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VVISM Alumni Connect: Celebrating Success and Strengthening Bonds at the Virtual Alumni Meet - July 2023

We are thrilled to share the highlights and wonderful moments from our recent Virtual Alumni Meet on July 29th, 2023. This event was truly special, as it brought us together once again to relive cherished memories, inspire one another, and strengthen the unique bond that ties us as members of the VVISM alumni community.

The highlight of the event was the engaging speech by Prof. S R Prasad, who reminded us of the vital role that alumni play as mentors and role models for our current students. He stressed how our interactions with the industry, guidance, and support are crucial for the growth and development of young minds.

One of the most inspiring parts of the event was when some of our esteemed alumni shared their success stories. Vishal Anandh, from the batch of 2010-2012, started his own successful venture with a humble investment and has seen it grow remarkably over the years. He emphasized the importance of hard work transitioning into smart work, a lesson we can all learn from.

Pradeep Bharade, who has over 13-14 years of industry experience, underlined the importance of academic focus and integrity. He reminded us that while academic scores matter, practical skills and a strong ethical foundation are equally, if not more, important. We also had the privilege of hearing from Vijeta, an ex-president of the alumni association, who shared her corporate journey that began at Vishwa Vishwani. Her story is a testament to the continuous growth and development our alumni undergo.



One heartwarming aspect of the event was the involvement of alumni families. They engaged with fellow attendees, reminiscing about the golden days and forming new connections. This family engagement added a special dimension to our event, reinforcing our sense of community.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, we proudly named Mr. Srikanta Chatterjee (Batch: 2008-10) as the Star Alumni of the Month. Mr. Chatterjee currently holds the esteemed position of Regional Head - Wealth & Trade Manager at ICICI Bank, showcasing the excellence our alumni achieve in the corporate world. He's an inspiration to us all.

Celebrating Outstanding Achievements in Placements at VVISM

Our beloved institution has once again achieved remarkable success in placements, a testament to the excellence and hard work of our students. We are delighted to announce that five of our exceptional students have secured pre-placement offers in the month of July, due to their outstanding performance during their summer internship program. It's a moment of immense pride for the entire VVISM community.

First and foremost, we extend our heartiest congratulations to Polakonda Anush and K.V.N. Sai Likitha for their well-deserved placements at Metrics4 Analytics Pvt Ltd. Their dedication and commitment have not only earned them a place in the company but also set a high standard for their peers to aspire to.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate K. Madhuri, M. Saswatha, and G. Sreeja for their placements at Berkadia. Their achievements stand as a testament to the hard work and the knowledge they gained at VVISM.

These accomplishments are not just individual successes; they are a reflection of the quality education and nurturing environment that VVISM provides. We take immense pride in witnessing our students excel and embark on their professional journeys.



Inspiring Alumni Afternoon: Journeys of Success and Wisdom at VVISM

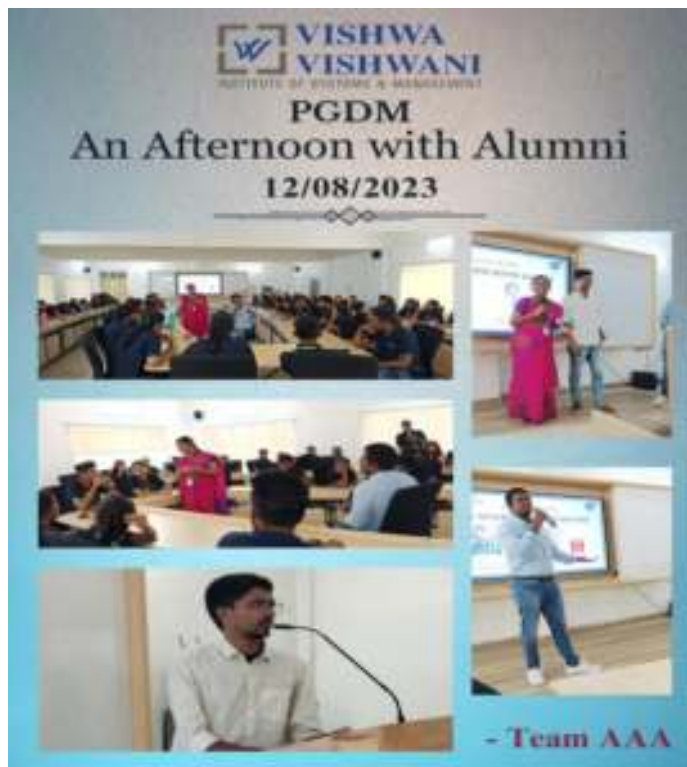
The Alumni Office of VVISM recently hosted "An Afternoon with Alumni" session on August 12, 2023, a truly enriching event that allowed our cherished alumni to connect, share their experiences, and inspire our current students.

