



SILVER JUBILEE REUNION
OF
PGDHM FIRST BATCH
(1996–1998)

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IT'S TIME TO REMINISCE!

“I can now say I have seen the past, present and the future”

It was a beautiful winter day to celebrate a beautiful occasion. The PGDHM first batch of IIHMR University (1996-1998) completed 25 years and to mark this momentous occasion, the University organised a “Silver Jubilee Reunion”. All the students from the torch bearing batch were invited to relive their days at IIHMR. Phones, flights and days later, everyone finally made it to the ever-mesmerising IIHMR Jaipur campus. Of the 22 students in the first batch, 8 Alumni graced the occasion with their presence.

Laughter, surprises, and nostalgia soon filled the entrance as the first batch stepped into their Alma Mater. They might have aged in years, but the smiles were tighter and hugs warmer than their youth days.

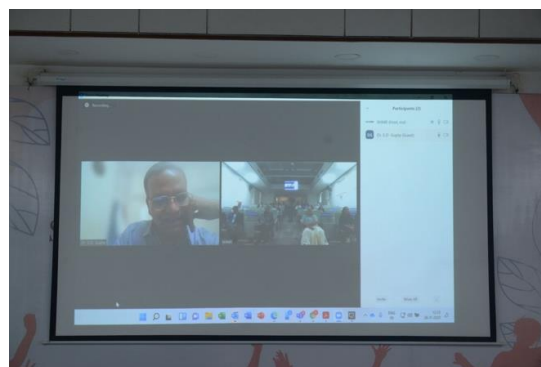
The beloved Alumni were greeted with plants and sweets and a small surprise awaited everyone in the auditorium. After 25 silver years, they had to sit according to their roll numbers!

Immediately upon seating, the alumni were taken on a trip down the memory lane. A visual compilation of photographs into a nostalgic video soon had everyone recalling their days on the campus. “*Cannot believe 25 years have passed*” remarked an Alumna, immediately followed by “*It seems like yesterday*”, said another. Photographs of events, cricket matches, and many such memories made everyone emotional, and it was a moment indescribable in mere words.

As the lights lit up the auditorium, Colonel Dr Mahender Kumar, Chairman of the Alumni Committee welcomed all the Alumni on behalf of Dr P R Sodani, President of IIHMR University, Faculty and staff. While addressing the Alumni he said, “If somebody asks me have you seen the past, present and the future, now I can say yes, it is in front of me” and in these lines he echoed the sentiments of IIHMR upon welcoming the students of its first PGDHM batch.



Welcoming the Alumni from the PGDHM First batch to their Alma Mater after 25 years



Dr. SD Gupta addressing his students from the PGDHM First Batch

Dr. SD Gupta soon joined the congregation through video call and was immediately greeted with cheerful faces as he was after all, the most beloved teacher in the room. Dr. Gupta immediately recognised his students and chuckled at the fact that so many of them were now in their 50s and one in their 60s, but their age-defying enthusiasm soon put these numbers to shame. Dr. Gupta congratulated the alumni upon their successful journeys in diverse industries and at the same time expressed gratitude towards them for creating a legacy and taking the name of the institution to great heights globally. “You are all leaders” he said, and indeed, they were all epitome of grace and inspiration. He concluded the address with humorous remark about how he has lectured them enough in the 2 years of their stay at campus and would like to keep this welcome address short.

