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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome, dear readers, to the August segment of Atharva magazine, which brings together the essence of experiences, capturing the joyous and proud moments shared among the members of the SCIT family



After experiencing the first few months in the Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT), the students are getting used to the pace of an MBA Life and the weather of Pune.

The month started with a fantastic Ice-breaking event organised by the SCIT Cultural Committee, where the SCIT auditorium echoed with applause, music, and cheers as the senior batch pulled out all the stops to welcome their juniors. They left no stone unturned in making the event one of the most memorable in the minds of their juniors. They set the stage ablaze with their back-to-back fiery performances, setting the excitement to an unprecedented height in their juniors' hearts.

SCIT celebrated India's 79th Independence Day with full enthusiasm, together with SCMHRD and SIIB, to commemorate the day that symbolizes the enduring power of collective dreams and shared responsibility toward a brighter future as a country. The event started with the hoisting of the national flag done by Dr. Dhanya Pramod, the director of SCIT, followed by some powerful and impactful speeches by the respected Chancellor of SIU, Dr. S. B. Majumdar, and Campus Administration, Col. S. K. Mishra. The event concluded by showing appreciation towards the SIC campus staff and workers.

August ended with the insightful and essential guest lecture on Modern Cybersecurity by Dr. Niranjan P. Reddy, a leading figure in the cybersecurity industry. His guidance has opened up some new paths for the students of SCIT.

As we go on, let's keep working together to build unity, inclusivity, and a shared vision towards a common understanding of positive development and value creation.



Ice-Breaking 3.0: A Celebration Beyond the Welcome

On August 7, 2025, the SCIT auditorium echoed with applause, music, and cheers as the senior batch pulled out all the stops to welcome their juniors through the much-awaited Ice Breaking Session '2025, organised by the SCIT Cultural Committee. The evening kicked off with a dynamic group dance by the seniors that instantly electrified the auditorium. Soon after, Konnect, the student band, delivered a goosebump-worthy musical set, blending melody and Bollywood flair into a soul-touching performance.

The momentum rose with a fiery dance act from M&M, which had even the audience dancing in their seats. A calming vibe switch followed, as a soulful ukulele performance struck a chord with every Swiftie present. Then came a whirlwind of back-to-back division-wise dances, each raising the bar with MJ-level choreography. Interactive games brought juniors on stage, creating spontaneous moments of laughter and bonding.

One of the most entertaining parts came from Eklavya, SCIT's theatre committee, with a hilarious spoof of shows like Roadies, CID, Savdhaan India, and Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hain. The tempo built further with another melodious vocal set, a crowd-requested encore, and a high-energy multi-style crossover of all divisions that had the audience roaring with laughter and amazement. Symbeats, SCIT's dance committee, closed with a powerful finale, while the hosts kept the transitions smooth and spirited. The Cultural Committee also expressed gratitude to Dr. Ram Shiromani and Dr. Sirshendu Arosh Sir for gracing the occasion.

The celebration then moved to the campus ground, where a live DJ turned the gathering into a full-blown party. With music, dance, and bonding in the air, what began as an icebreaker burst into a firecracker. And with four more events announced, life at SCIT is going to get even more exciting.

-By Divyansh Vyas





Unity in Diversity: SIC Campus Commemorates India's 79th Independence Day

15 August 2025 marked India's 79th Independence Day with a grand celebration at the SIC campus, comprising of SCIT, SCMHRD and SIIB coming together not just to honour the spirit of freedom, resilience, and unity that defines our great nation but also to celebrate the day that symbolizes the enduring power of collective dreams and shared responsibility toward a brighter future as a country. The event commenced with our esteemed director of SCIT, Dr. Dhanya Pramod, unfurling the national flag and the soulful rendition of the National Anthem. In her speech, Dr. Dhanya Pramod inspired the students to strive for excellence, emphasizing the importance of cooperation and hard work for success.

A pre-recorded speech by respected Dr. S.B. Majumdar, Chancellor of SIU, highlighted the importance of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The World is One Family), which warmed the audience's hearts. Adding to the patriotic atmosphere, Col. SK Mishra, Campus Administrator, delivered an inspiring speech on patriotism and sacrifice.

