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The alumnae shattering stereotypes

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from the Alumni relations desk

My Dear Alumni,

While the world still grapples with the pandemic, I would like to wish each one of you good health and the well-being of your near and dear ones. I'm sure everyone, in their different way, is trying to make the world a better place for you and your loved ones around you.

The last few months have bestowed upon us many moments to celebrate the work of our students, alumni, and faculty, and we take immense pride in it. Our University was bestowed with the prestigious '**Institute of Eminence**' status, recognising the incredible achievements of our students and faculty, in fact, the efforts of every person who has shaped Shiv Nadar University to be what it is today.

The alumni and students have been our strength to help overcome challenges posed by the pandemic. Serving as "**Covid Warriors**", they have been the backbone of the University, assisting and coping with the pandemic by finding resources such as hospital beds, oxygen cylinders, or plasma for those in need.

We have also rejoiced in revelling the International Women's Day, a cue to appreciate and celebrate the inspiring women in our lives. Remembering Mao Zedong's golden words, "**Women hold up half the sky**". I consider myself blessed to have remarkable women around me. Be it entrepreneurs, business women, activists, or friends, womanhood has graced me with beautiful bonds for a lifetime.

If we go back in history, we will discover how women have shaped the world in their unique ways. Be it Mrs Indira Gandhi, the former Prime Minister of India (1966) to Kamala Harris as the USA's Vice President (2021) or Kalpana Chawla, our first Indian female astronaut or Indra Nooyi, the CEO of PepsiCo, women have been pioneers in their respective fields. Shattering stereotypes, these women have been a reflection and celebration of the spirit of womanhood.

Through this edition of the magazine, I believe we ought to celebrate women who enrich our lives, who chart their path fearlessly and define success in their unique ways. Being a part of this community, I feel empowered to take the initiative and impact the world in many ways and roles. Women grow stronger together and realising this makes all the difference. Thus, I strive to collaborate, not compete, encourage, not overlook, climb the ladder together, walk with every woman, every individual above everything.

The Alumni office has been engaged over the past few months, creating a memorandum, an account that we will cherish for years to come. Our young enthusiastic team comprising Shweta Kataria and Kritika Vij, led by Shweta Tayal, have engaged with the community in myriad ways, such as virtual meets, fun social media interactions and talks. Never have they missed an opportunity to celebrate. Our team has lifted everyone's spirits on the gloomiest of days. I have enjoyed partaking and interacting with you as it enables me to meet you, hear your stories and share these tales with the beloved fraternity.

I am immensely proud of our students, faculty and alumni who have stayed so strong and united amidst the devastating pandemic and lent a shoulder to one and all. The sense of belonging to such a community is what I draw my strength from, and I wish it will flourish and grow stronger with each passing day.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Anubha Bali

Director - Career Development Center and Alumni Relations Office
Shiv Nadar University



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The past year has been tinted with a hue of overcoming challenges and braving the pandemic together as a community. Throughout the course of the past academic year, we have been in close communication with the faculty members, student coordinators and the management team, who have been prime contributors in shaping this magazine to a remarkable memento it is today.

This issue for us is a symbol of unity, which comes through staying connected beyond geographical curbs. Being connected with our alumni during these times has brought a sense of comfort and respite. We want to thank all our dear alumni for sharing their stories, photographs and being an integral part of this magazine.

We are elated to inaugurate the third edition of Shiv Nadar University's Alumni Magazine. We congratulate and credit the conceptualization of this year's issue to **Ms Anubha Bali**, along with the editorial team consisting of **Ms Shweta Tayal, Ms Kritika Vij, Ms Shweta Kataria, Ms Radhika Tantia, Ms Paulami Ghosh and Ms Aparna Mishra**. We also want to thank our student coordinators - **Mann Gupta, Arnav Sinha, Vernika Samadhiya, Tanishka Singh, Rohit Tiwari, Poorva Srivastava and many more** for their constant support.

All the narratives, stories and photographs have been collated and published only through consensual and ethical means. We assure the accuracy of all data and statistics encompassed.



IOE Institution of Eminence

On the 17th of March, Shiv Nadar University celebrated the landmark of being the youngest institution to be honoured with the status of Institution of Eminence (IoE). This national level honourable status is special as the University has achieved this in the initial 10 years of being established, across all the premier institutions of the country. The day was bookmarked in our calendars as a day of achievement, of being recognised by the Government of India for revolutionising the education landscape. This accolade is an acknowledgement of our USP, innovation, research-centric academics along with a multidisciplinary curriculum that the university has believed in since its establishment.

Celebrating this laurel, our Vice-Chancellor, **Dr Rupamanjari Ghosh**, along with the Pro Chancellor, **Mr Shikhar Malhotra**, graced us with their presence to celebrate this glorious feat. Dr Ghosh further interacted with the students and enlightened them about the responsibilities that come along with this great honour. She expressed her gratitude for the hardworking faculty who relentlessly raise the bar along with students who have been resilient enough to keep the show going even while we continue to face the pandemic.

We, at Shiv Nadar University, strive for excellence and do not settle for mediocrity. We believe in the wonders of multidisciplinary educational practices, which are far beyond excellence. Our University has always strived for eminence.



Mr Shiv Nadar- Lifetime Achievement Award

Lifetime Achievement Award

CNBC TV 18's

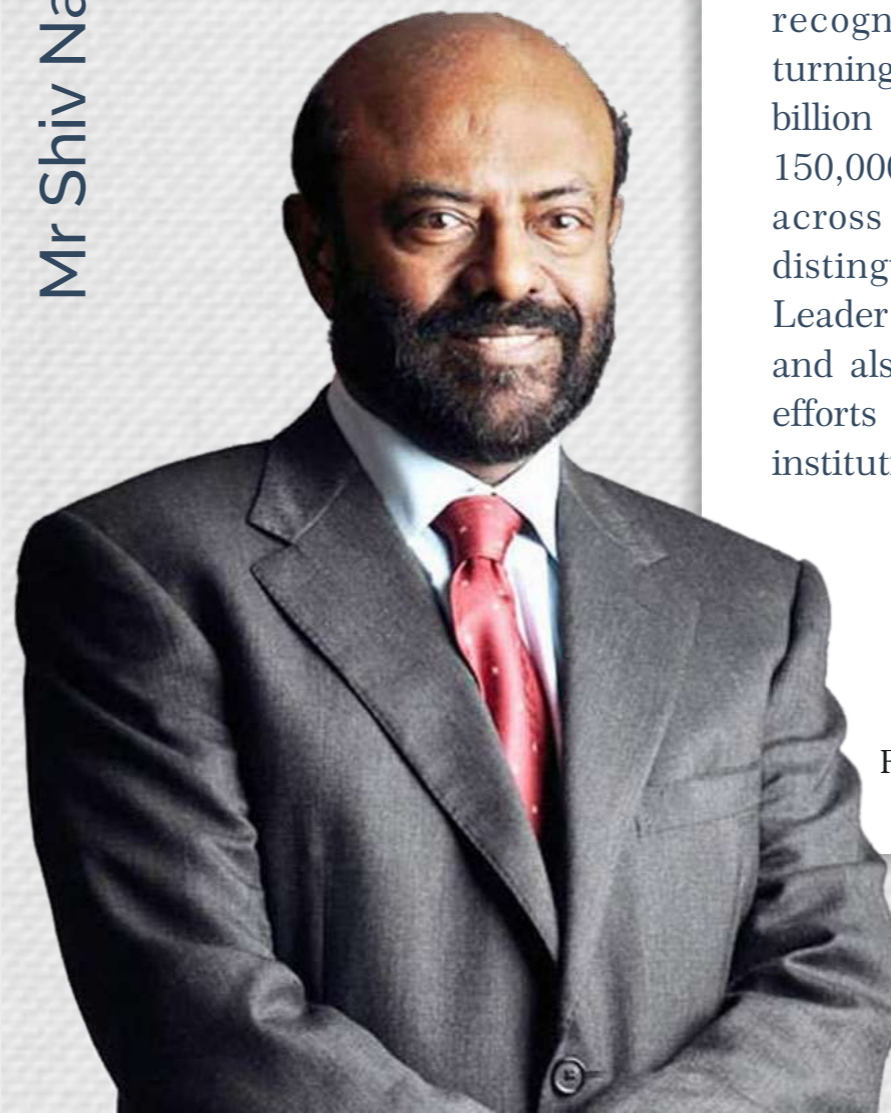
'India Business Leader Awards' 2021

This year, **Mr. Shiv Nadar, founder and chancellor of Shiv Nadar University** was bestowed with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the 'India Business Leader Awards' 2021. Celebrating Mr Nadar's role in shaping the Indian IT landscape along with his philanthropic work, this honour recognises his sheer perseverance from turning an Indian IT garage startup into a \$10 billion global conglomerate with more than 150,000 employees and professionals working across 50 countries. One of Asia's most distinguished awards, the 'India Business Leader Awards' 2021 acknowledges his vision and also praises Mr. Shiv Nadar's continued efforts in establishing a premier educational institution, namely, the Shiv Nadar University.

Mr. Shiv Nadar,

Founder, HCL

Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Technologies
Founder & Chairman, Shiv Nadar Foundation



Dr. Bappaditya Gole Awarded Ramanujan Fellowship

by Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India



Shiv Nadar University never misses a chance to celebrate a faculty member's success and perseverance. **Dr. Bappaditya Gole**, Assistant Professor, School of Natural Sciences, was recently honoured with the prestigious Ramanujan Fellowship by The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a Statutory Body under the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. Utilising the grant to further his research in Biomimetic Supramolecular Chemistry, Dr. Gole paves the way for students, faculty and everyone at Shiv Nadar University in the world of research and science. Serving as a pioneer, Dr. Gole is counted among the exceptional scientists worldwide engaging in advanced technical research to further scientific advancement. We at Shiv Nadar University are proud of Dr. Gole and his extraordinary achievement.

