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Career Development Workshop by Alumni

Career Development Programme from **SSN Alumni Association (SSNAA)**

The **SSN Alumni Association – UK & Europe Chapter** organized a **career guidance webinar for master’s aspirants** on **February 27, 2026**. The session was conducted in a **hybrid mode**, with students gathering at the **Central Seminar Hall, ECE New Block**, while several others joined virtually **through a webinar link shared with the registered participants**. The event was primarily aimed at supporting third and final year students interested in pursuing higher studies in the United Kingdom and various European countries.

The webinar featured **alumni from several countries across the UK and Europe, including Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, Sweden, the Netherlands, and the Nordic region**. Each alumnus/alumna shared personal experiences and insights about studying and living in their respective countries, **providing students with practical guidance for planning their master’s education abroad**.

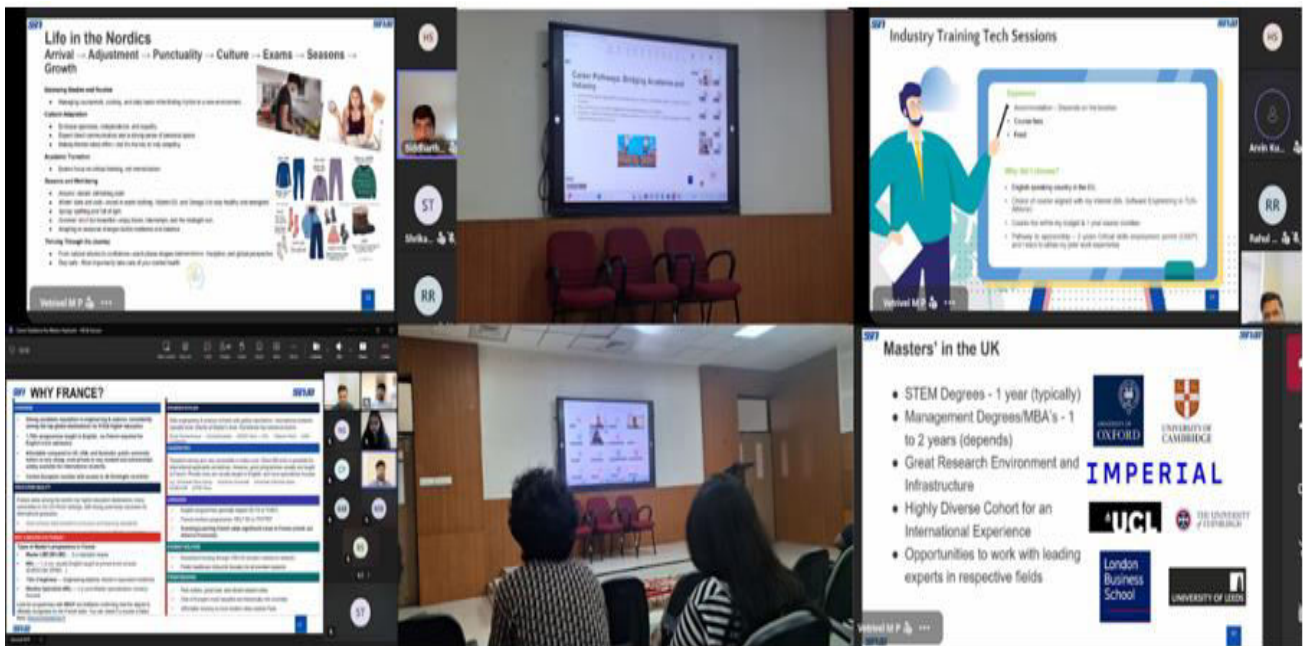


Career Guidance Webinar for Master’s Aspirants organized by the SSN Alumni Association – UK & Europe Chapter

The event began with a welcome and introduction delivered by **Mr. Vetrivel M. P, Associate Director – UK Chapter, SSNAA**, and **Dr. N. Sujaudeen, Associate Director – Student & Faculty Connect, SSNAA**. The keynote address was delivered by **Mr. Ravi Shankar Shanmugam, Executive Board Member, SSNAA**. **Mr. Vetrivel M. P** also served as the **moderator** for the event.

The session covered a wide range of topics relevant to students considering international higher education. The alumni discussed **top universities and programs available in their respective countries** and explained the **structure of coursework and academic expectations**. They also spoke about **typical CGPA requirements for admission, tuition fee ranges, and the overall cost of studying in these countries**.

In addition to academic aspects, the speakers provided **valuable insights into job markets and career opportunities available after graduation**. They discussed **industry demand, internship opportunities, and the importance of developing relevant skills during the course of study**. The session also addressed **practical aspects such as language proficiency, lifestyle and cultural differences, and the overall student experience in each country**.



The webinar provided students with a comprehensive overview of the opportunities and challenges associated with pursuing a master’s degree in the **UK and Europe**. By hearing directly from alumni who have successfully navigated this path, participants gained a clearer understanding of the application process, academic environment, and career prospects abroad.

Overall, the session was **highly informative and engaging**, offering students **a valuable platform to learn from alumni experiences** and helping them **make informed decisions regarding their higher education and future career plans**.

Career Development Programme from **Mechanical Department**

As part of the **Monthly Alumni Activities**, an interaction session for the month of **February 2026** was conducted with **Mr. K. M. Dhilip (Batch 2018-2022)**, an alumnus of B.E. Mechanical Engineering, for the undergraduate Mechanical Engineering students. The session was held **online** on **March 1, 2026**, from **8:30 PM to 9:30 PM**.

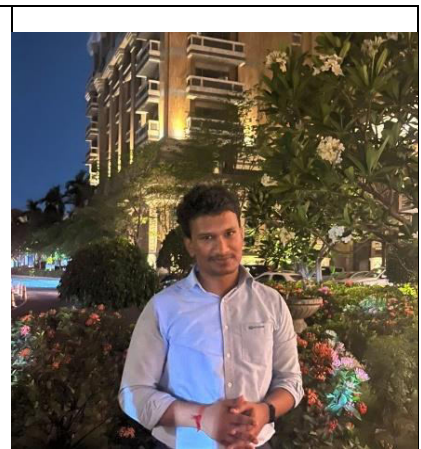
Mr. Dhilip is currently working as a **Manager / Manufacturing Process Engineer** at **Hyundai Motor India Ltd.** and was one of the outstanding students of his batch. During the session, he shared his professional journey, starting from his **internship at IIT Madras** to securing a position at **Hyundai Motor India Ltd.** He also served as the **Placement Coordinator of his batch** during his time at the institution.

Guest's Profile

K M Dhilip graduated from the Mechanical Engineering Department in **2022**. He is currently working as a **Manager / Manufacturing Process Engineer at Hyundai Motor India Ltd.**
LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/dhilipkm](https://www.linkedin.com/in/dhilipkm).

Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) is the Indian subsidiary of the South Korean automobile manufacturer Hyundai Motor Company. It is the second largest car manufacturer in India by sales. Hyundai Motor India Limited was formed on 6 May 1996 by the Hyundai Motor Company of South Korea. When Hyundai Motor Company entered the Indian automobile market in 1996 the Hyundai brand was almost unknown throughout India. During the entry of Hyundai in 1996, there were only five major automobile manufacturers in India,

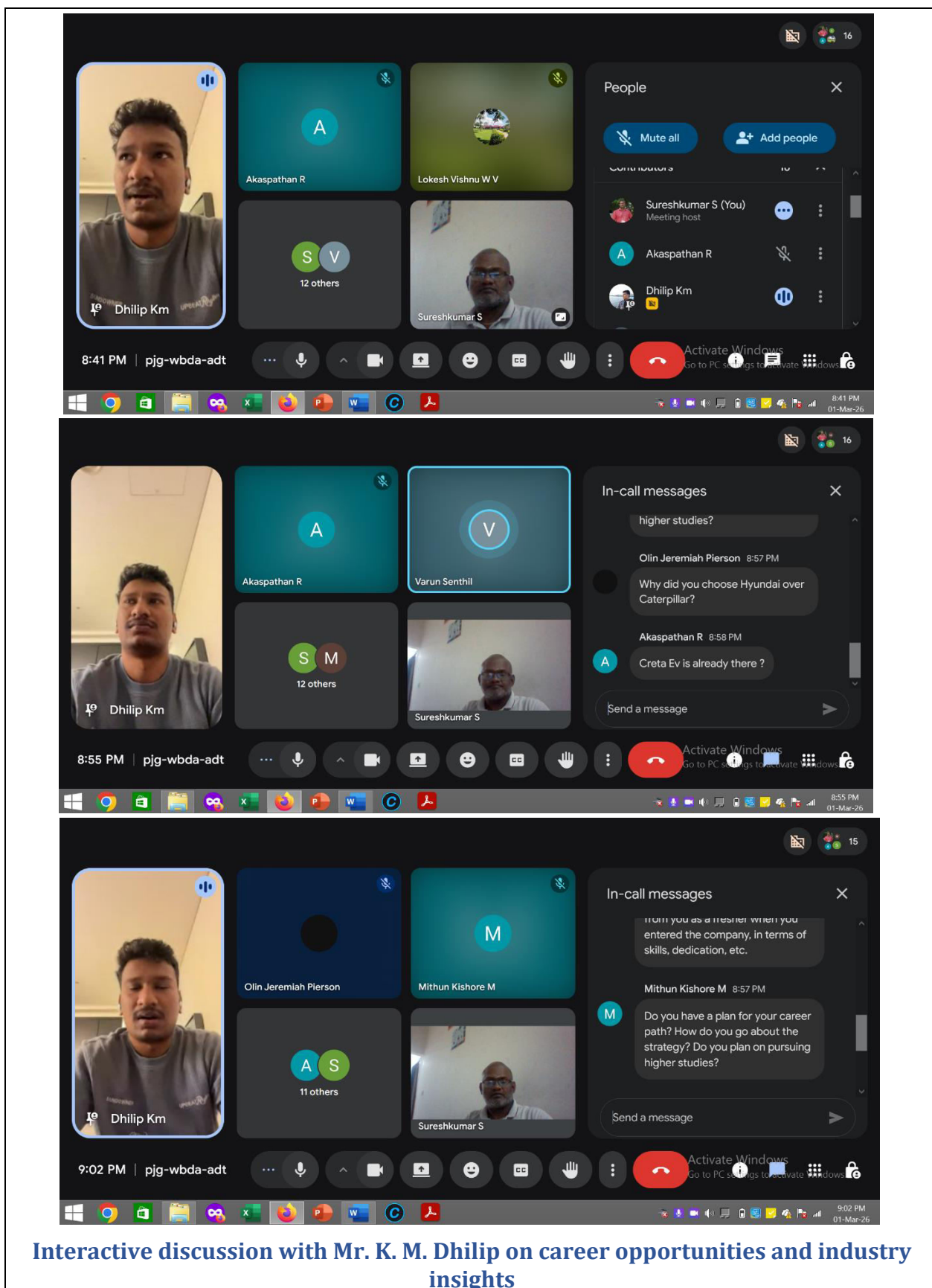
i.e. Maruti, Hindustan, Premier, Tata and Mahindra. Daewoo had entered the Indian automobile market with Cielo just three years back while Ford, Opel and Honda had entered less than a year back (Wikipedia).



Mr. K M Dhilip
Manager / Manufacturing
Process Engineer
Hyundai Motor India Ltd.

During the interaction, he guided the students on **effective résumé preparation, identifying suitable areas of interest, and the process of applying for Internship and Final Year Projects (IFP)**.

Photos of the interactive session



Interactive discussion with Mr. K. M. Dhilip on career opportunities and industry insights

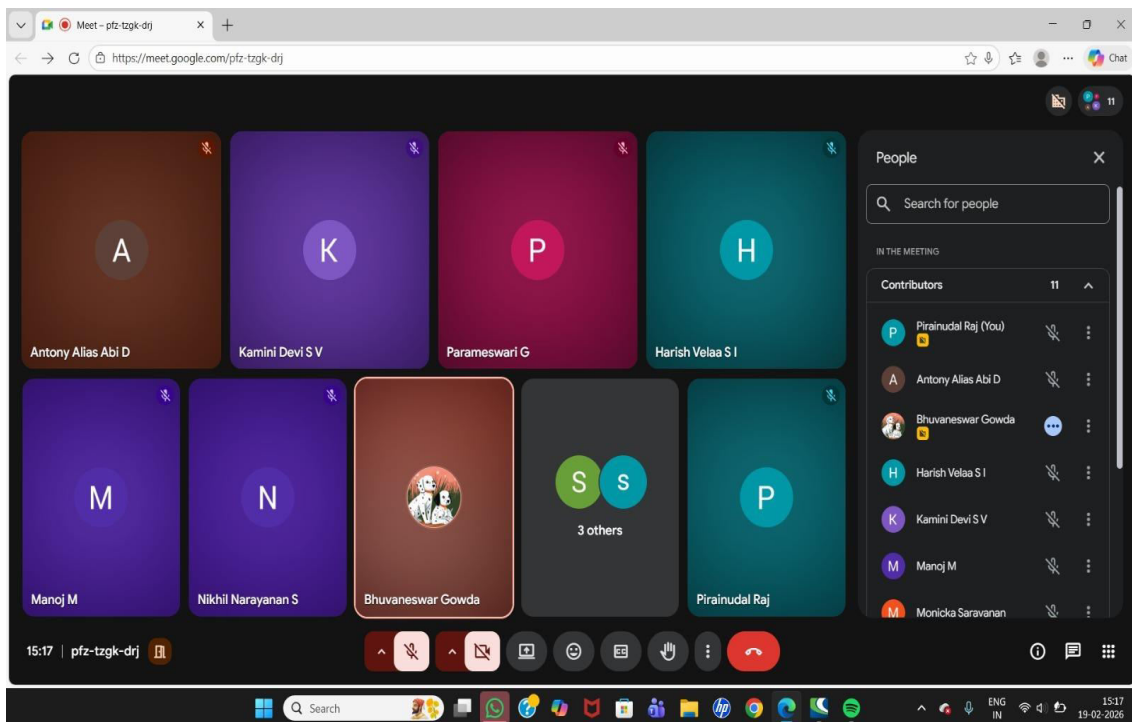
The undergraduate students actively participated in the session and raised several pertinent questions, including:

- What are the placement opportunities at Hyundai, both on-campus and off-campus?
- Why did you choose Hyundai over Caterpillar?
- Is knowledge of Korean necessary for career advancement at Hyundai?
- How is the work–life balance at Hyundai?
- What challenges are commonly faced while securing internships?
- Do patents and projects play a significant role in securing placements and admission for higher studies abroad?

The session was highly interactive and provided valuable insights into **career preparation, internships, and industry expectations** for Mechanical Engineering students.

