

A Monthly Newsletter of SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, Cochin, India.

## STEP UP AND LEAD THE ACTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

**S**tep up and take the lead in promoting environmental stewardship. Each day presents an opportunity to make a positive impact on our planet, and your actions play a crucial role in shaping the future. Your choices can either harm or heal the delicate balance of our ecosystem. The ultimate goal is to establish a more sustainable and resilient economic system by reducing waste and maximizing resource efficiency. The theory of environmental stewardship emphasizes the importance of treating nature with reverence and care, recognizing its intrinsic value and sacredness. It challenges us to preserve nature, using it only for essential needs rather than exploiting it for personal gain. Practical steps towards environmental stewardship include creating protected areas, replanting trees, limiting harvests, reducing harmful activities and pollution, establishing community

gardens, restoring degraded areas, and opting for more sustainable products. During the conclusion of COP28 in Dubai on December 13, 2023, UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell underscored the urgent need to triple renewable power capacity and double energy efficiency improvements. These measures are crucial for reducing methane emissions and facilitating a just transition away from fossil fuels, aligning with the Global Goal of Adaptation to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. As you progress in your career, success should not be solely measured by personal achievements but also by your dedication to environmental justice and embracing a net-zero lifestyle. Be mindful of the impact of your choices and strive to make a positive difference. You have the power to drive change, innovate, and lead the way towards a regenerative future

that is vibrant, resilient, and abundant with life. Leverage eco-friendly technologies and sustainable practices to leave a lasting legacy that can make the planet proud. Take action, make a difference, and inspire others to join you in creating a world that will thrive with more and more generations to come.



**Dr. G.P.C. Nayar**  
Founder & Chairman, SCMS Group of Educational Institutions



## SCMS GROUP OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### Revisiting Mission and Vision of SCMS Group of Institutions



Seated Front Row: Group Directors, Vice-Chairman Prof. P. Thevannoor, Dr. N. Jayshankaran (centre) and Dr. Suresh Mony (to his left) with SCMS faculty team.

As SCMS Group of Educational Institutions approaches its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the institution is embarking on a significant milestone by revisiting and revitalizing its Mission and Vision statements. In preparation for this transformative step, SCMS has hosted a series of workshops over the past two months, featuring renowned leaders in education. The workshops were led by Dr. Suresh Mony, a distinguished Leadership Coach and Advisor to Higher Education Institutions, and Dr. N. Jayshankaran, the former Vice Chancellor of Kanchi University and Advisor to various universities. Their expertise provided invaluable insights and guidance in shaping the future direction of the institution. The process involved four-day deliberations, where the Heads of SCMS Group of Institutions, along with faculty, staff, and alumni, engaged in comprehensive discussions and brainstorming sessions. These deliberations were crucial in ensuring that the updated Mission and Vision statements align with SCMS's commitment to excellence in education and its role in developing socially responsible leaders.



## SCMS Group to Join Hands with QMARK Technolabs Pvt. Ltd: MoU Inked for LAUNCH - Incubation Centre



An MoU was formally executed between QMARK Technolabs Pvt. Ltd. and Incubation Centre, SCMS Group LAUNCH - The Incubation centre on July 24, 2024. The MOU was signed by Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor and Mr. Sachin S Nair, Managing Director, QMARK Technolabs Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Sachin S. Nair is an alumnus of SCMS' MBA Programme.

## Our Hands for Wayanad



In support of 'Let's Join Our hands for Wayanad' initiative, NSS units offered their services toward relief operations for the victims of the landslide disaster at Wayanad. Relief materials such as clothes, medicines, packed foods and drinking water were collected. The items were handed over to the authorities on July 3, 2024.

## Paper Publications

- Ms Jisha Liju Daniel published a paper titled 'A Study of Machine Learning Models for Credit Card Fraud Detection' in 'Journal of Basic Science and Engineering' indexed by Scopus.
- Ms Sudha D. published a paper titled 'Securing Social Media Communications: a deep dive into Mtproto, signal protocol, Osth, Aes-Gcm, and Proteus' in 'Journal of Basic Science and Engineering' indexed by Scopus.

