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CENTRE FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS

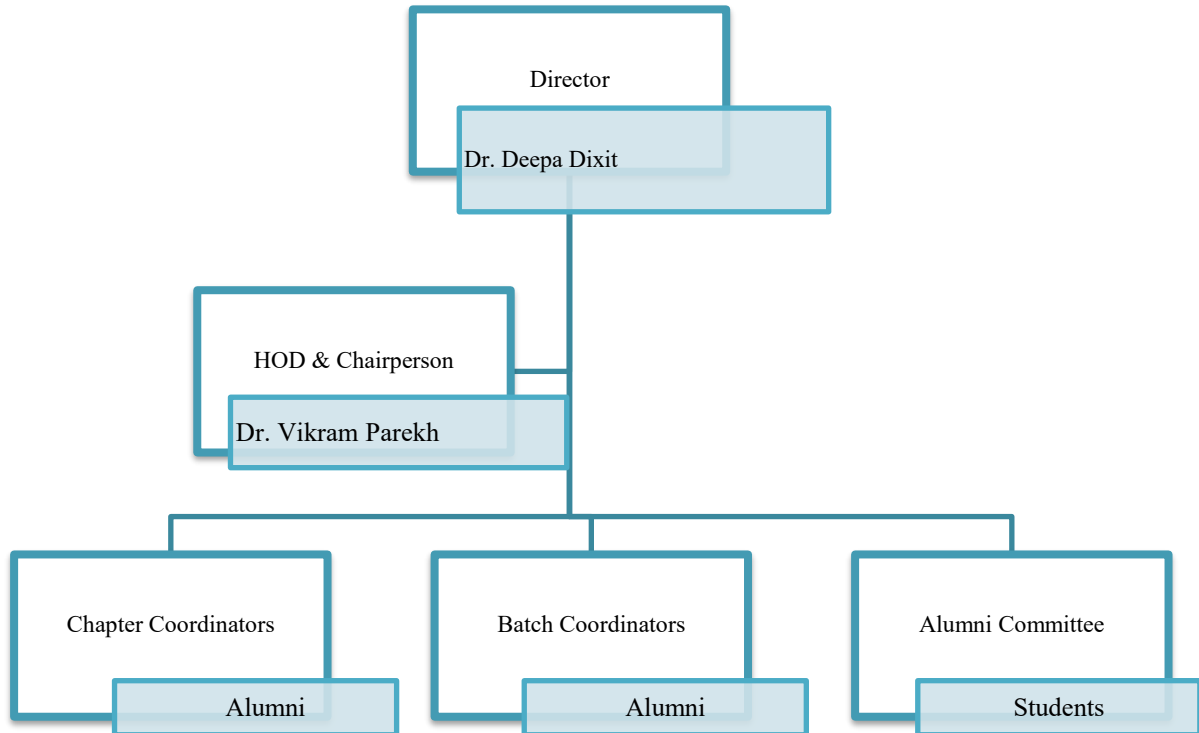
Alumni Annual Report
Academic Year 2024-25

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15	Ongoing	CIS Corporate Interactive Session by Alumni	24
		Total	475

Alumni Performance and Connect

We as an institute are proud to mention that our Alumni are one of the strongest stakeholders towards all institutional development activities. Ever since our institute is incorporated and first batch was convoked in the year 1998 we have consistently followed the practice of inviting parents along with graduating student to enable a strong bonding with our students who after convocation becoming part of our alumni family. During the convocation ceremony all graduating students take a Pledge which also encourages them to be a “loyal ambassador for our institute and seek to promote its welfare and maintain its reputation”

Organization chart of Centre for Alumni Relations:



Alumni Chapters

We have a tradition of arranging annual alumni meet in the campus inviting all our alumni from various programs. We also use digital interaction with alumni to reach out to them globally. In addition to digital interaction, we invite them to share their experiences from campus to corporate.

Young Analyst Program for Pharma & Biotech management

At **SIES School of Business Studies**, Young Analyst Program 2024 was conducted on 12th August 2024 to 20th September 2024 with the goal of equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel as analysts and consultants.



Objective: Program was aimed at inculcating analytical and business intelligence amongst students and prepare them for consulting profiles in Pharma & Biotech industry.

Moderator: A special mention goes to Dr. Suchi Midha (Associate Professor, SIES School of Business Studies), who served as the moderator for program.

Mentors:

- Mr. Juned Idrisi (Sr Analyst, PharmaAce)
- Mr. Ashutosh Surve (Consultant, IQVIA)
- Mr. Durgesh Singh (Consultant, IQVIA)
- Mr. Sameer Dumbre (Consultant, TCS)
- Mr. Subodh Bharadiya (Analys,t Sanofi)
- Mr. Ranagaraja Konar (Consultant, GPI)
- Ms. Priyanks Deb (Sr. Analyst, Access Infinity)
- Ms. Akshata Pavaskar (Sr. BI Analyst, Galderma Canada)

Key highlights:

- **Enhanced Analytical Skills:** Students gained hands-on experience in analyzing real-world business problems and making data-driven decisions.
- **Industry Insights:** The interactive workshops and case studies provided a deeper understanding of industry-specific challenges, especially in the fields of pharma and biotech.
- **Collaboration and Teamwork:** The program encouraged students to foster a spirit of teamwork and knowledge-sharing, essential for a successful career in consultancy and analysis.
- **Real-World Problem Solving:** With projects focused on contemporary industry issues, students developed a better grasp of how to approach complex problems and find innovative solutions in real-world contexts.

