

# 100prints

K J Somaiya Institute of Management

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## Team ALCOM Speaks

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"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try" - John F. Kennedy.

On this note, with immense joy and gratitude, we celebrate the monumental milestone of Imprints' 100<sup>th</sup> edition. For us, success has not been a finite destination but an infinite journey of growth and inspiration. In this special edition, we honour this remarkable journey and some of the people who have fueled its growth while also announcing two momentous reunions, Nostalgia and Milaap, on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Let the spirit of Imprints guide us toward a future where stories continue to inspire, uplift and connect us all

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## Message from the Director's Desk

It is with great pleasure that I address you on this momentous occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of Imprints, our Alumni newsletter. This 100<sup>th</sup> edition of the Alumni newsletter serves as a testament to the enduring bonds we share and the remarkable achievements of our Alumni community. It is a chronicle of your accomplishments, ventures, and contributions, serving to inspire the next generation of business leaders and reinforcing the values that underpin our institution.



I want to express my deepest appreciation for the outstanding contributions each one of you has made to the business world and beyond. We take pride that your stint at K J Somaiya Institute of Management may have nurtured and contributed to your success. I am grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to the Institute. Together, we have built a vibrant community that continues to thrive and evolve. As we celebrate this special milestone, let us renew our commitment to fostering lifelong connections, promoting excellence, and creating a positive impact in the world of business.

And lastly, I would like to congratulate the Alumni Relations Team for their consistency and dedication in publishing Imprints since 2006 and keeping Alumni updated about latest happenings from campus and Alumni network.

As we reflect on the past and look toward the future, I want to reiterate the invaluable role you, our esteemed Alumni, play in the continued growth and success of our institute. Your contributions, whether through mentorship, guest lectures, suggesting industry trends and other engagements with the institute, have made a significant impact on the lives of our current students and faculty.

I look forward to witnessing the next chapter of our journey unfold, knowing that the future holds boundless opportunities for our Alumni and our institute. Together, let us continue to make a difference, inspire change, and shape a better tomorrow.

Regards,

**Raman Ramachandran, Ph.D.** 

Director, K J Somaiya Institute of Management

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## Chief Editor's Note

It is with great pleasure and pride that we present the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of Imprints, our Alumni newsletter. Imprints has been a crucial communication tool to update our alums about their alma-mater and Alumni network in the form of AlumSpeaks (Illustrious Alum Interview), alumni & faculty achievements, alumni activities & initiatives, prominent institute events, media coverages, etc.



When I reflect on the Imprints journey, from humble beginnings in 2006 to reaching this milestone, Imprints has come a long way. When I joined K J Somaiya Institute of Management in April 2015, the first thing I worked on was Imprints. From August 2016 till date, the past 87 editions have been published on 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, and I hope we continue this streak.

The 100<sup>th</sup> edition of Imprints serves as a reminder of the power of our Alumni network. It is a reminder that the connections forged within these walls extend far beyond graduation day. As you read through the pages of this newsletter, I encourage you to reach out, reconnect, and continue to foster the bonds that make our alumni community so vibrant.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the previous Imprints' teams of Alumni Committee and my fellow Chief Editor for 5 years, Hemanchi Hublikar, who have been a part of this legacy. Their dedication, passion, commitment and consistency of showcasing the very best of our Alumni community have been instrumental in making this milestone possible.

As we celebrate this milestone and look towards the future, let us remember the words of Helen Keller: "Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much". It is through our collective strength, shared experiences, and the bonds that tie us together that we will continue to shape a brighter future for ourselves and those who follow in our footsteps.

Congratulations to all of you on this momentous occasion, and here's to the next hundred editions of Imprints!

### Stay Connected!

Arvind Pandi Dorai

Head - Office of Advancement (Alumni Relations, PR & Development)

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# Journey of Imprints - Looking Back and Moving Forward



- As we cross 100 editions of Imprints - Alumni Newsletter, we take a stroll down memory lane, reflecting on the incredible journey during which we even unearthed some of the unaccounted earlier editions that played a crucial role in leading us to this significant milestone
- In 2006, we launched our 1<sup>st</sup> edition with a vision to unite and celebrate our Alumni and these early editions showcased the growing sense of community and engagement



- In 2015, the Imprints was revamped and it was published in a shorter and crisper format



- And since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, each edition has been launched on the first of every month



