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From the Desk of the Pro Vice Chancellor



A Legacy of Excellence, A Future of Synergy

It gives me immense pleasure to introduce the inaugural edition of Alumni Linkup: Synergy Quarterly. At IBS Bangalore, ICFAI Foundation of Higher Education- we have always believed that our greatest ambassadors are not our buildings or our curriculum, but our graduates who are currently shaping the global corporate landscape.

This Quarterly E-Bulletin is more than just a newsletter; it is a bridge. It represents the vital 'Synergy' between the seasoned expertise of our alumni and the vibrant aspirations of our current students. As I observe the “ConnectX: The Alumni Insight Series” monthly sessions have gone international too now by hosting our Alumni based out of the UK and USA. With this deep engagement within the Alumni Coordination Cell at IBS Bangalore, I am reminded that learning is a lifelong relay race where the baton is passed from one generation of leaders to the next.

Furthermore, I am proud to highlight the Executive Exchange: Industry-Academia Dialogue. While ConnectX provides a platform for our alumni to give back and mentor, the Executive Exchange is designed as a strategic resource for our alumni to receive. By bringing in distinguished corporate and industry leaders, we have created an exclusive learning environment where you can gain high-level insights and expand your professional networks. This ensures that while you contribute to the growth of others, the institute continues to contribute to your own professional evolution.

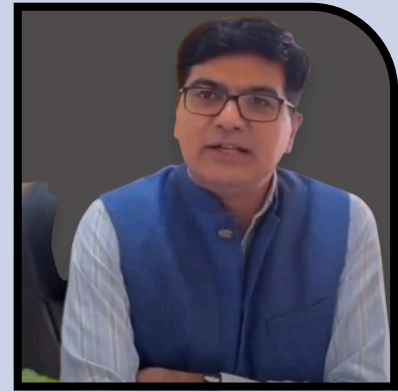
I congratulate Dr. Saisree Mangu, Alumni Coordinator, IBS Bangalore for all these initiatives and creating this robust platform to celebrate our collective milestones.

To our alumni: your journey inspires us. To our students: may these pages remind you that the network you build here is the foundation of the career you will lead tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing this forum grow into a powerhouse of knowledge-sharing and professional excellence.

Dr. Muddu Vinay
Pro Vice Chancellor
IFHE, Bangalore

From the Desk of Dean – Academics



It gives me immense pleasure to present Alumni Link:Up – Synergy Quarterly, a reflection of our strong and ever-growing alumni network. Our alumni are the true torchbearers of the institution's values, demonstrating excellence, integrity, and leadership across diverse domains.

This platform aims to deepen our engagement with alumni, encourage meaningful interactions, and create opportunities for mentorship and knowledge exchange with our students. Such connections play a vital role in enriching academic perspectives and preparing our students for the evolving global landscape.

We remain committed to fostering a culture of continuous learning and collaboration, where alumni and the institution grow together. I invite all our alumni to stay connected and actively contribute to this shared journey of excellence.

Dr. Vinay Joshi

Dean – Academics

IFHE, Bangalore

From the Desk of Head, Corporate Relations



Dear Alumni,

Warm greetings from IBS Bangalore!

Every placement season brings with it not just numbers and outcomes, but stories—of resilience, learning, uncertainty, adaptability, and growth. This year has been no different. If anything, it has been a year that has truly tested and shaped our students in meaningful ways.

We are navigating times where the landscape of this BANI world is evolving very rapidly—geopolitical shifts, wars, changing economic priorities, cautious hiring trends, and the visible recalibration of industries. The job market, as you would have observed, has become more selective, more dynamic, and far more skill-driven than ever before.

And yet, we have seen encouraging engagement across banking and financial services, consulting, FMCG, real estate, e-commerce, and new-age sectors, along with growing intersections of technology, analytics, and business decision-making. The nature of roles is also evolving—demanding not just domain knowledge, but agility, problem-solving ability, and a willingness to learn on the go.

Because at IBS Bangalore, we have always believed that our role is not just to prepare students for their first job, but to shape them into lifelong learners—individuals who can evolve with changing dynamics, learn continuously, and build meaningful careers over time.

What has been particularly heartening is the way many of our students have embraced this reality—with maturity, openness, and a readiness to begin their journeys, wherever the opportunity lies.

At the same time, this journey has been made possible by the silent yet powerful strength of our alumni network. Whether through referrals, guidance, industry insights, or simply by being ambassadors of the IBS ethos within your organisations—you continue to play a vital role in shaping opportunities for the next generation.

As we move ahead, we look forward to strengthening this bond further. Your continued engagement will not only help our students navigate the present landscape but also prepare them for the future that is constantly unfolding.

Wishing you continued success, and we look forward to staying connected.

Warm regards,

Dr. Manisha Singh

Deputy Director – Corporate Relations

ICFAI Business School (IBS), Bangalore

From the Desk of Head, Alumni Relations



Dear Alumni

It is with immense pride and a deep sense of purpose that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of Alumni Linkup: Synergy Quarterly.

This e-bulletin was born from a desire to create a dedicated space where our past, present, and future converge. Our goal is simple yet profound: to strengthen the bond between our institution and the incredible network of professionals who once walked our halls.

Since taking on the role of Alumni Coordinator, I have been focused on building platforms that go beyond mere networking, aiming instead for meaningful engagement and knowledge exchange. We have launched several key initiatives to bring this vision to life:

ConnectX: An alumni insights series- where our distinguished graduates return to share their professional journeys, providing invaluable mentorship to our current students.

Executive Exchange: Industry-Academia Dialogue: A bimonthly fireside chat series featuring corporate leaders and industry veterans started by keeping three major points on mind - ensuring our academic community stays synchronized with the evolving business landscape, providing our Alumni a learning and networking platform and provide our students with "the view from the top" that textbooks simply can't capture.