Dr. Rajat Kathuria New Dean of SHSS



We welcome **Dr. Rajat Kathuria**, the Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), as the Dean of School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS) and Professor of Economics at Shiv Nadar University. This is an iconic step moving us closer to our vision of achieving excellence. With over two decades of teaching and dealing in economic policy, Dr. Kathuria is an added asset to the already renowned faculty at the University. Having worked with the World Bank in Washington D.C, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United National Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), he brings a fresh perspective to the table.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Network, "n+i" of Engineering Institutes in France

Shiv Nadar University focuses on continuously improving and walking alongside global institutions. Realising the goal of research-driven education and collaboration, the Shiv Nadar University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Network, "n+i" of Engineering Institutes in France**. A not-for-profit organisation, the institute unites 50+ French engineering institutes of higher education. Together, both these institutions will realise the aim of academic excellence and research collaboration for five years. This partnership empowers students across all levels - undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral levels to study and participate in various programs and projects across 50 institutions. The University has also opened its doors for student exchange programs, thus enabling exposure and global exchange.



Alumni Upskilling through Coursera

Shiv Nadar University believes in growing but above everything growing together. Aligning with this principle, the alumni were connected with an innovative idea. The university provided annual access to **Coursera programs for the alumni**. Numerous courses across all topics along with expertise of different universities and guides, this access would immensely help the alumni and their professional skills. With simple access and a variety to explore, more than 50 users have already availed this benefit and are upgrading their skills.

At Shiv Nadar University, we believe learning never stops and what better way to learn than through the global platform of Coursera.

University Placements Beat the Pandemic Blues

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The last year has been a challenging year for the entire world. At Shiv Nadar University, our Faculty Members and Students have had an unprecedented year ensuring that learning outcomes are not compromised, and education happens in a safe yet impactful way.

The challenges for the graduating students were even more difficult as they had to prepare and compete in a Campus Placement Season remotely.

We take pride in our brilliant students who proved their mettle by grabbing some of the best opportunities which came the University's way from Google, DE Shaw, Goldman Sachs, McKinsey BNY Mellon, Postman, Commvault to Zee Entertainment, Ernst & Young, Microsoft, ZS Associates, United Health Group and Viasat.

The Career Development Center at the University ensured that each student was prepared to handle the highly competitive selection processes, which included aptitude testing, technical and domain knowledge, and situation-based case study interviews. As the industry and market continues to evolve with diverse and impactful roles, we focus on preparation and showcasing our students. We at Shiv Nadar, strongly believe – **"Preparation is the only key to success."**

In addition to Placements, the University saw an amazingly executed Internship Fair process, conducted end to end online with organizations participating from sectors as diverse as the Think Tanks to Development, Startups, Institutions, and all the major well-known corporates.

We want to take this opportunity to **"Thank"** each and everyone from the faculty, the organizations who partnered and contributed to driving our students' future.

We at Shiv Nadar University are focused on ensuring the purpose, dreams, and aspirations come true for every student, irrespective of the changing face of the world.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER CAMPUS PLACEMENT 2021

Congratulations!

On your job offer from **DELL**

Member: Gauri, Anshu Gupta, Anshu Duggan, Neha Gupta, Manika Mittal, Komal Saini, Anur Saini, Mohit S, Rishi Arora, Navin Prasad, Utkarsh Sharma, Shivam Kishor, Deo Kulkarni, Sai Mohan Reddy, Shivang Gout, Anurag Parwal, Abhinav Sharma

B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering, Class of 2021

Malika Tripathi, Subhav Sachdeva

B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Class of 2021

About Dell
Dell is an American multinational computer technology company that develops, sells, repairs, and supports computers and related products and services. Named after its founder, Michael Dell, the company is one of the largest technology corporations in the world, employing more than 165,000 people in the U.S. and around the world. It is one of the biggest PC product companies in the world.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER CAMPUS PLACEMENT 2021

Congratulations!

On your job offer from **Goldman Sachs**

Somya Srivastava, Anika Khanolkar, Elisha Singh, Tanisha Saxena

R Deepa, Kabir Arora, Manika Mittal, Meghna Chaudhary

B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering, Class of 2021

About Goldman Sachs
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CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER CAMPUS PLACEMENT 2021

Congratulations!

On your job offer from **Futures First**

Abhinav Gupta, Bachelor in Management Studies

Kabita Patel, B.Tech in Electrical & Electronics Engineering

Abhishek Chaudha, B.Tech in Computer Science & Engineering

Class of 2021

About Futures First
Futures First, a Hertshten Group company, is a fast-growing proprietary finance business that continues to raise the international benchmarks for excellence across the finance industry. Futures First has been operating in India for more than 16 years and has been employing hundreds of the brightest and most competitive market analysts across six offices in India (Bengaluru, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata and Mumbai) and continues to recruit the best talent from the most competitive universities and institutes in India.



International Women's Day Celebration at the University

The Covid-19 outbreak has had a significant impact on each one of us, because of which we have also seen a substantial change in the way of living of our students. This year, at Shiv Nadar University, we are determined not to lose out on any opportunity to celebrate. And what could be more important to celebrate than the women who have enriched our lives!

On this **International Women's Day**, both men and women at the University came together in shades of green, white and purple to celebrate the spirit of womanhood, exercising all necessary protocols. The event aimed to highlight the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women in our community. The day was eventful. We started at daybreak with a Cyclothon followed by a cultural programme. The highlight of this event was the performance of our women house-keeping staff and their friends for the adjoining villages.

The occasion was graced by our Vice-chancellor Dr. Rupamanjari and Executive Director Col. Gopal. The local DCP and his team were our guests of honour for the event. The venue was soaked in colours of festivity and togetherness, owing to the powerful and brilliant performances by local artisans, students, and children, alike. The audience and participants shared their heartfelt stories, anecdotes, and messages, that conveyed and made us realize that we are all united in our goal of achieving equality and empowerment.

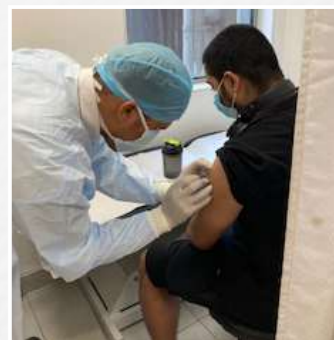
The afternoon was concluded by an incredible show put up by all the female workforce, demonstrating their newly acquired skills of driving golf carts and replacing tires. It was heart-warming, to witness their unparalleled joy and pride in taking another step towards shattering the stereotypes.

The day ended with a sumptuous lunch and a token of appreciation to carry home, for everyone who joined us that us. Each one left the campus with a heartfelt spirit of togetherness.

The day was a reminder that we must acknowledge and appreciate all the women in our lives. We pedalled, we performed, we praised, but above all, we stood for Equality and Empowerment!



Vaccination-Drive



Vaccination-Drive by Shiv Nadar Foundation

The Vaccination drive for members of the Shiv Nadar University community started on May 15. HCL and Shiv Nadar Foundation, in collaboration with Max Healthcare, facilitated this drive for all students, employees, and their dependents. We are grateful to Shikhar Malhotra - Executive Director, HCL Corporation; Vice Chairman & CEO, HCL Healthcare; Trustee, Shiv Nadar Foundation; Pro-Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University; Trustee, The Habitats Trust for spearheading this initiative.

Since getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a crucial step for fighting this pandemic, Shiv Nadar University's Healthcare employees and sanitization workers were among the first to receive the vaccine because of their essential role in keeping the campus safe.

As of date, 800+ people from Shiv Nadar University have been vaccinated and have positively influenced the vaccination decisions of their friends and family. For those who are yet to get the jab. Don't Wait! Get vaccinated to protect yourself, those you love, and the community from contracting COVID-19.

Stay Healthy and Safe!





Covid Warriors



Anand Sharma
Director,
Administration



Anil Kumar
Assistant General Manager,
Administration



Dr. Susheel Shukla
Chief Medical Officer,
Blue Circle- Healthcare Center, SNU

Challenges hold up a mirror to society. Tough times reflect our true selves, our resolve, our character. **Shiv Nadar University** believes in standing united and facing any challenges head on. The University and the faculty were quick to respond to the pandemic and shifted to online teaching in less than a day. The University has been active in recognizing and addressing students concerns by gradually reopening the campus and providing resources to students facing connectivity problems.

Commencing another academic year, we welcomed students in a phased manner and made suitable arrangements.

While life was gradually adjusting to the new normal, we were faced with yet another wave of pandemic. This time around, our students along with the staff came to support and were at the frontend, serving as **"Covid Warriors"**. The three pillars of Shiv Nadar University, the student community, the strong alumni network along with the relentless unfailing support of the admin, staff and faculty have been instrumental in braving the pandemic.

Col Gopal, The Executive Director visualised the need and quickly formed multiple teams of volunteer students and staff to support the Administration and Wellness Centre.

One of the team ensured reaching out to students who developed symptoms or tracked to have come in contact with a Covid-19 Positive person. The team ensured the students are quarantined/ isolated as the case may be and kept a close watch on them while coordinating with Wellness centre for their medication and with administration for their food, hygiene and other resources required.

Another team went busy in coordinating and organising resources by reaching out to Alumni network etc. Fostering a community spirit that was essentially needed in this testing period, this team spent countless hours reconnecting with alumni across the globe as well as verifying leads and resources.