Conclusion:

The **Young Analyst Program 2024 (YAP 2024)** proved to be an invaluable learning experience, equipping students with the practical tools and insights necessary to excel in the competitive fields of analysis and consulting.

Alumni Interactive Sessions (AIS) for Placement Support

A total of 22 AIS was conducted including 7 for Pharma/Biotech.

Alumni share their experience on the following aspects:

- Campus to Corporate Journey
- About Organization, Culture, Employee and Career Perspective
- Experience sharing of Placement Process Aptitude test, GD, PI, etc.
- Job clarity and skills required
- Students' Interactive session

A total of 64 Alumni participated in 22 Alumni Interactive Sessions conducted from the 51st to 72nd editions of AIS. Alumni from 20 organisations like Deloitte USI, Raychem RPG, General Mills, Mobisy Technologies, PharmaACE, Emcure Pharmaceuticals, Meyer Organics, Zuventus Healthcare, Godrej Capital, ICICI Bank, Ascenco Tyres, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Umedica Laboratories, GEP Worldwide, Tech Mahindra, TCS, Pfizer, SBI Life, Piramal Realty, Motilal Oswal Group and Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd.

Overall, 71 students were placed in these organisations.

AIS held for PGDM and AIMA PGDM Students

- The Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for Placement Support began on Sunday, 22nd September 2024, with Deloitte USI. Three alumni attended the session, engaging with 73 students, and 6 students were selected for placements.
- On Thursday, 3rd October 2024, Raychem RPG conducted its session with 4 alumni, interacting with 44 attendees, resulting in 2 selections.
- Following this, General Mills held its session on Saturday, 12th October 2024, where 4 alumni, including Madhura Mukte (Analyst, General Mills), Sarah Fernandes (Data Analyst, General

Mills), and Jill Acharya (Business Analyst, General Mills), addressed 77 students, leading to 3 placements.

- On Sunday, 13th October 2024, Mobisy Technologies had its session with 2 alumni, Shrey Tiwari (AVP, Customer Success, Mobisy Technologies - Bizom) and Gurnayan Kaur Gujral (AVP, Customer Success, Mobisy Technologies - Bizom), engaging with 63 students, and 1 student was selected.
- Godrej Capital participated on Friday, 18th October 2024, with 3 alumni, Balaji Ganeshan (Assistant Manager PMO, Godrej Capital), Faizan Shaikh (Area Manager, Godrej Capital), and Prashant Chatterjee (Credit Manager, Godrej Capital), interacting with 68 students, resulting in 2 placements.
- The next day, Saturday, 19th October 2024, ICICI Bank hosted its session, with 6 alumni, Monanjana T (Product Manager, ICICI Bank), Divyesh Agrekar (Manager - Global Private Clients Group, ICICI Bank), Priyanka Patil (Relationship Manager, ICICI Bank), Sathwik S (Relationship Manager, ICICI Bank), Siddhesh Jadhav (Private Banking Manager, ICICI Bank), and Madhumathi V (Marketing Manager, ICICI Bank), addressing 62 attendees, leading to 6 students being placed.
- On Monday, 21st October 2024, Ascenso Tyres conducted its session with 3 alumni, Shivratish Nadar (MT - Finance, Ascenso Tyres), Ashutosh Chavan (MT - Marketing, Ascenso Tyres), and Piyush Varma (MT - Information Technology, Ascenso Tyres), engaging 50 students, and 5 students were selected.
- On Tuesday, 29th October 2024, GEP Worldwide held its session, featuring 5 alumni, Aleena Sonichan (Business Analyst, GEP Worldwide), Saurabh Jalewar (Business Analyst, GEP Worldwide), Shreyasi Patel (Research Analyst, GEP Worldwide), Rohit Mutkiri (Research Analyst, GEP Worldwide), and Tejal Bonde (Business Analyst, GEP Worldwide), with 66 students in attendance, resulting in 7 selections.
- Tech Mahindra hosted its session on Sunday, 10th November 2024, at 12:10 PM, where 1 alumnus interacted with 14 students, and 1 student was placed.
- Later that evening, TCS conducted its session, with 2 alumni, Vivek Sundareswaran (Lead HR - Talent Acquisition, TCS) and Shikha Singh (HRBP, TCS), addressing 23 students, leading to 3 placements.
- On Friday, 22nd November 2024, SBI Life participated with 3 alumni, Agrim Dugar (Assistant Manager, SBI Life Insurance), Shubhangi Sharma (Assistant Manager, SBI Life Insurance), and Yash Sapra (Assistant Manager, SBI Life Insurance), interacting with 37 attendees, resulting in 4 students being placed.
- The following day, Saturday, 23rd November 2024, Piramal Realty conducted its session with 3 alumni, Nilanjan Dasgupta (Channel Lead, Puravankara Limited), Faizan Ghadai (Deputy Sales Manager, Piramal Realty), and Ali Akbar Punjani (Deputy Manager, Piramal Realty), engaging 26 students, leading to 6 placements.
- On Sunday, 1st December 2024, Motilal Oswal Group held its session, where 2 alumni, Kaushal Mehta (Vice President, Motilal Oswal Financial Services) and Pooja Sekhar (Assistant Manager, Motilal Oswal Financial Services), addressed 85 attendees, leading to 5 students being placed.
- Finally, Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd. conducted two sessions, one on Sunday, 15th December 2024, at 10:30 AM, where 1 alumnus, Yash Iyer (Deputy Manager, Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd.), interacted with 1 student, and another on Monday, 16th December 2024, at 7:30 PM, where 2 alumni, Vignesh Ramaswamy (Marketing Communications Manager, Sunteck Realty) and Rakesh Thakur (B2B Marketing Head, The TOI Group), engaged with 2 students.

