

SIES COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

CENTRE FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS

**Alumni Annual Report
Academic Year 2024-25**

Sno	Date	Description	No. of Alumni
01	22 nd Sept to 18 th Mar 2024	AIS Alumni Interactive Session for Placement Support	69
02	30 th Nov 2024	Annual Alumni Meet La-Mélange MMS	181
03	21 st Dec 2024	Silver Jubilee Celebration for Class of 1999	39
04	18 th Jan 2025	Annual Alumni Meet La-Mélange MCA	32
05	15 th Mar 2025	Virtual Middle East Alumni Chapter Meet	14
06	Ongoing	Alumni Support towards Summer and Final Placements	2
07	Ongoing	CIS Corporate Interactive Session by Alumni	24
		Total	475

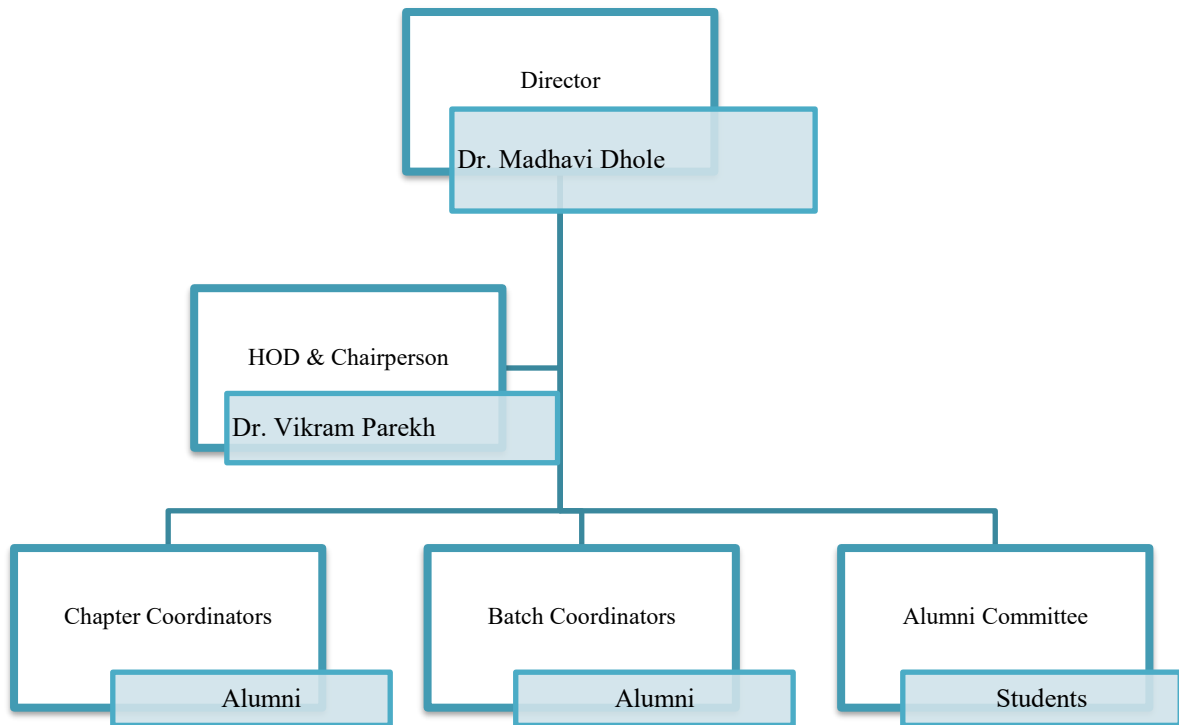
Faculty Coordinators	
Dr. Vikram Parekh	HOD & Chairperson, Centre of Alumni Relations
Prof. Snigdha Ramesh	Faculty Incharge
Dr. Christina Shiju	Faculty Incharge

Core Alumni Committee Members	
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MCA	Aryaa Tanpure Yuvraj Awade Shaurya Chawan Pratham

