

## Alumni Day, 2016

Anxious faces, waiting for the day that is of the highest importance to any college, 1st October, 2016 was that day for Institute of Management, Nirma University, the Alumni Day 2016. The day that was worked hard for was finally going to reap its sweet results. This year IMNU completed 20 years and so this event was really looked upon.

In reality the Alumni Day had started on 30<sup>th</sup> sept itself, with some of the alumnus coming in that night, the hostel was completely lit up with all the giggles and sharing of memories. The positivity in the air could actually be felt.

Then, the D-Day was finally here, that morning, the Alumni Day organising committee woke up early, at sharp 5.30am, each and every member of the organising team was there. From running around to decorating all the corners of our campus from the management building to the hostels, the mess, every place was decked up. Huge flexes, banners, posters, lined up decoration everything was ready. The countdown poster finally said zero days to go.

With the theme of this year's Alumni Day being "The Red carpet".



Entrance of the IMNU building

The Alumnus had started coming at the registration desk quite early in the morning. They were welcomed with smiles and a goodie bag containing a schedule for the entire day. More than 250 Alumnus graced the event. There was also a merchandising desk in front of the registration desk, where alumnus could come and buy the t-shirts, hoodies, sippers or diaries, all custom made having Nirma university printed as a memory of the Alumni Day 2016.

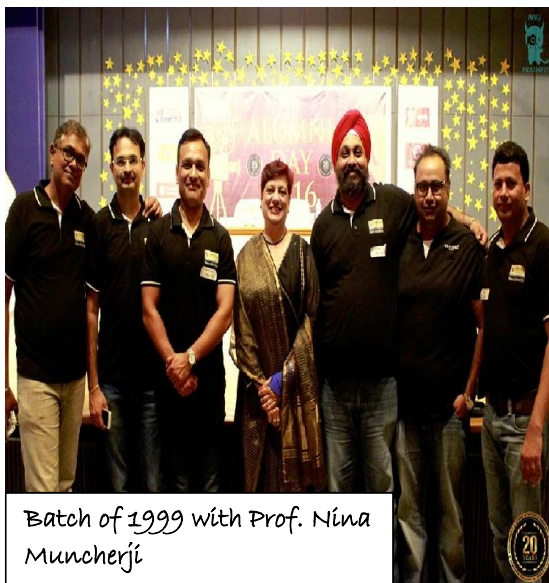
There was a photo booth too which was a point of attraction for all the alumnus, there were a lot of props for them to try on and get photos clicked. The organising team had also made handmade photo frames and the photos were printed and given to the alumnus in the photo frame instantly.



Saral, an organisation inside Nirma University, whose sole purpose is the upliftment of the children of the workers in the campus. It aims at educating them and developing them into good human beings. Saral also had a desk where all the crafts done by the children were displayed. From keychains to envelopes to small boxes everything was handmade and all the senior alumnus were really proud and happy about the same. Saral team was appreciated and motivated to continue with the noble cause they work for.



Saral Desk



Batch of 1999 with Prof. Nina Muncherji

Before proceeding for lunch there was a small back to classroom event organised, where the faculties interacted with the alumnus and the alumnus cherished their good old days.

A General body meeting also took place where few alumnus, organising team members, and a few faculties sat together and discussed about what all can be changed for the better in context of the alumni relations, so that IMNU has its roots strong.

Post lunch, at 5pm, the most awaited session began, the auditorium session. The chief Guest for the event was Mr Anurag Batra, the chief editor of BusinessWorld Magazine. Mr. Batra interacted with the Alumnus and it was found to be a very intriguing and enlightening session. It was a great prestige to have him with us. The annual magazine of alumnus, AI-Inc was also launched in the auditorium session by Prof. Harismita Trivedi, Prof. M. Malikarjun and Mr. Anurag Batra.



