# **IIHMR**UNIVERSITY

REPORT

On

## BENGALURU ALUMNJ MEET

30<sup>14</sup> NOVEMBER 2019



### Background

Bengaluru Alumni meet was held on Saturday, 30th November 2019 at Royal Orchid Central, Bengaluru. Around 50+ Alumni attended the meet. Senior faculty members and Alumni from Bengaluru campus attended the meet. The members caught up with old friends, rekindled old memories and reconnected with old mentors. They also gave their valuable feedback and suggestions for the betterment of the Institute.



The program began with the welcoming of the alumni with a Tilak. A video presentation comprising of the previous alumni meets, followed which chronicled the journey of the alumni of IIHMR from 1996 to the present provided a nostalgic feeling which was well acknowledged.

#### **Inaugural Session**



Welcome address was given by Dr Pankaj Gupta, President, IIHMR University. He greeted the alumni with a thank you note then he mentioned how happy he is to see the alumni and working in very good positions in the healthcare sector He spoke at length about the various initiatives and events which were held in the University in the last couple of days, like the recent 24<sup>th</sup>

Pradanya Conference, SEAPHEIN meeting, Launch of COE, etc. He also discussed about the MDP calendar and the upcoming 'Mindfulness and Happiness Retreat' which is going to be held in Goa from 28th to 31st December 2019 and vacancies in the IIHMR for Management and faculty positions. He also talked about how important is meaning over money. He also requested the alumni to contribute to their alma mater in various verticals and sharing their knowledge with the students through guest lectures, internships, live projects, and placements, etc. Dr Usha Manjunath, Director of IIHMR Bengaluru campus candidly mentioned about her long relation and attachment with IIHMR since the days of 1st batch. She



welcomed Dr Pankaj Gupta, Dr S.D. Gupta along with the pool of star alumni present on the eve, congratulating them to have successfully created a legacy of their career in their respective fields. She also extended a cordial invitation to everyone for the Foundation Day celebration & Alumni Meet at IIHMR

Bangalore Campus. Dr Manjunath was lovingly welcoming all for a visit to the electronic city and IIHMR Bengaluru campus. While looking forward for the opportunity and eagerness to interact and to grow the relationship further.

On the occasion, Ms Aarti Gupta, Business Development and Credit, Finnable Credit, and alumni from 1st Batch, IIHMR U, gave a nostalgic speech. She shared her experience of the University, and the changes which has come up in the university such as placements etc. She talked about her startup company which is FINNABLE CREDIT.



She also shared her experience of how she changed her field from healthcare to finance. She also talked about her interest in epidemiology, that how the things have changed now, how the data are being used with the help of artificial intelligence in industry's.

On the occasion, the inaugural address was given by Dr SD Gupta, Chairman IIHMR University. He rekindled the memories of IIHMR with the senior alumni present there. He described the journey of the earlier batches as unpredictable and

unforeseen which turned out to be a beautiful one. He gave the credit to the students who made their mark in setting healthcare as a wellrecognized industry by going into various ventures and corners of the world. Bringing the paradigm shift in the management of hospitals and healthcare, it has been observed that the thinking process is changing and



so is the mindset of the policy makers, he said. He mentioned the role and importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare and also how surveillance plays an important role but mentioned there is no replacement to the human brain suggesting that we must keep growing. He asked the alumni to work out a vision for themselves and how will they shape their future.

Dr Gupta concluded his speech by urging the alumni to look forward to achieving excellence. He said, "The world is changing, and so is technology and the

expectations are also changing. So, keep growing and keep contributing." The meet ended with a gala dinner in the evening which provided a great opportunity for network build-up.

#### **Outcome of the Event**

- The meet witnessed the representation of First batch alumna Mrs. Aarti Gupta, Entrepreneur, Finnable Credit, attending and connecting with all for the first time, thus making the network and connection more stronger.
- The alumni, dignitaries, senior faculty and students from IHMR Bangalore campus also attended the meet which added to the bonding and fruitful interactions.



Alumni gave their brief introduction and their valuable feedback & suggestions for the betterment of Institute. And also showed their interest to serve their Alma Mater in different ways like guest lecture, summer training and internship opportunity etc.



- This time for registration, rendezvous card was improvised and given to alumni so that this way we could ensure that the correct information was filled in by the alumni themselves and, to avoid hustle bustle during the registration process making it easy and smooth.
- The rendezvous card was collected from the alumni in the end against which the mementos were given. The rendezvous card was very useful in keeping accountability of mementos that were presented to the alumni and to keep the record of no. of alumni who actually attended the meet.
- The event was a great success in its prime motive of Connecting and Networking the alumnus and the present management, faculty and some of the final year students.



It was the evening full of enjoyment, enthusiasm, sharing and immense pleasure. Event concluded with group photographs and selfies.



#### **Scope of Improvement**

- The size and the weight of the mementos should be considered while planning to carry them for the outstation meets.
- Due to shortage on man power we could not record the feedback of the alumni in the memoir diary and scrap books.
- The travel part was tiring for all of us due to a hectic schedule.
- The meet should be planned after keeping in mind all the factors like wedding season, festival etc. coming in the month. So that we could have more footfalls on the event and to connect with more alumni.

The Alumni meet was drawing to the close and this year, the Alumni of IIHMR were given special memento (a framed Convocation Batch Picture, Planner diary and a pen) which was an initiative by the management of IIHMR.

Also, the event achieved its aim of informal interaction amongst the alumni and the Alumni present showed its strong interest in making such Alumni Meet a regular annual event.



