

ALUMNI UPDATE

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Alumni Connect

Alumni Connect, the signature annual event of the XIM Alumni Committee, was held on 9th and 10 July 2025 via Zoom Meet. It is designed for the new batch to connect with alumni, who share their journeys, offer guidance, and motivate students while helping them navigate academic and career challenges in an engaging and interactive setting.

Reminiscence - Annual Yearbook

Reminiscence, is a heartfelt initiative by the XIM Alumni Committee, to celebrate the journey and achievements of the outgoing batch. Presented as a yearbook and commemorative event, it captures memories, friendships, and milestones at XIMB, serving as a lasting keepsake for every graduate. The event also provides a moment of reflection and closure, bringing the batch together one last time to relive their shared experiences and celebrate the bonds they have built over the years.

X-Alma

X-Alma, a flagship mentorship program by the XIM Alumni Committee, was conducted on 14th April 2025 to foster students' professional and personal growth. Through this initiative, students are paired with distinguished XIM alumni in their areas of interest for one-on-one guidance on career planning, industry insights, and placements, effectively bridging academic learning with real-world professional expectations. The program also enables meaningful long-term connections between students and alumni, creating a supportive ecosystem that extends beyond the classroom.

Business Excellence Summit (BES) 2025

The Business Excellence Summit (BES) 2025, held on 13 - 14 September 2025, brought together industry experts, alumni, and students through keynote sessions, panel discussions, and case competitions. Organized in collaboration with the Student Executive Council and the BES Team, the summit fostered learning, collaboration, and meaningful networking.

The following alumni graced the event:

- Anand Bharadwaj (1995-97), Vice President and Head (Growth), Tiger Analytics
- Kamadeba Mohanty (1991-94), Chief Operating Officer, Reliance Retail
- Titan Nayak (1992-94), National Head (Jio Point Stores), Jio

- Satya Swarup Das (2002–04), Director of Product Management (Financial Services), Unisys
- Debasis Mohapatra (1995–97), Executive Director, Grant Thornton
- Monalisha (2011–13), Director HR, Myntra
- Amit Pahuja (2002–04), Director of Internal Audit, American Express Global Business Travel
- Sapna Mohata (2004–06), Vice President (Corporate Strategy and Partnerships), NABFID
- Kartik Subramanian (2003–05), Head – Brand Raymond at Raymond Lifestyle Limited
- Dipinder Singh Narula (2011–13), Head (Talent Management & Strategic Projects), Mankind Pharma Ltd
- Luna Mohanty (1992–94), Head (People Development), Reliance Industries Limited
- Kamal Misra (2004–06), Senior Director, Capgemini Invent
- Aroop Mohapatra (2000–02), Vice President, IndusInd Bank

Unnayan – Annual Alumni Magazine Launch

The annual alumni magazine, Unnayan, was launched during the inauguration of BES 2025 by Dr. Fr. K.S. Casimir, S.J. (Vice Chancellor, XIM University), alongside other senior dignitaries. This edition celebrated the vibrant legacy of the XIM community, featuring insightful faculty messages, campus highlights, and distinguished alumni achievements.



Know Your Alumni (KYA) Series

The Know Your Alumni (KYA) initiative is an ongoing interview series featuring distinguished alumni, aimed at fostering student–alumni interaction and sharing insights from alumni experiences. During the year, approximately 50 interviews were conducted. The sessions were recorded and shared on the XIM Alumni Committee's social media platforms, enabling wider access and outreach. Notable alumni featured include Mr. Bijen Pattnaik (Tata Pigments Ltd.), Mr. Biswajeet Mahapatra (Genpact), and Mr. Chirag Chirantan (Jio-BP), whose journeys served to inspire students and strengthen alumni–student engagement.

Aarohan

The Aarohan Live Project Series was initiated by the XIM Alumni Committee to provide students with practical industry exposure. Two live projects were launched in collaboration with leading organizations. Think Zone Pvt Ltd offered a Social Media Analyst role, for which two students were selected. Career Launcher introduced a live project under their mentorship program. The initiative successfully bridged academic learning with real-world professional experience.

Sanidhya

Sanidhya is an alumni engagement initiative of the XIMB Alumni Association, designed to bring together alumni across batches and geographies to reconnect, network, and celebrate their shared association with the institute. Conducted across multiple city chapters, the initiative strengthens alumni bonds, fosters professional exchange, and reinforces a sense of belonging to the XIM community.





It began with the Mumbai Chapter, where the XIMB Alumni Association, in collaboration with the XIM Alumni Committee, hosted a successful reunion. The committee played a key role in managing invitations, sponsorships, and creative collaterals, ensuring a well-coordinated and engaging event that celebrated the XIM spirit.

This was followed by

the Singapore Chapter event held in December 2025 at the Swimming Club, Singapore. The event was attended by Rev. Fr. Dr. K.S. Casimir, S.J., Vice Chancellor, XIM University, along with Prof. Punyaslok Dhall, Secretary (Alumni Association) and members of the Singapore Chapter Executive Committee, including Ms. Nivedita Salam and Mr. Nihar Das, President – Singapore Chapter.

