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

There's Always a Better Way of Doing - Find it

Almost all our educational institutions teach students answers to known questions and then evaluate their performance according to their ability to answer. We seldom teach them to ask questions. We seldom encourage them to question the answers given. We seldom motivate them to question the generally accepted information and beliefs. We expect them to accept the answers taught as final. However, it is true that all modern civilisations have come from questioning the existing knowledge. All modern developments in science and technology have come from challenging the existing knowledge and beliefs. Or else we would have still believed that the earth is flat and the sun is rotating around the earth. Once upon a time it was believed that because of gravitational force it would not be possible for human beings to go up in the air or fly. But Wright brothers questioned that belief. All the modern advancements in

air traffic and space traffic would not have been made possible if Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright had totally accepted the existing knowledge. Till the first successful heart transplantation on a patient named Louis Washkansky in 1967, it was believed that the heart is an organ that cannot be transplanted. But it was Dr. Christian Barnard of Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town who questioned it and proved that the prevailing conviction was wrong. And it had paved way to the survival of millions of cardiac patients across the world during the last four decades. In conclusion, we are all working hard together for creating a better world and certainly a different world. The difference can come only by questioning the existing thoughts and practices to arrive at new practices. I believe, there is always a better way of doing things. Let us pursue that.

"There's a way to do it better - find it."

Thomas A. Edison



Dr.G.P.C Nayar

Founder Chairman, SCMS Group of Educational Institutions



SCMS GROUP OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

SCMS Participates in Germany's Namaste@RWU 2026

Dr. Sunny George and Dr. Sanju Sreedharan from the SCMS Group of Educational Institutions were invited resource persons at "Namaste@RWU," held at Ravensburg-Weingarten University of Applied Sciences from April 20 to 25, 2026. The event was organised with the support of the German Academic Exchange Service to strengthen academic collaboration between RWU and its Indian partner universities. As part of the programme, Dr. Sunny George delivered a session titled "Urban Water Securities – Case Studies, Kerala, India," focusing on challenges in urban water management and the sustainable solutions implemented in Kerala. Dr. Sanju Sreedharan presented a talk on "Sustainable Wastewater Treatment: Harnessing Microbial Fuel Cells (MFCs) for Energy Generation and Resource Recovery," highlighting innovative



Dr. Sunny George (left) Dr. Sanju Sreedharan (right)

technologies in wastewater treatment, energy generation, and resource recovery. The week-long event featured academic discussions, intercultural activities, networking sessions, guest lectures, and cultural programmes that brought together students, faculty members, and international partners from diverse academic backgrounds. The participation of SCMS faculty members in the international event reflects the institution's continued commitment to academic excellence, global knowledge exchange, and meaningful international collaboration.

Dr. G.P.C. Nayar Featured in Business World Magazine

Dr. G.P.C. Nayar, Chairman of the SCMS Group, was featured in the April 18, 2026 issue of BusinessWorld as part of its special feature, "Leaders at the Helm of India's Growth."

Recognised as a visionary leader who has played a significant role in shaping India's professional education landscape, Dr. Nayar was featured alongside 28 distinguished trailblazers whose contributions have helped drive the nation's growth story. The feature highlighted his leadership, commitment to academic excellence, and lasting impact on higher education in India.

