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Mind Your Thoughts: They will Shape Your Destiny

Humans alone can imagine, plan, and reshape the world. At the heart of that power is thought. What we think influences our words; our words guide our actions; and our actions produce results. In this chain, thought matters first and foremost.

Too often we let habitual doubts and limiting stories run unchecked. Left unattended, these mental patterns narrow choices and produce outcomes we later regret.

Consider a school librarian who noticed a shy child avoiding group activities. She began imagining the child as curious and capable, then treated them accordingly—asking for book suggestions, offering gentle praise, and pairing them with a reading buddy.

As her behaviour changed, so did the child's confidence and participation. A chosen thought guided deliberate action and transformed reality.

A small manufacturer offers another example. Convinced they were too small for government contracts, they stayed cautious and invisible. When they shifted their internal narrative to "we can meet requirements with smart planning," they revised proposals, tightened documentation, and pursued pilot projects. The result: they won work and uncovered new opportunities.

These stories illustrate a practical truth: imagining a better outcome is the first step, but it must be followed by deliberate action—preparation, practice, and persistence. Thought without action remains a wish; action without a constructive thought lacks direction.

I encourage everyone to notice the stories they tell themselves. Replace limiting scripts with possibilities, then act in ways that support those new beliefs. Small shifts in thinking, combined with consistent effort, lead to meaningful change.

Moral: Tend your thoughts carefully; they will shape your destiny.

"The human mind is a great worker of miracles."

— Michel de Montaigne

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

SCMS GROUP OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

SSET Attains UGC Autonomous Status, Redefining Academic Excellence

SCMS School of Engineering and Technology (SSET) has achieved a historic milestone by being granted autonomous status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the academic years 2026–27 to 2030–31.

This prestigious recognition marks a significant step forward in the institution's journey toward academic excellence. As an autonomous institution, SSET will enjoy greater academic flexibility to design and implement innovative, industry-aligned curricula, introduce cutting-edge academic programmes, and adopt progressive teaching and assessment practices.

The autonomous status also strengthens SSET's commitment to fostering excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and holistic student growth, while enabling it to respond more effectively to the evolving needs of industry and society.

This landmark achievement paves the way for a dynamic new chapter in higher education, reinforcing SSET's vision of nurturing future-ready engineers and leaders.

The 7th Biennial International Conference on Aging Well (ICAW 2026)

The 7th Biennial International Conference on Aging Well (ICAW 2026) was successfully hosted on June 25–26, 2026, by the SCMS Group of Educational Institutions at the SCMS Muttom campus. The conference convened a diverse global audience of academicians, researchers, healthcare professionals, practitioners, and policymakers to address emerging challenges and explore cutting-edge innovations in ageing and geriatric care.

Distinguished keynote speakers—including Dr. T. V. Sekhar, Dr. Baby Chakrapani, Prof. Anil Krishnan, Prof. Dr. Jörg Wendorff, and Dr. Stefanie Gottuck—shared invaluable insights into demographic ageing, neuroscience, healthy ageing, longevity research, and global best practices.

The event fostered robust academic exchange, featuring active participation 26 external delegates and research paper presenters. At the valedictory session, the prestigious Best Paper Award was presented to Ms. Anupama S, a Research Scholar from Amrita University.

Convened by Dr. Radha Thevannoor (Vice Chairman, SCMS Group) and coordinated by Dr. Vidya Rajendran and Dr. Neethu Ismail, ICAW 2026 successfully advanced interdisciplinary collaboration and energized research dedicated to improving the well-being and quality of life for older adults.

Front Row, from left: Dr Neethu Ismail (Coordinator ICAW); Dr. Lakshmi Mahesh, Principal; Mr. Biju Mathew, Director & State Head, HelpAge; Prof. Rajnikant Mishra, BHU, Dr. Radha Thevannoor, Vice Chairman, SCMS Group and Dr. Vidya Rajendran, (Coordinator ICAW).

SCMS Group Signs MoU with Deep-Tech Pioneer Xalten Systems

In a significant step towards strengthening industry-academia collaboration under the Make in India initiative, the SCMS Group of Institutions has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kochi-based deep-tech and electronics manufacturing startup, Xalten Systems Private Limited. The partnership aims to equip students with advanced engineering skills through specialized industrial training, structured internships, and enhanced placement opportunities.