This E - Bulletin Alumni Linkup: Synergy Quarterly is designed to be a comprehensive look into our ecosystem. In every upcoming issue, you can expect to find:

Event Highlights: ConnectX and Executive Exchange series that happened during the Quarter and other Alumni engagements from the Alumni Coordinator's desk

Alumni Buzz: Celebrating the milestones, promotions, achievements and Alumni echoes across the globe from the Alumni Coordinator's desk

Launchpad: Updates from Career Management Cell from Placements Coordinator's desk

This bulletin is as much yours as it is ours. We invite you to share your stories, your successes, and your feedback as we continue to grow this community together.

Thank you for being the heartbeat of our institution.

Warm regards,

Dr. Saisree Mangu

Alumni Coordinator, IBSAF

ICFAI Business School (IBS), Bangalore

ConnectX: The Alumni Insight Series

The Vision Behind

When I launched the ConnectX Alumni Insight Series, the goal was simple yet profound: to create a bridge where "Experience meets Aspiration." I wanted our current students to have more than just a textbook understanding of the industry; I wanted them to hear the unfiltered "war stories," the triumphs, and the strategic shifts directly from those who once sat in the very same classrooms at IBS Bangalore.

Over the last four months, we have successfully hosted four episodes, each evolving in scale and impact. What started as an on-campus dialogue has now truly gone global. As our students transitioned into their corporate internships from February to May, we adapted our format to the virtual stage. This shift turned into a unique opportunity. No longer restricted by geography, we were able to "rope in" our distinguished alumni from across the world. In our most recent sessions, we were joined by leaders dialling in from the United Kingdom and the USA, providing our interns with a rare, first-hand look at global corporate cultures and international career trajectories.

ConnectX is no longer just a fireside chat; it is a global knowledge-sharing ecosystem, ensuring that whether our students are on campus or in the field, they are always connected to the vast, worldwide IBS Bangalore legacy.

A Quick Snapshot of Our Journey So Far:

Episode 1 (Dec): Kickstarting the dialogue on campus.

Episode 2 (Jan): Deep dives into Leadership and Strategy.

Episode 3 (Feb - UK): Navigating the European consulting & research landscape.

Episode 4 (Mar - USA): Insights into the North American tech and finance markets.

ConnectX #1

About

The inaugural episode of the ConnectX series kicked off on December 15, 2025 marking a vibrant start to this alumni-student knowledge -sharing initiative.



Session Highlights & Impact

The dialogue, moderated by Dr. Saisree Mangu, focused on the transition from the classroom to the boardroom. The panelists shared "war stories" from their early professional days, emphasizing the importance of adaptability and continuous learning.

Student Reception: The hall was filled with enthusiastic students who engaged in a high-energy Q&A session. Many students noted that hearing about the specific challenges and triumphs of alumni from their own campus made their own career goals feel much more attainable.

Alumni Reflections: Both Mr. Joshi and Mr. Nandy expressed a profound sense of nostalgia and fulfillment. They shared that returning to the Bangalore campus was not just about giving back, but also about being re-energized by the curiosity and ambition of the next generation of leaders.

"It was truly heartening to see the spark in the students. ConnectX is more than just a talk; it's about building a legacy of mentorship that defines the IBS spirit." — Panelist Reflection

The Panelists:

We were honoured to welcome back two distinguished alumni from the **Batch of 2016-18**:

Mr. Bhavani Joshi: Currently with Razorpay, Mr. Joshi brought a wealth of experience from his previous roles at Kotak and ICRA, offering deep insights into the evolving fintech and financial services landscape.

Mr. Rohan Nandy: Representing Lodha Developers Limited and drawing from his tenure at Mahindra and ICRA, Mr. Nandy provided invaluable advice on career progression and leadership in the real estate and manufacturing sectors.



Note From Rohan & Bhavani

It was truly a pleasure to be a part of the ConnectX – Alumni Insights Series. Returning to engage with the institute, even in a professional capacity, felt special and nostalgic, bringing back many fond memories of our time on campus. It was wonderful to reconnect with the academic environment and interact with the students.

During our session, we (Rohan) shared perspectives from my journey in sales leadership across multiple industries, focusing on luxury and high-value sales. The discussion covered understanding evolving customer expectations, building trust-based relationships, and the importance of consultative selling and customer experience in premium segments and Bhavani shared his journey at ICRA to Kotak to Razorpay.

We sincerely appreciate the initiative taken by Dr. Saisree Ma'am and the institute through ConnectX to bring alumni back into the learning ecosystem. It is a valuable platform for sharing industry insights and inspiring students as they prepare for their professional journeys.

We look forward to staying connected with my institute and contributing to such initiatives in the future.

ConnectX #2

About

Following the momentum of our first session, the second episode of the ConnectX series took place on January 8, 2026. This installment continued the mission of "Connecting Experience with Aspiration," bringing senior leadership perspectives directly to the students of IBS Bangalore.

ConnectX #2: Strategic Leadership and Industry Insights

The atmosphere in GCR 9 was one of high expectation as we gathered for another deep dive into the professional journeys of our esteemed alumni. This session focused on high-level strategic roles within the banking and consulting sectors, offering students a roadmap for long-term career growth.



Session Highlights & Impact

The discussion, moderated by Dr. Saisree Mangu, delved into the "decade-plus" perspective—how the industry has evolved since our panelists graduated and what the next generation can expect.

Student Reception: The interactive session saw students asking pointed questions about corporate work culture and the shift from technical roles to leadership positions. The opportunity to learn from alumni who are now in VP and Director-level roles provided a powerful sense of direction for the graduating batches.