The cultural segment featured soulful melodies by the SCIT band Konnect and an electrifying dance performance by Symbeats, SCIT's dance committee, energizing the crowd and atmosphere.

A special segment was dedicated to the unsung heroes of the SIC campus, the staff and workers from all three colleges, without whom the cleanliness and security of the campus wouldn't be possible, who were honoured by the directors of all three colleges and Campus Admin Col. SK Mishra. The event concluded joyously with the directors distributing snacks to children, the future of this country.

The event perfectly blended pride, gratitude, and celebration, reinforcing the spirit of unity and freedom.

-By Shiv Pratap Singh

Beyond the Breach: Industry Insights into Modern Cybersecurity

The students of the SCIT 2025-27 batch were privileged to have the presence of such a remarkable personality as Dr. Niranjn P. Reddy, who delivered a guest lecture organised by the Guest Lecture Committee-ITBM. Being a CISO Certification holder, Cybersecurity Strategist, International Author, and GenAI Risk Advisor are just a few feathers in his crown of achievements.

The session began with the host introducing Dr. Reddy, followed by a welcoming gift presented by Professor Dr. Shaji Joseph. The central theme of the Guest Lecture was the importance of cyber forensics in today's modern landscape, where cybercrime is increasing daily alongside technological progress. He highlighted its importance through real-life case-based scenarios where he has dealt with such problems personally. He talked about the techniques and tools used for cyber forensics, the type of cybersecurity threats, and the significant challenges a person has to face working in this field. He delved deep into the importance of forensics in GRC and highlighted the strengthening of cyber resilience.

Dr. Reddy kept the session interactive by asking the students questions and answering their doubts and queries. He also talked about the emerging use of AI in cybersecurity and future trends in digital forensics, such as deepfake detection and cloud forensics. He encouraged and guided the students who wanted to take a step towards the field of cyber forensics by providing the knowledge, skills, and certifications one can acquire to enter this domain.

'Cybersecurity is not just a job, it's a mindset of curiosity, resilience, and lifelong learning.' With such powerful and motivating words, he ended the session, followed by the thunderous applause and a token of appreciation presented to him by Professor Dr. Shaji Joseph.

-By Shiv Pratap Singh



UNVEILING INSIGHTS

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Anil Shankar Jadhav (Professor)



Q: What's the funniest or most unexpected answer you've ever received from a student in class?

A: Once I asked students, 'Why do we need hypothesis testing?' and one of the students confidently replied, 'There is no need sir'. Just look at the numbers and draw the inference!

I had to smile — because yes, at first glance it sounds so simple. But that's exactly where statistics comes in. Numbers can be misleading. They may vary by chance, by sampling, or by error. Hypothesis testing gives us a scientific way to separate random noise from the real evidence.

So don't be fooled by numbers at face value. Data without context is like gossip — it sounds convincing, but it may not be true. Hypothesis testing is your reality check. It tells you whether your inference actually stands on solid ground or it is just a coincidence.

Q: What's the moment that first got you hooked on Data Science and Machine Learning?

A: The moment that first got me hooked on Data Science goes back to 2010, when I attended a 7-days Faculty Development Programme on statistical analysis using SPSS. The trainer had an incredible way of explaining concepts through real-life examples, and for the first time I felt statistics come alive. I really immersed myself in those seven days and to my surprise I did quite well.

At the end of the programme the trainer gave feedback to each participant. When my turn came, he looked at me and said, 'One day you will become a data miner.' Those words touched me deeply, they were motivating and they changed the direction of my career. From that point on, I never looked back. I kept learning: first statistical analysis, then data mining, then machine learning, and eventually deep learning. And the journey still continues. Honestly, I often feel the field is so vast and my knowledge is so small, but maybe that's the beauty of Data Science — it keeps you humble, curious, and always hungry to learn more.

You never know which moment will spark your passion. Pay attention, stay open, and when someone believes in you — believe them. Sometimes a single sentence can ignite a lifetime of learning.

Q: If you had to give today's students one piece of advice before they dive into the AI/analytics world, what would it be?

A: If I had to give today's students one piece of advice before diving into the AI and analytics world, it would be this: always start with three questions.

First — Do I really understand the problem, and why am I working on it? Too often, we jump straight into coding without knowing what we're solving. That's like buying medicine before knowing what illness you have.