Teams reached out to hundreds of hospitals looking for beds for admission of our university patients and that included staff and faculty living in Delhi NCR. Even those who were out station and seeking help have been supported effectively. The teams joined hands to work towards mitigation of emergency situations arising any moment ...be it supply of oxygen cylinder, making the availability of beds in hospitals, supplying medicine. The entire University faculty, staff and students acknowledge and salute these Covid Warriors for their undaunted support and spirit.

Numerous people with their contributions have had a monumental effect on many lives. The university stands tall today owing to the Admin team's ceaseless assistance and round the clock hard work at ground level.



Gaurav Bhardwaj
Office of Dean of Student Affairs



Gaurav Paliwal
Administration



Gaurav Sachdeva
Office of Executive Director



Jagmeet Kaur
School of Management and
Entrepreneurship



Pawan Negi
Sports Department

Covid Warriors Team

The Director Administration, Wing Commander Anand Sharma led his team from front. He was always available to support and ensured that the team members were highly motivated and committed.

During the course of the pandemic, the Administration team members have displayed the courage on the face of epidemic while tending to the sick and COVID-19 infected students and staff. The dedication and compassion of members of security, transport, housekeeping, mess, and maintenance staff cannot be left unstated.

Despite many other adverse situation like departure of students, near closure of mess, reduced manpower to support, curfew in local markets, the Administration held their ground strong throughout come what may. They not only managed the services and operation inside campus but also reached out to Civil and Police administration, private workshops and factory owners, shopkeepers to fetch oxygen, medicine, medical equipment etc.

The planning and execution of support through lifesaving equipment and delivery of resources to those in need are commendable. Their contribution, compassion and perseverance has saved many lives.

All these success stories have only been possible because of our Blue Circle Team! Dr. Susheel Shukla, Dr. Harsharan Singh Bains, Dr. Suman Singh along with their team's hard work, thoughtfulness, selfless determination, and commitment during these challenging times make them the real heroes. We at SNU are all indebted to them.

The faculty, admin, staff along with the students' are collectively facing this pandemic as true heroes. It is our collective strength that The Shiv Nadar University has stood strong and together, throughout it all.



The University felicitated the diligent and dedicated team with a token of appreciation.



Blue Circle Team



Ankita Rai'21



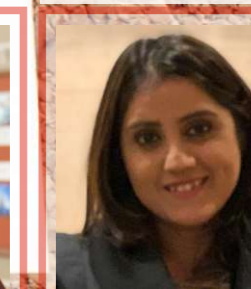
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Congratulations Class of 2021!

Celebrating the class of 2021- their graduation is indeed immensely special—more so, **given the adversity posed by the pandemic.**

The Covid-19 pandemic, has tainted the past two years with a hue of **challenges involving remote semesters, online placements and interactions limited only to the virtual space.** This class of 2021 has been instrumental in helping the University manage and cope with adversities posed by the pandemic through their continuous efforts and enthusiasm to help and contribute.

The class of 2021, holds a special place in our hearts, given the turbulent times in which they have held their ground and managed to successfully graduate with flying colours. Bidding farewell to a zealous batch such as this, it makes our heart heavy not being able to celebrate their success and achievements in person. Scholars, researchers and skilled artists, this batch has encompassed the best of learners, leaders and liberalists. We are confident and proud of all that you have achieved, and everything that awaits you in your journey ahead. Braving a pandemic, managing academics along with all your other responsibilities, and yet, having the cheer that lightens up the darkest of rooms. We are sure that it will only be upwards and onwards for them, here on.

Our hearty congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2021!

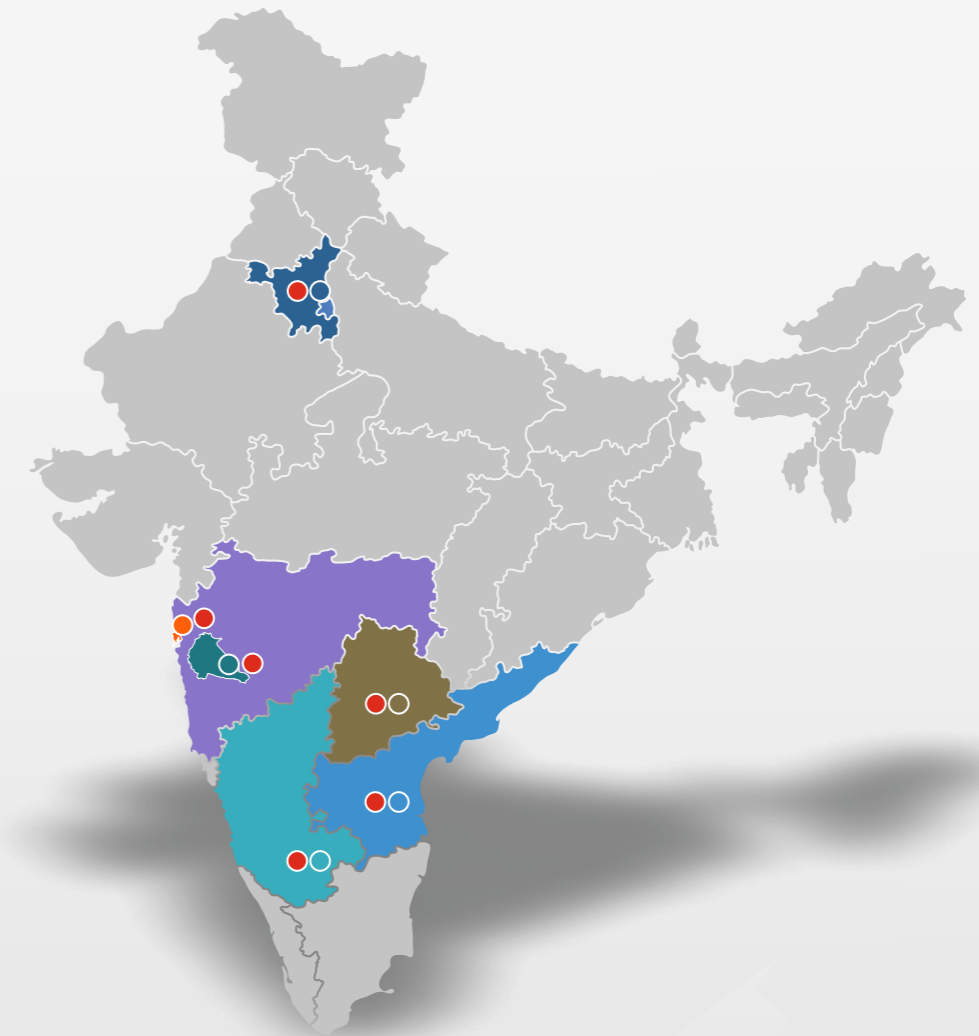


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| Asia | 2204 | USA | 276 |
| Europe | 170 | UK | 41 |
| North America | 302 | Germany | 37 |
| Oceania | 28 | Australia | 27 |
| Others | 171 | Canada | 25 |

Across India



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| Delhi-NCR | 1002 | Hyderabad | 175 |
| Bangalore | 284 | Mumbai | 82 |
| Chennai | 154 | Pune | 75 |
| Others | 394 | | |

Total Alumni **2706**

▶ **After graduating with a B.Tech degree what was your first job right after your college?**

My first job was at Turner Broadcasting, Warner Media as a Producer in the Creative Services team where I created ads for Cartoon Network and Pogo. Here are some of the videos that I created for Disney's digital handles that are really close to my heart – 1 Year 2020 to 2021: New Year Video | 1 Avengers Infinity War ft. Disney

▶ **Where are you currently working and what is your role with them?**

I currently work as a Producer at The Walt Disney Company where I write, direct and conceptualise high impact trailers, ads and short-form content for Disney, Marvel and Pixar.

▶ **Is your career an extension of your academic degree or are you pursuing something else? And how did the experience you gained through our University help you get this job?**

Surprisingly, my work has no correlation with my engineering background! Since I was a kid, I always had varied interests – art, music, poetry, and love for stories. Even while pursuing my computer science degree at SNU, most of my elective courses were in art, film, sociology, and literature. So, I always wondered how this will all come together. But, I did what everyone was doing. I applied for MS in computer science in the US and got in. However, I decided to defer my Masters program by a year. During this time, I got an offer to work with Cartoon Network, and so I jumped at the opportunity! Turns out, all those hours I spent watching shows and cartoons actually paid off as it helped me create

campaigns for brands that I grew up with. The electives at SNU helped me become more receptive and ready for a creative journey.

▶ **How has the pandemic impacted your life goals?**

The pandemic has been a positive change in my life. It has allowed me to work more remotely, and spend time with my family. I am able to get more work done during the day. But most of all, I get a lot of quiet time that really (really really) helps me ideate better for upcoming marketing campaigns.