- In mid-2020, the newsletter evolved as per the brand guidelines of the institute, and with each passing edition, it flourished in its content and reach while experimenting with numerous designs and styles, allowing the publication to resonate with its audience



- Within the pages of the newsletter, we chronicle the journeys of our remarkable Alumni and their achievements and share their inspiring stories while keeping them connected to the Alma-mater with the latest news of the events and happenings of the institute, career updates along with coverage on all the Alumni events
- The commemoration of this milestone provides a chance for the team to look back at its accomplishments since its inception, which would not have been possible without the robust support and generosity of all the stakeholders
- This milestone provides a pivotal moment for the Alumni Committee of the institute as it positions itself as a powerful conduit for collaboration and support with Alums
- Looking ahead, we are excited to forge new collaborations, enhance our content and further strengthen our Alumni engagement





## Messages from Ex-Imprints Heads

 **The Quartet - Amol Inamdar, Aviral Miranda, Niyati Dave, Suveni Tameri** (Team Imprints, 2008)

Imprints was like a startup. Our quartet donned many hats whilst shouldering the responsibility of a quality effort. Sometimes, we'd swap (writer) roles to simulate a different perspective. Microsoft Publisher toggled between being a friend and foe to us but more often than not, it was the former. By the end of our stint, everyone had made a trip to the Comp Lab to upload the final PDF!

Infusing creative juices for fresh themes, churning out articles, proofreading other's work and meeting deadlines made Imprints an exciting, collaborative, challenging, chaotic but truly memorable experience.

It would be incomplete without mentioning the phrase our team would exclaim at the end of every month's effort - "Imprints is OUT!"

Riding on that pulse of passionate enthusiasm, we have raced to edition #100.  
Cheers.

**Parul Pathak** (Team Imprints, 2017) 


Team Imprints! Congratulations on your 100<sup>th</sup> edition! As a former Imprints head, I'm so proud of the work you've done to create a valuable resource for our community!

Dear readers,

If you want a key to finding our Alma-mater's newsletter in your inbox, check it on the 1st of every month. I bet you'll find it :)

 **Ankita Rajadhyasksha** (Team Imprints, 2017)


Being a part of our institute's Alumni Committee and working on Imprints gave me the special opportunity to interview some of the most illustrious members of our Alumni body, like Vikram Malhotra, Madhusudan Kela and Ashutosh Khanna. And the biggest lesson they've all taught me is, "Stop doubting yourself, work hard and make things happen!"

**Suryani Sinha Ray** (Team Imprints, 2018) 

Working for Imprints has been one of the most memorable experiences at college. When the entire college would be partying on the 31<sup>st</sup> of december every year, the Imprints team would be busy working hard, pulling all-nighters working for the next day's release! Cannot help but feel proud of its 100<sup>h</sup> edition. Long way to go!

 **Ankit Kumar** (Team Imprints, 2019)

Imprints taught me the art and importance of meeting deadlines. It gave me a chance to explore my creative side and taught me a lifelong lesson of leading a team by example. Being a part and leading the Imprints team is one of the most cherished things on campus for me. Great to see it's 100<sup>th</sup> edition coming along.

**Shreyas Bhaskare** (Team Imprints, 2019) 

From the committee interview till the committee farewell, ALCOM has always imparted experiential learning. My journey in ALCOM started as a 'content team' member which provided me an exposure to the Alumni stalwarts by means of AlumSpeaks, this was really something exciting for me as a student back then. The various Alumni Relations activities and the responsibility of co-heading the 'Imprints vertical' in the final year indeed made me learn 'management'. And that's what one expects from a B-school. Look forward to contribute to the Alma-mater in the years to come.

 **Apurva Bhushan** (Team Imprints, 2020)

During my tenure as the Imprints Editor between 2019-2020, my team left behind the legacy of releasing Imprints on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month without exceptions. As an editor, I interviewed several successful Alumni and as I delved into their stories of triumph, resilience, and innovation. I learned that success is not merely defined by monetary gains, but rather by the impact one creates. These interactions taught me the importance of networking, adaptability, and continuous learning. My time as an editor shaped me into a curious, empathetic, and driven individual, ready to make my mark in the business world.