## Inauguration



The new Batch 11 of IMCA and the new Batch 5 of BCA were inaugurated by Mr. Sanoop M.S. alumnus of MCA Batch 5, in the SCMS Seminar Hall on July 23, 2024. He is working as Accounts Manager in Vofox Solutions Pvt Ltd.



Inauguration of MCA Batch 20 was held at SCMS Seminar Hall on August 21, 2024. Dr. G.Sashi Kumar, Principal presided over the meeting, Dr.Indu Nair, Group Director delivered the inaugural address. Dr. J.M.Lakshmi Mahesh, Vice - Principal, and Dr. Smitha Hari Kumar HOD, CA Department attended the programme

## Alumni Talk

Mr Abhishek of BCA Batch 1, now working as Cybersecurity SOC Analyst with Wipro, interacted with the students of BCA Batch 4 and 5, on August 6, about his journey from 'Classroom to Industry'.



## NSS Programme Officers' Camp

A three-day residential camp was hosted for the NSS Programme officers at the SCMS Campus from July 18 to 20, 2024. There were 75 participants for the programme from various NSS Units of the affiliated under MG University. Resource persons from National Service Scheme Cell, Mahatma Gandhi University, coordinated the programme.

## Class Commencement of FYUGP



The commencement ceremony of the Four Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP) B. Com course was held on July 24, 2024 at SCMS Seminar Hall. The best final year (2021-24) project awards were handed over to students during this programme.

## Workshop on 'Product Development & Patent Filing'

The IEDC and IPR Cell- SSTM organised a one-day workshop on 'Product development & Patent filing' in association with the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), on July 30, 2024. Dr. Binuja Thomas, Principal Scientist, KSCSTE, Mr. C. R Rakesh, Patent Consultant, Daimler India C.V., and Adv. Febin James, Trademark Agent & Partner, Legalities IP Services were the resource persons. Dr. Baiju Radhakrishnan, Group Director, SCMS, Dr. G. Sashi Kumar, Principal, SSTM, and Dr. Sethulekshmi Nair C., Dy. Director, SIBBR&D addressed the participants in the inaugural function.

## MuLearn

A session on 'Introduction to MuLearn - Culture of mutual learning through peer micro-groups' was handled by Akash A., Operations Intern Gtech- Mulearn, on August 19, 2024 for students of CA Department.



## ABC Club Activity

IMCA Batch 8 Semester 7 students conducted 'Euphoria' on August 6. Rolling trophy for the Best Performer was presented to BCA Batch 4 students. Instagram Page for ABC club activity (scms\_abclub) was announced during the event.



## Kargil Vijay Diwas



As part of Kargil Vijay Diwas, an exhibition showcasing the life history of Kargil martyrs was held at the SCMS Pandal. The exhibition had 200 participants.



# SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

## International Conference (IC3SIS)



*Dr. Deepak Padmanabhan from Queen's University Belfast.*

The third International Conference on Computing, Communication, Security & Intelligent Systems (IC3SIS) was held on July 11 and 12, 2024. It was organised by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the Department of Artificial Intelligence & Data Science at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology. Dr. Manish T. I., HOD, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, welcomed the guests, Dr. Anitha G. Pillai, Principal, SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, delivered the presidential address and Dr. Arshey M., the organising chair, provided an overview of IC3SIS'24. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Deepak

## Cookery Club Activities

The Cookery Club of SSTM College organised an event on July 29, 2024, showcasing the club's culinary prowess. Members of the club prepared the traditional 'Sambar', in the canteen, under the direction of Mr. Arunkumar M. The club members demonstrated teamwork, coordination, and time management skills in organising the event.

In association with the National Service Scheme the club prepared 'Karkidaka Kanji', a medicinal porridge, and distributed it to the teachers and students of SSTM on July 29, 2024 at SCMS Atrium. The event emphasised the importance of this traditional food during the Karkidaka month and the significance of millets in the diet.

On August 8, 2024, the cookery club prepared 'Kalan', at the SCMS canteen. A traditional Kerala dish featuring raw banana and yam in yogurt curry, the participants enjoyed the flavors of the dish and learned the importance of balancing spices and yogurt in this classic recipe.



## Freshers' Day

The Freshers' Day for the students of IMCA & BCA Semester 1 was held on August 7 in the Seminar Hall at the SCMS Campus. Faculty and students attended the programme.