Alumni Performance and Connect

We as an institute are proud to mention that our Alumni are one of the strongest stakeholders towards all institutional development activities. Ever since our institute is incorporated and first batch was convoked in the year 1997 we have consistently followed the practice of inviting parents along with graduating student to enable a strong bonding with our students who after convocation becoming part of our alumni family. During the convocation ceremony all graduating students take a Pledge which also encourages them to be a “loyal ambassador for our institute and seek to promote its welfare and maintain its reputation”

Organization chart of Centre for Alumni Relations:



Alumni Chapters

We have a tradition of arranging annual alumni meet in the campus inviting all our alumni from various programs. We also use digital interaction with alumni to reach out to them globally. In addition to digital interaction, we invite them to share their experiences from campus to corporate.

Alumni Interactive Sessions (AIS) for Placement Support

A total of 22 AIS was conducted. Alumni share their experience on the following aspects:

- Campus to Corporate Journey
- About Organization, Culture, Employee and Career Perspective
- Experience sharing of Placement Process Aptitude test, GD, PI, etc.
- Job clarity and skills required
- Students' Interactive session

A total of 64 Alumni participated in 22 Alumni Interactive Sessions conducted from the 51st to 72nd editions of AIS. Alumni from 20 organisations like Deloitte USI, Raychem RPG, General Mills, Mobisy Technologies, PharmaACE, Emcure Pharmaceuticals, Meyer Organics, Zuventus Healthcare, Godrej Capital, ICICI Bank, Ascenco Tyres, Alembic Pharmaceuticals, Umedica Laboratories, GEP Worldwide, Tech Mahindra, TCS, Pfizer, SBI Life, Piramal Realty, Motilal Oswal Group and Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd.

Overall, 71 students were placed in these organisations.

AIS held for MMS Students

- The Alumni Interactive Session (AIS) for Placement Support began on Sunday, 22nd September 2024, with Deloitte USI. Three alumni attended the session, engaging with 73 students, and 6 students were selected for placements.
- On Thursday, 3rd October 2024, Raychem RPG conducted its session with 4 alumni, interacting with 44 attendees, resulting in 2 selections.
- Following this, General Mills held its session on Saturday, 12th October 2024, where 4 alumni, including Madhura Mukte (Analyst, General Mills), Sarah Fernandes (Data Analyst, General Mills), and Jill Acharya (Business Analyst, General Mills), addressed 77 students, leading to 3 placements.
- On Sunday, 13th October 2024, Mobisy Technologies had its session with 2 alumni, Shrey Tiwari (AVP, Customer Success, Mobisy Technologies - Bizom) and Gurnayan Kaur Gujral (AVP, Customer Success, Mobisy Technologies - Bizom), engaging with 63 students, and 1 student was selected.
- Godrej Capital participated on Friday, 18th October 2024, with 3 alumni, Balaji Ganeshan (Assistant Manager PMO, Godrej Capital), Faizan Shaikh (Area Manager, Godrej Capital), and Prashant Chatterjee (Credit Manager, Godrej Capital), interacting with 68 students, resulting in 2 placements.
- The next day, Saturday, 19th October 2024, ICICI Bank hosted its session, with 6 alumni, Monanjana T (Product Manager, ICICI Bank), Divyesh Agrekar (Manager - Global Private Clients Group, ICICI Bank), Priyanka Patil (Relationship Manager, ICICI Bank), Sathwik S (Relationship Manager, ICICI Bank), Siddhesh Jadhav (Private Banking Manager, ICICI Bank), and Madhumathi V (Marketing Manager, ICICI Bank), addressing 62 attendees, leading to 6 students being placed.
- On Monday, 21st October 2024, Ascenco Tyres conducted its session with 3 alumni, Shivratis Nadar (MT - Finance, Ascenco Tyres), Ashutosh Chavan (MT - Marketing, Ascenco Tyres), and Piyush Varma (MT - Information Technology, Ascenco Tyres), engaging 50 students, and 5 students were selected.

