

HALCYON

Cherishing Memories and Embracing New Beginnings

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PREFACE

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Alumni Committee, IIM Amritsar, is delighted to present the latest edition of Halcyon, IIM Amritsar’s quarterly newsletter. In this issue, we invite you to embark on a captivating journey, reliving the remarkable events and activities that have unfolded on our esteemed campus. Over the past three months, IIM Amritsar has been a bustling hub of experiences and emotions, leaving an indelible mark on our collective memory. The vibrancy of the campus was amplified as students came together to celebrate the festival of Holi, immersing themselves in a kaleidoscope of colors and joyous camaraderie. Amidst this colorful tapestry, the highlight of this period was the grand convocation ceremony that marked the graduation of the MBA08, MBA - BA and MBA - HR batch. On this auspicious occasion, held with great pomp and reverence, we witnessed the culmination of years of hard work, determination, and transformative learning. It was a moment of pride and triumph for the MBA08 students as they donned their graduation caps and stepped into the next phase of their professional journey. Recently, MBA09, MBA-BA 2 and MBA-HR 2 also stepped out into the corporate world as they pursued summer internships across renowned companies all around the country. This valuable experience provided them with an opportunity to apply their knowledge, gain practical insights, and further refine their skill set, paving the way for a successful professional journey. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the contributors, alumni, faculty, and staff members who have dedicated their time, knowledge, and efforts to make this edition a reality. We hope that this issue enthralls and inspires you, as you delve into the stories and achievements shared within. Wishing you an enriching and captivating reading experience!



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HOLI !

Festival of colours



At IIM Amritsar, this year's Holi celebration was a vibrant and spirited affair that enveloped the campus in a kaleidoscope of colors. The event was a culmination of joy and laughter as students and faculty gathered with enthusiasm, fully embracing the essence of the festival. Traditional elements such as songs and dances infused the atmosphere with cultural richness, while delicious festive treats added to the festivities.

The celebration was not merely about enjoying the festivities but also about fostering a deep sense of unity within the IIM Amritsar community. The spirit of togetherness was palpable, as everyone came together to share in the joyous occasion. This collective celebration not only strengthened bonds among students and faculty but also highlighted the vibrant cultural fabric that defines life at IIM Amritsar.

Embarking on the Journey: Year One Reflections

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." — Winston Churchill.

This quote perfectly encapsulates my journey at IIM Amritsar. Coming from a small town and being an introvert, diving into the world of management at such a prestigious institute was no easy feat. The course demanded extensive communication and expressiveness, which initially felt overwhelming. My first days at IIM were both intriguing and stressful; my peers appeared competitive and confident, which exacerbated my feelings of inferiority. However, over time, I found my footing, and after one year, I emerged more confident and outspoken.



The curriculum was challenging, particularly for someone with a technical background who had spent five years coding in various languages. My first classes in microeconomics and financial accounting quickly dispelled any overconfidence I had as an engineer who once underestimated my non-engineer peers. The year felt like a never-ending roller coaster ride: racing against deadlines to complete assignments, participating in case competitions, navigating the stress of summer placement interviews, and even trying to impress the girl sitting beside me.

This year has gifted me countless moments of joy and sorrow, but most importantly, it has blessed me with a wonderful group of friends. As the saying goes, "MBA is all about networking." While I may not expect them to help me in the future, they have undoubtedly transformed my present and brought out the best in me. As Vince Lombardi once said, "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." This quote resonates deeply with my journey, where the collective experiences and camaraderie have been instrumental in my personal growth.

**-Sidhant Kumar Singh
MBA'09**

Embarking on the Journey:

Year One Reflections



I am from the city of Jaipur and was perfectly running a small business for the last four years, feeling pretty comfortable with my life. However, the ambition to pursue an MBA from an IIM was always on my mind, and I consider myself lucky that IIM Amritsar happened.

Entering IIM Amritsar, I had high expectations, and to my delight, all of them came true. The friendships, experiences, and learning here have shaped me in ways I could never have imagined. The MBA program isn't just about bookish knowledge; it's a whirlwind of activities. From organizing events to whipping up presentations in record time and presenting them like a pro, every experience has been invaluable.

One of the most enriching aspects has been connecting with brilliant minds destined for greatness. Their past experiences and insights have taught me more than any textbook ever could. My role in the Media and Public Relations Committee (MPRC) has honed my skills further, providing memories and lessons I'll cherish forever. The induction week stands out as the most memorable part of my journey. The hustle, stress, and excitement of meeting new people and working together on



various tasks set the perfect tone for my MBA adventure. As an introvert, this week helped me shed my fears and embrace new connections.

Ultimately, the friendships I've formed will remain the most treasured part of this journey. These two years at IIM Amritsar will always be the best years of my life, filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable memories.

