

MINDFULNESS IN THE AGE OF HASTE

We live in an Age of Haste. "Some people see an egg and expect it to crow." Byung-Chul Han, a South Korean-born philosopher and cultural theorist living in Germany, in his treatises "The Burnout Society" and "The Crisis of Narration," diagnoses the frenetic aimlessness of the digital age. He says the early 21st century has left us 'whizzing without a direction'. His observations highlight how technology, social media, economic pressures, and cultural dynamics contribute to a constant rush, leaving individuals feeling directionless and exhausted. This relentless pace affects personal well-being and diminishes opportunities for reflection, introspection, and deeper engagement with the world. There's always more to do, attention spans are dwindling, as are capacities to enjoy the present moment. The concept of 'Mindfulness' emerges as a response to this

urgency. It is an obscure Buddhist concept founded about 2,500 years ago and has moved to a mainstream psychotherapy construct today. It means living in the present moment, with acceptance and without judgment. It reveals that we can reduce stress, unlock creativity, and boost performance by paying attention to what's happening around us. Mindfulness is the process of being in a state of total awareness. It's the essence of engagement. And it's energy-begetting, not energy-consuming. Its theorized benefits are self-control, high-level tolerance, enhanced flexibility, stability, improved concentration, mental clarity, emotional intelligence, and the ability to relate to others and self with kindness, acceptance, and compassion. We can take advantage of opportunities when they present themselves. We become less evaluative and

so more charismatic. Jon Kabat-Zinn (Founder of the Mindfulness Stress-Based Reduction (MSBR) programme) says "The richness of the present moment's experience is the richness of life itself." Let us also make our lives rich by practicing mindfulness in our thoughts, speech, and actions through which we can breathe harmony into the age of haste.



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SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

SCMS Water Institute Receives "Bhoomimithra Award 2024"

The Association for Environmental Protection, Aluva has selected SCMS Water Institute for their prestigious 'Bhoomimithra Award' of 2024. The award selection committee with Dr. G Madhu, Emeritus Professor of Cochin University as Chairman mentioned that the award is in appreciation of the exceptional contributions of this institute in tackling a wide range of water-related environmental problems, professionally delivering innovative and sustainable solutions in collaboration with the public and government bodies over a decade. SCMS Water Institute was formed in 2010, by the Management of SCMS Group of Educational Institutions. This institute has become a pivotal force in environmental stewardship within our state, providing essential knowledge partnerships to various local self-

governments, Kerala Water Authority, Irrigation, Groundwater Department, and institutions like KMRL, HPCL, etc. Water Institute functions jointly with the Department of Civil Engineering at SCMS School of Engineering & Technology, Karukutty. Mr. Chinnan T. Pynadath, President of the Association of Environmental Protection, Aluva presided over the function. The award was presented by Dr. Baby Kurian IAS (water expert for UN & World Bank and former MD, KWA & ED Jananidhi) in a function held at St. Xavier's College Auditorium Aluva on World Environment Day - June 5, 2024. The award committee reiterated that this year's 'Bhoomimithra' award will be a reason and inspiration for other scientific, technological, and educational institutions in Kerala to undertake and implement such exemplary activities to find solutions for environmental issues and to improve the delivery mechanism of the government departments as well as local bodies.



Dr. Baby Kurian IAS presenting the Bhoomimithra Award to Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor, Vice Chairman, SCMS Group, Dr. Sunny George, Director, SWI, Dr. Ratish Menon, HoD. Civil Engineering Department, SSET and Ms. Merin Mathew, faculty, SSET, in the presence of Mr. Anwar Sadath MLA and Mr. M.O. John Municipal Chairman, Aluva, and Dr. Milon Franz, Principal, St. Xavier's College for Women, Aluva.

