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Welcome message from incoming Director

Dear Alumni,

Greetings from the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, SRMIST.

I trust that you and your family are staying safe and healthy during these pandemic times. I am writing to inform you that our beloved and respectful veteran Professor Venkataramani, who headed the Directorate of Alumni Affairs has announced his retirement recently. Post his retirement, I have been appointed to head the Directorate of Alumni Affairs (DAA). Just as an introduction, I joined SRM School of Management in 1997 with 10 years of experience in the industry and three years of consulting and two years of part-time teaching. I later took care of placements and I have also grown with the Institution wearing different hats.



I am here to continue the good work of Prof. Venkataramani, build on his excellent work, and take the SRM Alumni Association to the next level. I plan to shortly come out with a road map for making the Alumni Association more vibrant and productive to Alumni with far greater networking.

We are revamping the Alumni portal and the connected website. To start with, DAA plans to come out with a photo album titled "Re-live the nostalgic moments of college life" right from 1989 to date. Even though you must be happy where you are now in life, it must make you a little sad reminiscing those days and how life has moved on. I am sure all the memories you made together with your buddies, those inside jokes, the pranks you played, etc. would come flooding back.

I would be reaching out to you soon in this regard. All I would request you now is to keep ready one or two photos of your friends/batchmates or the priceless locations/buildings/moments at SRMIST, which brings back those sweet memories of your life here.

Meanwhile feel free to write to me at director.alumni@srmist.edu.in, regarding suggestions or ideas to make the Alumni Association more vibrant, engaging, and the way you want it to be. This will help DAA to include your ideas in our roadmap.

Stay Safe and Stay healthy.

With warm regards,

Prof. S. Ganapathy, Ph. D.

Director, Alumni Affairs

SRM Institute of Science & Technology

Thank you note for outgoing President

We take pride and pleasure in congratulating Prof. R. Venkataramani for his epic journey with SRMIST. After his graduation in Civil Engineering in 1968, he started his career as a lecturer in PSG College of Technology (1969 – 1975). He additionally gained his Masters in Structural Engineering from IIT, Madras (1972). He was deputed to the University of Basrah, Iraq and worked as Lecturer (1975 - 1982). After working with NBKR Institution and Crescent Engineering College (1982 – 1987), he stepped his foot in SRMIST.



He played a leading role in the establishment of SRM Engineering College and the development of Infrastructure facilities from 1987 to 2003. From 2004 till his retirement in March 2020, he held various administrative positions and served the University with his great leadership qualities. With all his enormous knowledge and expertise, he spent all his time on SRMIST and for the students.

He was a great leader, mentor, guide, and guardian for the hostel students during his tenure as Director, Campus Life.

As president of the SRM Alumni Association, he has contributed towards the enormous growth in the activities of the Directorate of Alumni Affairs (DAA) in engaging the alumni in a more meaningful and productive way. We would not have been able to accomplish these without his wise counsel and patient advice.

Sir, as we look back on your time with SRMIST, please know that our achievements would not have been possible without you at the helm.

On behalf of SRM and the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, we pay our sincere respect and thanks for all your self-less service and support extended to us.







Alumni Talks

True to the quote, and to overcome the saying "dead mind is the devil's inn" the department carefully chose to concentrate on engaging alumni from various verticals through webinars to support both faculties and students. To motivate the young minds and to keep them engaged during this pandemic time, the department arranged a series of webinars and lectures for what seemed like an eternity to alumni.



USA Meetup (May 10, 2020)

Greet and Meet with Vice Chancellor of SRMIST.

We are happy to share our first virtual meet that took place on 10 May 2020 with Alumni across the USA - Boston, Washington, Chicago, California, New Jersey, Texas, San Francisco, Dallas, New York. Thank you for giving us an overwhelming response.

Our Vice Chancellor interacted with Alumni. We are glad to say that Registrar Prof. R. Sethuraman, Director (International Relations) Dr. Kartar Singh, Dr. T.V.Gopal (Interim Director, Alumni Affairs) also shared their experiences with Alumni.

Global Meetup (May 31, 2020)

This was the first global Virtual Meet up organized by Dr. TV Gopal which took place on 31 May 2020. We have many alumni joining from different parts of the world such as Canada, Singapore, Australia, USA, Netherlands, Nepal, Muscat, London, New Zealand, and 10+ states from India.

Our Hon'ble Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Vice-Chancellor, SRMIST, and Prof. R. Sethuraman, Registrar SRMIST addressed with other 4 directors

Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan (Director, Engineering & Technology)

Dr. M. Leenus Martin (Director, Campus Life)

Dr. Kartar Singh (Director, International Relations)

Dr. T.V.Gopal (Interim Director, Alumni Affairs)

The alumni shared their experience on COVID and many came forward to support in terms of offering Mentoring, Project, and Study Abroad Guidance.