Second — What tools and techniques should I use to solve this? Don't fall in love with just one algorithm. Try different approaches, experiment, and compare. Remember, the best model isn't always the fanciest one — sometimes linear regression quietly beats deep learning.

And finally, does my solution actually solve the problem? Step back, validate, and ask yourself: if someone uses my solution tomorrow, will it really help them? If the answer is no, then it's just an academic exercise, not analytics.

So be problem-solvers first, data scientists second. AI is powerful, but if you don't ask the right questions, even the smartest algorithm will give you the wrong answers.

Q: Many students struggle to connect theory with industry needs. What's one real-world problem you'd love to see solved with data science?

A: My honest answer is — it's not just one. Of course, there are big industry challenges: predicting diseases early, making supply chains more efficient, and reducing financial fraud. These are all important. But what I really want is for students to start thinking critically and applying data-driven decision-making in everyday life. Imagine using data to decide how to budget your monthly expenses, which skills to learn next, or even whether the 2-for-1 pizza deal is actually worth it. If you can bring analytical thinking into your small, daily choices, you'll naturally be ready to tackle the big industry problems.

Don't wait for a company project to practice data science. Your life already has enough datasets — your time, your money, your habits, even your Netflix history! Start experimenting there. If you can solve the problems around you with data, you'll be more than ready to solve the world's bigger challenges.

SENIOR SCOOP : TALES & TIPS

From Admission Committee



**Ananthakrishnan
Sreekanton**



**Harleen Kaur
Bains**

Q: One hidden talent you discovered in yourself while working in the committee?

A: Dancing! Committee parties gave me the confidence to explore this side of myself, and this year I was able to showcase it during the Ice-Breaking program. It's a talent I never thought I had, but one that truly energized me and helped me connect with people.

Q: A classroom moment that became a lifelong story.

A: For me, every classroom presentation has become a lifelong story. What once took me a week or more to prepare, I can now pull off overnight, or even impromptu. This transformation in my approach fascinates me, and I often share it with my family and friends as a reminder of how adaptability and confidence can be built over time.

Q: What's one hobby you refuse to give up, no matter how busy an MBA gets?

A: Watching movies. For me, films aren't just entertainment, they're a way of learning. I pay attention to cinematography, production design, storytelling, the creative choices behind them, etc. In fact, these observations directly helped me when I directed and edited the Life at SCIT 2025 video. It's a hobby that fuels both my creativity and perspective.

Q: What's one skill your committee role has helped you sharpen the most?

A: If I had to pick one skill this committee role has really helped me sharpen, it would be managing people and time together. Balancing tasks, coordinating with different people, and still making sure deadlines are met has been a big learning experience for me, and it's something I've genuinely grown at.

Q: What's your favourite spot on campus to chill or study?

A: The hostel corridors, hands down. My friends and I love hanging out there... It's breezy, has a great view, and it's also where I usually do my early morning revisions, especially before exams.

Q: What's the most adventurous thing you've done in Pune so far?

A: Honestly, just moving from Bangalore to Pune has been an adventure in itself. I haven't really explored the city fully yet, but even figuring out a new place, settling in, and getting used to everything has felt like an adventure in its own way.

From Placement Advisory Committee



Mohini Saruk



Arya Mahashabde

Q: What's a challenge your committee faced that taught you a big lesson?

A: Dealing with difficult recruiters during placements was no less than a crash course in patience. Each had different expectations, and I had to learn to adjust my approach without losing calm. It reminded me of a simple truth - sometimes how you handle people matters as much as what you deliver, that lesson has stayed with me. We not only managed the situation smoothly but also discovered the power of handling people, not just processes.

Q: Which professor's one-liner still echoes in your head?

A: Mugdha ma'am's one-liner, 'I'll teach you ABC and give you XYZ in the exam,' still rings in my head. It perfectly reflects life, you never know what's coming, so you must always be prepared for the unexpected.

Q: What's the strangest but smartest hack you've used to save time?

A: Honestly, I don't believe there's a real hack to achieve anything. Life isn't like cybersecurity where you can hack your way to success. For studies or committee work, the only thing that worked for me was consistent effort and smart planning. If there's any 'hack,' it's simply showing up every day and putting in the work.