Career Development Programme from **Civil Department**

On **February 19, 2026**, **Mr. Gowda Bhuvaneshwar** (Batch 2021–2025) connected with the final year students of the **Department of Civil Engineering** through an **online interaction session**. During the session, he discussed **placement and recruitment strategies for ENMAS EPC**. Having secured placement at ENMAS EPC through campus recruitment in the previous year, he shared his personal experiences, preparation techniques, and insights into the selection process to help students who are currently preparing for the company’s recruitment drive. The department expressed its appreciation to **Mr. Gowda Bhuvaneshwar** for his timely guidance and valuable support to the students and wished him continued success in his future endeavors.



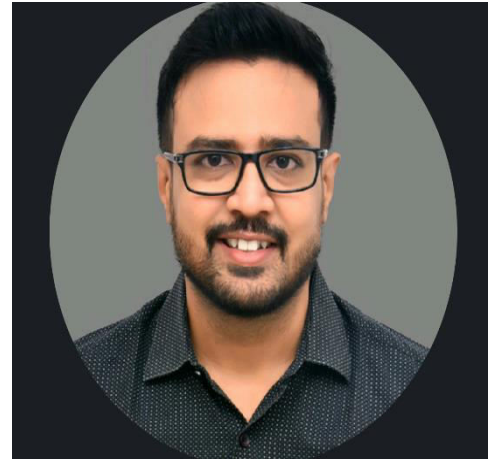
Virtual mentoring session by alumnus Mr. Gowda Bhuvaneshwar on placement preparation for ENMAS EPC.

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Events conducted by Alumni

Event 1: Alumni Talk Series – Learning Beyond the MBA Classroom – SSN School of Management

The Alumni Committee (ALCOM) organized an insightful session under the Alumni Talk Series, welcoming Mr. Anilesh Krishna, Senior Vice President – Audit at BNY Mellon. He is an alumnus from MBA 2011-13 Batch. Specializing in Data Management and IT Risk Management, Mr. Anilesh interacted with students through an engaging session titled “What MBA Doesn’t Teach You, but Corporate Life Will,” focusing on practical corporate realities beyond academic learning.



During the session, Mr. Anilesh shared his professional journey that began with his placement at Deloitte in IT Risk & Assurance. Having worked as a Stack Auditor in IT Risk Advisory for nearly five years, he later transitioned into the Internal Audit division at BNY Mellon. Through his experiences, he emphasized how continuous learning, adaptability, and openness to new opportunities play a vital role in shaping long-term career growth.

He highlighted that in corporate environments, effective communication often holds greater importance than technical intelligence, as the ability to clearly express ideas and collaborate with stakeholders significantly influences professional advancement. He further stressed that reliability and consistency in delivering responsibilities help individuals build trust and credibility within organizations. Addressing workplace realities, he explained that ambiguity is a natural part of corporate life and encouraged students to develop confidence and adaptability to navigate uncertain situations effectively.

Mr. Anilesh also emphasized that career paths are rarely linear and that the first job does not determine one’s ultimate professional destination. Students were encouraged to explore diverse domains such as enterprise risk analysis, marketing, and analytics during their early careers to better understand their interests and strengths. Additionally, he underscored that professional attitude, positive mindset, and the ability to build strong workplace relationships often contribute more to success than academic qualifications alone.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion where students gained valuable real-world perspectives on industry expectations and career development. The Alumni Talk Series continues to serve as an important platform connecting students with accomplished alumni, helping bridge the gap between classroom learning and corporate practice. The department extends its sincere gratitude to Mr. Anilesh Krishna for sharing his experiences and inspiring aspiring management professionals.

Event 2: Mentorship Program Commencement – SSN School of Management

The **Mentorship Program**, one of the flagship initiatives of the **Alumni Committee (ALCOM)**, continues to **strengthen the connection between students and the alumni network** by creating a structured platform for guidance, professional learning, and meaningful industry interactions.

The program begins with collecting expressions of interest from both students and alumni, with mentors typically bringing over five years of industry experience. **Students are then thoughtfully mapped with alumni mentors based on their preferred specialisations, enabling them to receive relevant industry insights and career guidance from professionals who have navigated similar paths.**

To ensure smooth coordination and sustained engagement, each mentor–mentee group is supported by a student point of contact, who facilitates communication between mentors and students throughout the event.

The Mentorship Program for the **MBA Batch 2025–27** commenced with a soft launch on **February 8, 2026**, with program details communicated to both alumni mentors and participating students through official channels. Following the launch of Phase 1, an orientation meeting was held on **February 10, 2026** with students and members of the Alumni Core Committee, **Ravi Shankar Shanmugam MBA 2007-09**, **Gowsik MBA 2021-23** and **Akshayaa S MBA 2017-19** to provide clarity on the structure, expectations, and objectives of the program. About **31 students are mapped with 16 alumni for the mentorship program in Phase I.** The work for Phase II is in progress.

With this initiative, the Alumni Committee aims to foster continuous learning, professional mentorship, and stronger alumni–student engagement, creating a supportive environment for students as they navigate their academic journey and prepare for future careers.

Event 3: Alumni Involvement as Chief Guest and Judge for Start-up Idea Challenge – Chemical Department

Mr. Balan (Batch 2021–2025), **Founder of Scrollkurai Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**, served as the **Chief Guest** and **Judge** for the One-Day Start-up Idea Challenge “**IDEA2MARKET: Concept to Customer**” organized by the **Department of Chemical Engineering** on **February 9, 2026**. During the event, he interacted with the participants and **shared valuable insights from his entrepreneurial journey, motivating students to transform innovative ideas into practical business solutions.** As a member of the judging panel, he evaluated the student start-up proposals based on originality, feasibility, market potential, and technical strength, and provided constructive feedback to help students understand real-world startup challenges and commercialization strategies.



Chemical Alumnus Mr. Balan sharing entrepreneurial insights with participants during the Start-up Idea Challenge “IDEA2MARKET: Concept to Customer”.

Event 4: Alumni Webinar on Opportunities in VLSI Design Verification – SSN IEEE PELS – EEE Department



Mr. Dhivakar K (Batch 2015–2019), Design Verification Engineer at Qualcomm, Bangalore, delivered a webinar on “**Opportunities in VLSI Design Verification**”, organized by **SSN IEEE PELS** on **February 21, 2026**. During the session, he shared valuable insights into career opportunities, industry expectations, and emerging trends in the field of VLSI design verification. The webinar provided students with a deeper understanding of the skills required and the career pathways available in the semiconductor industry.

Event 5: Alumni Guest Lecture on Electric Motor Revolution – EEE Department

Mr. Balaji R (Batch 2018–2022), Senior Engineer – Electromagnetics at Abhinava Rizel, delivered a guest lecture titled “From Prius to Performance: The Electric Motor Revolution” under the Association of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (AEEE) on February 23, 2026. The session was organized by Dr. V. Rajini, HoD, EEE, and Dr. V. S. Nagarajan, Associate Professor, EEE. During the lecture, he shared insights on the evolution of electric motor technologies, their applications in modern electric vehicles, and emerging trends in the field, providing students with valuable industry perspectives.



Alumnus Mr. Balaji R sharing insights on electric motor technologies during the guest lecture organized by AEEE

Event 6: Alumni Participation as Expert in Board of Studies Meeting – EEE Department



Mr. Mervin J. B (B.E. – EEE, Batch 2009–2013; M.E. – PED, Batch 2013–2015), **Lead Power Electronics Hardware Engineer** at **GE Vernova**, participated as an **Alumni Expert (UG and PG)** in the **1st Board of Studies Meeting** of the Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at **Shiv Nadar University, Chennai**, held on **February 28, 2026**. During the meeting, he provided valuable industry inputs and suggestions to enhance the undergraduate and postgraduate curriculum, ensuring alignment with current industry practices and technological advancements in the field of Electrical and Electronics Engineering.