AIS held for PGDM Pharma and Biotech Students

- An Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for “Placement Support” was held for Pharma—Biotech PGDM (Trimester 4) on October 14th, 2024. The speakers were Diksha Faldessai, Analyst Forecasting at PharmaACE; Saurabh Parkale, Associate Consultant at PharmaACE; and Nikhil Kulal, Analyst at PharmaACE. The Faculty Coordinators were Dr. Vikram Parekh and Prof. Jharna Lulla.
- Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for “Placement Support” was held for Pharma-Biotech PGDM (Trimester 4) on October 15th, 2024. The speakers for the session were Vivek Shekhar, Group Product Manager, Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited; Abdul Hannan, Manager Business Development, Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited; Shreya Sheorey, MT - HR, Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited; Harshada Bandgar, MT - Brand Management, Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited; and Krushan Dahikar, MT - Brand Management, Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited. Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vikram Parekh & Prof. Jharna Lulla.
- Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for “Placement Support” was held for Pharma-Biotech PGDM (Trimester 4) on October 18th, 2024. The speakers for the session were Rajesh Kumar, Marketing Manager, Zuventus Healthcare Limited; Priya Sharma, Product Executive, Zuventus Healthcare Limited; Anil Mehta, Product Manager, Zuventus Healthcare Limited; and Sneha Patel, Product Executive, Zuventus Healthcare Limited. Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vikram Parekh & Prof. Jharna Lulla.
- Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for “Placement Support” was held for Pharma-Biotech PGDM (Trimester 4) on October 19th, 2024. The speakers for the session were Vikas Singh, Senior Product Manager, Meyer Organics Pvt Ltd; Neha Gupta, Product Executive, Meyer Organics Pvt Ltd; and Rohan Desai, Product Executive, Meyer Organics Pvt Ltd. Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vikram Parekh & Prof. Jharna Lulla.
- Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for “Placement Support” was held for Pharma-Biotech PGDM (Trimester 4) on October 25th, 2024. The speakers for the session were Arjun Reddy, Product Manager, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited; Kavita Rao, Management Trainee, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited; Sanjay Verma, Product Manager, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited; Anjali Deshpande, Product Manager, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited; and Ravi Shankar, Management Trainee, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited. Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vikram Parekh & Prof. Jharna Lulla.
- Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for “Placement Support” was held for Pharma-Biotech PGDM (Trimester 4) on October 26th, 2024. The speakers for the session were Deepak Joshi, International Business Development, Umedica Laboratories (Amoli Group); and Meera Shah, International Business Development, Umedica Laboratories (Amoli Group). Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vikram Parekh & Prof. Jharna Lulla.
- Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for “Placement Support” was held for Pharma-Biotech PGDM (Trimester 1) on November 15th, 2024. The speaker for the session was Sunil Kumar, Country Brand Lead (Marketing Head), Pfizer. Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Vikram Parekh & Prof. Jharna Lulla.

Event Report: Startup Pitch Competition

Date: September 28, 2024

Organized by: Entrepreneurship Cell (E-Cell), SIES Management Institutes

Supported by: Alumni Committee, SIES Management Institutes

The Entrepreneurship Cell, in collaboration with the Alumni Committee of SIES Management Institutes, successfully hosted the Startup Pitch Competition on September 28, 2024. The event served as a platform for students to pitch their innovative business ideas while receiving guidance and insights from experienced entrepreneurs and industry professionals. The competition fostered an entrepreneurial mindset among students, emphasizing creativity, problem-solving, and business acumen.

Alumni Engagement:

We were honored to have **Mr. Pratik Gupta**, an esteemed alumnus of SIES Management Institutes, as one of the judges for the competition. His invaluable insights and expertise provided participants with a real-world perspective on business strategy and execution. The presence of alumni in such events strengthens our community and inspires current students to excel in their entrepreneurial journeys.

Event Highlights:

- Students presented innovative startup ideas to a panel of expert judges.
- Mr. Pratik Gupta, our distinguished alumnus, shared valuable feedback with participants.
- The event fostered networking opportunities between students and alumni.

Winners:

Business Connected

Team Members: Omkar Budhe, Jayesh Neel, Suyash Ramesh Sankpal (FY PGDM - Pharmaceutical Management)

Awarded for: Innovative solutions in the education and healthcare sector.

Business Capitup

Winner: Raghav Binwal

Awarded for: A strong and scalable financial services startup model.

Business Blossom

Winner: Renita Samudre

Awarded for: A socially-driven and sustainable business concept.

Acknowledgements:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the participants, faculty members, and the organizing team for their support in making this event a resounding success. Special thanks to the Alumni Committee for their continuous efforts in connecting past and present students, creating a strong support system for aspiring entrepreneurs. We look forward to hosting more such events that encourage students to leverage alumni expertise and build impactful businesses.

