



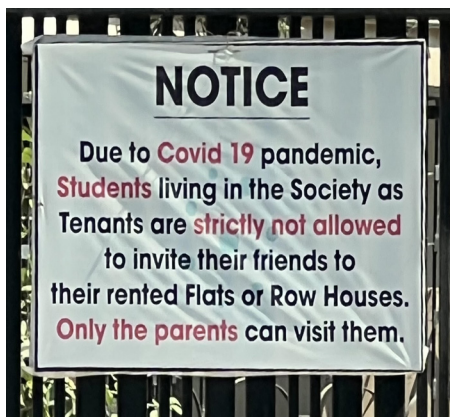
Students face discrimination in VN hsg societies

Adarsh Tripathi

Students residing in rented private accommodations in Viman Nagar are alleging discrimination and harassment by the managements of housing societies.

While other tenants are permitted to invite and entertain guests in their rented flats, students are disallowed from doing so. Notices have been put up in the premises of several prominent societies forbidding and debarring student tenants from hosting visitors. The students allege that even parents and relatives are not allowed to visit them in their rented flats.

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A notice put up in one of the housing societies in Viman Nagar.

SCMC launches Sustainability Cell Will implement the UN's global sustainable development goals

Aadhya Venkatesh

the UN.

With the launch of their very own Sustainability cell in December 2021, The Symbiosis Centre for Media and Communication joined ranks to become one of the first few undergraduate colleges in India to establish such a platform.

Significantly, the proposal for setting up the cell was initiated by the head of the Student Council, Abhishek Anand, and supported by several of the Centre's students. The new initiative aims to meet the sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

The cell envisages creating a platform that encourages and allows SCMC to commit to the 17 Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations. Speaking to the SCMC Chronicle, Anand said, "Sustainability as an outlook has always appealed to me, but the thought of establishing the cell started after I was certified as a 'Sustainability Leader' by United People Global. The knowledge and experience enabled me initiate the process of setting up the cell in SCMC."

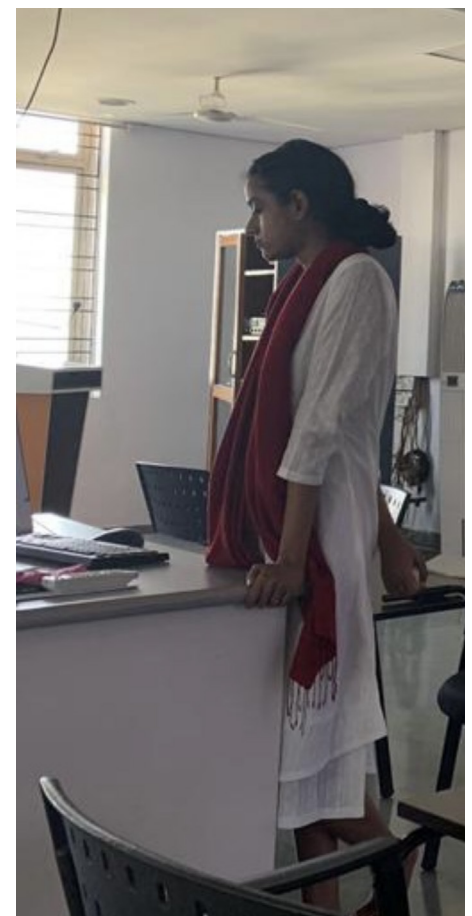
Even before the conceptualisation of the sustainability cell, subjects like environmental conservation and gender sensitivity were a part of the academic curriculum at SCMC. In fact, these two subjects are an integral part of the 17 SDGs set by

Therefore, now with a platform actively studying these issues, and the other SDGs, students and faculty at SCMC have a better opportunity to connect with sustainability concerns at the local level. The cell can promote activities, projects and other hands-on experience with governmental and quasi-governmental bodies.

The cell currently comprises Abhishek Anand (head), Vishakha Rai (deputy head) and Tejasvi Vankayalapati and Aadhya Venkatesh (heads for competitions and affairs). Professors Amitabh Dasgupta and Kavitha Iyer are the faculty guides.

With existing initiatives in areas like health, emotional well-being, gender equality at SCMC, the cell will seek involvement of students to raise awareness and connect them with opportunities that will allow them to teach sustainable living.

In future, the sustainability cell at SCMC intends to extend its scope beyond environmental concerns and eventually address all 17 SDGs with the help of all stake-holders in the institution. The cell hopes to break ground by being a viable platform for holistic development and life lessons that its students will develop and carry back with them into the industry and the community.



A gender sensitivity workshop, one of the UN's sustainability goals, being conducted by a guest faculty, Mythreyee Ramesh at SCMC.

The campus comes alive!

College re-opens after the lockdown; but there's FOMO on aloo-cheese paratha

Atharva Agashe

After almost two years of spooky inactivity and quiet during the covid pandemic, the Symbiosis Viman Nagar campus came alive in mid-Feb, resounding to the laughing and chattering of students who were back on the campus.

SCMC senior students welcomed the second-year students and took the first-year freshers on a campus tour. Wide-eyed and awed by the buildings and infrastructure, which the freshers were seeing for the first time, they were also thrilled to meet their batch-mates in person for the first time.

But the most profound experience was attending classes offline. "The excitement of rushing through the corridors to get into a classroom, I just can't compare with logging on to MS Teams on my laptop. Physical classes are much easier to understand and the clarity of concepts is something I heavily rely upon. I loved to participate in the class activity. Honestly I wouldn't have participated if I was online," said Paridhi from the Batch of 2023.

Devashree from Batch 24 was fascinated by the fact that students from all over the country, as well as the world, would be



Freshers from the batch of '24 take in the sights and sounds on their arrival in the campus for the first time after the lifting of the lockdown.

in the same class as she and it would be fun to learn along with them. Aditya from the same batch expressed his gratitude towards his seniors for being helpful and welcoming.

The freshers especially were impressed with the audio-visual studio, the photo and sound labs, the computer lab and the mini-theatre classrooms. But it was the gym, the playground, the dining hall in the mess, the canteen, the stationery

and provision store, the juice bar and the eateries across the road that fascinated them. The big attractions were the swanky Café Peter and the down to earth Mavshi's wada-pav stall.

"The campus is pretty cool and has a lot of facilities. I am excited to spend the next three years of my life on this campus," said Manas from the Batch of 2024.

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Farmers' market near Symbi a popular attraction

Hannah Sarasu John

One would expect the Symbiosis Viman Nagar Campus to be a quiet place on weekends, right?

Wrong! Come Sunday evening and the road next to the campus playground becomes a bustling market place, quite literally. This popular farmers' market is held on Sundays between 3 pm and 7 pm. Farmers come to the market from in and around Pune to set up their stalls and sell their products directly to buyers.

The concept was initiated by the local corporator Mukta Jagtap to help farmers by-pass the middle-man and sell their products directly to consumers.

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Bustling activity at the farmers' market.