

# Alumni

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## Team ALCOM Speaks

"Success is a journey and not a destination." - Ben Sweetland

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. With this thought, the Alumni Committee is delighted to present to you the March edition of Imprints. This edition will excite you to know more about the happenings in your institute by giving you a peek into the highlights of the CEPAR Conference, General Management Conference, SIFICO, Alumni Achievements, Melange and many more

#### Alum appointed as Country Head for Morgan Stanley

- Sanjay Shah, Alum of Batch 1992, has been appointed as Country Head for Morgan Stanley India
- After joining Morgan Stanley as an Associate in 1996 in the institutional equities division of Mumbai, he rose through the ranks and became the Managing Director in 2005 and was the Co-Head of India from 2013
- He is a marketing veteran and has been awarded as 'The Best India Salesperson'



- Shruti Dubev

#### **Know Our Alums**

'Know Our Alum' is an initiative to introduce illustrious Alumni of the institute over the years

Mehul Kapadia Alum of Batch 1998

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Global Head of Marketing, MNC **Vodafone Business** United Kingdom

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Ashutosh Khanna Alum of Batch 1988 Senior Client Partner Korn Ferry India

Click here to know his journey



#### **ICON**

- ICON is the official techfest of the Department of Data Science and Technology with the primary motive of encouraging scientific thinking and innovation
- Yajush Mishra, Alum of Batch 2007, Global Solutions Owner, Data and Analytics, Mondelez International was the Chief Guest for the event
- It was an inter-college event that covered technical, non-technical and gaming events



- Sonali Gupta

## AlumSpeaks with Shailendra Shukla

MD - Vehicle Group India, Eaton

K J Somaiya Institute of Management Alum Batch 1997-99

Favourite hangout spot on campus	Favourite Vehicle
Canteen & library	Sedan cars
Word that describes you	Favourite Holiday Destination
Jovial	Europe
Favourite book	Biggest Strength
Who says elephants can't dance?	Desire to learn and intuition



# Q. With a rich career spanning over 2 decades, what has been the most memorable moment so far?

- A. I enjoy every moment of my life and thus each one of it is memorable to me personally and professionally. From the time I got my first job to the current position I am in, there is a plethora of moment at every stage of my life that has helped me to grow and I have enjoyed and celebrated all of them.
- Q. You have an extensive leadership experience across electrical, electronics, power and automobile sectors in leading global technology organizations. Which of these have been the most favourite and challenging for you?
- A. I develop my competency for the business and general management rather than for a product or a company that demands one's flexibility, agility and resilience. Simply put, one needs to be prepared for all kinds of businesses. From career perspective, I have always been industry agnostic, I started with IT hardware, and then worked in IT Networking & software, moved to electrical / Data centers and energy management and now in the mechanical world. Preferably, what recruiters look for, is competency, adaptability and attitude especially when they are ready to take risks for lateral hire. All Industries are demanding and have certain amount of flamboyance attached to them.
- Q. You have been associated with Eaton for more than 5 years. What motivates you to be committed to the company?
- A. Every organisation I've worked within my career had varied strengths and opportunities to hone one's skillset. I chose Eaton as its future outlook and financial health were impressive and it was willing to invest in the country. It was consistently part of Fortune 500 list, scored high on sustainability index and part of Fortune's 'Most admired companies.' It has a strong legacy of 110 years with extensive presence across globe and known for continuously evolving its business models. The motivation comes from empowerment, ability to contribute towards changes and work culture.
- Q. Which environment friendly solutions are being used by Eaton Vehicle Group to reduce fuel vapour emissions?
- A. Eaton is primarily power management company with a clear mission to improve the quality of life and the environment through the use of power management technologies and services. Fuel vapour emissions are primarily used in petrol tanks where it manages the fuel tank ventilation and pressure during vehicle operation and refueling and thus contribute towards efficient system. In vehicle business we also have other products which contribute towards improved efficiency engine valves, gear transmission systems, e-mobility solutions, etc. Eaton's other business also contributes heavily towards environment.