Padmanabhan from Queen's University Belfast. The ceremony also featured the release of the Book of Abstracts.

## Seminar: Higher Education

The Department of Basic Science and Humanities hosted a talk on Higher Education by Dr. Jayan Thomas, Fulbright Specialist and Professor at the University of Central Florida, USA on July 11, 2024. The event was attended by students from SSET and a few from the alumni. Mr. Akhil Baby and Ms. Sophia Cleetus, Assistant Professors from the Department of Basic Science and Humanities coordinated the event.

## Interactive Session

Prof. Jayan Thomas delivered a talk on the topic 'Research Methodology' to faculty members of SSET and SSA on July 30, 2024. The talk highlighted the norms in research writing and strategies to facilitate international funding and other collaborations. This was followed by a Q&A session.

## Outreach Programme

As part of student outreach programme, Professor Dr. Jayan Thomas, took a class on

'Nano Genius: Sparking Young Minds with Tiny Technology', for Higher Secondary students of NSS HSS Parakkadavu on July 12, 2024. Students were introduced to the growth of nanoscience and the current developments in the field. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Nithya Mohan, Associate Professor, Department of Basic Science and Humanities.

## Staff Achievements

- **Dr. Varun G. Menon, Professor and Deputy Dean of Research and Development** published an article titled, "A Federated Generative Adversarial Network with SSIM-PSNR Based Weight Aggregation for Consumer Electronics Waste," in IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics.
- **Ms. Remya Y.K. Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering** was selected for iRAP International Women in Engineering Day Grant 2024 on August 2, 2024.
- **Dr. Deepa K., Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering** served as Resource Person for online FDP conducted by Maha Guru Institute of Science and Technology on the topic "Demystifying Deep Learning" on July 16, 2024.

• **Ms. Rosebell Paul, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering** published an IEEE paper titled 'A Real Time Prediction Model for Round Winners of Counter Strike: Global Offensive.' in 2024 at the International Conference on Sentiment Analysis and Deep Learning (ICSADL) IN July, 2024.

• **Ms. Sruthy K. Joseph, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering** published a paper titled 'Comprehensive Sentiment and Fake Comment Analysis' in the national journal 'Journal of Artificial Neural Networks and Learning System' in July, 2024.

• **Dr. Nithya Mohan, Associate Professor of the Department of Basic Science and Humanities** published a paper entitled 'Pyrazolyl-derived zinc(II) and cadmium(II) complexes: Synthesis, spectral characterization, single crystal insights, Hirshfeld surface analysis, and in silico DNA interaction studies' in Inorganic Chemistry Communication, Elsevier on July 17, 2024. She

also received KTU SEED money for the project titled 'AIE' Active Mixed Ligand Coordination Complexes Based Luminescent Sensors for Explosives Detection.

## Placement Activities

Niyati Training Solutions, Chennai conducted a soft skill training programme for B. Tech Batch 2022-26 (all branches) from July 22 to 26, 2024 and for B. Tech Batch 2023-27 (all branches) on July 29, 2024.

An on-campus recruitment drive by **Allianz Group** was conducted at SCMS, Muttom campus on August 3, 2024. Undergraduate Students from the SCMS Group of Institutions and from Ernakulam District participated in the drive.



Pre-placement talk by Allianz Services Ltd officials

A Pre-placement training was conducted on August 8, 2024 for B. Tech Batch 2021-25 by the team from **Konfidence**.

The companies that approached to recruit students of Batch 2020-24 are **Zydex Group, Ethnus, Allianz Services Ltd**.

The companies that approached to recruit students of Batch 2021-25 are **Ey Gds**.

Three students from the B.Tech Computer Science and Engineering Batch 2020-24 have received offers from **QuanHack, Confianz Global** and from **Accenture**, and a student from B.Tech Mechanical Engineering Batch 2020-24 received an offer from **Ashok Leyland**. Nineteen students from B. Tech (fourteen from Computer Science, two from Electrical and Electronics, two from Electronics and Communication, and one from Mechanical Engineering branches) Batch 2020-24 and one from MCA Batch 2022-24 received offers from **TCS**. One MCA student Batch 2022-24 received an offer from **Microsoft Dynamics 365**.