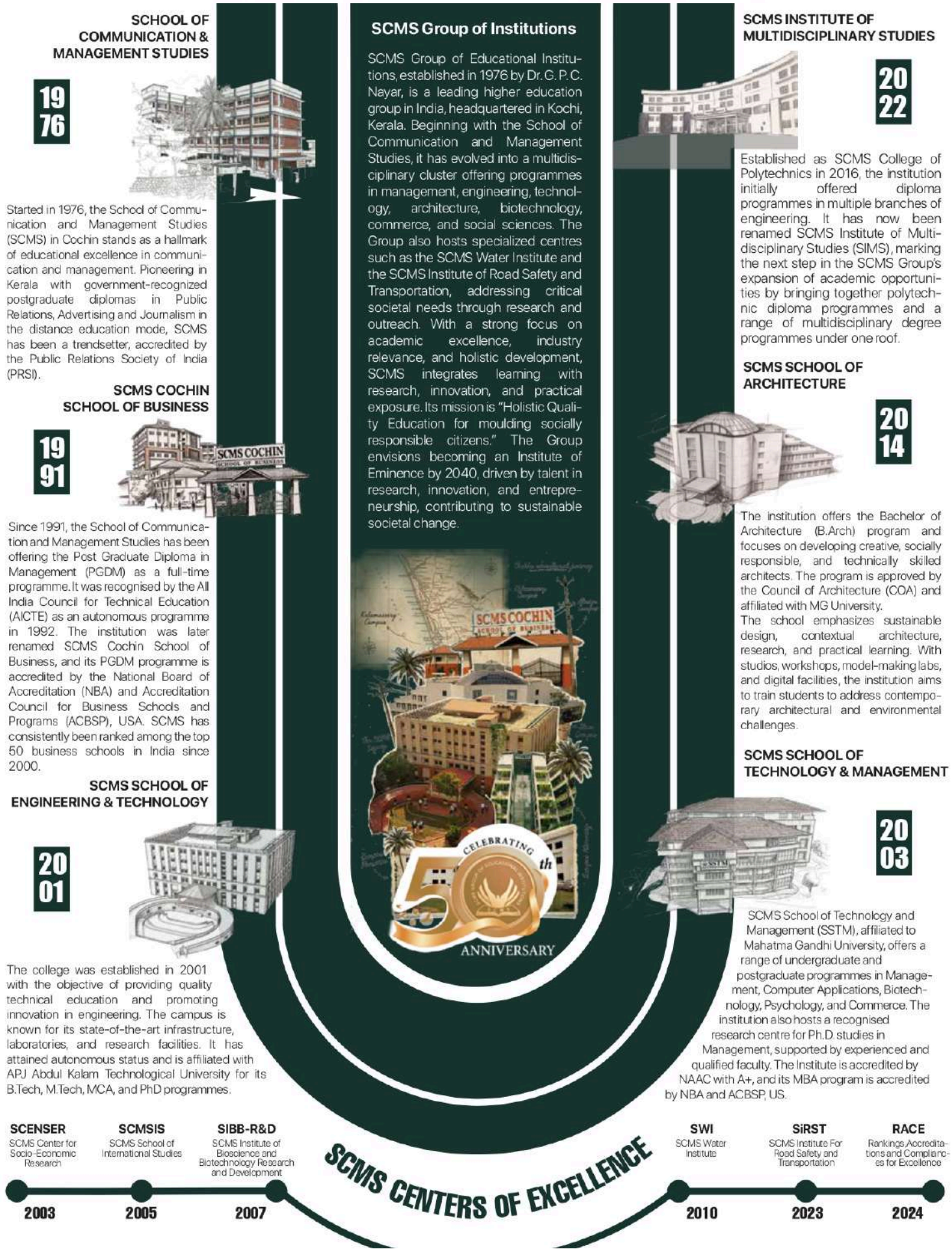


SCMS Vibes Chronicles the SCMS Group's 50-Year Journey

The April 2026 edition of SCMS Vibes highlights the remarkable 50-year journey of the SCMS Group through a special interview with Executive Chairman Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor. Curated by the students and faculty of the SCMS School of Architecture, the tabloid presents a compelling visual narrative of the institution's growth over the decades. The edition features a rich pictorial documentation of the Group's expanding infrastructure alongside its evolving academic excellence, capturing the milestones, achievements, and vision that have shaped SCMS into a leading educational institution.



THE SPACES THAT SHAPED US



Credit: Nithin Padhyan Kandeekal (2023-24 Batch) SCMS School of Architecture

SCMS Campuses Earn Platinum Recognition for Sustainability Initiatives



The Bharat Environment Program, conducted under the Bharat Sustainable Campus Mission 2026, was held across the SCMS campuses from April 22 to 29, 2026 through a series of sustainability-focused events. The initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness, sustainable practices, and responsible campus engagement among students and faculty members.

A major highlight of the programme was the achievement of 100 per cent student participation across all eight sustainability activities organised under the mission — Human Chain, Water Audit, Sustainability Pledge, Zero Plastic Campaign, Environmental Talk, Herbal Garden Initiative, Newspaper Craft Activity, and Walkathon. Centred on the theme “Take the Pledge, Plant the Future,” the programme at SCMS School of Architecture (SSA) encouraged

participants to adopt sustainable practices and contribute towards a greener future. Activities included a pledge-taking session, sapling planting drive, poster design competition, and awareness sessions on the Circular Economy and Carbon Footprint Calculation.