Alumni Reflections: Both Khushboo and Varun noted the impressive growth of the institution and expressed their delight in reconnecting with their roots. They emphasized that the "IBS bond" remains a vital asset throughout one's career, regardless of the industry.

Returning to campus after twelve years felt like coming home. Seeing the ambition in these students reminds me why we do what we do. It was a privilege to share the lessons we've learned along the way." — Panelist Reflection

The Panelists:

We were privileged to host two accomplished leaders from the **Batch of 2012-14**, who have both scaled significant heights in their respective domains:

Khushboo Bakhru: As Vice President at Axis Bank, Ms. Bakhru provided a masterclass on the complexities of modern banking, leadership in large-scale financial institutions, and the essential skills required to navigate the corporate hierarchy.

Varun George Varghese: Serving as Associate Director at KPMG, Mr. Varghese shared his expertise in the consulting world, highlighting the importance of analytical rigor, client management, and maintaining a competitive edge in global professional services.

Event poster for ConnectX #2: Connecting Experience with Aspiration. The poster features the ICAI and IBS logos, the event title, panelists Khushboo Bakhru and Varun George Varghese, moderator Dr. Saisree Mangu, and event details: 08 Jan 2026, 12 PM to 01 PM, Venue: GCR 9. A QR code is also present.

Note From Varun & Khushboo

Our experience at IBS groomed us to stay relevant and also grow professionally. IBS's strong case based learning approach helps one pivot from the management concepts to application. Its modern infrastructure including well equipped classroom, a resource rich library and collaborative learning spaces creates a conducive atmosphere for academic and personal growth.

It was a privilege to be part of the ConnectX – Alumni Insights Series. Reconnecting with the institution through this platform was both nostalgic and meaningful. Whether in person or virtually, returning to the campus environment brings back memories of the formative years that shaped our professional journeys.

The interaction with students was particularly energizing. Their curiosity, questions, and enthusiasm reminded us how important it is for alumni to stay engaged and share real-world experiences from the industry. Initiatives like ConnectX create a wonderful bridge between academia and the professional world, and we are grateful to have been invited to contribute to this dialogue.

ConnectX #3

Global Perspectives from the UK

The third episode of the ConnectX series, held on February 9, 2026, marked a strategic milestone in our engagement efforts. With our students currently off-campus for their corporate internships (February–May), we transitioned the series to a virtual format. This move allowed us to transcend borders and bring home global insights from our alumni working internationally.

For this session, we were privileged to be joined virtually by two distinguished leaders from the Batch of 2009-11, both of whom dialled in from the United Kingdom:

The Panelists:

Batch of 2009-2011

Bharat Manjunath: Currently a Consulting Manager at Cognizant (UK), Bharat provided a sophisticated look into the European consulting landscape. He shared his journey of adapting to international work cultures and managing complex, cross-border technology projects.

Anirban Biswas: Serving as Director of Research at Sutherland (UK), Anirban offered deep strategic insights into the global research industry. He discussed how data-driven intelligence is utilized at the highest levels of decision-making in international markets.



Session Highlights & Impact

The dialogue, moderated by Dr. Saisree Mangu, focused on the "Global Professional"—what it takes for an IBS graduate to excel on the world stage.

Student Reception: Participating from their various internship locations across India, students were highly motivated by the international trajectory of the panelists. The Q&A session was particularly focused on the skills required to transition into global roles and the nuances of the UK corporate environment.

Alumni Reflections: Despite the time zone difference, both Bharat and Anirban were eager to share their "East to West" career journeys. They highlighted that the foundational rigors of the IBS curriculum prepared them well for the challenges of the global market.

"Connecting with the students from the UK felt like the perfect way to give back. It's important for interns to see that their IBS foundation can truly take them anywhere in the world." — Panelist Reflection



Note From Anirban and Bharath

Returning to college (virtually though) after a decade and a half was a full circle moment- truly emotional. It brought back a wave of nostalgia, reminding us of a time that played an important role in shaping who we are today.

Our discussion on AI and its impact on MBA education, evolving careers blended memories with meaningful insights and faculty engagement were insightful and inspiring. These conversations were not surface-level awareness, proper engagement with the topic. These are management professors, not technologists. That they're this plugged into what's happening and actively thinking about how it affects students tells you something.

On a lighter note, Saisree Ma'am & JV Sir looked exactly the same as 15 years ago. Not sure how they've managed that. Best wishes to Saisree Ma'am with this brilliant initiative and Grateful for the opportunity to reconnect and contribute.

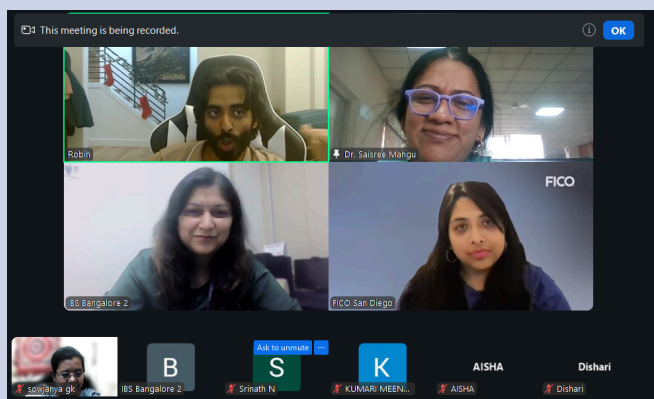
ConnectX #4

About

Building on our international momentum, the fourth episode of ConnectX took place virtually on March 6, 2026. This session crossed the Atlantic to bring high-level insights from the tech and talent hubs of the Pacific Northwest, continuing our commitment to providing a global perspective while our students are interning in the field.

