

ATHARVA



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The month of August was filled with a lot of enthusiasm and activities. The much-awaited 'Independence Cup 2019' was hosted and teams turned up with great zeal. The ISR committee also initiated a collection drive for Maharashtra Flood relief.

Independence Day was celebrated and witnessed students turning up in numbers to show their love for the country. SCIT's own band performed on the occasion with some great patriotic songs. SCIT turned 20 years old this August and what better way to celebrate it than with the Alumni and students of SCIT. The "Foundation Day and Grand Alumni Meet 2019" included performances by Symbeats, Eklavya and Konnect.

A Self-Defence Workshop was organized students learned some handy self-defence techniques. Next in line was the 'Go Green Ganesha workshop' where students were encouraged to create their own idol of Lord Ganesha using clay, thus making it sustainable. A Guest lecture was organized by a professional from Cummins which provided students an insight into Diversity and Inclusion.

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InnovInk Innovation Awards

Divya Pichumani



InnovInk Innovation Awards competition was held on 2nd August 2019 at SIC auditorium. The students from the batch of 2019-2021 gathered to attend the ceremony while the students from batch of 2018-2020 presented their innovative ideas to the panel of judges.



InnovInk Foundation is a 'Not for Profit' Initiative to promote Innovation & Entrepreneurship amongst SCIT students. It focuses on accelerating innovation to build a sustainable future. InnovInk Foundation was formed by alumni of SCIT.

Five students Raghavendra Jana, Yogesh Swami, Roopali Thapar, Yuvraj Sawant, Ankit Bhatnagar set up this incubation cube to current and future students to become entrepreneurs and business leaders. InnovInk Innovation Awards is an annual competition honouring excellence in innovation. Seven teams consisting of 4-6 students from batch of 2018-2020 presented their ideas. InnovInk was started with a motive to give back to SCIT by enhancing current and future students to develop leadership and go-to-market skills. It was also initiated to stimulate innovative thinking and to seed entrepreneurship skills among the students. The second edition of InnovInk Innovation Awards was attended by Mr. Raghavendra Jana, Founder and Mr. Yogesh Swami, Co-Founder of InnovInk.

IN CAMPUS

ALLUMNI MEET 2019

Divya Pichumani



August 3rd, 2019 was a special day for the entire SCIT family. Dr. S B Mujumdar, Chancellor and Founder of SCIT, Professor Shaila Kagal, former Director of SCIT, Mr. Arun Melkote, Vice President of Wipro Technologies, alumni, faculty and students had all come together to the SIC Auditorium to celebrate the Foundation Day and 20th Grand Alumni Meet.

The official trailer of Foundation Day and Grand Alumni Meet 2019 was played soon

after the speeches by the various dignitaries. The video captured various moments from 1999 to 2019 and stood as a testimony to how much the institute has developed since its inception in 1999. The celebrations continued post lunch and began with a speech by Mr. Simerjeet Singh, a renowned motivational speaker.



He also went on to say that fresh actions will be the steering wheel behind achieving the same. He said that life is too short to make all mistakes ourselves and thus we all must make it a point to learn from those around us as well.

Symbeats, the dance club of SCIT captivated the audience with their powerful performances. Eklavya, the theatre club took to the stage and enacted a skit on the Life at SCIT. They enacted experiences that every student goes through during their two years in the college. The final performance for the day was by Konnect – the official band of SCIT. The enthralling performance by the band gave a fitting ending to the Foundation Day and Grand Alumni Meet 2019.



SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Akash Sagar



It is rightly said "Self-Defence is not just a set of techniques; it's a state of mind, and it begins with the belief that you are worth defending", to this end self-defence session was organized on 14th of August in order to help the students understand the various nuances and techniques that will surely come to their aid if the situations calls for it.

The session served meant to educate students and prepare them physically and psychologically to protect themselves whenever they are caught up in a physical confrontation.

The session was conducted by the SCIT Institutional Social Responsibility Team (ISR) in collaboration with SIU and saw the active participation of 37 students. The session was conducted under the watchful eye of the trainers Sachin, Pooja and Tanya. The topic of instruction revolved around situational based methodological defence tactics, aside from the matter at hand, the instructors made sure to educate the students about the importance of warming up before



performing any physical activity and enumerated upon its numerous benefits.

The participants were taught that self-defence is not only preparing yourself for violent situations but it is a practice of meditating and learning about the correlation of the potential strength existing in our physical body and the strength of our inner mind. There was a significant focus on both the spiritual and physical relation of defence and what it truly meant to protect yourself. A major message the session drove home was the fact that people could be free and confident to engage with other individuals when they know the basic defence strategies.