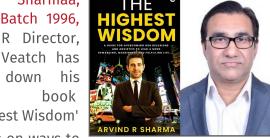
# Sound health is important for both personal and professional reasons

- Q. What impact did you feel in the automobile industry owing to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- A. 2020 was a testing time for majority of business across the globe. The first half of the year pushed most of the organisation on the drawing board and one had to think what to do next, revolving around business, people and their job security. The first decision Eaton took was to protect people and we re-adjusted ourselves to the new normal. The demand has risen since second half of 2020 and the industry is bouncing back and if the trend continues, we may witness a V-shaped recovery.
- Q. Apart from technical skills, which other skills are required to excel in a sales managerial role?
- A. A successful salesperson must excel in several areas and unlike popular notion, should sell the right solution to a customer instead of focusing on selling available solutions with them and thus become trusted advisor. Some key skills which a sales manager must inculcate include speed, discipline, honesty, team development, financial acumen, strong desire for learning, strong listening skills coupled with good articulation skills and finally operations knowledge would be an additional advantage. One must remember that being a sales manager is not the end game and one must have a continuous pursuit for higher goals.
- Q. What are some of the significant learning you had in your two years at K J Somaiya Institute of Management?
- A. Logical ability, analytical ability and working under stress are my significant learnings from the institute.
- Q. What would be your advice for the students/young Alumni who are starting their career?
- A. Don't chase money but be hungry for learning and having good and meaningful roles, money will automatically follow. Groom your skillsets by taking tough assignments. Remember that feedback and introspection are crucial for personal development and one must learn from their mistakes. People will also gauge you by attitude and your collaboration skills and finally there is no substitute for hard work. Back it all with good communication skills and articulation.

#### Alumni Achievements

#### Alum pens a book

#### Arvind Sharmaa, Alum of Batch 1996, Senior HR Director, Black & Veatch has penned down his latest book 'The Highest Wisdom'



 It focuses on ways to conquer our perceptions and anxieties to lead a satisfying, positive and fulfilling life

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- Sonali Gupta

#### TEDx talk

- Jinal Shah, Alum of Batch 2007, On-Demand Marketer, ifiweremarketing spoke on 'Making any Business Crisis-Proof' in TEDx talk
- In her talk, she elaborated on how to form crisis-proof companies and five



impressive TELCoS immunity model tactics that make enterprises less sensitive to transition

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- Sonali Gupta

#### 7th International CEPAR Conference

- The 7th International Conference of Centre for Economic Policy Analysis & Research was held on the theme 'Coping up with the Post-Lockdown Economic Environment'
- The conference was attended by an array of speakers who elaborated on the topics 'Economic Growth Revival, MSME Challenges and Logistics & Mobility'



<u>Click here to watch</u> - Shreya Gupta

#### 10th International Finance Conference

- The Centre of Excellence in Capital Markets in collaboration with the Finance and Law Department hosted the 10th International Finance Conference
- The conference which themed around COVID-19 and Financial Markets, saw Dharmakirti Joshi, Chief Economist, CRISIL and Narendra Mairpady, Ex-Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Overseas Bank as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively

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- Anshuki Tripathi

#### 3rd International Conference on Challenges in Emerging Economies

- The 3rd International Conference on the Emerging Economy was conducted virtually by the General Management Area
- The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Monica Khanna, followed by the Keynote Address of Prof. Todd Jenkins, Adjunct Professor, New Jersey City University, USA on Social Entrepreneurship
- Priya Kapadia, Alum of Batch 1999, Head, Marico Foundation, was a part of an insightful Panel Discussion on Emerging Trends in Stakeholder Management



- Sonali Gupta

# Superstars 2020 - The Alumni Awards Awardees

With 160+ nominations for Superstars 2020, Jury had a tough time in selecting the final awardees. Presenting the Awardees for Superstars 2020 from various categories.

#### Excellence in Leadership



Prakash Gurumoorthy Batch of 2000 Partner & M.D. Asia Pacific & Japan **BORN Group** 

#### Excellence in Community Engagement (Jury Special)



Shreya Bhattacharya Batch of 2005 Vice President - Treasury Bank of America

Hari Iyer Batch of 1993 Real Estate Freelancer Self Redevelopment Projects

#### Excellence in Entrepreneurship



Vikram Bhatt Batch of 1997 Founder & Director Enrich Hair & Skin Solution

Excellence in

#### Excellence in Finance and Economics



Ankur Mehta Batch of 2006 Executive Vice President Marsh & McLennan Companies

### (Jury Special)



Saru Kaushal Batch of 1992 Institutional Partnerships, Strategy, Lending & Credit Business INDwealth.in