'Code of Conduct for Water' Meeting Held

Better Kochi Response Group (BKRG) is associating with SWI, SSET for developing a "Code of Conduct for Water" in Kerala. This Code of Conduct will cover all sectors of water

including drinking water, irrigation, groundwater, water use in industry, agriculture, construction sector etc. The Code of Conduct will then be submitted to the Government for approval. Prof Pramod P Thevannoor, Vice Chairman SCMS Group, Senior Ar S. Gopakumar, Mr J. P. Premlal, Principal Consultant, Better Kochi Response Group, Watermann, Water & Environmental Solutions, Mr Prathik Nayar, Deputy Director SCMS Group, Dr. Sunny George, Director SWI, Dr Praveena K, HoD MBA, SSTM, and Dr. Ratish Menon, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, SSET participated in the meeting held on May 28, 2024.



Meeting with BKRG, and SCMS officials in the presence of Prof Pramod P Thevannoor, Vice Chairman SCMS Group.

Carmel Higher Secondary School team visits SSET

SCMS School of Engineering and Technology warmly welcomed Fr. Jose Thanickal CMI along with students and teachers from Carmel Higher Secondary School, Chalakudy on May 30, 2024. The visit featured a series of enlightening sessions, starting with Dr. Sonal Ayyapan, Head of the Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Department, discussing the transformative applications of AI. Dr. Sunny George, Director of the SCMS Water Institute, presented innovative water management strategies, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices. Mr. Sujay K., Assistant Professor in the Automobile Department, conducted an informative session on road safety, emphasizing preventive measures and technological advancements in the field. The event was a success, providing valuable insights and fostering a spirit of learning and collaboration.



Students and teachers from Carmel Higher Secondary School, Chalakudy, at the SSET campus.

Staff Achievements

- Dr. Rag R L, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, completed and submitted the Malayalam translation work of the book "Engineering Graphics and Design" to AICTE after an initial round of editing by the Digital University of Kerala in May 2024..
- Dr Vidya Chandran, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, has presented a paper entitled "Numerical analysis of Vortex induced vibrations for Marine Riser Response under Directional frequency influence at SMATECH 2024, 5th International Conference on Smart and Green Technology for Shipping, Ship Design & Ship Structures held online during April 24 and 25, 2024.
- Dr Gibin George and Dr. Raghav G R, Associate Professors, Department of Mechanical Engineering, published a book chapter entitled "Two Dimensional Nanomaterials-Based Polymer Nanocomposites for gas and Volatile Organic Compound Sensing" in book Two Dimensional Nanomaterials-Based Polymer Nanocomposites: Processing, Properties and Applications, in John Wiley & sons Publication, May 20 2024.
- Dr Raghav G R, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, published a research article entitled "Experimental Investigation in Enhancing the Mechanical, Wear and corrosion resistance Properties of Al6061-SiC-NSA composites fabricated using Stir casting process, in Journal Materials Research Express, SCI Indexed, Impact factor 2.4, June 5, 2024.

Dr. Vidya Lekshmi K P, Assistant Professor of the Department of Basic Science and Humanities was awarded NPTEL Elite + Gold Topper 1% for her outstanding performance in the course Co-ordination Chemistry.



- The following faculty members from the Department of Basic Science and Humanities have also completed NPTEL courses.
- Dr. Mini Tom, Professor and Deputy Dean of Academics, got Elite+Silver NPTEL Certification for the course titled as 'The Joy of Computing Using Python.'

- Mr. Thomas George, Assistant Professor, completed the NPTEL Online certification course Quantum Entanglement: Fundamentals, Measures and Applications with a consolidated score of 48%.

- Ms Jinu M J, Assistant Professor, completed the NPTEL Online certification course Set Theory and Mathematical Logic with a consolidated score of 45% and Fuzzy Sets, Logic and System Applications with a consolidated score of 78%, for which she got Elite+Silver certification. These courses were done as part of her PhD programme.

- Ms. Neethu Krishna, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering has published the research article titled 'Vector-Based Genetic Lavrentyev Paraboloid Network for Wireless Sensor Network Lifetime Improvement' in the Springer journal Wireless Personal Communications. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11277-024-10906-w> on May 2024.

