

INTRODUCTION PROGRAM : ORIENTATION WEEK FOR STME

Organised by STME Student Council

“Be present. I would encourage you with all my heart just to be present. Be present and open to the moment that is unfolding before you. Because, ultimately, your life is made up of moments. So don't miss them by being lost in the past or anticipating the future.”

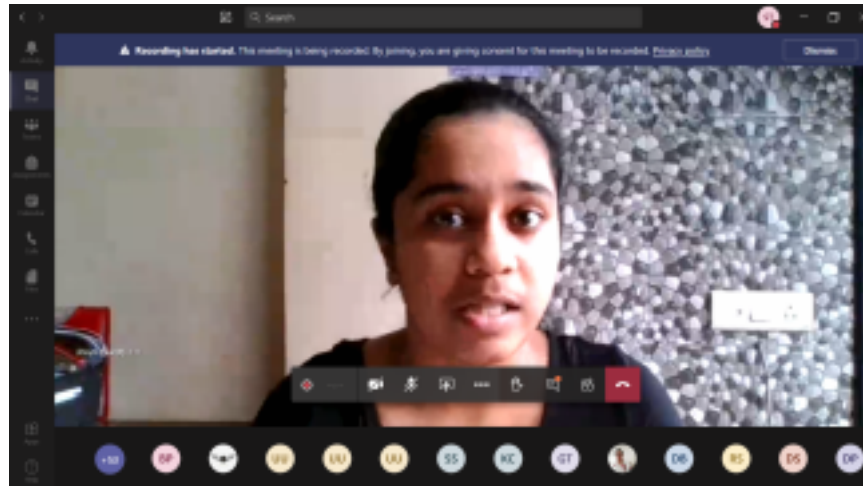
-Jessica Lange

The SVKM's NMIMS Navi Mumbai Campus, located in a natural scenic serene environment provides an idyllic environment for pursuing higher education programs and engaging in learning, away from the noise and pollution. NMIMS, over the last 35 years grown from a management institute offering a single product namely MBA education to a Deemed to be University offering multiple products through separate schools in Business Management, Pharmacy, Technology Management & Engineering, Hospitality, Architecture, Science, Commerce, Economics and Law. This year like every other year, NMIMS welcomed a new set of minds with excitement and joy. The first day of the orientation week, August 10th, marked the beginning of a new journey for the batch of 2024-2025 of B.Tech and MBA.Tech respectively. Given the current unavoidable circumstances, as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, it was difficult to be physically present and formally introduce the freshers to the college. But even this obstacle didn't dampen the spirits of the faculty and the seniors. Instead, eager to see their family grow, they welcomed the new batch to the NMIMS Navi Mumbai family with open arms and alacrity by the means of a virtual induction program.

The induction program is an annual tradition here at NMIMS, STME. It aims at giving the freshers a hearty welcome and making them feel comfortable in an unfamiliar and new environment. They interact with and get to know their professors, peers and seniors before the academic sessions begin thereby results in them feeling more at home, and this is exactly what the induction program of 2020 - 2021 strived to achieve.

The program spanned over the course of a week. On the first day, that is the 10th of August, the new batch was addressed by the heads of our institution, their mentors, the director and dean of the college. There were also motivational speeches which left the students filled with energy and in high spirits. The student council and the heads of clubs and committees gave compelling speeches about the student organisations on campus and encouraged the students to join the clubs to achieve holistic and overall development and for an experience they will always cherish. They stressed on the importance to strive for balance between academics and extracurriculars. Lastly, a brief session on the campus rules set the tone for the quality of discipline we, here at NMIMS adhere to. The next day had a lineup of exciting sessions discussing useful tips and tricks the students can use to make the most of their time here at NMIMS and succeed academically. All the doubts that the students had regarding additional courses and the process of education during COVID times were addressed. The student council also organised a “Sketch your mate” activity which was one of the highlights of the program. The students were divided into batches and they had to display their creative skills drawing each other based on the description provided by their peers. This proved to be an ice breaker as they laughed about their drawings and had a good time. The third day of the induction week started off with sessions that helped the students get a clearer picture about their career paths, the examination methods along with introducing anti ragging policies and cyber laws. This was followed by a motivational speech which got students thinking deeply and reflecting on

some strong points made. The last event of the day was if not the, but one of the most exhilarating experiences for the students. It was the Talent show. The talent show gave the students a platform to showcase their skills and they came through! From singing to art, they're a diverse, talented bunch.



The last day began with sessions in which the speakers shed some light on international collaborations with the college and the training and placement opportunities.



The induction week was concluded with the Class Representative elections. CRs are the executive members of the student council. They help in the smooth functioning of the college. They reflect leadership and virtues which help lead their batch. From amongst the new batch, 2 B.Tech students and 4 MBA.Tech students were elected by their fellow students to represent their class.

All in all, it was an exciting week with fun activities, learning and a lot of laughter. It resulted in making the freshers more comfortable and familiar in their new home. It set the tone for the years to come and gave them an insight into what they can expect during their time here at NMIMS.



“Every day is a chance to begin again. Don’t focus on the failures of yesterday, start today with positive thoughts and expectations.”

– Catherine Pulsifer.