- On Tuesday, 29th October 2024, GEP Worldwide held its session, featuring 5 alumni, Aleena Sonichan (Business Analyst, GEP Worldwide), Saurabh Jalewar (Business Analyst, GEP Worldwide), Shreyasi Patel (Research Analyst, GEP Worldwide), Rohit Mutkiri (Research Analyst, GEP Worldwide), and Tejal Bonde (Business Analyst, GEP Worldwide), with 66 students in attendance, resulting in 7 selections.
- Tech Mahindra hosted its session on Sunday, 10th November 2024, at 12:10 PM, where 1 alumnus interacted with 14 students, and 1 student was placed.
- Later that evening, TCS conducted its session, with 2 alumni, Vivek Sundareswaran (Lead HR - Talent Acquisition, TCS) and Shikha Singh (HRBP, TCS), addressing 23 students, leading to 3 placements.
- On Friday, 22nd November 2024, SBI Life participated with 3 alumni, Agrim Dugar (Assistant Manager, SBI Life Insurance), Shubhangi Sharma (Assistant Manager, SBI Life Insurance), and Yash Sapra (Assistant Manager, SBI Life Insurance), interacting with 37 attendees, resulting in 4 students being placed.
- The following day, Saturday, 23rd November 2024, Piramal Realty conducted its session with 3 alumni, Nilanjan Dasgupta (Channel Lead, Puravankara Limited), Faizan Ghadai (Deputy Sales Manager, Piramal Realty), and Ali Akbar Punjani (Deputy Manager, Piramal Realty), engaging 26 students, leading to 6 placements.
- On Sunday, 1st December 2024, Motilal Oswal Group held its session, where 2 alumni, Kaushal Mehta (Vice President, Motilal Oswal Financial Services) and Pooja Sekhar (Assistant Manager, Motilal Oswal Financial Services), addressed 85 attendees, leading to 5 students being placed.
- Finally, Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd. conducted two sessions, one on Sunday, 15th December 2024, at 10:30 AM, where 1 alumnus, Yash Iyer (Deputy Manager, Bennett Coleman & Co. Ltd.), interacted with 1 student, and another on Monday, 16th December 2024, at 7:30 PM, where 2 alumni, Vignesh Ramaswamy (Marketing Communications Manager, Sunteck Realty) and Rakesh Thakur (B2B Marketing Head, The TOI Group), engaged with 2 students.

Alumni Meet: La-Mélange – 30th November 2024

Total alumni count: 187



Total 307 Alumni registered for the event including alumni attended virtually from Out of India (Amsterdam, Netherlands; Dubai; Frankfurt, Germany; Frisco, Texas, USA; Kuwait; Leuven,

Belgium; London, UK; Montreal, Canada; New York, USA) and from Out of Mumbai (Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Kerala, Nashik, New Delhi, Pune)

Opening Speech: The event commenced with a formal welcome speech delivered by the Director, addressing the alumni. The speech emphasized the significance of alumni engagement, recognized their professional journeys, and highlighted potential future collaborations.

Games & Interactive Activities: A series of five to six engaging games were organized to encourage participation and strengthen bonds among alumni. These activities created a lively and interactive atmosphere, ensuring active involvement from the attendees.

Cultural Performances: The evening featured four cultural performances, with two performances presented by alumni and two by students. These performances were a delightful surprise and significantly enhanced the entertainment quotient of the event.

DJ & Celebration: Following the interactive activities, a DJ session was arranged, allowing attendees to unwind and celebrate. The energetic music and dance created a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere, fostering a sense of camaraderie.

Networking & Alumni Interaction: Post-DJ, alumni had the opportunity to reconnect, share experiences, and network with fellow attendees. Discussions primarily concerned career growth, past college memories, and potential future collaborations.

Gifts & Tokens of Appreciation: Special gifts (mementoes) were distributed to all alumni as a gesture of gratitude. This served as a token of appreciation for their presence and continued association with the institution.

Silver Jubilee Celebration for Class of 1999 - 21st December 2024

Number of alumni present: 46



An extremely unique initiative to celebrate the silver jubilee for our Alumni from the Class of 1999 Alumni participated from various parts of the world like Ahmedabad, Australia, Bengaluru, Chennai, Dubai, Mumbai, New York, Pune, Singapore, Switzerland, the UK and the USA.