It brought together alumni for an evening of networking, strengthening regional ties, and reinforcing the institute–alumni connect overseas.

The series continued with the Bengaluru Chapter at Juke, Indira Nagar held in January 2026. Graced by Rev. Fr. K.S. Casimir, S.J., the event saw participation from alumni spanning the 1990s to the graduating Batch of 2025. It provided a vibrant platform for reconnecting, sharing professional experiences, and fostering intergenerational camaraderie, further strengthening the alumni network.



Grand Homecoming (GHC) 2025



The Grand Homecoming Event, organized by the XIM Alumni Committee on 18–19 December 2025, celebrated the 25-year graduation anniversary of the Batch of 2000, bringing together 45+ alumni of the Batch of 2000 to reconnect and relive their campus memories. The two-day celebration blended nostalgia and camaraderie through formal gatherings, networking sessions, cultural activities, and commemorative moments, strengthening alumni bonds and reaffirming the lifelong connection between XIM and its graduates.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Orientation Session for Junior Batch

On 11 July 2025, an Orientation Session was conducted to formally welcome the incoming HRM batch of 2025–2027 and introduce them to the purpose, structure, and functioning of the HR Alumni Committee. The session covered LinkedIn etiquette for reaching out to alumni and hygiene guidelines for attending leadership talks, emphasizing professionalism in speaker interactions. The Summer Merch collection was also previewed, and the committee addressed queries related to merchandise, event protocols, and orientation, helping students begin their journey on the right note.

Tathagat

On 13 July 2025, Tathagat, an interactive session for the incoming HRM batch of 2025–2027, was conducted to help students transition smoothly into B-school life by learning from recently graduated seniors. The



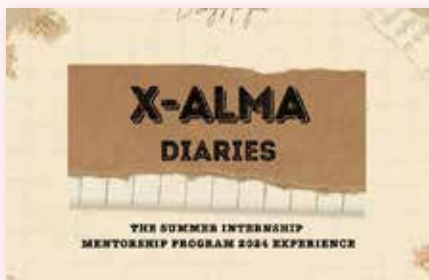
session featured Mr. Ishaan Sanehi, Management Trainee HR at Invesco Ltd., Ms. Manisha Panda, Management Trainee at Tata Steel, Mr. Vipul Tripathi, Management Trainee at Aditya Birla Capital, and Ms. Anuska Ananya, Management Trainee at Tata Electronics. The speakers shared valuable insights on case competitions, networking, time management, and securing PPOs, along with practical advice on maintaining balance and thriving in the demanding MBA environment, helping students begin their journey with confidence and clarity.

Summer Merch Launch

On 14 July 2025, the committee successfully launched the Summer Merch Collection exclusively curated for the HR cohort. The collection included custom-designed polo T-shirts and caps, symbolizing the shared identity and spirit of the HR community at XIM. Beyond utility, the merchandise serves as a keepsake that fosters nostalgia and a sense of unity among students and alumni. The launch was well received, witnessing high participation and enthusiasm from the student body.



X-Alma Diaries: SIP Mentorship Program



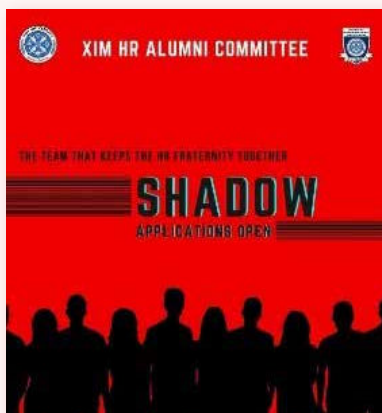
During April to May 2025, throughout the SIP period, X-Alma Diaries was conducted as a flagship mentorship initiative to support first-year HRM students during their Summer Internship Program. Students were mapped with alumni based on their internship industry, function, or organization, enabling personalized guidance. Alumni mentors shared best practices and personal experiences to help students prepare for and perform effectively during their SIPs. The initiative strengthened student-alumni connections and reinforced the HRM network.

ReminiX

On 10 August 2025, the HR Alumni Committee hosted *ReminiX*, a virtual reunion for the Batch of 2022-24 over Zoom, offering alumni an opportunity to reconnect, share updates, and relive memories from their time at XIM University. Interactive activities and conversations created a nostalgic and engaging atmosphere, while the virtual format enabled wider participation across locations and reduced logistical costs, making the initiative both inclusive and cost-effective in strengthening alumni connections.

On 13 September 2025, the HR Alumni Committee conducted *ReminiX* 2.0 for the Batch of 2021-23, continuing its efforts to reconnect alumni through a virtual reunion that enabled participants to revisit memories and share professional updates. The session also provided valuable learning for the Committee, highlighting challenges of online platforms such as limited spontaneity, lower participation, and technical constraints that impacted overall engagement.