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIEztiJrf9k

Leadership Talk

Dr. Shishir Shekhar

Dr. Shishir Shekhar, 2009 alumnus from ECE department and completed his masters in Electrical Engineering and Business Management from North-eastern University and Harvard University respectively. He enlightened the attendees on how one should remain focused on achieving his goals and should try to know the why and how of all things.

He reminded the audience of the fact that SRMIST is an ocean of opportunities and it depends on the individual on how s/he uses this opportunity. He concluded the session by stating the importance of leadership and how one can bring this quality inside him.

The Directorate of Alumni Affairs organized a mentoring session with Shishir Shekhar on 12 March 2020.



Mr. Nandyala Guptha Vivekanand

Directorate of Alumni Affairs organized a webinar on 31 May 2020 at 4 pm where the attendees learned how to apply for masters and a job in core industries. It has been proved firmly by our SRM Alumni, Mr. Nandyala Guptha Vivekanand (2012, ECE) that success solely depends on constant hard work and dedication towards our goals and on grabbing every opportunity. He is a Physical Design Engineer at Apple Inc. Munich. He owes a major part of his success to SRMIST for providing him numerous platforms like Aaruush, Robot Olympics, and SRMSAT.



Women's Day Leadership Talk

"A strong woman stands up for herself. A brave woman stands up for everybody else." Women's Day is all about celebrating the role of women as a mother, sister, wife, and fiance and showing them how much we love, respect, and value them. Amidst so many difficulties they proved everyone wrong with their grit, passion, perseverance, and rock hard determination.

Names from left to right

Ms. Dhrati Chandrawat (2020 - CSE) - Placed in Mu sigma.

Ms. Shilpa Thakur (2018 – Mechatronics) - Project Manager and System developer at Aura Labs SIIC. Dr. Anderleen Diana Lazarus -Philips (PhD) - Executive Secretary to VC, SRMIST.

Ms. Ayushila Vithika (2020 - Chemical Engineering) - Selected for IAF
Online attendee – Ms. Sagarika Chakraborty (2018 - Telecommunications Engineering) - An innovator at Vesatogo Innovations

Covid Relief

Contribution from the University

With the pandemic outbreak of Coronavirus, India has been affected in many ways. Many have come across to fight against the current situation and give a hand towards the needy. The teaching, nonteaching and administrative staff of SRMIST too stepped up and donated Rs. 1.15 crores to help those affected due to this pandemic. The sum was transferred to the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund by the Founder Chancellor of SRM Institue of Science and Technology, Dr. T. R. Paarivendhar, who is also a Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha from the Perambalur Constituency.



Contribution from the Alumni

SRM Alumni too came forward in this and together they have donated around 250 packets of essentials to the needy in and around Potheri. In this present tough time, when the world is facing the wrath of the deadly coronavirus, our humanitarian side is resurfacing. Once again with time, the human race has proved themselves by fighting against this battle together.

The Directorate of Alumni Affairs expresses the hearties gratitude to all the alumni who joined hands in helping the needy in these tough times.



Delhi Meetup

"Reunion is the time when many alumni choose to reflect upon and celebrate their college experience in different ways." Held on January 25, 2020. NCR Meetup came out to be another success story of the Directorate of Alumni Affairs.

The best positive vibes always come out from a group of good people. It was a great time with the alumni that provided a motivating platform to spread inspirations amongst themselves with new developments and ideas.



Mr. Anshuman Dikshit-Mechatronics(2017)-KTR	Mr. Nakul Mehrotra-Nanotechnology(2013)-KTR
Mr. Ketan Aggarwal-ECE(2016)-NCR	Mr. Kartik Mittal-Mech(2017)-KTR
Mr. Harsh Aditya-ECE(2015)-NCR	Mr. Mohd Asad-EEE(2015)-NCR
Mr. Sumit Jain -Mechatronics(2013)-KTR	Mr. Archishman Panja-EEE(2014)-KTR

Bangalore Meetup

The Directorate of Alumni Affairs conducted Bangalore Meet on February 02, 2020.