## SCMS COCHIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### United for Wayanad



The PGDM faculty members and students of Batch 33 took part in the Wayanad Relief Material collection organised by the SCMS Group of Educational Institutions. The students Niranjana Raj, Krishnanand, Jake, and Govardhan coordinated the drive. The batch raised ₹10,200, to purchase essential items and also made a donation. The materials collected by them were taken to TDM Hall in Ernakulam, where they partnered with Mathrubhumi Daily and Karayogam to transport the materials to the affected areas in Wayanad.

### BSMART Case Study Challenge

Amal U. Nair, a student from PGDM Batch 32

at SCMS Cochin School of Business secured the first prize in the prestigious BSMART Case Study Challenge. The competition, based on the L&T case study titled 'Talent Strategies vs. Placement Blues,' attracted 434 entries from top 71 B-schools in India. Amal's achievement is a matter of great pride for SCMS.



### KMA INSPIRE Talk Series

The students of PGDM Batch 33 participated in the KMA Inspire Series on July 26, 2024, at Management House, Panampilly Nagar. The event featured distinguished speakers, including Mr. Sushant Kurunthil, CEO, Infoparks Kerala, Mr. P.J. Kunjachan, Managing Director, Arjuna Natural Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Razin Rahman, Managing Director, Suracsh Filters Pvt. Ltd.

### Strategy On Global Markets

On August 13, 2024, SCMS Cochin School of Business hosted an enlightening session on 'Yen Carry Trade and the Stock Market Crash,' led

by Mr. Shemeem S, CEO, Qartelz India Private Limited (QIPL). The event provided an in-depth exploration of the Yen Carry Trade strategy, where investors borrow Yen at low-interest rates to invest in higher-yielding assets, and its potential to trigger significant global economic shifts, including stock market crashes.



### PGDM Batch 33 explores Kochi

The 'Explore Kochi' activity organised by SCMS Cochin School of Business offered students an immersive learning experience by exploring the city's cultural and historical landmarks. Students visited, among other sites, the Hill Palace Museum, Aspinwall House, Santa Cruz Basilica, and Jew Town. They were assigned tasks to evaluate visitor experiences, conduct surveys, and document the spice trade process. This allowed them to align classroom learning with real-world applications.



## Personality Development Programme



The Personality Development Programme (PDP) for the students of PGDM Batch 33 was held from August 6 to August 16, 2024. This intensive programme aims to enhance students' personal and professional skills, and prepare them for the dynamic demands of the corporate world. The sessions were conducted by corporate trainers, Mr. Manish Upadhyay (PGDM Alumnus) and Mr. Visshesh Prasad.

## SCMS Alumni Meet: Hyderabad Chapter



The SCMS Alumni Association proudly hosted the Hyderabad Chapter of the SCMS Alumni Meet on August 10, 2024, at Ibis Hyderabad Hitech City. The evening filled with nostalgia, networking, and the warmth of rekindled friendships brought together a lively and diverse group of SCMS graduates together. Following a warm welcome, the alumni were encouraged to share their professional journeys and the lasting impact that SCMS had on their careers.

## Faculty Achievements

**Dr. Krishnabhaskar Mangalasserri, Professor, Department of Marketing, PGDM** conducted a two-day induction programme for the MBA Batch at Conspi Academy of Management Studies on July 25 and 26; a one-day leadership and team-building programme for the Life Batch of 2024 at GIIMS Kochi on August 3, and a one-day orientation session on Industry Expectations from MBAs at Marthoma College of Management (MACAT), Perumbavoor on August 7. He led a one-day workshop on management specializations, with a focus on marketing, for senior MBA students at MES Marampally MBA Department on August 8, 2024.

**Dr. Bhagyalekshmi P. C., Associate Professor & HOD, Department of**

**Marketing, and Dr. M. Sulaipher, Associate Professor & HOD, Department of Analytics** have co-authored the article titled "Developing a talent retention model for banks – comparative study of public and private banks in India," published in Vol 13 Issue 6 of the Business and Economics Research Journal, an ABDC "C" category journal.

**Dr. M. Sulaipher, Associate Professor & HOD, Department of Analytics** served as a resource person for a two-day workshop on 'Personality Development' hosted by Conspi Academy of Management Studies in Thiruvananthapuram from July 29-30, 2024.