Shadow Launch

On 1 September 2025, the HR Alumni Committee of XIM University launched the Shadowship Program for the incoming Batch of 2025-27, reinforcing experiential learning and alumni-student collaboration. The launch featured an engaging video highlighting the committee's core team, their journey, and key initiatives undertaken during the year. The program reflected the committee's strong commitment to mentorship, community building, and fostering the collaborative spirit of the XIM HR fraternity.

Alexium

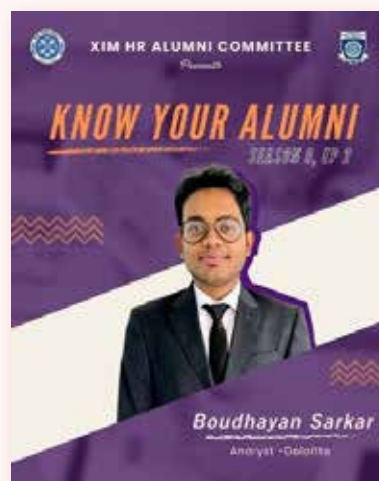
On 21 September 2025, the HR Alumni Committee, in collaboration with Exemplar – The Competitions Committee, conducted Alexium, the Grand Finale of *Set the Scene*, an exclusive case competition for first-year HRM students, where the top five finalist teams presented their solutions before a jury of distinguished alumni recognized for their achievements in corporate case competitions. The initiative provided students with valuable feedback, mentorship, and industry insights while showcasing their creativity, strategic thinking, and teamwork, and also marked the first instance of cross-committee collaboration within the XIM HR Fraternity.



Know Your Alumni (KYA) S6:E1



The *Know Your Alumni (KYA)* session, broadcast on the official Instagram handle, was filmed on campus featuring Ms. Mimansa Popat (Batch of 2013-15), who shared her journey from a student at XIMB to an HR leader. She discussed the evolving role of HR in the post-pandemic era, emphasizing mental health, inclusivity, empathy, adaptability, and people-centric leadership, leaving viewers motivated and reflective about the changing HR landscape.



The second instalment of the *Know Your Alumni (KYA)* series, broadcast on the official Instagram handle, was conducted in an online meeting format featuring Mr. Boudhayan Sarkar (Batch of 2022-24), who shared his journey from being a fresher at XIMU to working at a leading consulting firm. He spoke about the transition from campus to corporate life, the growing influence of AI in the workplace, and offered practical guidance for students aspiring to build careers in consulting, highlighting the importance of community support, mentorship, and adaptability in the evolving world of work.

Winter Merch Launch

In October, the HR Alumni Committee of XIM University launched its Winter Merchandise collection, introducing

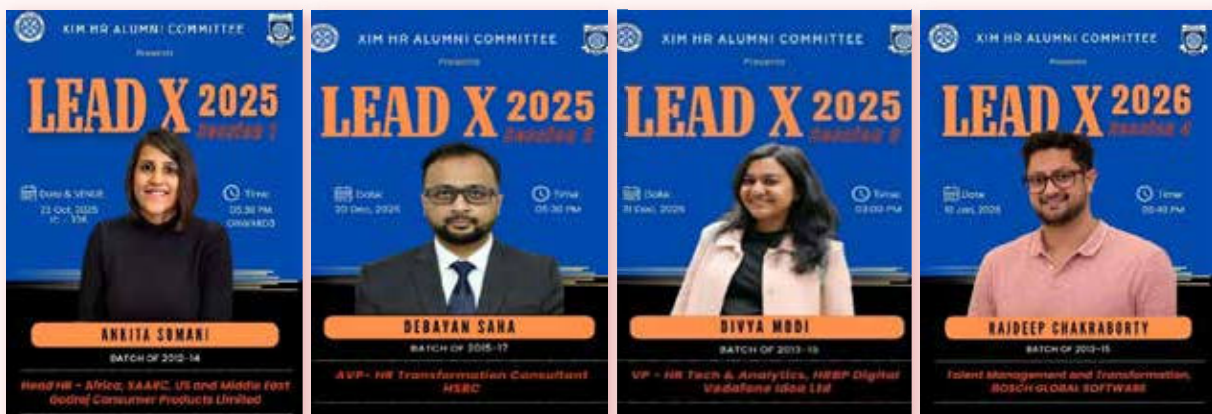


a new initiative to enhance student engagement through curated seasonal apparel. Featuring hoodies in black and red variants along with a windcheater jacket, the collection promoted inter-batch visibility, unity, and a shared sense of identity within the XIM HR student community.

LeadX

LeadX is a speaker series organized by the XIM HR Alumni Committee, aimed at bringing industry leaders to campus to share practical insights on HR, leadership, and emerging trends, thereby bridging the gap between academic learning and industry expectations.

LeadX 1.0, held on 23 October 2025 at IC-326, featured Ms. Ankita Somani, Head HR for Africa, US, SAARC, and Middle East regions at Godrej, who delivered an insightful session on Expatriate Management and Global Mobility. The discussion covered strategic expatriate roles, cost-effective global assignments, leadership and cultural alignment, along with key global compensation models and the Balance Sheet Approach, followed by an interactive Q&A.