Neelakantan Scholarship – 21st December 2024

Tribute to the first director of our institute Late Shri K Neelakantan sir was given by launching the Neelakantan Scholarship Award by the class of 1999. The amount collected will be given to the needy student after carefully screening at the Institute level

Annual Alumni Meet: La-Mélange – 18th January 2025

Total Alumni Count: 32

The MCA Annual Alumni Meet, La-Mélange, was successfully held on 18th January 2025. The event served as a platform for alumni to reconnect, share experiences, and celebrate their bond with the institution.

Opening Speech: The event commenced with a formal welcome speech delivered by the Director. The address highlighted the importance of alumni engagement, acknowledged their professional achievements, and discussed potential collaborations between alumni and the institution.

Games & Interactive Activities: A series of engaging games were organized to foster interaction and strengthen connections among alumni. These activities created a lively and friendly atmosphere, ensuring enthusiastic participation from attendees.

Cultural Performances: The event featured three cultural performances, with one presented by an alumnus and two by current students. These performances were well-received and added to the entertainment quotient of the evening.

DJ & Celebration: Following the interactive sessions, a DJ session was arranged, providing alumni with the opportunity to relax and celebrate. The vibrant music and energetic dance floor set the tone for an enjoyable and memorable evening.

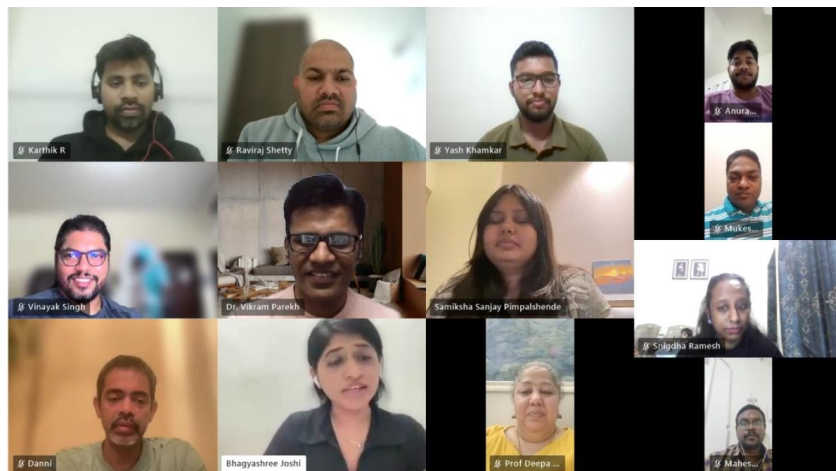
Networking & Alumni Interaction: Post-DJ, alumni engaged in meaningful conversations, reminiscing about their college days and discussing career advancements. The interaction facilitated networking opportunities and discussions on future collaborations.

Gifts & Tokens of Appreciation: As a token of gratitude, special mementoes were distributed to all attending alumni. These gifts symbolized appreciation for their continued association and support for the institution.

The MCA Annual Alumni Meet, La-Mélange 2025, was a resounding success, reinforcing the strong bond between alumni and their alma mater. The event concluded on a joyous note, leaving attendees with cherished memories and renewed connections.



Middle East Alumni Chapter Meet – 15th March 2025



Total Alumni Count: 20+

The Middle East Alumni Chapter Meet was successfully conducted on 15th March 2025 in a virtual format. The event served as a platform for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, share insights about their professional journeys, and explore opportunities for institutional collaboration. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 20 alumni, along with faculty members and representatives from the institution. This meet aimed to strengthen alumni engagement by fostering meaningful interactions, acknowledging alumni contributions, and encouraging collaboration for future initiatives.

- **Welcome & Introduction:** The event commenced with a warm welcome and introduction by Bhagyashree from SIESCOMS and Samiksha from SIES SBS, both esteemed members of

the Alumni Committee. They provided an overview of the agenda, emphasizing the importance of maintaining strong alumni-institution relations. The introduction highlighted the university's ongoing efforts in alumni engagement and set the stage for a productive session.