ConnectX #4: From Bangalore to the Global Stage – Insights from Seattle

For our fourth installment, we bridged the time zone between India and Seattle, Washington, to explore the inner workings of some of the world's most influential organizations. This virtual dialogue provided an unparalleled look at how IBS Bangalore alumni are leading teams and shaping talent strategies in the competitive North American market.



Session Highlights & Impact

The session, moderated by Dr. Saisree Mangu, focused on the "Global Mindset"—understanding the cultural and professional nuances required to transition from a local career to a global one.

Student Reception: Despite the virtual format, the engagement was electric. Students, currently spread across various companies for their internships, were eager to learn about the work culture in the U.S. and the specific skills that allow an IBS graduate to stand out in the global tech and finance sectors.

Alumni Reflections: Robin and Deboleena shared a nostalgic yet forward-looking perspective. They emphasized that the "resourcefulness" and "grit" fostered during their time at IBS Bangalore have been their greatest assets in navigating their professional lives in Seattle.

The Panelists:

We were honoured to feature two exceptional leaders from the **Batch of 2010-12**, both currently making their mark in the United States:

Robin Joseph: As Principal Product Manager-Technical at Amazon, Robin shared his expertise in navigating the cutting edge of product innovation. His journey from IBS to the headquarters of a global tech giant provided students with a blueprint for scaling technical leadership on an international level.

Deboleena Roy: Serving as Talent Acquisition Lead at FICO (North America), Deboleena offered a unique dual perspective on global recruitment and human capital. Her insights into what top-tier firms look for in international candidates were particularly timely for our students currently in the midst of their own internships.



Note From Robin and Deboleena

Our ConnectX session was virtual, but it still felt like a meaningful return to the IBS community. It gave us a chance to relive fond memories with our teachers, reconnect with the institution, and engage with everyone in a thoughtful and energizing way.

We especially appreciated hearing the students' perspectives on future trends and their curiosity on where different industries and ideas are heading. As people who have now spent some time in the industry, we can confidently say that sessions like these are real differentiators for students today, they are lucky to have them, and we wish there had been more opportunities and that we had participated more actively during our own time at IBS.

The session felt warm, welcoming, and deeply nostalgic in the best way. We are grateful for the opportunity to be part of ConnectX and would be very happy to participate again

ConnectX Quarterly Wrap-Up

As we conclude the first quarter of the year, the ConnectX Alumni Insight Series has firmly established itself as a cornerstone of the IBS Bangalore experience. Over the past four months, we have successfully bridged the gap between academic theory and global corporate reality, even as our students transitioned from the classroom to their professional internships.

The Numbers at a Glance

4 High-Impact Episodes: Hosted monthly from December 2025 to March 2026

8 Distinguished Alumni: Featuring leaders from the batches of 2009 to 2018.

3 Countries Represented: Insights flowing in from India, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

6 Major Industries: Expert perspectives across Fintech, Real Estate, Banking, Global Consulting, Strategic Research, and Big Tech.

A Strategic Evolution

The series demonstrated remarkable agility this quarter. While the first two episodes fostered a vibrant on-campus atmosphere, the shift to a virtual platform in February and March allowed us to turn a challenge into a major advantage. By moving online while students were interning, we were able to "border-hop" and bring home the success stories of our alumni in London and Seattle.

The Impact on Our Future Leaders

For our current interns, these sessions have been more than just "talks"—they have been professional lifelines. Hearing from alumni at Amazon, Axis Bank, KPMG, and Razorpay has provided our students with:

1. Practical Roadmaps: Real-world advice on converting internships into full-time roles.
2. Global Aspirations: A clear understanding of what it takes to scale an international career.
3. The IBS Legacy: A reinforced sense of belonging to a prestigious, worldwide professional network.

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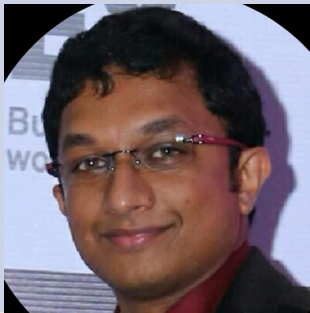
10 distinguished Alumni spanning over classes of 2002-2016 participated in the briefing process:

B1-Briefings at Chennai

1- Sudha Karmegam (2008-10), Sr Program Manager at Verizon

B2-Briefings at Cochin

2-James Xavier (2007-09), Sr Business Analyst at E&Y



B3- Briefings at Coimbatore

3- Amit Kumar (2000-2002), Engagement Portfolio leader, Cognizant

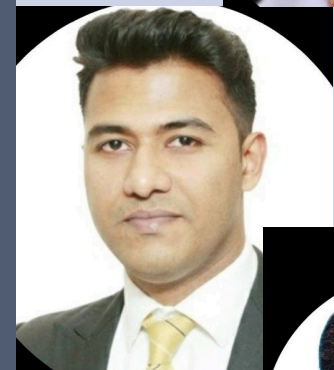
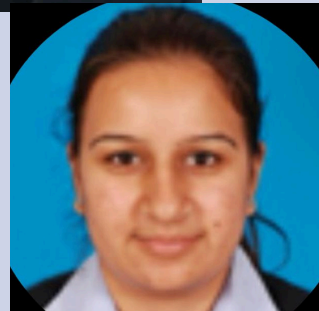
B4-Briefings at Bangalore

4- Dhaara Suchak (2012-14), Sr Manager at E&Y

5- Varun Varghese (2012-14), Associate Director at KPMG

6- Sanjay Srivatsan (2008-10) Director at Philips

7- Feida Sen (2016-18) Manager at E&Y



B5- Briefings at Hyderabad

8- Chaithanya Reddy (2008-10), Director at Barclays.