**Mr. George Joseph Kalayil, Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing** participated in a three-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Case Teaching and Writing, organized by SKF and AIMS, from July 18 to 20, 2024.

**Dr. Lishin M. J., Associate Professor & HOD of the HR Department** published an article titled 'Interplay of Paradoxical Virtual Leadership and Psychological Contract Violation – Impact on Organizational Citizenship Behavior' in the Leadership & Organization Development Journal, an ABDC and SCOPUS Q1 indexed journal (ISSN: 0143-7739).

**Ms. Merlin Mathew, Assistant Professor in the Department of Marketing, PGDM** attended a three-day FDP on Case Study Teaching Methods from July 18-20, 2024, organised by Supreme Knowledge Foundation in association with AIMS. She joined a webinar on 'Development of Simulation Game, Project PAL, using the SECI Model and Collaborative Learning Methods,' conducted by Dr. Nanako Iwasa on July 26, 2024. She participated in a 10 - day FDP on Emerging Technologies organised by RV Institute of Management from July 22 to 26 and August 5 to 9, 2024.

**Ms. Swathy Prasad, Assistant Professor in the Department of Analytics** completed a workshop on ChatGPT and AI Hacks with MS Office, conducted by Skill Nation on August 8, 2024.

**Dr. Devika S, Assistant Professor in the Department of General Management** served as a resource person for a one-day national-level workshop organised by

## Recognition

• Dr. Radha Thevannoor, Group Director and Registrar of SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, has been nominated as a committee member for the 2024-25 term by the Kerala Management Association.

• Dr. Radha Thevannoor, has successfully met the criteria for conducting peer reviews of ACBSP business

programmes worldwide, by completing the ACBSP Evaluator Training, as certified by ACBSP.



the PG and Research Department of English at Bharathidasan College of Arts and Science. The workshop, titled 'Enriching English Language Learning in Situation-Based Context with AI-Driven Approaches' was held on July 26, 2024.

**Ms. Anjali A, Assistant Professor, Department of General Management** served as a resource person for a workshop on NBA Accreditation at Bhavans Royal Institute of Management, Thripunithura, on July 31, 2024.

**Dr. Sreelekshmi C.C., Assistant Professor, Department of Finance** attended the webinar on 'Demystifying Investment Banking,' held on July 26, 2024, by the National Institute of Securities Markets.

**Mr. Sudheer Sudhakaran, Associate Professor, Department of Marketing (PGDM)** conducted a team-building session as part of the Induction Programme for BSc Botany & Biotechnology Batch at the SCMS School of Technology and Management, Biotechnology Division on July 24, 2024.

**Mr. Kiran J. Mathew, Assistant Professor in the Department of Analytics** authored an article titled 'Demand rife to widen, reinforce tarred carriageway of Pipeline Road to divert light vehicles,' published in The Hindu, Kochi Edition, on August 12, 2024.

**Dr. Neethu Ismail, Assistant Professor, Department of HR** conducted Soft Skills Training for a batch of 80 students of BBA and BCA at Cochin Arts and Science College on July 22, 2024.



## Solar PV Systems Boot Camp



The Additional Skill Acquisition Cell of SCMS College of Polytechnics organised a three-day Solar PV Systems boot camp for electrical engineering students in association with Community Skill Park, Kuruppampady, from July 17 to 19, 2024. Students were introduced to the fundamentals of electronics, renewable and solar energy, various electronic tools, the use of breadboards, Solar panel Configuration, On-Grid and Off-Grid configurations. They also practised soldering techniques. On the concluding day measurement comparison was highlighted, which involves measuring the open-circuit voltage of a solar panel and comparing Solar Thermal Systems with Solar PV Systems. Students also explored the various components of Solar PV systems. Faculty members Mr. Vaisak V, ASAP Cell Coordinator, and Mr. Vishnu T. S, IEDC Nodal Officer from SCP, were part of the event.

## Practical Robotics and Automation



A two-day Practical Robotics and Automation Training for the students of Computer Engineering was held, in association with Community Skill Park, Kuruppampady, on July

18 and 19, 2024. From creating a robot to using student operated toy cars, touch and ultrasonic sensors, the sessions were comprehensive and fun. Faculty members Mr. Vaisak V, ASAP Cell Coordinator, and Mr. Vishnu T.S, IEDC Nodal Officer from SCP attended the concluding session.