The event kicked off with a captivating session led by Dr. Ritu Kothiwala, setting the stage for an afternoon of enlightenment and introspection. Our energetic host, Mr. Abhinav, introduced our esteemed guests, creating an atmosphere of anticipation.

Mr. Manoj Kumar (Batch 2018-20), an accomplished alumnus, took the spotlight and shared invaluable insights from his professional journey. He emphasized the importance of seizing opportunities, gaining practical experience, and maintaining unwavering self-belief. Mr. Manoj's journey from initial setbacks to his success as a Management Trainee at Bandhan Bank was truly inspirational. He shed light on the diverse roles available to finance graduates and encouraged students to explore beyond predefined boundaries.

Mr. Shravan Kore (Batch 2002-04), is a distinguished alumnus with a remarkable journey from marketing to founding OnBlick, a global software company. Mr. Shravan shared his college anecdotes, emphasizing the transformative power of stepping out of one's comfort zone. His transition from a corporate job to entrepreneurship resonated with many, offering a lesson in innovation, perseverance, and determination.

The "An Afternoon with Alumni" event left a lasting impact on all who attended. It provided invaluable insights, guidance, and inspiration. It showcased the diverse paths our alumni have taken and reminded us that success is achieved through resilience, adaptability, and the commitment to continuous learning.



Independence Day Celebrations at VVISM Campus

The spirit of patriotism and unity filled the air at VVISM as we celebrated the 77th Independence Day of India on August 15, 2023. This grand event brought together our dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff to honour our nation's freedom and the sacrifices of countless individuals who made it possible.

The ceremony began with a solemn flag hoisting, a symbolic moment that filled us with pride and honour as citizens of a free nation. The national flag, representing India's rich heritage and hard-fought freedom, was gracefully unfurled by our esteemed President and Director. The sight of the tri-color waving proudly against the clear sky stirred emotions of unity and pride among all of us.

Prof. Chaitanya Kalidindi, our host for the event, delivered an inspiring speech, paying tribute to the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. She reminded us that the struggle for independence was a collective effort, transcending gender and other barriers. Her words served as a reminder that the freedoms we enjoy today were made possible by the relentless determination of those who came before.

The President also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of the freedom we've won and the responsibilities that come with it. He highlighted the importance of preserving the values for which our freedom fighters had fought and underlined the ongoing efforts needed to uphold the ideals of democracy, justice, and equality.

In a heartwarming gesture, Mr. Naga Naik, the Transportation Administrative Officer of VVISM, organized friendly carrom and ludo games for our campus drivers. This initiative fostered camaraderie and recognized the contributions of those who work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth functioning of our institution. Winners were celebrated and rewarded, creating an atmosphere of shared joy and appreciation.

As participants mingled and exchanged stories, the spirit of unity and gratitude prevailed, underscoring the strength of the VVISM community. The echoes of the event still resonate, and we left with a renewed sense of pride in our nation's history and a determination to uphold the values for which previous generations fought so valiantly.



Celebrating a New Beginning: VVISM's 18th PGDM Program Inauguration

We are thrilled to share the highlights of a momentous occasion that took place on August 17, 2023, as VVISM inaugurated its 18th PGDM program. The event was a true celebration of knowledge, excellence, and the promise of an enlightening academic journey.

Sri G.S.S. Venkateshwar Rao, the President of Grahambell Educational Academy, extended a warm welcome to our newly inducted VVISM family. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to parents for their trust in the institution and highlighted our remarkable two decades of experience in higher education.