Event 7: Alumni Participation in Board of Studies Meeting – ECE Department

Dr. V. Lingusamy, **Manager** at **Rakuten Mobile Inc., Bangalore**, and an alumnus of the M.E. Computer Science program, and **Mr. Yogeshwaran Shanmugam** (Batch 2011–2015, B.E. ECE), currently working as **Design Verification Manager & MGTS** at **Texas Instruments India**, served as **Alumni Members** in the Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering held on **February 28, 2025**. During the meeting, they contributed valuable industry insights and recommendations to strengthen the curriculum and ensure alignment with current technological advancements and industry requirements in the field of Electronics and Communication Engineering.



Dr. V. Lingusamy participating in the ECE Board of Studies Meeting as Alumni Member



Mr. Yogeshwaran Shanmugam attending the ECE Board of Studies Meeting as Alumni Member

Event 8: Alumni Participation in Board of Studies Meeting – BME Department

Ms. Deepthi Ganesh (Batch 2009 – 2013), Engineering Manager at Philips and a Member of the Board of Studies for Biomedical Engineering at Shiv Nadar University, Chennai, participated in the Board of Studies (BoS) meeting held on February 26, 2026, through online mode. During the meeting, she contributed valuable insights and recommendations to strengthen the curriculum and ensure alignment with current industry practices and technological advancements in the field of Biomedical Engineering.

Event 9: Alumni-Led Workshop on Virtual Reality in Manufacturing – Mechanical Department

A One-Day Workshop on “Applications of Virtual Reality in Digital Manufacturing – Hands-on Training” was conducted on February 14, 2026. The session was delivered by alumnus, **Mr. M. Bharathan** (Batch 2020–2024), XR Developer at AutoVRse, Bengaluru.

A total of 36 participants, including external participants, attended the workshop. The speaker provided a comprehensive overview of virtual reality and immersive technologies, including VR tools and platforms used in modern manufacturing. The session featured live demonstrations, interactive discussions, and hands-on training with VR equipment, along with real-world case studies and project insights. The participants actively engaged throughout the day and appreciated the practical exposure and potential of VR technology in digital manufacturing.

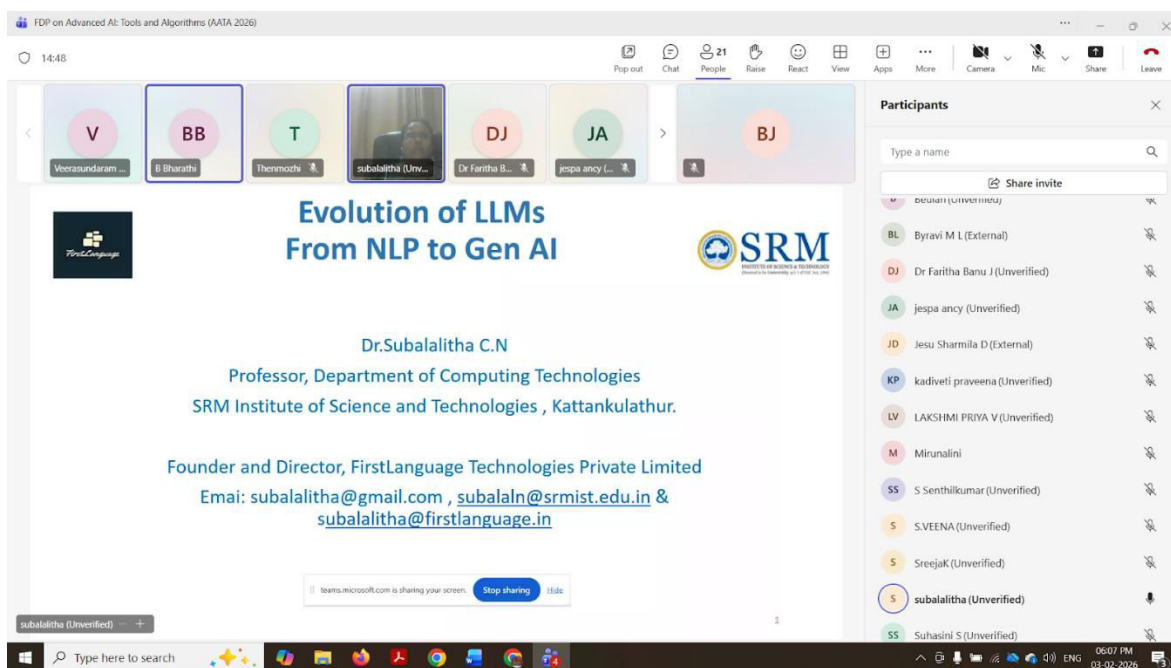


Live demonstration of immersive VR technologies for digital manufacturing applications by Mechanical Alumnus Mr. M. Bharathan, XR Developer at AutoVRse

Event 10: Expert Talk on Evolution of LLM Architectures – AATA-2026 FDP – CSE Department

Dr. C. N. Subalalitha (M.E. CSE, Batch 2004–2006) delivered a talk on “Evolution of LLM Architectures, Fine-Tuning and Customization of LLMs” during the Third Faculty Development Programme on Advanced AI: Tools and Algorithms (AATA-2026) on February 3, 2026.

During the session, she provided valuable insights into the evolution of Large Language Model (LLM) architectures, along with techniques for fine-tuning and customizing LLMs for specific applications. The talk offered participants a deeper understanding of recent advancements in artificial intelligence and practical approaches for applying LLM technologies in research and real-world applications.