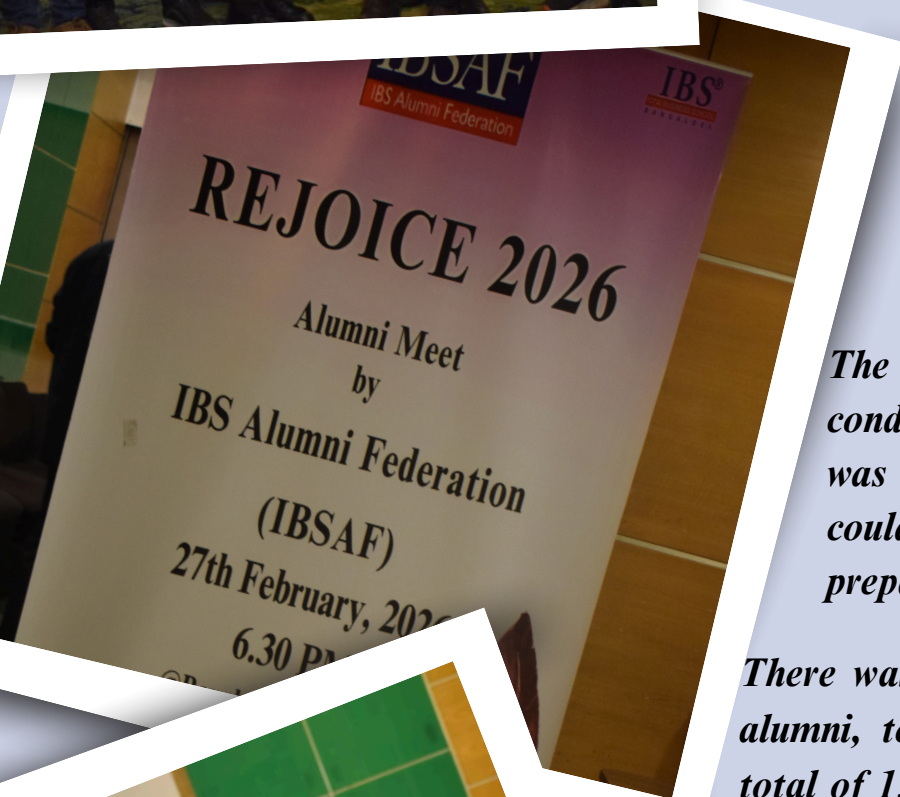
9- Manish Singhania (2011-13), Vice President at TATA AIG General Insurance Company Limited.

10- Swapneel puppala (2013-15), Deputy Manager at National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL).





Alumni Meet **REJOICE 2026**



Date: 28th Feb, 2026

Venue: Royal Orchid Hotel, Bangalore

The alumni meet, Rejoice 2026 was conducted on the 27th Feb 2026, Friday. It was a joyous occasion and the excitement could be seen building up, as the preparations began.



There was an overwhelming response from the alumni, to the invitation of Rejoice 2026! A total of 150 alumni were invited and about 125 had registered and confirmed their participation one week prior to the event. There was a representation from Class of 2000 to Class of 2018. A total of 101 alumni attended and the total numbers including their family members was 150. About 15 faculty members and staff joined the meet. Alumni enjoyed and appreciated the gesture of IBSAF, for having invited them to Rejoice 2026.

Executive Exchange : Industry–Academia Dialogue

A Multi-Sectoral Industry Review

The first six episodes of the Executive Exchange: Industry-Academia Dialogue have provided a 360-degree view of the corporate landscape. By engaging with top-tier leadership across diverse verticals, we have ensured that our alumni, students, faculty and research scholars community gains insights into the specific challenges and innovations driving today's global economy.

Here is a summary of the industries and the distinguished leaders who shared their expertise:

Episode	Speaker	Designation	Industry / Focus
Episode 1	Mr. KVS Murthy	Director – Business Advisory, Kyndryl	IT Infrastructure & Business Advisory
Episode 2	Mr. Somnath Chatterjee	Executive Vice President – Procurement & Logistics, ITC Ltd.	FMCG & Operations Management
Episode 3	Mr. Suman Alla	Founder & Managing Director, Bizoneer International LLC	Global Tech-Consulting & Emerging Markets
Episode 4	Eshan Ahluwalia, Ph.D.	Director – Quant Investment and Risk, BlackRock	Global Finance & Asset Management
Episode 5	Mr. Ashish Neogy	Delivery Director, Bristlecone	Supply Chain Tech & Modern Retail
Episode 6	Maj Neil Castelino (Retd)	Chief, CII Institute of Quality	Institutional Quality & Strategic Leadership

Why This Series Matters

- Connects academic frameworks with real-world execution
- Offers cross-industry strategic perspectives
- Enables experiential learning for students and scholars
- Strengthens industry–academia collaboration



Winning the Markets

The inaugural session of the Executive Exchange: Industry-Academia Dialogue set a high benchmark for the series. Mr. KVS Murthy led an insightful conversation focused on "Winning the Markets: A Conversation on Sales, Growth, and Global Strategy."

With 30+ years of experience at the helm of massive IT transformations with "blue-chip" firms like IBM, HP, and Kyndryl, Mr. Murthy is a high-impact leader specifically distinguished by his ability to navigate the complexities of massive BFSI (Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance) deals. Proven track record in managing and winning projects valued at \$100M+, his profile is a masterclass in long-cycle enterprise sales and strategic execution.

Mr. Murthy decoded the complexities of global business expansion and the strategic maneuvers required to sustain growth in competitive landscapes. The dialogue provided our alumni and students with a front-row seat to real-world sales strategies and the nuances of international business advisory.

One thing that stood out was his "people-first" approach to high-stakes sales, it's no wonder he was recognized as the best people manager in APAC for three years running!

