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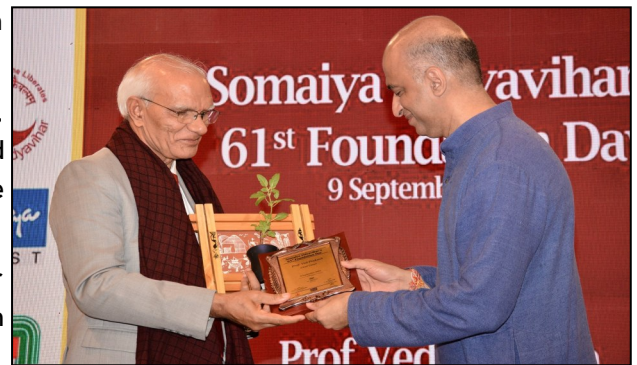
Team ALCOM Speaks

Team ALCOM is enthused to present to you the October edition of Imprints. It features an exclusive interview with **Mr. Saurabh Singh, Alum of Batch 1989-91, President, ICICI Foundation & Head – Government & Institutional Banking, ICICI Bank.** This edition also talks about the latest happenings at SIMSR - Nostalgia 2019, Guest Lecture by Alum, Milaap 2019 registration and much more

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Announcement of SVV University & 61st Foundation Day

- Somaiya Vidyavihar recently celebrated its 61st Foundation day on 9th September, 2019
- **Shri. Samir Somaiya**, President, Somaiya Vidyavihar, announced that Government has granted self financed private university status to Somaiya Vidyavihar and it will be called Somaiya Vidyavihar University
- The Chief Guest for the event was **Prof. Ved Prakash**, Former Chairman, University Grant Commission, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi
- The event witnessed several competitions, awards and cultural events



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Inauguration of PGDM - Executive Batch 2019-20

- The inaugural ceremony of the new PGDM Executive batch of 2019-20 was graced by **Mr. John Samuel**, Managing Director & Lead - Health Public, Accenture, who was the Chief Guest of the inauguration
- He gave critical insights on the concept of DARQ (Distributed Ledger Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Extended Reality, Quantum Computing) and spoke about the importance of delivering customer satisfaction



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Inauguration of MMS Batch 2019-21

- The inaugural ceremony of the new MMS batch of 2019-21 was held on 16th September, 2019
- The Chief Guest was **Mr. Anuj Bhargava**, Alum of Batch 1983-85, Founder & CEO of A.B. Associates. He has a strong experience of over 34 years in the banking, financial and capital markets space
- We wish the incoming batch all the best and a bright future ahead



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AlumSpeaks with Mr. Saurabh Singh

SIMSR Alum Batch 1989-91 | President, ICICI Foundation | Head – Government & Institutional Banking, ICICI Bank

Favorite hangout place in SIMSR Maggi House/Nescafe coffee place	Books/Movies Keep reading	Success Mantra Keep taking risks
Favorite destination Jungle safari	Favorite cuisine Indian	Role Model Multiple
Quote you always go by “Make it simple”		Your goal in life Be an influencer



Q. Being recognized as the Best Foundation of the Year, what is it that ICICI Foundation is doing better and more effective than other Foundations?

A. When we are speaking of Foundations, we should shed our competitive behaviour. The objective of the foundation is development of the underprivileged. It is more about collaboration rather than trying to prove being better than others. We also need to understand that the CSR Act is just in the 5th year running and there are corporates involved in philanthropic activities for several years or even decades. Our parent ICICI as development finance institution invested in philanthropic activities from its inception. Our Foundation was formalised in 2008 and several programs were launched pre-CSR Act which makes our organization different. CSR as formal initiative is evolving. New investments, initiatives, newer careers, consultants and technology are evolving and will mature in few years. I would advise watching this space evolve as there is a lot of positive energy and new ideas from government, corporates & NGOs.

Q. There is a difference between being educated and being employable. What are few major areas you think our Indian student force is lacking in terms of employability?

