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# From the Alumni Relations Desk

## Dear Alumni,

The past year has been a journey filled with experiences, and while we still dealt with the pandemic and the implications posed, we got through it all together. The student community has always stood rock strong come what may and has always managed to surprise me with their commitment to better their surroundings and contribute. The alumni, on the other hand, has set the foundation of the camaraderie and spirit of the student community and has never missed an opportunity to help, making us absolutely proud.

Celebrating 10 years of Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, I cannot begin to describe the immense pride and gratitude I have for being a part of this journey. These 10 years have been tremendously impactful, with the alumni making the university what it is, by creating impact and initiating change in far corners of the world. They have kept the spirit of the university alive, despite the extraordinary circumstances that have ensued, our alumni have always served as compassionate examples of how the youth can always brave through adversity.

While it's a common belief that teachers shape their students, I have often been on the learning end from my alumni and student community and it is a real blessing. Young students, paving their way and carving their identity in a world that is changing every day, these students are the real teachers. Their voice and beliefs in turn inspire us and we at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, their home away from home, eagerly await to host them and listen to all their stories.

In these 10 years, a lot has changed in the university-events, geography, structure, but the vision of creating a liberal, multi-diverse student community, and empowering students to channel their voices for the right causes has remained unwavered. That has been the most fulfilling and rewarding realisation while celebrating the last two years of the university.

The alumni have done us proud since the very beginning, especially last year, in the face of challenges, they united to organise resources acting as covid warriors, became guides for all the students and became the strong pillars that Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR stands strong on today.

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

I am immensely proud of our students, faculty and alumni to 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 for it to flourish and grow stronger every day.

I wish all my beloved alumni a merry Christmas along with a joyous new year. May this new year rejuvenate you and help you soar beyond your imagination. This is the year to dream, aim and fulfill!

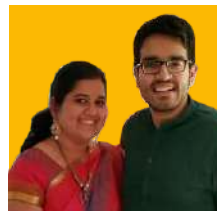
Thanks and Best Regards,

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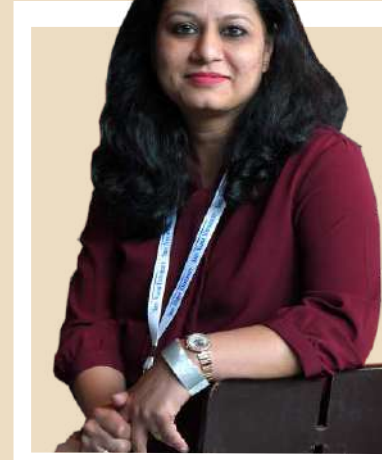




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## Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR Celebrates Sixth Convocation Ceremony



The sixth Convocation Ceremony of Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR was held virtually on 24 July 2021. **Mr. Vineet Nayar**, the Founder Chairman of the Sampark Foundation and former Vice Chairman and CEO of HCL, stood as the ceremony's Guest of Honor.

Mr. Shikhar Malhotra presented the Pro-Chancellor's address, challenging students to be future changemakers, as he put it "We are entering extraordinary times that will fundamentally alter how we live and work over the next two decades. Be the catalyst for change. Go out and make a difference in the world."

Professor Rupamanjari Ghosh shared the Vice-Chancellor's Report 2020-21.

She highlighted the university's key accomplishments and awards, saying, "This year's report is particularly noteworthy. It exemplifies our university community's dedication in the face of extraordinary obstacles posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and it depicts their outstanding work in the university's tenth anniversary year."

## Professor Karmeshu Awarded D.Sc. Degree

The Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University) awarded **Dr. Karmeshu**, Distinguished Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, a D.Sc. degree (Honoris Causa) in recognition of his trailblazing contributions to the field of mathematical modelling of dynamical systems and their applications.



He is also the President of The (Indian) Mathematics Consortium (TIMC). We heartily congratulate Dr. Karmeshu on his achievements.

## NITI Aayog's Chief Executive Officer conducts session

**Mr. Amitabh Kant** conducted an enriching session for the students of Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR.



Mr. Kant is credited as the driving force behind several key and award-winning initiatives, such as 'Make in India', 'Startup India' and 'Incredible India', that have been very impactful, and he succeeded in positioning India at the forefront in these respective areas. In addition to his role at NITI Aayog, Mr. Kant is also the Chairman of the committee to implement digital payments in India. He is also a Member of the Steering Board, World Economic Forum (WEF), for 'Shaping the Future of Production Systems'.

## EdTech Startup Innovations

Our Vice-Chancellor, **Professor Rupamanjari Ghosh**, joined an esteemed panel of speakers on 18 November 2021 for a discussion on 'EdTech Startup Innovations'. Dr. Ghosh presented the University's view on the role of EdTech in transforming education.



The discussion was a part of the Startup Exploration Series, jointly organized by HCL and Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, and powered by Israel's Startup Ecosystem.

## Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR And Spain's Universitat Pompeu Fabra Collaborate

The Centre for Archaeology, Heritage & Museum Studies (CAHMS) at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to create an effective partnership.



This would allow for academic collaboration, communication, and exchange, as well as improved multidisciplinary training for all. Student possibilities at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, joint efforts in archaeological sciences, research, heritage studies, and faculty exchange are all pivotal areas of collaboration.

## Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR Alumnus Awarded The Commonwealth Master's Scholarship 2021

Alumnus, Mr. Zafar Ishaq War, B.Sc. (Research) in History'21 has been awarded the Commonwealth Master's Scholarship to study Modern South Asian Studies at the University of Oxford later this year.

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (CSFP) is one of the world's most renowned and well-known international scholarship programmes.

## IdeaXchange



Atal Incubation Centre-Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR celebrated the launch of 'IdeaXchange' – a two-day event that served as a platform for start-up founders and tech-talent to interact with top-notch investors, executives, and technology-heads from across the globe.

## The Winners' Mindset



On 22 October 2021, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, was obliged to host "The Winners' Mindset", a one-of-a-kind university-led event bringing together national sports heroes on one platform. Circling around how sports are a mix of consistency and staying calm, special guests such as Mr. Deepak Kumar, Indian Sports Shooter and Participant, Tokyo Olympics 2020; Ms. Poonam Beniwal, National Boxing Champion and High-performance Manager at Sports Authority of India amongst many others, with the renowned journalist, Mr. G. Rajaraman, who has more than 35 years of experience in covering sports; and Maj. Gen. G. Jaishankar, Director – Student Affairs, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR.

## TEDx Conference'21



On 14 November 2021, the TEDx club held its 5th annual conference, after a year marked by challenges posed by the pandemic. Hosting myriad personalities across a plethora of fields walks of life, the conference was based around the theme of "rewire", giving deep insight on sometimes to strike the right cord, you got to re-route and start afresh, much like the new normal!





# ALUMNI ENGAGEMENTS

## Alumni Mentorship Program



On 30 September 2021, the Alumni Relations Office inaugurated the Alumni Mentorship Program which is designed to guide and support the freshmen and sophomore students. This initiative will foster interaction between students and alumni where alumni can guide the students in all walks of life.

Abhijeet Singh, B.Tech. in Computer Science (Class of 2020), Aryan Jain, B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering (Class of 2020), and Utkarsh Bansal, B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering (Class of 2020) served as mentors, sharing their experiences and interacting with the audience.



# ALUMNI ENGAGEMENTS

## Alumni Talks



'A resume is an extension of you' by Ms. Aadya Prasad, M.A. in English '16



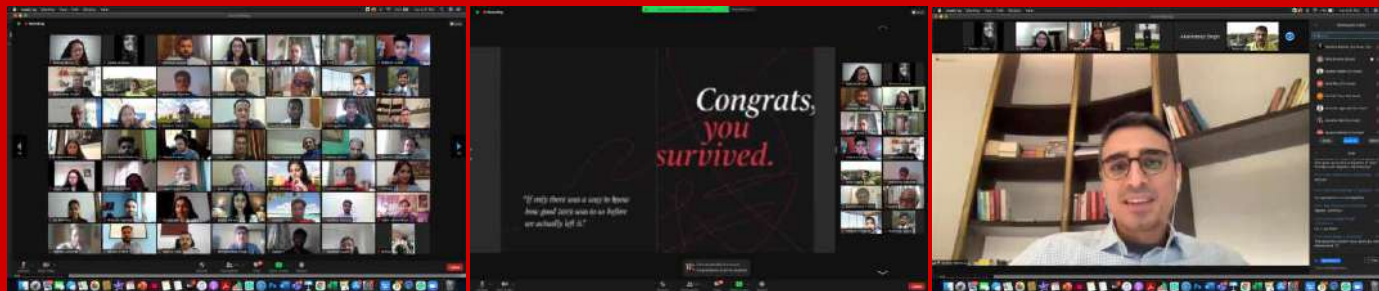
'Straight to Ph.D.' by Ms. Piu Banerjee, B.Sc. (Research) in Biotechnology '17



'Seeds Fallen Afar- Anticipated Discourses' by Mr. Priyank Gothwal, MFA'17

## GRADUATING CLASS EVENTS

### Founding Family Interaction and Oath Ceremony of Class 2021



On 17 July 2021, reminiscing about the journey and celebrating their achievements, the Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR Community united to celebrate the "Founding Family Event".

Performances by the dramatics society, Imprints along with Snuphoria, the music society added colour to the evening, followed by an interactive session between the Founding family and the graduating class. The virtual celebration sure lifted up the spirits and made everyone nostalgic.



On a misty Tuesday afternoon of 6 July 2021, the community at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR united to welcome and witness the Oath ceremony of class representatives for the class of 2021. Kabir Kanha Arora and Rohit Tiwari, two incredibly enigmatic students were being sworn in to serve as the class representatives for their class. Joining in the celebration were the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor, along with a few alumni and colleagues. The Deans of all five schools also shared a few inspiring words, adding a shade of reminiscence to the event.



'Strengthening your basics is the key' by Ms. Pragya Chaturvedi, B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering '18



'Finding beauty in the ordinary, charm in the mundane, and inspiration in nature' by Mr. Mohit Shelare, MFA'17



'Prestige fades away after some time, education load doesn't' by Mr. Raman Dutt, B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering '20



'Inspiring young individuals to explore at career prospects where giving back to society is integral' by Ms. Shikha Tyagi, B.A. (Research) in Sociology '19

## Freshman Class Orientation



On 17 August 2021, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR welcomed a new batch of enthusiastic freshman students and had a virtual introduction. The Freshmen Class was introduced to many alumni from different years and disciplines and got a chance to interact with them. Bonding on the sudden transition and excitement over campus life, the alumni and the freshmen class had an exciting conversation.



# Celebrations Class of 2020

**The class of 2020** were brave-hearted, the first in line to miss out on a string of experiences due to the erratic sudden outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The convocation, the last hot cup of tea and the ultimate goodbye, the class of 2020 not only took these lost opportunities in their stride but also stood strong and helped their community as a whole.

So finally we got a chance to **celebrate the class of 2020** and conclude their beautiful journey in the best way possible. Over an elaborate celebration spread across two days, we welcomed the beloved class of 2020 and celebrate their strength, their spirit and their journey.

Starting out with a classic homecoming parade to welcome and take them to the newly built auditorium in a grand fashion, the campus was lit in all colours possible. Bands, colours and balloons, the parade had it all.

This day marked the inauguration of the newly built, Shiv Nadar Auditorium, Delhi NCR, where a formal celebration took place, graciously attended by the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor. Taking the students on a nostalgic ride, the toss of the graduation cap followed right after. To end the evening on a high note, a gala evening was organised, which included a band performance followed by dinner.

The class of 2020 added a much-awaited splash of cheer and colour to the campus!

18 December 2021 marked the second day of the Celebration of the class of 2020. Starting out with the dean's address and a departmental meet for all the alumni to revisit their academic spaces and reconnect with their beloved faculty and peers.

Followed by lunch, granting an opportunity to click pictures as a memorandum for years to come and a chance to sit across academicians from all walks and network freely.