Alumni Meet: La-Mélange – 30th November 2024

Total alumni count: 187



Total 307 Alumni registered for the event including alumni attended virtually from Out of India (Amsterdam, Netherlands; Dubai; Frankfurt, Germany; Frisco, Texas, USA; Kuwait; Leuven, Belgium; London, UK; Montreal, Canada; New York, USA) and from Out of Mumbai (Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Kerala, Nashik, New Delhi, Pune)

Opening Speech: The event commenced with a formal welcome speech delivered by the Director, addressing the alumni. The speech emphasized the significance of alumni engagement, recognized their professional journeys, and highlighted potential future collaborations.

Games & Interactive Activities: A series of five to six engaging games were organized to encourage participation and strengthen bonds among alumni. These activities created a lively and interactive atmosphere, ensuring active involvement from the attendees.

Cultural Performances: The evening featured four cultural performances, with two performances presented by alumni and two by students. These performances were a delightful surprise and significantly enhanced the entertainment quotient of the event.

DJ & Celebration: Following the interactive activities, a DJ session was arranged, allowing attendees to unwind and celebrate. The energetic music and dance created a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere, fostering a sense of camaraderie.

Networking & Alumni Interaction: Post-DJ, alumni had the opportunity to reconnect, share experiences, and network with fellow attendees. Discussions primarily concerned career growth, past college memories, and potential future collaborations.

Gifts & Tokens of Appreciation: Special gifts (mementoes) were distributed to all alumni as a gesture of gratitude. This served as a token of appreciation for their presence and continued association with the institution.

SIES School of Business Studies presents Start-Up Mela – December 7, 2024

The SIES School of Business Studies successfully hosted **Start-Up Mela** on December 7, 2024, a dynamic platform designed to connect aspiring entrepreneurs with visionary mentors. The event served as a bridge between innovative ideas and experienced industry leaders, fostering a culture of learning, growth, and entrepreneurial success.

Objective of the Event: Start-Up Mela aimed to ignite creativity, fuel ambition, and empower future leaders by providing insights, guidance, and networking opportunities with successful entrepreneurs and business professionals.

Mentors: The event featured an esteemed panel of mentors who shared their expertise and experiences:

- **Dr. Bhushan Bhavsar** (Director, Herbal Consultants)
- **Sanjay Yadav** (Managing Director, Magnum Management and Services)
- **Atharva Joshi** (Founder, CapiCare)
- **Aravind Krishna** (Founder, G.E.T)
- **Revant Nandgaonkar** (Founder, CastleCraft)
- **Vinod Cherian** (Chairman and MD, United HVAC)
- **Deepali Rajurkar** (Ex-Founder, Equilateral Services)
- **Bindu Sharma** (Founder & CEO)

Moderator: The event was skillfully moderated by **Dr. Suchi Midha**, Associate Professor at SIES School of Business Studies, who facilitated engaging discussions and interactions between mentors and participants.

Key Highlights of the Event:

- **Expert Panel Discussions:** Each mentor shared their entrepreneurial journey, challenges faced, and strategies for overcoming obstacles in the business world.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Aspiring entrepreneurs had the chance to interact directly with mentors, seeking valuable insights and professional advice.
- **Idea Presentation & Feedback:** Selected participants presented their innovative business ideas, receiving constructive feedback from industry leaders.

Workshops & Knowledge Sharing: Interactive sessions provided practical knowledge on

Conclusion

Start-Up Mela was a resounding success, offering students and young entrepreneurs an invaluable opportunity to learn from experienced professionals. The event reinforced the importance of mentorship, collaboration, and continuous learning in the journey of entrepreneurship. It left attendees inspired and equipped with the knowledge to transform their ideas into successful ventures.



Silver Jubilee Celebration for Class of 1999 - 21st December 2024

Number of alumni present: 46



An extremely unique initiative to celebrate the silver jubilee for our Alumni from the Class of 1999. Alumni participated from various parts of the world like Ahmedabad, Australia, Bengaluru, Chennai, Dubai, Mumbai, New York, Pune, Singapore, Switzerland, the UK and the USA.

Neelakantan Scholarship – 21st December 2024

Tribute to the first director of our institute Late Shri K Neelakantan sir was given by launching the Neelakantan Scholarship Award by the class of 1999. The amount collected will be given to the needy student after carefully screening at the Institute level.

International Management Research Conference (IMRC) 2025

Introduction

The International Management Research Conference 2025 (IMRC 2025) at SIES School of Business Studies was a resounding success. The two-day conference brought together researchers, professionals, and students to explore the evolving business landscape in the emerging era. The event featured thought-provoking discussions, industry insights, and academic collaborations, fostering knowledge exchange and innovation.

Key Highlights

Keynote Address

The conference commenced with an inspiring keynote session by Justin Paul, Ph.D. (UK), Ph.D. (IIT), Ph.D. (Hon), Provost & Dean at NMIMS School of Business Management. He delivered a compelling talk on 'Changing Business Landscape in the Emerging World – Synergies & Strategies,' offering insights into global business transformations.