## Messages from Ex-Imprints Heads

Ayush Khare (Team Imprints, 2020)

'Imprints' was my first ever involvement in newsletter publishing. It was an amazing experience that helped nourish my creativity and communication skills. The process of publishing newsletters on a monthly basis builds a habit of meticulous planning and disciplined execution in an individual. It has also helped me to expand my horizons of learning and networking by getting in touch with the esteemed Alumni of the institution from senior batches. It ultimately serves the most important purpose of creating awareness about the major developments and ongoing events in the institution.

Shivanjali Kumar (Team Imprints, 2021)

My experience with Imprints has been nothing less than phenomenal! It was sheer passion for creating content that was engaging and at the same time relevant, that drew me towards becoming a part of the Imprints team.

As I went onto becoming the editor of this newsletter, I assumed much more responsibility and it was nothing less than a roller coaster ride. Right from working on content creation, to getting the creatives organised and most importantly, ensuring that the newsletter is published on time, every part has been a great learning experience.

I am also immensely thankful to both my faculty members at ALCOM: Arvind sir and Hemanchi ma'am for their thorough guidance and mentorship.

I strongly believe that Imprints has played a significant role in shaping who I am as an individual today. It helped me understand and value time, develop an eye for detail, focusing on the right goals in life, acquiring a broad understanding of the field of communication and working effectively in a group are the other skills I imbibed in myself.

Undoubtedly, Imprints has definitely left an indelible imprint on me!

Gauranshi Jain (Team Imprints, 2022)

Heading the Imprints Vertical for the year 2021-2022 was quite an insightful journey for me, full of learnings and Fun. Not only it taught me how to multi-task, but also helped me develop leadership skills along with team building and time management.

As part of my job, I had chance to interview the star Alums which not only made me aware about the business world, but also helped me make professional connections and relations.

Overall, being part of the Alumni Committee over my time in college made me learn a lot of things along with building meaningful connections which definitely will help me in my future professional growth.

Sonali Gupta (Team Imprints, 2022)

So for me Imprints was all about time management and attention to detail. I still remember I used to crib back then but now these are the two key skills that give me an edge over my peers.

Other than that, I'll always thank ALCOM for giving me good friends and memories :)

Pritam Pawar (Team Imprints, 2023)

Through Imprints, I've learned that the true strength of our MBA institute lies in the collective achievements and shared experiences of our Alumni. It has been a rewarding journey, amplifying their stories and accomplishments, and inspiring future generations of leaders to thrive in their professional and personal endeavours.

Pritshikha Mohanty (Team Imprints, 2023)

Having been an editor for Imprints and knowing firsthand the work that goes behind every draft and edition brings greater appreciation for this milestone edition. Happy to have been a small part of this legacy and look forward to the journey on the other side as Alumni of the institute.

To all the Imprints teams, we are grateful for your contribution and would love to hear the tales of your memories & insights on shaping the editions with grace; please connect with us to share your suggestions and feedback.

# AlumSpeaks with Sunil Kumar

## Alum of Batch 1985, Founder - Assyst, PanApps

<b>A Must-Read Book/Go-to Book:</b> The Story Of Philosophy - Will Durant	<b>An entrepreneur you admire:</b> Elon Musk
<b>Favourite Movie:</b> To Sir, with Love	<b>Role Model:</b> Barack Obama
<b>Favourite Food:</b> Dosa	<b>Favourite hangout spot on campus:</b> Cafeteria



**1. You have been a veteran in the IT Industry working for more than 30 years, what have been your most memorable moments so far?**

- It has been a memorable journey being part of the team that has seen IT evolve over the last 40 years. At the start of my career, IT's role was to support internal functions for businesses and was dominated by the hardware companies like IBM, DEC, Unisys, etc. Today, IT plays the dominant role. The companies that dominate today are either IT or IT-enabled companies. Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Tesla and Apple, today hold their position as leaders due to their continuous focus on IT. IT has become now an integral part of our daily lives not just at work but also at home. So personally the entire journey with the ups and downs has been memorable.