- **Director's Address:** Following the introduction, Director Deepa Ma'am delivered an inspiring speech, underscoring the significance of alumni networks in shaping the institution's legacy. She spoke about the various initiatives undertaken to keep alumni involved and encouraged them to actively participate in knowledge-sharing and mentorship programs.
 - Additionally, Chitra Ma'am and Snighda Ma'am addressed the attendees, expressing their gratitude for the alumni's continued support and emphasizing the importance of mutual growth through sustained engagement.
- **Alumni Interaction Session:** A key highlight of the event was the interactive session led by Vikram Sir, where alumni had the opportunity to discuss their professional experiences, industry trends, and insights on how they could contribute to the institution's growth.

Some key discussion points included:

- The importance of alumni involvement in mentorship programs for current students.
- Exploring collaborative research and industry projects between alumni and the institution.
- Strengthening the Middle East Alumni Chapter through more frequent virtual networking sessions.
- Sharing career opportunities within alumni networks to help recent graduates.

This session provided a platform for alumni to voice their suggestions and actively engage in shaping the future of the alumni network.

Vote of Thanks & Acknowledgments: The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks, appreciating the alumni for their valuable time and insights. The organizing team expressed gratitude to:

- Bhagyashree from SIESCOMS and Samiksha from SIES SBS for their efforts in planning and coordinating the event.
- Director Deepa Dixit Ma'am, Chitra Ma'am, and Snighda Ma'am for their inspiring words and continuous support.
- Vikram Parekh Sir for leading the engaging alumni interaction session.
- All the alumni for their enthusiastic participation and commitment to strengthening alumni relations.

Conclusion & Future Initiatives: The Middle East Alumni Chapter Meet 2025 was resounding success, fostering stronger ties between the alumni and their alma mater. The event successfully reinforced the importance of alumni engagement and set the foundation for future collaborative opportunities.

Moving forward, the institution aims to:

- Launch a mentorship program where alumni can guide current students in career and industry-related insights.
- Develop an exclusive alumni portal for networking, job referrals, and knowledge-sharing.

- Plan a physical Middle East Alumni Chapter gathering in the near future to strengthen connections further.

The event ended on a positive and engaging note, with alumni expressing their excitement for future initiatives and collaborations.

Alumni Support Towards Summer and Final Placements

The alumni of SIES College of Management Studies (SIESCOMS) and SIES School of Business Studies (SIESSBS) play a crucial role in strengthening the institution's placement initiatives. Their continuous support enhances opportunities for current students, ensuring better career prospects through summer internships and final placements.

Alumni Contribution to Placements:

- **Facilitating Corporate Engagement:** Alumni actively collaborate with the Placement Department by encouraging their respective companies to visit the campus for recruitment. Their industry connections help expand the reach of placement opportunities.
- **Referral & Recommendation Support:** Many alumni provide recommendations for students, making it easier for them to secure internships and full-time job opportunities.
- **Networking & Mentorship:** Alumni offer guidance, mentorship, and career counseling to students, helping them navigate the job market with confidence.
- **Industry Insights & Training:** Through guest lectures, panel discussions, and workshops, alumni share real-world industry insights, preparing students for placement processes.
- **Ongoing Year-Round Support:** Alumni engagement in placements is not limited to a specific period. Their support continues throughout the year, ensuring a seamless flow of opportunities for students.

The proactive involvement of alumni significantly contributes to the professional growth of students, reinforcing a strong bond between the institution and its graduates. Their efforts play a pivotal role in shaping future leaders by bridging the gap between academia and industry.

