



Last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we could not continue with the newsletter. Now it will be a continuous process and you could share your articles, success stories, achievements, etc with us on infonuaf@nirmauni.ac.in and we will share it with the other alumni.

University Ranking

Outlook-ICARE India University Rankings 2021

Outlook-ICARE India University Rankings 2021 ranks Nirma University 4th in the list of Top 50 Private State Universities of India.

GSIRF 2021

Nirma University is awarded a 5-star status with an overall CGPA of 4.20 in Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) 2021 by the Government of Gujarat in the category- University. Thus, making the university one of the best private universities in Gujarat. The university also saw a significant improvement in its performance compared to the last year where it received an overall CGPA of 3.91.

Institute Rankings

GSIF 2021

In Pharmacy category, the Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University bagged the first position amongst all pharmacy institutions of Gujarat with a 5-star rating and overall CGPA of 4.8 in Gujarat State Institutional Rating Framework (GSIRF) 2021 ratings by Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Dept of Education, Government of Gujarat.

NIRF 2021

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranks Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University at the 20th position in its India Rankings 2021- Pharmacy category.

Competition Success Review Rankings 2021

Institute of Management, Nirma University is ranked at the sixth position in the ranking of 'Top Private B-Schools in India' in the CSR-GHRDC B-Schools Survey released in December 2021.

According to CSR – GHRDC Engineering Colleges Survey 2021, Institute of Technology, Nirma University

is ranked first in Gujarat and fourth at national level in the list of 'Top Leading Engineering Colleges of Super Excellence'.

Outlook-ICARE India MBA Rankings 2021

Outlook-ICARE India MBA Rankings 2021 ranks Nirma University's MBA programme at the 11th position among the Top Private MBA Institutions in India. The MBA programme of the university ranks fourth in the list of the Top Private B-Schools in the west zone.

NBA Accreditation

Institute of Technology, Nirma University, got accreditation from National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for its undergraduate programmes in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Chemical Engineering. These programmes are accredited under the Tier-I (Washington Accord) category. The purpose of the accreditation by the NBA is to promote and recognise excellence in technical education in colleges and universities.

University News

29th Convocation March 2021

On March 20, 2021, Nirma University, Ahmedabad witnessed its 29th Convocation Ceremony online wherein students received graduation, postgraduation and PhD degrees. Chief Guest Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India in her inspiring speech said, "Every time we pass out of a University we must also commit to build a better society, a better country. Each convocation is like a brick in the fundamental structure of society. It's important for us to understand that convocation is the day that this foundation is strengthened."



30th Convocation December 2021

Nirma University held its 30th Annual Convocation Ceremony on December 17, 2021 in hybrid mode where 2,383 students from various institutes of the University received their degrees. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Limited. Sharing his thoughts, he said, 'Preplanning for tomorrow begins with aligning with the vision and a set of values that will help you to navigate through the path ahead.' He adds, 'Most business and organisations are successful because their purpose extends far from profits and rate of investments. To lead such organisations you must arm yourselves with a set of values that defines you as an individual brand.'



Interview of Alumnus



Dr Shivang Chaudhary
(Batch 2004-2008)

BPharm, Institute of Pharmacy

*Admired globally for his QbD-based development of generic and novel pharmaceutical dosage forms, Dr Shivang Chaudhary has contributed dedicated services in the field of Pharma QbD for USFDA, EMA and PMDA. He has been conferred with numerous **international and national awards** including “Most Inspiring Researcher” Award from NIPER, “Award of Excellence for QbD in Biopharmaceuticals” from EMEA, EU and “Certificate of Competency for PAT in Medical Devices” from PMDA, Japan.*

- Please describe your academic and professional journey?

Dr Shivang: After completing my BPharm from Institute of Pharmacy, Nirma University, I pursued MSPharm in Pharmaceutics from National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER).

After completing MSPharm, I was placed in Formulation Development (F&D) Department of CADILA Pharmaceuticals (Regulated Market) where I learnt new skills, tactics and regulatory guidelines for designing and development of generic and novel pharmaceutical dosage forms. To help and support the young talent in pharmaceutical field, I had published the pharma/biotech regulatory guidelines in precise and summarised paragraphs making it understandable with self-explanatory examples and relevant real-life case studies.

- What motivated you to do Entrepreneurship/Start-up as QbD-Expert™?

Dr Shivang: In 2013, USFDA implemented Quality by Design (QbD) mandatory for filing of any generic drug product to be marketed and sold in USA. QbD is a systematic and sequential way of pharmaceutical development from targeting to controlling based on sound science and quality risk assessment of material attributes and process parameters.