Panel Discussions

The conference featured several impactful panel discussions, including:

- ◆ 'The Future of Corporate Sustainability: Bridging ESG with Climate Action' – Featuring:
 - Shri V.M. Motghare, Joint Director, Air, MPCB
 - Amit Darak, Director, ESG Advisory, KPMG
 - Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, Director, SIES Indian Institute of Environment Management (Moderator)
- ◆ 'The Role of Collaboration in Modern Drug Discovery' – Featuring:
 - Mr. Nitin Patil, COO, Technovision India
 - Dr. Tara Menon, SIES Arts, Science, and Commerce
 - Dr. Anita Joshi, Tilak College of Science and Commerce
 - Dr. Jaya Lakkakula, Amity University
 - Moderator: Dr. Shalini Gulecha, SIES College of Management Studies
- ◆ 'Innovation in Vaccines' – A special lecture by Dr. Usha Padmanabhan, HOD, Dept. of Cell Biology, Haffkine Institute, highlighting advancements in vaccine technology.

Research Paper Submissions

The conference received over 125 research papers and abstracts from faculty, research scholars, and students across India. The submissions covered diverse areas such as Marketing, Finance, Human Resources, Technology, AI, IoT, ML, Pharma, Biotechnology, and Sustainability. The conference demonstrated the collaborative strength of various SIES Institutes, including SIES Indian Institute of Environment Management, SIES School of Pharmacy, SIES School of Packaging, SIES Graduate School of Technology, and SIES College of Management Studies.

Conclusion

IMRC 2025 was not just a conference—it was a hub of innovation, collaboration, and strategic thinking. A heartfelt thank you to all the speakers, panelists, researchers, and attendees for making this event a phenomenal success. We look forward to another inspiring edition of IMRC in the future!



Virtual Meet with Pharma & Biotech Alumni (Batch 1998-2000)

On 18th February 2025, the virtual meet organized as part of the Senior Alumni Connect & Alumni Mentorship Support initiative brought together alumni from the Pharma & Biotech sector, specifically from the batch of 1998-2000 Pharma & Biotech.

Objective: To connect current students and early-career professionals with successful alumni from the Pharma & Biotech sector, fostering networking, mentorship, and knowledge-sharing.

Mentors:

- Vijendar Rawat (Vice President - Sales and Marketing, Magnum Management and Services)
- Saisudha Patro (MD, Mumndial Pharma)
- Anun Jaychandran (Associate Manager Executive Education Prog, IIM Bangalore)
- Anuja Iyer (Head ASEAN, Smith & Nephew)
- Priya Unnikrishnan (Freelance corporate trainer and consultant)
- Anitha Ramachandran (Strategy consultant)
- Prathima (On sabbatical)

Moderator:

The event was expertly moderated by Dr. Suchi Midha (Associate Professor SIES School of Business Studies), who facilitate interactive session between mentors and students.

Key highlights:

- **Engaging Alumni Insights:** Successful alumni from the Pharma & Biotech sectors shared their career journeys, challenges, and achievements, offering valuable perspectives to attendees.
- **Mentorship Opportunities:** The event provided a platform for current students and early-career professionals to connect with alumni, fostering mentorship relationships and career guidance.
- **Industry Trends & Career Development:** Alumni discussed emerging trends in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, along with practical advice on navigating career paths and professional growth.

Conclusion: The Virtual Meet with Pharma & Biotech Alumni provided a valuable opportunity for students and early-career professionals to gain insights, guidance, and mentorship from experienced alumni.

Alumni Roundtable - Pharma Biotech Batches (1999-2015)

On **Saturday, 22nd February 2025**, the SIESSBS Centre for Alumni Relations hosted a special **Alumni Roundtable** for the Pharma and Biotech batches of 1999-2015. The event was held at SIESSBS, with **20 senior alumni** from the Pharma Biotech batches of 1999-2015, attending both in person from various parts of Mumbai and virtually from across the globe, creating a truly international reunion through Roundtable Meeting.

The event offered a unique opportunity for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, share fond memories, and explore opportunities to strengthen the bonds within the Pharma Biotech community. The roundtable also served as a platform for alumni to offer suggestions on how the

alumni network can provide enhanced support for professional growth, networking, and continued engagement.

Event Highlights:

Welcome Address: The event kicked off with a heartfelt welcome by **Dr. Vikram Parekh** and **Dr. Chitra Ramanan**, followed by a **tone-setting address by Director, Dr. Deepa Dixit**, who laid the foundation for the discussions to follow. Dr. Dixit's address encouraged alumni to share their ideas, fostering an environment of collaboration and exploring new ways to engage the alumni community.

Opening Discussion: Alumni shared insights and explored potential collaborations, discussing how to enrich the alumni network and support one another's professional journeys.

Networking: During the refreshment break, alumni had the chance to network and exchange ideas, rekindling old friendships and forming new connections.

Annual Alumni Meet: The event concluded with the **Annual Alumni Meet** for the **PGDM Pharma** and **PGDM Biotech Management Programs**, marking the **26th edition** for PGDM Pharma and **18th edition** for PGDM Biotech, which brought all alumni batches together for an exciting and collaborative end to the event.

The Alumni Roundtable proved to be a successful and meaningful gathering, with deep discussions, strong connections, and a renewed sense of community amongst SIES SBS Pharma Biotech alumni.



Alumni Meet: La-Mélange – 22nd February 2025

A total of 37 esteemed alumni out of 64 registered, hailing from different corners of Mumbai, gathered to reunite at *La Melange*, the Alumni Meet of Pharma Biotech. The event brought together a vibrant community of professionals, rekindling memories and fostering new connections.

Opening Speech: The event kicked off with an official welcome address by the Director, who spoke about the importance of alumni engagement. The speech acknowledged the alumni's professional achievements and underscored opportunities for future collaboration.