Allowing a quiet afternoon to unwind, rejuvenate and relax, the student council had organised a grand evening in store for the alumni.

Grand performances by Snuphoria, followed by a beautiful show by Inferno.snu, the night was concluded by a classic DJ night.





# 10 Celebrating years of Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR

A vision, a dream and the will to revolutionise the education space had come true, 10 years ago. While we celebrate the great feat achieved by our beloved university in such a short span, it is more vital to reflect on the journey it has been. Reflecting on the great 10 years it has been, the decade has been adorned with great memories, events and achievements. The students have always exceeded our expectations and gone beyond their duties, laying the foundation of the university. The leaders, their will and vision indeed led to the establishment of the university, but it is the students, alumni and faculty who have made it the premier institution it is today.





# What the University means to me

The responses have been taken from the ARO Instagram story campaign

**MY REBIRTH PLACE** **IT'S AN EMOTION**  
**SECOND HOME** **ENLIGHTENMENT**  
**LOVE** **GROWTH** **MY TRANSFORMATION** **THE PLACE THAT TAUGHT US LIFE LESSONS**  
**SUKOON** **BEST DECISION I EVER MADE** **SOULFUL** **EMOTION** **FREEDOM**  
**MY WHOLE WORLD** **LEARNING** **MEMORIES**  
**ACCEPTANCE** **TEMPLE** **SUKOON**  
**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AMAZING PEOPLE, GREAT EDUCATION HUB**  
**FAMILY** **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AMAZING PEOPLE, GREAT EDUCATION HUB** **ALMA MATER** **DIVERSE**  
**UNFORGETTABLE** **ACCEPTANCE** **LIFE-CHANGING**  
**SENSATIONAL** **DIVERSE**



**Dr. Charu Sharma**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Mathematics

I have seen Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR grow from one academic block to four blocks plus a research block, just two hostels to a bunch of hostels, one classroom-sized library to a huge vibrant library block, which also happens to be one of my favourite places in the university. The entire evolution was made possible because of the enthusiastic and highly motivated family that includes students, faculty members, support staff and SNF members. The university's ideology of multidisciplinary and research-focused university has always attracted students from all over the country, which is a key essence of a good, progressive university. Students at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, have always made us proud by spreading our ideologies and roots all around the world. I would like to wish all the students of the university all the joy in life and great success. The world is yours, fly high and make us all proud as you have been doing.



**Dr. Tulika Chandra**  
Professor  
Department of English

I close my eyes to recall the best moments at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, and I tell you, there are many, live, like a beautiful visual in front of my eyes, I have memories of curious and dynamic students who were working on striking and interesting things who were passionate about their pursuits. Ten years back, we began our journey at the university with a lot of expectations and new ideas. The journey continues with more hopes, more actions, and even more dreams. The former students, especially the founding batches would find the new academic spaces, the shopping arcade, the superb sports facilities, the perfected hostels amazingly housed on campus, but I am sure they all would love to remember their narratives, on starting with their musical band, or their own space near the lake, near the mount, or at C block canteen! We continue to enjoy the narratives, their debates, questions and sometimes just listening to our students. Looking back on my journey with the university, I cannot believe how much I have learned!



**Dr. Gatha Sharma**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of English

The journey through the past 10 years has been quite a ride. Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, has become truly interdisciplinary in the last 10 years. The university was envisioned to be inter-disciplinary from day one, and that that vision has taken shape in a homogenized way. The credit for this solely lies with both faculty members and students. Two aspects of the university's curriculum make it stand out vis-a-vis other universities—faculty ownership; and the continuous updating of the courses and programs. The faculty members themselves design the courses they teach and update the courses according to the new studies, inventions or innovations in their respective fields. Thus, the curriculum remains updated all the time. Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, has been declared an institute of 'eminence' by the Indian government in 2019. I think, by 2030, SNU will become a leading university in cutting edge research in various fields. One of my best memories is of 'field trips' to nearby villages for data collection. It was heartening to watch students going out of their way to accommodate respondents' (i.e. local villagers) concerns and queries regarding the compilation. Many students, who were not very keen at first, would become over-enthusiastic once we reached on-site, and many a times these students would collect more than one data set. I wish the students and alumni the very best and hope that they try to visit campus once in two/three years to share their lived experiences with current students.



**Dr. Amber Habib**  
Professor  
Department of Mathematics

Before Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, I was at the Mathematical Sciences Foundation, where we were working on making mathematics more interesting to school and university students through exposure to its applications, history and the lives of mathematicians. In 2010, we came in touch with the team establishing the university and found like-minded people with similar goals across the spectrum of higher education. And so we set out, with the dream of establishing a mathematics department that would promote the subject across the university as well as outside, and would embrace all aspects of mathematics. It was a tremendous opportunity to create something new from scratch.

In terms of curriculum, the prospects for innovation are greatest at the undergraduate level, and the general framework provided by the university helped us create a program that supplements the core parts with a wide variety of elective courses that enable students to find their paths. Moreover, our students can use offerings from other departments to obtain a complete education and to perceive the application of mathematics that the mathematics faculty may not be aware of! Interesting student projects have been done with the help of faculty members from diverse departments like Management, Economics and Art & Performing Arts.



## Celebrating a decade with the University



**Dr. Ajit Kumar**  
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## Celebrating a decade with the University



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# FINDING the time to STAND and STARE



**Aditi Jain**

M.Sc. in Economics '16

Currently working at Ernst & Young

**Describe your time at the university in three words.**

Exciting. Fun. Enriching

**What was your favourite meal on campus?**

Rollu-Da-Dhaba hands down! It was my favourite and the only meal really.

**What are you currently pursuing and involved in?**

I've been working as a Data Analyst, actually, I'm a consultant with Ernst & Young, doing data analytics in the financial sector space. It is a similar profile I got placed with while at the campus, That placement also was very accidental where I was asked to sit for it and it turned out pretty great actually!

**What excites you the most about it?**

Probably working on new problems like strategies, trying to solve new business cases, at the same time upskilling my coding skills and implementing new algorithms. It's not a job that is exciting every day per se, but with every new project, there is something new to learn and that keeps me going really.

**How has the pandemic impacted your life goals and work-life?**

I think the pandemic has made me realise that the kind of energy that used to fuel me and really get me going was social interaction, whether it was colleagues or friends. That was my parachute and with that not being there, it made me introspect that maybe I need to fuel my fire. It provided me with a lot of space to reflect and focus on my mental health really.

**What would a good day on campus look like for you?**

I wouldn't say waking up early although that was a beautiful experience. My most memorable days at in campus were probably the ones where I had stayed up all night, going through the lawns with my friends and being at the palm trees through the night. Stars, clouds and serenity, yeah that was it!

**Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite story during your time here, that instantly brings a smile to your face?**

Honestly so many, it was one of the most adventurous times of my life. I think some of my greatest friends today are from the university, Whenever I think about my time in the university, I think about all the lovely people I have encountered, the friendships that have ensued. People that I have met there have been hands down the best.



**What has been the proudest moment in your life so far?**

I think for me, it was more about being lucky really. I went for my campus interview without the intention of really cracking it but I did, and I was one of the only 2 people who cracked it and it was a great opportunity. That time I really had no idea what this would mean or result in, but it had definitely shaped my journey and I'm really grateful for that.

**A statement that defines you.**

Honest and candid at its best!



**How have your work ethics evolved from when you first started out now, when you have considerable experience in the corporate sector?**

Honestly, while I spend more and more time in the corporate world, it disinterests me furthermore. I've been contemplating my urge to return to the academic space and student life has in fact grown with time. I think quitting and choosing to pursue something new and finding the right time to leave, is something I've learned over the years.

**A quote or popular saying that has stuck with you.**

This poem, actually 2 lines from this particular poem.  
"What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare?"  
Ya, these lines have really stuck with me.

**Your go-to end sem meal?**

Georgia, the cafe at the library, I loved their sandwiches and Maggi! I miss the cold coffee at Naveen's too.



# EXPERIMENTAL emotional and STRONG



## Anusha Seethepalli

MBA '18

Currently working at Freshworks

### Describe your time at the university in three words.

Experimental, emotional and strong.

### What was your favourite meal on campus?

I really enjoyed the late-night Aloo parathas, of the midnight mess. Aloo paratha was an all-time favourite!

### What are you currently pursuing and involved in?

I'm currently an Account Manager with Freshworks, part of the sales within the organisation itself. As an organisation, there are different geographies where all these functions are, I typically cater to the UK market and yes, that's about it!

### What excites you the most about it?

I think the fact that there is no cap to me trying something out by myself. Although Freshworks is nearing a decade of existence, there is no set agenda for something to be done a certain way. As employees, we can sell the way we want which is also why our sales do shine through as we have got the time to ourselves and there's a whole lot of room to experiment. I keep it as dynamic as possible and that is what makes it the most exciting for me.

### How has the pandemic impacted your life goals and work-life?

I wouldn't want to sugarcoat things really so it has been a rocky journey. Initially, when the pandemic hit, I was working with Coffee Day, and I moved on to Freshworks in the middle of it all and I was delighted, while the whole onboarding press followed. I really appreciated that everything that used to happen at the office happened at home as well. I also became less conscious about timing and time scales, my meal timings shifted and I tried to squeeze in an extra work hour every once in a while. So in that sense, the pandemic didn't work in my favour as I really lost track of time. I dove straight into work sometimes much more than required!

### What would a good day on campus look like for you?

Looking back, I think walking all the way from 3C to the academic blocks, and on the way grab some food to eat. Attend a few lectures and as MBA is very team-based learning so we all intrinsically hung out as teams even if it were post-class assignments so I always had my classmates around me. There were really no non-ideal days I had and I really enjoyed the co-learning that Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR as an organisation had inculcated.

### Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite story during your time here, that instantly brings a smile to your face?

Probably I didn't appreciate it back then, but I really enjoyed the marketing-related classes that I undertook. I really fancied learning from Professor Paromita Goswami, she was the torchbearer of everything MBA for me. All of us could easily retrospect what she said, to our personal lives. The atmosphere was free of any judgement during all the sessions and I recollect some case studies we had which did strike an emotional chord with me personally, so for me, these classes are one of my fondest memories. We also had this MBA fest-Moqsh and a week prior to it, there really was no end to having fun. We used to stay up all the way till 4 am and then get ready and be there at the event shortly.

### What has been the proudest moment in your life so far?

We had this project with Facebook where we had to learn this marketing concept called the Zaltman metaphor elicitation technique and again, Professor Goswami was kind enough to choose me to volunteer as I was a first-year back then and all of my co-learners were second years. Additionally, I am a South Indian by the tongue, so while we had to explore places in UP, where they speak really staunch Hindi. She didn't let all that affect who I was and what I could do as a person and that is something I will always hold close. And I went on to do a project in my second year along the same lines which were very well received.

### A statement that defines you.

Go with the flow, simply.

### How have your work ethics evolved from when you first started out to now, when you have considerable experience in the corporate sector?

Something that was always on my mind even before I entered the corporate world was this belief that we as employees tend to get stereotyped by our employers based on the kind of work culture within an organisation and also who we are. We sort of end up being too opinionated because

we have been living in that environment for however months/years we have worked there. So I consciously entered my corporate life with that thought in mind that I didn't want to stereotype my expectations or the way I had to be. I forced myself to keep an open mind and go with the flow. That's something I've followed all along and it's not something you learn on paper really. The lesser we expect out of it, the better it is.

### A quote or popular saying that has stuck with you.

Not a book, but a character really. In this book, "The Fountainhead" by Ayn Rand, the character-'Howard Roark', is essentially about an architect and how he moves ahead in life. He is really good but he really doesn't care enough about anything actually. It's who he is as a person which has motivated me and like people might call it thick skin, but you know how good you really are, so the character has influenced me more than anything.

### Your go-to end sem meal?

For as long as I can remember, the dining hall was always open. Along with that, my classmates lived around Delhi, Gurgaon and they used to always get back food and the shop outside campus where you get really good momos.