The event marked the signing of five Memorandums of Understanding (MoU), demonstrating VVISM's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and industry collaboration. These collaborations will enrich our students' learning experiences and provide them with unparalleled opportunities for growth. Some noteworthy partnerships include:



1. **Infosys:** Providing students access to the Infosys Springboard Learning Platform, enhancing their skill set for the digital age.
2. **Hyderabad Management Association (HMA):** Establishing a Student Chapter on campus, fostering industry connections and collaborative projects.

3. **Metrics4 Analytics Pvt Limited:** Offering hands-on training projects with stipends for practical learning.
4. **Superset:** Introducing an end-to-end placement technology platform, bridging the gap between students and top-notch institutions.
5. **National Stock Exchange (NSE):** Establishing a Finance Lab to provide students with practical exposure and certifications.

Sri Sunil Addanki, Managing Director of Protiviti, delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing effective communication, domain knowledge, and analytics. He inspired students to embrace collaboration and curiosity, highlighting the strength that diversity brings to the table.

Sri Palabatla Venkatesh, VP - HR of Avineon India Pvt Limited, graced the event as the Guest of Honour. He encouraged students to see the two-year PGDM journey as a passport with valid visas, ready for global exploration. His insights underscored the competitive landscape and the potential for scaling new heights in the corporate world.

We were also honored to have Mr. Suresh Yerra, a distinguished alumnus and Tech Lead of Quaintest Group, USA, share his journey and nostalgia for his alma mater. His success story served as a powerful testament to the excellence VVISM instills in its students.

Dr. Y Lakshman Kumar, Director of VVISM, emphasized the institution's pivotal role in bridging the gap between education and industry demands through quality education, a robust curriculum, and value-added courses. Prof Prasad, Program Chair, provided a comprehensive overview of the PGDM program and its expected outcomes.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the resounding success of the inauguration ceremony.

As we embark on this new academic journey, we extend our best wishes to the entire VVISM family. With the collective wisdom of our esteemed guests, the dedication of our faculty, and the enthusiasm of our students, we are poised to achieve remarkable heights.

Surprise Visit by Esteemed Alumni

Who doesn't love surprises?! Especially when said surprise comes in the form of a decade old alumni visiting the campus!!

On 21/08/23, we were pleasantly surprised to witness a visit from our esteemed alumni, Mr. Prem Kumar and Mr. Rakesh, from PGDM batch 2011-13! Mr. Prem Kumar currently holds the position of Assistant Vice President at JP Morgan Chase, whereas Mr. Rakesh Chaturvedi assumes the position of Senior Associate at Apex Fund Services LLP, Pune.



Both were kind enough to spare time from their busy schedules and impart a bit of their wisdom to the PGDM batch of 2022-24 in a post-lunch session! They underlined the relevancy of the initial few years in one's career and the decisions one takes during that course.

This impromptu concourse had the students glimmering with excitement as they unwillingly came to the end of the session. We thank the alumni for their time and effort, and hope to see more of such occurrences moving forward.

Success Shines on SIP Valedictory 2023: Pre-Placement Offers, Awards, and Dedication Unveiled

As the summer sun sets on another season of learning and growth, we are proud to celebrate the success of the Summer Internship Program (SIP) Valedictory 2023. This flagship program, hosted by our institution on 25/08/2023 and coordinated by Prof. Godson Samuel, continues to be a remarkable journey for our students, offering them the opportunity to explore, test, and apply their classroom knowledge in the dynamic world of business.

The SIP Valedictory 2023 was nothing short of extraordinary, with 38 esteemed companies from various sectors, including FMCG, Health Care, Banking & Insurance, Auditing, Consulting, and Agri Inputs Manufacturing, partnering with us. These companies, which included renowned names like Godrej Industries, Lloyd Healthcare, Medvocs, Bajaj Finserv, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Kevalin Consultants LLP, Berkadia, Metrics4Analytics, FarmOR, and many others, played a pivotal role in shaping the experiences of our talented students.

One of the primary goals of SIP is to provide students with expert guidance throughout their internship period. This season, our faculty members dedicated their expertise, and we were also fortunate to have corporate mentors from ITC Limited, Coromandel International Limited, ICAR-NAARM, and Axis Bank, who contributed significantly to our students' professional growth.