#### Excellence in Human Resources Information Technology



Ina Bajwa Batch of 2004 Sr. Director & Global Head of Learning, Organisation & Leadership Development Tata Communications

Rahul Avasthy Batch of 2010 Lead - Digital Transformation & Experience Abbott

#### Excellence in Marketing



Lloyd Mathias Batch of 1988 Angel Investor, Business & Marketing Strategist

#### (Jury Special)



Mehul Kapadia Batch of 1998 Global Head of Marketing, MNC Vodafone Business

#### Excellence in Operations



Bhavik Chauhan Batch of 2010 Sr. Manager Supply and Network Planning Unilever

Young Achiever



Aditya Swaminathan Batch of 2015 General Manager - Paytm Ads One97 Communications (Paytm)

#### Director's Special



Y Shekar Batch of 1985 InCharge - Centre for Digital Enterprise IIM Udaipur



Maria John Batch of 1985 Proprietor Marijo Designs

# Superstars 2020 - The Alumni Awards Jury Members

Meet the extremely talented, versatile and knowledgeable jury

#### Excellence in Leadership



Hiren Kulkarni CEO Infinx Services



Narendra Mairpady Advisor Engube Collaborations

# Excellence in Finance and Economics



Anand Shah CEO N I Advisory



S Balasubramaniam Former EVP & CFO Zensar Technologies



Venkat Srinivasan Co-Founder MvCFO

#### Excellence in Community Engagement



Dr. Prasanthkumar Nellickal Head CSR Muthoot Pappachan Group



Roma Balwani Senior Director Vedanta Resources

#### Excellence in Human Resources



Sankha Bhowmick Vice President - HR Goldman Sachs



Sudhir Sohoni Founding Director Purple HR Consulting



Yogesh Patgaonkar Partner Global HR Leaders LLP

#### Excellence in Entrepreneurship



Sunita Singh EVP Wadhwani Foundation



Venkatesh Iyer Founder & CEO Goli Vadapav

#### Excellence in Information Technology



Aniruddha Palwankar Senior Architect Avenue ECommerce



Arindam Ray Chaudhuri COO AgreeYa Solutions



Shekhar Bhat Founder Career & Paths

#### Excellence in Operations



Arvind Prabhu Director RaceNext Solutions



K.V. Suryaprakash Executive Director



Cecilia Azavedo Global Head of HR Biocon Biologies

#### Young Achiever



Colonel Chandhoke MD & CEO Victorinox India



Mudit Bhatnagar Chief Commercial Officer Melcom

#### Excellence in Marketing



Manish Advani Founder & CEO Mimo Potentio



Rajesh Srivastava Corporate Trainer to Start-ups



Ravi Ramanathan Founder & Principal Strategist Strategic Inflection Solution



Tarun Chauhan Partner TSC Consulting

#### Masterclass on Contemporary HR practice

- Geetha Sriniwasan, Alum of Batch 1989, Consultant for New Product Feasibility Studies and Product Launch Strategy conducted a MasterClass on 'Contemporary HRM practice in the Healthcare industry
- She emphasized the importance of performance parameters for growth and illustrated a typical sales and marketing organogram
- The session was facilitated by Dr. Shrabani Bhattacharjee for the year Healthcare management students





- Dorin Shah

#### Melange 2021

- Melange, the annual flagship fest of K J Somaiya Institute of Management, was held for the first time on the virtual platform centered around the theme 'Empowering Digital Transcendence'
- The inauguration ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest, Siddharth Shah, Founder & CEO of API holdings (PharmEasy Group), and the Guest of Honour, Ajit Nagral, Chairman and CEO, Scitara Corporation
- Nimish Danani, Alum of Batch 2001, Director, Hitachi Vantara was part of 'Corporate Samvaad', an illuminating panel discussion conducted on the topic 'Empowering Digital Transcendence'





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- Mahip Vijayvergia

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Total no. of recruiting companies	Total no. of Vacancies
16	22
Top Recruiting	Companies
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Johnson	Bandhan Bank
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• Qualcomm India	Accenture
<ul> <li>Reliance Jio</li> </ul>	
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