The awareness session was led by Assistant Professor Rakesh A. of SSET, who introduced students to the impact of carbon emissions and the importance of measuring environmental footprints. The session also highlighted the concept of the circular economy as a sustainable alternative to conventional patterns of resource consumption. In recognition of their efforts, SCMS Cochin School of Business and SCMS School of Architecture (SSA) received the prestigious Platinum Sustainable Campus Recognition under the Bharat Sustainable Campus Mission 2026,

organised as part of the Bharat Environment Program (BEP) by the Research Heights Foundation.

The programmes at the main campus were organised under the leadership of Prof. Pramod P. Thevanoor, Executive Chairman; Dr. Baiju Radhakrishnan, Director; and Dr. Abey P. Philip, PGDM Professor. Student coordinators Safna V. K., Adwaith E. S. Sreenivasan, Shriya R. Nair, Anagha K., Shane V. Abraham, and Daniel V. Sony played a key role in successfully coordinating the various activities.

The initiative reflects the SCMS Group's continued commitment to building an environmentally responsible and sustainability-conscious academic community.

The award will be formally presented at a ceremony on June 1, 2026, at the Global Peace Auditorium in Hyderabad.



SCMS INSTITUTE OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Farewell Program



A farewell program for the final-year 2023–2026 Batch of Computer Engineering students was held on February 28 at the Seminar Hall of SCMS Institute of Multidisciplinary Studies. Prof. Baby P. P.,

Campus Director of SCMS Institute of Multidisciplinary Studies inaugurated the event. As part of the farewell celebration, various cultural activities and interactive programs were conducted by the students.

Campus Placement

The Training & Placement Cell organized a Campus Placement for final year ME & EEE students. Akay, one of the leading spice processors offering a complete range of Oleoresins, Essential Oils, Natural Antioxidants, Natural Colours, and

encapsulated products, conducted a campus placement drive for the final year ME & EEE students. A total number of eight students attended the interview, with four students each from ME & EEE departments.





TiE Women Kerala: From Home To Heritage - Women Brewing Change



As part of IEDC, the TiE Women Kerala, Season Launch 2026-27 was organised by Tie Kerala in association with KSUM and the SCMS Group on May 12, 2026. The program was inaugurated by Mrs. Sheela Kochuseph, Founder & MD of V-Star Creations who spoke on the topic, "From Vision to Legacy: Building a Brand Across generations".

SCMS Group Director and Charter Member of TiE Kerala, Dr Indu Nair moderated the



fireside chat on "From Home to Heritage: Women Brewing Change" with Ms. Rani John and Ms. Kunjumary John, founder members of the Preserve Alleppey Society. The discussion highlighted the importance of preserving heritage and culture through community driven initiatives.

It also sharing valuable insights on leadership, purpose, and creating meaningful social impact.

Eighty women entrepreneurs participated in this program.

Dr Deepa Babu coordinated the event.

Medical Camp

The Department of Computer Applications, in association with UBA and Sunrise Hospital, Kakkanad, organized a medical camp for the residents of Edathala Village as part of its community outreach and social responsibility initiatives.

The camp was conducted on April 29, 2026 at Muthirakattumughal. The program aimed to provide accessible healthcare services and promote awareness regarding preventive healthcare among local residents. The medical consultation and services were led by experienced healthcare professionals Dr. Shikha Shelly – Specialist in Family Medicine (MBBS, MD – Family Medicine) and Dr. Samarth Manjunath – Consultant

Orthopaedics of Sunrise Hospital.



Faculty Achievement

Dr Sebastian Joy Panattil served as Session Chair for Marketing Track at International Conference and Doctoral

Colloquium 2026, organized by School of Management Studies, CUSAT on 16-5-2026.

Dr Meera M S and **Mr. Naibin George** attended the Muthoot Fincorp KMA Green Palms Sustainability Summit on April 22, 2026 at Taj Vivanta, Kochi.

Placement Achievement

The Department of Computer Applications proudly congratulates Mr. Jeevan G Krishnan of IMCA Batch 8 for securing placement as a Systems Engineer at SMARTHMS & Solutions Private Limited during the Campus Placements 2025–26.



Focus Group Discussion

Dr Susan Abraham and Dr Dulari S S organised the Focus Group Discussion as part of the initial phase of AIMS ARIF (AIMS Research and Fellowship Grant) Grant on April 18, 2026.

Sixteen invited participants from various Universities and industry representatives were part of the discussion on the research study 'AI in the Curriculum: Student Behaviours as a Mediator of Cognitive Outcomes in Higher Education'. The study aims to understand how the use of Artificial Intelligence in management education



influences student learning behaviour, emotional well-being, and cognitive outcomes.

An In-depth interview with Dr Praveen Kamath Kumbala, GM-HR, WIPRO was also conducted as part of the programme. .