Q: What's the best advice you got from a senior during your committee journey?

A: "To make your batch a perfect batch, you have to be the most perfect one first." These lines by all my SPLCs have changed my ways of life for good in terms of conduct, punctuality, self-discipline and much beyond.

Q: What's the most heartwarming or unexpected thing that happened to you during college?

A: I wouldn't call it unexpected exactly, but the feeling that we got after achieving 100% internships for our batch was the most heartwarming moment of my life at SCIT. It felt like the hard work that we'd put in day and night had paid off well.

Q: Which everyday practice helps you balance academics, committee work, and personal life?

A: Won't recommend this, but acceptably cutting down on some extra rest has helped me to balance my academics, PLC, as well as personal life. It seemed tough at first, but all of it was important for me to learn and grow as a person.

From Academic Committee



**Shivani
Doiphode**



**Bhushan
Pradhan**

Q: What's one "committee myth" that's totally different once you're inside?

A: Only extroverts make good leaders. While confidence and mental focus are essential qualities in an effective leader, having an outgoing personality is not. Being an introvert can present itself in many different ways and isn't necessarily detrimental to an individual's ability to lead a team or company. As long as the individual possesses solid skills in planning, organizing, and communicating, they have the basic qualities to be an effective leader.

Q: What's the one SCIT ritual that always makes you smile?

A: Customary Ritual: The Mighty Nap

Rules: Collapse post-class, revive post-midnight.

Q: Which place in Pune has become your squad's hangout spot, and for what reason?

A: There are no "squad hangout spots" in a B-school. Only that one hostel room jaha saari mehfile lagti hai. These walls have held more laughter, sorrows, and dreams than anyone else ever will.

Q: Which one skill you didn't expect but actually learned through committee work?

A: At first, I thought being in the Academic Committee meant just dealing with academics and studies. But over time, I realized it's much more; it's about being there for students, listening to them, and using the network we build to actually help them out. That's where I really learned the value of empathy and leadership.

Q: What's one thing about SCIT that outsiders will never understand until they live it?

A: An MBA at SCIT is not just about IT and management; it goes far beyond that. The journey here is never a solo one; you grow with diverse peers, face hurdles while working with authorities, faculty, and students, and realize that pure intentions can keep stress at bay. What makes it truly special is the sense of belonging; we are more than just a batch, we are a family, and that's something only those who live the SCIT experience can truly understand.

Q: What's your funniest or most embarrassing moment in college you're willing to admit?

A: In one of the online sessions, I was literally dozing off with my eyes struggling to stay open. Of course, a friend recorded the whole thing and shared it around, and that's how I became the unofficial meme of the class.

From Web & Media Committee



**Abhijeet
Mahesh
Koltharkar**

Q: What's one memory from your committee journey that you'll carry forever?

A: My entire journey in the Web and Media committee is a core memory for me in SCIT. I always love trying out new things in life, and social media was something I never worked on before SCIT. I joined the committee as a blogger and web developer. Not an expert at either. When our seniors rolled out interest forms for interim SPOCs, I was really hesitant to fill them out and was not ready to even give it a try, because I always had the complex of someone not being familiar with social media could not lead the Web and Media Committee. From being hesitant to even try to actually become the SPOC, I have learned an important lesson. So in the future, if I am ever discouraged from trying, I will look back on this journey and motivate myself.

Q: What's one MBA hack you wish you knew in the first semester?

A: Never start your assignment early. There will always be someone who will come up with some new way (calling it the Professor way) of doing it and will make you regret your life decisions. So wait, let others do it, and then ask them how to do it.

Q: What's the most unexpected or random talent you've discovered in yourself here?

A: It has to be dancing. Ice Breaking 3.0 was a perfect moment for me to discover it. I had tried dancing before as well in some family functions, but it was not that good. But here, with the pressure of being in an MBA and performing in front of juniors, was something that brought the best performance.



**Yuktha
Mohan**

Q: A moment when you felt, "Yep, this is why I joined this committee."

A: We had the opportunity to cover the Global Debate on FinTech & AI event conducted at SIU, where our Web and Media Committee was the only student committee to cover the entire event live. Being recognized by the top management, including the Vice-Chancellor and Directors, was a proud moment for us as we represented SCIT and our committee.