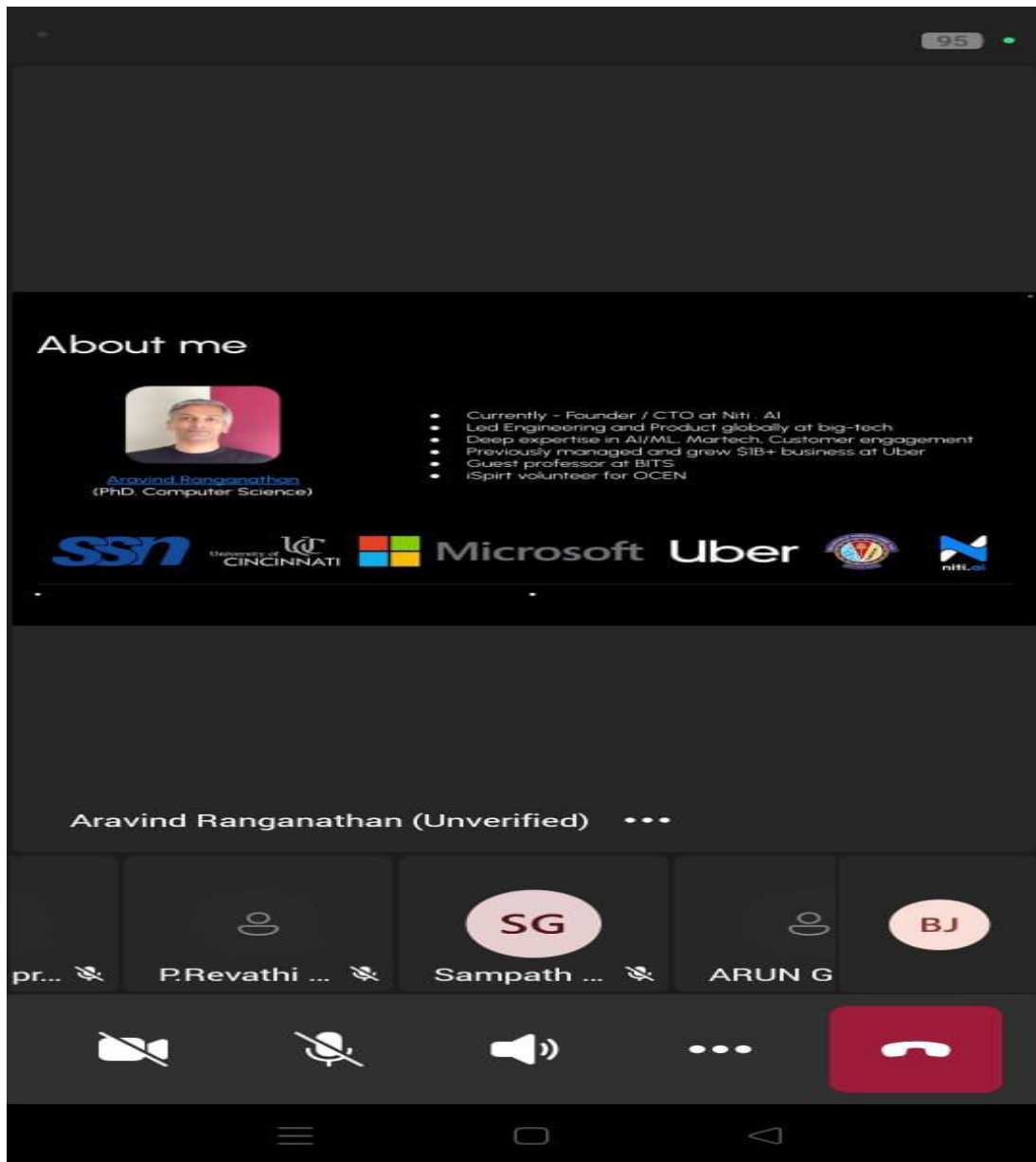


CSE Alumna Dr. C. N. Subalalitha Serving as an Expert Speaker at the AATA-2026 FDP

Event 11: Expert Talk on Agentic AI and Its Frameworks – AATA-2026 FDP – CSE Department

Dr. R. Aravind (Batch 2000–2004), **Co-founder and CTO of NITLAI**, delivered expert talks on “Agentic AI and its Frameworks” and “Building Agentic AI Applications” during the Third Faculty Development Programme on Advanced AI: Tools and Algorithms (AATA-2026) held on February 3, 2026.

During the session, he discussed the emerging concepts of **Agentic Artificial Intelligence**, the frameworks used to develop agent-based AI systems, and practical approaches for building intelligent AI-driven applications. The talk provided participants with valuable insights into the latest advancements in AI technologies and their potential applications in research and industry.



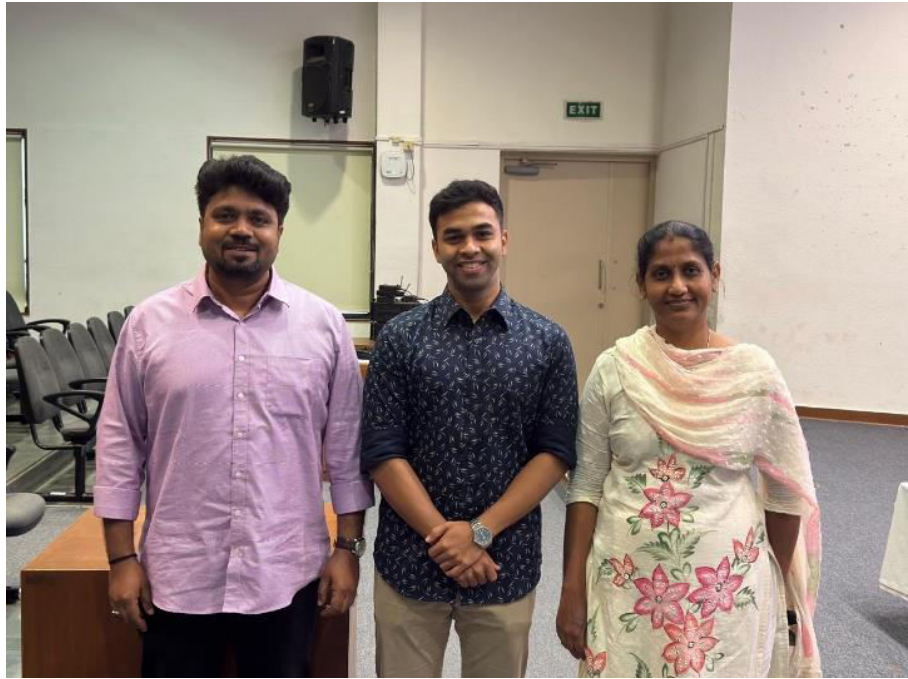
Dr. R. Aravind, Co-founder & CTO, NITI.AI, delivering an expert talk at the AATA-2026 FDP

Event 12: Industry Expert Talk on NoSQL Databases and MongoDB - CSE Department

Mr. Pradeep Ganesh (Batch 2019–2023), Associate Engineer at **Informatica**, delivered a talk on “**Introduction to NoSQL Databases and MongoDB**” to the **second year CSE students** on **February 12, 2026**, as part of partial content delivery by industry experts for the Database Management Systems course.

During the session, he introduced the fundamental concepts of **NoSQL databases**, their advantages over traditional relational databases, and the practical applications of **MongoDB** in modern data management systems. The talk provided students with valuable industry

perspectives and helped them understand real-world database technologies used in current software development practices.



Mr. Pradeep Ganesh, Associate Engineer, Informatica, interacting with CSE faculty members

Event 13: Expert Talk on Agile, ML Workflow, and DevOps Practices – CSE Department

Dr. R. Aravind (Batch 2000–2004), Co-founder and CTO of NITIAI, delivered a talk on **Industry-Relevant topics** including Agile methodologies, machine learning (ML) workflows, DevOps practices, and hyperparameter optimization using Optuna on **February 27, 2026**.



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Dr. R. Aravind delivering a talk on Agile, ML Workflow, and DevOps practices

During the session, he shared valuable insights on integrating **Agile practices and DevOps principles in modern AI and machine learning development environments**. He also discussed practical approaches to **optimizing machine learning models using tools such as Optuna**. The talk provided participants with a deeper understanding of current industry practices and emerging trends in AI-driven software development.

Event 14: Hands-on Session on Graph Databases Using Neo4j – CSE Department

As part of **industry participation in partial curriculum delivery**, **Dr. R. Kanchana** organized a **hands-on session** on **“Graph Databases using Neo4j”**, a topic from the course **“Advanced Databases”**, on **February 9, 2026**. The session was conducted by **Mr. Jayaraja S. K (Batch 2019–2023)**, **Software Engineer at Sagent**. During the session, **Mr. Jayaraja** introduced the fundamentals of graph databases, their advantages over relational databases, and the **practical applications of Neo4j**, while the hands-on activities enabled students to explore graph modeling, query execution, and real-world use cases.

Event 15: Alumni as Industry Jury Evaluating Student Projects at ENCENDER 3.0 – CSE Department

The **Department of Computer Science and Engineering**, in association with the **Institution’s Innovation Council**, organized **ENCENDER 3.0 – A Project Expo** on **February 28, 2026**, providing a vibrant platform for students to showcase their **innovation, technical expertise, and practical problem-solving skills**.