The MoU was signed in the presence of SCMS leadership, including Executive Chairman Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor,

Executive Chairman Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor & Innovation and Startup Medhasaltan Systems CEO Aneesh A.

Head of Innovation and Startup Dr. Suresh Kumar V., Assistant Professor (ECE) Mr. Ajith, and Director – RACE Dr. Praveen Sal C. J. Representing Xalten Systems were CEO Mr. Anish A., along with team members Ms. Anjana Kiran, Ms. Ashwati Warrier, and Ms. Anjana Jayaram.

MoU with NATPAC

SCMS Executive Chairman Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor and NATPAC Director Dr. R. Ashalatha exchange the Memorandum of Understanding.

The National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC) and the SCMS Group of Institutions have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on road safety audits, road safety awareness programmes, research projects, surveys, and water-related initiatives, including water transport.

The MoU was exchanged between NATPAC Director Dr. R. Ashalatha and SCMS Executive Chairman Prof. Pramod P. Thevannoor.

The signing ceremony was attended by NATPAC Principal Scientists Dr. Shahim and B.B. Aneesh Kini, Scientist Dr. Anila Cyril, Dr. Vasudevan N., Dr. Ramisha T.V., Junior Scientist Ardra S. Krishna, SCMS Group Director Mr. Prathik Nayar, Water Institute Director Dr. Sunny George, RoadSafety and Transportation Institute Director Mr. Adarsakumar G. Nair, and Director Mr. Dilip Kumar K.G.

Feasibility Study for Kochi Water Metro Extension

The SCMS Water Institute (SWI) has signed an agreement with Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) to undertake a feasibility and hydrology study for the proposed extension of the Kochi Water Metro service from Cochin International Airport (CIAL) to Aluva Metro Station via the Periyar River. As part of this paid consultancy project, SWI will employ advanced simulation modelling to assess the technical feasibility, hydrological conditions, and operational viability of the proposed water transport corridor.

This marks the third occasion on which KMRL has entrusted SWI with a consultancy assignment, reflecting the institute's expertise in water transport planning and hydrological analysis.

Batch Inauguration

The Departments of Commerce, Biotechnology, and Psychology conducted the Inaugural Ceremony for the Academic Year 2026–2027 on July 2, 2026. The programme marked the formal commencement of the academic journey for the first-year students of B.Com (Hons), B.Sc. (Hons) Biotechnology, and B.Sc. (Hons) Psychology. The event was graced by Dr. Vasudheva Reddy, Chief Operating Officer, Aurea Biolabs Pvt. Ltd., as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, he inspired students to embrace curiosity, innovation, and lifelong learning in today's competitive world. Faculty members welcomed the new batch and encouraged them to actively participate in academic and co-curricular activities. The inauguration was followed by an awareness programme "Empowered Minds, Drug Free Lives" . The session was led by Mr. Baby K.G., Sub Inspector of Police, Range Anti Narcotic Special Action Force (RANSAF), Ernakulam Range, who highlighted the dangers of substance abuse, legal implications, and the importance of making informed, responsible choices.

Magazine Launch

The Department of Commerce launched its first-ever departmental magazine, titled Youth Wave 2026, on July 2, 2026, marking a memorable milestone in the department's journey. This inaugural edition, dedicated to the senior students of the 2023–2026 Batch, the final CBCS Batch of the B.Com programme, serves as a cherished souvenir that celebrates their academic journey and accomplishments.

Talk: Why do we Procrastinate

The Department of Commerce, in association with IQAC, organised a talk on the subject," Why do we Procrastinate" on July 1, 2026.
The resource person, Ms. Fathima Shahada, explained the concept of procrastination clarifying that it is often linked to psychological factors rather than mere laziness. The interactive session explored how procrastination affects academic achievement, emotional well-being, confidence, and overall productivity.

Poster Designing Competition

The Health and Fitness Club of the Department of Commerce, in association with IQAC, organised a Poster Designing Competition for SSTM students on June 25, 2026, as part of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The initiative supports "SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being" by encouraging students to creatively express the harmful effects of drug abuse, and promoting awareness on healthy lifestyle choices.

