Confluence – 2016

Venue: **7 Biryani's Hotel, Kormangala, Bengaluru**
Date & Time: **11.06.2016 at 6.00 PM**

To take a walk down the corridors of nostalgia along with a resolution in mind, the 3rd CSE Alumni get-together, Confluence-2016 was organized by the Computer Science and Engineering Society (CSES) of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, ISM Dhanbad on 11th June 2016 at 7 Biryani's Hotel, Bengaluru. On behalf of the department, Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar (President of CSES & Head of CSE Department), Dr. Amgoth Tarachand (Faculty In-Charge of CSES & Assistant Professor of CSE Department) and about 35 current students of the department made their presence and showed great enthusiasm throughout the event. It was a time and event for old relationships to be cherished and new ones to be formed. New bridges were built and partnerships were forged. One of the major objectives of the program was to strengthen the Alumni base of the Department and bring them under the umbrella of CSES, as the society firmly believes that the Alumni pay a significant contribution to the Department to fulfill its goals.

Details of Presentation and Discussion that took place during the event:

* The event initiated with the heartfelt words by Mr. Ashay Sinha (B.Tech 2016) and Mr. Tanishk Kithannae (Dual Degree 2020), who addressed all the attendees with a welcome speech. Later, Mr. Ashay took this opportune moment to elaborate more on the overall evolution of the CSE Society between the years 2014-2016. He also highlighted how immense enthusiasm and active contribution by the alumni leads to the overall growth and development of the department. This was followed by a brief introduction session of the alumni.

* The session proceeded with Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar, President, Computer Science & Engineering Society and Head of Computer Science & Engineering Department officially

welcoming all Alumni & their spouse to Confluence - 2016. He started by congratulating the Alumni in light of Union Cabinet gave its ex post facto approval to amend The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 for Conversion of Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad to an IIT under the law. He also referred to the alumni as part of an institution which will soon be IIT- a remark that received immense applauds.
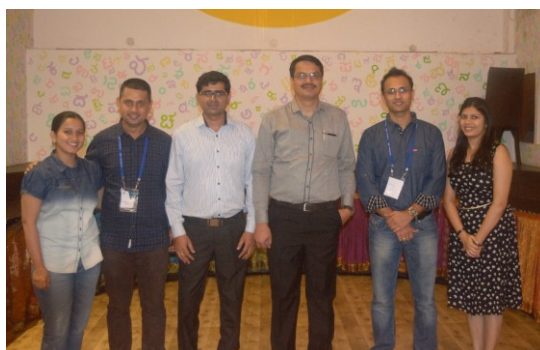

* Dr. Chiranjeev briefed them about the first and second alumni get together that were held at Bengaluru (14 June 2014) and New Delhi (13 June 2015) respectively. Like every Confluence event held previously, Dr. Chiranjeev referred to the alumni as gear of an institution, essential for its progress and evolution.
* Dr. Kumar briefed every alumnus about various whereabouts of the department and where it stands today. His presentation focused on three topics of utmost importance- Academics, Other Activities and Roles of the Alumni (*The presentation slides are enclosed for giving the clear picture about the discussion made during the event*.). In the Academics section of his presentation, he focused on the infrastructural improvements, such as new additions to the department building in the form of labs, class rooms, JRF Hall, Seminar Hall, etc. He revealed how ISM campus is soon going to be 4G Wi-Fi equipped. He also mentioned about the surge in the intake of UG as well as PG students, and the number of Ph.D's being rewarded by the department every year.
* Moving on to the other activities section, he elaborated more about various initiatives under CSES like CodeISM, Speak-Up, BufferedReader, CodeMarathon, ACM Student Chapter, Hackfest etc. He encouraged the alumni to read the bi-annual magazine of the department, "BufferedReader" to get timely updates about the Department and its activities. *He requested alumni to contribute in the best possible manner to fulfill the objectives of this department for its all-round development*.
* During the event, *Dr. Kumar also requested the batch of 2008 to continue the trends of organizing the next CodeMarathon (i.e., CodeMarathon 3.0)* - a proposal that the alumni proudly accepted.
* Furthermore, Dr. Chiranjeev took this opportunity to discuss about the presence of CSE department at International Level. He informed about the various MoUs/Data Agreement signed by our department with various universities. *He made a request to alumni in helping us to establish more contacts with foreign universities and industries.*
* Dr. Kumar mentioned about the Annual Day celebration of the department which is celebrated on last Saturday of August every year. This year it will be on 27th August 2016 and he invited alumni to visit the arena during that event to interact and motivate the students. *He requested the alumni to suggest a name to this event, which will always remind us their presence.*
* In the middle of the interaction session, Dr. Kumar reasserted on the need of strengthening the Alumni base of CSE and their role in shaping the Department. He also ascertained that

maintaining such a relationship would foster the growth of everyone - the current and prospective students, the Department, as well as the alumni. *He requested the alumni to help in providing the much needed industrial exposure to the students by giving talks on the various technological advancements.* On behalf of the students, *he also requested the alumni to help in getting more companies in the pool which would help in internships and placement.* He also opined that *one Alumnus in each company should act as the CSE Ambassador* so that they could be the point of contact between the Department and the company.