The projects were evaluated by **distinguished industry experts**, **Mr. Seshan Rajendran (Batch 2011–2015)**, Senior Lead Engineer at **Qualcomm**, and **Mr. R. Sai Shashaank (Batch 2020–2024)**, Technology Analyst (Full Stack Developer) at **Citi Bank**, who appreciated the **quality, creativity, and practical relevance** of the student projects.



CSE Students presenting innovative ideas to alumni experts at the Project Expo

Event 16: Alumni-Led Workshop on “Startup War Room: From Data Engineering to Real-World Business Analytics” – IT Department

The Department of Information Technology organized an alumni-led workshop titled “Startup War Room: From Data Engineering to Real-World Business Analytics” on February 26, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the PG Lab.

The session was delivered by Mr. C. S. Akkash Anniyappan (Batch 2020–2024), Founder and Managing Director of Infolynix, who provided students with practical exposure to data engineering concepts, startup execution strategies, and real-world applications of business analytics.

During the workshop, the speaker shared valuable insights on transforming data into actionable business intelligence and the role of data engineering in building scalable analytics solutions. Through interactive discussions and real-world examples, students gained a deeper understanding of startup ecosystems, data-driven decision making, and the practical challenges involved in implementing analytics solutions in industry. The session was highly engaging and provided students with meaningful exposure to industry practices and entrepreneurial thinking.



From Data Engineering to Business Analytics: An Alumni-Led Industry Workshop



Alumni-led workshop on Data Engineering and Business Analytics by Mr. C. S. Akkash Anniyappan

Event 17: Motivational Talk by ECE Alumnus during School Outreach Program – IEEE CS and IEEE SPS



Mr. Naren Sundaram (Batch 2000–2004, ECE), Senior Vice President and Country Head, Sagent India, delivered a motivational talk to school students during the **School Outreach Program** conducted by the IEEE Computer Society (CS) and IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS) communities of SSN on **February 6, 2026**.

During the session, he inspired the young participants by sharing insights on **the importance of education, innovation, and career aspirations in technology and engineering**. His interaction encouraged the students to explore opportunities in science and technology and motivated them to pursue their academic goals with confidence.



Motivational session by Mr. Naren Sundaram for school students at the IEEE School Outreach event

Event 18: Alumni Collaboration in Organizing Envision'26 Hackathon – IEEE CS

Mr. Stalin Muthusamy (Batch 2009–2013, EEE) collaborated with the **IEEE Computer Society (IEEE CS)** of SSN in organizing **Envision'26**, a **24-hour hackathon** aimed at encouraging innovation and problem-solving among students. As part of his support for the event, he **sponsored ₹50,000 towards the organization of the program** and actively contributed to its success.

In addition to his sponsorship, Mr. Stalin Muthusamy participated in the **Power Judging Round**, where he evaluated the projects and provided valuable industry insights to the participants. He also offered **internship opportunities to 24 participants**, thereby supporting students in gaining practical industry exposure and career opportunities.



Alumni sponsorship by Mr. Stalin Muthusamy for the Envision'26 Hackathon

Alumni Serving as Jury Members for Envision'26 Hackathon

Alumni members **Mr. Karthik J, Executive President, Aaytham Consulting**; **Mr. Ramasamy, Senior Application Development Manager, Standard Chartered**; and **Mr. Naren Mani, Director – Projects & Client Solutions, Aaytham Consulting**, served as **Jury members** for **Envision'26**. As part of the judging panel, they evaluated the innovative solutions developed by the participants, assessed the technical feasibility and impact of the projects, and provided valuable industry feedback to the student teams.



Industry alumni evaluating student innovations at Envision'26



Alumni jury members interacting with participants during Envision'26

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Alumni Visits and Interactions

Alumni Visits/Interactions during February 2026

| Department | Number of Alumni Visited* |
|---|---------------------------|
| Electrical and Electronics Engineering | 3 |
| Electronics and Communication Engineering | 3 |
| Computer Science Engineering | 10 |
| Information Technology | 8 |
| Civil Engineering | 2 |
| Mechanical Engineering | 4 |
| Chemical Engineering | 1 |
| Biomedical Engineering | 2 |
| MBA | 45 |
| Total | 78 |

*As per the details provided by the Department Faculty Alumni Coordinators

Alumni Visits and Interactions from the **ECE Department**

Mr. Brathindara S, an alumna of 2015-19 currently working as **Senior Silicon Design Engineer CPU Cores, AMD, USA** visited the **Department of ECE** and interacted with students on **February 05, 2026**.



ECE Alumnus Mr. Brathindara S sharing industry insights with students during his departmental visit

Alumni Visits and Interactions from the **CSE Department**

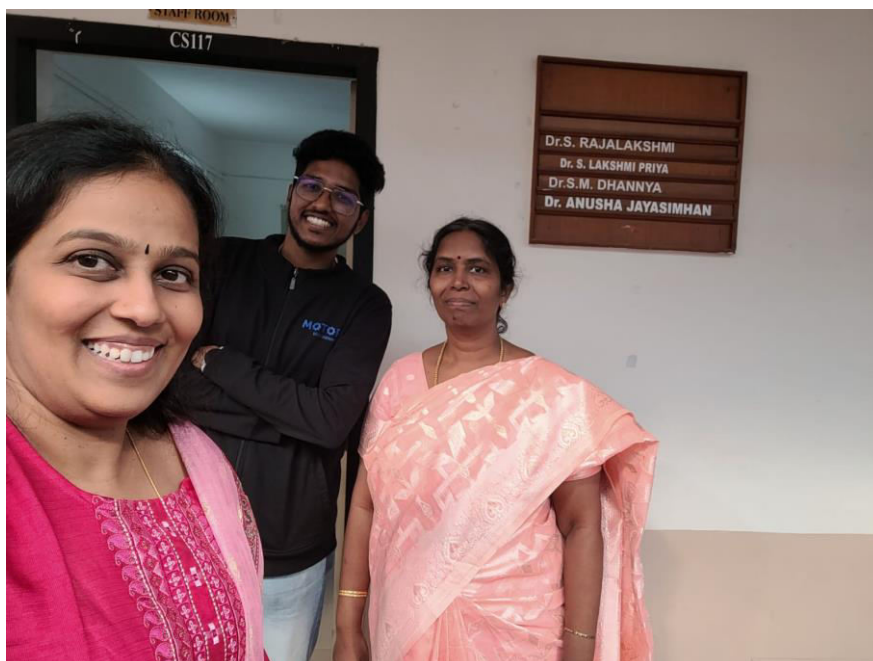
Mr. Shangmuga Sundram (Batch 1998–2002) visited the campus on February 12, 2026, and interacted with the faculty members of **CSE Department**.



Mr. Manthosh Kumar (Batch 2010–2014) visited the college on February 14, 2026, and interacted with the faculty members of **CSE Department**.



Mr. Logesh B (Batch 2016–2020), currently employed at **Motorq**, visited the institution for **internship recruitment** and interacted with the faculty members of the **Department of CSE**.



Alumni Visits and Interactions from the IT Department

Mr. Shanmuga Sundaram (Batch 1998–2002, CSE) visited the college on **February 11, 2026**, and interacted with the **IT faculty members**. During his visit, he shared his professional experiences and insights, providing an opportunity for meaningful interaction and strengthening the connection between the alumni and the institution.





Ms. Sruthi R (Batch 2021–2025) visited the Department of IT and interacted with Dr. I. Joe Louis Paul, Associate Professor and faculty members on February 13, 2026. She is currently working as the Senior Analyst at Natwest.