Meanwhile, Director of PMDA was noticing all my posts on social and professional networks. So in 2014, he gave me an opportunity to conduct a session on “Quality by Design (QbD)” in PMDA, Japan with explanatory case studies. Director of PMDA and the entire panel was impressed with my work and he gave me an opportunity to do PhD directly under his supervision for designing of software for QbD based Product Development Report Preparation. The softwares available in the market offers basic tools of quality risk management rather than implementing whole system all together and moreover none of them are designed for pharmaceutical products.

In the meantime, on the basis of my work in PMDA and EMA, I got a lifetime opportunity to work as a Project Leader (LSSMBB), EMA- FDA Pilot Programme for Parallel Assessment of QbD Applications for Generic Drug Product to be marketed in US and Europe. Initially, I planned to design readymade templates of four basic Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms only involving basic manufacturing processes for Designing of QbD software, but then had gradually developed readymade templates for more than **150+ Pharmaceutical Formulations** with **35+ different manufacturing processes** with systematically designed seven basic modules of QbD in line with Lean Six Sigma using 21 automated tools like PS, CVR, IA, SIPOC, RMA, FMEA, DoE, DSG, DC, SUD, PAT, PQ, Pp, Ppk, CSI, PV, Cp, Cpk, CCS, CCG, TA and Pσ; so that each and every scientist can systematically implement Quality by Design sequentially for Designing, Development, Scale-Up and Commercial Manufacturing of Innovator and Generic Pharmaceutical Products starting from targeting to controlling of critical variables throughout commercial manufacturing.

I had also filed a ‘World’s First Software Patent’ for QbD Software in

which QbD is linked with PAT for Continuous Manufacturing of Pharmaceutical Products in which all the critical factors will be automatically analysed and controlled through PAT.”meet current expectations of industries in this fastest era of automation.

- **What's your opinion, on Role of IPNU in your Professional Growth?**

Dr Shivang: IPNU is an institute par excellence for pharma education with very well equipped lab facilities simulating **industrial infrastructure**, interactive **ICT enabled classrooms** with **perfectly designed syllabus** to meet current expectations of industries in this fastest era of automation.

IPNU has been a fundamental pillar for making me what I am today in my journey towards success. The academic experience with a world class infrastructure and **excellent faculty** at Nirma University endured me with a lifelong career excellence. The exceptional programmes and **teaching methodologies** backed by practical skills and industry interface have given me the confidence to pursue my career ahead. The all-time support and motivation of the faculty members of the university has enlightened me throughout the beautiful journey.

- **From IPNU, what inspired you a lot and why?**

Dr Shivang: There are many takeaways from IPNU, which have helped me get to this phase of my career. If I must narrow down to the maximum impact takeaways then it has got to be the manner in which my lecturers and professors imparted knowledge, both theory and practical. That the knowledge imparted was effective was reflected in my career in so many telling ways.

IPNU's inculcation of **discipline** and the **culture of value-based education** proved to be the keys that opened up my career for me. Yes, IPNU provides opportunities for balanced learning, through classroom inputs as well as creating an atmosphere that helps students in developing capabilities to implement theoretical inputs into real life conditions.

- **What's your message for the current students of IPNU?**

Dr Shivang: First, **upgrade your knowledge database** and try to build a **habit to learn new skills and tactics** in this era of artificial intelligence and automation. If you are not upgrading your knowledge database according to new technology advancement, then you may lose your job in competition with skilled people and even in competition with automated machines itself.

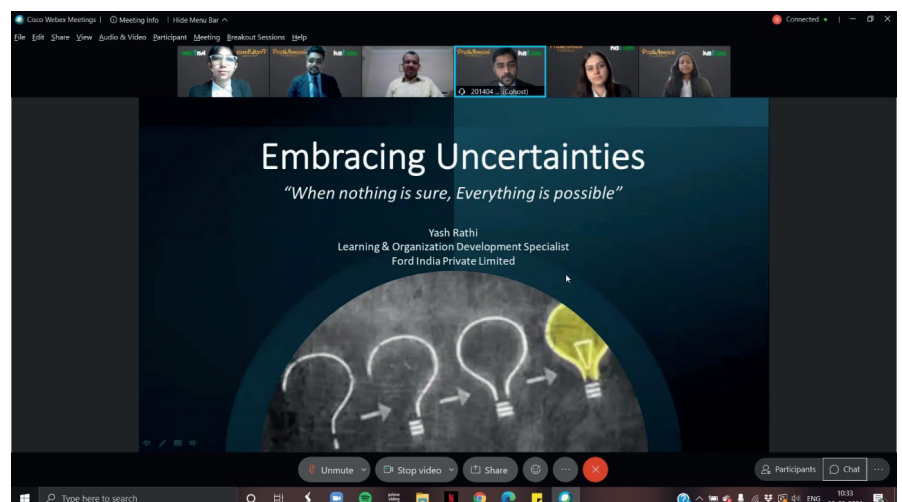
Second, **keep distance from negative people** as they have problem to every solution. Negative people will discourage. Be with positive people who are far-sighted, futuristic and barrier-free in their thinking.