### If you had to make one course mandatory for all future batches, which one would it be?

So we had this course which actually got discontinued when I was pursuing MBA itself. It was this course, "Qualitative Marketing" by Professor Dr. Partha Sarathi Roy. That was one of the most unbinding courses, so we had initially completed 2-3 classes of it and it spoke a lot about the Roman Empire and how people behaved back then. As an individual, it really broadened my perspective about how different people can behave differently. It was the only course that established the individual-ness of us humans as individuals. It validated the eccentricity of every human being in my head. It's basic human nature to validate your beliefs with some study and this was a particularly interesting one for me.





# FUN and EVERYTHING facebook in BETWEEN



## Bharat Vaidhyanathan

B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering'16

Currently working at Meta

### Describe your time at the university in three words.

Exciting, new and fun. It was my first time living away from home, so everything was just a new and exciting experience.

### What was your favourite meal on campus?

I remember 'Rollu Da Dhaba', where they had garlic naan and paneer makhani. Since we had to separately pay for it, it was a real good day when I got to eat them.

### What are you currently pursuing and involved in?

I have been working with Facebook for about 2 years now. I'm involved in the logging team, basically keeping track of the data that gets logged. It's very similar to my previous experience, it revolves around coding, discovering new problems and solving them!

### What excites you the most about it?

To very simply put it- problems that are very hard. The satisfaction to solve a problem and eliminate errors is the passion that drives me. As a student, this joy never changes man!

### How has the pandemic impacted your life?

I have always been an avid traveller, once every two-three months. So the pandemic essentially pushed me to turn to other

hobbies, and I became a lot more self introspective. I began reading books again, and I picked up chess again that had gotten lost over the years. I really wish to travel as soon as possible but rediscovering these old hobbies was quite fun too.

### What would a good day on campus look like for you?

Right after the exams hands down! Or even my last semester, since it was kind of a relaxed vacation of sorts. I really miss that time, my friends and I had all landed jobs, completed our credits and we spend the days just having fun!



### Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite story during your time here, that instantly brings a smile to your face?

Birthdays! Boy's hostel and birthdays were a deadly combination and it was really looked forward to. The celebration was just different for some reason, it was all about finding that person, cake all over, and the 'birthday bumps' definitely. Also, the farewell, because there was just so many emotions coming to play. Bittersweet nostalgia where you know you are going to miss everything.

### A statement that defines you.

Fun and funny. Maybe just fun really, keeping it simple!

### How have your work ethics evolved from when you first started out to now, when you have considerable experience in the corporate sector?

Prioritisation definitely. When I started off, I was very reactionary, solving a problem as soon as I come across one. Through the years, I have realised it's not just about solving all the problems, it's about prioritising. Knowing the correct time and order to solve things is the key.



### A quote or popular saying that has stuck with you.

Probably, Seek discomfort. That's also my WhatsApp status so! Sometimes in life, you just feel settled and that is the biggest sign to make a dash really. In my perspective, growth actually happens when you actively seek discomfort.

### Your go-to end sem meal?

Lenin's stall yes! Especially during end semester examinations, and he was open till midnight, so either I used to go or ask my friends to get some idlis' and vadas'. And the dining hall midnight mess parathas. More than stepping outside, honestly I used to leech off my roommates, sorry not sorry! My roommates had a rice cooker and I used to sneak in and have my 'end semester' meal, was totally worth it!

### If you had to make one course mandatory for all future batches, which one would it be?

I think Graph theory because it made me think differently and developing an alternative approach to problems always comes in handy. Any course by Rajeev Sir because he is a brilliant professor really. And lastly, chemistry only because I hated it so much!

### Picking up from the last question, can you recall any particular incident with the chemistry courses?

This is going to be one fun story. I was going to enter a chemistry viva, and during the viva, I realised I had to get the lab journal, which would be fine if I had just forgotten to bring it that day but no, I really didn't have a journal for the entire year at all! So I tried a bunch of tricks, like colour photocopies and whatnot, for three entire days but it didn't work in my favour but it's a real good memory now!



# SHAPED by EMOTIONS



## Devashish Sharma

MFA'16

Freelancing Artist

### How has the MFA from Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR influenced your journey as an artist, and what about the art pedagogical model at the university distinguishes it from other courses.

During my study of Visual Arts at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, interactions with the faculty helped me in many ways. I was influenced most by my independent study sessions with Professor Sharmila Samant. She encouraged and supported me to work outside of my comfort levels- constantly challenging my attitude towards art-making. These and conversations with her helped me situate myself in a larger social context. The course Aesthetics and Politics with Professor Tushar Joag made me think of my practice within new political parameters. I remember having a very interesting conversation with Professor Sumantra Sengupta- during winter, I happened to meet him in the Dining Hall during breakfast. We spoke about financial sustainability in art practice. And this was very crucial for me at that point, because I had started to experiment with land art and social practice,

I think what distinguishes the MFA at the Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, is the practice-led research approach that the professors have within their own art practices, and which they, in turn, encourage in the students. Also, having visiting faculty from diverse fields enriches the program immensely.

### Please elaborate on your journey and the highlights of working in your field.

Since 2017 I have been working as a freelance artist, and have been taking forward the questions that emerged while I was studying at the Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR.

In 2018 I received the Public Art Grant from the Foundation of Indian Contemporary Art, and this allowed me to initiate the Museum of Questions at the Saathi School and the Imlee Mahuaa School in the villages of Kumharpara and Balengapara.

The project centres around the idea of using the museum to generate dialogues about the changes being witnessed by the children in their local culture.

A few months before the pandemic, I began working on Road Number Zero, a project based on the Delhi-Gurgaon border. Through this project, I looked at the transition of rural areas into peri-urban and urban areas and the shift in cultural values.

Recently, once the lockdown was firmly in place, I joined the 'What Could Should Curating Do' (WCSCD), a curatorial programme started by Biljana Ciric, a curator from Serbia. The history of art from the countries that were formed after the splitting of Yugoslavia hasn't received the attention it deserves, and this programme intends to produce an archive that formalises the art history of this region.



### What motivated you to work in the sphere that you are currently working in? And how has it impacted you as a person, on a personal and professional level?

Most of my projects are community-based, and this has been very fulfilling because I am able to work with people, and also learn from them. Doing such projects has made me see the potential within rural communities, and a need for change in the way urban settlements are structured.

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

I made some great friends while studying at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, and also learnt a lot from people who were not in my department. So I would urge students to make use of this amazing opportunity to interact with people from diverse fields and expand their thinking beyond a specific discipline.

Besides, I think the MFA at the Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR allows students to explore their work without trying to put them into categories; there is an openness to exploring various forms of visual production.

### Did the pandemic have any impact on your life goals? Have you changed the way you handle your work life? Have you observed any positive changes? Are there any happy experiences you would like to share with us?

I live near a forest some distance from Bangalore, so the pandemic perhaps hasn't affected me the way it affected people in the city; the effect has been more psychological than physical. Some of my projects involve travelling to different locations to stay for a few weeks or months. So, I haven't been able to travel, and these projects had to be postponed or have happened online.

An upside of the pandemic has been that several institutions have started hosting lectures online, which till recently were only open to people who were physically present. This has allowed me to be a part of more programmes and access more lectures.

### If there's is one thing you could have done differently in your time at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, what would it be?

While I learnt a lot from my friends from other departments through informal interactions, in retrospect I think I would have liked to attend courses from the physics and biology departments and pursue my interests in those fields as well.

### One resource or advantage at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR that you cherished the most?

My studio. It was very important to have my own studio, which I could access anytime. This provided me with the space to work without being disturbed, and also allowed me to set my own timetable.

### Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite story during your time here, that instantly brings a smile to your face?

It's the simple things that I remember fondly, and frankly, there are too many such stories. Some of the best times were when my friends and I played ultimate frisbee on the lawns between 2A and 2B in the evenings. And also the late-night cycle rides through the campus. This was especially fun during the winter months as the roads were usually empty.

### Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR has come a long way, from being a young institution to being the youngest university to be recognized as an 'Institute of Eminence'. Through all the things that have changed, we would love to know what was your favourite thing to do on campus and why?

My favourite thing to do on campus was my work; having grown up in residential schools I enjoy campus life. And everything in the university was easy to access, so I was able to focus on my projects. I also learnt to play tennis- which was great fun. This was important as it allowed me to balance my timetable and channel my physical energy into something productive.



# BENGALURU, DELHI, EVANSTON; A tale of 3 cities



## Jitesh Aggarwal

B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering'16

Currently studying at Northwestern University - Kellogg School of Management

### Please paint a brief glimpse of your journey post-Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR.

I've been lucky to play multiple roles while being at the same company for 5 years. Earlier in their supply chain space to innovation to commerce platform and eventually in strategy & ops. While exploring all these functions, I was also able to learn more than just programming - design and product as well. Recently I worked with a pre-launch startup and led their product team to build and launch their webstore. I've also been privileged to keep in touch with my alma mater while being the president of the student alumni association. I am currently pursuing my MBA at Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University and look forward to my journey as a product leader.

### What drove you to choose the career that you are pursuing right now?

I've always been excited by the idea of creation and problem-solving. Interestingly growing up math and art/crafts were two of my favourite subjects - which are quite opposite if you think about it. Thinking of a career in product management in a B2C firm is quite similar - you need to mix the right amount of quantitative and creative ability. But it has definitely been an evolution, I knew I wanted to stay around consumer technology - but the roles and functions are things that keep evolving.

### How has your typical working day been affected by lockdown during the pandemic?

Personally, it was quite fun honestly. I was home for the longest period of time after 4 years. I moved from Bengaluru to New Delhi. Having deferred my college admission last year, I used this year to experiment and learn new things professionally and personally. I've had support both from my workplace, family, friends and mentors to help me keep sane. The social aspect of going out with friends definitely reduced, but it never hampered being in touch with them. But sometimes lines got blurred, it wasn't easy to separate out professional life from the personal life which was challenging when the work peaked. But I can't complain, people were going through much worse.

### Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR being one of the very first institutions to introduce the liberal education format, which course outside of your major really sparked your interest, where you really enjoyed learning?

I've taken multiple courses outside my major. I minored in management and still ended up doing some classes in film and cinematography. I really enjoyed my marketing/consumer behaviour class. Interestingly, I ended up doing a research project with Prof. Paromita Goswami in the School of Management & Entrepreneurship. She is also the reason I



am pursuing my MBA at Kellogg, she connected me to a student of hers who was also a Kellogg alumnus. The liberal education format at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, really unlocks opportunities and deep relationships.

### What made you decide to be a part of the Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR Alumni Association?

My experience at the university was really transformative for me. While the journey wasn't perfect, I am really grateful for all the experiences I had at the university inside and outside of class alike. Working with the Alumni Association was just a way for me to give back to the university in whatever little way I can and be in touch with the greater community at the university.

### Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite story during your time here, that instantly brings a smile to your face?

That's a tough one! I think one memory that stands out for me would be just the entire week around first class (class of 2015)'s farewell and graduation. There were so many emotions, so many little incidents and events that spring up instantly. Class of 2015's departure meant a lot to the class of 2016 because they were the only ones we knew when we arrived on campus



(unlike other universities) where you would have multiple years to engage with.

### What has been the proudest moment in your life so far?

I don't know if I'll call it proud but I was truly elated to be the class speaker/valedictorian speaker for my graduating class. Having my friends I made over 4 years and my parents watching me deliver the speech on stage made me very proud and humbled at the same time.

### A statement that defines you.

Never self-select or short-sell yourself.

### What prompted you to take up the minor in management?

I've always been interested in the business side of things apart from technology. I never felt confident to start my own business but doing a minor in management was my first step to getting comfortable with the basics and language of business. And I am glad I did it because while I might not be able to directly attribute a recruitment value to it, it definitely shaped how I thought about products and business during my time at Dell.

### How have your work ethics evolved from when you first started out to now, when you have considerable experience in the corporate sector?

A whole lot. Early on in my career, I was very task-oriented - just wanted to get things done. Whatever that might be given to me. I am a lot more intentional about what I want to do now. I try to not just think tactically about my work but also strategically.