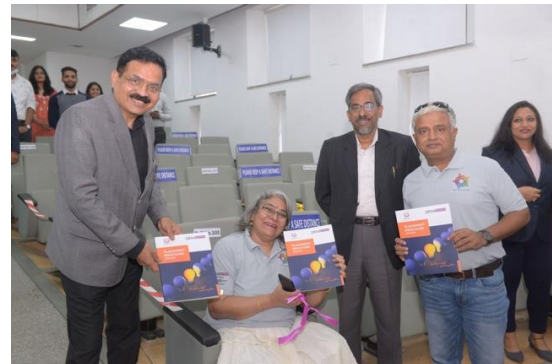
After Dr. SD Gupta’s moving address, Dr. PR Sodani addressed the gathering. He expressed his delight and honour in welcoming the first batch and recalled a few eventful meetings with some of them over the course of these years. Dr. Sodani expressed heartfelt gratitude towards them for choosing this institution and emphasised how they were a fundamental pillar of strength in taking this institute forward. He soon brought the gathering up to date with respect to developments that have taken place over the years, key ones being that IIHMR is now an umbrella for multiple schools, justifying their label of a university. The audience applauded the recent establishment of Dr. SD Gupta School of Public Health as an ode to his priceless contributions in the field of health and development. Dr. Sodani also announced an upcoming school for liberal arts and the alumni were awe-struck at the progressive and meticulous thinking by the leaders of the institution. He briefed them about several initiatives taken by the University to connect its present students with its prestigious Alumni network. 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.

After the thought provoking and inspiring speech, it was now time for a very special event. Placement season for the second-year students has arrived and who better than our special alumni to unveil the brochure and open the gateway of opportunities for the present batch. The gift-wrapped brochures were distributed among the alumni and together with the faculty, the placement brochure unveiling ceremony unfolded.



Placement Brochure 2020-2022 unveiling ceremony



Col. Dr. Mahender, Chairman of the Alumni Committee, staff members and Alumni from the 1996-1998 PGDHM batch, holding the placement brochure

After the ceremony, it was now time for the alumni to speak their thoughts and hearts out. Dr. Sheenu Jhawar, an effervescent personality and a very dear alumni took the initiative and thanked the university for organising the reunion. She congratulated everyone upon keeping the name of the university high and proud. Dr. Jhawar even proposed a suggestion to further improve alumni relations within the IIHMR community on behalf of her batch - an application which would contain the database of all IIHMR graduates as it would help to bring everyone on the same platform and facilitate better networking.



Alumni from the PGDHM First Batch (1996-1998) addressing the gathering

Soon after ma'am spoke, one by one all alumni took to the stage to bless us with their words of wisdom. "Don't just be the part, look the part" was a very important message delivered by the senior most alum, Dr. Manvir Singh. Some suggestions also included an all-inclusive reunion of multiple

batches and a more coordinated effort to get even more alumni on campus the next time. We were indeed blessed to be front row listeners to these great industry leaders.

As the program proceeded, first year student volunteers from the alumni committee escorted the ecstatic alumni for a visit to their hostel, where they relived some of their most cherished memories, remembering the games they played, ideas they discussed and the moments they had.



Reliving the memories on campus with some fun games and activities

After visiting the hostel, the guests were proceeded towards the MDP Centre where an elaborate lunch was organised. The guests, professors and Alumni team enjoyed the delicacies together.

After enjoying the lunch, it was time to freeze the moment into memories as the alumni posed for photographs with Dr. P R Sodani, Colonel Dr. Mahender Kumar, the Deans of IIHMR and the Alumni Committee team.

As a token of appreciation, the esteemed alumni were presented with a memento by IIHMR University President, Dr P R Sodani. As the day came towards an end, Colonel Dr. Mahender Kumar delivered a vote of thanks and presented gifts to the alumni. And the program concluded, as with contented yet heavy hearts goodbyes were exchanged, and promises made to stay connected with the Alma Mater.



Alumni from the PGDHM First Batch with Dr. PR Sodani and faculty of IIHMR



IIHMR Alumni Relations Committee along with the beloved Alumni from the PGDHM First Batch



IIHMR Alumni Relations Committee with Dr. PR Sodani and faculty at IIHMR



Outcomes of the Event:

- The inaugural offline Alumni meet of the first batch of IIHMR was a success, paving the way for more offline meet and greet events in the future.
- Extension of assistance from numerous Alumni to assist current students with opportunities and any additional guidance.

Learnings from the Event:

- Need for skilling up students not just to be part of industry but as pillars in healthcare, to be industry leaders.
- Be like leaders, stepping into the shoes of Managers from the day we step into the college.
- The Committee can further work to integrate the alumni data and connect the vast network of Alumni through a digital platform where they can be connected with their peer IIHMR graduates as it would help to bring everyone on the same platform and felicitate better networking.