LeadX 2.0, conducted on 20th December 2025 at IC-326, featured Mr. Debayan Saha, AVP HR Transformation Consultant at HSBC, who led a session on David Ulrich's HR Operating Model. The discussion highlighted HR's evolution into a Strategic Business Partner and included a case-based group activity on designing HR structures, followed by an interactive Q&A.

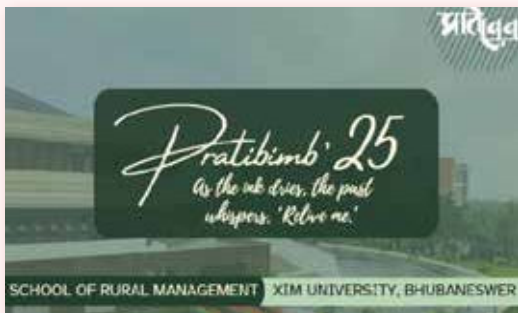
LeadX 3.0, conducted on 31st December 2025 at IC-329, featured Ms. Divya Modi, VP HR Tech and Analytics and HRBP Digital at Vodafone Idea Limited. She led an engaging session on HR strategy, technology, and analytics, emphasizing data-driven decision-making, business acumen, and HR's role in areas such as mergers and acquisitions, followed by a Q&A session.

LeadX 4.0, themed "Navigating Your SIP Journey," featured Mr. Rajdeep Chakraborty (Batch 2013-15), who leads Talent Management and Transformation at Bosch Global Software and is a PhD Scholar at XLRI. He shared practical insights on ownership, adapting to organizational culture, managing expectations, and creating meaningful impact during internships, helping students transition confidently from campus to corporate life.

SCHOOL OF RURAL MANAGEMENT

XIMFARE

The RM Alumni Committee hosted XIMFare-2025 on 13 March 2025, the farewell event for the outgoing Batch of 2023-2025, celebrating their journey and achievements at XIM. The vibrant evening featured cultural performances, memorable moments, and recognition of students for their contributions and excellence throughout their academic tenure. Marking a joyful yet emotional conclusion to campus life, XIMFare served as a heartfelt celebration of memories, camaraderie, and the lasting bond between the graduating batch and the institution.



Pratibimb

On 22 April 2025, the RM Alumni Committee launched the yearbook for the graduating batch. Titled Pratibimb, the publication aims to reflect on cherished memories and the inspiring journey of the senior batch. It serves as a keepsake for the passing-out students to preserve and share their experiences with peers, continuing a long-standing tradition of capturing and celebrating moments.

Margdarshan: Student-Alumni Mentorship Program

On 1 May 2025, the RM Alumni Committee hosted Margdarshan, a student–alumni mentorship program and leadership experience-sharing forum aimed at guiding students for their Summer Internship Program. Alumni from diverse sectors engaged individually with students selected for internships in specific domains, helping them understand expectations, gain practical insights, and prepare effectively for their internship experience.

Orientation for the Incoming Batch: Alumni Interactive Session

The RM Alumni Committee organized an interactive session on 24 June 2025 featuring three distinguished alumni, Dr. Alok Pattanayak (Batch of 1998–2000), Mrs. Phalguni Sahu (Batch of 1999–2001), and Mrs. Supriya Pati (Batch of 2017–2019). They shared their professional journeys and insights across domains such as financial services, development, and leadership with the incoming Batch of 2025–2027, offering valuable perspectives and inspiring students at the start of their academic journey.

Alumni Connect Talk

The RM Alumni Committee hosted an interactive session with Mr. Ankit Saxena (Batch of 2007–09), Associate Head – eCommerce at Perfetti Van Melle. Mr. Saxena shared his insights on leadership, adaptability, and evolving trends in digital commerce, motivating students to align their learning with industry needs. The talk was held on 1st August 2025.



XpectRM 8.0

On the 30 of August 2025, the 8 Annual Leadership Conclave, themed “Bridging the Skill Gap: From Classroom to Corporate,” featured distinguished alumni from diverse industries. Discussions revolved around leadership, technology, and the integration of AI in business decision-making.

Industry Connect Series – Episode 1

The inaugural episode, held on 3 September 2025, featured Mr. Amitanshu Choudhary (Tata Trusts), who offered valuable insights into community development and rural management, emphasizing empathy, trust, and sustainability.



Alumni Database Verification and Update

As part of a broader effort to strengthen alumni engagement and communication, the RM Alumni Committee has created batch-wise WhatsApp groups for alumni from the Batch of 1998 to 2023, providing a platform to share updates on campus developments, academic activities, and other initiatives. Alongside this, the committee has undertaken a systematic verification and updation of the alumni database by validating contact details and professional information. This combined effort aims to build a reliable and up-to-date alumni repository, enabling effective outreach, smoother coordination, and stronger, sustained connections with the School of Rural Management.