### If you had to describe your time at the university in three words what would it be?

Transformative. Invaluable. Emotional.



# CHEVSKOSKY and Critical thinking with A SIDE OF CHOLE BHATURE



## Sundar Ramanujam

B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'15

Currently working at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

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

I worked with the Admissions Office at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR right after I graduated. I had 3 months between going abroad for my graduation and I decided to make good use of that time, working and managed to sponsor the one-way flight ticket!

### What are you currently pursuing and involved in? What excites you the most about it?

I am involved in policy work and everything and anything about it. I get to meet new people all the time, lawmakers, senators, people from the White House, state departments and different agencies who are working on the ground creating real impact and advocating for change. You never stop learning and that's the most exciting part.

### Did the pandemic have any impact on your life goals and affect your work-life?

I think it gave me a new perspective on how I need to balance my professional goals along with how it's shaping my day and how I intend for it to play out eventually. It's also pushed me to reevaluate my perspective on technology since everyone today is a technology evangelist, I have started to grow to vary of its impact. So computers are great in some context but I've made a conscious choice to not let them envelop my life.

### What was your favourite meal on campus?

Oh, this takes me right back! I might actually have two. Chole Bhature is something I love, and it was the Sunday breakfast for us as well, we used to stay up all night to get to it. Time-honoured tradition really. And the south-Indian food stall, he had the best idlis and Thai green curry too.

### What has been the highlight of your professional life until now?

It will most likely be when I co-edited a volume of essays and it was appreciated and quoted by Tony Blair, the icon himself. He pointed out it was important effort and initiative and publications do give me joy and this was a real proud moment in my professional life.

### If you had to describe your time at the university in three words what would it be?

Wild wild West!

### What would a good day on campus look like for you?

The more impact I had, the better my day was. In terms of my research projects, my lab assignments, my fundraising efforts, if I somehow got close to my desired result, it was a great day! Also, of course, any day, when you score great marks, would be a great day hands down!



### Your most looked forward to events on campus?

Breeze definitely since we started it. Especially since it was such an uphill battle since we had no sponsors, it was our child, our legacy so that was really special for us. My friends and I also founded the MUN society so definitely that was something I eagerly awaited.

### A little about your friends who have stuck along through these years?

I got lucky with my roommates and they have indeed stayed around all these years. Sankar, who's doing great at Google and Sriram at Dell, have no clue what his job really means but have stayed in touch all along and I usually pop in at least once a year.

### If you could choose any artistic medium and give it a dedicated course, what would it be?

Woodworking! I'm already taking classes but I really like getting my hands dirty, some chiselling, sculpting really excites me. If someone paid me a good million to do whatever, this is what I would do!

### Your go-to end sem meal?

A good ol' classic pack of kurkure and Pepsi. Never gets old really, and this is a chef's special. Top Ramen curry flavour, with a spoon of cheese dip, the most delicious end sem snack ever, you cannot top it.

### Which was your favourite Breeze artist in your time on campus? If you could call anybody for Breeze, who would it be?

I would love to have a classical night towards the likes of Mozart and Chevskosky with the dress code as vintage! Classical music is an all-time favourite so Zakir Hussain, and A R Rehman, watching them will always be a treat.

### If you could create one mandatory course for future batches, what would it be?

Definitely, Critical thinking by Prof. Shefali Yogendra. Make it an audit course but it taught you to question, view your biases objectively which is a skill you cannot possibly compromise on.

### One resource or advantage at the university that you didn't make full use of?

Talking to some of my excellent faculty members. Professors were very helpful and approachable. I wish I was more intentional, in terms of what I was seeking.

### Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite university story that instantly brings a smile to your face?

7 pm, on a Thursday afternoon, I talked my friend into running and eventually winning the student council elections. I ran the entire campaign, I'm taking the full credit for it as well as forming the coalition and they can take the credit for what followed after, but it was monumental. A win by an overwhelming majority of two-thirds and the work they did spoke for itself.





# BUOYANT, INSPIRING & REWARDING!



## Vijeta Sharma

Ph.D. in Life Sciences'21

Currently working at Department of Medicine, Mayo Clinic

**Describe your time at the university in three words.**

Buoyant, Inspiring & Rewarding!

**What was your favourite meal on campus?**

Midnight snack-Mess Aloo parantha with friends.

**What are you currently pursuing and involved in?**

I am working as Research Fellow at the Department of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, Arizona. Here, I am working on acute pancreatitis and its outcome. More specifically, I am working on a project to study the impact of bile acid-fatty acid interaction on local and systemic injury & inflammation in acute pancreatitis .

**What excites you the most about it?**

I got to learn new things which I never thought I would be doing.

**How has the pandemic impacted your life goals and work-life?**

After Ph.D. I took a break of two years (got married and stuff). But surprisingly, when I applied for a postdoctoral position in the US,

I got this current position during pandemic. So, I would say it hasn't impacted my life goals adversely.

**What's one thing you wish you knew before you were starting out as a working professional?**

I know a lot more about my work area than I knew before I started. I wish I had more clarity of looking in other directions as well rather than focussing on just research.

**What would a good day on campus look like for you?**

Chit-chat over Naveen's tea stall, sweet treat at mother dairy and long evening strolls around the campus with buddies.



**Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite story during your time here, that instantly brings a smile to your face?**

There are so many I would say.

**What has been the proudest moment in your life so far?**

Completing Ph.D. with publications, getting a position and coming to the US after a break in career.



**How have your work ethics evolved from when you first started out to now, when you have considerable work experience?**

I have evolved as a person with better project management skills, analytical skills, time management skills to work in a fast-paced work environment to beat deadlines, with the ability to handle multiple projects ad tasks simultaneously, and work well in an interdisciplinary team environment.

**A quote or popular saying that has stuck with you.**

"For in the dew of little things, the heart finds its morning".

**If your time at the university. or your life were a song, which tune comes to your mind?**

"Journey song-PIKU".





# The SHADOW SURGEON who SINGS



## Vinith Johnson

B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'16

Currently working at UCSF Medical Center

### After graduating with a B.Tech. degree what was your first job right after college? And how did the experience you gained through university help you get the first job after graduation?

My first job after graduating was a Research Associate position with Neuroscape, UC San Francisco. My experience at the university helped me adopt an open and growth mindset while moving to a completely different country. I was never discouraged by the faculty at the university whenever I went up to them with an over-ambitious project idea. I think a combination of big thinking and curiosity to learn helped land my first job offer.

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

I currently work as a Surgical Innovations Engineer with UCSF Medical Center. I provide engineering and product development expertise to Surgeons from different depts. of medicine. I help build medical device hardware and software aimed at improving overall patient care and treatment. A cool thing about my current job is that I get to shadow surgeries while they are performed!

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

I wish I had realized this when I was still in university- but you'll learn more when you learn together, and success is sweeter when you learn together, and success is sweeter when you achieve it together. We

always prioritise our own grades and plan how we can get ahead of the person next to us. I believe it is imperative to adopt a sense of civic virtue in the learning process. We need to cultivate what we can do to help our classmates realize their dreams. If they (your friend) want to become a scientist, show up and support them during their poster presentations, for dancers, show up to their concerts, in case of professional athletes, turn up and cheer for them during their games. As our society becomes more and more meritocratic, it is important to think of collective success which will, in turn, uphold the strength of our social fabric.

### Did the pandemic have any impact on your life goals? Have you changed the way you handled your work life? Have you observed any positive changes in your life or are there any happy experiences you would like to share with us?

I think I worked more hours while sheltering at home than during the pre-covid19 world since there is an absence of a physical boundary between workplace and home. My desk is a few feet away from my bed and it's also a few feet away from my kitchen, so I get to make my lunch and sneak in a nap when needed. When I need to be at the hospital for a few days a month, it's refreshing to interact with colleagues in person. Apart from that, I helped deepen my relationship with my loved ones; friends and family. Sheltering at home can be isolating, so I spent a lot of time connecting with people over phone



calls & texts. I'm also cooking a lot these days (my mom is very proud of me!), expanding my taste palette and improving my way around the kitchen. In terms of happy experiences, I published a few more papers, got a chance to pilot my first aircraft and got my scuba diver certification recently, which were also unique experiences. Looking forward to the world opening up!

### How have you kept up with your hobbies?

I perform a lot of community music and occasionally participate in some concerts. I beatbox for a fusion jazz band here in San Francisco called the Wobbly World. Additionally, I used to direct the UCSF acapella group and I sing for multiple choirs in the city. I don't think I spend time doing music as much as I would like to. However, I hope to in the future.

### At the time when you worked as a Research Associate at Neuroscape: you did a project on Rhythm and Brain sometime in 2016. We would like to know what inspired you to work on such a unique topic.

I was very interested in learning more about the brain. When I came to UCSF, a project investigating the potential of musical rhythm training, through video games, to combat the age-related decline of cognition, was shaping up. Given that it was an intersection of music, neuroscience and technology, three of my favourite things, I immediately hopped on! In the process, I learnt a lot about the cognitive benefits of musical training and how digital therapeutics are slowly becoming a form of medicine. Music has tremendous healing capabilities that science is slowly catching up to.

### One resource or advantage at the university, that you cherished the most?

I think it has to be the library for me. When I was at the university, we didn't have a sports complex or a research building ready, so a lot of our activities and committee meetings took place in the library. Apart from a really great book collection, it also had a very nice cafe to grab a late-night Maggi if you were hungry.

### While Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR celebrates a decade of making an impact in the education sector, what do you think sets the university apart?

What sets the University apart is its culture and multidisciplinary approach to education. I know it sounds like rhetoric, but I truly mean it. I think the fact I was able to gather knowledge beyond just my major definitely gave me an edge at the workplace and outside of it. We've had so many alumni who have benefited from this and gained so much success in their lives already. I'm very excited for the university's impact for the next decade and for the decades to follow.

### Celebrating 10 years of the university, which is your favourite story during your time here, that instantly brings a smile to your face?

So many stories bring a smile to my face, so it's hard for me to choose. If I had to pick one, it has to be the convocation of the very first batch passing out of Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR. The atmosphere was very festive. We had many esteemed dignitaries visit campus during the day and we got to watch Advaita, a fusion band, perform that night. It was really fun to watch a music show with my friends and fellow Snuphoria members on campus!

### Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, being one of the very first institutions to introduce the liberal education format, which course outside of your major really sparked your interest, where you really enjoyed learning?

I don't know if these courses are taught anymore, but I enjoyed taking a few anthropology electives which were taught by Professor Chatterjee (Joy) and an acting course by Professor Rao. Outside of that, I also enjoyed the Literature, Identity and Theater (LIT) course in my freshman year.



# ALUMNI Achievers

## Arun Pandianathan

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'15

We are proud to share that our alumnus, Arun Pandianathan, B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering, Class of 2015 has secured a rank of 344 in UPSC civil services exam 2020.

Arun shared **“To get back on feet and ready to fight after failures is the most important thing. I have been able to achieve what I set out for through strong determination. The bottom line is to stay strong both mentally and physically and persist with one’s efforts with due correction of one’s mistake. Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR environment was instrumental in developing my values of perseverance and determination.”**



## Sonal Shekhawat

B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering'16

Soon after graduating, Sonal worked at Dell in Hyderabad for about 1 year before joining the DRDO. Working at the Defence Research and Development Organisation, Sonal built a great foundation on the grounds of discipline and commitment which has truly paid off.

In 2021, she celebrated her first day as a Scientist at ISRO. Feeling obliged Sonal is filled with pride and happiness as she recalls her journey to reach this milestone.

We, at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi-NCR, could not be happier to watch our beloved students make great strides in their careers while also making such a great impact on the country through their contributions.

# ALUMNI Achievers

## Paridhi Sood

B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering'19

Another golden day where we celebrate an incredible alumni's extraordinary achievements. Paridhi Sood, Class of 2019, recently graduated from the Air Force Academy and we couldn't be prouder.

