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Launch of full-time PGDM Healthcare

SIMSR has announced the commencement on a new multidisciplinary programme - 2 years full - time AICTE approved PGDM Healthcare Management, [click here](#) to know more about it

SIMSR Superstars 2018 - The Alumni Awards

- To celebrate the success and honour of our illustrious Alumni for all the inspiring work done by them, a special series of awards, 'SIMSR Superstars - The Alumni Awards' were institutionalized in the year 2017
- After the successful implementation of first edition of SIMSR Superstars in the year 2017, we are back with the second edition of Alumni Awards, 'SIMSR Superstars 2018'
- To nominate yourself (or) any of your batch-mates/Alumni, kindly click on the link <https://goo.gl/53wVxt> and to know more about awards, [click here](#)

SIMSR CXO Alumni Meet 2018

- We were glad to host senior & influential Alums and SIMSR Alumni Association Executive Committee members at the first ever SIMSR CXO Alumni Meet
- The event was a strategic meet of our illustrious Alumni to help build brand SIMSR
- We gained insightful suggestions from our Alumni and look towards taking it forward



AlumSpeaks with Mr. Makarand Teje

SIMSR Alum Batch 1987-89 | Executive VP & Applications Leader – HCL Technologies

Makarand Teje is Executive VP at HCL Technologies responsible for applications delivery. He has 28+ years of global IT services experience. Having worked in multiple countries, he has managed complex enterprise transformation programs and led global businesses. He is passionate about people leadership and talent development. Prior to HCL, he has associated with Capgemini, AppLabs (CSC) and Wipro.



“Teamwork is equally or even more important than individual brilliance”

Favorite Holiday destination London	Favorite hangout spot in college DP (not sure whether it is still there!)	Favorite TV show Seinfeld
Role Model My mother	A mantra that you go by 'Be content, not satisfied'	
social cause close to your heart or you are associated with Encourage gender diversity in leadership roles		

Q. With such rich industrial experience of over 25 years, what has been your most cherishable moment so far?

A. There are two, first one is winning one of the largest system integration deals in those times for Wipro in 1993, second is being chosen as CEO to run a private equity-backed largest independent software testing company in 2008.

Q. Do you think in the wake of recent developments in the US and the world in general moving towards de-globalization, Indian IT industry needs to reinvent itself?

A. Indian IT industry will need to shift rapidly from experience-based delivery to expertise-based delivery, build stronger industry knowledge and strive to understand 'unstated' customer expectations better.

Q. Can you please enlighten us on the roles and responsibilities of an EVP in an MNC like HCL and how do you prepare yourself for the challenges that come with a leadership role?

A. I am responsible for global delivery of applications business in consumer services sector for North America. In my role, I drive profitable growth and client satisfaction. Adapting to their expectations, managing efficient talent, hire to retire cycle and leadership development are key challenges in this role.

Q. How do you unwind yourself after a hectic day or week or whenever you manage to find the time, off office?

A. 30 minutes of cardio activity at fitness centre while on road, discussing technology trends with my 14-year-old son and coaching my daughter to help her deal with idiosyncrasies of corporate life as she has just started working, helps me unwind well.

Q. What are the significant learnings you had at your two years with SIMSR?

A. a. Teamwork is equally or even more important than individual brilliance

b. Most well-planned projects will have surprises, plan for additional time in the project plan

c. MMS is just an entry ticket to corporate world or entrepreneurship, learning never stops

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

A. a. It's OK not to find your 'true calling' in first few assignments

b. Plan your career only for next 2 years, compare with peers once every 6 years

c. Focus on building soft skills, travel extensively, and learn about other cultures

[Read full interview here](#)

SIMSR Alum named in Top 100 HR Minds in India

- **Arvind Sharmaa**, Alumnus of Batch 1994–96, HR Director, Black & Veatch India was felicitated by World HRD Congress recently with '100 Top HR Minds in India' award
- Some of his noticeable accomplishments can be [read here](#)



MOU with Sany College of China

- We are happy to share that an MOU has been signed between **Somaiya Vidyavihar** and **Sany College, China**
- The MOU will facilitate bilateral cooperation in student exchange, orientation training sessions, students overseas summer internship, faculty visits & joint conference,
- You can [click here](#) to know more about the collaboration



AlumStance

ALCOM strives to come up with ideas to engage with Alums in more interesting ways. AlumStance is one such initiative where we invited our Alums to express their views on a current topic, some of which will be published in every edition. Topic for this edition was

“Will Flipkart's acquisition by Walmart boost the Indian start-up ecosystem?”

Stance 1 – Anurag Chordia, Co Owner & Exporter at Minestone Exports, Alum of Batch , 2010-12

The 16-billion-dollar deal, is not a direct investment in India, it's more of a stake transfer, Flls. Indian startup ecosystem is driven by passionate people and in my view govt. should review their policies to attract entrepreneurs

Stance 2 – Anuj Mishra, HR Business Partner at OLA, Alum of Batch , 2015-17

Duopoly in the market might lead to lack of innovation in the segment. However, it's good for startup ecosystems in India because of following (but not limited to) things

- Walmart's entry might make other big corporates to invest in other Indian start-ups
- Boost investor's confidence as they see an exit path for their investments
- Softbank, Naspers, Tiger Global and other people who earned few bucks in the deal might pump in money back to Indian startup ecosystem

Please share your views on the topic in the comment section by [clicking here](#)

Job Opportunities – May

Total no. of recruiting companies	Total no. of Vacancies
12	14
Top recruiting companies	
Evalueserve Mapro 3i infotech Piramal finance Credit Suisse MarketsandMarkets Research Unilever	Algorithma HSBC Commercial Banking Mindtree Phonepe Edelweiss Financial services
To share or check job opportunities please click or write to us at: simsrjobs@googlegroups.com	
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Team ALCOM Speaks

Team ALCOM is delighted to present June Edition of Imprints. Regular engagement with Alums via different channels and events is one of our major goals. This month we bring to you the launch of **PGDM Healthcare programme** and **SIMSR Superstars** along with an exclusive interview with **Mr. Makarand Teje**, Executive Vice President and Applications Leader at HCL Technologies, Alum of Batch, 1987-89. We also feature some of the major initiatives taken by ALCOM.

Alumni Initiatives

SIMSR Jobs

It is an initiative which entitles our Alumni to share the job openings in their respective organisations with other alumni. This process is facilitated through a Google group. By subscribing to this group, one gets access to directly share the information regarding the job openings. If you have a job opportunity in your organisation, you can share it on [SIMSR Jobs](#) ID or alcom.simsr@somaiya.edu

AlChemy

This is a placement mentorship initiative by the Alumni Committee for the students to make informed choices with the help of alumni mentors. The essence of this initiative is to connect the final year students with our Alumni with an aim of enhancing the outlook of the students about various aspects of the industry.

Alumni Virtual Clubs

Our Alumni are spread across the globe and to ensure they have a strong support system, we have created virtual Alumni clubs using WhatsApp groups based on locations. We have 6 international and 14 domestic virtual clubs.

Nostalgia

The annual homecoming where SIMSR Alumni of all batches reunite. This year Nostalgia will be held on 8th September, 2018.

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