- Dr. Varun G. Menon, Deputy Dean of Research and Development, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SSET, delivered a captivating keynote address at the "International Conference on Widespread Innovations for Next Generation Systems" at Mahaguru Institute of Science and Technology, Alappuzha, on May 3, 2024.

- Mrs. Meera V M and Ms. Neethu Krishna, Assistant Professors, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SSET, authored the paper titled "IoT-driven Decision Support Systems for Smart Manufacturing: A Review of Implementation Strategies," published in the journal Educational Administration: Theory and Practice in May 2024.

- Ms. Jane Theresa, Assistant Professor, Department of Basic Science and Humanities, completed a one-week FDP on Technology in Today's Classroom organized by KIIT College of Education in collaboration with Gokul Global University from May 31 to June 6, 2024.

Student Achievements

- Mr. Anirudh Kumar and Mr. Akash, students of Semester Six of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering secured the first and second prizes in the MATSUE, JAPAN—SAN'IN—KERALA BUSINESS PITCH CONTEST—2024. In the event organized by

ASA Kerala, they received cash prizes of 50000 and 30000 Yen and certificates.



• Mr. Anirudh Kumar and Mr. Akash receiving cash prizes of 50,000 and 30,000 Yen, along with certificates, from Mr. Gopakumar S, President ASA Kerala, and Mr. Hudson Peter, Honorary Chairman ASA Kerala. Dr. Anitha G Pillai, Principal and Dr. Varun G Menon, Deputy Dean of Research, SSET, were present during the ceremony.



SCMS COCHIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

PGDM Batch 33, 2024 - 26 Inauguration

The inauguration of PGDM Batch 33 at SCMS Cochin School of Business took place on June 14, 2024, in the Seminar Hall. Dr. Geemon Korah, Executive Director and CEO at Mane Kancor Ingredients Private Limited inaugurated the event. Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Registrar and Group Director of SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. Baiju Radhakrishnan, Group Director, Dr. Nagaraj Shenoy, Program Director, PGDM participated in the inaugural ceremony.



Dr. Geemon Korah, Executive Director and CEO at Mane Kancor Ingredients Private Limited inaugurating the PGDM Batch 33 program. Dr. Baiju Radhakrishnan, Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor and Dr. Nagaraj Shenoy are seen in the picture.

Faculty Achievements

□ Dr. Deepthy K, Assistant Professor and HoD, Finance Department presented a paper on 'Exploring Volatility Linkages between Gold and Equity Markets in Developed and Emerging Asian Markets: A Comparative Analysis of Pre- and Post-Pandemic Periods Using the DCC-GARCH Approach' in the Global Symposium titled "The Future of Economics, Finance &

• A team of students of the Fourth-semester of the Computer Science and Engineering, under the guidance of Ms. Josna Philomina, Assistant Professor of the same Department, provided the necessary 3-D visualization to MVD as per request from Mr. Thahirudern AA, MVD Aluva, who is an Alumni of SSET.

Placement Activities

On Campus placement drive was conducted by UVJ Technologies Pvt. Ltd on May 10, 2024 at SSET. Thirty students from CSE (batch 2020-24) participated in the drive. Ms. Amrita, Hr, Mr.

Robin, Product Development and Ms. Meera Abraham, Hr conducted the interview process.

Varma Homes conducted an on-campus drive for students of Civil Engineering Batch 2020-24 on May 16, 2024. Thirty-two students attended the written test and a face-to-face interview was conducted for the eighteen shortlisted candidates. Mr. Shajan Ramakrishnan, Chief Technical Officer, Ms. Bindu Ninan GM - Projects, and Mr. Vaisakh Varma Operations-Head were the officials who represented Varma Homes.



Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Group Director and Registrar of SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, took part in the 2024 Annual EFMD Conference in Bologna, Italy, held from June 9 to 11, 2024. The conference focused on critical topics including navigating geopolitical tensions, the impact of AI, and promoting a human-centered future.

Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Group Director and Registrar of SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, has been honored with the Women's Excellence Award by Unique Times. This award recognizes the significant contributions of women across various sectors of society. She also participated as a panelist in the Conclave on 'Entrepreneurship as a Tool for Women's Empowerment,' organized by Unique Times on May 13, 2024, at Le Meridien in Kochi.



On June 1, 2024, the SCMS Cochin Alumni Association - Delhi Chapter gathered for a memorable evening at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Gurgaon, celebrating the enduring spirit of their alma mater. The reunion was filled with laughter and nostalgic conversations as alumni from various batches reconnected, sharing stories of their student days and professional achievements. Esteemed alumni delivered inspiring speeches, highlighting the crucial role SCMS Cochin played in their success and underscoring the values of perseverance and leadership instilled by the institution.

Management in the Cosmopolitan Era," hosted by Bharata Mata Institute of Management, Thrikkakara, on April 24, 2024.

□ Dr. Deepthy K, Assistant Professor and HoD, Finance Department completed the 12-week course on Financial Statement Analysis and Reporting offered by IIT Roorkee with 84% marks (Elite + Silver)

□ Ms. Rakhi K Rockey, Assistant Professor,

Finance Department completed the 12-week course on Financial Statement Analysis and Reporting offered by IIT Roorkee with 58% marks

□ Ms. Rakhi K. Rockey, Assistant Professor, Finance Department presented a paper on 'An inquiry focusing on the financial inclusivity status among street vendors situated in Ernakulam' in the Global Symposium titled "The Future of Economics, Finance & Management in the

Cosmopolitan Era,” hosted by Bharata Mata Institute of Management, Thrikkakara, on April 24, 2024.

- Dr.M.Sulaipher, Associate Professor, published a paper titled “Emotional Response Analysing Device” under the Intellectual Property India, The Patent Office, Government of India.

- Dr. Lishin M.J, Associate Professor and HoD, HR Department published a paper titled “Unveiling the mechanisms by which inclusive leadership influences the good soldier syndrome among health-care employees”, in Leadership in Health Services-ABDC, SCOPUS Q2 indexed Emerald journal.

- Dr. Neethu Ismail completed NPTEL course on ‘Leadership and Team Effectiveness’.

- Ms. Roshni Kurian, Assistant Professor,

PGDM attended “ChatGPT and AI Tools Workshop” delivered by Jatan Shah (co-founder and CEO of Skill Nation) where? on May 9, 2024

- Ms. Roshni Kurian, Assistant Professor, PGDM attended the MS Excel Xcelerate AI workshop organized by Growth School, and it was conducted by Maheeen Jaiswal (Data Analyst at Google) on May 11, 2024

Book Published

Mr. George Joseph Kalayil, Assistant Professor, Department of Marketing authored a book titled ‘The Visitor’ published by Blue Rose Publishers on May, 2024.



Yoga Session



SCMS Cochin School of Business marked International Yoga Day with a vibrant and enthusiastic celebration at the SCMS Pandhal, drawing together students and faculty members to honor the ancient practice of Yoga. Ms. Sreekala, Assistant Professor, PGDM Department led the classes. This event underscored Yoga’s significant role in Indian culture and its profound benefits for mental, emotional, and physical well-being.



SCMS SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT

SCMS Group inks MoU with CIFT

SCMS School of Technology & Management (SSTM) & Central Institute of Fisheries Technology(ICAR-CIFT) signed and exchanged MoU for a collaborative research project on value-added food products based on edible mushrooms, on June 3, 2024. The study will explore the nutritional and medicinal value of the edible mushroom varieties. Dr George Ninan, Director, CIFT, and Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor, Vice Chairman, SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, signed the MoU in a function organized at CIFT.

Mr. Prathik Nayar, Deputy Director, SCMS Group, Dr. G Sashikumar, Principal SSTM, Dr. Baiju Radha Krishnan, Group Director, SCMS, Dr. Sethulekshmy Nair, Head of the Department, SCMS Biotechnology, Dr. Neha Omyg Assistant professor, and Ms. Sreya TS, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology participated in the event from SCMS.