A young CSE graduate, Paridhi has proved her mettle and the grit it takes for such an honour. While we watch Paridhi soar higher, we wish to congratulate her on her very special day.

As our students step out to create their lives and identities, it gives us immense joy and happiness to watch them venture into such different walks of life and carve their paths. The shades and variations in a single class remind us of their individual potential while their strength as a community is what keeps us going!

We wish Paridhi the very best for all her future endeavours and everything she wishes to achieve, and we cannot wait to hear stories and tales of her adventures back home!



## Devashish Goyal

B.Tech. in Civil Engineering'15

During his undergraduate journey, Devashish was always interested in design and transportation systems. After engineering, Devashish spent generous time learning everything there is to product generation, management and startups.

In 2020, Devashish finally set up his dream start-up, OhLocal, a Gurugram-based artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled bidding platform. Being an AI-enabled smart bidding platform connecting local buyers and sellers on a real-time basis, it operates in 4 cities; Meerut, Ghaziabad, Noida and Gurugram. Working with 100+ local sellers, it has managed to generate business of more than Rs 2 crore in four months of its operations. However bigger things were yet to



come, as OhLocal has raised an undisclosed pre-seed round led by mentorship-driven incubator India Accelerator with participation from other high net worth individuals (HNIs) and marquee angel investors. This has been one of the biggest bids and the success of OhLocal is predicted to soar and this is just the beginning.

Devashish's hard work and vision reflect in the startup's success and we at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR cheer and wait for all the success that lies ahead.



# Friends like family

## A decade long story

**Aishwarya Lakshmi  
& Ansh Gandhi**

B.Tech. in Computer Science  
& Engineering'15



### How we met

**Aishwarya:** Since Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR was brand new when I graduated from high school, there was no real way for me to connect with someone who was in the same boat as me. I am from Chennai and moving so far away from home was not an easy decision. While looking for other people who would also be a part of the university's founding batch, I stumbled upon an informal group of prospective students on Facebook. Everyone was eager to know each other - where we were from and what branch we were in. I was one of the few if not only person in the group who was in B.Tech. CSE. Soon after, I got a message from this stranger who was also in B.Tech. CSE branch and couldn't stop talking about Kanpur. 10 years later, that stranger has been by my side through all the ups and downs of life and I'm so happy to revisit some of the best memories between Ansh Gandhi and Aishwarya Lakshmi :)

**Ansh:** Still deciding where to go to college after high school while most of my friends were going to Bangalore for their engineering major, I was anxious about making new friends in a new college. I decided to join Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR and who knew a facebook message was one of the best things I did. Met this really genuine person who has been kind, helpful not only to me but to everyone around and I am sure everybody in our batch would agree.

### Favourite memories in the university

**Aishwarya:** There have been so many incredible memories from my time at the university and it isn't a coincidence that Ansh has been a part of most if not all of them. It's always the smallest things that stand out at the end of the day no matter how silly they seemed at the time! I knew he always had my back whether it was about assignments, choosing classes, prepping for exams but more importantly food. Whenever I had a rough day, Ansh would make incredible maggi at midnight (his secret ingredients were butter and chat masala). Anyone who knows Ansh (the entire 2015 Class in his case) will agree with me when I say he is such an easy person to talk to and get along with. It didn't matter where you were from, what friend group you were a part of or what interests you had - if you needed a friend, Ansh was there for you. Except when he was playing PES while the rest of the world was playing FIFA.



**Ansh:** My time at the university has been fun and quite fruitful in terms of friendships we've all built that'll last a lifetime. No matter what exam we had, most of us were always searching for Aishwarya to help us with last minute help/revisions or at times to teach us "important" topics at the last moment; and she was always there for us. Personally, I'm blessed to have a friend/family like her. During lecture break we all used to go to the Tea Stall in the cafeteria in the Academic Block for small cups of tea and then run back because we overstayed the break while talking over tea. She is one the few people who convinced and helped me pursue higher education here in the USA even though she had her own exams and job to worry about. I am thankful for all that she does and also for the amazing idlis I get to eat because she lives barely 10 mins away.

### Staying in touch after

**Aishwarya:** With every passing year, you realize how everyone gets busy with their own lives and being friends with everyone you knew in college isn't practically possible. After graduation, I headed on to Northwestern for grad school but always stayed in touch with Ansh. Very soon, he flew out to George Washington University for his graduate program. I'm so glad that Ansh lives around the corner from me here in Virginia. I can't count the number of times we've dropped into each other's place to hang out and have a game night impromptu or the usual maggi at 2 am but with more people around now. We've made such amazing memories in the past 5 years, almost as much as we did at the university. Our friend circles have expanded to include new friends,

colleagues, significant others and yet it feels like nothing has changed with our dynamic.

**Ansh:** After moving to a different time zone for my higher education we still kept in touch. I was surprised when Aishwarya said she is relocating to DC for her job, what are the odds! Preparing for the graduation ceremony, I was a little bummed that my family couldn't make it for my graduation walk, but she made sure to show up, which included her leaving at 7 am and driving 1 hour to get here and I was really glad she did.

### From friends to family

**Aishwarya:** I am so lucky to have found such an incredible friend who is now truly a part of my family. Ansh's parents and brother are always in touch with me and my parents always ask me how he's doing. Our families are so excited to watch us grow from clueless teenagers to (fully functional?) adults and hit amazing milestones in our personal and professional lives. For those of you who are still studying at the university, take a moment and look around you. You might be at the beginning of a long and beautiful journey with a friend who becomes your emergency contact for the rest of your life!

**Ansh:** Everybody deserves a remarkable friend like Aishwarya who looks out for you. I am very thankful to Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR for being the reason we met. The university is the reason I have some really close friends who have now become family. To the upcoming batch, you will eventually and definitely resonate with this quote from The Office, sometime in the future - "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them." - (Andy Bernard portrayed by Ed Helms)





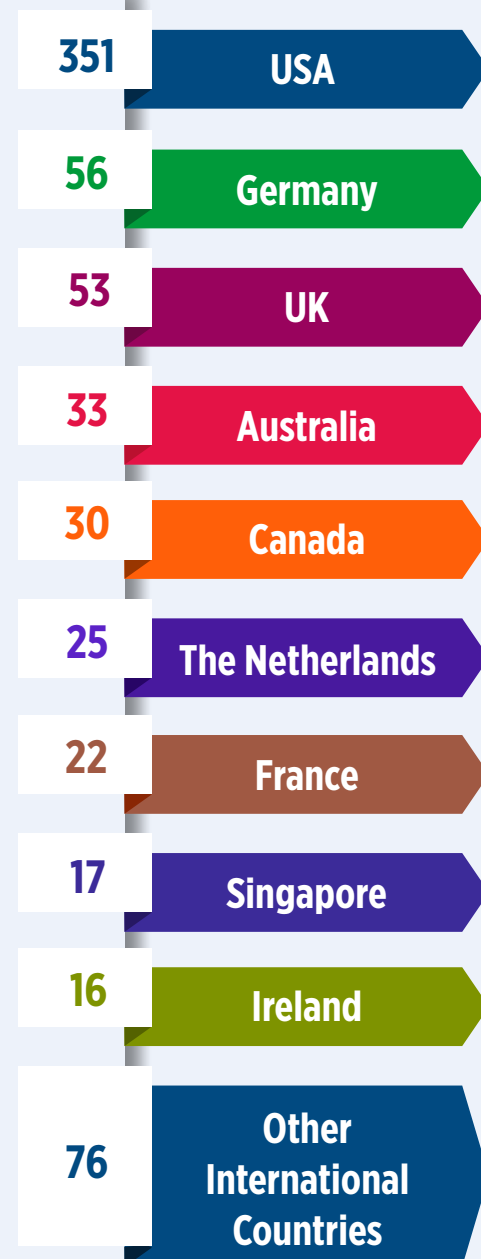
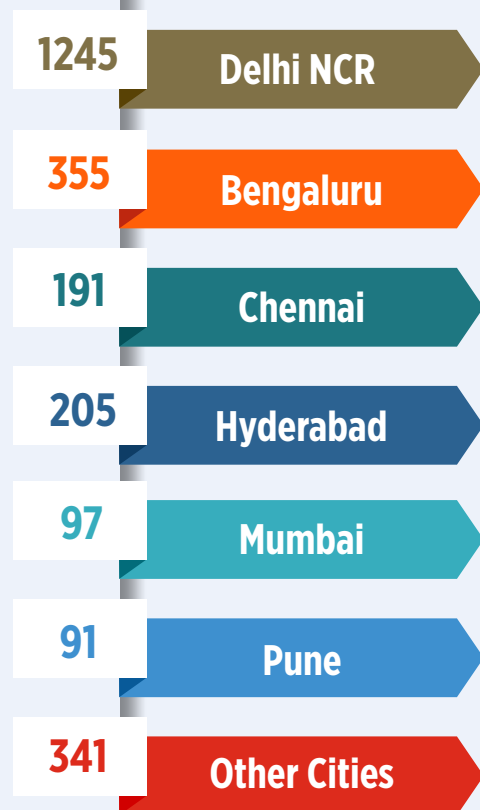
# Alumni Demographics