Executive Exchange : Industry Academia Dialogue#1

Speaker

*Mr. KVS Murthy,
Director – Business Advisory,
Kyndryl*

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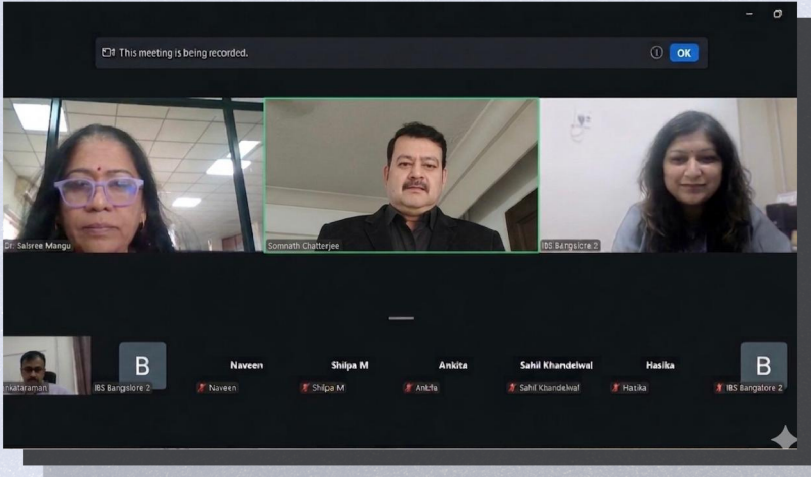
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Supply Chain Leadership – The ITC Way

For the second installment of the Executive Exchange series, we delved into the intricacies of large-scale operations with one of India's corporate giants. Mr. Somnath Chatterjee shared profound insights on "Supply Chain Leadership – The ITC Way," offering a masterclass in operational excellence and strategic procurement.

Mr. Chatterjee highlighted how ITC navigates complex logistics and procurement challenges while maintaining leadership across diverse product categories. The session provided our alumni with a rare look into the backend "engine room" of a multi-business conglomerate, emphasizing the critical role of agile and resilient supply chains in driving market dominance.

Executive Exchange : Industry Academia Dialogue#2

Speaker

Mr. Somnath Chatterjee
*Executive Vice President –
Procurement & Logistics, ITC Ltd.*

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Executive Exchange : Industry Academia Dialogue#3

Speaker

*Mr. Suman Alla,
Founder & Managing Director
– Bizoneer International LLC*

Building Technology-Led Businesses Across Borders

The third episode of the Executive Exchange series took a deep dive into the entrepreneurial and technological landscape with Mr. Suman Alla. The session, titled "Building Technology-Led Businesses Across Borders: Lessons from Emerging Markets," provided a fascinating look at how digital innovation acts as a catalyst for international expansion.

Mr. Alla shared his wealth of experience in navigating the unique challenges and opportunities found in emerging economies. He emphasized the importance of adaptable business models and the role of technology in overcoming traditional barriers to entry in global markets. For our alumni, this was a masterclass in global entrepreneurship, offering practical strategies for scaling tech-driven ventures in diverse regulatory and economic environments.

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FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR
BIZONEER INTERNATIONAL LLC

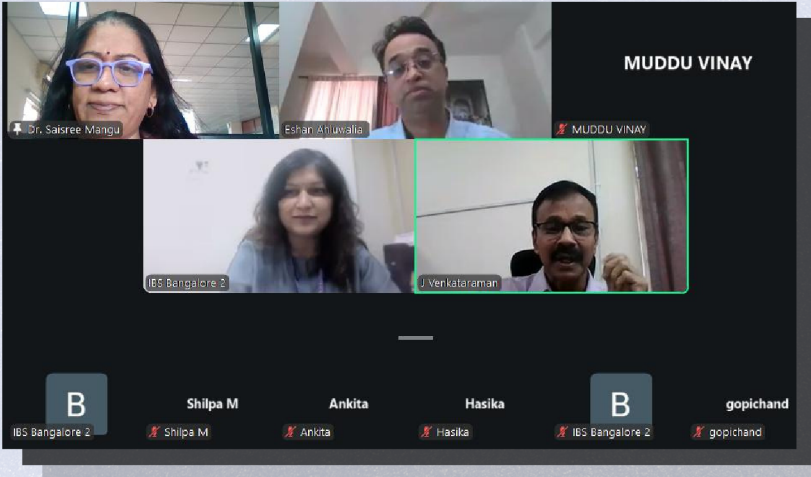
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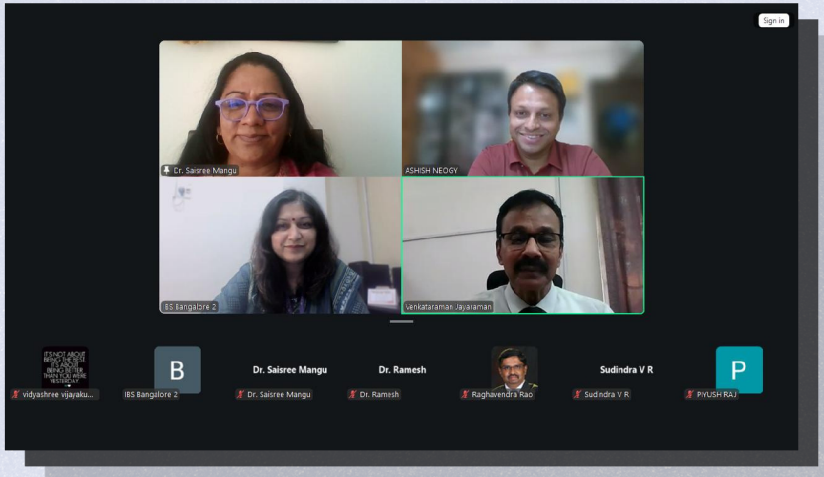
Eshan Ahluwalia, Ph.D.

