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Team ALCOM Speaks

Team ALCOM is enthused to present to you the August edition of Imprints as we welcome the new recruits to our team. It also features an exclusive interview with Mr. Sanjay Podder, Alum of Batch 1997-00, MD - Accenture Labs and Global R&D Head - Software Engineering and Tech4Good, Alumni engagements at campus and much more.

Imprints Feedback

Launch of Placement Brochure for Batch 2017-19

- We look forward to a great placement season ahead. We have received about 19 pre-placement offers so far in July, 2018
- The Placement Committee and the Career Management & Corporate Relations Team have already had met 250 recruiters at Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Mumbai in July, 2018
- We have been reaching out to diverse industry sectors like Banking, Insurance, FMCG, Financial Services, e-commerce, Retail, IT / ITES, Consulting, Realty, Infrastructure, Market Research, Digital Marketing, Aviation, Media, Telecom and a plethora of emerging prospects that would provide challenging profiles with attractive compensations
- The effort is to continuously raise the bar by introducing about 25 to 30 new recruiters every year. We have an extensive plan of training our aspiring students August onwards, by drawing on the rich expertise of our faculty, external professional trainers and our Illustrious Alumni to make our students meet the exacting demands of the recruiters.

- Mr. Hari Sabnis, Head - Career Management & Corporate Relations (Placements)

Placement brochure

Inaugural Ceremony of MMM, MIM, MFM and MHRDM Courses

- Inaugural ceremony of 2018-21 Batch for the courses MIM, MFM,
 MHRDM and MMM was organized on 14th July, 2018
- The Chief Guest for the event, Mr. Sanjay Podder, Alum of Batch 1997-00, MD - Accenture Labs and Global R&D Head - Software Engineering and Tech4Good addressed the audience and wished the students well for their academic journey, To watch the complete addressal click here



Nostalgia 2018 Theme Launch



AlumSpeaks with Mr. Sanjay Podder

SIMSR Alum Batch 1997-00 | Managing Director - Accenture Labs in India Global R&D Head - Software Engineering and Tech4Good

Cuisine that you love the most
Konkani

Role Model
Elon Musk

Favorite Faculty at SIMSR
Prof. Arya

Be chilled out

Books v/s Movies
Books



Try to think out of the box and maintain a habit of continuously learning and unlearning things

Q. In an illustrious work experience of over 20 years, what has been your most memorable moment so far?

A. In different roles that I have played, there have been certain which had a direct impact on society. We used AI for projects where it was used to feed children and give vision to people who were blind. These things were appreciated all over the world as; I am the Global R&D Head and gave me a lot of happiness and satisfaction.

Q. Technology transforms rapidly and the contemporary ones can become obsolete in no time, how challenging is it for a Global R&D lead like you, to constantly churn out new ideas and processes?

A. Technologies becoming obsolete is a good thing. Earlier you had to be dependent on railways for travelling, now airlines are much more accessible, in future we might transport digitally. Technologies becoming obsolete are replaced by newer and better ones. Look at the business aspirations and expectations, they are sky rocketing and are evolving at a huge speed, to meet them we need older ones to disappear. At the end of the day, everything is driven by human needs.

Q. Entry level job opportunities in IT industry may soon be taken up by automation. Is it a reason of worry for young professionals in the industry?

A. If you look back at our history, we have always evolved. I will be very concerned if our world does not change. When I was passing out of SIMSR, we were witnessing revolutionary changes in Retail and IT sectors. We don't want people with good qualifications doing a lower level job. These jobs will get better and will be replaced by high level jobs which also resonate with Maslow's hierarchy of needs; humans tend to move to the next level of need. Things are changing for better and will surely open better opportunities for people.

Q. Holding a leadership role must be meticulous and exhaustive, how do you unwind yourself after a hectic day or week?

A. I don't think one can truly sign out of stress. It has both positives and negatives. A little bit of stress is good but if you thrive on a negative kind of stress, its not going to help you. Nobody wants to work with a stressed-out guy. I try to do a lot of wildlife photography, social innovation, like to network and speak at conferences on weekends.

