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#### MESSAGE FROM MR. GAURAV JAIN

PRESIDENT, NLDIMSR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



MBA 06-08 BATCH
DIRECTOR- INSTITUTIONAL EQUITIES AT SPARK CAPITAL LIMITED

"As a proud alumnus of N.L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research (NLDIMSR), I could not be more proud of the Institutes' accomplishments. NLDIMSR has successfully provided more than 2 decades of high-quality educational opportunities to students, resulting in more than 7700 alumni who excel in various careers and across various companies both in India and Abroad.

Serving as President of the Alumni Association, it is an honor for me to continue serving on the Alumni Committee, which is comprised of well-known community leaders who are enthusiastic and committed to the Institute and its students.

Each year, as we welcome new students to NLDIMSR, we are reminded of the great legacy left behind by our wonderful alumni. The Alumni Committee will continue its mission to raise public awareness of the NL Dalmia Alumni Association, to grow its membership base, to assist with development of Institute & its corporate interface, and to promote exciting activities and events for alumni in the India and beyond.

Joining the Alumni Association encourages continued success for our students and support for the Institute. We want to reach out and connect with you, no matter where you may be. Please continue to visit us on the Alumni Portal ALMASHINES (Dalmians.com) and Linkedin Page (Alumni Network (NLDIMSR)) for information on future Alumni activities.

In addition, we recently initiated Regional Chapters of Alumni Network, an offline platform for our alumni to connect with peers, professors and staff, the Institute, and community businesses. Please consider joining these chapters (For More details contact Office of Alumni Relations).

Wherever you are, at whatever stage of life you are in, there's something here for you. The Alumni Committee and I encourage you to share and use this platform as one way to engage with other Alumni and maintain your personal connection to the Institute."





## **AMOGH**

(A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE AND HAPPINESS)





Date - 24th June, 2022

Venue - Taj, Santacruz

Attended By - 190+ Senior Alumni and Corporate Leaders

The NLDIMSR team hosted a thoughtful & heart-warming session of over 90 minutes with **Keynote Speaker Captain Raghu Raman**, followed by a networking dinner.

The takeaway from Captain Raghu's insightful session on "Leadership from 26,000 feet":

- Mission Comes first
- You can train yourself to fight the most difficult situations in life.
- Leaders are required in tough situations.
- There are no good teams or bad teams.

NLDIMSR is grateful for the active participation and huge support we received, as it has helped us continue to expand our mission to provide 360-degree holistic development to the institute, both from education industry and important stakeholders from the corporates.



# GUEST SESSIONS



SESSION NAME
CREATIVITY,
COMMUNICATION &
STRATEGY



THANK YOU

MS. RIDHIMA WALI

HR Batch, Class of 2013 (Co-Founder & CEO, NYRA Leadership Consulting)

N.L. Dalmia Institute is pleased to thank their esteemed Alumni, Ms. Ridima Wali, HR Batch- Class of 2013 for delivering a session for our students on "Creativity, Communication, and Strategy". The session was very insightful and interactive.

Ms. Ridima Wali shed some light on the following:

- 1. How to leverage the mechanics of your voice Pitch Tone Tempo
- 2. How to build your brand and convey your story through the perennial question - Tell me about yourself
- 3. The levers of building your presence
- 4. Discovering, showcasing, and building buy-in for your creative ideas.
- 5. Building your brand

All these insights helped students, especially freshers to understand the right way of preparing themselves for interviews. She also talked about tone and its importance in communication in various aspects like influencing people, leadership, audience engagement, articulation, delivery of content, & upliftment.

The NLDIMSR team is eager to continue hosting such events for students that will assist them in understanding their areas of specialization.