The session sought to instil in students the values of hard-work, dedication and perseverance. All in all, the session will surely prove useful for all the attendees as they can certainly apply the skills they learned here any-where they go.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

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15th August, is a day that has many emotions attached to it. A day of pride for every one of us and our nation. The 73rd Independence Day, a significant day in our Indian history started off at SCIT with great enthusiasm and vigour. The director of SCIT, Dr. Dhanya Pramod, the director of SCMHRD, Dr. Pratima Sheorey and the director of SIIB, Dr. Asmita Chitnis and Lt. Col. Kadam were present on this momentous day.

After their introduction, they hoisted our Tri-Coloured flag which was followed by the National Anthem. Shortly after the dignitaries had taken their seats,



Dr. Dhanya mam was requested to deliver a speech where she talked about how sustainability can be increased by decreasing the pollution and also the issues that the youth needs to focus on. The speech given by Lt. Col. Kadam was brief where he stressed on the decisions taken by the nation's leaders and the importance of national security.

These marvelous speeches were followed by a token of appreciation that was given to the housekeeping staff, the security staff and then the mess staff. It wasn't only the grown-ups who were given gifts, even the little ones were handed gifts which included a flag and gifts. Just when it looked like the show was over, the SCIT band made their

The performance of the band infused patriotism in the audience. Finally, the event ended with the release of tri-coloured balloons by the three directors.



INDEPENDENCE CUP 2019

Akash Sagar



The Independence Cup is a sports tournament that is held in the first week of August and culminates on 15th August. Cricket, Basketball, Football and Volleyball are some of the primary attractions for which students come out and cheer for their classes in masses. Aside from this, there are other games too such as Chess and Table Tennis, this ensures that the mix is as vibrant as ever. It is truly a breath taking sight to behold, an entire class erupting with joy when their team makes a credible advance towards victory and nothing can truly compare to the elation that overcomes the field when a team wins.

Throughout the event, the matches are intense and the passion exhibited by the players are red hot, and the ever present chances of victory is one of the biggest sources of motivation that can ever exist, the way sports binds and holds the entire class together is spellbinding. This Cup also functions as a platform where interested players can come forward and showcase their sporting prowess and talent. It is in a manner of speaking, a proving ground for budding sportsmen and can even inspire those in the audience to actively take up a sport.



The opening and closing ceremonies feature performances by Symbeats, our resident dance crew who never fails to enthral and captivate us with their amazing choreography and synchronized dances. The grand event wraps up with an awards ceremony where all the winners of every event is felicitated with medals and consequently lift the trophies of their respective events.

The impact of The Independence Cup is profound and far reaching, may it continue to inspire and ignite the minds and hearts of countless individuals in the years to come.

IN CAMPUS

GO GREEN GANESHA WORKSHOP

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Today, we are in the age where going greener is appreciable for the health of our planet. Go Green Ganesha workshop was organized on 24th August 2019 at SIC to share the knowledge and art of moulding Lord Ganesha's idol in an eco-friendly manner.

The chief instructor was Mrs. Mrunalini Patil mam who guided students through the entire process of moulding the idol of Lord Ganesha.

The other instructors were Mrs. Deepti Ingle and Mr. Manish Morankar. Required materials for creating the mould were provided to the students.

The students were divided into groups to accomplish the task of moulding the idol. The instructor initially taught the entire process and later asked the students to go ahead with the same.

The students were provided sufficient time to go ahead with the entire moulding process for the idol. The process of creation of the idol was explained in detail with the required steps to the students by the chief instructor. For many students, this was probably the first time they tried to create an idol out of clay. However, the explanation provided by the chief instructor, would have definitely helped the students to go ahead with the task with a decent level of confidence.



On a concluding note, this session could prove quite helpful for a student. Since in this era, being eco-friendly deserves appreciation. The students acquired a new skill which they can utilize as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility or other social responsibilities in future. As the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi is coming up in the next few days, the students have an opportunity to share the knowledge they gained and ultimately play a small part for our country to go green as well as celebrate the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi in an eco-friendly way.

DSDA TEAM TRIP

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The Data Science and Data Analytics batch had an industrial visit scheduled for them on 31st August. This visit was held by Mr. Ashutosh Khandkar for the subject of Manufacturing & Logistics. After being well versed with the theory during the lectures, the students were asked to prepare a set of questions that they were supposed to ask the various Head of Departments in the companies.

The first industry experience of the students was at a manufacturing company named AGSA Springs located in Bhosari, M.I.D.C., in Pune. The batch was divided into four different groups.



Each group was assigned a Head of Department to guide and answer the questions related to their departments. The students got to know how the springs are formed and also got to know about the different types of springs.