Q. What is the significant learning you had in your three years at SIMSR?

A. I had a lot of learnings at SIMSR. We are in a world where we have to constantly learn. Part – time MBA is very useful in that sense. I didn't have the privilege of taking out time and do it full time. We learnt to change the tyres of a car while its moving, symbolically. That is the best thing about a part time MBA course.

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

A. It is very important to be open to experiences, don't always follow a herd mentality, be open to try out new things. I keep telling my daughter that don't follow what everybody is doing, you guys have so many options. Try to think out of the box and maintain a habit of continuously learning and unlearning things. If you have the advantage of not working for a salary, make the most out of it.

Alumni Engagements at Campus

AlCheMy 2018

- ALCOM conducted another successful edition of AlCheMy, a placement mentorship program for our second-year students and 'AlCheMy meet-up' was organized for the first time on 21st July, 2018
- Our Alumni and faculties guided 75 of our students to prepare better for the upcoming placement season by conducting mock GD & PI sessions
- We thank our Alums and faculty members to provide their constructive feedbacks, click here to read more









Alumna evaluates MCA projects

- SIMSR invites industry experts to evaluate the final year project presentations for MCA
- Ms. Kanchan Dhar, Alum of Batch 1996-98, Consultant Project Manager - CGI contributed to the Alma Mater by being one of the panelists for evaluating the 6th semester project reports for MCA course



Alumnus educates students about Equity Markets

 Mr. Rajan Jain, Alum of Batch 2005-07, Equity Research Analyst -Strategy, SBICAP Securities visited SIMSR as a guest speaker to address the students of PG Exec. & MFM course



 He enlightened the students about 'Equity Markets – Current trends & Future outlook' during the session

Welcoming Juniors on board to Team ALCOM!



Vrishti Mishra

Vikas Arora

Man Mohit Koka

International Immersion Program

- A group of 28 students from SIMSR visited Germany and France for a 9 day European Immersion Program
- They were accompanied by Dr. J. S. Lamba and Ms. Minal Bhutak from the institute
- The program was conducted in collaboration with the DHBW University, Stuttgart, Germany
- The students got the opportunity to visit locations like the Mercedes-Benz plant, Deutsche Post DHL and the City Council during the tenure of the program, <u>read more</u>





All Izz Well

- The Batch 2018-20 marked its arrival through an intra-college cultural competition, 'All Izz Well 2018'
- The pre-buzz for the three day long event started on Monday, 16th June, 2018 with a silent march within the campus
- · The event showcased scintillating performances by the students and there was joy and vigour in the air
- DJ night on Thursday, 19th June, 2018 concluded the competition and PG-IB course was awarded as the overall winner
 of the event, to watch the performances click here













Job Opportunities - July Total no. of Total no. of recruiting Vacancies companies 16 29 Top recruiting companies Markets & Markets Nielsen Linedata Gravitas KPMG Housing.com **IBM** Trip Navigator **Analytics Quotient** TresVista Goeasy Financial Hospital **Next Biometrics** Lava International SBIGI Accumed Zee Entertainment

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Faculty Achievement

Another feather in the cap

- Prof. Aparna Bhat, Assistant Professor,
 Department of Finance and Law at
 SIMSR successfully completed her
 Ph.D by defending her thesis A Study
 of Exchange Traded Currency options
 from India at the ITM
 University
- This achievement was attained under the guidance of Dr. Kirti Arekar, Associate Professor, Department of Operations at SIMSR



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Events/ Initiatives	Tentative Date	Event Details		
Anveshan	10th August, Friday	Informal guidance session for juniors by super-seniors		
Nostalgia	8th September, Saturday	Annual Alumni Homecoming Event		
Alumni High Tea	26th October, Friday	High tea of MCA, PG Exec, MFM, MHRDM, MIM & MMM Alumni		
SIMSR Alumni Network for Entrepreneurs (SANE)	24th November, Saturday	Mentoring Platform for Alumni entrepreneurs		
Milaap (Batch Reunion of 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008)	8th December, Saturday	Batchwise Reunion of Alumni		
NRI Day	26th December, Wednesday	Welcoming the NRI Alumni back to their alma mater		
Somaiya Alumni Reunion	January	Reunion of Alumni from all Somaiya Vidyavihar & Ayurvihar Institutes		
City Meets	February - March	Alumni Meet in various cities		

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