#### **GUEST SESSIONS**

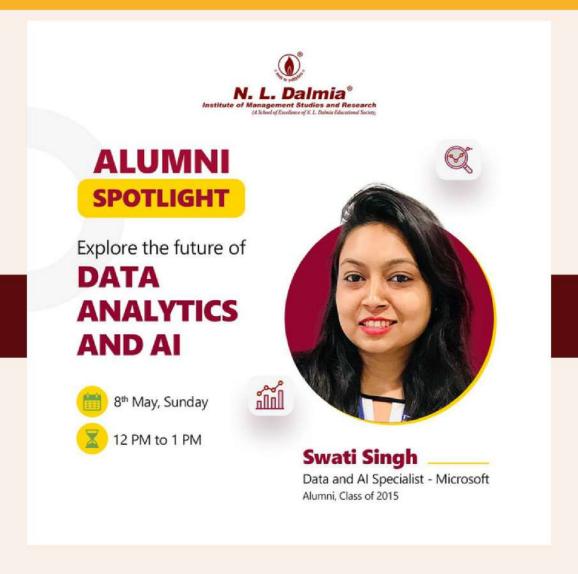


The Banking sector has seen an enormous boom in India. Many youngsters have started choosing Banking and Finance as one of their top career choices.

To guide our students accurately on this path, NLDIMSR organized a session on 3rd June, 2022 with Ms. Priya Sharma, Regional Head Sales - Mortgages at ICICI Bank. Ms. Priya is an Alumna of our Class of 2016.

NLDIMSR, on behalf of our students would like to thank you for the wonderful session

#### **GUEST SESSIONS**



With changing times, technology has come a long way. Our Alumni, Ms. Swati Singh, Data and AI Specialist at Microsoft, was invited to discuss the future of Data Analytics and AI.

Ms Swati Singh is our Alumni of Batch 2015. She strongly believes that capturing value from data requires excellence in all components of the Insights Value chain.

The session was really insightful and knowledgeable, and students were grateful to attend such a wonderful session

#### POST-BUDGET ANALYSIS



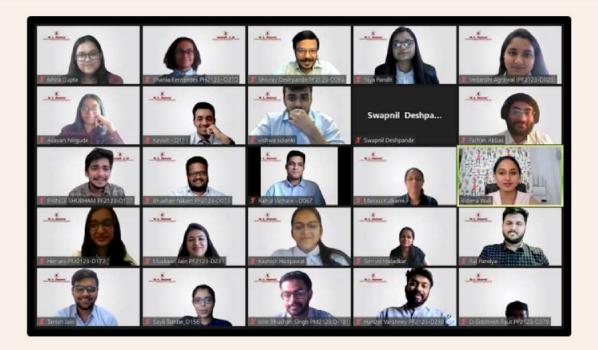
The budget showcases the vision of the government. It is essential for an MBA student to understand and analyze the budget. To make the understanding easier, this post budget analysis session was organized, by the Finance Forum of NLDIMSR.

This session included our esteemed Alumni Mr. Gaurav Jain, Director - Institutional Equities at Spark Capital Ltd.

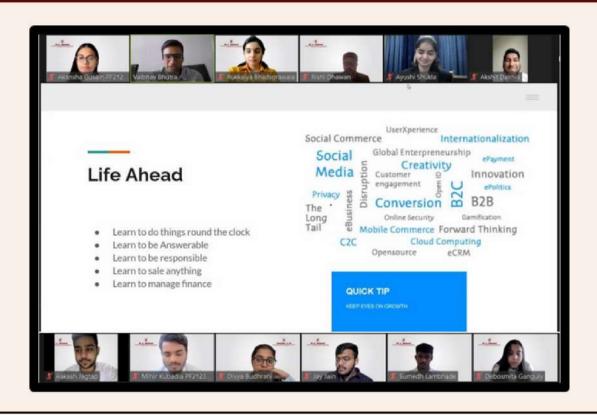
He was of the opinion that, as the budget focuses on a new age economy with policies on solar and clean energy, green bonds, and targeting carbon neutrality, it is definitely futuristic. This session was full of immense discussions and learnings. Students were delighted to have such an interactive and insightful session.