▶ **Have you achieved anything in the recent past that you would like to share with us? And what is the biggest achievement till now for you?**

In my first year at Disney, I worked on the launch of a brand new television channel – Disney International HD, which became an instant hit! It ranked #1 in 2+ of its genres I believe that the best thing about being a creative producer is to be able to have a positive impact on people worldwide. Every ad/trailer/content piece is a story. And so every



Arushi Gupta'15

B.Tech. CSE

Like most Indian kids **Arushi** grew up watching **Disney and Pogo**. Weaving her dreams around Cinderella and Frozen, Arushi had never imagined that one day she would work as a Producer at The Walt Disney Company. Speaking about her success mantra she says,

“ All you need is a little faith, trust, and pixie dust. ”

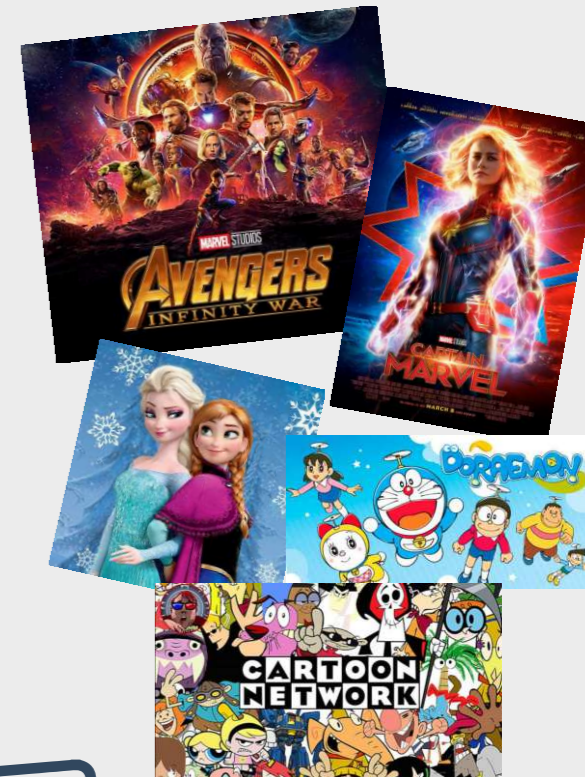
video that we create for television, OTT platforms or social media not only helps increase brand value but also brings audience happiness, excitement and wonder – something to smile about.

▶ **If you were to advise your juniors, what would you like to tell them?**

Sometimes, what you want to do and what the world expects you to do are (kind of) polar opposites. So, just take a leap and try. Explore. Maybe you'd find something you'd really like!

▶ **Is there any quote that inspires you or any personal statement you want us to mention?**

"All you need is a little faith, trust, and pixie dust." -- Peter Pan



You are currently working with Walt Disney and have worked on iconic movies like the Avengers Infinity War, Captain Marvel, Frozen, and several cartoons like Doraemon. How has the journey been from a Computer Science major to a Producer? What is the most exciting experience you have had in your four years with Walt Disney?

The journey has not only been interesting but also indescribable. I have learnt everything on the job by learning from incredibly talented colleagues. They push me to trust my gut and to always strive to do each project differently. I have always been a Disney kid, so my first year at Disney was the most exciting experience. When I was hired my (now current) manager told me that I'd be working on the launch of a new Disney Channel, but I didn't know any other details - what shows, movies, etc. So, I was over the moon when I saw the channel's launch portfolio. It was exactly the kind of content I grew up watching.

Your job requires you to write, direct, shoot, conceptualize and pitch your ideas to everyone including your colleagues. Did you encounter biases because of your gender? There must have been times when you felt proud to be a woman, can you share one such empowering memory that you hold close to your heart?

To be honest, I haven't experienced any gender bias at work. Starting from my first job at Cartoon Network to my current job, I have been blessed with great bosses and mentors.

In my first year at Disney, I was invited to be a speaker for women's day. Turns out I was not only the youngest woman but also the youngest employee in the company! It felt empowering to be able to share my experience with my colleagues about my journey from doing engineering to being a creative producer.

▶ **How did the experience at the university help you find a potential career in the path that you have chosen?**

SNU's MS Economics program helped me gain an appreciation of graduate-level economics, particularly due to the program's emphasis on academic rigor and mathematical applications. Additionally, I am extremely grateful to some of the faculty members at SNU, for their mentorship and advice. They played a pivotal role in helping me with my choices and future steps. SNU helped me shape my career and subsequently, I steered my academic journey in that direction.

▶ **Tell us more about your current role?**

I am working as an Economic Consultant with the World Bank in Washington DC, in their poverty team for Europe and Central Asia. My primary role is to conduct poverty analysis for countries within the given region (both monetary and multi-dimensional).

▶ **Did the pandemic have any impact on your work?**

The pandemic for me, luckily, wasn't bad since I got to be home- New Delhi- and work from here. This was only possible because I have a very supportive and understanding boss who allowed me to work from home. I feel exceptionally grateful that during a time when many lost their

jobs/ had salary cuts, I had the luxury to be in India with my family (which is something I deeply miss and crave for).

▶ **What is the one thing that you like about being a woman?**

What I like about being a woman is knowing that we have come this far. Sure, there is a long way to go, but the fact that we are here today, after fighting for several basic rights and after having to break many glass ceilings - both personally and societally - makes me very proud to be a woman. I believe that because of these (still) existing gender disparities, we as women (continue to) have more resilience and determination to get what we want and deserve.

▶ **Tell us something about your background? Was it easy for you to go out from your family and achieve your dreams?**

Yes. I feel extremely blessed to have a set of parents who are extremely supportive. They never questioned my dreams and never stopped me from achieving them. Sure, there were times where they intervened in my choices, but that was never because I was a girl; rather these



Bhavya Paliwal'15

M.Sc. Economics

An MS Economics student, **Bhavya** is currently working as an Economic Consultant with the **World Bank**. She feels,

“ **It is impossible to always succeed on the first try, but if you truly want to achieve something and you are convinced about it, then you should keep trying and shouldn't feel dejected even if things don't come your way in the first go** ”

were concerns which they would have had even for a boy. In fact, some of my extended family members would often question my parents' upbringing for a 'girl' but my folks always stood by it and let me be me!

▶ **Are there any assumptions about women that you would like to change? Did you face any challenges yourself? How did you overcome them?**

The fact, that there are certain ways in which society wants a woman to live her life really irks me. Although, there is now an increased acceptance of a woman being a working mother, the social expectation of motherhood for every woman, remains universal. It is still largely unacceptable for a woman to choose to focus solely on her professional career (-or not-) and decide not to have children. The fact, that till today women aren't completely free to make their own choices without being frowned upon by a large section of society bothers me. This assumption, that a woman must behave in a certain manner, as set by society, is something I would like to change. In general, the societal expectation for a woman to be married by a certain age is something I have heard a lot of my relatives say to my parents and me. I am lucky to have parents who have not put such pressures on me, but the fact that even today marriage takes precedence in a woman's life over other things (-this may be more prevalent in India than abroad-) is a challenge that I have somewhat dealt with. (I say somewhat since my parents don't have this mindset and that saves me from the challenge that other women face even more due to the pressure their parents put on them).

▶ **Any career advice you would like to give to your juniors for careers in your field.**

Since you have asked me to specifically address this to juniors in my field, I would suggest that all those who are thinking of pursuing a Masters/Ph.D. in economics should take up as many math courses (linear algebra, differential equations, real analysis, etc.) as they can, during their Undergrad/Masters. The nature of a Ph.D. focused on economics (-sadly or not-) is such, that even if being a theoretical economist is not what you see yourself being, the coursework will require you to know rigorous math. Taking math courses early on would not only help you during



the coursework but will also help with your applications for a masters/Ph.D.

▶ **How has your journey as a woman been in India? What were the obstacles you encountered to reach where you are at today? What is your mantra to success?**

I feel I had it easy since my parents were very supportive. But despite that, the few comments that I faced from extended family members, did at times affect me (although momentarily). Other than that, women not being able to completely let their guard down while outside- such as being cautious while out alone at night, being hyperaware of their surroundings/ people- is something that every woman (more so in India) has experienced at some point; and many more have even internalised. These behaviours have almost become a part of our being, while they shouldn't have to be. I can't think of a mantra of success, but if I must ask myself about what keeps me motivated, it will have to be doing what I am passionate about. I feel that if a person is at a job/ working towards a career that he/she isn't passionate about; it will not be sustainable (and/or he/she will not be happy).

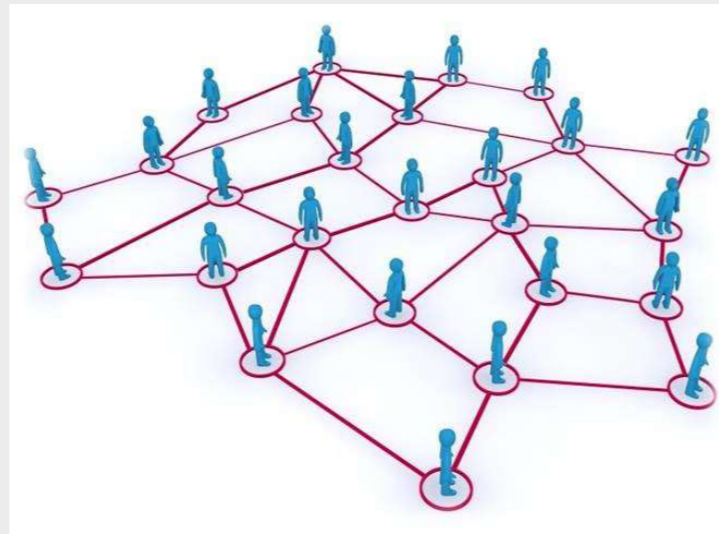
How did the experience you gained at SNU help you to navigate your career after graduation? And what has been SNU's role in your personal development?

I was very fortunate to be a part of the founding batch of SNU. As, we were just starting out, we had the advantage to not just pick our classes, but also create our course design and curriculum. The early exposure that I got in different disciplines and personal mentorship from stellar faculty has given me critical skills and network that definitely helped me in shaping my early career. In fact, I heard about my current job from a professor!

Moving away from home, being alone and responsible for everything are always big changes in a student's life. At SNU, everything was amplified by the fact that it was all starting up – there were not many fixed rules or things that one could and couldn't do. This experimental environment made me more confident. It also helped me to expand my view of the world and make friends I can keep for life.

Who are you currently working with? What is your role with them?