Games & Interactive Activities: A series of five to six exciting games were organized to foster participation and strengthen the connections between alumni. These activities created a dynamic and engaging atmosphere, ensuring that everyone was actively involved.

Cultural Performances: The evening featured a series of cultural performances by both alumni and students. These performances were an unexpected treat and added significantly to the entertainment, making the event even more memorable.

DJ & Celebration: After the interactive activities, a lively DJ session took place, providing the perfect opportunity for alumni to relax and celebrate. The upbeat music and dancing created a lively and energetic vibe, enhancing the sense of community.

Networking & Alumni Interaction: Following the DJ session, alumni had a chance to reconnect with old friends, exchange experiences, and network with one another. The discussions largely focused on career advancements, cherished memories from their college days, and exploring possibilities for future collaborations.

Gifts & Tokens of Appreciation: As a token of appreciation for their ongoing association with the institution, each alumni received a special memento.





Introduction

The SIES SBS Leadership Connect series commenced its inaugural episode on the 8th of March, 2025, with an insightful and inspiring conversation featuring Snehal Gholap. The event aimed to provide students and alumni with an opportunity to learn from accomplished professionals and gain insights into industry trends, career growth, and leadership experiences.

Opening Remarks

The episode began with a warm introduction to Snehal Gholap, highlighting her remarkable journey from being an SIES SBS student to becoming a Country Brand Manager at Pfizer. The host, Ms. Samiksha, set the tone for the discussion by outlining the objectives of the Leadership Connect series – fostering knowledge exchange, mentorship, and professional networking.

Key Discussion Points

During the conversation, Snehal Gholap shared invaluable insights into her professional journey and experiences in the pharmaceutical industry. The key highlights of the discussion included:

1. Career Journey & Growth:

Snehal narrated her journey from being a management student at SIES SBS to working with Pfizer, one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies. She discussed the challenges she faced and the strategies she employed to navigate the competitive corporate landscape.

2. Pharmaceutical Marketing & High-Impact Strategies:

She shed light on the dynamic field of pharmaceutical marketing and how branding plays a crucial role in the healthcare sector. Explained various high-impact marketing strategies that drive product success and market expansion.

3. Breaking Barriers as a Woman Leader:

Snehal emphasized the importance of resilience, confidence, and continuous learning in breaking gender-based barriers in the pharma industry. She shared personal anecdotes on overcoming challenges and carving a leadership path in a highly competitive environment.

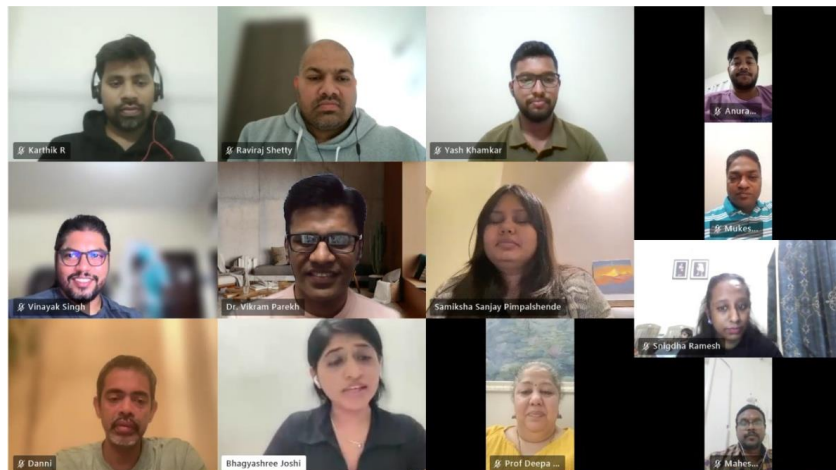
4. Advice for Future Leaders:

She encouraged students to stay curious, embrace challenges, and build strong professional networks. Stressed the significance of adaptability and innovation in today's rapidly evolving industries.

Conclusion & Takeaways

The first episode of the SIES SBS Leadership Connect series was a resounding success. It served as a platform for meaningful dialogue, professional growth, and networking. The event reinforced the strong bond between alumni and the institution while inspiring future leaders to strive for excellence in their careers.

Middle East Alumni Chapter Meet – 15th March 2025



Total Alumni Count: 20+

The Middle East Alumni Chapter Meet was successfully conducted on 15th March 2025 in a virtual format. The event served as a platform for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, share insights about their professional journeys, and explore opportunities for institutional collaboration. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 20 alumni, along with faculty members and representatives from the institution. This meet aimed to strengthen alumni engagement by fostering meaningful interactions, acknowledging alumni contributions, and encouraging collaboration for future initiatives.

- **Welcome & Introduction:** The event commenced with a warm welcome and introduction by Bhagyashree from SIESCOMS and Samiksha from SIES SBS, both esteemed members of the Alumni Committee. They provided an overview of the agenda, emphasizing the importance of maintaining strong alumni-institution relations. The introduction highlighted the university's ongoing efforts in alumni engagement and set the stage for a productive session.