#### PEHEL

#### An interaction with our Alumni Entrepreneurs



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The Alumni Committee had organized an interactive alumni engagement program named PEHEL in March, 2022. Students were given the opportunity to interact with alumni and receive tremendous insight into the journey of entrepreneurs and the challenges which they faced along the way.

A group of 10 alumni were invited to share their experiences with the students as they embarked on their entrepreneurial journeys from a variety of industries, including financial banks and services, e-commerce, real estate, etc.

The goal of this initiative was to provide students with practical instruction on subjects like: Initial challenges encountered when obtaining capital, Soft Skills and Qualities that top the list of being an entrepreneur.

The event was very interactive and energetic, as students were curious to learn about the experiences of entrepreneurs who started their journey in the same institute. In order for everyone to benefit from the Alumni's experiences and suggestions, the lessons were later shared by the students, with their peers in class.

NLDIMSR is appreciative of the alumni who were gracious enough to take time out of their busy schedules to help our students.

#### **MOCK INTERVIEWS**



Before the final placements, NLDIMSR launched a program called the Mock Interview Program to get its students prepared for the corporate world, wherein mock interviews for 1st year PGDM students were conducted, where more than 30 alumni interviewed students before the placement season, in order to help them enhance their skills and know their skill gaps.

In order to assure that the students have a better comprehension of the technical aspects and that they assimilate in-depth knowledge, the interviews were executed in a job-specific manner. The program was designed such that Alumni interacted one-on-one with students and assessed their skills throughout the interview.

Alumni ultimately offered students helpful feedback on their interviewing techniques in order to assist them identify the inadequacies that can only be addressed through practice.

This helped the students improve their skills, build their confidence, enhance their communication skills, and reduce stress before a real job interview. It also enabled students to learn how to portray themselves.

NLDIMSR would like to thank the following Alumni for taking out the time to guide our students in their interview preparations:

Aditya Singhania

(Nomura)

Kavita Pandya

(Consultant to non-profit)

Jigar Shah

(Klay Capital UAE)

Rohan Oza

(CRISIL)

Ronak Sanghvi

(Amazon)

Shivanshu Murarka

(Bank of America)

Rutu Mehta

(Abbott)

Shubham Agrawal

(Transparent Value)

Saurabh S. Bajpai

Snehal Kulkarni

(Axis Capital)

Salim Fancywala

(Nomura)

Sonia Thakkar

Sanket Gadkari

(Knight Frank India

Private Limited)

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(ICRA)

Shailendra Yaday

Vishal Sharma

(Upstocks)

Amreen Shaikh

(CRISIL)

Krish Kedia

(Anand Rathi

Wealth Management)

**Anil Chaudary** 

(Goldman Sachs)

**Kumar Diwakar** 

(ICICI)

Ankur Kalani

(Citi Bank)

Maruti Indoria

(Network 18 Media

& Investments Ltd)

**Apurv Ranjan** 

(L&T FS)

Mihir Parmar

(Kotak Mahindra Bank)

**Ashish Jain** 

(L&T Financial Services)

Mudra Mehta

Dalveen Bakshi

(CRISIL)

Nikhil Pawar

(General Mills)

**Darshil Shah** 

(J.P. Morgan)

Pooja C Gupta

(Altisource Firstsource)

Gaurav Jain

(SPARK Capital)

**Priyank Chheda** 

(Standard Chartered Bank)

Himanshu Singhal

(Parami Capital Advisors and Holdings)

Ritesh Bangera

(Morgan Stanley)

## CAREER MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT AUDITS



Alumna Kinnarie Singh, who conducted Career Management Program for 1st year PGDM students

The N.L. Dalmia Institute takes pleasure to thank our esteemed alumni, Ms. Kinnarie Singh for conducting the "Career Management Program" on the May, 2022. This program covered various topics such as resume development, effective social media management, interview skills- especially behavioural interviews, stress management and how to maintain emotional well being.