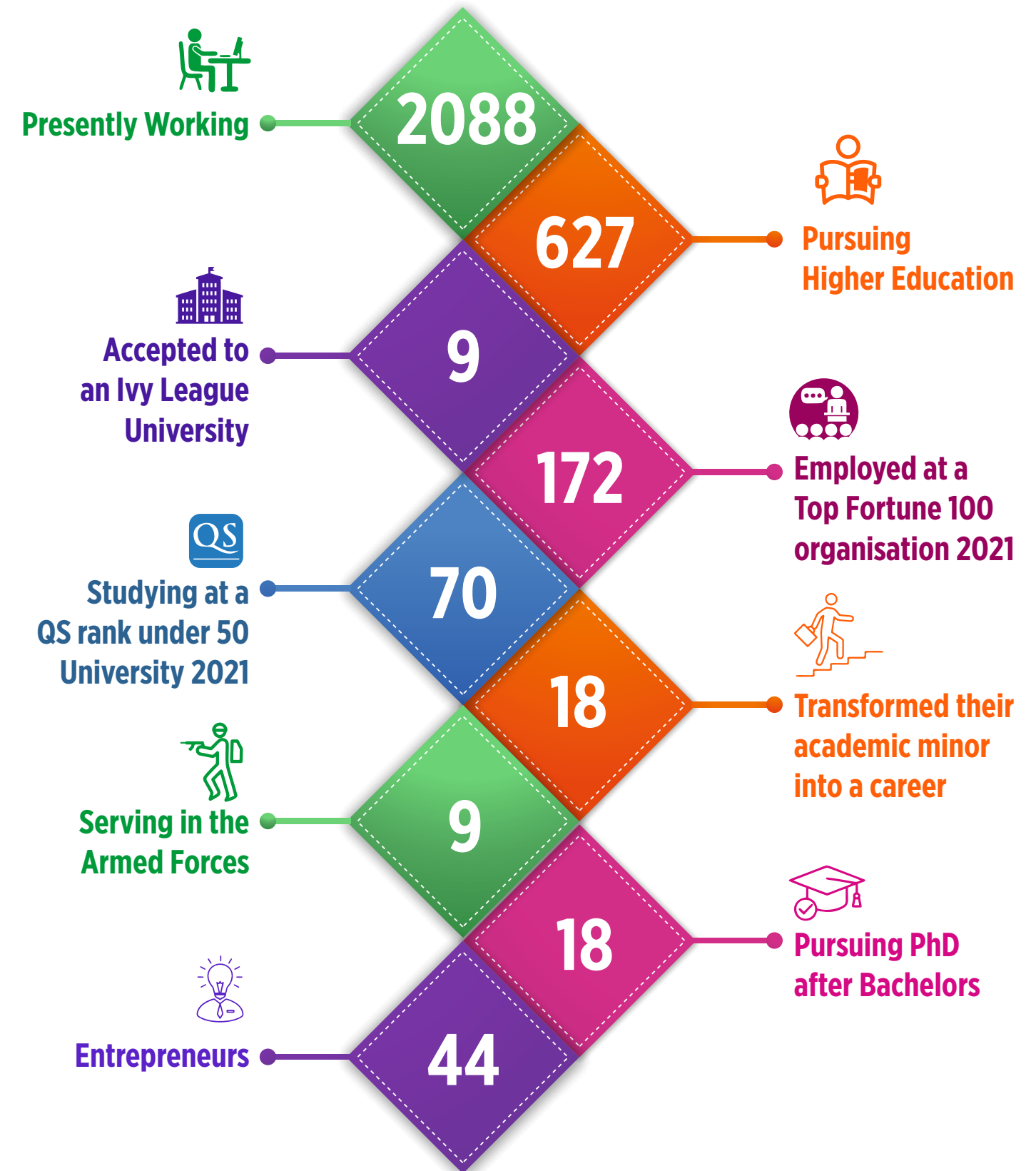
Alumni ▶ **3204**

Alumni Based in India ▶ **2525**

Alumni Based Abroad ▶ **679**



# Alumni Demographics





	What is your favorite place on campus?	Your go to end semester meal?	If your time at university were a song	A professor whose teaching method you remember the most?	What do you think makes the university unique?
<b>2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library</li> <li>Hostel</li> <li>Mount</li> <li>Canopies</li> <li>Surya tuck shop which used to be between 2 hostels. We used to get south indian lynch and dinners there.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maggie</li> <li>Lenin's Dosas</li> <li>Paneer with Naan</li> <li>Georgia Maggi</li> <li>chole bhature live counters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wo din bhi kya din the from Chicchorre</li> <li>Rocketeer by Far East Movement</li> <li>Jannat Yaha</li> <li>Abhi mujhme kahin</li> <li>Happy days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Dinkar Prasad</li> <li>Professor Sandeep Joshi</li> <li>Professor Amit Bakshi</li> <li>Dr. Tulika Chandra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everything</li> <li>Program Structure</li> <li>Variety of courses</li> <li>Multi disciplinary</li> <li>The freedom that it gave us to follow our hearts and explore</li> </ul>
<b>2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canopies</li> <li>Mount</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maggi</li> <li>Junk food all the way</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yeh dosti hum nahi todenge</li> <li>Best Day of my life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Tulika Chandra</li> <li>Professor Sandeep Joshi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi Disciplinary Curriculum</li> <li>The faculty</li> <li>Student Centric Philosophy</li> </ul>
<b>2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library</li> <li>C block terrace</li> <li>All the eating joints</li> <li>Central vista</li> <li>Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Butter Naan and Kadhai Paneer</li> <li>Aloo Paratha</li> <li>Bread and bhujija</li> <li>Rollu ka dhaba</li> <li>Double Masala Maggi from Georgia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bohemiann Rhapsody</li> <li>AtranginYaari from Wazir</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. N. Sukumar</li> <li>Professor R N Biswas</li> <li>Dr. Sanjeev Yadav</li> <li>Dr. Anannya Dasgupta</li> <li>Dr. Rajeev Singh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vibes</li> <li>Campus</li> <li>The choice of minor</li> <li>Culture</li> <li>Freedom</li> <li>On-campus residency</li> </ul>
<b>2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naveen's Tea Shop + CAD Lab</li> <li>Acad Bloc</li> <li>Research Block R (block)</li> <li>Hallways in ISC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dal Tadka &amp; Tandoori Butter Roti</li> <li>Rolls</li> <li>Midnight Aloo paratha</li> <li>Chicken fried rice, Chilli chicken and soda in Dh2</li> <li>DH2 Chole bhature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pal Bhar Teher Jaao.....</li> <li>Serene</li> <li>The Nights by Avicii</li> <li>Arriving Somewhere but not here</li> <li>Dil Chahta Hai title song</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Nishant Mishra</li> <li>Dr. Richa Priyadarshini</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The freedom &amp; push to explore beyond academics.</li> <li>Culture</li> <li>OUR programs</li> <li>Inclusiveness</li> <li>Profs happy to grab a coffee with students and talk about anything and everything.</li> </ul>
<b>2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canopies</li> <li>Energy Systems lab</li> <li>The music room</li> <li>Both Helipads</li> <li>Basketball court</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DH2- Dal Makhni &amp; Jeera Rice</li> <li>Kadhai paneer with jeera rice</li> <li>Chicken Makhani</li> <li>Half fry</li> <li>Butter chicken &amp; garlic naan</li> <li>Biryani saalan on Sunday</li> <li>Chicken tikka sandwich at Georgia (Mahesh ;)</li> <li>Chilly chicken and fried rice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Udd Gaye - Ritviz</li> <li>Zindagi ek safar hai suahana</li> <li>Khudi</li> <li>Ye hansee waadiyaan</li> <li>Time Flies by Porcupine Tree</li> <li>Fix you by Coldplay</li> <li>Yaaro - Dosti</li> <li>Jeene ke hai 4 din</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor R. N. Biswas</li> <li>Dr. Santosh Kumar</li> <li>Dr. Nishant Mishra</li> <li>Professor Ashwin Ramanathan</li> <li>Professor Pradeep Jeganathan</li> <li>Dr. Rajeev Kumar</li> <li>Professor Deepak Mehta</li> <li>Dr. Harender Sinhmar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culture. People. Courses. Parties.</li> <li>Freedom</li> <li>Independence to choose my courses</li> <li>Inter disciplinary courses</li> <li>The environment</li> <li>Campus life and everything.</li> </ul>
<b>2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football ground</li> <li>Library 24x7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aloo paratha with hot chocolate from Dh2</li> <li>Adarsh and Mahesh</li> <li>Sandwiches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nahi samne (Taal)</li> <li>Yaaron dosti badi hi haseen hai...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Kaushik Chaudhuri</li> <li>Dr. Vijay Chakka</li> <li>Dr. Divya Lohani</li> <li>Dr. Gyan Vikash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freedom to stop and breathe</li> <li>Numerous CCC's offered by all departments.</li> <li>Diverse student ratio, no bias of race, religion and caste.</li> </ul>
<b>2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity Park</li> <li>Lake</li> <li>Canopies</li> <li>Library 24x7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maggie</li> <li>Restaurant- Fried Rice &amp; Manchurian</li> <li>Fried rice and Chilly Chicken</li> <li>aadarsh and mahesh</li> <li>Sandwiches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sham (Aisha)</li> <li>Jaane Kyun from Dostaana</li> <li>Yaaron dosti badi hi haseen hai...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Aniket Jaaware</li> <li>Dr. Sumedha Moharana</li> <li>Dr. Sudeshna Guha</li> <li>Dr. Amber Habib</li> <li>Dr. Divya Lohani</li> <li>Dr. Gyan Vikash</li> <li>Dr. Priyanka Grover</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culture</li> <li>Freedom</li> <li>The atmosphere</li> <li>Canopies and the peace that comes with it</li> <li>The infrastructure</li> <li>The teaching methods</li> <li>The choice range in courses</li> </ul>

	A course you really enjoyed?	Best place to hang out during class breaks?	Movie you enjoyed watching the most in B315?	Which sport did you enjoy playing at campus?	Your favourite CCC?
<b>2015</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power Electronics, High Voltage Engineering</li> <li>Society &amp; Technology taught by Dr. Shefaly Yogendra</li> <li>Cinema between two world war</li> <li>Films and nationalism</li> <li>Tulika Mam courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lenin's Tuck Shop</li> <li>Naveen's coffee shop</li> <li>Truck shop</li> <li>Tutorial rooms</li> <li>Juice point</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fault in our Stars</li> <li>World Cup match live</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis</li> <li>Cricket</li> <li>Basketball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of them were fun and innovative.</li> <li>Art &amp; Science of Color</li> <li>Land and it's representative</li> <li>Politics of life and lifestyle</li> <li>Folklore,</li> </ul>
<b>2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Faces</li> <li>Photography</li> <li>Violence and the City</li> <li>Image, screen, interface</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lenin</li> <li>Cafeteria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cricket world cup matches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football</li> <li>Badminton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human Faces</li> <li>LIT</li> <li>Image and sound studio</li> <li>Scientific study of consciousness</li> </ul>
<b>2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientific Epistemology</li> <li>Digital Electronics</li> <li>Nation and Nationalism</li> <li>Poetry Appreciation</li> <li>Digital electronics</li> <li>Complex Networks by Dr. Sudepto Bhattacharya</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lenin's shop</li> <li>Rolls</li> <li>C- D</li> <li>Truck shops</li> <li>Library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seven</li> <li>Spotlight</li> <li>Grave of the Fireflies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football</li> <li>Badminton</li> <li>Football</li> <li>Badminton</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LIT</li> <li>Global Economy</li> <li>Poetry Appreciation</li> <li>Image, Screen, Interface: The Visual and the Human</li> </ul>
<b>2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fluid Machinery</li> <li>Dance meets Design</li> <li>Folklore, Department of English</li> <li>"Violence and the City"</li> <li>COM 197-Editing and post production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naveen's Tea Shop</li> <li>Library Cafeteria</li> <li>D block coffee shop</li> <li>Canopies, out in the sun.</li> <li>CD atrium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IND v PAK World Cup 2015 Match</li> <li>Predestination</li> <li>Back to the future</li> <li>Inside out, The wind rises</li> <li>Raazi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Badminton</li> <li>Cricket</li> <li>Badminton. At 3am.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atmospheric Aerosols &amp; Climate</li> <li>Literature, Identity and Theatre (LIT)</li> <li>Scientific Reasoning &amp; Discoveries</li> <li>Understanding Jazz</li> </ul>
<b>2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Image and Sound Studio</li> <li>PHY405-Non linear Dynamics</li> <li>All the courses from communication department</li> <li>Sound Sense</li> <li>SOC101</li> <li>War and Media</li> <li>Any Harender sir course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mount SNU with Naveen Bhaiya's Chai</li> <li>Lake</li> <li>B Block Terrace</li> <li>The library</li> <li>A &amp; B</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Lion King</li> <li>Amelie, Antman, Wazir</li> <li>V for Vendetta</li> <li>La la land</li> <li>All Irtiqa (imprints fest)</li> <li>IPL finals</li> <li>India Vs Bangladesh Final</li> <li>El Clasico</li> <li>Football matches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football</li> <li>Table Tennis</li> <li>Table Tennis</li> <li>Tennis</li> <li>Football and Table Tennis</li> <li>Yoga,</li> <li>Basketball</li> <li>Football</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundamentals of Drawing :P</li> <li>Philology and linguistics</li> <li>Genetics</li> <li>LIT (Literature Identity Theatre)</li> <li>EVS</li> <li>Religion &amp; Society</li> <li>Philology</li> </ul>
<b>2020</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Media and Management of IP</li> <li>LIT</li> <li>All the CCCs literally</li> <li>Wisdom of Unpanishads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C&amp;D Block cafes</li> <li>Anna café</li> <li>Central Vista during winters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whiplash</li> <li>Stand by me</li> <li>Anhadhun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yoga</li> <li>Basketball</li> <li>Squash</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EVS</li> <li>Scientific Epistemology and consciousness</li> <li>Hindustani Music</li> </ul>
<b>2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crafting short fiction</li> <li>ART101</li> <li>Introduction to Archaeology</li> <li>LIT</li> <li>All the CCCs literally</li> <li>Wisdom of Unpanishads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake</li> <li>C&amp;D</li> <li>Anna café</li> <li>Central Vista during winters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kuch Kuch Hota Hai</li> <li>Flea bag</li> <li>Marvel Infinity War</li> <li>Stand by me</li> <li>Anhadhun</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Badminton</li> <li>Handball</li> <li>Basketball</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modern Love: Writing and deconstructing the Idea</li> <li>Shapes in Nature</li> <li>Reading Classics</li> <li>Scientific Epistemology and consciousness</li> <li>Hindustani Music</li> </ul>



# OVER THE YEARS

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## SPECIAL NEWS OVER THE YEARS



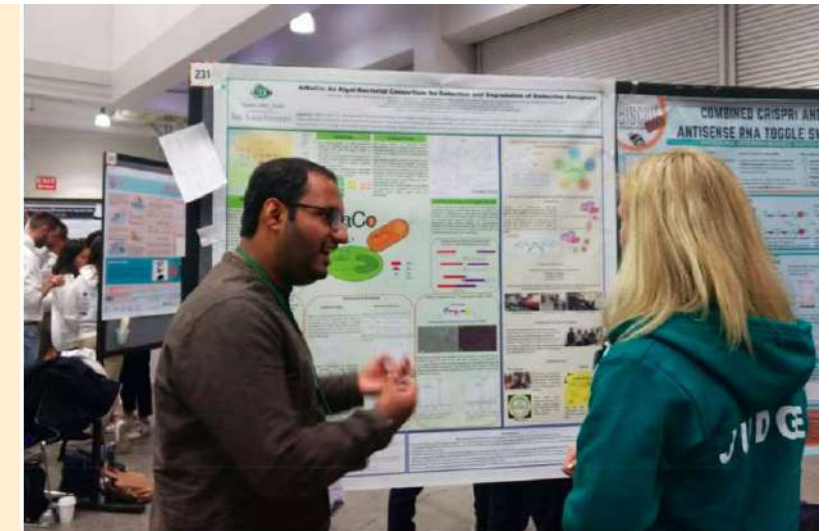
### IOE status

On 17 March 2021, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR celebrated the landmark of being the youngest institution to be honoured with the status of Institution of Eminence (IoE).