-Raunak Sanghi
MBA'09

CONVOCATION' 08



IIM Amritsar recently celebrated the convocation of its 8th batch, marking a significant milestone in its academic journey. It symbolized not just the completion of their academic programs but also the beginning of their journey into the professional world.

The atmosphere at the convocation was filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. Distinguished guests and dignitaries added to the grandeur of the occasion, imparting wisdom and encouragement through their insightful speeches, reinforcing the importance of knowledge, integrity, and leadership in their future endeavors.

For the graduating students, the event was a poignant moment as they bid farewell to their alma mater, a place where they had forged lifelong friendships and acquired invaluable experiences. It was a time of reflection on the challenges overcome and the lessons learned, preparing them to venture into diverse fields of business and management.

The convocation highlighted IIM Amritsar's commitment to excellence in education and leadership development. It underscored the institute's role in nurturing future leaders equipped with not only academic knowledge but also the practical skills and determination needed to navigate and succeed in today's dynamic global business environment. As the Class of 2023 embarks on their professional journeys, they carry with them the lessons learned and the values instilled during their time at IIM Amritsar.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 for their remarkable achievements, and best wishes for a future filled with success, fulfillment, and continuous learning.



Memory Lane

MBA'08 Experience

As I look back at my time at IIM Amritsar, my heart brims with cherished memories and profound gratitude. The journey was a rollercoaster of sleepless nights, seldom of euphoric triumphs, and forging lifelong bonds with my bon homies.

Our campus was a playground of dreams and ambitions. The hours spent at Metropolis, honing my not-so-good table tennis skills and lamenting my woeful pool shots, are etched in time. Friendly competitions and laughter defined the camaraderie.



Who could forget the chilly nights of Amritsar, with bonfire-lit gatherings turning into all-night laughter and gossip sessions? Friendships deepened, and the warmth of companionship made the cold nights bearable.

Navigating through assignments and projects, hustling through sleep-deprived nights, and striving to ace multiple goals simultaneously were our norms. The shared struggles and triumphs within my Students' Council team taught us resilience.

Amidst all this, I found extraordinary mentors in our professors. Their wisdom and guidance have shaped us as professionals and individuals ready to take on the world.

As IIM Amritsar celebrates its 9th anniversary, I am filled with pride and nostalgia. Here's to the memories that shaped us and the bonds that will last a lifetime. Cheers to IIM Amritsar – my alma mater, my home!

-Harshdeep Singh Sandhanwalia
MBA'08

Memory Lane

MBA'08 Experience

When I first stepped onto the campus of IIM Amritsar, I felt a mixture of excitement and uncertainty. As someone who wasn't naturally outgoing, the prospect of making new friends seemed daunting. The intense heat, the long commutes, and the unfamiliar food added to my initial apprehensions. My plan was simple: get through the two years as quietly and efficiently as possible.

Early on, I realized my resume as a fresher needed a significant boost. The solution? Taking on a Position of Responsibility. Though hesitant, I signed up for the Alumni Committee.



This decision turned out to be a turning point, since it's where I first felt a sense of belonging. It pushed me to interact with my batchmates, breaking the ice and initiating conversations.

Through classroom seating arrangements, committee activities, and the collective effort to secure internships, I gradually found my circle of friends. Together, we navigated late-night classes, all-nighters before exams, and the ups and downs of placements.

As time passed, I began to appreciate the unique charm of IIM Amritsar and the incredible people around me. The heat became bearable with evening bike rides alongside friends. The long bus rides transformed into opportunities

for meaningful conversations. Even the food became enjoyable as we cooked and shared meals together.

Before I knew it, the two years had flown by. I left with a heart full of memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. What began as a challenging journey ended up being one of the most transformative and rewarding experiences of my life.

- Nimisha Joseph
MBA '08

THANKING YOU...

As we transition to a new chapter in the leadership of our Alumni Committee, we want to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to Prof. Arun Kaushik for his exceptional contribution as Chairperson - Alumni Committee.

Prof. Arun's tenure has been marked by remarkable dedication and visionary leadership. His tireless efforts have significantly enriched our alumni network, creating opportunities for meaningful connections and organizing memorable events that have strengthened our community. Under his guidance, the committee has flourished, and his legacy

of commitment will undoubtedly inspire future endeavors. We are profoundly grateful for his unwavering passion and the positive impact he has made. As we welcome our new Chairperson - Alumni Committee, Prof. Divya Tripathi, we celebrate Prof. Arun Sir's contributions and extend our heartfelt thanks for his outstanding service.

Thank you sir for your invaluable contributions. We look forward to the continued success and growth of our alumni community inspired by your achievements.



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“Farewell , dear seniors. Your journey with us may end here, but your legacy will forever live on, lighting the way for generations to come.”

*With heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes,
-Alcom'09*

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