NSS Conference



The two-day conference of NSS Programme Officers, organised by the National Service Scheme and NSS Cell of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, was conducted on May 19 and 20, 2026 at SCMS School of Technology and Management, Muttom. The conference brought together NSS Programme Officers from various affiliated colleges under the university to discuss, plan, and formulate projects and activities for the upcoming academic year.

The programme served as a platform for sharing ideas, experiences, and best practices in NSS activities. Dr. E. N. Sivadasan, NSS Cell Coordinator, Mahatma Gandhi University, led the sessions and guided the discussions throughout the conference. The conference focused primarily on planning and framing NSS projects and activities for the upcoming academic year. Various sessions were conducted to discuss community

engagement programmes, environmental initiatives, awareness campaigns, volunteer development activities, and special projects to be undertaken by NSS units. Programme Officers from affiliated colleges actively participated in discussions on community service initiatives, environmental programmes, awareness campaigns, and volunteer engagement activities. The conference strengthened coordination and promoted innovative approaches for effective NSS implementation. There conference had 36 participants.



Study Tour



The MBA students of SCMS School of Technology and Management embarked on an enriching educational tour to Coorg, Karnataka, on May 18, 2026, in a bid to blend learning with cultural exploration and

team bonding. The trip offered students memorable experiences amidst the scenic landscapes, coffee plantations, and vibrant heritage of Karnataka. Dr Vidya Rajendran S and Mr Naibin George from the Department of Business Administration accompanied the students.

health, mental well-being, and stress management among students and faculty members. Dr. Saneesh Kumar P G, Professor, Department of Commerce, SCMS School of Technology and Management led the session.

Wellness Session

The Department of Computer Applications, in association with IQAC, organized a wellness-oriented session titled “Wellness in Action: Yoga for a Balanced Life” on April 18, with the objective of promoting physical



SCMS COCHIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

NBA Expert Team Visit



Above, PGDM faculty with Group Director Dr Baiju Radhakrishnan, and right, with the NBA team and the SCMS Group Governing Council.



The National Board of Accreditation conducted evaluating and audit of the SCMS Cochin School of Business from May 8 to 10, 2026.

The NBA Evaluates Curriculum & Syllabus, Faculty Quality, Infrastructure and Learning Resources, Student Outcomes and Governance. On the completion of an

exhaustive audit and detailed assessment the faculty members took a much needed break with a lunch at The Grand Hyatt Hotel, Bolgatty.

Student Consultancy Collaboration



Students of SCMS Cochin School of Business from PGDM Batch 34 participated in the “Public Transport Rider Communication and Perception Survey” undertaken in collaboration with GFA Consulting Group. The consultancy project involved field survey and data collection activities, providing students with practical exposure to research methodologies and industry-oriented learning experiences. The project was coordinated by faculty members Mr. Prathik Nayar and Dr. Maya Joby.

The participating students were: Prince Emmanuel Charles, Nandana Sanjay, Daniel Sony, Nuza Mohammed, Safna VK, Midon Titus, Gokul Chanth KS, Oommen Thomas, Jacob Sam, Midhun J Joseph, and Sagar Joy.

Summer Internships

The Summer Internship process for the PGDM Batch 34 students witnessed participation across 33 companies spanning diverse functional domains and geographic locations. Students secured internships in key domains such as Marketing, Finance, HR, and Operations. The internships are spread across 10 cities, with major placement hubs including Bengaluru,

Chennai, Hyderabad, Coimbatore, and Kochi. Students have been placed in reputed organizations across sectors such as FMCG, Retail, Banking, Manufacturing, Mobility, Advertising, and Technology. Some of the prominent recruiters include ITC Ltd, Reliance Retail, HDFC Bank, GCMF (Amul), Ogilvy, TVS Automobile Solutions, Force Motors, Zydus Wellness, and Taj Hotels.

The internship engagement highlights the institution’s strong industry connect and provides students with valuable experiential learning opportunities aligned with their career aspirations.

Faculty Achievement

Dr Devika S, Assistant Professor in the Department of General Management at SCMS Cochin School of Business, received international recognition for the French and German translations of her book *As Long As It's Black*. The French edition, *Tant que c'est noir* (ISBN: 9789377521776), and the *German edition, Solange es schwarz ist* (ISBN: 9789377524968), have been published by Ukiyoto Publishing House, USA.

