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Team ALCOM Speaks

Embark on a journey filled with celebration and beginnings as you delve into the pages of the 112th edition of Imprints. This edition illuminates outstanding faculty achievements, the commencement of the ALChemy Program and introduces the eagerly anticipated Milaap 2024, encapsulating the essence of the Batch Reunion. Journey back to the core of our Alma mater, where every narrative starts with you.

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Outstanding Management Institute of the Year Awardee

- K J Somaiya Institute of Management has been honoured with the title of Outstanding Management Institute of the Year (2023-24) at the Bombay Management Association's Platinum Jubilee Annual Awards for Excellence in Academics
- The prestigious BMA Platinum Jubilee Awards this year featured the Honourable Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Ramesh Bais, as the Chief Guest
- The recognition highlights the institute's exceptional contribution to management education and its commitment to academic excellence



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Call for Nominations: SIMSR Alumni Association

- Nominations for Alumni Association Executive Committee are now open
- Only self-nomination is permitted for individuals seeking candidacy, and the nominations for candidature and voter registration shall conclude on 15th June
- The voting window will open from 22nd June and continue until 6th July, with registration being pre-requisite to exercise the voting rights
- The results will be declared during the General Body Meeting on 13th July



[Click here to Nominate Yourself](#)

[Click here to Register to Vote](#)

- Devika Nilosey

Upcoming UAE Alumni Meet

- The UAE Alumni Meet is scheduled on June 29, 2024, where goals of KJSIM and the expectations of Alumni will be discussed with the Director
- This UAE Alumni Meet offers a chance to reconnect beyond the Alma Mater, fostering relationships and networking among fellow Alumni
- The registration link will be available soon, and avid participation is eagerly anticipated



- Sankalp Gaur

AlumSpeaks with Kanishk Jamkar

Alum of Batch 2018, AIR 614, UPSC 2023



A quote that keeps you motivated If you fail to prepare, you're preparing to fail	One word that describes you: Patient
Favourite Book/Series: Game of Thrones	Favourite hangout spot on campus: Amphitheater

1.) What inspired you to pursue Civil services after an MBA instead of continuing your corporate career?

- I have observed that civil services in India possess a remarkable capacity to effect change. The rise of social media and digital connectivity has highlighted the significant contributions of many civil servants, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their efforts in vaccine distribution, enforcing lockdowns, and ensuring the provision of essential services underscored the vital role of civil services. This convinced me that civil service is my true calling, enabling me to give back to society. In my previous job, I felt underutilised and yearned for greater social interaction and impact. Additionally, my father, a retired civil servant, greatly influenced my decision, having witnessed his work and dedication since childhood. Despite holding an MBA, my family, particularly my parents, supported my decision to switch careers, recognising my desire to make a meaningful societal contribution.

2.) What was the most daunting part about your journey to become an IAS officer?

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most challenging aspects of preparing for exams was maintaining a consistent and patient study regime amidst social restrictions and isolation. With social interactions nearly nonexistent and everyone confined to their homes, keeping spirits high and preparing with the same intensity each day was a formidable task. Additionally, dealing with failure is a significant hurdle for aspirants. Unlike previous academic stages such as the 10th, 12th, or even MBA exams, which many clear in one go, the UPSC exams are a great leveler. Here, candidates from various prestigious backgrounds, including IITs, NITs, and foreign institutions, compete, and everyone is at the top of their class. The challenge is to be at one's best to surpass these students. Failure is inevitable in this journey, and each setback requires starting afresh. Thus, immense mental and emotional resilience is necessary to persevere and prepare for subsequent attempts.

3.) You mentioned moments of demotivation during your journey. What kept you going despite those challenges?

- There were numerous times when I felt utterly demotivated, finding the situation unbelievable. Each failure brought the nagging question of whether

success was even possible. However, my unwavering belief in the purpose of my journey and my potential. Impact of my contributions kept me driven. My friends and family were an immense source of encouragement and think I couldn't have succeeded without them. Additionally, I continuously learned from past mistakes, developed new strategies to overcome challenges, and reminded myself that top achievers have faced similar struggles. This mindset sustained my motivation and ensured my progress.

4.) What are some of the significant learning you had in your two years at K J Somaiya Institute of Management?

- College life presented a distinctive experience for me. I held multiple roles, including being a member of the student council and serving as the hostel head, vice president of the Melange team, and head of debating and quizzing for the acumen committee. Balancing these commitments while maintaining good academic grades taught me valuable lessons in time management and task-oriented frameworks. At KJSIM, I learned to approach tasks with structured frameworks and to focus on outcomes, ensuring efficiency in my efforts. This approach extended to my exam preparation, where I meticulously scheduled my study sessions weekly, daily, and monthly, ensuring that my efforts were directed towards achieving the desired outcomes. My experiences at KJSIM, as well as during my MBA, were instrumental in my success in the examination

5.) What would be your advice for the students and young Alumni, starting their careers?