A. The major issue is the way education is being handled. Academic intelligence has been over celebrated by academia. Success in employment has multiple variables more important than academic intelligence. After being called brilliant for 17-18 years the corporate life becomes a leveller. I observe a lot of new to job, struggling with loss of identity and not being able to socially embed themselves with the employer. This results in search for dream employer who in most cases do not exist. My advice to management students is that you need to create space & identity wherever you go. No one else is getting paid to structure an environment that you dream or desire.

Q. You were instrumental in launching initiative like ‘Smart Vault’, India’s first locker facility powered by robotic technology. How important is it to integrate technology innovation for enhancing customer experience?

A. The pace of change and adoption of technology is the new truth. Managers who don’t understand technology, which is beyond usage of computers will face redundancy. Social skills, Technology & Data Management is going to be a key differentiator. Most of the functions in the banking domain have moved to self-service with 24 hours access.

“ **If you haven't failed, you haven't taken enough risks** ”

Customers have limited access to vaults in banking hours and working days. Technology has helped us beat this paradigm and now it is possible to offer vaults with 24 hours unassisted access. We have implemented at 2 locations at Delhi.

Q. How do you deal with failures that you encounter in your professional life?

A. In professional life you are bound to fail at some point. If you have not failed means you haven't taken enough risks. I would advise to take risks, be prepared that some decisions may not work out and lead to failure. Face the failure encountered, learn from them and move ahead. Each risk taken has potential for great learning which will help you lifelong.

Q. What were the significant learnings you learnt during the 2 years at SIMSR?

A. When we joined there were not many management institutes in the country and Mumbai had only 7 of them. We had a lot of visiting faculties with strong industry knowledge who oriented us in the right direction by sharing with us their industry experience. I credit 50% of what I am today to my experiences in SIMSR where we were able to receive proper guidance.

Q. What would be your advice for the students/young alumni who are starting their careers?

A. Academic learning and management theories are very important. With digitisation of management, you will have plethora of opportunities to use theoretical learnings. While I stress on social intelligence as more critical than academic intelligence it is combination of both that differentiates you from the crowd. Focus on building your capability and the world will follow you.

[Click here to read the full interview](#)

Nostalgia 2019

Alma Matters

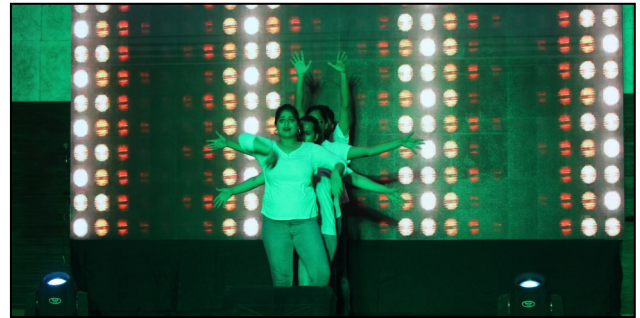
- This year the Alumni Committee organised Alma Matters in collaboration with 23 other committees of SIMSR
- Alumni connected with the current committee members and got acquainted with the recent changes in their respective committees
- They shared their experiences with the current students about how their learning from their committee help shaped their life
- The current students also used this opportunity to meet, interact and learn from the alumni. The event was a success and was highly appreciated by the alumni



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Cultural Performances

- The evening saw scintillating performances by Mauj - the music club and Grooves - the dance club of SIMSR
- Our alumni also took part in the fun and performed for the audience
- The evening was full of fun and laughter and the alumni had a great time



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Felicitation of the Batch of 1989

- Alumni are the torchbearers of our institute and they have been making us proud in all their endeavours
- This year, during Nostalgia the Batch of 1989 was felicitated for completing 30 years of their graduation from SIMSR
- Their journey continues to inspire us and their contribution to the institute will forever be cherished

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Sports Events

- The sports events at Nostalgia 2019 was conducted in collaboration with the Sports Committee of SIMSR
- The event included games like table tennis, cricket and carrom
- Minute to minute fun games were also organised in between the sport events to give alumni a break
- This was the first time sports events were conducted at Nostalgia