Environment Day Celebrations

The Environment Club of the Department of Commerce, in association with IQAC, organised a seeds and saplings exhibition cum distribution at the MBA Hall for SSTM students on June 22, 2026. The initiative supports "SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production" by encouraging students to grow their own plants and herbs, promoting sustainable lifestyle choices.

Yoga Day

The Department of Commerce organized a Yoga Day programme titled "Yoga for Managing Academic Stress" on June 23, 2026. The session helped students learn simple yoga practices and breathing techniques to reduce stress and improve concentration. The programme aligned with SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being and supports SDG 4: Quality Education by enhancing students' overall wellness and learning effectiveness.

Personality Development Program

A two-day Personality Development Programme, "Road to Success," was organized by the Department of Psychology in association with IQAC on June 18–19, 2026. Led by Mr. Sandeep Konnanath of Glowmind Training Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., the programme featured interactive sessions, case studies, group activities, and presentations that enhanced students' self-awareness, leadership, communication, emotional intelligence, and career readiness, equipping them with essential skills for personal and professional growth.

Doctors' Day 2026

The Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Psychology, SCMS School of Technology and Management, organized a Doctors' Day Appreciation Programme on July 1, 2026 at Sunrise Hospital, Kakkanad, to honor the invaluable contributions of medical professionals. Faculty members and students interacted with doctors across various departments, expressing their gratitude for their dedication, compassion, and selfless service by presenting them with flowers and chocolates as tokens of appreciation.

Musuem Visit

The Department of Computer Applications, in association with IQAC, organized Deeksharambh 2026 – Day 7, A Visit to the Kerala Museum for BCA Batch 8, on July 14, 2026, as part of the induction programme for the newly admitted students. The educational visit aimed to provide students with an enriching learning experience beyond the classroom by exposing them to Kerala's rich cultural, historical, and scientific heritage.

Inauguration: MBA Batch 24

The inaugural ceremony of the 24th MBA Batch (2026-28), "Deeksharambh," was held on July 1, 2026. It marked the commencement of a new academic journey, welcoming a batch of aspiring management professionals to the MBA programme. Mr. Arun Narayan Thekkethil, Centre Head, Tata Consultancy Services, Kochi, as the Chief Guest, inspired the students in his address with valuable insights on leadership, professionalism, and career readiness.

Faculty Achievements

Dr. Deepthi D. C., Department of Biotechnology, published a research article titled “Mapping the global digital discourse on nutraceuticals: a two-year hashtag analysis of the X platform (formerly Twitter)” in the Journal of Animal Science Papers and Reports, a Scopus-indexed Q2 journal (JIF 1.1).

Dr. Surya Babu S., Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, served as the Editor of Frontiers in Microbiology: Pathogens, Immunology, and Applied Research, Volume 6 (2026), published by IIP Iterative Publishers (ISBN: 978-81-69861-73-1).

Student achievement

Mr. Ben Berney and **Ms. Rea Sunil** of BSc Botany and Biotechnology Batch 9 have been selected for the prestigious DBT Skill Vigyan –three-month internship at St. Joseph’s College, Irinjalakkuda. The programme, an initiative of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, and implemented in Kerala under the leadership of KSCSTE, provides hands-on training, a monthly stipend, and industry-oriented skill development.

Induction Programme

A three-day induction programme, "Welcome to Odyssey 2026" for the MBA Batch 24 was held from July 2-4, 2026. A series of expert-led sessions introduced students to essential skills required for personal and professional growth.The programme also included an awareness session on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH).

Faculty Publications

Dr. Vidya Rajendran S., Department of Business Administration, published the research article "Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Gender-Specific Marketing: Optimizing Campaign Effectiveness Through Personalized Strategies" in the Interdisciplinary Journal of Information, Knowledge and Management (Scopus Q2), published by the Informing Science Institute. The study was co-authored with Dr. Tintu Mary and highlights AI-driven personalized marketing strategies.

Faculty and Student Publication

Ms. Fathima Saniya P. P (MBA Batch 22) and **Ms. Honey Johnson** published a research paper titled "A Study on Gen Z-Focused Customer-Centric Risk Assessment Model to Predict Delivery Delays in E-Commerce Supply Chains" in the International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research.

TECHXELLENCE'26

The Department of Computer Applications, in association with IQAC, organized TECHXELLENCE'26 – TECHNOVATE, an Intra Department Project Competition, on June 29 and 30.
The event provided a platform for students to present creative and technology-driven projects developed across various domains of computer applications, including software development, web and mobile applications, artificial intelligence, data analytics, cloud computing, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies.