Alumni Outreach for Placement Support

The RM Alumni Committee initiated a targeted outreach drive to engage alumni in enhancing placement diversity for the Batch of 2025-27 (Summer Internships) and Batch of 2024-26 (Final Placements). Alumni were requested to extend support through industry connections, referrals, guidance, and potential placement opportunities. The initiative aimed to leverage the alumni network to broaden sectoral representation and create diversified career pathways for students. This effort reflects the committee's commitment to strengthening institutional-industry linkages and fostering alumni involvement in the academic and professional development of current batches.

SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY

Orientation Talk

Ms. Kakarala Phani Sita, Associate Manager, Vedanta Limited, delivered an orientation session on 28 June 2025, for the incoming batch of 2025-2027, where Ms. Sita shared guidance on navigating the MBA-SM programme. She discussed academics, committee involvement, the Sustainability Discovery Programme, internships, communication skills, and leadership preparation for future career transitions.

Alumni Interaction

Ms. Kakarala Phani Sita, Associate Manager, Vedanta Limited, An interactive alumni interaction session on 29 June 2025 for the senior batch (2024-2026) focused on second-year planning, profile building, internships, live projects, and industry trends. Ms. Sita shared practical insights from her professional journey and engaged students through experience-sharing and Q&A.

Mr. Md. Muzaffar Adil, Senior Manager - Sustainability Transition Advisory, Tata Motors, an online alumni talk for the incoming batch of 2025-2027 was held on 1 July 2025, where Mr. Adil shared his career transition from technology consulting to corporate sustainability. He discussed applying academic learning to real-world sustainability roles, evolving industry trends, key competencies for the sector, and sustainability initiatives at Tata Motors, while encouraging students to pursue focused and continuous learning.

Mr. Diganta Chaudhari, Senior Manager - Sustainability Business (Global Energy Management), Schneider Electric, a virtual alumni talk for MBA SM batches 2024-26 and 2025-27 was held on 1 July 2025, where Mr. Chaudhari (Batch 2016-18) shared insights from his career in corporate sustainability and global energy management. He discussed early-career development, evolving expectations in the sustainability and energy sectors, real-world sustainability initiatives at Schneider Electric, and emphasized communication, adaptability, and continuous learning.

Ms. Akhyata Pattanaik, Senior Manager - Sustainability Consulting, Schneider Electric, a virtual session was held on 1 August 2025, where Ms. Pattanaik (Batch 2017-19) shared insights on the sustainability ecosystem, stakeholder interconnections, and key skills for success in the field. She also guided students on certifications and learning resources for career advancement.

Mr. Saurav Dandapat, Assistant Vice President - Marketing & Corporate Communication, YES BANK, an interactive Q&A session with Mr. Dandapat (Batch 2015-17), was held on 27 August 2025, focusing on marketing, corporate communication, and building adaptable careers. He shared his cross-industry experiences and offered advice on professional growth and branding.

Ms. Greeshma Biswal, CSR Manager, Bajaj Auto Ltd., an alumni interaction session on “*Corporate Social Responsibility: Purpose, Practice and Career Pathways*” was held on 22 October 2025, for the MBA-SM Batch of 2025-27. Ms. Biswal (Batch 2016-18) shared insights on CSR calculation, CSR Amendment Rules 2021, CSR frameworks, reporting and disclosures, and career pathways in sustainability. The session connected CSR theory with practical implementation, regulatory aspects, and real-world corporate practices.

Ms. Saumya Nautiyal, Energy Finance Analyst, IEEFA, an alumni talk for MBA-SM Batches of 2024-26 and 2025-27 was held on 30 October 2025, where Ms. Nautiyal (Batch 2017-19) shared insights on sustainability challenges in the steel sector. The session covered steelmaking routes, green hydrogen initiatives, and economic aspects such as CBAM and green steel competitiveness, linking finance, policy, and technology with real-world sustainability practice.

Alumni Interaction Session for UG Students

- An alumni interaction session was organised with Mr. Romario Topno on 24 June 2025, during which he shared his academic and professional journey with the students. The session focused on career planning, personal growth, and the importance of consistency and adaptability in achieving long-term goals. Students were actively engaged during the interactive segment, making the session insightful and motivating.
- Organised an interaction session with Ms. Milinda Mishra, where she provided valuable insights into industry expectations and real-world challenges. The session encouraged students to explore diverse career pathways and emphasised skill development beyond academics. The discussion helped students gain clarity about professional preparedness and decision-making.
- An informal alumni interaction session was conducted with Mr. Vedant Sahoo, Mr. Upmanyu Dutta, and Ms. Smaranika Dash on 10 January 2026. Unlike formal sessions, this interaction focused on open conversations, fun games, and light-hearted banter with the current batches. The relaxed environment encouraged honest discussions about college life, transitions after graduation, and personal experiences, making the session engaging and relatable for students.

