

# SSN - CARE

Cherishing Alumni Relationship and Engagement

## Alumni as Chief Guest in Scholarship Day

SSN celebrated the scholarship day on 12<sup>th</sup> of December commemorating the meritorious students with cash prizes and certificates. Students received cash prizes for Merit, Merit-cum means, Sports, Rural and Carnatic Music Scholarship.



Alumni **Mr. Manoj - CEO and MD of Behindwoods** and **Dr. Anand Govindarajan - Director, Three Ten Initiative Technologies LLP**, graced the occasion as special guests. Alumni scholarship was awarded by the SSN Alumni Association based on an interview and academic performance. This year approximately Rs. 13 lakhs were collected for alumni scholarship with contributions from 100+ alumni, and for Rural alumni scholarship approximately Rs. 3 lakhs were collected.

## Alumni as Judges and Panel speakers

SSN School of Management conducted the National Level Management Fest -DAKSHA'22 on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The fest had a blend of management and fun events throughout the day. Nearly 400 students from more than 15 B-schools across Tamil Nadu participated in the 14 events organised with 6 external judges, 4 Alumni judges and 3 faculty judges. Alumni from various batches contributed towards the success of the event at all levels as sponsors, judges, and event facilitators. Alumni as judges elevated the strength of the core events. The inputs given by the Alumni Judges inculcated the spirit of taking challenging opportunities among the participants. Below are the details

**Mr. Ganesh DG**, Vice President, Citi Bank, **MBA -Batch of 2005** was the one the judges of the event - Game Changer (Best Manager).

**Mr. Vivek Venugopalan**, President, Yes Bank, **MBA – Batch of 2005** was the Quiz master of the star event of Daksha'22- QuiziBlez! (Business Quiz)

**Ms. Akshaya Sona Sri**, Analyst-Relations Lead, Zoho Corp, **MBA -Batch of 2019** was one of the judges for the event- BizTalks (Speakathon)

**Mr. Anirudh TS**, Probationary Officer, Federal Bank, **MBA -Batch of 2022** was one of the judges for the event- Chain Shot Relay (Operations Game)



Following the inauguration, Daksha'22 witnessed the critical discussion on the topic - "India's startup bubble: a Myth??" by a brilliant set of panellists, having over 15+ years of industrial experience. **Ms. Dharani Muralidharan** (2011-2015, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering), CEO – Rural Education and Development Society, was one the panel speakers. She went to the roots of the societal fundamentals and connected it with the industry systems and problems. The panel put forth various insights with respect to India's start-up ecosystem and its valuation.

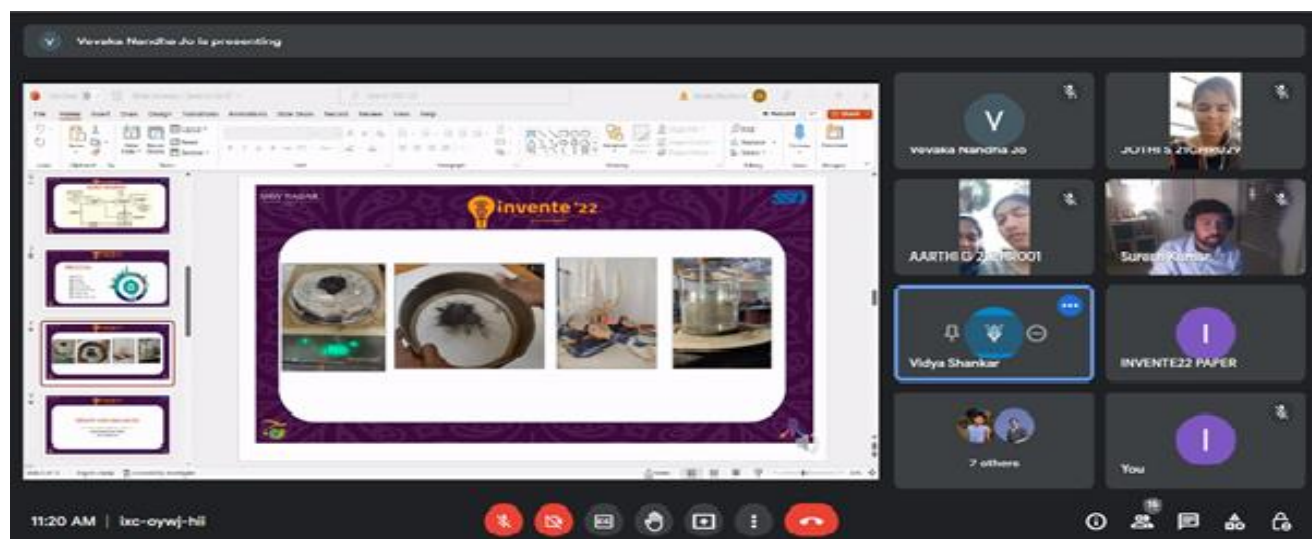




**Viswanath Srinivasan (2015- 2019, Department of Biomedical Engineering),** QMS Consultant, Biocompatibility/Toxicology Specialist, Internal QMS auditor, and **Sangeetha (2015- 2019, Department of Biomedical Engineering),** pursuing MS research IITM, visited the department on 2.12.22 and acted as Jury for Designing competition (Department event) as a part of Invente and had a discussion with Dr. A. Kavitha and Dr. M Dhanalakshmi.