Inaugral Ceremony of IMCA

The Department of Computer Applications, in association with IQAC, organized the Inaugural Ceremony of the Integrated MCA Programme for the Academic Year 2026–2027 on July 6, 2026. Mr. Ramesh Nair, Managing Director, Aptiv Connection Systems India Pvt. Ltd. was the Chief Guest.
He emphasized the importance of innovation, technical expertise, continuous learning, and industry readiness in today's technological landscape.

Inaugural Ceremony of BCA

The Department of Computer Applications and the Department of Business Administration, in association with IQAC, organized "Deeksharambham", the Inaugural Ceremony for the BCA (Hons) Batch 8 and BBA (Hons) Batch 7 for the Academic Year 2026–2027 on July 3, 2026 .Mr. Ajay George Varghese, CEO, Bipha Drug Laboratories (Pvt.) Ltd., and Mr. Sunil Balakrishnan, Chief Value Officer & Global Head, Center Operations, UST, were the distinguished chief guests. The programme marked the formal commencement of the academic journey for the newly admitted students and served as a platform to inspire them as they embarked on their higher education.

Awareness talk: Drug-Free Lives

The Department of Computer Applications, in association with IQAC, organized an awareness programme titled "Empowered Minds, Drug Free Lives" on July 6, 2026. The session was handled by Mr. Baby K G, Sub Inspector of Police, Range Anti Narcotic Special Action Force (RANSAF), Ernakulam Range. The programme aimed to create awareness among students about the dangers of drug abuse, its legal and social consequences.

New Leadership

Principal of SSET

The SCMS School of Engineering and Technology marked an important milestone with the announcement of new leadership appointments, effective from July 1, 2026. **Dr. Jenson Joseph E.** has been elevated as the Principal of SSET. A seasoned academician with extensive experience in higher education and acdemic administartion, he brings a wealth of expertise to the institution.

Controller of Examinations

Dr. Anitha G. Pillai, former Principal of SSET, has been designated as the Controller of Examinations. The SSET family extends its heartfelt congratulations to both and wishes them every success as they lead the institution with dedication and vision towards new milestones.

Workshop: Research Excellence

The Research and Development Cell, SCMS School of Engineering and Technology (SSET), in association with IIC's Idea Café and IQAC, organized a one-day workshop on "Research Excellence" on June 29, 2026. Dr. Sabu M. K., Professor, CUSAT, delivered an insightful talk on "AI Tools for Research," highlighting the role of artificial intelligence in enhancing research productivity. Dr. Deepa K., Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, SSET, conducted a session on "Visualization Techniques," emphasizing the effective presentation of research findings through data visualization. The workshop provided participants with insights into modern research tools and visualization skills.

Training for Lab Instructors

The Department of Civil Engineering organized a training programme on "Drinking Water Quality Testing" on June 30, 2026, at the Environmental Engineering Laboratory, SSET, for laboratory instructors from various departments. The programme enhanced participants' theoretical understanding and practical skills in assessing drinking water quality using standard testing procedures. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Sanju Sreedharan, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Mr. Rohit Raveedran, Laboratory Instructor, Department of Civil Engineering.

Expert Session on Final Year Projects

The Departments of Computer Science and Engineering and Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, in association with IQAC, organized an expert session on "Transforming Final Year Projects into Research Papers" on June 18, 2026. The session was delivered by Dr. Varun G. Menon, Deputy Dean (R&D) and Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, who shared valuable insights into converting final-year projects into quality research publications. He explained how to identify research contributions, structure technical papers, select appropriate journals, and adhere to ethical research practices. The session was highly informative and inspired students and faculty members to pursue research-oriented project development and contribute to quality scholarly publications.

Placement Activities

The companies that approached to recruit B. Tech and MCA graduates from Batch 2025:Storeys.

The companies that approached to recruit B. Tech and MCA students from Batch 2026: Storeys, Exiga Software Services LLC.

The companies that approached to recruit B. Tech and MCA students from Batch 2027:Infosys.