The efforts put into this season, starting from February, have borne fruit with pride. We are delighted to share that we achieved five pre-placement offers, courtesy of Berkadia and Metrics4Analytics, and recognized three outstanding students with Internship Awards of Excellence. While the numbers may seem modest, it's essential to highlight that we achieved an impressive completion rate of 94.7%, signifying the dedication and determination of our students and the support they received.

Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of student coordinators played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of this year's internship season. Their tireless efforts over the past six months have been instrumental in facilitating a smooth and enriching experience for all participants.



VVISM Adventures in Ananthagiri: PGDM batch of 2023-25's Journey

In a vibrant display of unity, enthusiasm, and the promise of a bright future, the junior batch of PGDM students at Vishwa Vishwani embarked on an exhilarating adventure to Ananthagiri Hills. This trip marked the beginning of their postgraduate studies, setting the stage for new friendships, adventures, and unforgettable experiences.

Guided by the seasoned wisdom of six esteemed faculty members – Prof. Gopi Naik, Prof. E. Pushpalatha, Dr. Iftekhar Nisar, Dr. Dharmender Gogikar, Prof. Silpa, and Prof. Surendra. V – the students were in for a journey that would leave an indelible mark on their academic and personal lives. The lush green landscapes of Ananthagiri Hills provided the perfect backdrop for a wide range of group activities, treks, and evening festivities.

The trip was not just a recreational getaway but a carefully planned educational endeavour. Through a meticulously designed itinerary, the students learned essential life skills that go beyond the confines of a classroom. Here are some of the invaluable lessons they took home:

1. **Team Building and Planning:** Engaging in group activities and challenges allowed the students to understand the importance of teamwork, cooperation, and effective planning.
2. **Leadership Skills:** The adventure in Ananthagiri Hills provided opportunities for emerging leaders to step up, take charge, and lead their peers, developing leadership qualities that will serve them well in their future careers.
3. **Task and Time Management:** Balancing activities, treks, and relaxation demanded effective time and task management, a crucial skill for any successful professional.
4. **Physical Endurance:** Trekking in the beautiful but rugged terrain of Ananthagiri Hills challenged the students' physical endurance and instilled a sense of resilience.

This adventure was more than just a trip; it was a stepping stone for personal growth and development. The students returned with not only cherished memories but also a newfound appreciation for the outdoors and the skills they gained during their time in Ananthagiri Hills.



VVISM Virtual Alumni Meet 2023: Remembering Our Roots and Inspiring the Future

On August 26, 2023, we came together for a Virtual Alumni Meet, not only to celebrate our shared history but also to remember and honor the late alumnus Mr. Yashwanth from the 2010-12 batch. The event began with a respectful moment of silence to pay tribute to his memory.

The director of VVISM shared some exciting news about the inauguration of the 18th PGDM batch, which had recently embarked on its journey at our institution. He emphasized the pivotal role that alumni play in the development of our alma mater. We encouraged our esteemed alumni to engage with the institution by contributing through various means, including delivering guest lectures, participating in mentorship programs, and sharing their industry insights with our current students.

Prof S R Prasad, who had taught the batch of 2010-12, expressed his delight in reuniting with his former students. He elucidated the primary objective of hosting a Virtual Alumni Meet, highlighting how alumni input helps shape the academic curriculum to align with current market trends.

During the meet, our accomplished alumni shared valuable insights:

- Keshaw Sahu emphasized the importance of hard work and building a robust network.
- Abhimanyu Sahu recounted his journey at VVISM and how it laid the foundation for his career. He stressed the role of alumni in providing guidance and support.
- Shivam Gupta highlighted the significance of internships in career development and advised current students to embrace market dynamics.

The floor was opened for interaction, allowing alumni to share their experiences, insights, and advice. Discussions revolved around current market trends, campus placements, and career choices. Alumni stressed the importance of aligning career paths with personal interests, understanding job descriptions, and valuing peer expertise.



The Virtual Alumni Meet was a resounding success, fostering a strong bond between VVISM and its esteemed alumni community. The insights shared by alumni served as a guiding light for current students, inspiring them to navigate their academic and professional journeys effectively. The event concluded with a promise of continued collaboration and knowledge exchange between VVISM and its dedicated alumni.