The Paper titled “Investigating the heterogeneity of ESG investors: evidence from emerging markets” co-authored by **Dr. Dany Thomas** was accepted by the “Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal” (ABDC - A, Scopus - Q1). <https://doi.org/10.1108/SAMPJ-03-2025-0390>

Alumni Reflections

Mr. Bibin Paul, Deputy Manager – EBO Operations at V Star Creations Pvt. Ltd(Exclusive Brand Outlets) and an esteemed PGDM Batch 24 alumnus, interacted with the PGDM Batch 34 students as part of Alumni Reflections on “Operational Excellence in Retail and the Retail Journey.” Drawing from his industry experience in managing Exclusive Brand Outlets (EBOs), he shared practical insights into retail operations and customer



Students' Achievements

Nikita Moncy and Oommen Thomas representing PGDM of SCMS Cochin School of Business, secured the prestigious title of Leadership Council Member of The Young Indians (Yi) Leadership Academy on April 25, 2026 at the Kerala Startup Mission. They were selected for their exceptional leadership qualities.



SCMS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

PRAXIS - Site Planning and Landscape

The Praxis Talk Series– Session 2 on Site Planning and Landscape was conducted on March 10, 2026 and delivered by Ar. Rajesh George from Prakrti Living Environment. The session focused on the integration of built form, circulation, open spaces, and landscape elements in creating functional and sustainable site plans. Through project examples from professional practice, the

speaker highlighted the importance of understanding site conditions such as topography, climate, and user movement.

Student Achievements

Isha and **Samreen** of the Thesis Batch 2025 secured the First place Presentation category under Public Infrastructure at the Vyuham in the Paper 2026 Design Conference held at IES College on 25-04-2026 for their paper titled “Udhayam –

A Brownfield Development Initiative,” guided by Ar. Catherine Gings, Assistant Professor, SSA. Students from the Second and Third Year were shortlisted for the GRIHA Trophy 2026 conducted by NASA, under the guidance of Ar. George Sebastian and Ar. Maria Paul.

Semester 8 students **Haritha V. H., Haripriya Kottoor, Jayalakshmi M. J., and Hanna Sara Thomas** secured First Place in the Archiol Competition “Beyond Classroom” for their project Camp Wildwood.

Photography Workshop

A Photography Workshop and Competition was organized by SCMS School of Architecture on April 29, 2026, with Ar. Midhul K. M. serving as the resource person. The workshop introduced participants to the fundamentals of photography, including composition, framing, lighting, perspective, and visual story telling, with special emphasis on architectural documentation and representation. Students were encouraged to explore photography as a



medium for observing and interpreting spaces and everyday environments. As part of the event, a Photography Competition based on the theme "May Day"

was conducted. The entries were evaluated on creativity, relevance to the theme, and visual impact, and winners were recognized with certificates for their achievements.



SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Faculty Achievements

On April 21, 2026, **Ms. Preema T.S. Assistant Professor**, Department of Basic Science and Humanities, published a paper titled "Unified Isomorphism Theory for r-Neutrosophic G-submodules" in the journal Boletim da Sociedade Paranaense de Matemática .certification course Introduction to Internet of Things, securing the Elite Silver Certificate.

On April 24, 2026, **Dr. Nithya Mohan, Assistant Professor**, Department of Basic Science and Humanities, was appointed as a Reviewer in the journal BMC Chemistry by Springer.

Ms. Neenu Sebastian, Assistant Professor in the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, completed the prestigious NPTEL certification course on Data Mining, earning an Elite Silver Certificate.

Ms. Asha S, Assistant Professor in the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data

Science, completed the prestigious NPTEL **Mr. Noel Joseph Gomez and Mr. Francis Thomas, Assistant Professors**, Department of Mechanical Engineering completed NPTEL certificate course in Renewable Energy Engineering with a score of 75% with elite certificate in April 2026

Student Achievement

Devānanda N. (Computer Science and Engineering – Artificial Intelligence, Batch 2023–2027), was awarded the prestigious IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc) Women in Communication Engineering (Student) Award 2025, presented by the IEEE ComSoc Kerala Chapter.

This recognition celebrates her outstanding contributions in leadership, and commitment to advancing in the field of communications engineering.

Placement Activities

The companies that approached to recruit

B.Tech and MCA students from Batch 2026: Wjeen, Schneider Electric, Mojo AI, IMMCO, Vipus Advanced Materials Pvt. Ltd

Placements Batch 2026

Two students from Batch 2022-26 (one from Civil Engineering and one from Electronics and Communication Engineering) received offers from Technologies Global Projects & R&D Labs.