* Dr. Kumar mentioned that Confluence-2016 has moved one step further and invited spouse of the alumni to be a part of CSE family. *Inviting spouse in the get-together has given wonderful opportunity for our department to fulfill one of the objectives of Confluence* as one of the invited spouses was HR Manager of a renowned company which has not ever visited ISM Dhanbad.

* Lastly, *Dr. Kumar has released a Beta Version of SARC (Student and Alumni Relationship Cell) and encouraged everyone to sign-up (www.csesociety.in) in order to help the alumni share their thoughts directly with CSE students at a common platform.* The sign-up process just requires the admission number and batch year.
* A list of member (Lifetime & Annual) of CSE Society was presented by Dr Kumar. And the details were: Lifetime Members – 06, Annual Member (2014-15) – 29, and Annual Member (2015-16) – 22. *He urged the alumni to become members of CSE Society and help the department as one of the member.* The membership fees, which was decided at Confluence – 2014, will remain the same:
  * Rs. 1,000/- (One Thousand) per year for Annual Member. This needs to be renewed every year.
  * Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) once for Lifetime member

* Following Dr. Kumar's presentation, Dr. A. Tarachand delivered a brief speech in which he mentioned about the conversion of ISM to IIT and about how ISM fraternity has climbed a tall mountain by efforts of everyone. He ended his speech on a light note saying that he himself is present there as a faculty member as well as an alumnus of CSE as he received his Ph.D from ISM in the year 2015.

There were some suggestions from the Alumni reacting to Dr. Kumar's questions, compiled into following points:

- Students should develop their coding skills by working on projects pertaining to specific use cases rather than just learning Data Structures, Algorithms and Competitive Coding.
- There should be a newsletter on the present Technologies in the Industry so that the students can get a real motivation on what's going on in the industry.
- HR executives of the company's should be invited to Confluence or similar event so that this could garner industrial exposure to the department.
- Rather than just concentrating on internships and placements, CodeISM should teach students about important tools used in the industry and encourage students to do open source development.

As the event proceeded toward an end, Dr. Chiranjeev Kumar and Dr. A. Tarachand thanked everyone who extended their help and support to make Confluence 2016 a success. He also requested the alumni to contribute in the best possible way to fulfill the objectives of this department for its all-round development.

The alumni felt jubilant and heart touched by the event, and opined that such events must continue to be organized in times to come.

List of Alumni Attended the Confluence-2016:

Sl. No.	Name	Batch	Name of Company
1	Mr. Amit Anand	2008	Philips
2	Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh	2008	Amazon
3	Mr. Dhirendra Kumar Singh	2008	Flipkart
4	Mr. Mohit Ranjan	2008	Flipkart
5	Mr. Pravesh Jha	2008	Palerra
6	Mr. Sanjeev Kumar	2008	Quikr
7	Mr.Abhishek Jain	2008	Yatra.com
8	Ms. Kiranmayi	2009	Samsung Research India
9	Mr. Nitin Soni	2010	Junipar Networks
10	Mr. Pranay Kumar	2010	American Express
11	Mr.Himanshu Jain	2010	Samsung Research India
12	Mr. Ankit Mishra	2011	Flipkart
13	Mr. Pankaj Kumar	2011	Huawei Technologies
14	Mr, Md.Talib Ahmad	2012	Goldman Sachs
15	Mr. Anil Purohit	2012	Flipkart
16	Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Pathak	2012	Yatra.com

17	Mr. Piyush Banginwar	2012	Zynga
18	Mr. Prabhakar Kumar Shah	2013	Samsung Research India
19	Mr. Shubham Jain	2013	Flipkart
20	Mr. Soumitra Mishra	2013	Swiggy
21	Mr. Abhishek Raj	2014	Adobe
22	Mr. Amit Jain	2014	Arista Networks
23	Mr. Animesh Mishra	2014	Accenture
24	Mr. Anuj Kumar	2014	Samsung Research India
25	Mr. Aritra Gupta	2014	Samsung Research India
26	Mr. Mohammad Faizan Ali	2014	Amazon
27	Mr. Nitesh Gupta	2014	Samsung Research India
28	Mr. Prakhar Rastogi	2014	Arista Networks
29	Mr. Rahul Yadav	2014	BEL
30	Mr. Saurabh Prasad	2014	Knowlarity
31	Mr. Sshantanu Agarwal	2014	Arista Networks
32	Mr. Vikash Kumar	2014	Samsung Research India
33	Mr, Abhinav Saraswat	2015	Samsung Research India
34	Mr. Abhishek Agrawala	2015	Samsung Research India

35	Mr. Anurag Kumar	2015	Amazon
36	Mr. Hind Geel	2015	Arista Networks
37	Mr. Hitesh Sharma	2015	Samsung Research India
38	Mr. Inderjeet Yadav	2015	Oracle Finance
39	Mr. Kumar Vikram	2015	Samsung Research India
40	Mr. Rohit kumar	2015	Amazon
41	Ms. Nishtha Gupta	2015	Adobe
42	Mr. Abhinav Goyal	2016	Goldman Sachs
43	Mr. Ashay Sinha	2016	Samsung Research India
44	Mr. Jay Doshi	2016	Goldman Sachs
45	Mr. Mohit Chawla	2016	Samsung Research India
46	Mr. Nikhil Kumar Mittal	2016	Goldman Sachs
47	Mr. Ravindra Kumar Goyal	2016	Samsung Research India