Institute News

Activities done by alumni associations at the institute level.

Pratidhwani- The Alumni Conclave

Kaizen, the Alumni Relations Committee of the Institute of Management, Nirma University organised Pratidhwani 2021 on February 20, 2021. The theme for this year was Embracing Uncertainty. The esteemed alumni speakers gave their insights on ways of how to embrace the uncertain days and pave the path towards the ocean of opportunities. Nine speakers from five different domains- Banking and Finance, Marketing and Sales, Human Resource (HR),





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- The speakers for HR were Ms Akansha Gandotra, Strategic and Communications Lead at Udaan.com and Mr Yash Rathi, COE Learning and Organisational Development Specialist at Ford India Pvt Ltd.
- The speakers for the Marketing panel were Mr Varun Sinha, Assistant Vice President at Ziploan.in and Mr Omkar Joshi, Chief Creative Officer at Garage worldwide and Head of Digital, Famous Innovations.
- For Banking and Finance the speakers were Mr Saurabh Kasat, CFO of Dairy Classic Ice- Creams Pvt Ltd and Mr Vaibhav Kathju, Co-Founder of Sheroes Money.
- The Entrepreneurship panel had Mr Aashil Modi, Managing Director at Dimensions 360 and Mr Jitendra Chandraprakash Lakhwani, Co-Founder and CEO at Mantra2 success Consultants as speakers.
- The IT panel had Ms Divya Shah working as an Incident and IT problem manager at BNP, Paribas Personal Finance, England in UK as the speaker.



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International Alumni Expert Lecture Series at Institute of Pharmacy

Institute of Pharmacy Nirma University Alumni Association (IPNUAA) organised 'International Alumni Expert Lecture Series' in October 2021. Around 30 alumni members from prestigious Universities and Pharma Organisations across the world delivered technical talks and shared their expertise and experiences. The series provided an excellent opportunity to students for enriching their knowledge and interacting with the alumni.



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Snehal K. Shukla, PhD

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Prominent Alumni Awards Felicitation

Every year on the Foundation Day of the Institute of Pharmacy, the institute organises 'Prominent Alumni Awards Felicitation' ceremony. This year it was for the batch of 2008 of BPharm and MPharm. After a careful scrutiny by the committee, ten students were selected for the award. The event was on October 1, 2021.



Workshops and Seminars

- The Centre for Environmental Law, ILNU organised an Expert Lecture on the occasion of World Water Day on Mar 22, 2021. Mr Arjit Pandey, an ILNU Alumni (LLM-Batch 2018-2019) was the keynote speaker, he expressed his views on the topic 'The role of water commission in water conservation'.
- On April 3, 2021, Mr Alok Vajpeyi, an alumnus of ILNU (Batch 2013-2018) and an Associate at Khaitan and Co conducted a session on the topic 'Forum Selection Clause and Seat Law: Relevance and Conflict'.
- On April 15, 2021, the Centre of Corporate Law Studies (CCLS) organised an alumni guest lecture on the topic 'Pre-Package Insolvency Resolution Process and its Implications'. The speaker was Advocate Karan Valecha (Supreme Court Advocate) who was a graduate of the Institute of Law, Nirma University (Batch 2012-2017).
- On the 27th Foundation Day celebrations of ITNU on October 4, 2021 the institute invited Mr Parin Shah to talk on 'A Smart Approach to Research Methods'. He is currently working as R&D head at P K Enterprise and is working on anti-corrosion and flame-retardant coating systems. He is also working as Principle Consultant for Biodegradable Polymer development at Krish Biotech, located in GIDC Vatva.
- Celebrating the Foundation Day, Mechanical Engineering Students' Association (MESA) organised Alumni Interaction on October 4, 2021 where they invited Mr Bonny Dave (Co-Founder, Trestle Labs), Mr Hoozefa Shaikh (Rotating Equipment Eng, Linde Engineering India) and Mr Visamy Shah (Sr Eng at Gujarat Gas Ltd). Interacting with the students, Mr Dave shared his views on how to initiate the idea of a start ups and challenges in setting-up start-ups.
- The Electronics and Communication Students' Organisation (ECO), Institute of Technology organised an online session on 'Session on Study Abroad' on October 9, 2021. A total of 114 students from various branches of ITNU participated. In this session, experts along with the institute alumni were invited to share their insights and experiences on pursuing higher education from foreign countries.
- An online session with Mr Nikunj Patel (2016-2020), working at Thermex Limited, was organised on October 19, 2021 where he shared his experience at Thermex and threw light on safety in chemical industries with the undergraduate students.
- Mr Himanshu Bhutia (2012-2016), Environment Incharge, Aarti Industries Limited, organised an online session on 'Water Management and Industrial Wastewater Treatment' on October 25, 2021. This session helped the students to know the importance of water management in the industries and why industrial wastewater needs to be treated.

