

AlumSpeaks

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Q. What is your most memorable moment at SIMSR?

A. Many memorable moments – my first presentation; my good times with friends but the most memorable moment was getting a job. I got placed on Day 2! It was a sense of freedom- and excitement to enter the corporate world.

Q. What was your key learning from the two years spent at SIMSR?

A. You learn to spend 12 to 14 hours in college focusing on academics- which is tough initially.. You also develop team working skills as you are doing a lot of group projects, which exposes you to different spheres and expands your knowledge. You suddenly start looking at things from a different perspective! Also, your leadership skills are enhanced. It teaches you about competition that you will face even later in your corporate life.

Q. What have been the turning points in your life?

A. In 2007, the market was booming and movement from being a regulator- (working with NSE) to the other side- i.e. the markets with IIFL. Being a regulator was able to see what it is to lay and implement rules and policies and at IIFL was able to see how to make the company compliant with the same.

Q. What was your key learning when you were with NSE and then you switched to IIFL?

A. Being employed with NSE, you are able to understand market dynamics and learn to suggest controls and measures. Additionally – you learn the value of the highest integrity and gets grained in you to the core. At IIFL, I learnt how implement these policies in addition to being process driven, how to go by the book, how to comply with rules and regulations. Additionally working with different people with varied academic backgrounds helps you develop people management skills that are a key requirement for success in any stream.

Q. What is your approach in taking strategic decisions?

A. You need to be able to visualize and think out of the box. You need to think how you can make changes in a big way. Once you think ahead- you start strategizing on how to get there and then start taking steps in that direction. One needs to think where he wants to be 5 years ahead and strategize accordingly!

Q. What is your advice to SIMSR students?

A. You should question every theory with a practical approach. Gone are the days of Jack of all trades, master of none! You have to have a niche area where you are the master. Be clear on what is your area of interest and be passionate about it. Don't worry about how to get there. Identify one hour in a day that would be your most productive hour and make time to have a date with yourself. In this one hour, prioritize your work, put your tasks together and check if you are moving ahead in a planned manner.

Q. Could you share your experience at Milaap 2015 – Reunion of Batch of 1995?

A. It was a very nice experience! Batch mates from abroad as well came to attend it. We have a WhatsApp group of our batch and we are in touch with each other on a personal as well as professional front. We were all awestruck looking at the transformation the college has undergone. We were very happy meeting Professor Hariharan.

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