- It seems that recent MBA graduates, particularly younger alumni, differ in their approach compared to past cohorts. For many, obtaining an MBA degree marks the completion of their formal education, with a primary focus on securing the highest package possible during their studies. However, post-selection, it's imperative for these young professionals to reflect on their true capabilities and life skills beyond just professional qualifications. Success is more than just a hefty paycheck; it involves effective communication, leadership, and a drive to create positive change. Volunteering in slums or teaching in government schools demonstrates a commitment to making a meaningful difference in society.

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Faculty Achievements

Dr. Aparna Bhat Published an 'A' Category Research Paper

- Dr. Aparna Bhat, Associate Professor - Finance & Law department, published an 'A' category research paper titled 'The Asymmetry in Day and Night Option Returns: Evidence from an emerging Market' in Journal of Future Markets, a Q1 journal
- The study demonstrates that option selling tends to be more profitable overnight rather than intraday, indicating that sellers are compensated mainly for assuming overnight risk
- The new research on S&P 500 and Nifty options uncovers an asymmetry with positive overnight returns and negative intraday returns, indicating that profits from delta-hedged option selling strategies mainly arise from overnight risk affected by the variance risk premium



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- Isha Nayak [✉](#)

Dr. Krantee Jamdaade Unveils AI-Powered Biometric Treadmill

- Dr. Krantee Jamdaade, Assistant Professor - Data Science and Technology, registered and published an Intellectual Property (IP) titled 'An Integrated Biometric Performance and Wellness Assessment Treadmill System' in the official journal of IP by Government of India
- With its cutting edge capabilities, this AI - powered treadmill redefines fitness and health monitoring and aims to maximise both user satisfaction and performance with the help of features like foldable seats, hidden storage and extensive workout functions that guarantee effectiveness and comfort



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- Isha Nayak [✉](#)

Newsroom

- Dr. Vidhya Thakkar, Assistant Professor - HR/OB Area, shared her thoughts on 'Being a workaholic does not help your career' in an article published in LiveMint - <https://bit.ly/3WLZv0q> [✉](#)
- Dr. Shailaja Karve, Professor and Area Chairperson - HR/OB Area and Dr. Vandana Tripathi, Assistant Professor - General Management, shared their thoughts on the 'Environmental and Social Impact of Construction Waste' in Times Property - https://lnkd.in/gbt_YuBm [✉](#)
- Dr. Krupa A Rai, Associate Professor - Marketing & International Business, published an article in Women Shine titled 'Women Entrepreneurs: A Paradigm Shift In Start-Up Ecosystem' - <https://bit.ly/4dwhpdM> [✉](#)
- Dr. Krupa A Rai, Associate Professor - Marketing & International Business, published an article titled 'Ecofeminism - a diversified perspective on Mother's Day' in Business Insider - <https://bit.ly/3yoFJhC> [✉](#)
- Dr. Rashmi Jain, Ph.D, Associate Professor - Marketing & International Business, participated in a TV discussion with Mirror Now on the topic 'Over-exposure of social media on kids' - <https://bit.ly/3UPIWhu> [✉](#)
- Dr. Prerna Manik Mahindroo , Assistant Professor - Business Analytics, shared her thoughts on 'Not work-life balance, but work-life synergy makes happier employees' in an article published in YourStory Media - <https://bit.ly/3KjQLao> [✉](#)
- Dr. Nikhil Mahindroo, Associate Professor of Practice and Dr. Vidhya Thakkar, Assistant Professor - HR/OB Area, published an article titled 'Rise to the challenge: Cultivate wise leadership in a world of wicked problems', in ETHRWorld - <https://bit.ly/3QYtjCW> [✉](#)
- Dr. Anjali Chopra, Associate Professor - Marketing & International Business, shared her thoughts on 'Brands Redefining Beauty Ideals' in an article published in Financial Express (India) - <https://bit.ly/3RrrXBB> [✉](#)