Alumni Visits and Interactions from the **Civil Department**

Ms. Pranava, an alumna of the 2021–2025 Civil Engineering batch, visited the Department of Civil Engineering on February 17, 2026, and met with the Head of the Department, **Dr. N. Sivakumar**, and the Alumni Coordinator, **Dr. Aswin Sriram**. She is currently pursuing the Master of Construction Management program at the University of Adelaide.



Alumna Ms. Pranava sharing her academic experiences from the University of Adelaide with the faculty of the Civil Engineering Department

During the interaction, she shared her academic experiences and highlighted that the IFSP projects she worked on during her undergraduate studies have been particularly valuable in her current coursework, especially in understanding practical aspects of construction management and project planning. The Civil department conveyed its best wishes for the successful completion of her program and her future endeavors.

Alumni Visits and Interactions from the Mechanical Department

The following alumni visited the **Mechanical department** and interacted with faculty members during **February 2026**.



Dr Vishal (PDF at UAE) and Dr Karthik (PDF at IIT Kharagpur), Alumni PhD Scholars

Alumni Visits and Interactions from the BME Department

Alumni from the BME batches of 2023 and 2024 visited the Department of Biomedical Engineering and met with **Dr. S. Pravin Kumar** and **Dr. B. Divya** during their campus visit. The interaction provided an opportunity to reconnect with the department and share their experiences after graduation.



BME Alumni (Batches 2023 & 2024) reconnecting with faculty during their visit to the BME Department

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Alumni Reunion

Two Decades of Excellence: 20-Year Reunion of the MBA Batch (2002–2004)

20-YEAR ALUMNI REUNION

MBA Batch of 2002–2004

Three Days. Twenty-Four Hearts. One Timeless Bond.

February turned into a celebration of memories, milestones, and meaningful reconnections as the MBA Department along with the Alumni Committee (ALCOM) hosted one of its flagship events — the **20-year Alumni Reunion of the 2002–04 Batch**. Over three meaningful days, the campus transformed into a space of nostalgia, carrying with them years of experience, stories of growth, and a deep sense of belonging. What unfolded over three days was not just a reunion, it was a journey back in time.

Day 1 – 19 February 2026

“Hello Again!” – When Time Paused and Memories Spoke

The reunion began with alumni checking into the International Hostel, the very space that once witnessed their student days. As they settled in, conversations quickly shifted from catching up to revisiting cherished memories.





The evening commenced at the School of Management with a warm formal address by the Director, followed by High Tea.



A guided campus tour allowed alumni to witness the evolution of the campus over the years. Walking around the Campus rekindled nostalgia and strengthened their emotional connection to the institution.

The day concluded with a formal dinner at the Career Development Center, followed by virtual interactions with classmates who could not attend in person.





Day 2 – 20 February 2026

“Rewind. Relive. Reconnect.” – Where Experience Meets Aspiration

The second day began with a refreshing morning walk, followed by breakfast and registration. The day started with the session on SSN Journey by Mr. Ananda Raman from the Alumni Office and then the Alumni interacted with faculty members, Placement Officer, and Admission Officer, strengthening ties between past and present. The interactions were highly encouraging and reflected the alumni’s strong sense of commitment and their readiness to contribute to the growth and development of the institution in every possible way.





A group photograph captured not just faces, but journeys of growth and achievement.



Panel Discussion

“How MBA Comes All the Way Through Your Life?”

The much-awaited panel discussion, hosted by **Vikasini (MBA 2nd Year)** and **Madhumitha (MBA 2nd Year)**, brought together a panel of distinguished alumni, including:

- **Ms. Yamini** (Sales Director, Banking & Financial Services- Cognizant, UK)
- **Mr. Dinesh Sankaranarayanan** (Senior Operations Manager, HP)
- **Ms. Rupali Darbar** (Product Management Leader - Life Actuary USAA)
- **Mr. Prashant Jayaprakash** (Global Business Manager – GSI – Nutanix)
- **Ms. Anupama B** (PAR Manager & controller, Shell Energy EU and AM)
- **Ms. Sangeetha Sampath** (HR projects Director – Consults LLC)
- **Mr. Jagadesh Narayanan** (Digital - Senior Project Manager (SPM), Global-CORP-IT - HR Process, Services & Systems) and
- **Mr. Venkat Raghavan** (Senior Director – C&B and HR Operations Yubi)





All other Alumni were also present for the event adding valuable insights. The session was highly interactive, with enthusiastic participation from students. Reflecting on their MBA journey, Ms. Yamini described it as the best decision of her life, sharing how the program shaped her marketing career. Ms. Rupali emphasized the importance of keeping one's vision alive despite life's uncertainties, while Prashant fondly recalled Organizational Behavior as a defining subject.



Alumni encouraged students to participate actively in all opportunities, as each experience contributes to long-term growth. They spoke about overcoming challenges, building confidence, and forming lifelong friendships during their MBA days.



The discussion also explored career transitions, continuous learning, certifications, and resilience during failures. Panellists encouraged students to take risks, remain flexible, and embrace failures as powerful teachers. Success, they noted, is deeply personal — rooted in satisfaction and integrity rather than titles alone.





Visit to SSN iFound

After lunch, the alumni visited **SSN iFound** to gain insights into the incubation and entrepreneurship initiatives of the institution. During the visit, they were introduced to the incubation ecosystem, the process through which start-up ideas are nurtured and supported, and the various facilities available for budding entrepreneurs.



Ms. Roopa and **Mr. Deepan** from iFound provided a detailed briefing on the incubation process, ongoing start-up initiatives, and the support mechanisms offered to entrepreneurs. They also highlighted the different ways in which alumni can engage with iFound, such as serving as mentors to guide start-ups, providing industry expertise, and supporting ventures as potential investors.



The session generated considerable interest among the alumni and opened avenues for meaningful collaboration with the incubation centre.

Career Workshops

From Advice to Action – Learning from Those Who’ve Been There

In the afternoon, the alumni conducted specialized career workshops across diverse functional domains, providing first-year MBA students with practical exposure, valuable industry insights, and real-world perspectives.

Digital / AI & Analytics

The workshop on Digital and AI Analytics was conducted by **Mr. Jagadesh Narayanan** and **Mr. Anand S.** The session explored the evolution of Artificial Intelligence across three transformative pillars:

- **Analytical AI** – deriving insights from data
- **Generative AI** – creating content and intelligent outputs
- **Agentic AI** – enabling autonomous decision-making and execution



The alumni connected foundational AI concepts with emerging automation trends, helping students understand how AI is reshaping business models. The session acted as a catalyst for digital transformation awareness and inspired students to explore innovation-driven career paths.

Finance / FinTech

The Finance and FinTech workshop were conducted by **Ms. Anupama** and **Ms. Madhumita Manimaran**. The session provided a structured and high-value overview of:

- Core finance career pathways
- Opportunities in financial services and fintech
- Skills required for industry readiness
- Growth trajectories in corporate finance



The workshop offered clarity on emerging financial roles and delivered practical guidance on career progression. Students gained meaningful exposure to industry expectations and evolving financial technologies.

HR Operations Automation / HR Analytics

The HR Analytics session was conducted by **Mr. Venkat Raghavan** and **Ms. Sangeetha Sampath**. The workshop highlighted the transformation of Human Resources into a data-driven strategic function by integrating

- HRMS and ERP systems
- AI-driven recruitment tools
- Skill analytics platforms
- Retention prediction models



The session emphasised the emergence of specialised roles such as **People Analytics Managers**, demonstrating how HR is evolving beyond administrative functions into a strategic, technology-enabled domain.

