

REPORT
ON
UAE ALUMNI MEET
SEPTEMBER 24, 2021



“A Virtual Connect from Miles Apart”



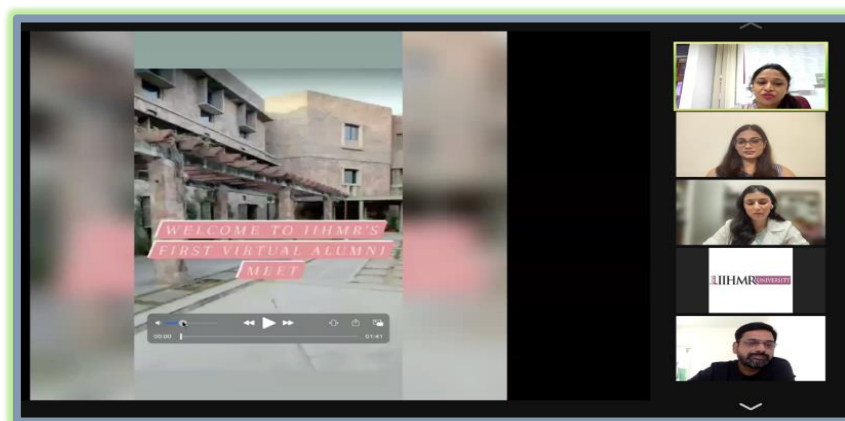
Attuning to the ‘new normal’, the UAE Alumni meet was organised on a virtual platform on September 24, 2021, from 4pm to 5:30 pm. Many, including the IIHMR Team, participated in the meet and about 20 Alumni of IIHMR University, Jaipur, residing in the UAE were a part of this immersive evening.

Before the formal commencement of the meeting, an Alumna expressed her surprise upon the fact that so many students from our beloved University reside in UAE and expressed hope and gratitude to be able to connect with everyone through this virtual meet. With this, our meet commenced on a positive note.

This nostalgia filled evening, was unfolded by Dr(Col) Mahender Kumar, Chairman of the Alumni Committee, as he welcomed our beloved alumni, rightly calling them our “pillars of strength”.



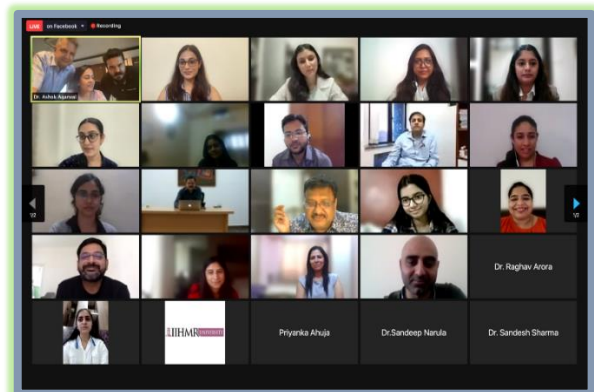
The Alumni were then welcomed in the warm presence of Dr. P.R. Sodani, the President of IIHMR University, Jaipur. Dr. P.R. Sodani, welcomed his students, expressing his happiness upon meeting the Alumni, albeit virtually. He called them “*an asset for our institution*”, and we couldn’t agree more. With great pride, Dr. Sodani spoke of IIHMR’s rich and global alumni network, who are and will always be a guiding light for the institution, through their insights from significant contributions in the Healthcare industry.



Further in his address, Dr. Sodani spoke about the recent initiatives that the University has undertaken to leverage the Alumni network into nurturing the present students at the University. One such initiative is the “**Know Your Alumni**” program, which is a weekly affair between an Alumnus, who has marked their presence in the Healthcare industry and our students who are eager to learn from their experience and understand the industry demands better. He spoke of the “**Master Classes**” which is another great initiative, organised to help students learn directly from industry experts of various backgrounds, who are invited to take a special session on an informative topic that is relevant in the present times.