The next manufacturing company that they visited was Bhide & Sons Pvt. Ltd which is also located in Bhosari, M.I.D.C, in Pune.

The students got to see how heavy machinery is used to produce pipes. IoT has been also implemented recently in this company. It is still in the nascent stage. Hence, it was only applied to very few machines.

Experiential learning is one of the keys to success for any student. This was a great experience for the Data Science and Data Analytics batch and they definitely enjoyed their trip and had an immersive learning experience.

GUEST LECTURES

CUMMINS

Simran Gupta



On 21st August 2019 a Guest Lecture was held by Mr. Sameer Samudra, currently working as Director, Customer Support Excellence at Cummins, India and has been working with Cummins for 19 years.

This guest lecture, unlike others, was special in its own way as Mr. Samudra described how Diversity and Inclusion is the pulse of any organization and also how it affects society. He also talked about authentic leadership.

He started and connected with the audience by opening up about his own struggles he had faced while coming out as gay and accepting himself as he is today and how it changed his life both at the professional and personal level. Diversity and Inclusion made it possible for people to feel included as a part of a bigger circle by creating various groups on demographic factors like different cultural groups, women help groups, daycare facilities, LGBT, etc.

He described how individuality and peace of mind affect our performance at the workplace and how productivity depends upon how we feel like an individual and consider ourselves important and a part of society. If only you feel confident about yourself then only you can give your 100% and how the company looks out for talent and hence, they focus on diversity and inclusion so they won't lose their valuable

employees. Around 15 years back, the women workforce in Cummins was 2% and it has reached 34% now. With this, he also discussed the role of Authentic Leadership in an organization and how the vision of leader differentiates him from being a manager and how his strong conviction and ability to motivate his team makes a difference.

He explained the practices they used to follow while working in Cummins and how it has a positive effect on their career and helps in removing various roadblocks and hurdles.

Apart from this he also talked about the difficulties LGBT group still faces regarding their acceptance in society as a normal citizen and fighting for the rights they are entitled to. He spoke at length about how visibility matters for the LGBT group and trans-genders and how we can help them get the respect they deserve. He also answered the questions from the audience. The session was eye-opening and wonderfully delivered.

SALESFORCE

Ashutosh Ghodasara



A Guest lecture held by Mr. Sudhanshu Jain, trainer and coach for Salesforce Admin, Salesforce development and Neuro-linguistic programming. It took place in the Assembly Hall on 26th August, 2019 and was attended by the batch of 2018-2020.

Mr. Sudhanshu gave a brief introduction to Salesforce which included topics like why Salesforce is used, why it is used, how easy it is to use Salesforce and also talked about the popularity of it.

He explained the intricacies of various technologies like cloud storage, Siebel, ServiceNow and Radian6 and how these can be used to enhance one's business. Cloud storage is an online storage where users/businesses can store their data and access it from anywhere and at any time. Siebel is a CRM (Customer Relationship Management) application that is used by companies having a huge customer base and who expect frequent interactions with them.



ServiceNow, is a company that provides service management SaaS (Software-as-a-Service). It specializes in IT services management (ITSM), IT operations management (ITOM) and IT business management (ITBM). Radian6 provides social media monitoring and analysis in an automated solution that tracks conversations across different online channels from social media to websites.

Mr. Sudhanshu then urged the students to utilize the plethora of tutorials available online and get to know more about Salesforce Essentials, Salesforce Developers and Dreamforce. Students were also recommended to go ahead with free online training sessions and also earn badges which would add more value to one's resume.

This session was interactive and the students realized the ease with which Salesforce can be learnt and used.

GUEST LECTURES

CARBON FOOTPRINTS “SAVE OUR MOTHER EARTH”

Shrutika Kulkarni



On 28th Aug 2019, a Guest Lecture was conducted on one of the most vital topics that is Climate change and Carbon Footprint. Dr. Priydarshini Karve, CEO of Samuchit Enviro-Tech. She has worked in Rural Technological Institute and helped rural people in cooking with equipment that reduced the pollution associated with wood fires. She has also won many national and international awards for her contribution to society. The most recent addition being, the World Tech Award.

Dr. Priydarshini Karve started the lecture with a wonderful introduction about how our climate is being affected by green-house gases. She explained certain key concepts of Green House gases and their effect on climate change. She detailed how carbon dioxide builds up and has a negative impact on our environment. She stressed on the need to understand the nuts and bolts of the problem as to why carbon dioxide is building up. Dr. Priydarshini Karve helped us to realize that impact climate change is a major global threat to human civilization. nuts and bolts of the problem as to why carbon dioxide is building up. Dr. Priydarshini Karve helped us to realize that impact climate change is a major global threat to human civilization.