Dr. Bindu J, Head of the Division, Fish Processing, Dr. Toms C Joseph, Principal Scientist, Department of Fermentation, Microbiology & Biotechnology, Dr. Ramya S, Senior Scientist, Fish Processing Division, Mr. M. M. Lijin Nambiar, Research Associate, Fish Processing Division participated in the event from CIFT.



Prof. Pramod P Thevannoor, Vice Chairman, SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, and Dr George Ninan, Director, CIFT handing over the deal.

MBA Batch 22 Inaugurated

MBA Batch 22 was inaugurated by Dr. K Ellangovan (IAS-Retd.), Managing Director, Inkel Ltd., on June 13, 2024. Mr. Bibu Punnooran, Director, Medivision Group & President, Kerala Management Association was the Guest of Honour in the function presided over by Dr. Baiju Radhakrishnan, Group Director, SCMS. Dr. G Sashi Kumar, Principal, SSTM and Dr. Praveena K, Head of the Department of MBA, SSTM also spoke on the occasion.



Dr. K Ellangovan IAS (Retd), Managing Director, INKEL Ltd delivering inaugural address in the MBA 22 Batch opening ceremony. Dr. G. Sashikumar, Principal, SSTM, Dr. Baiju Radhakrishnan, Group Director, SCMS, Mr.Bibu Punnooran, Director, Medivision Group of Diagnostic Centres & President ,KMA and Dr. Praveena K., HoD, MBA Department are seen in the picture.

Faculty Development Program

A Faculty Development Program, for 5 days, on “Recent Trends in Teaching and Research”, was jointly conducted by SCMS School of Technology and Management, and SCMS Cochin School of Business, from June 3 to 7, 2024. Ms. Roshni Kurian, Assistant Professor, SCMS Cochin School of Business, Dr. Praveena K, Associate Professor and HoD – MBA Dept. SSTM, Dr. Meera MS, Associate Professor, of the MBA Dept., SSTM, Dr. Aby Abraham, Associate Professor, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, and Dr. Geetha Jacob, Founder & Chairperson, SUDAR, Banaglore, were the resource persons for the various sessions.



Dr. Praveena K, and Dr. Meera M.S. conducting Faculty Development Program on “Recent Trends in Teaching and Research”.

Handing over the Books



National Service Scheme Unit numbers 130 and 260 of SCMS School of Technology and Management handed over Books and other school materials to the students of Government L P School, Thevakkal on May 29, 2024.

Attended three days' Residential Camp



Mr. Anandhu Aravindan, NSS Programme Officer of SCMS School of Technology and Management, attended a three-day residential camp for new programme officers at Rajagiri college of social sciences, Kalamassery from May 23 to 25, 2024.

Environment Day



As part of the 'Environment Day,' NSS Units 130 and 260 of SCMS School of Technology and Management in association with 'Young India' planted tree saplings in the campus. They also provided 180 saplings to Government School Thevakkal and Assistant Professor - Dr. Antony J Kuttancherry took a

session on the 'Significance of Environment Conservation'.

Reading Day



NSS units 130 and 260 of SCMS School of Technology and Management, Kalamassery, organised 'Reading Day' celebration at Government LP School, Thevakkal on June 19, 2024. Chief Guest for the day, Ms Sreekala Mohandas (Retired Registrar), renowned poet and dancer inaugurated the function by donating her short stories, poems, etc to the 'cradle of books', an initiative by the school. Headmistress- Ms. Leela CS. NSS unit programme officers Mr. Arun Kumar and Mr. Anandhu Aravindan and faculty of the college, Dr. Sreedevi U. Panicker too addressed the gathering.

Paper Publication

- Dr. Latha K, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce published paper titled, "A Study On Impact Of Capital Structure And Dividend Policy Towards Steel Industries In India", published in International Journal of Engineering Technology and Management Sciences (IJETMS), Vol-08 Issue-02 March -April 2024.