## SPECIAL NEWS OVER THE YEARS

### Silver Medal at IGEM

Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR-India Team makes the university proud by winning the Silver medal at IGEM-International Genetically Engineered Machine 2019, held in Boston.



### Convocation 2021

On 24 July 2021, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR held the sixth Convocation Ceremony with Mr. Vineet Nayar, former Vice Chairman and CEO of HCL, as the ceremony's guest of honour.



### Dassault Systèmes Center of Excellence (SDC).

Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR establishes the Shiv Nadar University-Dassault Systèmes Centre of Excellence (SDC). This collaborative approach facilitates creation of an industry-ready and future-ready global workforce, with a highly enhanced employability quotient.

### Groundbreaking Discovery

Dr. Subharata Sen, Professor, Department of Chemistry made groundbreaking progress by discovering a molecule with the potential to cure Covid-19.



### International Research Publications

Mr. Kshitij Srivastava, B.Tech. Electronics and Communications Engineering graduate, Class of 2020, published two international articles with Dr. Pandey, on precision agriculture.

### Discovery of Plastic Eating Bacteria

Revolutionizing research, Dr. Priya Priyadarshini, Associate professor, Department of Life sciences along with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rupamanjari Ghosh discover plastic-eating bacteria, having the potential to solve plastic waste globally.





# ALUMNI EVENTS OVER THE YEARS



**2020**  
Bangalore Chapter  
Alumni Meet



**2020**  
Hyderabad  
Alumni Meet



**2019**  
Alumni Meet



**2019**  
Chennai Chapter  
Alumni Meet



**2019**  
Roundtable  
Conference



**2019**  
Roundtable  
Conference



# Happy moments

Sashank Krishnan got his happily ever after - congratulations on the wedding!



**Sashank Krishnan** (B.Tech. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering'15) & **Criselda Pinto**

They say there's always a reason to celebrate. What better reason than the birth of little doll Aashvi! Congratulations Neha Goyal.



**Neha Goyal** (M.Sc. in Economics'15) blessed with a baby girl **Aashvi Kansal**



**Richards Joe** (Ph.D. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'17) & **Saheli Karmakar** (Ph.D. in Chemistry'21) blessed with a baby girl-Salome Joanna Richards

Richards Joe & Saheli Karmakar just got blessed with a daughter! Welcome to the world baby girl Salome Joanna Richards!

Lots of festivities lined up - Eshita and Ayush, congratulations on the wedding!



**Eshita Gulaiya** (MBA'19) & **Ayush Kapuria**

Dikshant Chitkara wishing you a lifetime of togetherness and love.



**Dikshant Chitkara** (B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'15) & **Dhairya**



**Harshvardhan Kejriwal** (B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering'16) & **Runjhun Gupta** (B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering'16)

A moment that feels like an eternal dream - congratulations to Harshvardhan Kejriwal and Runjhun Gupta!

College might just be the place where you find people you belong with. If you're lucky, you'll find the one person you call home forever - lots of love to college sweethearts Bhargavi and Harish on their wedding.



**Bhargavi Gopalan** (B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'16) & **Harish V** (B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'16)



**Naaga Arjun U** (B.Tech. in Civil Engineering'16) & **Vaishnavi**

Wishing Vaishnavi and Naaga Arjun U, a lifetime of happiness and togetherness.





### Bhargavi Gopalan

B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'16 | Dancer

Running an Instagram page dedicated to building a community of informed dance practitioners and educators.

The page is a digital dance resource sharing research-based information in the area of dance science and education. It aims to educate, empower and equip dancers and dance educators with information that propagates safe dance practice.



### Deepak Malhotra

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'15 | Writer

An artist who loves to write poems and have been performing since the last 2 years on various platforms.

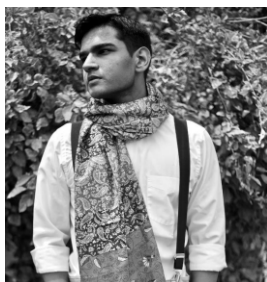


### Gurjot Singh

B.Sc. (Research) in Mathematics'18 | Musician

The lockdown has forced us to go out of our comfort zone. My job hours are so flexible that it causes more harm than good. I can't play my electric guitar because I can't get new strings. These are some of my challenges, everyone has their own. All of us must be positive and embrace these challenges. I hope my music helps by relaxing your mind.

## ALUMNI Creators



### Ishan Gupta

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'18 | Singer-songwriter

Ishan is a Delhi based singer-songwriter who has been writing songs about self-love, mental health, relationships, societal behavior, and policies. Experimenting with various styles ranging from pop, indie, rock, jazz, and soul. Being the founder of Synergy – the acapella group of Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR he is known to have a sharp ear for harmonies. He is currently pursuing a Postgraduate certification in Policy, Design, and Management from the Indian School of Public Policy.



### Piu Banerjee

B.Sc. (Research) in Biotechnology'17 | illustrations and writings

After Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR, I joined the National Institute of Genetics (NIG) in Japan for doing a PhD in Neurogenetics. To deal with the stress of work and life, I've always resorted to doodles and scribbles. Writing and doodling are therapeutic for me. After joining NIG, I started an Instagram page for my amateur illustrations and writings. Over time, a page that started with 10 followers has become a small community. Contributing to the page continues to be the most relaxing part of my day.



### Raghav Kaushik

B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'18 | Music Composer and Singer

Raghav is a Music Composer and Singer. He is currently working with a band called 'Nomadic Jam', touring and doing live shows all around India. Learning and working his way through to someday become a playback singer.



### Raghav Puri

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'19 | Musician and filmmaker-in bands

I am a musician and filmmaker pursuing my post-graduation in sound engineering at the Film and Television Institute of India. I am also a guitarist and have performed at Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR and various other stages with my bands 'Asteroids' and 'Karmic Police'. I post my music and poems on my Instagram page.



### Siddharth G

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'15 | Footballer

Posting videos on Instagram of practicing skills, tricks, and training related to football at home. He makes it more fun by challenging kids to do their best in a minute.

## ALUMNI Creators



### Vishnu Balaji

B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering'15 | Food blogger

I have always had a weird love and hate relationship with food and I started this page to address the love part of it. The main aim of my page is to let all the foodies out there know of some of the amazing places and dishes that I might have explored or accidentally bumped into in my everyday life. It is also a constant personal reminder of all the wonderful experiences I have had with food and the memories that surround it.



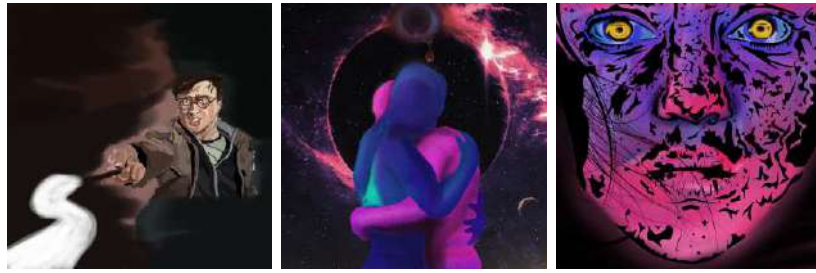
### Vasu Sharma

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'17 | Musician

A musician specializing in percussive fingerstyle guitar style. His first single called "Aavaaz De" represents alternative or fusion style music that he likes to experiment with, which narrativizes the journey of art-making.



**Paridhi Dubey**  
B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'20



Life inevitably throws us the spin ball, the googly. Unexpected circumstances remind us to expect the unexpected.



**Ranjeeta Kumari**  
MFA'16

## Beast of Burden (Donkey Series) 2021

I think Donkey is a very beautiful and naive animal who is always seen with the labor class people, hardworking and innocent in the world and has always been marginalized. I consider it as a symbol of beauty and power. Image of the donkey has a most important role in trade history. It has been carrying the material for a long distance from one country to another country. During the birth of Jesus Christ donkey stands for marry (it is called, donkey stands for women) in a sense it is also a self-portrait with inspiration. Donkeys have a large dimension for me.



**Shachi Shanbhag**  
B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering'20

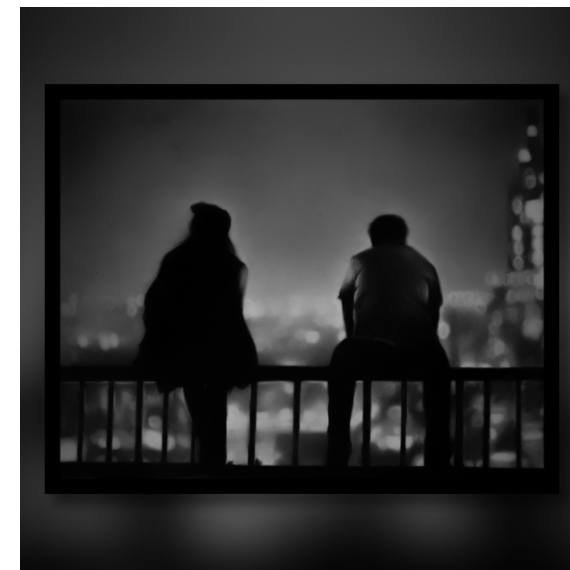


Society has numerous, very varied expectations from a woman. In India for example, while we are expected to stick to our traditional roots, certain sections simultaneously expect the modern woman to completely break the mould. Expressing and experimenting with this dichotomy; of bringing together the image of the traditional Indian woman with the ideas, symbolism, and style statements from a modern woman's repertoire.

**Shormee Mukherjee**  
B.A. (Research) in Sociology'18

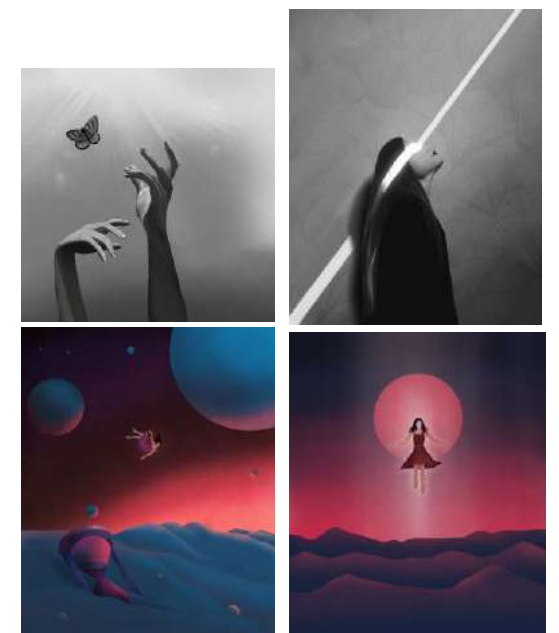


**Sonali Verma**  
B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering'18



For some of you, it might represent lovers, friends, siblings, or just strangers. Maybe, they are happy and dreaming about their future, or sad and on the verge of breaking. The picture is what you feel when you see it

**Arjun Bhasker**  
B.Sc. (Research) in Physics'20



Series of illustration which condenses different experiences and emotions, laced with a hint of surreal. Subjects are usually emotive figurative characters, human form, and femininity.