Expert Financial Analyst, Mr. Aayush, Leaves a Lasting Impression with Engaging Lecture on Financial Modelling at VVISM

Vishwa Vishwani Institute of Systems & Management (VVISM) was honoured to host Mr. Aayush, a seasoned Financial Analyst at Amazon, and a Visiting Faculty at the University of Luxembourg, for a guest lecture on Financial Modelling. Mr. Aayush's visit left an indelible mark on VVISM's students, inspiring them with his expertise and insights.

During the session held on 26/08/2023, Mr. Aayush's ability to simplify complex financial concepts and provide practical insights was nothing short of exceptional. He effortlessly broke down intricate financial models into easily digestible components, making the subject accessible and engaging for the students. His pedagogical approach resonated deeply with the audience.

Beyond his mastery of financial modelling, Mr. Aayush's capacity to bridge the gap between theory and practice was a testament to his exceptional teaching skills. He showcased how financial models are applied in the corporate world. This experiential learning inspired the students and showed them the real-world relevance of the knowledge they were gaining.



VVISM Embarks on a Journey to Pochampally: Exploring the Art of Ikat Weaving and Advocating for Fair Trade

VVISM recently took a trip to Pochampally on 04/09/2023, organized and coordinated by Prof. Sai Krishna – Head of Entrepreneurship Cell, to learn about the saree-making process. They explored the art of ikat weaving and discovered the hard work behind these beautiful sarees.

At Pochampally, they saw different types of Ikat weaving: Single, Double, and Mixed. It was surprising to learn that it takes 15 days to a month to make one saree, even though they look so nice.

During the visit, a weaver shared a story. His family works on one saree for 15 days and makes about 25,000 rupees in a month. That may sound like a lot, but it is not when you have a family to support. The problem is that merchants buy sarees from weavers at low prices and sell them for more money. This makes weavers want their kids to get jobs in the corporate sector for better pay. The visit made the group think about how they can help. Buying directly from weavers can make a big difference and create a fairer textile industry for them and their families.

VVISM aims to teach responsible and ethical consumer choices. They want their graduates to succeed in their careers and make a positive impact on the communities they work in.



VVISM Students Extend Heartfelt Gratitude on Teachers' Day: A Celebration of Dedication and Mentorship

In a heartwarming tribute to the dedicated faculty members at Vishwa Vishwani Institute of Systems and Management (VVISM), PGDM students came together to celebrate Teachers' Day on 05/09/2023 in a truly special way, organized by the Cultural club - VVISM.

The celebration was a heartfelt display of appreciation and gratitude, emphasizing the strong bond between students and teachers. Students organized a range of activities, including performances and speeches, to express their admiration for the unwavering commitment of their educators.

One of the standout moments of the event was a surprise gift, meticulously prepared by the students. This gesture served as a symbol of the profound impact teachers have on students' lives and academic journeys.

The genuine gratitude and enthusiasm shown by the students highlighted the crucial role teachers play in shaping their futures. At VVISM, we recognize the exceptional dedication and support provided by our faculty, who are instrumental in guiding our students toward success.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our faculty for their continuous efforts, mentorship, and expertise, which contribute significantly to the growth and learning of our students. Their commitment to nurturing future business leaders is commendable, and we are grateful to have such dedicated educators at VVISM.



VVISM Bangalore Alumni Meet 2023: Rekindling Memories and Pledging Support

The much-anticipated VVISM Alumni Meet unfolded with an air of excitement and nostalgia at the elegant Hotel Euphoria in Bangalore. As the clock struck 8 PM, the venue was abuzz with the presence of six distinguished alumni, all eager to reconnect and reminisce about their cherished days at VVISM.

Among the attendees, four illustrious members hailed from the 2011-13 batch, each making a mark in their respective fields. Keshav Sahu, a notable figure in the e-commerce giant Amazon; Pratyush Kumar Patnaik, a rising star in the corporate world; Sanvi, making waves in Nilkamal; and Sumeet, a dynamic force in the realm of Human Resources. Representing the 2016-18 batch was Vinay Kumar, who has carved his niche at J.P. Morgan, showcasing the exceptional calibre VVISM nurtures in its students. Adding to the diverse spectrum of professionals was Mr. Anil, a luminary working in a prominent MNC, bringing a wealth of experience to the gathering.