Faculty Achievement

Ms. Anju Nair, Assistant Professor, Department of Basic Science and Humanities, was invited as the Chief Guest for “Diksha 2026”, the First-Year Orientation Programme at Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Chalakudy on July 6, 2026. She addressed the incoming students, sharing her experiences as an alumna and emphasizing the importance of higher education, lifelong learning, and pursuing one's passion with dedication.

Students Achievements

Mr.Shyam S. Pillai (Semester 7 Computer Science and Engineering) represented SSET at the INVICTUS Model United Nations held in Pune and secured the High Commendation (Second) award in his committee.

SSET students marked an impressive presence at CIPHERMUN'26 held at Technopark,Thiruvananthapuram.

Mr.Shyam S. Pillai (Semester 7 Computer Science and Engineering) and **Mr.Fuaad Zaneen** (Semester 7 Computer Science and Engineering,Artificial Intelligence) served as members of the Executive Board, presiding over the UNW committee. Adding to the institution's achievements, **Mr.Pawan Murali** (Semester 7 Computer Science and Engineering) secured the Best Photojournalist (First) award in the IPP committee, while **Ms.Arathy A. S**. (Semester 5 Computer Science and Engineering ,Artificial Intelligence) received the Special Mention (Third) award in the UNW committee.

FDP on "AI and ML Applications"

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering organized a five-day online Faculty Development Programme on "AI and ML Applications in Power Systems, Renewable Energy, Power Electronics, Electric Drives & Electric Vehicles" from June 15 to 19. The programme provided participants with valuable insights into the latest advancements in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and their applications in the electrical engineering domain.

FDP on "Advanced Graph Algorithms"

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Mentoring Session

A mentoring session for Semester 7 Batch 2023 students of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) was conducted on July 7, 2026. The primary objective was to guide students toward improving their placement readiness and enhancing their career prospects through strategic preparation. The session was handled by Dr. Beena Puthillath, Associate Professor EEE and Mr. Varghese Scaria, Placement Officer, SSET.

International Yoga Day

As part of the global observance of International Yoga Day, the Department of Basic Science and Humanities organized a themed yoga session titled "Recharge and Refocus" on June 18, 2026. The programme featured guided yoga practices, breathing exercises, and mindfulness techniques aimed at enhancing concentration, reducing stress, and promoting a healthy work–life balance.

Reading Week Celebration

The Department of Basic Science and Humanities, SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, organized an online Reading Week celebration titled "DEAR TIME: Drop Everything and Read" beginning on June 21, 2026.

The celebration featured three online competitions: the Bookmark Competition, where participants designed artistic bookmarks inspired by their favourite books; the 60-Second Book Talk Reel, in which students presented and recommended a book from their home library; and Lines That Stay: Digital Card, where participants created digital cards featuring memorable book quotes.

Prizes were awarded to Midhin Poulose (Semester 3, Data Science) in the Bookmark Competition, Krishna A. S. (Semester 7, Computer Science) in the 60-Second Book Talk Reel, and Haripriya K. U. (Semester 3, Mechanical Engineering) in the Lines That Stay: Digital Card competition.

Faculty Development Programme

The Departments of Automobile Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, in association with the SCMS Institute for Road Safety and Transportation (SiRST), organized a five-day online Faculty Development Programme on Human Factors, Road Safety, and Automotive Systems Engineering from June 29 to July 3, 2026. The programme brought together 43 participants, including 30 external and 13 internal attendees. The event was coordinated by **Mr. Koshy P. Joseph, Assistant Professor,** and **Dr. Manoj Kumar B., Associate Professor,** Department of Automobile Engineering, the sessions featured experts from academia and industry. Resource persons included **Mr. Dilip Kumar K. G.** (Deputy Director, SiRST), **Mr. Gokul T. G.** (Additional General Manager, Urban Transport, KMRL), **Mr. Rakesh A.** (PACE State Coordinator), **Mr. Sujay K.** (NSS District Coordinator), and **Mr. Anoop M. S., Assistant Professor,** Department of Automobile Engineering, SSET.

The programme equipped educators with insights into automotive safety systems and emerging engineering practices.

Dance Workshop

THRYA – The Traditional Dance Club, under the Department of Basic Science and Humanities, organized "Aanandam," a Classical Dance Workshop, in association with the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Cell and IQAC on July 14, 2026. The workshop was inaugurated by Ms. Bhanu Priya, a distinguished Kuchipudi artist delivered a lecture on the significance of Indian classical dance and presented a captivating Kuchipudi recital. The programme included a theory session by the THRYA Core Team and practical training conducted by Dr. Geethu R., Associate Professor, Department of Basic Science and Humanities.