Mr. Anurag Batra

AI Inc Launch. Mr Anurag Batra and Prof. Harismita Trivedi

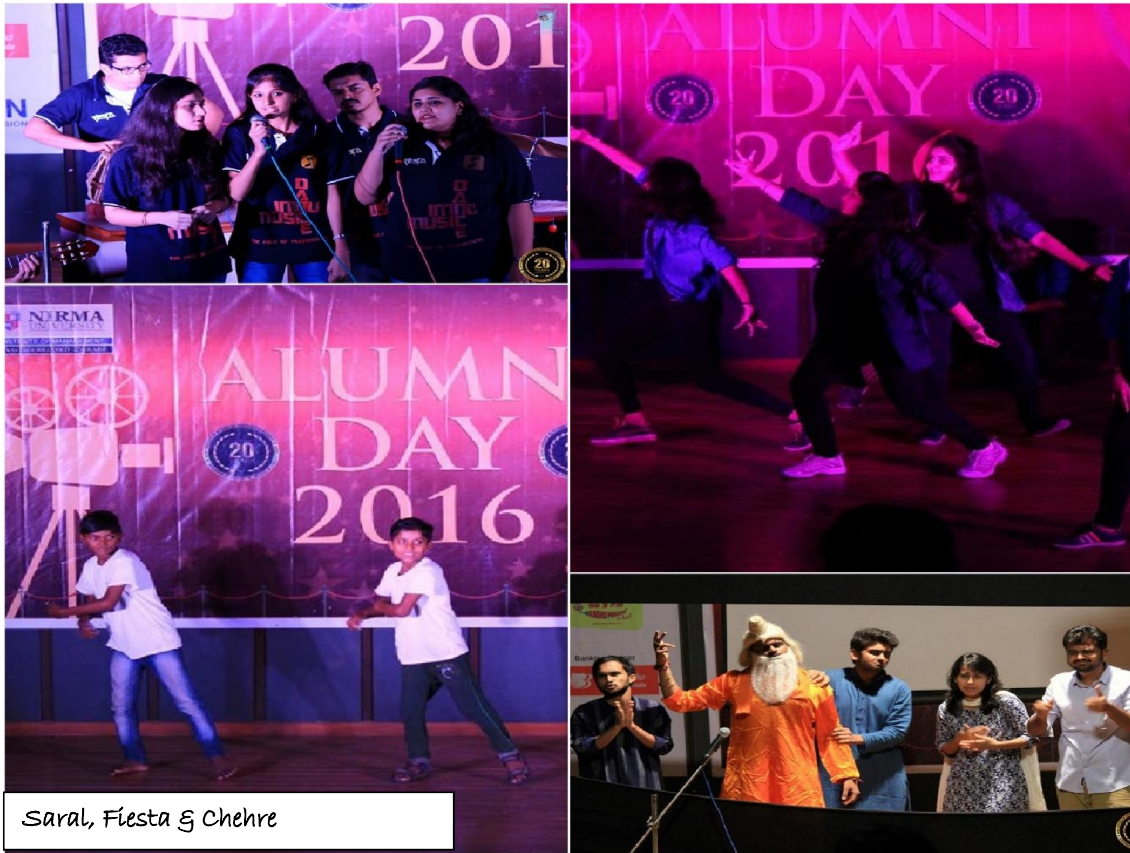
With the theme of the event being Red Carpet and on the occasion of IMNU completing 20 years, for the first time we had an award ceremony where Mr Anurag Batra presented the awards to our alumnus in regard of their distinguished performance and growth.

- 1) Professional Achievement Award - Mr. Himanshu Pandya (1999-2001)
- 2) Young Achiever Award - Mr. Nimish Vohra (2007-2009)
- 3) Emerging Entrepreneur Award - Mr. Tapas Gupta (2010-2012)
- 4) Faculty of IMNU, Prof. Sameer Pingle was also awarded at Alumni Day 2016.



Later, the Saral kids came on the stage and gave a wonderful dance performance which every one really treasured. After which Fiesta mesmerised the entire crowd with the sweet interplay of their melodious voice and outstanding instrumental music. The crowd could not help but sing along with them. This was followed by a performance by the Chehre club of IMNU, they grabbed all the attention of the alumnus and made the crowd giggle but gave a strong message on anti-corruption and on being a good human being.

Then, there was a dance performance by fiesta. Which was great and got our feet tapping.



The auditorium session ended and there was a walk for IMNU arranged where all the alumnus danced their way to the back lawn where the cake cutting took place and the dinner began.

There was some music in the background to which all the alumnus danced post dinner and enjoyed their night to the fullest.



Walk for IMNU

It was a day full of activities for the alumnus and many were seen being nostalgic and emotional about the day ending. All the alumnus interacted with each other at night and then proceeded to their hostel rooms for a good night's sleep.

This marked the end of the Alumni Day 2016 and they all got back to their daily schedule of professional life once again.



Cake cutting before dinner



Organising Team: Kaizen