- Dr. Latha K, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, attended a regional meeting on the implementation of the Four Year Undergraduate Program and short-term skill development course as per UGC guidelines held at CUSAT on 22nd May 2024.

Certification course - Financial Modelling:

The final year students of Finance and Taxation Batch B (2021-23) were having their certification course on 'Financial Modelling' offered by IMS Pro School in association with NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) from May 2 to June 5, 2024, in the MBA lab.

Dr. Latha K, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, handled a session on May 24, 2024, for the faculty members on the Four Year Undergraduate Program in the training hall of the SCMS building.

Attended FDP

Ms. Asiwarya Murali, Mr. Arun Kumar M, Dr. Sreedevi U Panicker and Ms. Sandhra Mariya George, Assistant Professors of the Department of Commerce attended an online FDP on 'Cognitive Teaching' organised by the Global FTI Private Limited, Bangalore, on June 8, 2024.

International day for Yoga



International Yoga Day 2024 was celebrated with the theme - Yoga for Self and Society by the NSS Units of SCMS School of Technology and Management on June 21, 2024, at the SCMS Seminar Hall. The theme emphasizes the two-fold benefits of yoga practice: enhancing personal well-being and fostering a more positive and harmonious society. Lead trainer of Unifive Yoga Studio, Ms. Jisha Gopinath was the chief guest and trainer for the program. Dr. G Sashikumar, Principal, Dr. J.M. Lakshmi Mahesh, Vice Principal were part of the function and addressed the gathering



SCMS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Site visit to Chittilapilly Square, Kakkanad.

As part of learning tensile structures in Building Materials and Technology in Semester 4, a suitable site at Chittilapilly Square, Kakkanad was identified where tensile roofing structures have been designed. Faculty members, i.e. Ar. Eapen Mathew, Ar. M Arun Shankar, Ar. Reshma George and Ar. George Sebastian

accompanied the students. The students got the opportunity to interact and have a fruitful discussion with the consultant from Comglobal Projects India, Pvt, Ltd. who had executed the structures on-site. It was an insightful visit for the students.



Case study of Alphadale Kindergarten School, Kakkanad:

The students of Semester 4, accompanied by their studio faculty team—Ar. Tara Pandala, Ar. Angel Roselin, Ar. Arun Shankar, Ar. George Sebastian, and Ar. Thejus Augustine—visited Alphadale Kindergarten School to conduct a case study as part of their academic design

project. The visit provided an invaluable opportunity for the students to explore the unique design strategies and methodologies employed in creating spaces tailored for young children. A study of these specialized approaches helped the students to gain practical insights into the considerations essential for designing a child-friendly environment. This hands-on experience was instrumental in enhancing their understanding of the functional and the aesthetic aspects of educational space design.



World No Tobacco Day

On World No Tobacco Day, May 31, 2024, SCMS School of Architecture conducted a campaign with the theme of protecting children from tobacco industry interference, student safety, and preventing nicotine use. The initiative aimed to raise awareness among students about the harmful effects of tobacco and to promote a tobacco-free environment within the campus. The focus was on mobilizing efforts to enact stronger regulations to shield youth from harmful tobacco products and deceptive advertising practices, leading them to realize the importance of health and well-being in a healthy society.

Guest Lecture

A seminar on MEP (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) was conducted at SCMS School of Architecture for students of Semester 6 and 10. The session was led by Mr. Arjun AK, a Mechanical Engineer from Troosten. It provided students with insights into advanced systems and technologies crucial in architectural design, emphasizing practical applications and industry relevance.

World Environment Day By UNAI

The World Environment Day with the theme “Nurturing Nature: Celebrating World Environment Day” was celebrated by UNAI on June 5, 2024, and featured the distribution of saplings to various classes, emphasizing the importance of nurturing and observing plant growth. This initiative aimed to promote biodiversity and support healthy ecosystems within the community. By encouraging students

to actively participate in planting and caring for the saplings, the event encouraged a sense of environmental awareness and the need for action.