Upcoming Alumni Events - Calendar 2024-25

Month	Date	Events	Mode	Description
May	26th May, 2024	ALCheMy Orientation & Meet Up I	Online	Orientation and Mock GD & PI
June	2nd June, 2024	ALCheMy - Session on Advanced LinkedIn	Online	Placement preparation sessions for students
	29th June, 2024	UAE Alumni Meet	Offline	Alumni Meet in Middle East
July	July, 2024	Classroom to Boardroom	Offline/Online	Guidance sessions for students
	13th July, 2024	SIMSR Alumni Association - General Body Meeting	Hybrid	General Body Meeting open for all the Alumni
	14th July, 2024	ALCheMy - Session on Resume Evaluation and GD-PI	Online	Placement preparation sessions for students
	19th July, 2024	Ahmedabad Alumni Meet	Offline	Alumni Meet in Ahmedabad region
August	3rd August, 2024	CXO Meet - HR	Offline	CHROs for Placements, Executive Education & Consultancy
	3rd August, 2024	CapitALise- 1st Session	Online	Personal Finance for Alums
	10th August, 2024	CapitALise- 2nd Session	Online	Personal Finance for Alums
	17th August, 2024	CapitALise- 3rd Session	Online	Personal Finance for Alums
	24th August, 2024	CapitALise - 4th Session	Online	Personal Finance for Alums
	24th August, 2024	ALCheMy Meet-Up II	Offline	Final Mock GD & PI
	31st August, 2024	CapitALise - 5th Session	Online	Personal Finance for Alums
September	September, 2024	Superstars	Offline	Superstars - The Alumni Awards Ceremony
	20th September, 2024	Hyderabad Alumni Meet	Offline	Alumni Meet in Hyderabad region
	21st September, 2024	Bengaluru Alumni Meet	Offline	Alumni Meet in Bengaluru region
October	26th October, 2024	UK Alumni Meet (London)	Offline	Alumni Meet in UK
November	8th November, 2024	Jaipur Alumni Meet	Offline	Alumni Meet in Jaipur
	9th November, 2024	NCR Alumni Meet	Offline	Alumni Meet in NCR
December	14th December, 2024	Milaap - The Batch Reunion of 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014 & 2019	Offline	Batchwise Reunion of Alumni
February & March	February & March, 2025	Admissions GD PI Panelists	Offline	Alumni as Admissions' Panelists across India

Disclaimer: Should circumstances arise that result in the postponement or cancellation of an event, the Alumni Committee reserves the right to do so.

ALChEMy 2024

- The Alumni Committee at K J Somaiya Institute of Management organised the 9th edition of ALChEMy, the Mentorship Program
- In the first session of ALChEMy, Alums provided valuable insights to students on how they can improve their GD and PI performance for the final placements
- A total of 126 students and 85 Alums came together to make this a successful mentorship programme
- The session was a success with the collective contributions of our dedicated Alumni:



- Resume Evaluation Sessions
- Advanced LinkedIn Workshops
- Mock GDPI Preparation



Rajesh Patel



Naresh Chandra



Ankur Mehta



Samir Vithlani



Siddhartha Shankar



Abhishek Bagga



Balashankar Ramdas



Makarand Joglekar



Akshay Sahane



Venkat Akella



Darshan Thakker



Amod Desai



Dattatraya Bhandarkar



Sachin Jain



Snigdha Tripathi



Vikrant Desai



Kinner Mehta



Yatish Kuril



Kunal Ghosh



Ankit Bhatt

- Neha Roy [✉](#)

Alumni Portal: 2000+ and Counting

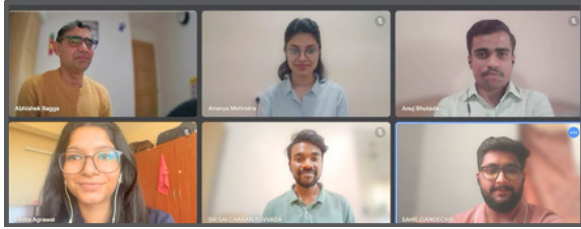
- KJSIM is delighted to announce that the Alumni Portal has already garnered over 2000 registrations
- This platform offers an excellent opportunity for Alumni to stay connected, engaged, and utilise the strength of the extensive network
- Tap the link to register, connect and leverage the Alumni portal network

- Kartikey Sharma [✉](#)



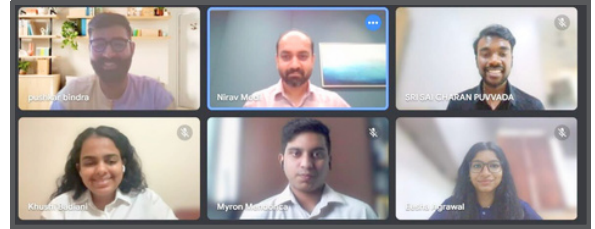
Outreach

- Outreach is an interactive session where Alumni share their professional experiences with the students and learn about the recent developments at the institute
- The sessions were conducted with the following Alumni:



Abhishek Bagga
Batch of 2007

Director & Product Owner - Development & Tech
GSK



Nirav Modi
Batch of 2007

Senior Vice President
Marsh East and Africa

- Sankalp Gaur

Milaap 2024

- The Alumni Committee is thrilled to host Milaap - The Batch Reunion, at K J Somaiya Institute of Management
- Milaap is organised for batches marking significant milestones and their continued association with their Alma mater
- Milaap reunites Alumni to relive their MBA days and foster a sense of unity and shared memories



- Neha Roy

Job Opportunities - June

Total no. of recruiting companies	6
Total no. of vacancies	8
Top Recruiting Companies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google • Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Ltd. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Mills • ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

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From 10th June, please find Job Opportunities on Alumni Portal

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