

First SBM Alumni Meet 2020

The **First Alumni Meet** for the **Batch of 2019, School of Business Management, SVKM's NMIMS, Navi Mumbai** held on Saturday 8th February 2020, was a complete success. It was a gorgeous evening with the campus buzzing with activity and anticipation. Coupled with the zeal of the Organizing committee, the support of the faculty and staff, the optimism of our dear Director and eager participation from our alumni, the First Alumni meet manifested into a grand event with the participation of all the invited alumni.



The newly bloomed SOHM restaurant was the venue for the Alumni meet, which was well lit up with *diyas* and a vividly decorated *rangoli* made of colours and flowers. The whole restaurant was set up in an orderly fashion with a buffet spread ready to pounce on.

The event kickstarted at around 4:40 pm, with the first bunch of alumni invitees making their way into the college premises. Each of them surprised and in a state of awe, seeing the facilities that NMIMS Navi Mumbai had churned out for its students.

These precious guests of the day were welcomed with a traditional *tika* application followed by a rose being presented to each of them. Once everyone warmed up to the occasion, the Director stepped in to address his students.



He apprised them with details about the newly introduced facilities on campus, the status of placements this year and announced the inception of the Alumni association. Further details about the Alumni Association- Milan, as mentioned by the Director have been appended at the end of this document.

The Director's speech was followed by Dr. Manjari, Associate Dean, SBM, addressing the gathering, reminiscing about the various experiences that they all had gone through as the team that was entrusted with the responsibility of building NMIMS Navi Mumbai as a brand from ground up.



Prof. Chandan Adhikari too was an active partaker in the process, where upon he recited a poem that he had composed very specifically for the alumni audience. It was delivered beautifully and was received with cheers and applause.



Quickly following the heels of Prof. Chandan Adhikari's recital was the memento distribution that took place, wherein the Director handed over specially embossed diaries to each of the present alumni. The mood of the evening was pumped up further with bucket loads of energy and fun through a musical performance by our very own keyboard artist Krish. The talented chap was supportive all throughout by nonchalantly churning out melodies and providing rhythm to everybody's vocal muse. We had Jai from the alumni, who though initially hesitant, took it up on himself to sing for his friends- a lovely effort that was! And Alisha, Vivek, Manan and Bhavni followed suit and kept up the verve of that evening! There were many more memories made in this pursuit, with Prof. Burna, Prof. Mukund and Ms. Aparna piloting the event to extravagant heights by coming forward and joining the gig.



The meet continued its course, with the alumni taking a tour of the facilities and fondly re-capturing memories of their days on campus. The evening however was yet to wane; there was a dinner party organized at Singh Saab's for all the partakers in the meet, both faculty and students alike. Singh Saab's offered a rich spread of vegetarian and non-vegetarian platters that were relished by each and everyone attending the dine-out. The head at Singh Saab's however offered to turn up the volume and make the gathering a more pompous one filled with further fun and frolic! A gesture to which the group of forty attendees from NMIMS responded by dancing with *gusto*! The evening only got better with every passing moment with people re-connecting, lots of new bonds being forged and plentiful affection being thrown around like confetti!

An event like this cannot happen overnight. The wheels start rolling weeks ago. It required planning and a birds-eye for details that was relentlessly looked into by a team of very motivated and dedicated individuals. The SOHM team, led dynamically by Dr. Ruchita Verma, assisted by Dr. Ketan, Rameshji, Parv and Akhil, generously shared their time and talents, calling for a special mention of their sincere efforts. The venue of the Alumni meet played a central role in creating a perfect ambience.

Each one of the 21 alumni who attended the Alumni Meet 2020, shared how much they enjoyed the warm welcome and hospitality extended by the whole organizing team.

Appendix 1:

Alumni Association: Milan

Vision Statement

- To offer programs that foster campus traditions and perpetuate a passion for a life-long involvement with the University.

The Mission Statement

- To champion a life-long relationship between the University and its alumni.

Guiding Principles

- Build relationships and a sense of camaraderie among students and alumni
- Engage alumni and students through the perpetuation of tradition and pride
- Recruit alumni to actively promote and showcase the Alumni Association as an essential partner of the University

Strategic Approach

To achieve this vision, we must adopt an approach that is:

- Prospective – recognizing that affinity for the NM experience begins with the quality of the student experience and is enhanced through lifelong learning and engagement.
- Supportive – responding to and anticipating the needs and interests of alumni must guide our efforts in promoting their personal and professional development.
- Comprehensive – supporting and developing the alumni network - one that fully integrates the efforts of all, on campus and worldwide.
- Inclusive – our approach must also enliven and enrich the lives of alumni by reinforcing an atmosphere of fellowship among all fellow NMITES.

The Functioning Body

The alumni association would be led by the director Dr. P. N. Mukherjee with Dr. Manjari Srivastava as the mentor of SBM along with Prof. Burna Nayar taking up the role of the faculty in-charge (SBM). The students that would form a part of the core team would include:

- Aditya Turga
- Pratik Modi
- Priyanka Menda
- Keshav Pasari
- Kushal Sarawgi
- Pratik Shahdadpuri
- Simrit Bhatia
- Dimpay Dugar
- Ishita
- Vibhavari T S.

This body would be in-charge of co-ordinating proposed activities such as workshops, guest lectures, library connect sessions, developing and delivering bi-annual newsletters and conducting Alumni meets that are set to be organized in the near future.