

Questions that Alumni may ask to Phonathon volunteers

1. When was SARC started? or What is SARC?

SARC is a **6 year old student body**. We are working on ways to reduce the gap b/w the alumni and students.

SARC is a **voluntary organization run by the students of IIT Bombay** committed towards the enhancement of relationship between students and alumni of IIT Bombay. Over past years SARC has launched many initiatives which have acted as a common platform for interaction between students and alumni.

2. What are the different activities of SARC?

Sir, we used to organize 3 Phonathons throughout the year, 2 for India based alumni in August and March, and 1 for US based alumni in December. But now we are having monthly Phonathons with different agenda every time. Phonathon was the event with which SARC made its presence felt.

Apart from Phonathon, we started **Student Alumni Meet (SAM)** to give students and alumni, a platform to interact and network. Started in **2011**, we're still learning and expanding it.

We started with the mentorship programme called **Alumni student mentorship programme (ASMP)** in **2010**.

What is the purpose of Phonathon?

A telephone marathon where student volunteers connect to the alumni over a period of some days is the first initiative of SARC and purpose of phonathon. To bridge the gap between the students and alumni, to brief you about the recent developments in the institute, Phonathons are held. Apart from the initial conversation revolving around some fixed agendas, it's a great opportunity to learn from alumni, take fundae, and network with them.

What is IIT Bombay heritage foundation?

The IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation was established as a non-profit public benefit corporation is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes are to fund and promote education and research among students of the IIT B. The organization will achieve its goals by providing financial and other resources towards the institute.

Sir, For more details you can visit the site www.iitbombay.org.

Who else is coming for reunions?

You can find it in the reunion page of IITB-AA. Else, you can also enquire about it by writing to IITB-AA.

Where can I find the pics and stories about reunion?

Sir, you can find those pics on IITB AA's Site as well as some on our SARC website.

Is there any accommodation facility during reunion?

Yes sir there is such facility available, You will have to Contact IITB-AA
email id - iitbaa.office@iitbombay.org

Or you can directly call IITB alumni association at Tel: (+91-22) 2576-7086

What is the process of mentorship program?

Mentors can choose 3-4 mentees according to their "statement of purposes", field of interest etc.
Sir you can register to this programme on our ASMP page. The next phase starts in July 2013. I will mail you the registration link in a separate mail.

How many ASMP conducted till now? How many per year?

We have 2 phases per year, First in autumn semester and second in the spring semester. This is the 4th year of ASMP and we will be starting with our 7th phase this July.

What are recent major initiatives aided by donations to institute?

Sir there have been many recent projects working on Alumni Donations like

1. Laundromat Project This is pilot project in H8 in which Alumni donated to remove cloth-lines from corridor and install more machines and dryers.
2. Water recycling system: Water for washing machines (Grey water) and bathrooms can be reused after proper treatment for gardens and flushing toilets. To be installed in H6 and & due to low water pressure there.
3. Biometric Access System: Installation of biometric access system in common areas of hostel like lounge, T.V Room etc. and many more...

Forget interns, I want to hire! What should I do?

Thank you Sir, we are extremely glad. I will forward your contact details to the placement cell and the placement coordinators will follow up with you at the earliest possible.

I am coming to Mumbai on so-and-so date and want to stay in the Institute, what should I do?

Oh that's great sir, may I know when are you arriving.? Sir, there is a tab on our SARC website as well as on the alumni association website where you can inform us about your visit in advance so that we can accompany you directly from the main gate, and IITB AA will take care of your accommodation at guest house, just drop a mail at iitbaa.office@iitbombay.org and let them know about your visit.

An alumnus' wife asks for a number to call back to.

tell her that, we are volunteering for specific timing so it would be better if we called him rather than he calling us.

Ask for appropriate timing and tell that I will try calling him later and will forward all the details in mail

Also, ask for Email ID

// In these kind of situations we will be giving them a no. from SARC CTM, for them to call back at any hour.

What is area code ?

//in area code tab

What if he asked for authentication?

Sir, you can either drop a mail to ceo.iitbaa@iitbombay.org or at office.iitbaa@iitbombay.org asking about such activity or as you will be receiving a mail from SARC id so you can verify it from the SARC website. (<http://sarc-iitb.org/>)

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Let me tell you about HATS – Hostel Alumni Team Stewardship

Initiated in 2006 in H7, this initiative is basically an attempt to reconnect alumni to their hostels & help create funds for the welfare of hostel, may it be for the infrastructure or mess workers' good. As of today the figures tell around 269 donors have gathered 1.15 crore rupees & from this cause we have a state of the art gym in H4, purchases of musical instruments, Home Theatre for H2, book shelves for H7 & many such stories. This cause has also supported 200 mess workers from the Mess Workers Incentive Funds.

We also have another such initiative by the name of Young Faculty Award - YFA

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It is to attract the best faculty members at IIT Bombay. YFA awards a grant of 1lakh annually uptill 3 years to newly recruited faculty members. Around 26 new hires were made last year & a total of 75 hires could avail this opportunity from current funds ranging at around 6.5 crores net.

Would you like to know anything about the Reunion-2003?

Charges	Lifetime Memeber:Rs.3000 Non-Lifetime Member:Rs.3500	LM: \$ 50 NLM: \$60	Spouse- Rs. 1000	Spouse- \$ 18	Kids- Rs. 500	Kids- \$ 10
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Tentative schedule:

Time	Event
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration and Welcome
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	IITB and Hostel Updates Slideshow and presentations
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Family Fun-Antakshari, Bingo, etc.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Lunch & Networking
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Hostel Visits
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Break and Open Networking
7:00 PM - Close	Evening session-Dinner, Drinks, Entertainment