- **Director's Address:** Following the introduction, Director Deepa Ma'am delivered an inspiring speech, underscoring the significance of alumni networks in shaping the institution's legacy. She spoke about the various initiatives undertaken to keep alumni involved and encouraged them to actively participate in knowledge-sharing and mentorship programs.
 - Additionally, Chitra Ma'am and Snighda Ma'am addressed the attendees, expressing their gratitude for the alumni's continued support and emphasizing the importance of mutual growth through sustained engagement.
- **Alumni Interaction Session:** A key highlight of the event was the interactive session led by Vikram Sir, where alumni had the opportunity to discuss their professional experiences, industry trends, and insights on how they could contribute to the institution's growth.

Some key discussion points included:

- The importance of alumni involvement in mentorship programs for current students.
- Exploring collaborative research and industry projects between alumni and the institution.
- Strengthening the Middle East Alumni Chapter through more frequent virtual networking sessions.
- Sharing career opportunities within alumni networks to help recent graduates.

This session provided a platform for alumni to voice their suggestions and actively engage in shaping the future of the alumni network.

Vote of Thanks & Acknowledgments: The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks, appreciating the alumni for their valuable time and insights. The organizing team expressed gratitude to:

- Bhagyashree from SIESCOMS and Samiksha from SIES SBS for their efforts in planning and coordinating the event.
- Director Deepa Dixit Ma'am, Chitra Ma'am, and Snighda Ma'am for their inspiring words and continuous support.
- Vikram Parekh Sir for leading the engaging alumni interaction session.
- All the alumni for their enthusiastic participation and commitment to strengthening alumni relations.

Conclusion & Future Initiatives: The Middle East Alumni Chapter Meet 2025 was resounding success, fostering stronger ties between the alumni and their alma mater. The event successfully reinforced the importance of alumni engagement and set the foundation for future collaborative opportunities.

Moving forward, the institution aims to:

- Launch a mentorship program where alumni can guide current students in career and industry-related insights.
- Develop an exclusive alumni portal for networking, job referrals, and knowledge-sharing.
- Plan a physical Middle East Alumni Chapter gathering in the near future to strengthen connections further.

The event ended on a positive and engaging note, with alumni expressing their excitement for future initiatives and collaborations.

Panelists for PGDM Admission Process in Mumbai

GDPI for PGDM Admission Process was held in Mumbai on **16th March 2025**

Location: Mumbai

Archit Maria, Akanksha Gupta, Arpit Agarwal, Sachin Nair, Anoop Rathi, Ashwini Aneesh Nair, Maneesh Iyer, Amol A Kulkarni, Amol Shah, Dipesh Doshi, Ramkumar Srinivasan, Rahul Ranganathan, Rahul Subramaniam, Manan Valia, Sonal Thakker, Jogin Valson, Akshay Sethuram, Anil Kotian, Sahil Mansukhani, Francis Antony, Shivanand Kotian, Ramaswamy Ranganathan, Priya Moily, Sushant Satish Rane, Revathi Iyer, Kalpana Chetanwala, Amritha, Aalhad Wadekar, Chandrashekhar Naik, Kartik Hariharan, Ankit Wani.

A total of 38 Alumni were placed as Panelists for Admission Process

Panelists for PGDM Admission Process in Outstations

GDPI for PGDM Admission Process was held in Outstations on **22nd March 2025**.

Alumni Names and Location

Location: Indore

Prasoon Tiwari, Stuti Roongta, Rhea Jethwani, Riddhee Samvatsar, Juhi Goplani



Location: Ahmedabad

Riddhish Pandya, Naman Patni

Alumni Support Towards Summer and Final Placements

The alumni of SIES College of Management Studies (SIESCOMS) and SIES School of Business Studies (SIESSBS) play a crucial role in strengthening the institution's placement initiatives. Their continuous support enhances opportunities for current students, ensuring better career prospects through summer internships and final placements.

Alumni Contribution to Placements:

- **Facilitating Corporate Engagement:** Alumni actively collaborate with the Placement Department by encouraging their respective companies to visit the campus for recruitment. Their industry connections help expand the reach of placement opportunities.
- **Referral & Recommendation Support:** Many alumni provide recommendations for students, making it easier for them to secure internships and full-time job opportunities.
- **Networking & Mentorship:** Alumni offer guidance, mentorship, and career counseling to students, helping them navigate the job market with confidence.
- **Industry Insights & Training:** Through guest lectures, panel discussions, and workshops, alumni share real-world industry insights, preparing students for placement processes.
- **Ongoing Year-Round Support:** Alumni engagement in placements is not limited to a specific period. Their support continues throughout the year, ensuring a seamless flow of opportunities for students.

The proactive involvement of alumni significantly contributes to the professional growth of students, reinforcing a strong bond between the institution and its graduates. Their efforts play a pivotal role in shaping future leaders by bridging the gap between academia and industry.

Corporate Interactive Session by Alumni

The **Corporate Interactive Sessions (CIS)**, conducted under the Aluminize initiative, were a collaborative effort between **SIES School of Business Studies** and **SIES College of Management Studies**. These sessions were conceptualized with the objective of integrating academic learning with real-world corporate exposure, thereby equipping students with the practical insights necessary to thrive in today's dynamic business environment. These structured classroom-based interactions provided a unique opportunity for students to learn directly from seasoned professionals and alumni who have successfully carved their paths across various industries. In each session, an alumnus or industry expert was invited to engage with students on a specific area of their professional expertise. These topics spanned across functional domains such as marketing strategy, digital transformation, financial analysis, HR practices, supply chain management, emerging technologies, and entrepreneurship, among others. The sessions were not limited to technical knowledge alone; many speakers also focused on career planning, leadership development, professional branding, and how to approach one's early years in the corporate world. A distinctive feature of CIS was its **interactive and immersive structure**. Rather than following a traditional lecture format, the sessions were designed to facilitate open dialogue. Students actively participated by asking questions, sharing perspectives, and engaging in meaningful discussions with the speakers. This two-way exchange helped students refine their thinking. Through these sessions, students gained clarity on the skillsets most valued by recruiters, including analytical thinking, communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and a strong grasp of current tools and platforms. Alumni frequently recommended certifications, online resources, and

strategies for self-improvement, helping students build a roadmap for their professional development. Additionally, sessions provided exposure to evolving business models, market disruptions, and how different industries are responding to technological change.