**2. As a founder, what do you consider are some critical values a leader must have?**

- I would broaden this to values and abilities. There are so many of them but I will just put in a few key ones
  - Communication: Ability to listen to clients and team members and share your vision and plans succinctly
  - Ethics: The pressures of cutting corners to achieve short-term success eventually leads to creating cracks within the team and yourselves that results in destructing the organisation
  - People Management: As teams grow, conflicts are natural. Managing them and bringing cohesiveness are essential leadership qualities
  - Agility: Ability to adapt to constant changes with your clients, government policies, competition, workforce
  - Introspection: Continuous monitoring and evaluating the key process areas under you

**3. Do you believe that switching job roles help an individual in developing by giving them more opportunities?**

- It depends upon the individual and where they are in their career. At the early stages of a career it is helpful, but much harder at later stages. It is like

asking a career marathoner to do sprints. It works well when you begin running but is harder later. So in the early stages when one is adapting to the work culture switching jobs is like figuring out what suits best for their ability and personality. But at a later stage broadening their job role would help in their career growth. E.g. some of the best marketing people came from engineering who ventured into marketing much later in their career or some of the best leaders in the engineering started from marketing. But with each switch it is important to be able to articulate internally and externally how your previous role could be asset in the new role so that you are not starting all over again.

**4. What are some of the significant learning you had in your two years at K J Somaiya Institute of Management?**

- Somaiya is where it all started for me. My MBA here gave me a much better start into work place in a role that may have taken me longer without it. The group discussions, presentations, project work, team assignments etc. that prepares you to a management career all started here and I was better prepared when I entered the workforce. Most importantly, we have a great batch, all of them successful in their respective field. We are still in touch and have become closer over the years. So in short the skills, fond memories and lifelong friends that I made are some of the key components that Somaiya provided in shaping who I am today.

**5. What would be your advice for the students/young Alumni/budding entrepreneurs, starting their careers?**

- I think the only constant in life is change. Technology is changing the dynamics in every sector and with it brings threats to our job but at the same time brings opportunities in new jobs where you can leverage your past skills. So embrace change instead of fighting it and look constantly to upgrading your skills to keep up with these changes.

[Click here to Read Full Interview](#)



## Alumni Achievements

### Alum Recognised as Top Visionary CEOs

- **Ajay Kapur, Alum of Batch 1991**, CEO - Cement Business (Ambuja & ACC Cement), Adani Group, has been recognised as one of the Top Visionary CEOs by the HR Association of India (HRAI)
- The list features 23 notable CEOs, including Ajay Kapur, who is a role model for his exceptional leadership, strategic vision and business acumen



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- [Aishwarya Potdar](#)

### Acquisition of Open Tender by ItsACheckmate Inc.

- **Vishal Agarwal, Alum of Batch 2005**, Founder & CEO, ItsaCheckmate, has recently announced the acquisition of Open Tender
- Open Tender is a first-party digital ordering and guest engagement platform that offers highly customisable and engaging designs for branded websites, mobile apps, and kiosks
- This acquisition will act as a market disruptor, illustrating the power of informed decisions in driving progress

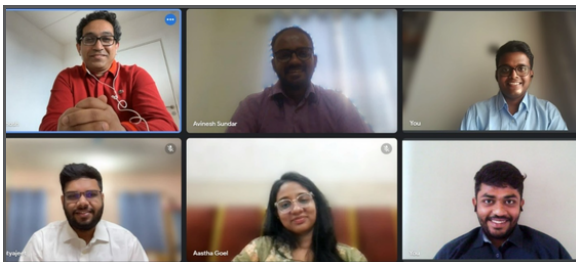


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- [Varsha Bhansali](#)

## Outreach

- Outreach is an interactive session where Alumni share their professional experiences with the students and learn about the recent developments at the institute