The evening unfolded with heartwarming exchanges over a sumptuous dinner, rekindling old bonds and forging new connections. Laughter echoed as stories and anecdotes from their time at VVISM were shared, reminiscing about the guidance and mentorship they received from their esteemed faculty.

Expressing their gratitude, the alumni emphasized how VVISM played a pivotal role in shaping their careers, a testament to the institution's unwavering commitment to excellence in education. They eagerly extended their support and pledged to be a valuable resource for the college, providing insights and assistance whenever needed.

As the evening concluded, the alumni expressed their eagerness to pay it forward, sharing their experiences and invaluable learnings with the current students of VVISM. Their message was clear - the torch of success is passed from one generation to the next, and they were more than willing to illuminate the path for their juniors.



'Unlock Your Success Odyssey' -Transformative Insights on Career Success by Our Distinguished Guest Speaker Dr. Samala Nagaraj.

VVISM extends heartfelt gratitude to our distinguished guest for an enlightening session on "Unlock Your Success Odyssey" on 06/09/2023. The insights shared during this event have transformed our perspective on job searching and left us inspired to become job magnets.

Our guest's guidance on crafting memorable personal stories, building authentic networks, leveraging social proof, and tracking progress with meaningful metrics was truly invaluable. The emphasis on sharing our journeys and embracing the long-term process has had a profound and lasting impact.

We genuinely appreciate the time and effort our guest dedicated to sharing their knowledge and experiences with us. Their words will undoubtedly serve as a guiding light in our professional journeys.



Sowing Seeds of Change: A Heartwarming RISE Program Experience at VVISM

On September 6, 2023, the Rural Immersion for Social Empowerment (RISE) team headed by Dr. Shivani Tyagi, had the privilege of visiting the "Good Shepherd Undivided Family" orphanage in Abdullapurmet, and it was an experience that left an indelible mark on our hearts. The aim of RISE is not just to educate but to uplift, empower, and create meaningful connections within our society, and this visit truly embodied that spirit.

The visit was a day filled with joy, laughter, and learning. The team organized a range of activities that brought smiles to the faces of the wonderful children at the orphanage. They divided them into two teams to ensure that both indoor and outdoor activities were on the agenda.



Indoor activities included engaging sessions of "drawing and painting" and an exciting quiz that encouraged the kids to think creatively and critically. Outdoors, they had a blast with games like "Lemon Spoon," "Dodge Ball," "Leg Tie," and "Hopping," where the children showcased their enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

We want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the management of "Good Shepherd Undivided Family" and, in particular, Mr. Medapati Sunder Christopher for warmly welcoming us and allowing us to be a part of their extended family for the day.

In a beautiful gesture, the children reciprocated our love and care by gifting us a heartwarming chart, adorned with our college's name and each of their precious signatures. It was a reminder that the most beautiful gifts are often not tangible but come from the heart.



We would also like to extend my gratitude to our esteemed Director, Lakshman Kumar (Dr. YLK), for providing us with the opportunity to engage in such impactful initiatives that enable us to make a difference in the lives of others.

An Afternoon with Alumni: PGDM 2023-25 Batch Gains Insights, Connections, and Inspiration

The PGDM batch of 2023-25 had their very first An Afternoon with Alumni on 23-09-2023! The alumni were from batches new and old, and included Mrs. Vijeta Aishwarya, Ms. U. Mahalaxmi, and Ms. Soundarya. The alumni, coming from all three specializations gave a thorough understanding of the corporate world to the newly-joined students.

They discussed the importance of body language, haptics, effective communication, to begin with, and later shared their college experiences, underlining matters that relate to specializations, and how one can choose one effectively. Also spoken about, was the roles of an HR professional in hiring and conducting interviews.

With an exciting, interactive session, the batch of 2023-25 is now better aligned to the path that leads them to their desired successes. The students made notes, asked questions, and made sure the alumni felt welcome.

Concluding the session by means of an interactive Q&A, the students wrapped up by getting connected to the alumni on LinkedIn.