Visit to Snehasadan Special School



On June 13, 2024, students of Semester 6 visited Snehasadan Special School as part of their Professional Skill Enhancement sessions. This visit aimed to empower the students through experiential learning by engaging them in public outreach programs. During their time at Snehasadan, the students interacted with special children, focusing on teaching them various arts and craft techniques. This enriching experience not only allowed the students to apply their skills in a real-world setting but also reciprocated human values and served as an eye-opener to our students. The initiative was successful in promoting inclusivity and enhancing the students' professional and interpersonal abilities through meaningful community engagement.

Faculty Achievements

- Ar. Josy Job, Assistant Professor, SSA published his research paper titled, “**Proposed Light Metro for Thiruvananthapuram City: Need to Superimpose Transit-Oriented Development**,” in the Journal of Institute of Town Planners, India. It explores the transformative potential of integrating a light metro system with Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) principles in Thiruvananthapuram. The study underscores the necessity of adopting TOD to enhance urban mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and promote sustainable urban growth. The strategic approach through the light metro serves as the backbone of urban transit, complemented by mixed-use development, pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, and efficient land use planning.

- BMS School of Architecture, Bengaluru, organized a workshop on prompt generation

using AI for architectural design, led by Mr. Pranav Chahande from 10 Designs, Hong Kong on May 29 and 30, 2024. Attendees included Dr. Ranjini Bhattathiripad, T. Ar. Subha V.C, Ar. Betty Maria Chacko, Ar. Maria Paul, and Ar. Anjali P. The workshop focused on the application of AI tools such as MidJourney and Lookx AI to enhance design creativity and streamline workflows. Participants engaged in hands-on sessions, generating design prompts and personalized solutions, while also discussing the benefits, challenges, and ethical implications of AI in architecture.

UGC CHETNA SERIES

The UGC CHETNA SERIES on Cyber Security, Cyber Law, and AI Trends in Higher Education was held on June 5, 2024. The online session was attended by the faculty members including Ar. Eapen Mathew, Ar. Subha V C, Ar. Ragasree Nair, Ar. Vinu Elias Jacob, Ar. Catherine Gings, Ar. Betty Maria Chaco, Ar. Thejus Augustine, Ar. Angel Roselin, Ar. Lovis Anna Easo and Dr. Meril George. The session provided a comprehensive overview of emerging trends in cyber security and cyber law, emphasizing their significance in higher education. Discussions also covered the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the academic landscape, offering valuable insights for integrating these technologies into educational frameworks.

World Blood Donor Day

YI YUVA organized a poster-making competition to raise awareness on Blood Donor Day on June 14, 2024. The event aimed to highlight the importance of blood donation and encourage community participation in this life-saving act. Students created posters that depicted the critical need for regular blood donors and the positive impact of their contributions on society. By engaging the youth in this creative endeavour, the team YI YUVA successfully promoted a culture of awareness and altruism regarding blood donation.

Guest Talk

“**Young Architects Talk**” event was conducted for students of Semester 1, 2, and 4, featuring esteemed Ar. Meghna Leo, an IIA National Award winner on May 17, 2024. The session provided an invaluable opportunity for budding architects to engage with Ar. Meghna

Leo's vast expertise and innovative design philosophy. Her talk focused on contemporary architectural practices, the importance of sustainable design, and the journey of becoming

an award-winning architect. Students gained insights into the real-world applications of architectural concepts and the significance of creativity and perseverance in the field. The

event was highly interactive, inspiring students and enriching their academic experience by bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.



SCMS INSTITUTE FOR ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION (SiRST)

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- SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation (SiRST) organized a Know Your Vehicle Program for members of the Women Welfare Department of Cochin Shipyard. Mr. Adarsakumar G Nair, Director, SiRST and Mr. Prathik Nayar, Deputy Director, SCMS Group led the indoor session and Outdoor session arranged by the faculty members of the Department of Automobile Engineering.