**Supratik Ghosh**  
Batch of 2007

Product Owner (Intelligent Automation)  
Maersk

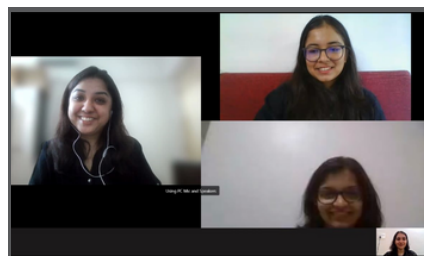


**Akash Joshi**  
Batch of 2009

Director  
Julius Baer Wealth Advisors

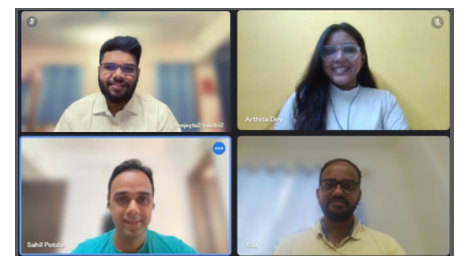


**Gurbax Singh**  
Batch of 2009  
Chief Manager  
Bank of Baroda



**Aparna Agarwal**  
Batch of 2009

Lead - Inclusion Diversity &  
Organization Development  
Schindler India



**Sahil Potdar**  
Batch of 2009  
Delivery Principal  
Thoughtworks

## Newsroom

- Dr. Sumagna Bhowmick, Assistant Professor - HR/OB Area, authored an article for The Economic Times HRWorld - <https://bit.ly/3M5cZ0r>
- SICTIM 23 - Value Creation Through Digital Transformation - <https://bit.ly/42NU9BK>

## Announcement of City Meets

- The Regional Alumni Meets are back in full swing this year
- These City Meets (Domestic & International) are an opportunity for you to reunite with your institute family away from your Alma-mater and serve as a platform to build relationships and network with fellow Alumni
- Registration link will be out soon and we look forward to meeting everyone

Location	Date
Bengaluru Alumni Meet	23-June-2023
Hyderabad Alumni Meet	14-July-2023
Pune Alumni Meet	25-August-2023
Ahmedabad Alumni Meet	15-September-2023
NCR Alumni Meet	13-October-2023

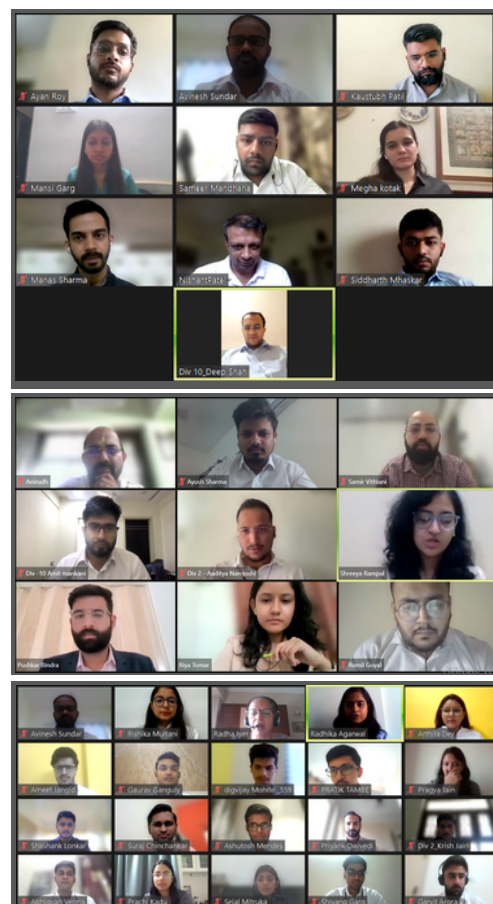


- Bhavya Bhardwaj

## AlChEMy 2023

- The Alumni Committee of KJSIM brings in AlChEMy-The Placement Mentorship Program to help students in resume building, GD- PI preparation, learning about current industry trends and making informed career choices
- This year, 92 alumni mentors will be mentoring 120 student mentees
- We have successfully commenced the mentorship journey with Phase 1 of AlChEMy: Orientation and Meet-Up, a Virtual Mock GD-PI session
- For the Meet-Up session, the following 17 Alumni were the panelists:

Names	Batch
Kaumudi Amin	1985
Sudha Jayashankar	1989
Vaishali Bhayani Shah	1996
Ashutosh Shah	1996
Vimal Shah	1998
Prof. Dharmendra Makwani	1999
Ashutosh Agarwal	2002
Nishant Patel	2003
Naresh Chandra	2003
Ranjeet Sharma	2004
Samir Vithlani	2006
Ritin Singh Rathore	2008
Makarand Joglekar	2010
Girish Jeswani	2010
Shivam Awasthi	2013
Anirudh G	2014
Sagar Mehta	2015



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## Job Opportunities - May

Total no. of recruiting companies

11

Total no. of vacancies

15

### Top Recruiting Companies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSBC</li> <li>• CarDekho</li> <li>• Namdhari Seeds</li> <li>• CLINI Launch Research</li> <li>• Natwest Group</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EY</li> <li>• Rehau Polymers</li> <li>• Piramal Group</li> <li>• KPMG</li> <li>• General Mills</li> </ul> |
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