Connecting with Young Minds

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering, in association with IQAC, organized an expert talk titled "The Art of Connecting with Young Minds" on June 11, 2026. The session was led by Ms. Amrutha K. Francis, who highlighted the importance of effective communication,while sharing practical strategies for building positive student–teacher relationships. The interactive session was well received by the participants.

Master Training Programme

The Department of Civil Engineering hosted the technical sessions of the four-day Master Training Programme on "Drinking Water Quality Testing and Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage (HWTS)" on June 26 and 27, 2026. Organized by the SMART India Foundation, the programme aimed to strengthen participants' knowledge and practical skills in drinking water quality assessment and safe household water management practices. Participants, comprising socially committed individuals, were trained to support government initiatives in water quality monitoring, safe drinking water awareness, and community outreach programmes at the Panchayat and Municipality levels.

The sessions were led by Dr. Sanju Sreedharan, Head and Associate Professor, Ms. Roshni K. R., Assistant Professor, and Mr. Rohit Raveedran, Laboratory Instructor, Department of Civil Engineering.

SCMS SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Jersey Day

On July 7, 2026, the SCMS School of Architecture (SSA) celebrated Jersey Day, transforming the campus into a vibrant display of sporting spirit as students, faculty, and staff proudly wore the jerseys of their favourite football clubs and national teams.

The celebration featured a Penalty Shootout Competition, a Football Prediction Competition, where participants predicted the outcomes of the tournament matches. The event successfully promoted community engagement, healthy recreation, and sportsmanship among the students and faculty of SCMS School of Architecture.

Faculty Achievements

Professor John Kuruvila participated as a distinguished panelist at Kadenz 2026 on June 22, 2026, held at the Marriott Hotel.

Ar. Maria Paul, Assistant Professor at SCMS School of Architecture (SSA), was honoured with the Best Moderator Award at SIRST Kannur in recognition of her exemplary contribution as a moderator.

Urban Design Studio: Site visits

As part of the Urban Design Studio curriculum, the Semester IX students of SCMS School of Architecture (SSA) participated in two parallel Urban Design Study Visits from July 16–18 July 2026, providing students with valuable field-based learning experiences in understanding urban environments and heritage contexts.

Ar. Tara Pandala, Ar. Subha V.C., and Ar. Catherine Gings, led a group, undertaking an extensive study of Tripunithura, documenting its historic precincts,through field surveys, mapping exercises, and observational studies.

Design Talk

As part of its continuing initiative to expose students to contemporary architectural practice, SCMS School of Architecture (SSA) organized a Design Talk by Ar. Bijo Varghese, Principal Architect at Design Decode Architects, on July 17, 2026 at the SSA Seminar Hall.

The session offered students valuable insights into the architect's design philosophy, professional journey, and the evolving nature of architectural practice.

Ar. Eapen Mathew, Ar. Vinu Elias Jacob, and Ar. Angel Roselin, carried out an Urban Design Study to Willington Island as part of the studio programme. The visit focused on understanding the site's urban character through documentation, spatial analysis, and field observations. The study visits offered students hands-on exposure to the processes of urban documentation and interpretation.

Student Achievements

Sneha Reghunath, Hamna Fathimath P.B., Nidhin Raj, and **Vivek S. Varghese** received an Honourable Mention for their project "Aaram" in Archiol competition design competition.

Aleena Edison, an alumna of SCMS School of Architecture (SSA), has secured admission to the Master of Technology (M.Tech.) in Construction Management programme at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Surathkal, one of India's premier technical institutions.

Alumni of SCMS School of Architecture (SSA), Ninvin Chackalackal, **Ankitha D. Prabhu,** and **Richu Abraham Benjamin**, were awarded an Honourable Mention in The House Interiors 2.0 competition, organized by Archdais Pvt. Ltd., for their project titled "The Monolith."

SCMS INSTITUTE OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Reading Day

As part of the Reading Day celebrations, two days of engaging reading competitions were held on June 22 and 23, 2026. The competition held in English and Malayalam also featured a quiz competition and reading activities. A total of 10 students participated from various departments. The event was coordinated by Women Cell Coordinator, Arya M. Nair.