I'm currently working with Gartner, a leading research and advisory company that provides advice and insights to executive leaders (e.g., CEOs, CIOs, CHROs) at large organisations. My role involves working with these executives to understand their goals, challenges and uncover insightful, practical ways to solve common client challenges. It sounds very similar to management consulting. However, a key difference is that we don't solve challenges for individual clients. We create a library of insights and best practices that many clients can use to solve their own challenges. My career right now



is a great example of multidisciplinary learning in action – I put on my 'engineer' and 'anthropologist' hats all the time to find innovative solutions for clients.

According to you what is most empowering for a woman? Did you face any challenges being a woman? How did you overcome them?

I feel the freedom that women have to be emotionally expressive is one very big advantage. Everyone feels the same emotions, negative or positive. However, it's considered okay for a woman to express them than men. This is incredibly empowering, even in a professional

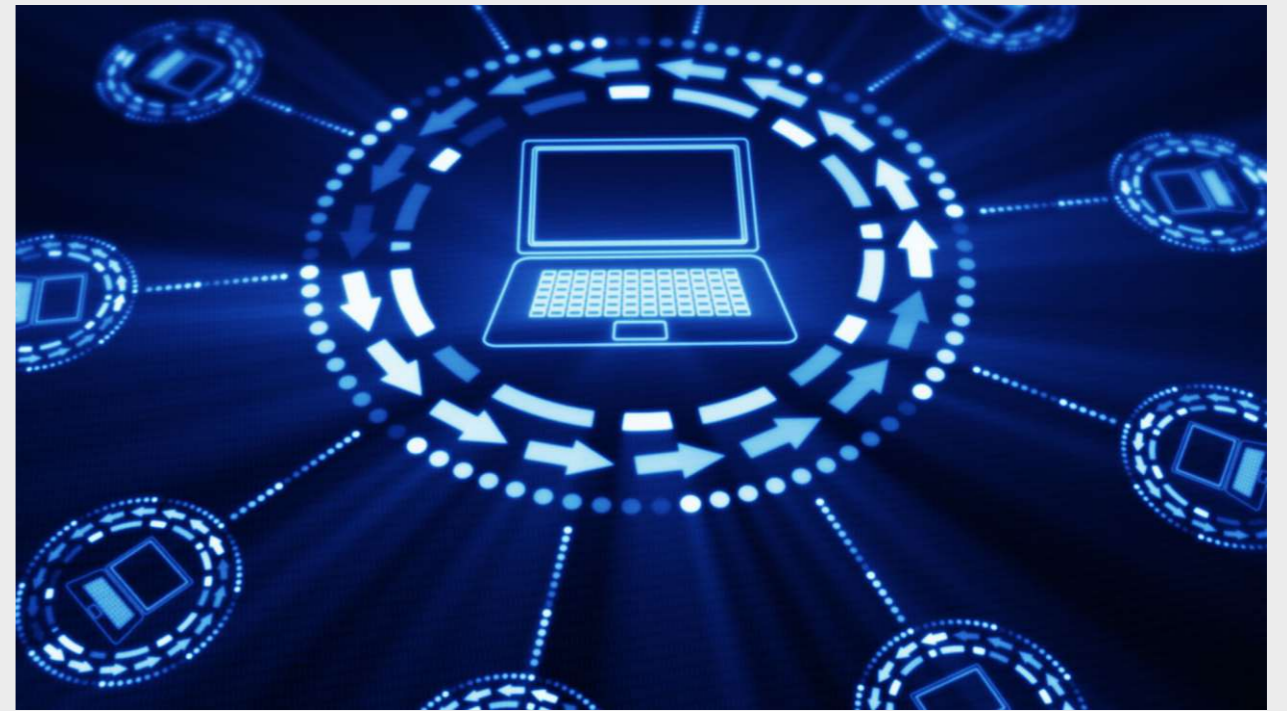


Meghna Joshi'15

B.Tech. CSE

Meghna, works for **Gartner**. Sharing her experience and lessons she says,

“ Use your networks. When I started at SNU, we didn't have any seniors. Now, the alumni network has every kind of expert you can think of – reach out to them for general career advice, not just specific job placement opportunities. ”



setting. A big challenge for me was to discuss 'money' with my bosses. As I saw more women enter the workforce, I realised this is still a common problem for the most progressive women. We hesitate to discuss and negotiate salaries, to demand what we think our work is worth. Often women don't receive enough guidance on this front. However, I've been really lucky to have a great mentor (also a woman) in my office. She has guided me by quizzing me on questions like, 'what kind of life do you want? How much money do you think you will require? How will you ask for it?' Since, she has managed both men and women, she explained to me how men have these discussions and how it actually leads to fair compensation. It's so important for all early career women to keep in mind that talking about money is more than okay. Infact, it's good! If you don't know how to,

reach out to seniors who have work experience and ask for guidance.

Any advice you would like to give to your juniors ?

Get cross-domain exposure. It's vital, not just in my field, but pretty much any field of work these days. People who can blend science, math and arts are the most sought after individuals anywhere. Use your networks. When I started at SNU, we didn't have any seniors. Now, the alumni network has every kind of expert you could think of – reach out to them for general career advice, not just specific job placement opportunities.



▶ **How did the experience you gained through university help you to build your career after graduation? What drove you to choose the career that you are pursuing right now? Is it an extension of your academic degree or are you pursuing something else?**

I was part of the first batch in the economics department. The education and experience I gained at SNU has equipped me with much needed exposure and critical thinking skills for the working world. Post my graduation, I went to study in Russia and Italy to complete my dual masters in Public Policy and International Relations. I have always enjoyed being part of the building process. I think being the first few at SNU and Duke is a testament to that and have had an inclination towards the social sector. Working in a social enterprise seemed like the perfect fit to get that experience of both, growing a start up and contributing to a social cause.

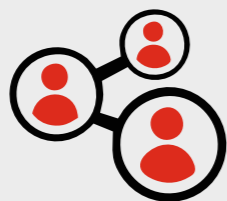
▶ **Who are you currently working with? What is your role with them?**

I am currently working in a young social enterprise named Haqdarshak. We use technology and a network of field agents to connect citizens with their government welfare entitlements. I was part of the first few in the growth team at Haqdarshak primarily taking care of partnerships, client account management, impact showcasing and a bit of marketing.



▶ **Did the pandemic have any impact on your life goals? Have you changed the way you handled your work life?**

I grew a lot professionally during the pandemic. Haqdarshak, being a field implementation organisation saw an immense cash flow crunch during this period as all operations were halted. Being part of the Growth team pushed us to think creatively and explore new revenue channels. We had one of the best years as a company in the last FY as we hustled to get more contracts and finish deliverables on time.



Sambhavna Biswas'16

B.Sc. Economics

Sambhavna strongly believes

“ **Being a woman today is very exciting. There are more and more women gaining visibility, rising up, and giving less importance to what other people think about us.** ”

▶ **What is SNU's role in your personal development?**

SNU, gave me an opportunity to experiment with anything I wanted. I could start new clubs and initiatives and got all kinds of support for them. I have also been fortunate to get a lot of personal time with professors who groomed me in various disciplines. I also got the opportunity to study at Duke Kunshan University. I did a semester in China, as well as a certificate program in Entrepreneurship from Babson College, USA. Both these experiences have been life-changing and gave me a fresh perspective of the world.

▶ **What's your fav thing about being a woman?**

Being a woman today is very exciting. There are more and more women gaining visibility, rising up, and giving less importance to what other people think about us. I love that I have so many inspiring women to look up to and to learn from.

▶ **Tell us something about your background? Was it easy for you to go out from your family and achieve your dreams**

My mom is a music entrepreneur while my dad has been part of the social sector. I am a single child and my parents have been extremely supportive of all decisions I make. They are literally my pillar and my support system

▶ **Any advice you would like to give to your juniors for careers in your field.**

For a career in the social sector, fieldwork is absolutely important. It is only then that one can understand the challenges that the most marginalised face in our country. I would strongly recommend getting field experience through internships during summer vacations.



▶ **What motivated you to start the Film appreciation society 'CineU' at Shiv Nadar University?**

We all desperately needed after-class activities at SNU during the initial years. That was mainly the trigger along with the fact that we wanted it to become a platform for people to come, discuss and critique movies that shape our ways of thinking in more ways than we can imagine.

▶ **While you have an impressive set of diplomas to your name, the world we live in does not necessarily prescribe education to women. What was your journey like? Did you ever face discrepancies from your family or society in general?**

I have always enjoyed studying. In fact, if you ask me today, I would say that I want to study again in a few years. I am privileged to have been born in a family that values education for women.



Tell us something about your background and your experience at SNU ?

My parents have been supportive, but the field I decided to pursue was against their wishes as they wanted me to do CA. However, I had realised during my high school days, that I wanted to pursue art. There was lot of resentment as no one in my family had ever gone in this field. I was forced to take admission in BBA. I completed a year and appeared for the BFA entrance exam in Faculty of Fine Arts at MSU, Baroda. After clearing the exam I told my parents that I've got admission in BFA. My parents were very upset, but finally gave up and I joined BFA. There was lot of resentment again when I told them about MFA at SNU, which was miles away from home. They wanted me to get married and settle down but, I went for MFA..”

The MFA programme at SNU was an important milestone in developing and redefining my practice as an artist, connecting me to the real world of contemporary art, in India as well as internationally. It helped me broaden my vision and perspective towards art and taught me how the expanse of art was much beyond the four walls of the studio- how engagement, collaboration, discussion and observation were integral to developing ones practice. The programme gave me exposure to art galleries, sessions with eminent artists, curators and researchers, and helped me to break the barrier between theory and practice by in-person interaction. This exposure helped me develop my practice after graduation in many ways. Primarily, by giving me access to important art institutions and people, building my confidence to approach them, and being optimistic about my own practice and where it stands in the

Sonam Chaturvedi'16

MFA

“If you can dream of it, you can do it.” And that's exactly what our MFA student **Sonam** shares.