Beyond academics and career preparation, the CIS sessions played an important role in **fostering alumni-institution relationships**. These sessions were a way for alumni to give back to their institution—not just through knowledge sharing, but by becoming mentors and role models for current students. Their presence reflected a deep sense of belonging and pride,

In essence, the Corporate Interactive Sessions under *Aluminize* were a **valuable extension of classroom learning**—blending theory with practice, curiosity with experience, and aspiration with guidance.

List of Alumni – CIS Sessions

Name	Program	Batch	Designation	Organization
Mugdha Kolhatkar	PGDM	2010 - 2012	AVP - HRBP	TransUnion CIBIL
Mehul Chandrashekhar	MMS	2011 - 2013	Head - HRBP	Universal Sompo General Insurance Corp Ltd.
Nivedita Deshpande	PGDM	2003 - 2005	Director - HR	Visible Alpha
Avinash Krishnamurthi	MBA	2003 - 2005	Assistant GM - HR	TCS
Merlin Mathew	PGDM	2022 - 2024	HR	The Phoenix Mills Ltd
Shikha Singh	PGDM	2022 - 2024	HRBP	TCS
Adwaith Prashant	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Senior Executive - L & D	Godrej Capital
Dharshini Suresh	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Senior Executive - HRBP	Godrej Capital
Aakarsha Asok	AIMA PGDM	2022 - 2024	MT - HR	Voltas Limited
Akanksha Gaikwad	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Senior Executive - HR	Lighthouse Learning Group
Shivani Pal	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Assitant Manager - HR	Tata Motors Finance
Merin Devassy	PGDM	2022 - 2024	MT - HR	Hawkins Cooker Limited
Manish Punjabi	PGDM	2007 - 2009	Head - L & D	Piramal Pharma Limited
Kunal Kanekar	PGDM	2010 - 2012	Group HR Head	Neo Group
Ashwin Govindankutty	PGDM	2012- 2014	Manager	Deloitte
Pooja Chawla Sanghavi	MMS	2002-2004	Head HR Transformation	TCS
Nivedita Deshpande	PGDM	2003 - 2005	Director Talent Management	Visible Alpha

Anaghaa Venugopal	MMS	2014-2016	Change Management Consultant	Deloitte
Harshad Bhoir	MMS	2009-2011	Assistant Vice President (AVP)	Ergo Technology & Services
Avinash Korudu	MMS	2008-2010	Senior Zonal Manager	Info Edge
Sneha Kamalanandan	AIMA PGDM	2020-2022	Analyst (Human Capital Portfolio)	Deloitte Consulting
Siddharth Nair	AIMA PGDM	2020-2022	Business Analyst	Ernst & Young
Pranav Nanekar	MMS	2018-2020	Associate - Content & Marketing	Sharpely
Mr. Ramkumar Srinivasan	PGDM	2005-2007	Ex AVP-	HSBC Bank

Key Professional Achievements of Alumni

PGDM Core:

- Girish Shenoy (Batch 2014) – Leading HR operations at Adani Airports | Department: HR | Specialization: Human Resource
- Pooja Bathia (Batch 2011) – Driving data engineering innovations in Zoom's finance division | Department: Finance | Specialization: Finance
- Fahad Agah (Batch 2019) – Managing key FMCG brands at Hindustan Unilever as Assistant Manager | Department: Marketing | Specialization: Marketing

PGDM AIMA:

- Kunal Jayant Kadam (Batch 2023) – Employee of the Month at Netcore Cloud | Department: Marketing | Specialization: Marketing
- Jyoti Pandey (Batch 2018) – Awarded as Top 5 Regional Manager in Pan India at ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund AMC | Department: Marketing | Specialization: Marketing
- Raj Mehta (Batch 2021) – Founded a startup in 2020 and has worked with 500+ companies at SHOUT IN & OUT | Department: Marketing | Specialization: Marketing

PGDM Pharma/Biotech:

- Rahul V Shinde (Batch 2002) – CEO/President Lupin Philippines & Head Lupin South East Asia | Department: PGDM Pharma Management | Specialization: Marketing | Company: Lupin
- Amrit Patel (Batch 2010) – Promoted from Roche India to Roche APAC (Singapore) | Department: PGDM Pharma Management | Specialization: Marketing | Company: Roche Diagnostic
- Divya Achanta (Batch 2014) – Helped launch 3 global biosimilar brands for the first time in India at BioQuest Solutions Pvt Ltd | Department: PGDM Biotech Management | Specialization: Marketing
- Nitesh Bhele (Batch 2014) – 5-time “Star Award” winner at international locations at Alkem Laboratories Ltd | Department: PGDM Biotech Management | Specialization: Marketing