IT / ITES – Business Analyst / Consultant

The IT/ITES workshop was conducted by **Ms. Rupali Darbar** and **Ms. Padmaja Aravamudan**. Instead of traditional presentations, the session focused on interactive discussions and active Q&A.

Key highlights included:

- Practical industry expectations
- Career roadmap for Business Analysts and Consultants
- Skill-building strategies
- Real project exposure insights



The engaging format provided students with clarity on transitioning from academic learning to consulting and analyst roles in the IT industry.

Marketing

The Marketing workshop was conducted by **Mr. Bhuvanesh Kamak** and **Ms. Jasna Rajendran**. The alumni bridged classroom marketing theories with real-world applications by sharing:

- Their professional journeys
- Industry challenges and opportunities
- Diverse roles in branding, digital marketing, and strategy



The session enabled students to understand how marketing functions drive business growth and how they can position themselves effectively in competitive markets.

Sales / Business Development

The Sales and Business Development workshop was conducted by **Mr. Prashant Jeyaprakash**, **Ms. Yamini Shanmuganathan**, and **Mr. Jegan**.

The session combined professional insights with candid alumni experiences, highlighting:

- Sales as a primary revenue-generating function
- Ground-level realities of client acquisition
- Performance-driven career growth
- Rewards and challenges in the field



Their transparent discussion provided students with a realistic understanding of the dynamic and target-driven nature of sales careers.

Supply Chain / Operations

The Supply Chain and Operations workshop was conducted by **Mr. Dinesh S.** The session offered a cross-sector perspective covering operational roles in:

- **IT**
- **Banking**
- **Manufacturing**

Students actively participated in solving a manufacturing case study focused on operational flow and efficiency. The practical approach enhanced their analytical thinking and real world problem-solving capabilities.



Overall, the alumni-led workshop series proved to be an enriching and transformative experience for the students. By combining real-world expertise with interactive engagement, the sessions enabled participants to gain clarity on industry expectations, emerging roles, and career pathways.

The initiative significantly strengthened alumni–student relationships and inspired students to align their competencies and aspirations with the evolving demands of the corporate landscape.

An informal tea session further strengthened alumni-student interactions in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Giving Back to the Institution ***Roots That Grow Deeper with Time***

The Tree Plantation drive at Alumni Avenue symbolized growth and continued connections to the institution.



Virtual Meeting with Dr. Kala Vijayakumar

One of the significant moments of the day was the virtual interaction with **Dr. Kala Vijayakumar**. This session provided alumni with an opportunity to reconnect with the larger vision and progress of the institution.

During the interaction, Dr. Kala Vijayakumar warmly welcomed the alumni back to campus and reflected on how the institution has evolved over the years while continuing to uphold its core values of academic excellence, innovation, and industry relevance. The conversation also touched upon the growth of the School of Management, its expanding opportunities for students, and the strong role that alumni continue to play in strengthening the institution’s legacy.



The alumni shared their appreciation for the foundation that the institution had provided them with and expressed pride in witnessing its continued development. The session served as a meaningful reminder that while alumni may move across industries and geographies, their connection to the institution and its vision remains enduring.

Meeting with MBA Alumni Core Committee

This was followed by a session by Mr. Ravi Shankar (MBA Batch 2007–09), who heads the MBA Alumni Core Committee, along with committee members Mr. Gowsik and Ms. Akshayaa S. During the session, Mr. Ravi highlighted the key alumni initiatives, including the Alumni Talk Series, the Alumni Mentorship Program, and Alumni Mock Interviews. The alumni present expressed their enthusiasm and willingness to actively participate in and contribute to these initiatives.



The day concluded with a friendly throwball match between the alumni and the students, bringing great energy and camaraderie to the occasion. The celebrations ended with the presentation of a memento, thoughtfully handed over by the students as a token of appreciation to the alumni.



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“Good Times Never End” – Farewells Filled with Gratitude

The last day began with a serene nature walk and breakfast, followed by check-out formalities. Before departing, the alumni made a heartfelt visit to their old classrooms, the very spaces where their dreams first began to take shape. Walking through those familiar corridors brought back a wave of nostalgia, laughter, and memories of lectures, presentations, friendships, and aspirations that once defined their student life.



As the reunion drew to a close, the Director of SSN School of Management, **Dr. Hariharanath**, addressed the gathering with a warm and heartfelt farewell speech. He expressed his sincere

gratitude to the alumni for returning to their alma mater, for actively engaging with students, and for making the Alumni Reunion a grand success. His words beautifully captured the spirit of connection between past and present, reminding everyone that while years may pass, the bond with one's institution remains timeless.



With renewed friendships, grateful hearts, and cherished memories, the Batch of 2002-2004 bid farewell not with goodbye, but with a promise to meet again.

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Alumni Write up

Write up 1: Ms. Gayathri Mohankumar (Department of BME, 2012-2016 Batch)
Technical Lead in AI and Computer Vision | Transforming R&D with Cutting-Edge ML Solutions
AstraZeneca, Washington DC-Baltimore Area, USA

From SSN to CMU and AstraZeneca: Gayathri Mohankumar's Path in AI and Life Sciences



Ms. Gayathri Mohankumar (BME Batch 2012 - 2016) is a proud alumna whose journey reflects the strong academic foundation and spirit of innovation nurtured at Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar (SSN) College of Engineering. She is currently working as an AI Scientist in the healthcare and life sciences domain at AstraZeneca, where she is passionate about applying artificial intelligence and data science to solve complex challenges in medicine and pharmaceutical research.

During her time at SSN, Gayathri developed a strong grounding in engineering fundamentals, analytical thinking, and problem-solving. The rigorous academic environment, along with opportunities for collaboration and innovation, helped shape her technical curiosity and research mindset. The exposure she gained through coursework, projects, and peer learning at SSN laid a strong foundation for her pursuit of advanced studies and her eventual specialization in artificial intelligence.

Building upon this foundation, Gayathri went on to further her education at **Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)**, one of the world's leading institutions in artificial intelligence and data science. Her academic and professional journey reflects a deep commitment to leveraging technology for meaningful societal impact, particularly in healthcare and life sciences.

Today, Gayathri contributes to advanced AI and machine learning initiatives aimed at accelerating research and improving outcomes in the pharmaceutical industry. Her work exemplifies how strong academic roots, combined with curiosity and perseverance, can lead to impactful contributions on a global stage. Gayathri's journey continues to inspire current SSN students, demonstrating how the values and training gained at SSN can empower graduates to make meaningful contributions to science, technology, and society.

SSN proudly congratulates Ms. Gayathri Mohankumar and wishes her continued success in leveraging artificial intelligence to advance healthcare and pharmaceutical research.

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Alumni Relations Office News

SSN Alumni USA – Dedicated WhatsApp Group

To help SSN alumni in the USA stay connected and strengthen professional and personal networks, a dedicated WhatsApp group has been created. The group serves as a platform for alumni to interact, share updates and build stronger connections within the SSN community in the region.

Alumni residing in the USA may join the group using the link below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EnOatfZiL9HBIB1Xiy9zkD>.

Please note that this group is exclusively for SSN alumni based in the USA. All join requests will be verified by the group admin before approval.

Be a part of SSN's Alumni Network on WhatsApp:

Join **SSN's official Community on WhatsApp** -

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GQpRLjiOkpSCI7Rx5FPbN1>

In-person Visit to SSN Campus:

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