This program was followed by Student audit, which checked the preparedness of students for their final placements. In this audit, 300 students were interviewed individually by an external panel. It was on similar lines as that of a final placement interview, emphasizing on subject knowledge and summer internship projects.

This session was very informative and provided immense learning to students as they could get a glimpse of how to tackle corporate interviews.

NLDIMSR is eager to conduct more such events which will help students for their interview preparation.

# NBA Accreditation Alumni Meet with External Evaluator

On 19th Feb, Alumni Relations Team, organized a virtual meeting wherein Alumni interacted with external evaluators, as part of their audit process. The meeting was a discussion, with the goal of understanding the experiences and suggestions shared by our Alumni,

The institute went on to receive National Board of Accreditation (NBA) on 24th May, 2022

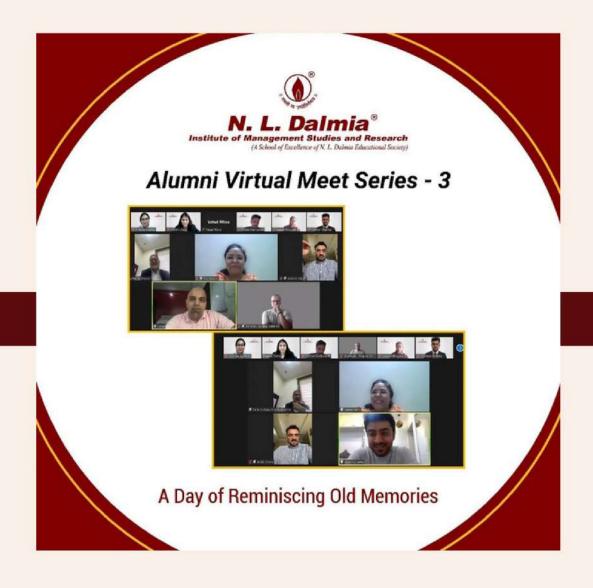
We thank the following Alumni for taking out the time to support the institute in their journey:

- Bhoopesh Jain, Class of 2002- MMS (Full Time), Finance Founder & CEO, RNB Corporate Services Pvt Ltd.
- Jateen Solanki, Class of 2014- MFM (Part Time), Finance Financial Planning Analyst, ARCHER
- Tejas Fadia, Class of 2005- MMS (Full Time), Marketing Vice President, Infomatics Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Himanshu Singhal, Class of 2003, MMS (Full Time), Finance Founder, Parami Capital Advisors and Holdings
- Akhil Gupta, Class of 2005, PGDBM (full time), Marketing
- Rupen Chawla, Class of 2019, PGDBM (full time), Marketing Senior Brand Executive, Coffee segment, Unilever

- Priyanka Shah Islania, Class of 2011, PGDBM (full time), Human resources Vice President, HRBP Marketing, Vodafone Idea
- Ridhima Wali, Class of 2013, PGDBM (full time), Human resources Founder, Nyra Leadership Consulting
- Ronak Sanghvi, Class of 2009, PGDBM (full time), Marketing Content Insight Manager, Amazon
- Mandar Naik, Class of 2010, PGDBM (full time), Marketing Director, Revenue Strategy and Planning, Viacom 18 Media
- Sanjay Gawde, Class of 2010, MMS (Full Time), Finance
- Gaurav Jain, Class of 2007, Finance Director, Institutional Equities, Spark Capital
- Toral Kotecha, Class of 2013, MMS (Full Time), Marketing Senior Manager, Partnerships and Alliances, LXME
- Kinnare Singh, Class of 2010, MMS (Full Time), Finance Soft Skills Trainer and Academician
- Trupti Chavan, Class of 2015, PGDBM (full time), Human resources

NLDIMSR is appreciative of the alumni who were gracious enough to take time out of their busy schedules and join the virtual meet.