Mentorship Programs

Mr. Dev Kumar Dutta, Assistant Manager - Business Sustainability & Climate Change, Ernst & Young (EY), a mentorship session for the senior MBA-SM batch (2024-26) was held on 19 July 2025, where Mr. Dutta (Batch 2016-18) shared practical insights into sustainability assurance, ESG reporting frameworks (CSRD, ESRS, TCFD), GHG accounting (Scope 1, 2 & 3), and consulting practices. The session provided clarity on career pathways in sustainability consulting and real-world applications of assurance concepts.



Mr. Dev Kumar Dutta, Assistant Manager - Business Sustainability & Climate Change, Ernst & Young (EY), a mentorship session for the junior MBA-SM batch (2025-27) was held on 19 July 2025, introducing students to sustainability assurance, ESG disclosures, GHG assurance, and reporting frameworks such as TCFD and ESRS. Mr. Dutta also shared career guidance on upskilling, regulatory awareness, and building credibility in sustainability consulting.

Immersion Course

An Immersion Course on “*Sustainability Assurance and Reporting*” by Mr. Dev Kumar Dutta Associate Manager - Assurance, Business Sustainability and Climate Change, EY, was held on 18 October 2025. An in-person immersion course where Mr. Dutta (Batch 2016-18) discussed ESG frameworks, sustainability assurance, and corporate transparency. The session connected theory with real-world sustainability practices and inspired students toward leadership in the field.

Symposium 2025

A Symposium on “Strategic Innovation in Systems and Processes: Embedding Sustainability Beyond Compliance for Competitive and Market Leadership” was held on 7 November 2025, where Ms. Rajashree Banerjee, Mr. Kaustav Sanyal, Ms. Naina Agarwal, shared insights on ESG regulations, sustainability strategy, policy frameworks, and embedding sustainability beyond compliance through keynote sessions and interactive breakout discussions.



Homecoming 2025

A full-day alumni engagement event featuring knowledge-sharing sessions, a plantation drive, cultural performances, interactive activities, and the launch of the Bhubaneswar Alumni Chapter, aimed at strengthening alumni-student-faculty connections, was held as part of the Homecoming 2025 on 8 November 2025.

Other activities

The Alumni Committee served as a vital bridge between the alumni and the School of Sustainability, fostering a strong connection within our ‘Sustainability Family.’ To increase Alumni engagement mentor-mentee program was conducted in the Sustainability Discovery Program (SDP).

Sanket Kumar Tripathy, MBA SM (2018-2020) Anju Biju MBA SM (2022-24) and Samya Dave MBA SM (2023-25) visited students at SDP locations and guided in the community engagement program.

We have strengthened the bond by creating personalized birthday cards and extending warm wishes on birthdays and special occasions. Additionally, the committee actively engages on social media, sharing alumni success stories and highlighting events organized by the School Alumni Committee. Alcom also conducted a farewell to the graduating batch who will soon be a part of the SOS alumni fraternity.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

P G Programme Activities

Formation of An Alumni Communication Channel

Members of the MMS -BF alumni committee met to discuss the formation of an alumni communication channel. This platform is being used for both official communication (such as event updates and formal invitations) and informal engagement (including informal conversations, guidance requests, and networking). The initiative has significantly improved accessibility and helped maintain consistent contact with alumni, encouraging better participation and stronger community ties.

Alumni Mentorship Initiative for the Senior Batch

A mentorship plan has been initiated to connect senior batch students with alumni mentors across various industries. The objective is to help students navigate their transition into the professional world by providing personalized guidance, sector-specific insights, and career advice. The mentor-mentee model aims to foster meaningful interactions, enhance industry readiness, and bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world application.

Alumni Meet, Yearbook, and Farewell 2025-26

The alumni committee for the MMS-BF meticulously planned the alumni meet, focusing on engagement, mentorship, and sustainability. Initial meetings established the vision and goals for the event. Further, the committee discussed and planned for the yearbook and farewell 2025-26.

Alumni Talks

- Successfully hosted an Alumni Talk virtually on 14 August 2025 featuring Mr. Pradyumn Singh Thakur, a distinguished alumnus from the MMS-BF batch of 2018-2020. Mr. Thakur currently serves as the Lead – Investor Relations and Engagement at BHIVE Workspace.
- On November 10, Mr. Gauri Shankar Das visited the campus and conducted an informal interaction session with students at SOC, 2nd Floor. The committee facilitated the interaction and presented him with a small token of appreciation during his visit.
- On November 24, Mr. Vishal Dhanawat (Batch 2018-20) visited the campus and interacted informally with students, sharing professional insights and experiences.

Milan – Senior-Junior Ice-Breaking Event

The committee organized 'Milan', an interactive ice-breaking event aimed at fostering camaraderie between the junior and senior batches of MMS-BF. The session included various fun-filled and engaging activities designed to encourage interaction and promote bonding. The event successfully created a friendly and collaborative atmosphere within the program, laying the foundation for a supportive peer network across batches.