Mr. Adarsakumar G Nair receiving memento from Ms. Jilil, Coordinator, Women Welfare Association, Cochin Shipyard for the successful completion of the Know your Vehicle Program

- SiRST organized a Know Your Vehicle Program for parents of Keam Aspirants. Mr. Adarsakumar G Nair, Director – SiRST, and Mr. Nikhil Asok, AP, MED led the indoor session and Outdoor session arranged by the faculty members of the Department of Automobile Engineering.

Conference on 'Green Public Transport'

SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation (SiRST) In association with KMRL and Kochi Water Metro organized a one-day Conference on 'Green Public Transport' on June 20, 2024. Dr. Radha P. Thevannoor, Registrar & Group Director, SCMS Group

presided over the inauguration function. The one-day conference was inaugurated by Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Director, Systems KMRL. Mr. Anoop Varkey Deputy Transport Commissioner, Central Zone II delivered the keynote address. The participants included the members of KMRL, Vendors, Policymakers, and students of various institutions.



Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Director, Systems KMRL inaugurating the one-day Conference on 'Green Public Transport'

TNIE-Hero MotoCorp Road Safety Drive Organized at SCMS

The New Indian Express in association with Hero Motor Corp and SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation (SiRST) organised a Safe Ride Campaign at SCMS Campus, Muttom on June 19, 2024. The campaign included free helmet distribution to the students and non-teaching staff of SCMS, followed by a bike rally toward Kalamassery. The rally was flagged off by Mr. Prathik Nayar, Deputy Director, SCMS Group and Dr. G Sashi Kumar, Principal SSTM.



Dr. G. Sashi Kumar, Principal of SCMS Group of Institutions, Mr. Prathik Nayar, Deputy Director, SCMS Group of Institutions, and TNIE General Manager (Kerala) Mr. P Vishnu Kumar flagging off the campaign.

Crash Prevention Courses

1) The Crash Prevention Course, held at SCMS Cochin School of Business on May 29, 2024, was inaugurated by Dr. Filomina P George, Director of Academic Compliance of Business Schools. Mr. Adarshakumar G Nair, Director, SiRST presided over the event.

2) The Crash Prevention Course held at SCMS Cochin School of Business on June 5, 2024, commenced with an inauguration by Dr. G Sashi Kumar, Principal, SSTM. Mr. Antony Kuttanchery, AP, B.Com, SSTM, presided over the event.

3) On June 12, 2024, the Crash Prevention Course took place at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Ratheesh Menon, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, SSET, and presided over by Mr. Koshy P Joseph, AP, Automobile Engineering Department, SSET.

4) SCMS Cochin School of Business had the Crash Prevention Course on June 19, 2024. The course was inaugurated by Dr. Sharon, AP, Psychology Department, SSTM. Mr. Adarsakumar G Nair, Director, SiRST presided over the event.



Farewell Party to the students of the final year batch of the Computer Engineering Department

The Computer Engineering Department of SCMS College of Polytechnics organized a farewell meeting for the students of the final year, on June 3, 2024. During the event, awards were given for the Best Programmer (Mr. Yousaf Jalal), Best Performer (Mr. Arun P Anil), and Academic Excellence (Mr. Sreerag Sasi & Mr. Ananthu Krishna C U) from the outgoing students. Experience sharing and Cultural programs were also arranged. Interactive sessions were conducted where students shared their fondest memories.



Prof. Baby P.P., Principal inaugurating the Farewell Party of the students of the Final Year Batch of the Computer Engineering Department.

Appreciation for Conducting Blood Donation Camp

Mr. Anilkumar P R, NSS Programme Officer of SCMS College of Polytechnics was honored by Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences for conducting the blood donation camps at SCP as NSS programme officer.



Mr. Anilkumar P R is receiving an appreciation plaque from the Authorities of Amrita.



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