#### VIRTUAL ALUMNI MEET-3

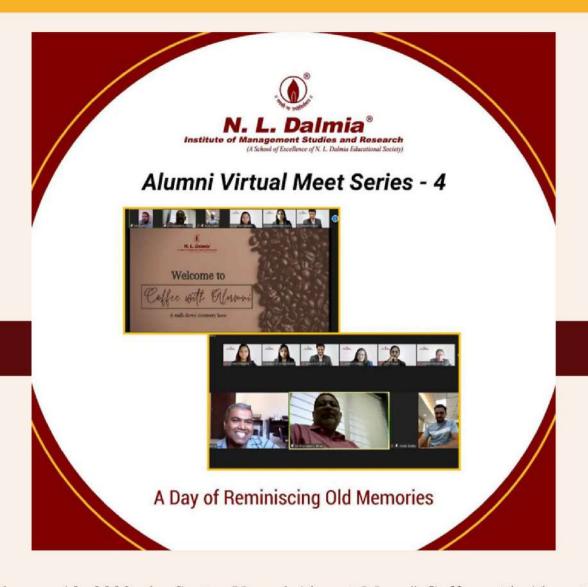


The Senior Virtual Alumni Meet was held on 8th January, 2022 to catch up & reconnect with our beloved alumni. The informal meet between Dr. Seema Saini-CEO of NLDES, Dr. Maqsood Khan-Director of NLDIMSR and our esteemed Alumni was all about smiles and interesting discussions about their time in institute, listening to their MBA stories, and their journey from college to corporate life.

The institute is thankful for the support and guidance given by its Alumni.

# VIRTUAL ALUMNI MEET-4

(Coffee with Alumni)

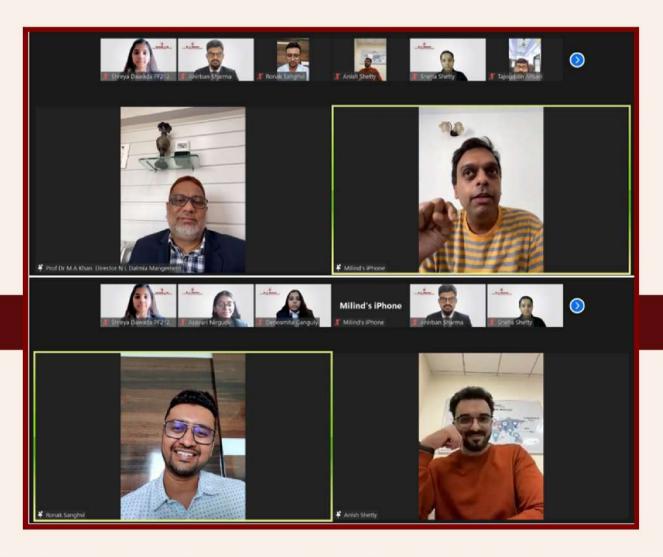


On February 12, 2022, the Senior Virtual Alumni Meet-" Coffee with Alumni" was conducted, with an aim to re-connect us with our cherished Alumni. The reunion was a fun opportunity for our Alumni to interact with their old friends and share with us, memories of their time in the institute. The discussion proceeded as they described how they got into the Corporate world and how they succeeded in their careers.

The N.L. Dalmia Institute appreciates the input from all of its Alumni and looks forward to hosting additional discussions of this nature.

## VIRTUAL ALUMNI MEET 5

(Rendezvous)



The Alumni Connect Committee of NLDIMSR organized the fifth Virtual Alumni meet "Rendezvous", on the 23rd of April, 2022, which was led by our Director Prof. M.A. Khan, and Head of Alumni Relations- Mr. Anish Shetty.

The virtual event created an opportunity for alumni to virtually engage with one another while being socially distant. This initiative witnessed huge success for the institute.

The meet was a huge success as we shared intriguing conversations, real-life experiences, and industry-specific knowledge. It was a day filled with lots of smiles, laughter, and memories of the good old days of being a student at NLDIMSR. A big thanks to our Alumni for joining us this year, and we look forward to many more such heartwarming meets in the future

# PROJECT VIVAS



The Project Vivas were conducted by N. L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research on the 11th and 12th of March, 2022 for the PGDM Final year students to evaluate the Summer internship projects of the students, through a panel consisting of industry experts and to provide constructive feedback for the same.