MMS-BF Batch Merchandise 2025-2026

The committee has designed and successfully placed orders for the official batch merchandise for the MMS-BF batch of 2025-2026. The merchandise reflects the identity and spirit of the batch, aiming to enhance the sense of belonging and unity among students.

Alumni Outreach for Summer Internships and Final Placements

Throughout the period, the committee actively reached out to alumni across batches to support the Summer Internship Process and Final Placements. These efforts focused on facilitating alumni-student connections and strengthening professional engagement to support student career opportunities.

Social Media Alumni Outreach

On January 19, the Alumni Committee undertook a social media outreach initiative to recognize and highlight the professional achievement of an alumnus.

EthniX x Farewell, Scribble Day, and Yearbook Distribution

In March, the MMS-BF Alumni Committee undertook activities related to EthniX x Farewell, Scribble Day, and Yearbook distribution for the senior batch. The committee was involved in coordinating and supporting the execution of these events as part of the concluding academic and alumni engagement activities for the batch.

U G Programme Activities:

Alumni Talks

- Alumni Talk by Mr. Anurag Mohapatra, an esteemed alumnus of the School of Commerce, was held virtually on 26 July 2025. He is working as a Manager, Solution Designs at ElasticRun. He shared his insights on the competition that students of this generation face; while also discussing his work life

and the challenges he encounters on a day-to-day basis. He discussed the key challenges he faced during his preparation for the CAT and XAT, as well as the struggles he met. He shared the different roles he has to perform in his line of work. And how he deals with clients. He discussed how to maintain both professional and personal relationships, especially those that college students often struggle to maintain. He also talked about the use of AI in his work emphasizing the need for updated knowledge on AI tools.

- Mr. Debi Prasad Panda from the BBM batch of 2018–2021 was invited as a guest speaker on 11 October 2025, for an interactive alumni session titled “Mastering MBA Admissions: India & Abroad.” Mr. Panda began by sharing his professional journey, explaining how platforms like LinkedIn played a significant role in broadening his horizons, building his network, and discovering global opportunities. He emphasized the importance of selecting meaningful certifications that genuinely add value to one’s profile, rather than following trends without purpose. He advised first-year students to prioritize building a strong profile through experiences, initiatives, and consistent learning rather than immediately focusing on competitive examinations. According to him, exams like GMAT and CAT can be cleared with conceptual clarity, determination, and disciplined preparation, without unnecessary overcomplication. This online session was primarily focused on first-year students at the School of Commerce.

Alumni Meet

An Alumni Meet held on 30 January 2026 was a remarkable success, bringing together alumni from different batches to reconnect with their alma mater and cherished peers. The gathering beautifully blended nostalgia, celebration, and meaningful networking, reflecting the enduring spirit and keen sense of belonging within the XIM community. The Alumni Meet 25–26 concluded on a successful and fulfilling note, effectively strengthening bonds, honoring accomplishments, and reigniting the shared spirit of the SOC community. The event not only celebrated the achievements of our alumni but also reinforced the enduring connection between the institution and its graduates. We eagerly look forward to organizing many more such enriching gatherings, further deepening engagement and expanding our vibrant alumni network in the years to come.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

During the period April 2025 and March 2026, the Alumni Committee of the School of Human Settlements (SHS) organised seven Alumni Talks, one cultural event, Daastan, and the annual alumni meet ConneXions 4.0.

ALUMNI TALKS

Alumni Talk 1: 1 July 2025	Ritesh Mohanty (MBA – UMG, Batch 2018–20), Project Associate at UN-Habitat (India)
Alumni Talk 2: 2 Aug 2025	Ajit Kumar Samal (MBA – UMG, Batch 2019–21), Project Management Specialist at EY
Alumni Talk 3: 15 Nov 2025	Kartik Teharpuria (MBA – UMG, Batch 2021–23), Consultant, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP
Alumni Talk 4: 29 Nov 2025	S Sampath Kumar (MBA – UMG, Batch 2018–20), Senior Consultant, KPMG.
Alumni Talk 5: 30 Nov 2025	Anjita Paul (MBA – UMG, Batch 2021–23), Assistant Manager, Deloitte.
Alumni Talk 6: 6 Dec 2025	Swikriti Patnaik (MBA – UMG, Batch 2019–21), Assistant Manager, Deloitte.

DASTAAN

The Alumni Committee organised a vibrant cultural evening featuring performances of song, music, and dance by students on 6 September 2025. The celebration created a lively and festive atmosphere, fostering camaraderie and shared memories. A themed photoshoot in ethnic attire added a special touch to the event, making it both enjoyable and memorable for all participants.

Rewire-Connexions

The annual alumni meet was celebrated on 7 February 2026, in a special way to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the launch of the MBA-UMG programme in 2016. To mark this milestone, a Roundtable on *Emerging Directions in Urban Management* was organised, bringing together alumni and current students to reflect on evolving industry expectations and emerging professional pathways. The primary objective was to draw on alumni experiences to strengthen the MBA-UMG curriculum and better prepare students for contemporary urban management challenges.