## Familiarization of Snap Circuits

In association with IEEE Smart Village South Asia Working Group, the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering conducted a class on familiarization of snap circuits at Jayakeralam Higher Secondary School, Pulluvazhy on July 26, 2024 for the students from 10th grade (80 participants). They were divided into groups for hands-on training in circuits like Electric Light, Musical Doorbell, Flying Saucer and Motor controlled Sound and Light.

## Career Development Workshop



In association with IEEE Smart Village South Asia Working Group, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering conducted a class on career guidance for the students from 10th grade. Conducted by Mr. Jayakrishnan M., Lecturer- Mechanical Department, the event provided insights into different professions, educational requirements for Diploma and its related job opportunities.

## Electro Master



A Social outreach programme, 'Electro Master' was conducted by the Department of Electrical Electronics Engineering for the students from

10th grade (370 individuals) at MGM Higher Secondary School on August 8 and 9. Based on SCERT Physics syllabus the class covered the following topics: Effects of Electric Current, Snap Circuit Familiarisation, LED Bulb, Induction Cooker, Iron Box and Distribution Board.

## Advanced Sensor Driven Innovation In Vehicles

A workshop on Automotive sensors was conducted by IEDC in association with ASAPCSP, Kuruppampady from July 17 to 19, 2024 at SCP and ASAP, Kuruppampady. Twenty students of Automobile and Mechanical Engineering participated in the programme. Mr. Vinay Mathew, Chief Training Officer and Mr. Mishal Aziz Asst. Training Officer handled the sessions that included Engine Management System, Familiarization with On Board, On Board and Diagnostic System- Honda Amaze and Maruti Suzuki Celerio and identification of sensors. On Board Diagnostic System of S-Cross was explained on the final day and the programme concluded with an interactive session with the Industry Resource Person and there was a STAS Report Preparation by aspirants.

## Induction Programme



The Induction Programme for first year students started from July 29, 2024.

Sujay K, Coordinator SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation addressed the students. "Know Your Vehicle" session was conducted by the Department of Automobile and Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Jayakrishnan M, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering held an ice-breaking session for the newcomers on August 5, 2024. The interactive session included fun activities and a prototype designing activity aimed at developing engineering aptitude.





## Building Services Workshop



A Building Services workshop was held on July 22, 2024 for the students of Semester 4. Students explored in detail watershed management, urban water security, water treatment and wastewater treatment at regional and micro levels. Dr. Sunny George, Director, SCMS Water Institute, provided a comprehensive course overview. Dr. Sanju Sreedharan delivered a lecture on sanitation processes, highlighting best practices at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology (SSET). A field visit to SSET's Sewage Treatment Plant, capable of treating one lakh litres of water daily, was held on the concluding day. The workshop was coordinated and devised by Ar. Benison George, Assistant Professor, SCMS School of Architecture.

## NASA, India – Membership Status Upgradation

SCMS School of Architecture achieved a significant milestone with the upgrade of its observer status to permanent status in the National Association of Students of Architecture (NASA), India. This recognition reflects the active participation and contributions of SCMS students in NASA'S activities. The permanent status allows the institution to play a more integral role in national architectural events, raising greater opportunities for students to engage, collaborate, and showcase their talents on a broader platform. Student coordinators, Mr. Shaheem, Ms. Sreeranjini Menon and Ms. Hima Nair with faculty coordinator Ar. Angel Roselin, made this feat possible through their consistent efforts.

## International Design Competition: Vajah



From left: Lakshmi Devi, Dhanya Rose, Fathima Beevi Students of SCMS School of Architecture, Ms. Lakshmi Devi, Ms. Dhanya Rose, and Ms. Fathima Beevi, have been shortlisted for the prestigious Vajah International Competition 2024. A global competition it was organised by Archiol. This achievement is a testament to their innovative thinking and design capabilities.