More than 30 alumni were part of the event. Final year students presented their projects to the panel comprising of Faculty and Alumni of their respective specialization. The event was formulated such that Alumni and the faculty had one-to-one interaction with the students to evaluate the depth of understanding of the students on their respective projects.

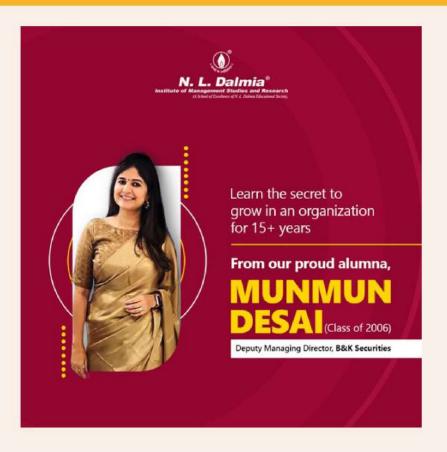
Students received advice by the industry experts which benefited them in gaining confidence, better understanding of the project and gain insights of the project.



We are delighted to announce that our Alumni Mr. Manoj Salian has been promoted as Co-Founder and Chief Customer Officer at Interviewer.AI.

He is a Talent Management specialist with extensive experience in Talent acquisition. He holds a double Masters degree in Business Management and a MBA in Human Resources. He has over a decade of experience and has previously worked for multinational corporates like Johnson & Johnson and JP Morgan, amongst others.

He is also an active member of Red Cross Singapore, volunteering for social causes. His interest is in Innovation and he has turned to the digital side of recruitment and hiring. He strongly believes that every candidate should get an equal opportunity to present themselves.



"Changing jobs because the grass is greener on the other side? But is that really a good idea?"

NLDIMSR is happy to share the success of our PGDM alumna, Munmun Desai, who delivered a session on staying the same organization over a number of years. She joined as a Management Trainee and went on to become the Managing Director at B&K Securities in 16 years.

Munmun Desai is the Deputy Managing Director at #B&KSecurities with a demonstrated history of working in the financial services industry. She has been advising corporate #treasuries for cash management & Investment for over a decade. Awards: Awarded 40 under 40 Investment professional Awarded Top 100 Women in Finance by AIWMI Recognized as Top 10 Women leaders in Finance by CEO Insight India Magazine.



"Every day, I see new opportunities open, and with time, I am confident of being able to usher in a dynamic change in the way investors engage with real estate."

NLDIMSR is proud of the success of our Alumni Himanshu Singhal, Founder and Managing partner Parami Capital Advisors & Holdings.

He was a Treasury Management enthusiast in his college days, who managed to bag his dream job in this niche field right after Management college. In December 2021, he quit his job to pursue his passion for real estate. His next project is opening fractional investment in foreign real estate



Hearty congratulations to our alumna, Ms. Parin Kothari Tanna for being promoted to the post of Director of Research at B&K Securities India

She has previously worked as Vice President- Equity Research in the Consumer sector for more than 5 years, and has a rich experience as a Research Analyst for more than 14 years

Mr. Parin is our Alumna of Batch 2008, MBA- Finance



NLDIMSR is excited for the success of our alumni, Ankush Gadi. He is the Director - Data Management & Analytics at CRISIL Limited, and has won the #AI50Awards at The Machinecon, India's Biggest Exclusive Gathering of Analytics & AI Leaders. He is now one of the Top 50 Most Influential AI and Analytics Leaders in India 2021 (AIM)

With a rich experience of 15+ years, he has successfully delivered lucrative business insights across various sectors. We're proud that he has grown from strength to strength in demonstrating exceptional acumen in the AI and Machine Learning domain.