SIMSR Superstars 2019 – Jury

Excellence in Leadership



Mr. Narendra Mairpady
Rtd. CMD
Indian Overseas Bank



Mr. Shailesh Chaturvedi
CEO
Tommy Hilfiger Apparels



Mr. Mandeep Malhotra
Founding Partner & CEO
The Social Street



Dr. Gibson Vedamani
CEO
Sharon Wayne

Excellence in Human Resources



Mr. Sankha Bhowmick
Vice President - HR
Fintech Company



Ms. Naina Panse
Ex - Vertical Head – HR
HDFC Bank



Mr. Venkatramanan S
Project Consultant
Swarat Consultants



Mr. Satyajit Rajput
Head, Digital Prime SaaS
Solution Consulting MNC

Excellence in Finance



Mr. Vivek Shenoy
Founder Director
Cognitive Advisory Services

Excellence in Entrepreneurship



Mr. Varun Gera
Founder & CEO
HealthAssure



Mr. Sachin Tagra
Head, Capital18
Network18 Media & Investments

Excellence in Information Technology



Mr. Thomson Thomas
Executive Vice President
HDFC Life

SIMSR Superstars - The Alumni Awards 2019

Excellence in Leadership



Mr. Puneet Gupta
MMS 1991-93
Managing Director
Franke Faber India

Director's Special Award



Mr. Mehul Ashar
MMS 2002-04
Vice President
Incor Hospitals

Excellence in Entrepreneurship



Mr. Ajay Kaul
MMS 1988-90
Managing Director
AgreeYa Solutions

Excellence in Finance



Mr. Asim Mehta
MMS 2002-04
Vice President
JP Morgan Chase

Excellence in Human Resources



Ms. Sheeja Rai
MMS 1999-01
APAC HR Head
Flavors

Excellence in Operations



Ms. Loveena Khatwani
PGPMS 1993-95
Chief Client Experience Officer
Edelweiss Capital

Excellence in Information Technology



Mr. Sudesh Puthran
MFM 1995-98
Chief Technology Officer
Aditya Birla Finance

Excellence in Marketing



Mr. Shyam Motwani
MMS 1984-86
Executive VP & Business Head
Godrej & Boyce Mfg.

Excellence in Marketing (Jury Special)



Mr. Praveen Jaipurjar
PGPMS 1995-97
CEO
Continental Coffee

Job Opportunities - September

Total no. of recruiting companies	Total no. of Vacancies
13	17

Top recruiting companies

- Royal Bank of Scotland
- Unilever
- Societe General
- Oyo Life
- Policy Bazar
- Ipsos Research
- Orient Cement

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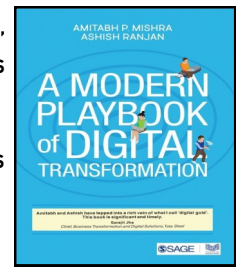
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Alum Achievement

- Ashish Ranjan, Alum of Batch 2007**, Chief Digital Officer, National Engineering Industries (NBC Bearings), has added yet another feather to his cap by turning author
- His book 'A Modern Playbook of Digital Transformation' is garnering praises from all quarters
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Faculty Achievement

- Prof. (Dr.) Radha Iyer**, Area Chairperson - General Management, SIMSR, was awarded the Teaching Entrepreneurship by Higher Education Forum (HEF) for her outstanding contribution in teaching entrepreneurship
- HEF is the community of individuals & practitioners of higher education in India
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Milaap - Batch Registrations

- We all take different paths in life but no matter where we go, the memories remain forever
- SIMSR Alumni Committee brings you 'Milaap - Batch Reunion' where our Alumni get to relive the days gone by
- It will be held on 14th December, 2019
- Please find the Batch wise registration links in the table on the right

Batch	Reunion	Links
1994	Silver Jubilee Reunion	Register
1999	Vicennial Reunion	Register
2004	Quindecennial Reunion	Register
2009	Decade Reunion	Register

Guest Lecture by Alum

- Mr. Anuj Mathur, Alum of Batch 1992** addressed the PGDM-FS Batch of 2021 students on 'Work culture and future prospects for employees in the financial sector'
- The lecture was a highly informative session



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