“ I come from a very orthodox and a religious Hindu family from Mathura. SNU redefined me and directed me towards what I truly wanted from my life. ”

contemporary art space. My two years at SNU were rich with interactions, exchange programs and friendships- with fellow students as well as teachers. It contributed in shaping not only my practice and career, but also my personality, my ideas, social and political alliances, and approach. SNU redefined me and directed me towards what I truly wanted from my life.

▶ **You are currently working with O. P. Jindal Global University in Sonapat as an Assistant Lecturer in the Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities (JSLH) What is your role with them? And what are some of the challenges that you faced being a woman?**

I take the core and elective courses in Expressive Arts (Visual Arts). Talking about challenges I feel that in Asian countries, women are directed a lot since childhood like what to do, how to behave, what to wear, what to eat, whom to talk to, how to laugh, etc. because of which we develop flexibility along with a will to fight. If I wasn't a woman, I wouldn't have understood what I want, because that constant pressure to prove myself would not have been there. The entire society is perpetually working together to pull a woman down to her predetermined space, and her mere existence to reinstate that she is an individual. She has to struggle round the clock. The fight to just exist takes tremendous will power and energy, which I



find to be the strength of every woman, even when many women conform to power, we know when to say no.

▶ **What about your own field?**

As an artist, I was always met with the assumption that women artists cannot do sculpture or any labour intensive work. Even conceptually, we are expected to work with feminine topics of domesticity and beauty. However, things have changed in the past few years. In recent times, Indian art world has given more space to women and seen us take important positions as collectors, gallerists, curators, educators and artists. Personally, I have felt minimal gender discrimination in my profession, it is also because of my class, caste and the education. I know of my female peers coming from difficult economic, caste, religious and educational backgrounds who have struggled hard to make space for themselves. I have also realised that being a woman I've lacked confidence. Women are usually mansplained, talked over and not taken seriously. During my MFA, I found myself in situations where I had to explain my works to people, do exhibitions and give presentations, this really helped me in building confidence, and it is thanks to this training, that I was able to go into teaching and develop my teaching skills at Jindal.

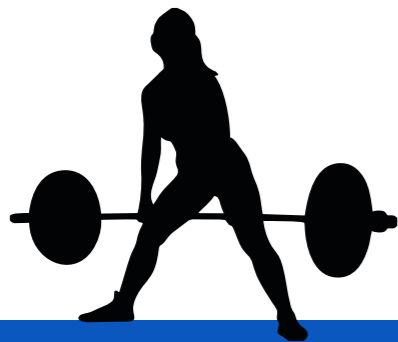
▶ **As an interdisciplinary in Visual Arts what according to you is your best work? Can you tell us why it is your favourite?**

I've recently made a work titled ' KAIROI', which has lead to a major turn in my practice to redefine and connect with the subjects of today's capitalist economy and their digital dependency. It is a time-sensitive vending machine, that highlights the importance of unoccupied time.



▶ **What would be your advice to your juniors for careers in your field?**

Indian art education system and the gate-keepers of art always emphasise on individual practice and the individuality of an artist, which makes young artists self-centred and disconnect from the world that exists outside their studios and their closed art circles. Furthermore, there are very few opportunities for artists as compared to the number of people graduating every year, this makes the field even more competitive and possessive. While working on the periphery of the Indian art world and the observed international spaces and practices, I realised how this self-centred and insular approach is counter productive and stops artists from learning from each other and indulging in meaningful exchanges. It is very important to engage with other artists, work collaboratively, share opportunities by inviting others to work with you, create your own spaces and initiate projects/ exhibitions/ art spaces without waiting for certain gate-keepers i.e. art galleries, institutions and curators to pick you and manipulate your practice for their profit motives. Self-initiation and growing together with your peers, is very important. It creates a dynamic space for knowledge production and exchange, generating awareness, inventing new methods and a laboratory for ideas and creation; this should be the aim towards a healthy art practice in the long run for every young artist.



Shivani Chauhan'19

B.Tech EEE



Shivani Chauhan believes, that

“ **strength should be an attribute for all of humanity and not a gift that solely belongs to the male species.** ”

You better have a strong physique to shoulder the mounting responsibilities that your life will burden you with. The beauty of power lifting is that, besides having obvious effects on your physique, it helps you build a very healthy and a strong mind set. This is exactly what motivated me in my journey as an accomplished power lifter.

I struggled with obesity at a very early age and since I was a part of the basketball team, I happened to go to the gym almost every day. It was during one of these workout sessions that my brother prompted me to lift a couple of weights that were lying around. Over a period of time the sport grew on me and after a while absorbed me completely. My brother was a

constant motivation and it helped me unlock a new journey in the course of my life.

Women live longer and have higher pain tolerance which gives them more time to do what they love without feeling tired as often as their male counterparts. Weightlifting requires a certain level of stamina, determination and will power that is generally ingrained within women since childhood. It is only a matter of time and opportunity before we tap into the hidden potential of ours. After that everything else follows right from riding bikes, to wearing suits or any other task that is otherwise considered masculine. Powerlifting in India is thoroughly devoid of many women advocates since there is a major misunderstanding amongst our gender.



Women are widely misinformed that powerlifting leads to a bulky or masculine physique. This is not true. Achieving such a physique is a challenge in itself that requires a very different kind of lifestyle. Motivation is key to pursuing a sport like this. While initially my motivation was to shut the bullies up who used to comment on my weight, but overtime the anger and frustration pushed me to work harder and achieve what I wanted to. There were days when I had setbacks and it dissuaded me from getting back on my feet. SNU has played a major role in shaping my life. It allowed me to meet like-minded people who shared my thought process. These friends that I made in my early days of weight lifting, inspired me and helped me to stay committed to my passion. From being hesitant to walk into a gym filled with people, to lifting weights upwards of a 100kgs, SNU was the backdrop of all of these milestones in my life. It is at SNU itself that I participated in my very first weightlifting competition and stood 5th amongst 16 other boys in that category. I value the confidence and independence that was instilled in me by SNU more than the Bachelor's degree that I passed out with.

I wish when I was starting out, somebody had told me that 'weights are my friends and not my enemies'.

This would have helped me overcome the misconception that I had about powerlifting. I strongly believe in the words of a very famous powerlifter- who said, that 'strength should be an attribute for all of humanity and not a gift that solely belongs to the male species'.

Which is why when the going gets tough, remind yourself why you started out in the first place, the purpose behind it, stay grounded and power through. There are very few female powerlifters in the country hence my greatest influences are the ones who speak the truth and have a generous spirit. I meticulously follow two women, one of them being Jan Todd, who is the first woman to deadlift 400 pounds and the other being Stefi Cohen, a powerlifting world record holder. I am extremely grateful to be able to see their journey and compare it with my own experiences. A nine to five job can be

challenging, but working at Zomato as a growth manager has allowed me to devote two hours every single day at the gym. Time management for me has never been an issue because, I never had to take out time for powerlifting, instead it was for everything else that I had to make time for.





Ishani Jamwal'20

BA Sociology



Ishani Jamwal, decided to follow the unconventional path. She feels,

“ **My Alma Mater SNU instilled the confidence in me to go out there and conquer everything that I intended to.** ”

We will scale many summits over our lifetime but the one that matters the most is the one you accomplish on the inside. Coming from a small town in Himachal Pradesh, opportunities are generally scarce. Adventure sports in India isn't known to be an occupation that can give individuals like us a constant source of income. Being the only child, my parents were concerned how will I make a living for myself, but it was their support and endless motivation that allowed me to excel at the one thing that I was most passionate about. My Father did not hold me back from doing anything. I used to travel alone by train at the age of 10 and stay in the Solang valley for almost 15 days by myself. All these experiences helped me build a strong character. I have

managed to do almost everything on my own. It taught me to be independent and be the boss of my own life.

Women, are usually tied down by responsibilities that are meant to be only theirs. I believe the society should change their outlook towards women. They should not be told to do more 'women like' activities, and the same applies to adventure sports. I was told by many people to choose a field that was safer and more in-sync with my gender. I simply believe that these people who told me to look out for another field were simply trying to push their insecurities on me. I won't say that the path I have chosen is devoid of any dangers but which path isn't? It all boils down to the individuals who are in that

field and how they choose to conduct themselves. If one stays focused and takes meticulous strides in the direction that they wish to progress in, the outcome is bound to be positive. With the right intentions and resolve every individual should pursue what they wish to. People who wish to pursue mountaineering have the option of taking up formal education from prestigious institutes such as Abvimas, NIM or one can receive hands on training when they go for treks and expeditions. Even I wished to try something new after mountaineering which is when I stumbled across the opportunity to do modelling. It all started during my time at SNU when I had my portfolio created by few of my friends who along with me were a part of a photography club. After a few photoshoots, I did manage to get some work after contacting a few agencies in Delhi NCR. Since I had practically no prior experience or a professional portfolio to showcase, things did not take off. I kept contacting brands and individual agencies. Eventually my perseverance, athletic physique, agility and stamina paid off, as I received my first offer from a modelling agency that after meeting me, signed me on. It turns out modelling was not all that different from adventurous sports. After all, the qualities that make you a good sportsperson are also the qualities that make you a great professional in any field that you choose.