Skill Development Programme

The Department of Mechanical Engineering organized 3 Days Industrial Skill Development Programme on CNC Machine Technology from July 3 to 5, 2026. Twelve students from the Mechanical Engineering Department attended the session. The Training aimed to provide a basic knowledge & practical experience on CNC Machines used in Mechanical Industry.

Kick for Goals, Not Drugs

As part of the FIFA World Cup celebrations, an inter-team football tournament "Kick for Goals, Not Drugs" was held on July 9, 2026. A total of eight teams participated in the tournament, showcasing teamwork, fair play, and competitive spirit. The event aimed to promote sportsmanship and raise awareness about leading a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

SCMS INSTITUTE FOR ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION

Indian Road Safety Summit

Mr. Prathik Nayar, Director, SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, **M**r. Adarsa kumar G. Nair, Director, SiRST, and Mr. Dilip Kumar K. G., Deputy Director, SiRST, participated in the Indian Road Safety and Smart Mobility Summit held in New Delhi on June 24, 2026. The summit brought together policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and road safety professionals to discuss smart mobility initiatives across India.

Defensive Driving Training

A two-day Simulator-Based Defensive Driving Training Programme was conducted for HPCL Tank Truck Drivers at HPCL Irumpanam Plant on June 16 and 17, 2026. The programme was organized as part of HPCL efforts to strengthen transportation safety among drivers engaged in the movement of hazardous petroleum products.

Participation: NATPAC Event

Ms. Divya M.S., Assistant Professor, Coordinator, SiRST, Dr. Manoj Kumar B., Associate Professor, Department of AE, Mr. Anoob Jose, Assistant Professor, Department of ME , participated in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the KSCSTE–National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC) on July 14 at Thiruvananthapuram.

SCMS COCHIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Peer Review Process

The editorial team of SCMS Journal of Indian Management in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized a Faculty Enrichment Programme titled "Inside the Peer Review Process: Maintaining Quality and Integrity in Academic Publishing" on July 7, 2026. The session was conducted by the Editorial Team of the SCMS Journal of Indian Management, with Dr. Radha Thevannoor**,** Editor, Dr. Anju Varghese Philip, Associate Editor, and Dr. Devika S, Associate Editor**,** serving as the resource persons.

Internship Review Visits

Faculty members undertook internship review visits for PGDM Batch 34 across various cities from July 6 to 11, 2026. The visits covered leading organizations, including Grant Thornton, Ogilvy, Jio Infocomm, Amul (GCMMF), Carborundum Universal Ltd., ITC, Reliance Retail, and Flipkart, among others.

Faculty Achievements

Dr. R. Suma, Assistant Professor, SCMS Cochin School of Business, presented a poster titled "FinTech Adoption and AI Integration in Indian Financial Markets: A Bibliometric and Secondary Data Analysis" at the Pan-IIT International Conference on Financial Markets & Corporate Finance (ICFMCF 2026), held at IIT Madras from July 3 to 5, 2026.

Dr. Bhagyalekshmi P. C., Associate Professor and Head, Department of Marketing, presented a paper titled "Does Green Pay Off? Aligning ESG Performance, Supply Chain Logistics, and Financial Returns at IBM" at the CASE Conference 2026, hosted by FLAME University, Pune, on July 3, 2026.

Mr. George Joseph Kalayil, Assistant Professor – Marketing, published a research article titled "Assessing the Impact of Purpose-Driven Strategies on Sustainable Development: A Study of Early Childhood Education Centres" in the International Journal of Research and Innovation in Applied Science, Volume 11, Issue 6.

Dr. Bhagyalekshmi P. C., Associate Professor and Head, Department of Marketing, attended a Case Writing Workshop organized by FLAME University, Pune, from June 11 to 13, 2026. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Satyendra Pandey, Professor, IRMA.

Dr. Anju Varghese Philip, Associate Editor and **Dr. Suma R.,** Assistant Professor – SCMS Cochin School of Business, participated in the Three-Day Online Faculty Development Programme on “AI-Assisted Systematic Literature Review and Quantitative Evidence Synthesis” conducted by Siva Sivani Institute of Management (SSIM), Secunderabad, from June 25–27, 2026

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