## Sonic Blueprints



From left : Ganga Devi , Brini Grace, Mehthab K.N Students of SCMS School of Architecture, Ms. Ganga Devi, Ms. Brini Grace, and Ms. Mehthab K.N were cited an honorary mention in the prestigious Sonic Blueprints International Competition 2024, held on July 31, 2024 and organised by Archiol. Their innovative design and creative approach stood out among numerous global entries, showcasing their architectural acumen.

## The Week- Hansa Survey-2023

SCMS School of Architecture has been ranked 23rd in the list of the Best Architecture Colleges in India in The Week- Hansa Survey, 2023. This prestigious recognition highlights the institution's commitment to excellence in architectural education, its innovative curriculum, and the dedication of its faculty and students.

## Independence Day at SSA



The SCMS School of Architecture celebrated Independence Day with a flag hoisting ceremony. Principal, Dr. Ranjini Bhattathiripad T. led the event which saw active participation from faculty members and students.

## Faculty Achievement WADE ASIA – 2024



**Ar. Tara Pandala, Associate Professor** at SCMS School of Architecture, has been shortlisted for the prestigious 'Top Awards for Women in Design and Architecture - WADE ASIA 2024'. She was recognized in the Most Sustainable Design category, that highlights her dedication to environmentally conscious architectural practices. The award ceremony was held on August 23 to 25, 2024 in New Delhi. This achievement brings great pride to SCMS School of Architecture.

## YUVA e-Waste Collection Drive

The YUVA Chapter of SCMS School of Architecture organized an e-waste collection drive, on July 22, 2024. The event emphasised the importance of responsible electronic waste disposal. Students and staff actively participated by bringing obsolete gadgets and electronic items, which were handed over to representatives from the YUVA Kochi Chapter. The event encouraged students to be more conscious of their environmental impact and reinforced YUVA's commitment to creating a cleaner, greener future for Kochi.



## Team SiRST Meets Kochi Mayor

Team SiRST met the Honorable Mayor of Kochi, Mr. Anil Kumar, on August 6, 2024 and presented the Zero Road Fatality Cochin project and Virtual Auto Stand. The team comprised Prof. Pramod Thevanoor, Vice Chairman, SCMS Group, Mr. Adarsakumar G. Nair – Director – SiRST and Mr. Prathik Nayar, Deputy Director SCMS Group.

## Crash Prevention Course

A Crash Prevention Course was held at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology on July 31. It was inaugurated by Dr Vidya Chandran, HOD, Mechanical Engineering Department. The course drew active participation from 44 attendees, contributing to its overall success. It was held again on August 7, inaugurated by Mr. Arun Kumar, NSS Programme Officer at SSTM. There were 51 participants in the second round. Mr. Adarsakumar G. Nair, Director - SiRST, presided over the events, emphasising the significance of safe motoring.

## SiRST Road Safety Awareness Programmes

Several Road Safety Awareness Programmes were conducted in the months of July and August. The road safety awareness sessions were conducted for the following BBA Students at SSTM, students of GHSS Mulanthuruthy, parents and first year students of SCP, members of Contract Carriage Tourist Bus Drivers Association, Angamaly Zone, students of MBA and students of Kuttukkaran Polytechnic College.

## Faculty Achievement

• **Remya Y. K., Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering** was awarded the International Road Assessment Program (iRAP) Women



in Engineering Training Grant for 2024. iRAP is a registered charity with UN ECOSOC Consultative Status. She is the only recipient from India among awardees from 23 countries.

This recognition highlights her significant contributions through projects under the SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation, where she conducted over 10 road safety audits in crash blackspots across Kerala, India. Many of her recommended solutions are currently in the implementation stage.

• She, has successfully completed the Crash Risk Mapping course offered by the International Road Assessment Program (iRAP).

## Selection Process



SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation (SiRST) in association with GiZ conducted an interview for the shortlisted beneficiaries on August 12, 2024 at SCMS Cochin Campus. The panel included Mr. Adarsakumar G. Nair, Director, SiRST, Ms. Swapna Wilson, GiZ representative and Mr. Mobin C.M., Programme co-ordinator.

## Training Programme - GiZ Women Empowerment

SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation (SiRST) in association with GiZ conducted a Training of Trainers' (ToT) programme to resource persons of the GiZ Women Empowerment. The ToT Programme was conducted on August 8 and 9, 2024 at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology (SSET). There were 16 participants for the event.