**Dr. Suresh Kumar Jayaraman (Department of Chemical Engineering, 2005-2009 Batch)** working in AVEVA Software R&D, Lake Forest, California, USA, was a judge for the paper presentation event named “Chemicara”, as a part of National Level Technical Symposium “INVENTE ’22, held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2022. The event saw a participation of around 40+ students from intra-state as well as colleges across India. Dr. Suresh Kumar Jayaraman joined the event as chief guest via virtual mode from California, USA. He went through all the presentation given by various students and judged them based on the technical as well as presentation skills. He gave feedback as well as constructive advice to the participants on the know-hows of publishing paper and efficient paper presentation.



The Department of Chemical Engineering thanks Dr. Suresh for taking time from his busy schedule to judge paper presentation event even though there was significant time gap between the time zones of INDIA and USA. The feedback given by him was well received by all the participants.

## Events conducted by Alumni

### EVENT 1:

**Mr. Ravi Shankar Shanmugam (MBA 2007-09),** Sales Director – Cognizant, addressed the student of MBA batch 2022-24 and delivered a talk on “Next 18 months in MBA life “. The session resonated the need for mindset shift befitting an MBA student. The speaker emphasized on the importance of developing a holistic personality and people management skills to emerge as a successful business professional. The session highlighted the relevance and importance of networking and corporate lectures along with the scope and market trends prevailing in various domains. Alumni Speaker elaborated the volatility of current hiring rate and the need for constant skill upgradation. Mr. Ravi Shankar Shanmugam is the vice

president and executive member of SSN Alumni Association. He spearheads the SSN School of Management's Student- Alumni Committee.



## EVENT 2:

A Chit Chat Session on “The Career Opportunities in the Field of Civil Engineering and the Expectation of the Construction Industry” was organised by the Department of Civil Engineering on 02/12/2022. Alumni David, Rajarajan and Vageesan (2017-2021, Department of Civil Engineering) interacted with the students.




## EVENT 3:

Preeti Pratap (2007-2011, Department of Bio-Medical Engineering) is an accomplished product development specialist with a background in healthcare and bioengineering.

**PATH FINDER**  
Alumni Talk Series

**SSN College of Engineering**  
Department of Biomedical Engineering



**Speaker**  
**Preeti Pratap**  
Founding Member, Product and Program Manager  
Lotus Laboratories Inc.  
BME Alumni 2011

Date : 02/12/2022  
Time : 8.30 pm  
Venue : Zoom

Zoom Meeting

Chandramouli K, Preeti Pratap, K.Shivani, Ranjana S, Kalpanadevi T

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**PREETI PRATAP**

- B.E. Biomedical Engineering from SSN College of Engineering
  - Recipient of International Award from Young People, United Kingdom
  - Recipient of Best Final Year Project Award (Re-designed calipers for post-polio paralytic patients)
- M.S. Bioengineering from University of Illinois
  - Top Honors, Recipient of graduate assistantships
  - Recipient of German Govt. Scholarship for research in nanotechnology
- Development Specialist/R&D Engineer at Linde plc
  - Multiple awards for technical leadership
  - Managed new to market healthcare technologies

After graduating from SSN, Preeti continued her education at the University of Illinois, where she completed her master's degree in Bioengineering with top honours and assistantships under domain-leading research professors, including a research scholarship and travel grant from the German government. Since graduating from the University of Illinois, Preeti has gained 8 years of professional experience in healthcare R&D where she led the successful launch of several healthcare products, including the commercialization of a novel cryoablation technology as an alternative to hysterectomy for women suffering from excessive uterine bleeding. Preeti has founded her own company, Lotus Laboratories Inc., where she is currently building technology optimized for disability but usable by all. She delivered a talk about challenges faced in the Biomedical Industry on 2.12.22 through online mode to second and third-year Biomedical students.

#### EVENT 4:

An Industry Interaction session for UG/PG students of Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, for improving their project work to meet industrial guidelines was arranged on 21.12.2022. **Mr. Sai Prasanna K (2018-2021, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering)**, Herakles Engineering Solutions, Chennai interacted with the students. He guided students on the Power electronics, PCB fabrication and motor design. He motivated the students by sharing his experience as a lateral entry UG student at EEE/SSN. He also shared how he effectively utilized the High Voltage Research and Integrated Power Lab at EEE during his UG days. He was a part of the team which won first prize in Smart India hackathon from M/S Tata Motors in 2019, when he was an undergraduate student under the guidance of Dr.V.Rajini, Professor and HoD, EEE.