Director at BlackRock – Quant Investment and Risk

Risk Management in Volatile Markets

In our fourth installment, the Executive Exchange moved into the sophisticated world of high-stakes finance. We were privileged to host Dr. Eshan Ahluwalia, a leading expert from BlackRock, for a technical yet highly practical session on "Risk Management in Volatile Markets: A Banking Perspective."

Dr. Ahluwalia provided a masterclass on the quantitative side of investment, explaining how global financial institutions utilize complex data and risk models to navigate market turbulence. For our alumni, especially those in the finance and analytics sectors, this was an invaluable opportunity to understand the current frameworks used by the world's largest asset managers to safeguard and grow capital in uncertain times.



Executive Exchange : Industry Academia Dialogue#5

Speaker 

Mr. Ashish Neogy

Delivery Director – Bristlecone

Retail in Detail

The fifth episode of our Executive Exchange series shifted focus to the dynamic and fast-paced world of consumer commerce. We hosted Mr. Ashish Neogy for a comprehensive session titled "Retail in Detail," where he broke down the multi-layered complexities of modern retail operations.

Mr. Neogy shared his extensive expertise on how technology and supply chain integration are reshaping the retail experience. From inventory management to the rising importance of data-driven customer insights, the session provided our alumni with a holistic view of what it takes to deliver excellence in the current market. His perspective as a leader at Bristlecone offered a unique blend of strategic delivery and operational foresight.

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Industry Academia dialogue # 5

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Executive Exchange : Industry Academia Dialogue#6

Speaker

*Maj Neil Castelino (Retd)
Chief at CII IQ*

Multi-Sectoral Career Transitions

The sixth episode of the Executive Exchange series offered a powerful perspective on professional versatility and the core tenets of leadership. We welcomed Maj Neil Castelino (Retd) to discuss "Multi-Sectoral Career Transitions: Lessons in Leadership," a topic that resonated deeply with our ambitious alumni base.

Drawing from his unique journey transitioning from a distinguished military career to a leadership role at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Institute of Quality, Maj Castelino shared invaluable insights on how core leadership skills - discipline, strategic planning, and resilience are transferable across any sector. He emphasized that while technical environments change, the ability to lead people and manage organizational excellence remains constant.

INDUSTRY ACADEMIA DIALOGUE #6
Topic
Multi-Sectoral Career Transitions: Lessons in Leadership

SPEAKER
MAJ NEIL CASTELINO (RETD)
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Launchpad: Updates from Career Management Cell

Dear Alumni,

Warm greetings from ICFAI Business School (IBS), Bangalore!

I hope this message finds you well. As we move towards the close of the placement season for the MBA Class of 2026, I am delighted to share a snapshot of our progress and express our gratitude for the continued support of our extended IBS family.

This year, despite a dynamic and evolving job market, IBS Bangalore has witnessed strong recruiter confidence with 150+ organisations participating across diverse sectors such as Banking, Financial Services, Consulting, FMCG, IT, E-commerce, Real Estate, and more.

As of now, we have successfully achieved placements, with:

- **Average CTC: Rs. 8.51 LPA**
- **Median CTC: Rs. 8.76 LPA**
- **Highest CTC: Rs. 24 LPA (International)**
- **Highest Domestic CTC: Rs. 17.22 LPA**
- **Over 80% of students placed**

Some Sectoral Highlights that we saw this year:

- Banking & Financial Services continue to lead with over 38% of total placements, reaffirming strong demand for our finance talent
- FMCG/Retail and IT sectors have also shown robust participation
- Emerging opportunities in E-commerce, Consulting, and Real Estate have added further diversity to the placement landscape

Notable Recruiters

We were privileged to host a strong mix of marquee and emerging recruiters, including:

BlackRock, Morgan Stanley, HSBC, ANZ, Deloitte, PwC, S&P Global, ICICI Group, HDFC Bank, Tata Capital, ITC, Wipro, HCL, TCS, Hilton, Indegene, Archer & Bull, Coffee Day Global, JLL, Swiggy and many more. We are also proud to have achieved an international placement with Khimji Ramdas (Oman) this year.

Moving Forward

As we enter the final phase of the placement season, we continue to engage actively with recruiters across sectors and geographies to support the remaining students. The focus now is on ensuring meaningful role alignment and career progression opportunities for every student.

A Note to Our Alumni

This journey is incomplete without you. Your continued engagement-through referrals, mentoring, guest sessions, and corporate connects-has been invaluable in shaping outcomes for our students.

We invite you to:

- Share opportunities within your organisations
- Refer suitable candidates from our current batch
- Engage with us through our industry–academia initiatives

Together, we can continue to strengthen the IBS legacy of creating industry-ready, future-ready professionals.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



SHARDENDU KUMAR
CLASS OF 2006-08

After earning my MBA in 2008, I started my path in banking with companies like Deutsche Bank and American Express. This led to a long and successful career at HDFC Bank, where I rose to Zonal Head in cards and payments. Currently, I'm Regional Head at ICICI Bank, and I was recently promoted to the Associate Leadership team in 2025. Along the way, I've completed certifications like NISM and PMS, and earned multiple rewards for my performance. I am now managing over 25 advisors and relationship managers, overseeing a book of over a thousand crore and Rs 600 crore in assets under management.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



KHUSHBOO BAKHROO
CLASS OF 2010-12

Currently working as Vice President with Axis Bank in the Wholesale Banking Group, focusing on corporate relationships and strategic banking solutions for large organizations. Recently got honored to receive the Hall of Fame Award within Axis Bank's Wholesale Banking Group, a recognition that reflects the support of colleagues, mentors, and clients I have had the privilege to work with.