Corporate Interactive Session by Alumni

The **Corporate Interactive Sessions (CIS)**, conducted under the Aluminize initiative, were a collaborative effort between **SIES School of Business Studies** and **SIES College of Management Studies**. These sessions were conceptualized with the objective of integrating academic learning with real-world corporate exposure, thereby equipping students with the practical insights necessary to thrive in today's dynamic business environment. These structured classroom-based interactions provided a unique opportunity for students to learn directly from seasoned professionals and alumni who have successfully carved their paths across various industries. In each session, an alumnus or industry expert was invited to engage with students on a specific area of their professional expertise. These topics spanned across functional domains such as marketing strategy, digital transformation, financial analysis, HR practices, supply chain management, emerging technologies, and entrepreneurship, among others. The sessions were not limited to technical knowledge alone; many speakers also focused on career planning, leadership development, professional branding, and how to approach one's early years in the corporate world. A distinctive feature of CIS was its **interactive and immersive structure**. Rather than following a traditional lecture format, the sessions were designed to facilitate open dialogue. Students actively participated by asking questions, sharing perspectives, and engaging in meaningful discussions with the speakers. This two-way exchange helped students refine their thinking,

Through these sessions, students gained clarity on the skillsets most valued by recruiters, including analytical thinking, communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and a strong grasp of current tools and platforms. Alumni frequently recommended certifications, online resources, and strategies for self-improvement, helping students build a roadmap for their professional development. Additionally, sessions provided exposure to evolving business models, market disruptions, and how different industries are responding to technological change.

Beyond academics and career preparation, the CIS sessions played an important role in **fostering alumni-institution relationships**. These sessions were a way for alumni to give back to their institution—not just through knowledge sharing, but by becoming mentors and role models for current students. Their presence reflected a deep sense of belonging and pride,

In essence, the Corporate Interactive Sessions under *Aluminize* were a **valuable extension of classroom learning**—blending theory with practice, curiosity with experience, and aspiration with guidance.

List of Alumni – CIS Sessions

Name	Program	Batch	Designation	Organization
Mugdha Kolhatkar	PGDM	2010 - 2012	AVP - HRBP	TransUnion CIBIL
Mehul Chandrashekhar	MMS	2011 - 2013	Head - HRBP	Universal Sompo General Insurance Corp Ltd.
Nivedita Deshpande	PGDM	2003 - 2005	Director - HR	Visible Alpha
Avinash Krishnamurthi	MBA	2003 - 2005	Assistant GM - HR	TCS
Merlin Mathew	PGDM	2022 - 2024	HR	The Phoenix Mills Ltd
Shikha Singh	PGDM	2022 - 2024	HRBP	TCS
Adwaith Prashant	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Senior Executive - L & D	Godrej Capital
Dharshini Suresh	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Senior Executive - HRBP	Godrej Capital
Aakarsha Asok	AIMA PGDM	2022 - 2024	MT - HR	Voltas Limited
Akanksha Gaikwad	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Senior Executive - HR	Lighthouse Learning Group
Shivani Pal	PGDM	2022 - 2024	Assitant Manager - HR	Tata Motors Finance
Merin Devassy	PGDM	2022 - 2024	MT - HR	Hawkins Cooker Limited
Manish Punjabi	PGDM	2007 - 2009	Head - L & D	Piramal Pharma Limited
Kunal Kanekar	PGDM	2010 - 2012	Group HR Head	Neo Group
Ashwin Govindankutty	PGDM	2012- 2014	Manager	Deloitte
Pooja Chawla Sanghavi	MMS	2002-2004	Head HR Transformation	TCS
Nivedita Deshpande	PGDM	2003 - 2005	Director Talent Management	Visible Alpha

Anaghaa Venugopal	MMS	2014-2016	Change Management Consultant	Deloitte
Harshad Bhoir	MMS	2009-2011	Assistant Vice President (AVP)	Ergo Technology & Services
Avinash Korudu	MMS	2008-2010	Senior Zonal Manager	Info Edge
Sneha Kamalanandan	AIMA PGDM	2020-2022	Analyst (Human Capital Portfolio)	Deloitte Consulting
Siddharth Nair	AIMA PGDM	2020-2022	Business Analyst	Ernst & Young
Pranav Nanekar	MMS	2018-2020	Associate - Content & Marketing	Sharpely
Mr. Ramkumar Srinivasan	PGDM	2005-2007	Ex AVP-	HSBC Bank