In the heart of the silicon valley of India, Our alumni base is growing strong. The IT hub witnessed the 2nd edition of Bangalore meet-up. Alumni hailing from different branches came together to rejoice and share their experiences from the past



Nakul Mehrotra (Nano, 2013)	Roshan Kesavan (MBA, 2011)
Pranay Ranjan (Biotech, 2020)	Sunil Bhargav N (Aero, 2019)
Shubham (ECE, 2020)	Jayaprakash R (Mecha, 2019)
Yoganand (Mecha, 2012)	Teerth R Koradiya (Mecha, 2019)
Anurang Desarda (Civil, 2019)	John Melchizedek (Aero, 2013)

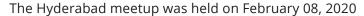
Recall it as often as you wish, a happy memory never wears out. One of our alumni Mr. Roshan Kesavan organised a meetup among the alumni at Bangalore on March 01, 2020 All of them met for a cup of tea and interacted among each other leading their individual growth.

Shashank Malla (Mech, 2017)
Sharaswati Biswas (Gen, 2016)
Sunil Pareek (Mech, 2017)
Kartik Srinivasan (Aero, 2014)
Roshan Kesavan (MBA, 2011)
Venkat Jayanth (El, 2018)
Shivam Kishore (EEE, 2017)
Saurabh Talreja (EEE, 2017)



Hyderabad Meetup

Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others. Alumni meetup provides an excellent platform for our alumni to meet over a cup of coffee and share their success and failure stories helping everyone in their endeavours. It also fosters alumni relations and helps them share ideas leading to every individual's personal growth.





Akhil (Mech, 2019)	Nakul Mehrotra (Nano, 2013)
Harshin Lalpet (Auto, 2014)	Anurag Mahato(Chem, 2015)
Akbar (Auto, 2017)	Abdul Kareem Mohammed(EEE, 2019)
Purvagnya Iragavarapu (Auto, 2017)	Ashhar Ahmed Shaikh(Mechatronics, 2018)
Bellamkonda Ajaybabu (IT, 2015)	Subhash Kumar (Mech, 2020)

Pre-Internship Fair

"You don't have to be great to start but you have to start to be great"

The Directorate of Alumni Affairs has a keen interest in helping students to accomplish their goals and reach great heights in their endeavours.

The Pre-internship fair conducted by the Directorate of Alumni Affairs on 12th February 2020 at biotech seminar hall provides students with some of the best tips and tricks to sit for an internship interview, which makes them ready for their summer internship.

Some of the important topics highlighted in the event are-

- » Resume making
- » Goal & vision settings
- » Tips to get internships in IITs and IIMs

SRM Achiever's Connect 2020



We, at the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, bring to you SRM Achiever's Connect 2020. Eleven eminent personalities will not only teach you to survive in the growing competitive world but also will teach you to compete with yourself and bring out the best of your capabilities.

The SRM Achiever's Connect was successfully organized with the most interactive panel session. The students present were given the opportunity to ask questions to the speakers and to clear their doubts. The majority of them were curious about careers and internships which the alumni vividly explained in the session.

We are glad to have such amazing alumni as well as the curious students and would like to thank them for making our event more glorious and successful.

"Success is achieved by taking small steps daily towards our goal".

Directorate of Alumni Affairs organized the SRM Achiever's connect on The 15 February 2020 which witnessed a number of enthusiasts participants from every stream.

This event was a grand success due to the presence of 11 eminent personalities who shared their invaluable experiences and journey towards achieving their destination.

We are grateful to have them here and would like to have them more in the future.

Mr. Rahul Kumar (Genetics, 2010)	Mr. Sagar Choudhary (Mech, 2010)
Mr. Neeraj Krishnamoorthy (Bioinformatics, 2009)	Mr. Roshan Kesvan (MBA, 2011)
Ms. Devanshi Seth (IT, 2013)	Mr. Krishna Kumar Suresh (CSE, 2015)
Ms. Yashika Khater (Biotech, 2013)	Mr. Karthigeyan (MBA, 2002)
Mr. Madhavan Unni	Mr. Rakesh Gupta (IT, 2010)
Mr. Karthik Balu (ECE, 2008)	

Alumni Scholarship & Concession

Particulars	% of discount	
SRM Guest house for Alumni coming for lectures alone (Accommodation & Food)	100	
General Discounts		
SRM Hotels (Guindy & Potheri)	20	
SRM Transports (Only for bookings done at the SRM Transport Office)	10*	
SRM Hospital (Kattankulathur)	25	
Admission of Alumni Ward (in tuition fee)	25	
Admission of Sibling (in tuition fee)	10 - 15	
Incentive for admission of International Student (As recommended by IR office)	20	

^{*}Transport concessions is up to the discretion of the SRM Transport



We invite contributions for Articles/Quotes/Reminiscences from alumni for the newsletter. Send feedback to feedback.alumni@srmist.edu.in