**Kavin DE**  
B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering'16





## Citizens of the brave new world

We Scroll, we Stare, we gloat and compare.  
This is the way of life we know.  
We live on borrowed notions of the millennial milieu,  
On the forever changing winds of the digital universe.

We're concerned. We're really concerned- not about what we are, but what we're not.  
We're burdened, burdened under the crushing weight of everything that we have ever wanted to be.  
We look out of the window, searching for that one redeeming quality- hiding beyond those doors.  
And we try to stitch the interstitial spaces in our personality with anything but reality.

We combat insomnia with a thousand thoughts- everyone further giving us a thousand reasons to stay awake.  
And in that moment we realise that we're the masters of imagination with the darkest of premonitions.  
Realisation comes- riding the chariot of sunlight.  
And before we know it, we're reduced to a bunch of reckless tourists who'd never know of all the places that they've visited in the dead of the night.

Everything we fail at- a reaffirmation of the ephemeral quality of lives that we lead and ambiguity that we cherish.  
The way we try to know some people and try to 'un-know' some people- and fail.  
The way we swipe right on a digital screen, looking for someone who matches the chaos in our own souls- And Fail!  
For a fleeting moment, we have it all,  
The next moment, nothing!  
All with a tinge of that forever lingering taste of regret on our lips  
Lost in the quest of looking for the most instagrammable depiction of ourselves- And Fail!

We all have our demons, lurking in the subconscious.  
We're a complex, complex work of art that's always in progress,  
The Sagrada Familia of people if I may say.  
We're a community of IMPERFECTs striving to pass off as anything but that.

But there is a certain grace in the way we wear our vulnerabilities,  
A certain beauty in the way we question the old ways.  
A certain solidarity in the way we deride classifications.  
We are a race of dreamers:  
People who'd dare to risk it all for that one moment of magic.  
People who find solace and comfort in ambiguity.  
We are a mesmerizing criss-cross of a thousand colors,  
Straitjacketed by times and circumstances.  
But in our mind palaces,  
We drown and emerge, every living day,  
Baptised in the waters of the brave new world.

**-Kshitij Mani Tripathi**  
B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'17

## एक खूबसूरत इत्तेफ़ाक़ ।

इत्तेफ़ाक़ तो तब होता  
जब मुझे कुछ पता ना होता ॥  
न जाने क्यों टकरा  
हर मोड़, रास्ते, नुक्कड़ पर वो जाती है  
है एक झल्लि सी पागल  
इत्तेफ़ाक़ से मिल जाती है ॥  
कोशिश करके भी न मिलना चाहो  
फिर भी जब दिख जाती है  
दूर से उन नैन नक्श  
को देखकर एक मुस्कुराहट अपने आप आ जाती है ॥

कितनी ही बार तो कुछ यु प्रसंग हुआ  
हमारी नज़रे मिली  
गुप्तगू करने की कोशिश हुई  
पर न जाने क्यों कुछ कहा नहीं गया  
वो भी कुछ बोल पाती उससे पहले  
हम अपने काम को चल दिए ॥  
अच्छा चलो एक सच आपको बतलाता हु  
कभी कभी जान बूझकर मैंने  
उसका इत्तेज़ार किया  
उसका रास्ता न जाने कितनी बार काटा  
उसको भी शायद ये लगा होगा  
की कोई इत्तेफ़ाक़ है।  
अच्छा दूसरा सच यह भी है  
की जब ये इत्तेफ़ाक़ इत्तेफ़ाक़ से होता था  
तब मैं इस दुनिया मे तो नहीं होता था  
लगता था मानो कोई चमत्कार अभी अभी हुआ है  
किसी को खबर लगी मेरे वहां आने की  
और उसने हमे बेखबर करके  
उनको खबरदार किया है।

एक तो वो लगती बिल्कुल वैसी थी  
जैसा हमने सोचा था  
बाते भी वैसी सी करती थी  
और तब न जाने क्यों  
हमे ये इत्तेफ़ाक़  
कोई इत्तेफ़ाक़ नहीं लगता था ॥  
लगता था कि कोई खेल रहा है साथ हमारे  
इन खूबसूरत सी मुलाकातों के सहारे  
कोई तो हमे मिलवा रहा है  
इल्ज़ाम इत्तेफ़ाक़ पर लग रहा है ॥

**-Akshay Bhardwaj**  
B.Tech. in Electronics and  
Communication Engineering'19



## Dear Rain

The road's in debt of your drain  
what's the pleasure in you, dear rain?  
You're our 9 AM exasperation  
we're afraid of being late, but in our  
"it was raining heavy" excuses  
your first-rate.

you being the faultless pretext  
to be made, can't even say we had to  
wade  
Be a biblical flood or survive a drought,  
you're one silly offer we've brought.

**-Harsha Vytila**  
B.A. (Research) in English'19

## Acha Time Aaega!!



कौन बोला mujhse से न हो पायेगा?  
कौन बोला? कौन बोला?  
अच्छा time आएगा  
उठ जा Apne bed से  
तू उड़ जा अब तलाश में  
हिम्मत तेरी देखकर  
सोशल मीडिया भी हिल जाएगा  
आएगा, अच्छा time आएगा  
कल्ले कल्ले चैन तुझे न मिल पायेगा  
ये वीडियो कॉल का ज्वाला तेरी बोरियत मिटाएगा  
कोई भी हो दिक्कत हम सबको तू बताएगा  
ऐसा तेरा याराना अकेलेपन को भी भगाएगा  
चिंता ना कर छोटे ऑनलाइन सब मिल जाएगा  
अब घर में ही तू रहने दे  
Work from home hi Tu Karne de  
हर कोर्स को हम सीखेंगे  
स्किल को अपने चुन लेंगे  
हम कामयाबी छीनेंगे  
मतलब बना अब जीने में  
क्यूँ?  
क्यूँकि अच्छा time आएगा  
सिर्फ तू नहीं अकेला है  
ये बुरा वक़्त जल्दी जाएगा  
अच्छा time आएगा  
अच्छा time आएगा

**-Akshay Bhardwaj**  
B.Tech. in Electronics and  
Communication Engineering'19





**Jayati Sharma**  
B.Tech. in Computer Science & Engineering'23



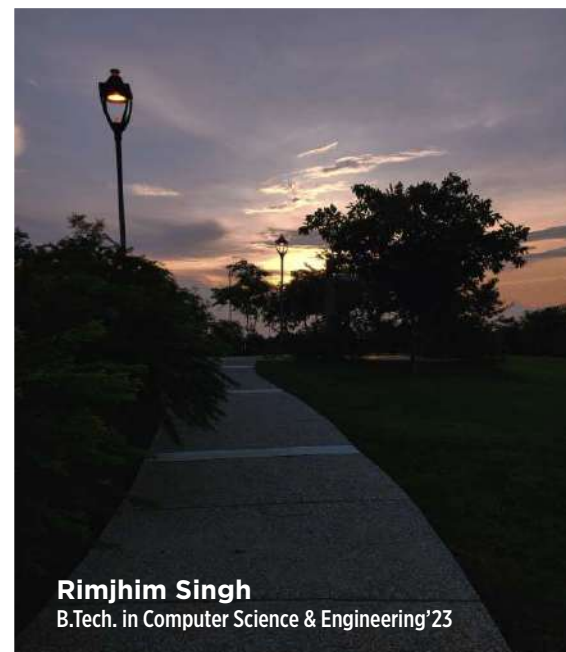
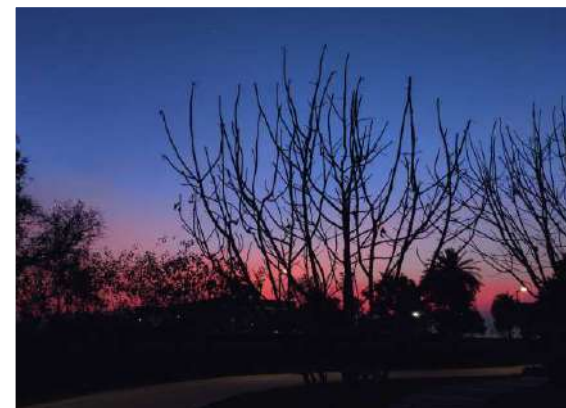
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**Rimjhim Singh**  
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# ← Throwback →





# Remembering them In the loving memory of



## Professor S.N. Balakrishnan

1946 - 2021

Former Chancellor (2014 -2018)

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered.

Let us take a moment to remember Professor Balakrishnan or Balan (as he preferred to be called) for not only his scholastic and intellectual achievements but also for his very positive spirit, empathetic leadership and the enormous legacy for the University that he leaves behind.

Mr. Balan took charge as Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR Chancellor in April 2014 from Late Mr. T.S.R. Subramanian, the founding Chancellor, and remained in office until September 2018. He played a pivotal role in shaping the University as a higher education institution of excellence and global stature with his rich experience in academics, research and expertise in global learning pedagogy.

To those who have been fortunate to work with him, he was a great mentor whose energy, warmth and irreverent wisdom were great sources of encouragement.

As we come to terms with the loss, we pray for Balan's soul, confident that he is in a happier and safer place. He will always be remembered as a visionary, a celebrated scholar in aerospace engineering, a distinguished educationist, and above all, a fine human being. He will be very greatly missed.

## Dr. Shrimoy Roy Chaudhury

1972 - 2021

Assistant Professor, Department of History  
School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)



Shrimoy Roy Chaudhury's life and career cannot be summed up in a list of generic adjectives. Those who have had the opportunity to know him closely would agree that he had an unquenchable appetite for the wonders of life, a unique ability to find the spectacular in the mundane, and an empathetic core, which enabled him to treat everybody around him as his equals. Following the footsteps of his favourite historians like Marc Bloch and Ranajit Guha, Shrimoy had inculcated a democratic practice of sharing knowledge that will remain his lasting contribution to the academic community at large.

Shrimoy joined the Department of History, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR in January 2015. Immensely popular among his students and peers alike, he had brought the infectious energy of a tireless wanderer in the world of research and teaching. The range of courses that he offered bears testimony to the unparalleled expanse of his own knowledge.

We shall remember him as somebody who cared. For us. And beyond.



## Mr. Gangesh Gandharva

1996-2021

B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering'18

A student with a passion to remember, we grieve the loss of a precious alumnus. Mr. Gangesh Gandharva, an enigmatic learner, a loving friend and a cherished part of the student community, was a young soul who left us too soon.

With numerous accolades and feathers in his hat, Gangesh brought a loved and distinguished vision to all his investments. We deeply and dearly miss Gangesh and stand strong as a community by his bereaved family over their untimely loss.



## Virtual Coffee Break

How much  
you  
remember the  
University?

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## Crossword Puzzle



Down:

- 2. The fully AC zone 24\*7
- 3. The fitness zone
- 6. The place for serene waters and light breeze

Across:

- 1. The busiest block
- 4. A place for live check and mate
- 5. The deserted tree





Concluding the fourth edition of the alumni magazine, we on behalf of the student community and our team, congratulate our alumni on their individual journey and strength to stand strong during such turbulent times and set such an exemplar example for their peers and juniors.

We hope that the following year brings you closer to your milestones, with a fun twist of adventures and experiences, which we eagerly await to hear about when we soon unite in campus for a long-awaited celebration!

**Wishing you a warm new year and our best wishes.**



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