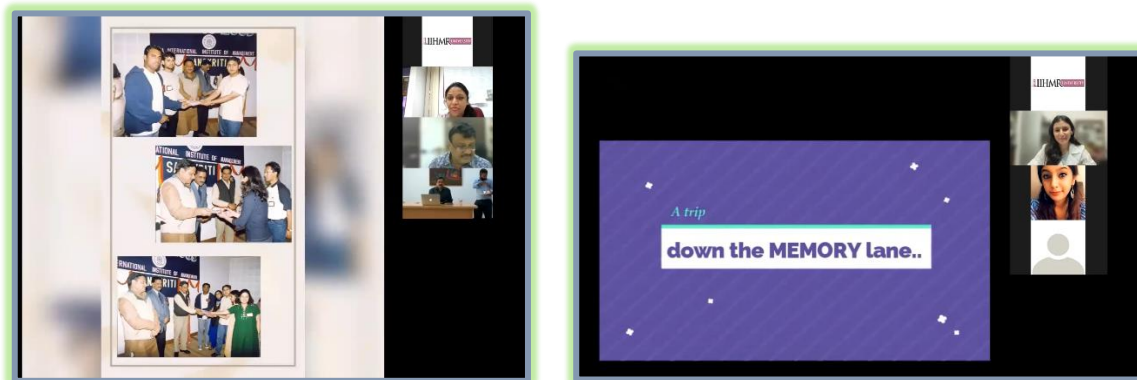
He briefly elaborated on other great programs such as Policy dialogues and open Webinars that the University hosts with experts in policy making and program management fields. He informed the alumni about the recent establishment of S.D. Gupta School of Public Health, another feather in the shining cap of IIHMR.

Coming back to the power of our Alumni, Dr. Sodani spoke of the “Alumni Mentoring Program” that the university began recently. The program is an effort to help the present student get closely mentored through illustrious Alumni, who very graciously accepted their roles as mentors. Through the platform of this virtual meet, he welcomed all the Alumni to get associated with these mentoring programs and guide the students.

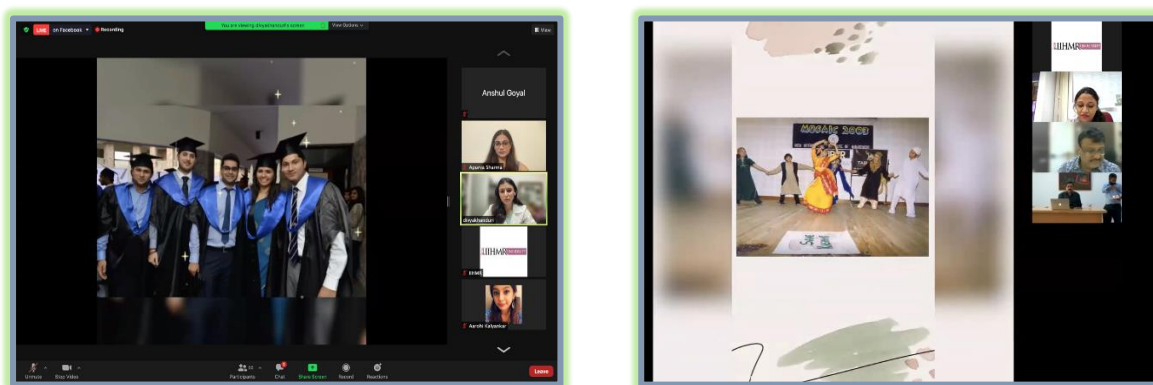


Rightly capturing the feelings of the current students, Dr. Sodani also expressed his hope to see the campus abuzz with the presence of students once again.

With the powerful address, Dr. Sodani opened the meet for pomp and flavour which began with an emotion evoking audio visual presentation, down the memory lane of our Alumni.



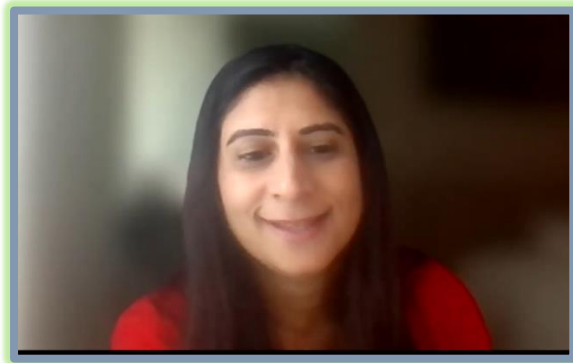
The Alumni reminisced their days at the university- their favourite places in the campus, organising the events, etc.



