushti, a senior member of the Alumni Relation Committee, took the interview. The conversation started with Srushti asking our alum about the career opportunities in ITBM. Mr. Vineet Chandra elaborated on the question that ITBM is an evolving field, technology can come and go, but IT is an ever-evolving field. He further said that incident management is critical. Elaborating on that, he added that the moment an incident is identified, it needs to be isolated and immediate action is required.

When asked about his campus life, he said he enjoyed the night straws at night the most. He further shared his experience of being a member of ITELF, the entrepreneurial cell, and the importance of being part of a committee, as it teaches you various skills which will help you in the future.

On asking about any certifications which can help the students in their careers, he suggested various government body certifications like ISACA, ISC<sup>2</sup>, IAPP, and Cloud Security Alliance. He also stretched upon the importance of ISO 27001 - Lead Auditor Certification.

After the session, a question and answer session was held where Mr. Vineet Chandra answered all the questions. The MC of the session, Rashika, thanked Dr. SVK Bharathi for organizing the session.

-Arya Tripathi

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# ‘Chandrayaan-3’ : India’s historic mission to Moon

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India, on July 14th, 2023, at 2:35 pm, launched Chandrayaan -3 from Satish Dhawan Space Center, Sriharikota, in southern Andhra Pradesh state.

The nation's first Moon mission in 2008, which conducted "the first and most thorough search for water on the lunar surface and established the Moon has an atmosphere during the daytime," was carried out 13 years prior.

The July 2019 launch of Chandrayaan-2, including an orbiter, a lander, and a rover, was only partially successful. Even now, the orbiter is still circling and studying the Moon, but the lander rover crashed upon touchdown since it could not make a soft landing.

The lander of the Chandrayaan-3 is supposed to reach the Moon on August 23-24. If it lands successfully, India will be the fourth country after the US, China, and the Soviet Union to achieve this milestone. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) confirmed that the spacecraft is in the "precise orbit" and the "health" of the spacecraft is healthy. The Indian engineers intend to set down Chandrayaan-3 close to the rugged terrain of the undiscovered South Pole of the Moon.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Chandrayaan-3 had "scripted a new chapter in India's space odyssey." "It soars high, elevating the dreams and ambitions of every Indian. This momentous achievement is a testament to our scientists' relentless dedication. I salute their spirit and ingenuity!" he wrote on Twitter.

Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's space aspirations have been playing catch-up. The leader sees India's space program as a sign of the nation's rising significance on the international stage after being elected on a platform of nationalism and future greatness.

-Arya Tripathi



# SAMARAMBH: Beginning of MBA Life

The saying "Well begun is half done" relates to the fresher, known as SAMARAMBH, which means "beginning," and brings together a variety of creative individuals to foster a joyful and exciting atmosphere for SCIT's newcomers.

The event of Samarambh is a collaborative work by the newcomers and the faculty members where every participant is selected based on their wavering talents, which range from Music, Dance, Acting, Mimicry, Stand-up, Singing, Shayari, Poetry, and many more. The committee shortlists each of the participants SPOC appointed a month before the event. A main coordinator and faculty coordinator finalises it based on their best performances, then moves on to the stage for the final presentation. Every single individual tries their best to entertain and showcase their respective talent. Such was the event of SAMARAMBH for the batch of 2023-2025 coordinated by faculty member Dr Ekta Kulkarni.

On the eve of 29th of June 2023 at 2 pm, the inauguration was done by Director Dr Dhanya Pramod, Faculty coordinator Dr Ekta Kulkarni, and three young talented new hosts of the ceremony, Nitya, Arinjay, and Kunal, followed by the fantastic classical Notes of Harp, Drum, and Flute gave way to comforting the excited audience. The Dance of Ganapati mesmerised everyone, followed by Shayari and poetry between the performances, keeping the event's pace rolling. The Bollywood dance and song performed by the students were outmatched, and to top it off, a thunderous version of Mime by the theatre group had already hypnotised the audience into an excited groove. The wondrous event ends with the group dance's performance, bonding people from vivid backgrounds and encouraging them to work together under challenging circumstances before embarking on a journey of endless possibilities.

-Siddhartha Chattaraj





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# Archives from the Past

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## Introduction to Data Visualisation in Python

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With the partial moving to the college campus, the excitement and zeal were infectious. Amidst all these a guest lectures were organized on Data Visualisation in Python. The speaker invited to deliver was Mr. Sanchit Balchandani. He is a senior Python developer having 10 years of IT experience. He has worked in multiple domains like – healthcare, ad-tech, infrastructure, and automation. Majorly, he has been working in the backend side of the systems and also later on SRE(DevOps). He is very passionate about Community Building, Python & Infrastructure. He strongly believes in the power of community and spends his free time contributing towards some open source communities like HydPy & DSUG Hyd.

The session commenced with Mr. Balchandani introducing himself on the work fronts and delved into python. He explained what data visualization is and how important it is to deal with data and get insights of data and analyze it i.e. handling of data.