Alumni Meets

Batch Meet- Institute of Law

Institute of Law, Nirma University organised an alumni meet for batch 2008-13. Dr Madhuri Parikh, Director and Dean (I/c) joined the session and expressed her nostalgia while interacting with the 2008-13 batch expressing truly her love for the alumni which was her first batch since joining the college.

A video highlighting the captivating memories of 2008-13 batch was shown which brought tears in the eyes of the alumni and warmth in their hearts. Each alumnus was invited to tell their personal and professional experience, emphasising the significance of legal instruction at Nirma University in nourishing the early stages of their careers.

Alumni Meet 2021- Institute of Management

Institute of Management, Nirma University was established in the year 1996. It has completed 25 glorious years of success and imparting world-class knowledge to students. The institute celebrated the silver jubilee with faculties, alumni, students and the staff member on September 24, 2021. The celebration was an amalgamation of both the online and offline events.

There was an Alumni General Body Meet – Ahmedabad Chapter where alumni and the faculties gathered around to talk regarding the management aspects. The alumni meet highlighted the various lectures that were organised during the year and the improvements made. The opportunities, career counselling and experience sharing sessions with the alumni were discussed. The publications of Al-Inc, Sapience, Success stories were mentioned.



Alumni Board Meeting of Institute of Management

The Alumni Board meeting of the Institute of Management was organised online on March 20, 2021. The board members discussed on the various alumni engagements and initiatives made last year by the students of the Kaizen Committee. The committee also shared the information on the institute seminar and webinar series, alumni day, alumni conclave, workshop and other activities that are being planned for the academic year 2021-22 keeping in mind the silver jubilee celebrations of the institute.

Alumni Achievements



Mr Arnav Sharma, included in the flagship global list of Top 100 B2B Marketing Leaders in Technology 2021 by HotTopics.ht. He is an alumnus of the Institute of Management from the batch of 2007-2009 and is currently appointed as Head of Global Brand Marketing at Tech Mahindra.



Ms Meenu Bagla, included in the flagship global list of Top 100 B2B Marketing Leaders in Technology 2021 by HotTopics.ht. She is an alumna of the Institute of Management from the batch 1998-2000 and is currently appointed as Chief Marketing Officer at Cyient.



Ms Ruchika Jha, appointed as Group Chief Marketing Officer at Vedanta. Ms Jha is an alumna of the 2003-2005 batch of the Institute of Management.



Mr Jaldeep Virani is awarded the 'Construction Executive of the Year' title at the Construction Week Oman Awards 2021. Mr Virani is an alumnus of the Institute of Management from the batch of 2004-2006 and is currently appointed as General Manager - Oman Operations at Voltas Limited.



Ms Ratna Joshi, appointed as Global Head- Talent Management at Cipla. She is an alumna from the batch 2003-2005 of the Institute of Management.



Mr Chintan Panara is the Co-Founder and Executive Director, Technology and Strategy at xpertnest, completed his BTech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Nirma University. He is responsible for formulating strategies, establishing teams, and leading successful deliveries throughout the UK and EMEA. His name is reflected in the list of inspiring business leader in Outlook magazine.



Mr Chirag Jain, batch of 2011 – 2016 at the Institute of Law, Nirma University, received an admission in New York University School of Law for LL.M.



Ms Parkhi Saxena, batch of 2016 – 2021 at the Institute of Law, is selected for the J N Tata Endowment Loan Scholarship for higher studies abroad.



Mr Moiz Rafique, batch of 2009 – 2014 at the Institute of Law, is awarded under 40 Rising Star Awards 2021 hosted by Legal Era - Legal Media Group.

Mr Harsh Gupta, an alumnus of Institute of Commerce, Nirma University (batch of 2017-2020) has been awarded the 'Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Scholarship' from the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), USA. The scholarship funds 100% of the cost of pursuing the CMA programme at the United States of America to the recipient for three years.