#### EVENT 5:

SSN Mechanical Alumni Association arranged a talk on “Higher studies in USA” with **Mr. Subramanian Ramasamy (2015-2019, Department of Mechanical Engineering)**, who is currently pursuing PhD in University of Illinois, Chicago.

He started the session by stating “Why to choose US to pursue masters degree?”. He said that US is one of the global leaders in technology and research opportunities in US is always one step ahead of the other countries. USA also provides fund during their graduate course for students to motivate them to learn new concepts and apply them in research-oriented studies. He explained about ON campus and OFF campus opportunities that are prevailing in US like work with research labs, as a co-worker with professor and as research assistant under a professor. Then he continued by discussing about the Visa processes and difficulties in attaining it. He also discussed about the job opportunities after higher studies in US, like they provide around 3 years of time to work and gain experience after the master’s programme under the scheme called OPT.

He discussed about the fees structure that exist in universities which ranges up to Rs. 50 to 60 lakhs in total, including University, books, and exam fees. He suggested that these fees can be compensated by both ON and OFF campus job. The eligibility criteria include clearing GRE with a minimum of 310 out of 340 and for IELTS of 6.5/9. Then he discussed about the documents required while applying like LOR



from a professor you worked with, GPA Score card, a clear SOP, official score card of GRE, IELTS, TOEFL and experience certificate in technical events.

He said about an app called 'YOCKET', which helps students to connect with professionals and different people with aim of getting into Us. The event came to an end by discussing about the hardships that an international student needs to face during his studies at abroad. Q&A session was held on the topic of leading mechanical streams today and in future.



## Alumni Visits and Interactions



**R. Kameshwar (2013-2017, Department of Chemical Engineering)**, Assistant Manager, Process & Proposals at SRMES Pvt. Ltd., **J. Petes Liando (2013-2017, Department of Chemical Engineering)**, Quality Engineer, Milton Roy India, A Ingersoll Rand Business, **S. Naveen (2013-2017, Department of Chemical Engineering)**, Lieutenant, Commissioned Officer in Indian Army, attended Inaugural function of InvenTe '22 held on 01<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

**G. Padmapriya (2016-2020, Department of Chemical Engineering)**, Marketing Analyst, Zoho Corporation, Chennai visited the department and shared her working experience in the non-core company with HOD on 07<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



**Mr. Vignesh B (2018-2022, Department of Computer Science and Engineering)**, Software Developer, Nielsen IQ, visited our campus on 2.12.22 and interacted with our faculty and also interacted with InvenTe team.

**Mr. Dinesh S (2005-2009, Department of Computer Science and Engineering)**, System Administrator, M.R.SPARK TECH Pvt Ltd, visited our campus on 2.12.22 and interacted with our faculty.

**Mr. Dheepak (2020-2022, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, PG),** Data Scientist, Philips, visited our campus on 3.12.22 and interacted with our faculty.

**Mr. Jay Vishal (2017-2021, Department of Computer Science and Engineering),** Full stack Developer, Lynk Logistics, visited our campus on 12.12.22 and interacted with our faculty.

**Ms. Harini R (2017-2021, Department of Computer Science and Engineering),** Full stack Developer, Citi Bank, visited our campus on 12.12.22 and interacted with our faculty.

**Mr. Vignesh RC (2017-2021, Department of Computer Science and Engineering),** ML Engineer, Avalara R&D, visited our campus on 28.12.22 and interacted with our faculty.

**Ms. Rama Prabha (2005-2009, Department of Computer Science and Engineering)** visited our campus on 29.12.22 and interacted with our faculty.

**Mr. Srinivasan Gopalan (2012-2016, Department of Mechanical Engineering)** visited the campus on 22/12/22. Srinivasan is currently pursuing his Ph.D at TU Eindhoven.

**Mr. Steve Michel (2017-2021, Department of Mechanical Engineering)** visited the campus on 26/12/22 and interacted with the faculties.

**Mr. Kiruthiskiran V (2017-2021, Department of Mechanical Engineering)** visited the campus on 16/12/22 and interacted with the faculties.

## Alumni write up

**Balakrishnan, Aparajith, Aaditya, Arjun (2017-2021, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering)** visited the campus.

Aaditya S writes,

To retreat back to my own college as an alumni, is one of the most gratifying moments of life. Nostalgia starts to kick in along with a rush of adrenaline as you step into the breathtaking campus. The temptation to pose and click photos in front of the ever picturesque clock tower and fountain cannot be resisted even today. Skipping a class to steal a glance at our favorite actors / cricketers still remain etched in our memory. Watching our juniors carry drafters / wear a lab coat / and run to catch the 3:45 bus reminds me of my younger version. It was such an exhilarating time interacting with each one of my subject professors, who played a major role in shaping me into the person that I am today. Catching up with friends amidst their busy schedule and listening to their intriguing stories stirred up some rustic fun!

To wrap things up, college life is one of the most beautiful phases and SSN will always hold a special place in my heart!



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