He walked us through the Jupyter notebook which is essentially an online interpreter where one can run python code and visualize the data. It is an open-source web application that allows to create and share of documents that contain live code, equations, visualizations, and narrative text. Uses include data cleaning and transformation, numerical simulation, statistical modeling, data visualization, machine learning, and much more. It supports over 40 programming languages. One can Share notebooks. Notebooks can be shared with others using email, Dropbox, GitHub. Additionally, it also leverages big data tools, such as Apache Spark, from Python, R, and Scala.

Next, he talked about Pandas, which is a fast, powerful, flexible, and easy-to-use open-source data analysis and manipulation tool, built on top of the Python programming language. It is the best tool for beginners who are starting on the journey to master the language. It also works with Big Data which helps it to work with large excel files which otherwise is difficult to manage. It is commonly known as Pd.

He went ahead and elucidated many different tools and with hands-on explained the functions and how to use and navigate them. He emphasized how one can modify the data. He shed some light upon some different libraries like mat plot lib, numpy, etc. to process the data easily and optimize the code for faster processing as arrays are provided.

In the later part of the lecture, he answered some questions which students raised. All in all the session was very informative and it had boosted the confidence of the budding programmers and analysts.

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## Metaverse: Experience the New Universe For Sustainability

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After last year's online National Seminar, it was a rejuvenating and welcome change to have the 22nd National Seminar on the SCIT campus on the 24th of September. The announcers introduced the audience to the seminar's theme, i.e. 'Metaverse: Experience the New Universe For Sustainability.'

The session started with the Director, Dr Dhanya Pramod Ma'am, sharing her views on the idea of the National Seminar and its theme. This was followed by an enlightening speech by the chief guest, Dr Bose K Nair (Former President, WTC Shamshabad & Visakhapatnam).

The panellists then took centre stage. The panel had Vinay Sabnis (Head of Business Development at Techila Global Services) as the moderator and Aditya Phadnis (UX Strategist & Metaverse Lead at LTI – Larsen & Toubro Infotech), Krutika Lodaya (CEO at Artificial Neurons.ai), Krishnan Sundarajan (Founder of India's First Metaverse App, Loka), and Pradeep Shekhar (Managing Director at Optiv Inc.) as the four speakers.

Mr Aditya Phadnis voiced his thoughts on how the Metaverse is still a new domain and its applications are only limited to our imagination. He conveyed that the industry's shift towards Metaverse would be incremental, and we could witness previously unimaginable events with time. He even cited an example of how the application of Metaverse in construction has enabled his company to lessen some previously unavoidable expenses.

Ms Krutika Lodaya communicated her views on how data science is the building block of the Metaverse. She told how the comfort of meeting individuals in virtual reality while remaining indoors facilitates safety and healthy communication between individuals. She sincerely expressed her views on how Metaverse could address some mental health concerns of the existing society.

Mr Krishnan Sundarajan charismatically narrated his expedition from being the co-founder of Zomato to being the founder of Loka. He expressed what encouraged him to develop a metaverse app targeting the Indian audience. He clarified how Metaverse had been a part of the world much earlier than we believed.

Mr Pradeep Sekar talked about the security risks associated with Metaverse and what we can accomplish from our end to ensure our safety. He described how the benefits and drawbacks of Metaverse would come to light for further conversation only after it becomes a new norm.



# Star Alumni

We are elated to present this edition's star alumni Rohit Khatri. He graduated as an Electronics and Communication engineer and has an experience of over four years in the network domain. He worked at Mastec Quadgen Wireless for 1.6 years. Post that, he started his MBA journey at SCIT. He is an alumnus of the 2021-2023 batch.

Rohit Khatri was not only an impeccable student, but his journey is highly inspiring for every student as he had his internship at Morgan Stanley. He also got a PPO from the same.

Mr. Khatri is skilled in data management and has varied knowledge of tools and technologies like AI, Machine learning, and Dataiku DSS Power BI. He also completed Solutions Skills 2022- SAC Pilot Cloud4Teaching. He showed traits of excellence in his MBA days and proving the same now in his career. Every student should look up to him and try to inculcate and learn from his academic excellence and holistic development.

SCIT is hugely proud to present Rohit Khatri, featured in one of the most iconic streets in the world, 1585 Broadway, Times Square, New York, as a welcome gesture by Morgan Stanley. Mr. Khatri is a highly motivated individual who is reaching heights in his career and taking the name of SCIT one step ahead.

- Manvi Khandelwal



## Mr. Rohit Khatri.

**Batch** 2021-2023

**Name:** Mr. Rohit Khatri

**Summer Internship:** Morgan Stanley

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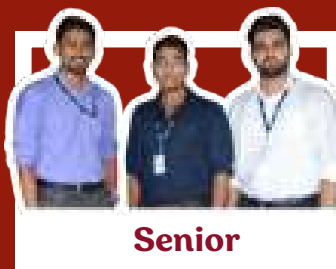


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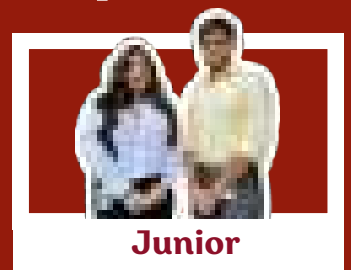


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