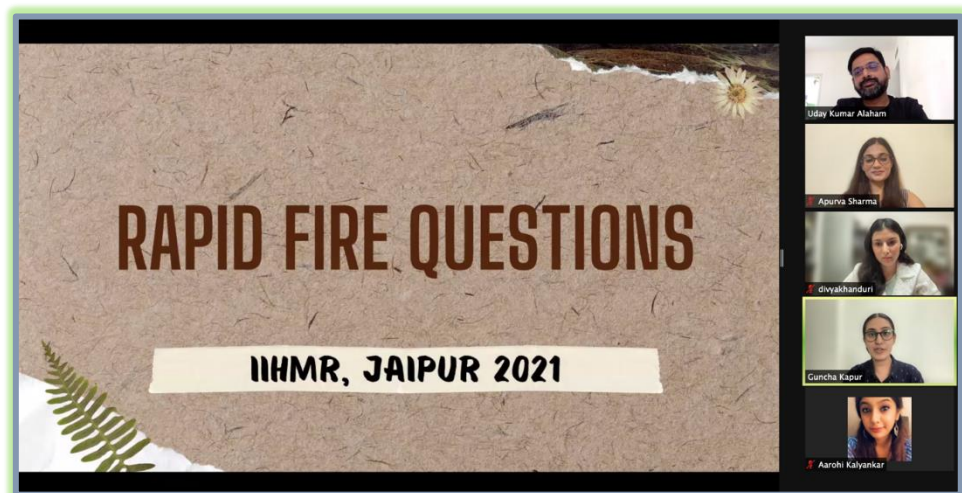
The music and fond memories encouraged our Alumni to open up and there was healthy reminiscing of “those days” that followed the trip down the memory lane.

One distinguished Alumna from the batch of 1999 spoke about his current ventures as a healthcare facility planner and builder and soon shifted to recollecting his beautiful days at IIHMR. It was followed by more Alumni introducing themselves and their journey from

IIHMR that eventually led them all to settle down in the awe-inspiring landscapes of Middle East.



After a brief conversation with the Alumni, it was now time for some fun and games. A “rapid fire quiz” with questions related to the university, the campus and UAE kept the Alumni at the edge of their seats.



The game transpired multiple alluring stories on how they had the most memorable times on the IIHMR Campus. In the words of the Alumni, their time at IIHMR was the “golden time of their lives” and the combination of fun and mischief filled with broadening of horizons from the learning at the institute was something they are grateful for forever.

invite to everyone for a warm evening of fun and chat soon. The conversation concluded with promises to meet soon, in Jaipur or anywhere in the beautiful United Arab Emirates.



After a long time of sharing beautiful stories about friendships, care and most importantly, the love for IIHMR University, Jaipur brought all the Alumni and the IIHMR Team closer. The time to conclude the meeting had come, but the stories were never-ending. The Alumni offered to connect with the students through LinkedIn or any other platform and collaborations were hoped for in the near future.

On this positive note, Dr(Col) Mahender Kumar extended a vote of thanks to all the Alumni present in the meet and curtains were drawn on the successful first virtual alumni meet of IIHMR Jaipur.

Outcomes of the Event:

- Realisation of a successful first virtual Alumni meet of the UAE based alumni, leaving scope to organize more such meet and greet events virtually
- Exchange and rapport development with UAE based Alumni
- Extension of support from multiple Alumni to help the current students with opportunities in the Middle East and any required guidance

Learnings from the Event:

- As an Alumni rightly pointed out, the meet could have been organised at a more appropriate time taking into consideration the suggestions from the Alumni residing in UAE. Since it was a holiday and peak afternoon time, many preferred to rest at home after a hectic week of work.
- The Committee can further work to capture the vast network of Alumni in the UAE through personalised invitations and more voracious announcements of the event.