Ms Priti Patel, an alumna of MCA, Computer Science and Engineering Department has started a Women Empowerment Academy. She is a Karate Black Belt holder and a National level player in the Judo game. Her academy provides Self-Defence training to girls in various schools, colleges, hostels, companies, and villages and districts of Gujarat.

Testimonials



Ms Ankita Sharma

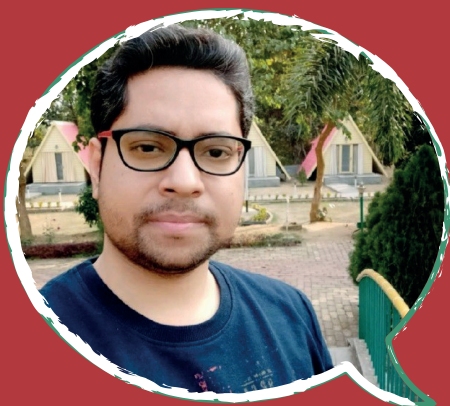
Batch: 2007 - 2012

General Manager, Legal

*Honasa Consumer Pvt Ltd
(Mamaearth)*

When you're a fresh pass out from school, all you require is a place which can support, shape and inspire you. I can proudly say that for me it was Institute of Law, Nirma University. Being from the very first batch, we (students) and the institute were growing together. With phenomenal professors, excellent vision and tremendous leadership, the institute didn't leave one stone unturned to nurture us. And the results are quite visible.

I've immense gratitude towards our faculty for teaching such great values, strong work ethics and passion for law. "Thrive for excellence and be the best version of yourself" is the motto of the Institute.



Mr Ankit Gaurav

Batch: 2010 - 2015

Lead-Legal & Regulatory

Bharti Airtel Limited

I, indeed, cherish and relish my journey with the Institute of Law, Nirma University (ILNU). It's true journey of a sapling to a growing tree, enriching me with all professional and practical dimensions and helping me shape my professional journey to attain the reasonable zenith. Though attributes/arsenals engrained as "Nirmaite" is hard to pen but, the softer and harder skill sets made me a "True Professional". The transformation of inter-personal approach, communicative skill and attitude has added wings to my aspirations, careful seeding and nurturing, can be credited to the accounts of "Nirma", without iota of doubt. Well concerted and articulated pedagogy intertwined with theoretical and practical learnings & exposures helped me, to be a True Professional.

I extend my deep gratitude to all my mentors and seniors to enrich me with the mechanism of critical thinking, problem solving, simplifying of complexities, articulating byzantine of intricacies with humane approach. The abstract values of discipline, ownership, believe in oneself, optimism helped me convert my dreams to fruition.

Message from the President of IPNUAA



Dr Manjunath Ghate

Director, Institute of Pharmacy

Alumni association of Nirma University aims to have good relation with all the alumni members of the university. Our mission is to involve alumni members in the growth of the constituent institutes of the university. We emphasise lifelong learning and ensure alumni are successful in their professional careers. Nirma University provides the alumni members with a platform to interact with institutes by making them a part of the board of studies, placement committees, expert talks, etc. We are thankful to all the alumni for their valuable contribution.

Institute of Technology and Institute of Management celebrated their silver jubilee in 2020 and 2021 respectively. Last twenty-five years we have produced more than 25,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students who have excelled in their fields. Our alumni are working in different capacities across the globe and are excellent in their professions. Your success in life brings name and fame to your alma mater.

Alumni are considered to be the brand ambassadors of any institute. I take this privilege to congratulate all alumni members for their extra-ordinary progress in the professional life compared to that of the competitors. A strong alumni network always benefits the alumni members and existing students mainly for career guidance and placements.

Over the last few years, Nirma University has also taken newer initiatives to strengthen alumni network. All the constituent institutes of the university conduct regular alumni meets. Every year alumni having significant contributions in the professional field as well as who have achieved the noteworthy positions are identified and invited to be part of different committees or invited to deliver expert talks.

Nirma University has always considered alumni as one of the most important stakeholders, and hence, we involve them in at all appropriate forum to contribute positively for the development of the university. Currently, alumni members are involved in internal quality assurance cell at the institute and university level. Alumni are also members of the board of studies and are involved in the decision making process regarding curriculum as well as quality policies.

Social Media plays an important role in networking with alumni members, and I personally recommend for active use of AlmaConnect and LinkedIn for professional growth. At last, I would like to acknowledge all alumni members for enthusiastic efforts and support.