She also explained how nations worldwide are trying to achieve environmental stabilization. She illustrated examples of the Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement. The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which commits its Parties by setting internationally binding emission reduction targets. The main aim is to achieve the "stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent any kind of interference with the climate system. She also explained the impacts of climate change.



She provided highlights of the nations who have a high percentage share of contribution to the greenhouse effect. So, to reduce this Dr. Priydarshini Karve stressed on the concept of Carbon Footprint management and went on to explain how carbon footprint can be estimated and how can we use this concept to reduce our contribution to combat global warming. She emphasized on the fact that this is only possible when people of our planet come forward and contribute for our environment.



She also shared her personal experiences and explained how important it is to educate people about this. The fact which was emphasized was that sustainable development is important and the need of the hour is to prevent the misuse of resources and instead use them judiciously as Mother Earth cannot sustain this rapid utilization rate of resources for the long term. At the end of the session she addressed questions of the crowd with respect to climate change and carbon footprints.

FACULTY BLOG

IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING FINANCE

Dr. Mugdha Kulkarni



How learning finance is beneficial to the students of SCIT as you all may not deal with it directly. Finance is useful to everyone in every walk of life.

It helps you to keep a check on your daily transactions and spending pattern. If you plan to start something on your own even then you need to keep a track of your revenue and expenses and predict as to when you could achieve a break even. Based on it you can decide whether to continue with your business or not. Finance is important to an organisation as the firm has to know how viable it is and balance profit with costs.

There are reasons behind me pursuing higher studies in this stream. My dad is an economics professor and so I have been in touch with things related to finance right from my childhood. May be that is something that grabbed my interest. And then who better than the lady of the house to manage the monthly expenses in the most efficient manner. I worked as Tax Consultant with

H&R Block in California and Minnesota. There are basic differences between tax structure of US & India. The tax implications in India depend on the residential status of the individual tax assessee. In USA, the basis of differentiation between taxpayer is marital status. In USA, joint filing is allowed. There are lot of other benefits like dependent benefit which we cannot afford to implement in India. The citizens and resident of USA are taxed on their worldwide income. The introduction of GST in our country will play a positive role in our country's development and will not affect our tax system.

Especially if the GST input tax credit system works out. One will only have to pay the tax for the margin charged by him. Also, the return filing pattern is expected to push the people to pay their taxes on time and bring transparency to the system. Another buzz in the economy is the demonetization. Recently there was news that 99% of the demonetized currency has returned. This shows that there were loop holes in land trading, investments made in NBFC's etc which people have actually exploited to convert their black money into white.

Earlier an entire day was spent for railway budget which would not be there now and

budget which would not be there now and that could be a concern. The railways were paying a dividend to the government for getting gross budgetary support which will now be done away with, saving a huge amount of its financial resources. There are some basics that youngsters should keep in mind when they start earning & making investments because investing can seem intimidating, while making investments we should be well aware of the terms and conditions. Note down your monthly spending as per your ease of usage: Excel sheet, simple diary, mobile app, or desktop. Diversify investment in short term, medium term and long term. Invest in right and appropriate instrument.

One can also invest in fixed deposits if one is sceptical about investing in the stock markets or mutual funds. There could be investments made in Public Provident Fund, Pension Schemes etc. Pension Schemes are a good option for people like working in the IT Sector. The thumb rule to be followed for investments should be "Make Equity Investments equal to 100 - Age", and this is what most people miss out on. Consider the goal tenure, returns, taxation and liquidity before investing hard earned money.

STAR ALUMNI

SACHIDANAND BHAT

Shyam C Gawade



Star Alumni of September 2019 is Sachidanand Bhat. He is Co-Founder and currently Chief Marketing Officer at CodeLand Info Solutions Pvt Ltd. He has been working with CodeLand Info Solutions for the past seven years.

He was an intern in Ernst & Young IT advisory wing from April 2011 to July 2011. He completed his MBA from SCIT in 2012. He did his B.Tech in Mining Engineering from National Institute of Technology, Karnataka

At present, he is working on two distinct projects, Literated.com and Fleet Management System for enterprises. He has wide industry knowledge in various fields like Business Strategy, Start-ups, Business

Intelligence, Marketing Strategy and a lot more. Mr. Sachidanand has dynamic interests in various fields, pushes us to a new spirited level of learning. SCIT is vastly proud to call him the Star Alumni of the month.

TEAM WEB AND MEDIA

FACULTY MEMBERS



Prof. Dr. Brijesh S. P.



Prof. Vijayvati Ramteke

STUDENT MEMBERS