Mr. Kunal Valia Class of 2001

The NLDIMSR Team is ecstatic to share the noble achievement of one of our Alumni Mr. Kunal Valia, Chief Investment Officer – Listed Investments at Waterfield Advisors.

We heartily congratulate him on his achievement as his <u>article</u> got published in The Economic Times.

The article is subjected to - "Focus on asset allocation in second half of 2022; inflation data to drive markets"

In an interview with ETMarkets, Valia said: "While deploying, a staggered approach over time enables to ride the volatility and provide better risk-adjusted returns,"



#### **Ami Sampat**

Company - Derivium Tradition Securities India Pvt Ltd. Head - Wealth Partnerships & Structured Products

Batch - 2010 - 2012

"My 2 years at N. L. Dalmia gave me an opportunity to hone my leadership and general management skills. Strong focus on academics continued with practical exposure through guest lectures, events, mentor's sessions helped me to build a great foundation for my professional path. Grateful to the Institute and faculty members for helping us imbibe a strong value system which eventually defined my approach towards my professional path"



#### Ankita Mishra

Company - Amazon Development Centre India Ltd Designation - HR Business Partner Batch - 2011 - 2013

"NLDIMSR has shaped my personality in many ways. I learnt the best of HR subjects from amazing faculty members and the overall ecosystem helped me in becoming a better person. When I entered the industry to start working, I already had a head start in HR concepts, thanks to the specialised HR batch. We were provided with well rounded development through assessment centres, IR case laws, personality development camps, college festivals, national level paper presentations and multiple sessions by industry stalwarts. I feel grateful to have been associated with this institute. The conceptual & life learnings have shaped my career, my personality."



#### **Guruprasad Iyer**

Company - S & P Global Inc

Designation - Lean Management & Business Transformation Coach

Batch - 2004 - 2006

"My gratitude to the institute may probably be summed up by the fact that I am still at the company that I was campus placed. Though my career started in finance, which was my specialization in MMS back then, I have moved around to 6 different roles in the same company, including credit analysis, data management, infrastructure consulting risk and quality control, lean management and business transformation. Not just the academic knowledge, but the well-rounded exposure that I got at NLDIMSR has been helpful in building the foundation for this illustrious career. The friends I made during my time have become friends for life, and I still cherish the beautiful memories we created together."



#### Harsh Sharma

Company - VGL Group

Designation - Deputy General Manager – HRBP

Batch - 2005 - 2007

"My student life at NLDIMSR were the 2 glorious years of my life. Most professors came from industry which made applied learning possible and was very useful when I started with a corporation. That combined with superior infrastructure that NLDIMSR provided, has led to our holistic development. All that exposure from visiting workplaces, making presentations and other group activities prepared us for what was to come. I still get a high from thinking about those days at NLDIMSR. I feel solid gratitude for the education and training I received here."



#### Hrishikesh Gangoli

Company - ESPN India

Designation - Associate Director, Marketing Solutions

Batch - 2008 - 2010

"It has been a decade since I graduated from NLDIMSR, but it feels like yesterday! The familial feeling is the core of everything that sets apart this Institute from others. That's because this isn't just an MBA institute, it's a place where one learns values for life. The integrity, sheer quality, vision imparted by an excellent batch of professors has guided me through many a professional ebb and flow - every time I've faced a crossroad in my career, these values have helped me make correct decisions while staying true to my beliefs. It is inspiring to see that the institution has grown leaps and bounds in the last decade and is being favoured by the industry, which is a proud testament to the excellent standards set by students and professors alike."

#### **VOTE OF THANKS**

Alumni play a very essential role in supporting current students, creating a sense of community, and preparing them for life after NLDIMSR. Right from sharing top tips with incoming students, providing career advice and mentoring students, the importance of alumni to their institution is immense.

NLDIMSR has a strong connect with its Alumni and believes in cherishing the relationship with them, by involving them in sessions and events conducted in the institute.

NLDIMSR is profoundly enhanced by these dedicated Alumni, who give their precious time and energy to support the work and mission of the Institute.

Thank you!



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