My love for skiing has always been the highlight of my life. Reconnecting with it during the pandemic reminded me of my winter vacations in the 6th grade, when my father enrolled me for the basic skiing course. That was later followed by an intermediate course and the multiple trials for district as well as state teams. I made it into the state team in the very first



trial and became the first individual from my home town to do so. In 2010, I was chosen to be a part of the Nationals team. I was only 12 years old and didn't quite realise the importance of what I had achieved. Post 2010 I took up competitive skiing even more seriously and practiced meticulously to get better at it. My efforts were acknowledged and I was selected again to participate in the nationals at Auli, Uttarakhand. Based on the trials and performance I was then selected to be a part of the Indian Team in 2011. Representing India in Italy for an international level tournament has been one of the most happiest moments in my life. Since then I have competed in 2 international level tournaments and it was this year that I bagged a silver in the skiing mountaineering category in the Khelo India National event. Mountaineering is an adventurous sport, and safety is always the priority.

Studying at SNU, teaches us how to value knowledge, be it about the task at hand or life in general and that learning is a never ending process that goes on till the very end. My Alma Mater SNU instilled the confidence in me to go out there and conquer everything that I intended to. It allowed me to be a part of various clubs, teams, helped me learn and grow. SNU ensured that the environment around me facilitated my growth and shaped me into the person that I am today. Trust the process and keep on pushing through.



Shiv Nadar University has always had a keen vision rooted in innovation and research. A truly unique approach has been the reason why we, at Shiv Nadar University, tend to push the envelope time and again. Through the pandemic, we discovered new ways to interact with the students and organised sessions to keep the student community active. Through short interactive sessions, webinars and discussions we triumphed over the physical distance that was between us.

Starting from a webinar on the **Art of Fundraising** on the 2nd of December, 2020, Mr Anupam Saronwala from Angel Investor joined us to share some valuable insights about the domain.

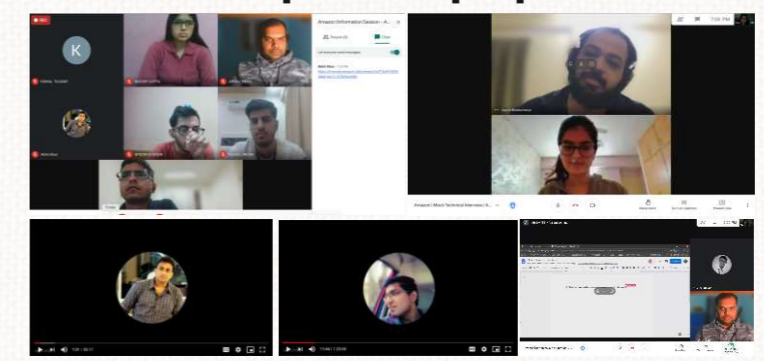
Taking this forward and jumping into action, we welcomed 2021, by presenting the '**Synergence; The Career Week**'. #Synergence2021 was characterised by bringing together Career Development Center's enthusiastic expert trainers along with numerous specialised professionals to chart future paths for every individual in our student community.

Hosting interesting webinars has always been a priority, and we were honoured to host **Dr Dhruv Nath of Angel Investor's**, who shed some light on the exciting concept of **funding your start-up**.

While we work hard, we celebrate harder and we kept the cheer alive with our gleeful celebration of **International Women's Day (IWD) 2021**. Applauding the spirit of womanhood, a three-day event starting March 7, 2021, painted the campus in the hue of equality and togetherness.



Amazon process preparation



Shiv Nadar University, has always cherished and held its alumni relation and alumni close to its heart. Throughout the year, we organise events to bridge the geography and give a reason for the close-knit community to unite and celebrate.

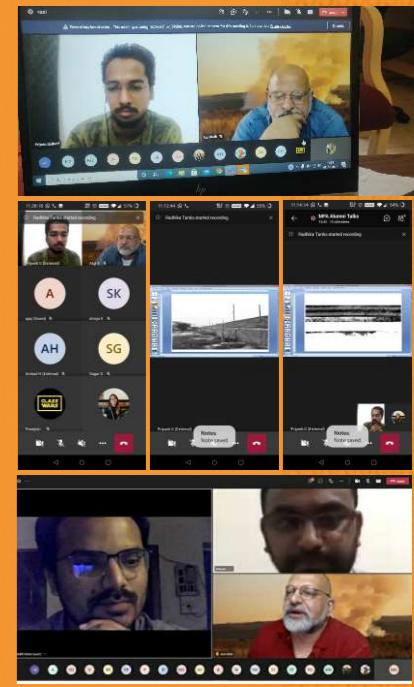
This year our alumni working at **Amazon, Goldman Sachs**, etc through interactive sessions mentored the students of class 2021 and 2022, throughout the year. An interesting session sharing insights on efficiently manoeuvring placements and how to successfully crack the interview for these corporate conglomerates.

On 30th December we bid farewell to 2020 by hosting our last annual meet. We welcomed the new year with the inauguration of the 2nd edition of the Alumni Magazine. Everyone, along with 80+ alumni, had a great time reconnecting with their alma mater.

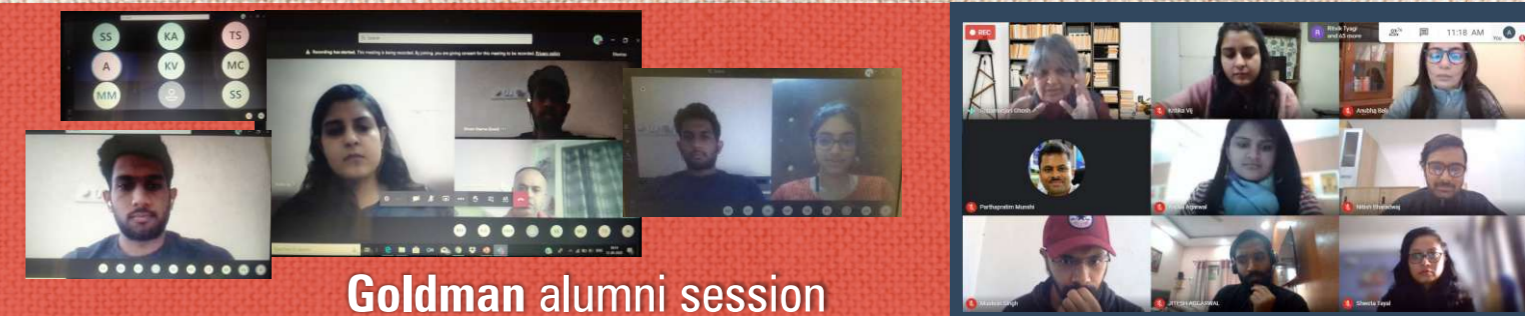
Adapting to the new normal, a #VirtualAlumniParty was organised. Reminiscing the good old days alumni from all across the globe, especially Europe also joined us. We were elated to host our students and they were beyond happy to reconnect.

Following this the most interesting event of the year was conducted by alum Priyank Gothwal. A #AlumniTalkSeries, - 'Seeds Fallen Afar- Anticipated Discourses', was a beautiful discourse about the skill of photography along with its impact. The second session was delivered by alum, Mohit Shelare, Master of Fine Arts, class of 2017 on 'Body Without Location'. This enriching session was a wonderful journey of understanding art that had truly impacted Mohit and moved the audience, while highlighting on comprehending beauty in the ordinary, charm in the mundane, and inspiration in nature.

MFA Talk



Goldman alumni session



Europe Meet

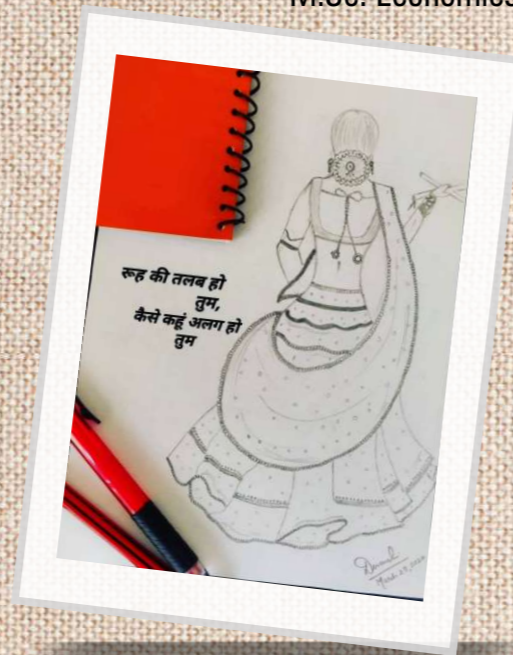




Who run the world
Aparna Makkapati'19
B.Tech. ECE



Devanshi Garg'20
M.Sc. Economics



Sights beyond fronts, 2016-17

'Sights beyond fronts' is an attempt to look at the fence surrounding the Shiv Nadar University Campus. Priyank, is interested in the paradoxical quality of this fence, where on the one hand it demarcates a land segment and blocks bodies to move beyond, and on the other hand it allows a partial vision to leak out from its control. Along with the experiences of being within a fence, this work aspires to see beyond time and spaces through the fence. Hence, the fence becomes a frame to depict the sights lying beyond the fronts.

Priyank Gothwal'17
MFA



Shreya Singal'19
B.Tech. EEE



Alumni Achievers

Rakesh Munnanooru'15
B.Tech. CSE



The community at Shiv Nadar University is all the more elated today to celebrate a special occasion. Rakesh Munnanooru, from WhistleDrive, has been honoured with the membership of the Forbes Technology Council. The global council is renowned for world-leading CIO and CTO executives worldwide in the sphere of technology. This honour is a sheer testament to Mr. Munnanooru's and WhistleDrives's vision, innovation and expertise in enterprise logistics.