Two students from the Mechanical Engineering, Batch 2022-26, received offers from Elemment India.

One student from the Mechanical Engineering, Batch 2022-26, received an offer from Perfect Fit System.

One student from the Mechanical Engineering Batch 2022-26, received an offer from Vipus Advanced Materials Pvt. Ltd. Nine students from Batch 2022-26 (eight from Mechanical Engineering and one from Electrical and Electronics Engineering) received offers from TAFE.



SCMS INSTITUTE OF ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

UN Road Safety Week



As part of the observance of UN Road Safety Week 2026, a road safety awareness

session was conducted at EXL Transport, SmartCity Kochi, on May 9, 2026. The session was led by Dilipkumar K. G., Deputy Director of SiRST.

The programme It highlighted the objectives of UN Road Safety Week and emphasized the crucial role of education and awareness in reducing road traffic accidents and creating safer roads for all.

A total of 74 employees and drivers participated in the session.

Road Audits



A road safety audit was conducted by SiRST at Mamala Junction and Port Trust Junction on May 15, 2026 with the objective of

identifying road safety issues and recommending corrective measures to reduce accident risks and improve traffic management. The audit was led by Adarsakumar G Nair, Director SiRST, and Dilipkumar K G along with Remya Y K and Dr. Gulsavin Guruprasad. The team carried out a detailed inspection of the junctions focusing on traffic flow, road geometry, pedestrian safety, visibility issues, signage, road markings, and potential accident-prone areas. The audit also evaluated the effectiveness of existing traffic control measures and infrastructure facilities. Based on the observations, suitable recommendations were proposed to enhance road safety, ensure smoother traffic movement, and improve overall commuter safety at both junctions.

Corrective Training Programmes



As part of efforts to enhance road safety and rehabilitate accident offenders, the SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation (SiRST), in collaboration with IDTR Kerala, conducted two corrective training programmes for drivers from April 20–24, 2026, and May 4–8, 2026, at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Angamaly. The five-day programmes witnessed the participation of 23 individuals in the first batch and 22 in the second. The sessions were led by a team of internal and external resource persons and focused on key aspects of road safety, accident prevention, and responsible driving practices. Participants benefited from interactive sessions, workshops, and practical demonstrations designed to strengthen their understanding of safe driving behaviour and traffic regulations.



Metropodium: Online Webinar

As part of its road safety awareness and knowledge-sharing initiatives, SiRST conducted an online expert talk on the topic “Behavioral Factors of Driving” on April 29, 2026, through Google Meet. The session was led by Adarsakumar G. Nair, Director of SiRST. The talk explored the various behavioural factors that influence driving practices, including road-user attitudes, decision-making processes, risk perception, and their overall impact on road safety. The programme provided participants with valuable insights into safe driving practices and the importance of responsible conduct on the road. Organised as part of the JCI Cochin Lead Connect Conclave, the webinar was attended by 23 participants.

Know Your Vehicle Programmes



SiRST conducted two “Know Your Vehicle” road safety awareness programmes during the period, aimed at enhancing public understanding of vehicle safety, road discipline, and responsible road use. The first programme, titled “Know Your Vehicle and Road,” was held on April 22, 2026, at the KMRL Operation Control Centre

for 30 women employees. The session was led by Adarsakumar G. Nair, Director, SiRST, along with Deepak Xavier and Nikhil Asok N., Assistant Professors at SiRST. The programme focused on creating awareness about vehicle systems, safe driving practices, road conditions, and responsible road-user behaviour. The resource persons provided practical insights into vehicle maintenance, driving safety, road awareness, and the importance of understanding vehicle-road interaction in accident prevention. The session was highly interactive and helped participants strengthen their knowledge of vehicle operation and road safety. A second “Know Your Vehicle” programme was organised by the Niravu Welfare Fund in association with SiRST at Idanila, Angamaly, on May 3, 2026. The programme aimed to improve public awareness of vehicle safety, road discipline, defensive driving, and emergency response measures. Sessions covered vehicle safety inspections, vehicle maintenance, tyre and suspension checks, cockpit drills, defensive driving techniques, and road safety awareness. Participants also received practical training in first aid, trauma care, CPR, choking management, wound and burn care, and the management of snake and insect bites. The programme was inaugurated by Mujeeb T. A. in the presence of Kishore Kumar T. N. and Francis Panikkar. Around 60 participants attended the event. The training sessions were led by Nikhil Asok N., Rakesh A., and Deepak Xavier from SiRST.



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