The session commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Kajri Misra, Dean, School of Human Settlements, and was moderated by Prof. Tathagata Chatterji, Alumni Coordinator. The discussion was highly interactive, fostering candid exchanges between alumni and students. Prof. Arpan Paul delivered the vote of thanks.

The event was attended by 25 alumni (15 in person, 10 online). The list of alumni who attended is as follows:

Sl.	Name of Alumni who attended in person	Batch	Sl.	Name of the Alumni who attended online	Batch
1	Siddhi Dubey	2016-18	1	Debalaya Ganguly	2020-22
2	Biswaprakash Kar	2016-18	2	Debashrita Tripathy	2020-22
3	Amit Kumar	2016-18	3	Puneet Patnaik	2021-23
4	Srikant	2018-20	4	Rajesh Pradhan	2021-23
5	Swarup Mohanty	2018-20	5	Anjita Paul	2021-23
6	Payal Dash	2018-20	6	Baivaba Swikruti Dash	2022-24
7	Asish Kumar Choudhary	2018-20	7	Nadiya Chloe Henriques	2022-24
8	Sidharth Acharya	2018-20	8	Manasini Sahoo	2023-25
9	Srimayee	2018-20	9	Jagannath Mohapatra	2023-25
10	Sabyasachi	2018-20	10	Bipashna Sahoo	2023-25
11	Ajit Kumar Samal	2019-21			
12	Swikriti Patnaik	2019-21			
13	Subham Nayak	2023-25			
14	Anushka Mohapatra	2023-25			
15	Pratyusha Krishnaswamy	2023-25			

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS

The following Alumni events and meetings were held, and new Alumni committee members (UG & PG) were formed during this period.



XILUR – UG & PG Orientation Program 2025-26

An orientation program named “XILUR” was conducted on 21 July 2025 for UG & PG students (first year). The School of Communications invited one of our Alumni **Ms. Leah Jena**, *Asia Pacific (APAC) Lead – Corporate Communications, Tech Mahindra*, to deliver the Keynote Address on the theme: “*Narrative Integrity: Storytelling in the Age of Algorithms and Attention*”. All UG & PG students of school of communications participated in the event.

Alumni Meeting

An Alumni meeting was conducted with UG & PG alumni student coordinators. They decided to conduct a UG Alumni Talk, a PG Alumni Talk, and an online Alumni meet (Ethnic Day) was organized during January to March, 2026.

New Initiatives

Alumni Profile Update

In September 2025, Alumni coordinators reached out to alumni via WhatsApp, email, and phone. They shared a Google Form link to update their profile. We have a list of Alumni with details of their job profile and new contact details.

Creation of Alumni LinkedIn

A new LinkedIn handle has been created separately for the Alumni students. Alumni members and the student committee have been asked to post Alumni achievements and events from time to time.

SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The school organized an Alumni Meeting, virtually, on 13 February 2026.

The session aimed to reconnect with our alumni, understand their professional journeys, and explore ways to strengthen the alumni network of the School of Governance & Public Affairs.

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof. Johny Arokiaraj, who highlighted the importance of alumni engagement in building a strong academic and professional community. He emphasized how alumni contributions shape institutional growth and inspire current students.

The following alumni of the school joined the session:

- Yukti Jain (BITS Pilani – Doctoral Research Scholar)
- Khyatee Kashyap (Jindal School of Public Policy – Doctoral Research Scholar)
- Sunanda Deb (Alliance University– Doctoral Research Scholar)
- Arohi Prajapati (Senior Consultant –EY India)

- Don Prem Lobo (Director - Loyola Centre for Social Concern)
- Anwesha Pattnaik (Civil Services Aspirant)
- Abhishek Ghose (Senior Officer - Public Relations - IMFA Ltd.)

The interactive segment began with alumni sharing their professional journeys. They reflected on their initial career beginnings, the challenges they encountered, transitions across organizations, and the learning experiences that shaped their growth. Some alumni also shared insights from their ongoing PhD journeys, discussing research interests, academic rigor, and the value of higher studies in policy and governance. Their reflections provided current students with practical insights into career pathways across corporate, consulting, development, and academic domains. The discussion highlighted adaptability, continuous learning, and networking as crucial factors for professional success.

A short video, thoughtfully prepared by the PG final year students, was presented during the session. The video added a nostalgic and emotional touch to the gathering, celebrating shared memories and strengthening the sense of belonging within the SGPA community.

A dedicated segment focused on strengthening the alumni network. Alumni shared valuable suggestions, including:

- Creating a structured alumni database for better connectivity.
- Organizing periodic alumni-student interaction sessions.
- Establishing mentorship channels between seniors and juniors.
- Encouraging LinkedIn and professional networking engagement across batches.
- Hosting annual or biannual alumni meets for sustained collaboration.

The session concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to the alumni for taking time out of their busy schedules and contributing meaningfully to the discussion. The Alumni Meet successfully fostered meaningful engagement, strengthened inter-batch connections, and laid the foundation for building a more structured and active alumni network for the school.