Mr. Munnanooru's welcome has created opportunities to make a greater impact on the global business world and serve as a stakeholder in one of the most curated and social capital-driven networks across the globe.

From being recognized as 'The Next Global Tech50' at the World Innovators Meet, 2019, and now being accepted to Forbes Technology Council, Mr. Munnanooru has been at the forefront of revolutionizing the technology industry and creating higher impact products and services.

Having witnessed and lauded Mr. Munnanooru's vision at WhistleDrive, making it India's fastest-growing employee transportation and Urban Mobility company, we cannot wait to witness the wonders that lay ahead of him.

Tanmaya Jain'16
B.Tech CSE



Varun Puri'16
B.Tech CSE



It is a matter of pride for us at SNU to see **our alumni members Varun and Tanmaya, make it to the list of Forbes 30 under 30.** It is in the year 2013 at SNU that Varun and Tanmaya's entrepreneurial journey began. The product that inFeedo is most famous for, is the AI chatbot created by them called, Amber. This employee experience chatbot helps the HRs of the respective companies measure employee engagement, analyse the employee's sentiments, and can even predict attrition with the help of constant interaction.

It is during Tanmaya's college years that he had the chance to meet many CHROs and this helped him realize a problem that was prevailing amongst many corporates. With the extreme ratio of 300:1 (300 being the employees and 1 being the HR), it becomes very difficult for the employees to voice their concerns in a manner that their attrition can be salvaged in time. The existing software that aids and assists the HR team dumps a large number of questions once a year on the employees and expects them to fill them up to evaluate their levels of satisfaction. This approach of 'one size fits all' ends up taxing the employee even further and is simply too little, too late to be of any good. Amber changes all that. It ensures that it is always present with the employees, every single day. Every day It can share a consolidated report with the CEO of the company that will inform them of the most likely employees who might opt for attrition.

Amber was received with open arms by 100+ companies because of a very strong understanding of the problem and an extremely effective approach to solving it. It is a SaaS-based product that is catered to the businesses based on their employee strength. Its fan following is so vast, that many customers who used this product ended up being investors and have promoted it first-hand. Another reason why the investors have always been keen to stick around is that inFeedo has maintained a positive cash flow over the years. inFeedo was such a powerful and focused company that when it was presented on the game show 'The Vault' a fight broke out in between the judges to invest in it.

At SNU we have always taken pride in giving our students a platform to excel. The story of Tanmaya and Varun is just another milestone in our quest to be amongst the best institutes in the world.



Her

Her fingers,
Swirling the tide of the seas,
She was told to swim in the droughts of

Her eyes,
Looking beyond the pin-holed wall -
A kaleidoscope they had hidden away

Her mouth,
Learning to follow her afterthoughts,
The ones they said were not enough

Her feet,
Slow dancing alone on slippery bridges,
Those that once made her sway

Her shoulders,
A monument to grow against,
For wildflowers like her who couldn't find
'love'

Her thoughts,
Untangling slowly at lone midnights,
Tireless yellow lamps lighting the grey

Her, Me and You
Like burning ambers in the fog,
They tried to smother us, but we rose
above.

-Nishtha Nayar'20
B.Tech. CSE



अभी मत अंदाजा लगाओ तुम मेरी तकदीर का
के भरी नहीं जो मैंने कभी वो एक उड़ान बाकी है
हैरान हैं वो मेरे कुछ ही रगों को देख के
अभी तो मुझ में जज़्बातों का तूफ़ान बाकी है
मत सोच के लुटा हूं तुझपे तो बचा नहीं कुछ मुझमें
के आज भी मेरी मुठ्ठी में ज़रा सा आसमान बाकी है

-Nitish Thakurele'15
B.Sc. Mathematics



मकान

मिल जाते हैं आगे जा के नए मुकाम
पर वो पुराना छूटा मकान नहीं मिलता
वैसे तो नया रंग भी पसंदीदा है हमारा
पर वो उन टूटी दीवारों से नहीं मिलता
मैं लौट जाऊं जिस भी शाम वहां
पर वो चांद मुंडेरी पे नहीं मिलता
मिल जाते है आगे जा के नए मुकाम
पर वो पुराना छूटा मकान नहीं मिलता

-Nitish Thakurele'15
B.Sc. Mathematics

Happy moments



Rishabh Garg'19
B.Tech. ME
and **Muskan Garg**



K Lokesh
Kumar Reddy'15
B.Tech. CSE
and **Sudheera**



Surabhi Nayar'14
M.Tech. CSE
and **Advay**

Shivani Goyal'16
B.Tech. CSE
and **Anant Bansal'16**
B.Tech. ECE



SV Sai
Mahima Reddy'17
B.Tech. CSE
and **Pavan Reddy**



Sakshi Bhayana'15
M.Sc. Economics
and **Vihana**

Naturelicious



Tanishka Singh' 21
B.Tech. ME



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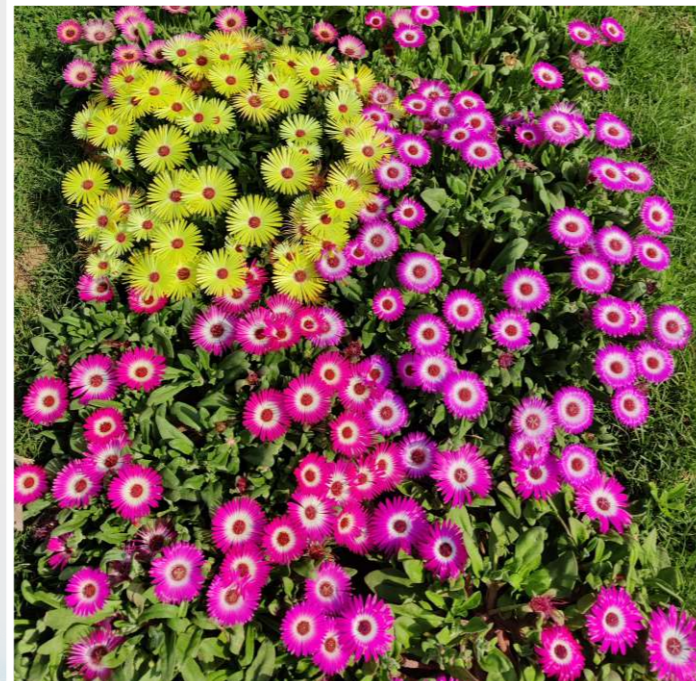
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10 Celebrating 2011-2021 years of SNU

Shiv Nadar University, this year marks a decade of establishment and contribution to the education landscape of the country. **Celebrating ten years** and all the reforms that come along with it, Shiv Nadar University has embraced 'changes' as they come. While staying absolutely rooted in our vision of research-based learning and a multidisciplinary approach, the university has championed policies to better the learning experience of both faculty and its students over the past decade. An excellent amalgamation of esteemed faculty and scholars worldwide, the university prides itself over the diverse, unique and multi-ethnic community it has formed. Upgrading and evolving with the times, Shiv Nadar University has been at the forefront of national competitions and international acclaim in research-oriented fields, a true reflection of our faculty and students' sheer hard work and perseverance.

Entering the second decade of educating future generations, we strive to better and adapt to the times. The pandemic has been a truly challenging time and has highlighted a great need for introspection and reflection on how the world should continue thereon. Shiv Nadar University recognises the role it plays in shaping not only the future of so many students but also creating responsible future generations for a better tomorrow. We aim to grow more sustainable, eco-friendly and continue to pave the way for liberal and student-centric academics.

We at SNU strive to make learning more fun, accessible and seamless. Education is a gift, and we intend to make this gift last for a lifetime where there is something for everyone always.

Our next issue of the magazine will be curated around celebrating a decade of the university's establishment and service, and we are intently looking forward to it. We would call on and request everyone to come forward and contribute in their own space and celebrate these incredible 10 years.



More than anything else,
we want to say

Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming generosity and support our alumni have shown over the years. Your wholehearted support demonstrates your commitment to **SNU** and its mission to march ahead in unison towards a zenith of achievements.

With every year that passes, our alumni community grows, and we witness them exploring the world and achieving laurels. Staying connected with our alumni has enriched our understanding and horizons of the world's potential and opportunities. It makes us extremely proud to associate with the new-age entrepreneurs, tech geniuses, performers, and skilful artists and watch them flourish.

Once again, we would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to every one of you and look forward earnestly to your continuing and unstinting involvement with the alma mater in the coming years.

The name and the legacy of **Shiv Nadar University** are living on through you - our alumni, and we couldn't be prouder.

*Stay Safe, and have a beautiful
Spring Season!*

In the Memory of



Col. Sanjay Ganjoo

1967 - 2021

He had been with the University since September 2014 as Senior Manager - Administration. He was 54 years of age. He will be remembered for his gentle nature, sense of humour, attention to duty and his love for horses. He had a hugely respected career in the Indian Army, serving our country, before he joined the SNU family. This is a sudden, unexpected and an untimely loss.

Our thoughts are with the family at this time of grief.



Ms. Nutan Singh

1963 - 2021

For us, she will always be our leader.

A visionary who guided young and bright souls as the Principal at VidyaGyan Leadership Academy, Sitapur.

A legend who lives on in our hearts, as she herself walks into the light.

You will always be in our memories.



Mr. Ashish Chauhan

B.Tech. ECE 2019

1997-2021

A young soul who left us too early. Ashish was a budding engineer who was an enthusiastic part of the student community at Shiv Nadar University, Class of 2019. With an everlasting love for learning, Ashish was involved across the campus in various initiatives. His charismatic nature, inquisitiveness and soft smile were deeply cherished and now are deeply missed.

He is fondly remembered by the entire fraternity at Shiv Nadar University.

Throwback



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