Q: What's your favorite way to celebrate the end of exams?

A: After exams, my friends and I head to our favorite food spot. Damage control = food therapy!!

Q: If you could go back to your first day at SCIT, what's one thing you'd tell yourself?

A: I would tell myself that it's okay to feel tense, overwhelmed, or even frustrated. It's okay to not be okay. In the end, everything will fall into place at the right time.

From Alumni Relation Committee



**Suhani
Singh**

Q: Which committee task turned out to be way more fun than you expected?

A: The Silver Jubilee Celebration. From sleepless nights to the final day, the journey was nothing short of a triumph. Every challenge, every creative effort, every moment built up to a day that felt like pure victory. Nothing else will ever quite compare.

Q: If you had to describe your MBA journey in three words, what would they be?

A: Information - Action Ratio

Q: What's your go-to way to unwind when MBA life gets hectic?

A: At the end of a long day, a warm bowl of Shin Ramen with Lana Del Rey in the background is my go to. Absolute Win.



**Prashant
Kumar
Srivastava**

Q: One task that looked boring on paper but became a memory you'll never forget in the committee?

A: When we joined the committee, our first task was hosting SCIT's 25th Anniversary — nothing like what we'd imagined. We juggled creatives, décor, logistics, invites, and alumni coordination all at once. On paper, meeting alumni felt like it would be a formal 'Yes Sir, Yes Ma'am' affair. But when we actually met them, we realised they were just like us — simply excited to relive their student days and cherish old memories at their alma mater.

Q: What would be your dream alumni event to attend after a few years?

A: The Alumni Committee hosted SCIT's Silver Jubilee last year, and it would be a dream to return for the Golden Jubilee. Standing as an alumnus on the other side of the table would be a once-in-a-lifetime feeling. Seeing the Alumni Relations Committee thrive and giving back to the college would be a proud moment to carry for years.

Q: If someone wrote a book about your SCIT life, what would its title be and why?

A: The book would be titled 'A Beautiful Reason to Lie' because pursuing an MBA after two years in corporate was a leap of faith. Though sceptical about fitting in, I found people who understood me and helped me break out of my shell. They became part of memories I'll always cherish, and SCIT's lessons will remain lifelong learning

From ISR Committee



**Abhilash
Rai**

Q: What's the most fun or unforgettable moment you've had in your committee journey?

A: Two memories from my committee journey will always stay with me. The first was our tree plantation drive in junior year. The bus ride itself was a party—we danced, laughed, and bonded with seniors before trekking up the hills together to plant trees. That day turned us from just a committee into a real team. The second was when I became SPOC and hosted a committee party. It turned into the best ice-breaker ever, letting me connect with juniors beyond formal committee work. It made me realize committees are not just about their purpose but also about friendships, fun, and making memories.

Q: What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you in class?

A: One of the funniest classroom moments happened when two friends started arguing over something silly right in front of our professor, while another friend secretly recorded it on Snapchat. The video still cracks us up, and it still embarrasses the two "stars" of the argument whenever we play it back!

Q: What's your go-to comfort food after a long day?

A: My ultimate comfort food will always be my mom's dosa. On campus, though, my go-to meal at Mahi Dhaba is bhindi fry, dal, rice, and chapati. And when in doubt, a hearty biryani with raita never fails to lift my spirits.



**Vrushali
Jadhav**

Q: What's the most underrated perk of being part of a committee?

A: The chance to see your ideas actually turn into action. In class, we learn frameworks and strategies, but in committees, you get to experiment in real time. That hands-on learning (and the confidence it builds) is something people often overlook. It's the closest you get to project management with live stakeholders.

Q: What's your go-to comfort spot on campus when you need a break?

A: The library corners, not because I'm always studying there, but because it's one of the calmest places on campus. Just sitting quietly among the shelves, away from the buzz, gives me a breather. It feels like my personal downtime investment with the highest ROI.

Q: What's your most "MBA-student" habit that your friends tease you for?

A: Carrying Excel sheets into almost everything. From trip planning to party budgets, I somehow end up making a structured sheet out of it. My friends joke that I can't plan a weekend without a pivot table. At this point, I think in rows and columns more than sentences.

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