Alumni Echoes

IBS Bangalore has been a truly transformative journey for me-beyond classrooms and textbooks. Through case-based learning and active campus life, I gained practical insights, learned to handle uncertainty, work in diverse teams, and make tough decisions. My batchmates became a strong support system, and the guidance of dedicated faculty played a key role in shaping my thinking and growth. More than just a degree, IBS-B gave me a solid foundation, a lifelong network, and a mindset to continuously evolve as a leader.

Name: Sanjaya Srivatsan
Class: 2008-10
Organisation: Philips
Occupation: Director



Grateful to my alma mater for a rigorous MBA curriculum, inspiring faculty, and an enriching academic environment. The learning experience here not only shaped my thinking but also led to a campus placement that laid a strong foundation for my professional journey.

Name: Yamini Gupta
Class: 2008-10
Organisation: Coca-Cola
Occupation: Director



IBS Bangalore will always hold a special place in my heart as my alma mater. The academic rigor, supportive faculty, and strong value system not only prepared me for the corporate world but also shaped my confidence, discipline, and leadership mindset. The learning and experiences gained during my MBA years have played a lasting role in helping me achieve significant professional milestones over the past decade. I remain deeply grateful to the institution and proud to be an IBS Bangalore alumnus.

Name: Manish Singhania
Class: 2011-13
Organisation: TATA AIG
Occupation: Vice President



IBS Bangalore provided me with a strong academic foundation, combining theory with real-world business perspectives. The faculty were knowledgeable and approachable, and the curriculum helped sharpen my analytical and leadership skills. The campus infrastructure and peer learning environment further enhanced the overall experience and prepared me well for the corporate world.

Name: Khushboo Bakhroo
Class: 2012-14
Organisation: Axis Bank
Occupation: Vice President



Alumni Echoes

My experience at IBS groomed me to stay relevant and also grow professionally. IBS's strong case based learning approach helps one pivot from the management concepts to application. It's modern infrastructure including well equipped classroom, a resource rich library and collaborative learning spaces creates a conducive atmosphere for academic and personal growth.

Name: Varun Varghese
Class: 2012-14
Organisation:
Associate Director
Occupation: KPMG



In Academics - Case study based learning methodology is a major highlight, as it focuses on practical application & soft skill development, Placement - Rate is 90% almost with 16 LPA max, Infrastructure - Eco-friendly classrooms, Campus Life - Active Student Club.

Name: Dhaara Suchak
Class: 2012-14
Organisation: E & Y
Occupation :
Sr Manager



I am Swapneel Puppala, an IBS Bangalore alumnus (Class of 2015). The institute offers a strong, industry-aligned curriculum that blends theory with practical learning. This helped me secure a pre-placement offer at ICICI Securities and grow through roles at Vodafone and now NSDL. IBS Bangalore fosters critical thinking, professionalism, and career readiness for today's dynamic business world.

Name: Swapneel Puppala
Class: 2013-15
Organisation: NSDL
Occupation:
Deputy Manager



IBS Bangalore provided a strong academic framework with case-based learning, industrial exposure, and industry interactions. Placement-focused training built key skills like Excel and presentations, while supportive faculty guided me throughout. These experiences played a vital role in shaping my professional skills and career path.

Name: Feida Sen
Class: 2016-18
Organisation: E & Y
Occupation: Manager





Editorial recognition

As I reflect on the journey of launching the **Alumni Linkup: Synergy Quarterly**, I am filled with gratitude. This bulletin is a tribute to the collective effort of a community committed to excellence. My sincere thanks to our Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muddu Vinay, for his motivation and visionary leadership and also to Dean Dr. Vinay Joshi for all the support. When I stepped into the role of Alumni Coordinator and proposed ConnectX and the Executive Exchange series, Pro VC backed these initiatives with immediate trust and encouragement. His belief in these platforms has been the driving force behind their successful launch. Thank you, Sir(s).

I would like to extend my gratitude to Professor Venkataraman (JV Sir). Having worked closely with him for almost two decades, I have learned that his vision for student success is unmatched. I cherish the years we spent achieving record placements in Marketing Research and Analytics and I am honoured by his continued support of my recent initiatives. Thank you, JV Sir, for being a mentor who not only leads by example but also shows up for every milestone with the same enthusiasm you had twenty years ago. His guidance continues to be an invaluable asset to our institution and to me personally.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Manisha Singh. Having worked alongside for well over a decade, co-authored papers/articles, she was my natural choice to partner with for the Executive Exchange series. She welcomed the idea with all the enthusiasm and joined hands with exemplary spirit. The seamless rapport we share made co-hosting this initiative a truly rewarding experience. I deeply value the professional comfort and synergy we share, which are instrumental in the success of this series. Thank you, Ma'am!

A special thank you to the Student Design Team- Rohan, Torsha, Zeba, Shubhajit, Sandali & Dishari- for their incredible dedication. Despite being fully immersed in their internships, they committed their late-night hours for over a week to bring this bulletin to life. Our nightly sessions—often stretching for hours along with me—were a testament to their professionalism and creative spirit. This final shape of the bulletin is a direct result of their 'midnight oil' and tireless effort, and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together as a team.

Our alumni remain the cornerstone of this initiative. I extend my sincere thanks to all our alumni who have engaged with us through ConnectX and beyond. Their willingness to share insights, mentor students, and be connected reflects the enduring bond they share with IBS Bangalore. Their journeys across industries and geographies not only bring pride to the institution but also serve as a powerful source of inspiration for all our students.

Happy reading!

Dr. Saisree Mangu

Alumni Coordinator, IBS Bangalore





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