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The Alumni Newsletter of MET Institute of PGDM

From the Editorial Desk



The Alumni Committee at MET is the driving force behind impactful initiatives that bridge the gap between alumni and the institution. Alumni actively contribute to shaping the next generation of leaders through their efforts. From organizing interactive sessions where alumni share industry expertise and success stories to facilitating their role as panelists for Group Discussions and Personal Interviews (GDPI), the committee ensures students gain invaluable guidance.

They also orchestrate Round Table Conversations, fostering dynamic discussions on leadership, innovation, and emerging trends. The crowning jewel of their work is the much-anticipated Homecoming, where alumni reunite to celebrate their journey and engage with MET's growth. These vibrant engagements, powered by the Alumni Committee's dedication, highlight alumni's integral role in empowering and inspiring the leaders of tomorrow.

From the Trustee's Desk



Dear Alumni,

It gives me immense pride and joy to address you as the torchbearers of MET Institute of PGDM at the launch of our newsletter - MET Pulse.

Your remarkable achievements in the corporate world are a testament to your perseverance, talent, and the strong foundation laid during your time at MET. You continue to inspire the next generation of students and reinforce our commitment to excellence. As you scale new heights, know that your alma mater celebrates your successes and stands beside you in your journey.

We encourage you to stay connected with MET, not just as proud alumni but as partners in growth and learning. Your insights, experiences, and contributions can shape the future of MET and its students. Together, let us create a thriving ecosystem of innovation, collaboration, and shared success. We look forward to welcoming you back for alumni meets, guest lectures, and mentorship opportunities, ensuring that the bonds of our MET family remain strong and everlasting.

Warm Regards,
Pankaj Bhujbal
Trustee
Mumbai Educational Trust

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Director's Message

A Journey of Growth and Connection: Welcome to the Second Edition of Our Alumni Newsletter. The flagship event, "Aarohan" 2024, set the tone for this exciting period. The presence of our esteemed alumnus, Mr. Chetan Padwal, Mr. Shashwat Chouhan, Mr. Pramod Shetty added immense value. We were privileged to have Mr. Arpit Beriwal as a visiting faculty, whose engaging lectures bridged the gap between academic theory and industry practice. The latter half of the year was enriched by impactful alumni sessions. Notable among them was

Mr. Shashwat Chauhan, Ms. Riddhi Doshi Vora, Mr. Bhushan Bamne, Mr. Rishi Kabra, Mr. Karan Vekaria, Ms. Prachi Darooka, Mr. Harsh Soni and Ms. Smita Soni, The year concluded with a grand celebration the Alumni Meet 2024-25 This heart warming reunion was highlighted by the prestigious Alumni Awards, which recognized the exceptional achievements of our alumni. Congratulations to Hiba Sayed for the Entrepreneurship Award, Riddhi Vora for the Corporate Excellence Award, and Karan Satbhadre for the Voluntary Leadership Award.



CA. Dr. S.P Das
Director, PGDM
Mumbai Educational Trust

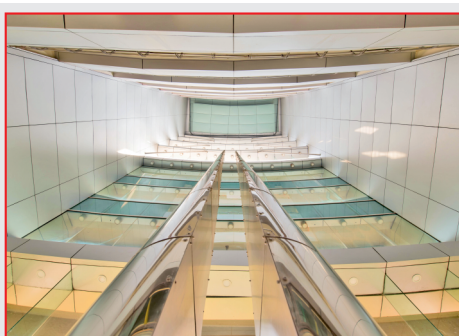
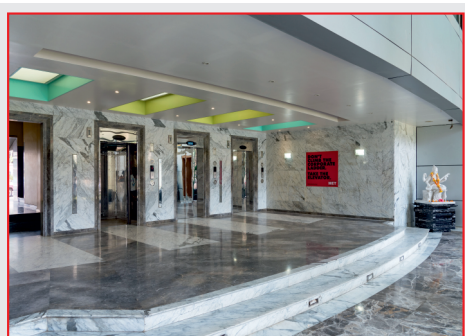
Dean's Message

I am delighted to connect with you through the 2nd edition of our Alumni Newsletter. At MET, we believe that our alumni are the cornerstone of our legacy. It fills me with immense pride to see the incredible impact you are making across diverse fields and communities.

As we look to the future, we invite you to stay engaged with us. Together, we can inspire the next generation and continue building a legacy of excellence. I look forward to celebrating your achievements and exploring new opportunities to collaborate.



Dr. Vaishali Kulkarni
Dean Accreditation
Mumbai Educational Trust



Aarohan 2024: Alumni Ignite Growth

On 11th July, the institution hosted its flagship event, "Aarohan," which brought together students, faculty, and alumni to celebrate academic and professional growth. Esteemed alumnus Mr. Ankush Widge graced the event with his presence, sharing valuable insights and inspiring attendees.

The event featured interactive sessions and vibrant discussions, showcasing the institution's commitment to holistic development. It was a memorable occasion that strengthened alumni connections and fostered a spirit of learning and collaboration. Aarohan successfully reinforced the values of excellence and community engagement.



Industry in Classroom

Mr. Arpit Beriwal, a seasoned professional, conducted lectures as a visiting faculty member at MET College every Sunday from July to December 2024. The sessions focused on providing students with practical industry insights, bridging the gap between academic concepts and real-world applications. His teaching methodology emphasized

interactive discussions, case studies, and skill-based learning, making the sessions engaging and impactful. Students appreciated his ability to simplify complex topics and provide actionable career advice. These lectures were a valuable addition to the academic curriculum, equipping students with knowledge and skills essential for their professional growth.



Viva's Vision: Shaped by Industry Leaders

The Summer Internship Project Viva for the 2022-24 batch was successfully conducted with meticulous planning and execution. The vivas were scheduled on 17th August 2024 and began at 8:00 AM and was organized across four specialisations: Finance, Marketing, Operations, and HR. Each specialization had dedicated industry experts who evaluated the students.

Finance had the largest group of students, totalling 54, followed by Marketing and others. Faculty members ensured a smooth evaluation process. Roll numbers were carefully assigned to batches, and the sessions were conducted systematically to avoid delays. The coordination between faculty and students was commendable.



The Evolving Landscape: An Alumni Perspective

The round table discussion held on 17th August 2024 at MET Institute of PGDM, Bandra, brought together distinguished alumni from various graduating cohorts and areas of specialization to share their expertise and propose updates to the PGDM curriculum. Below is a summary of their profiles and the insights they contributed.

1. Arpit Beriwal

• **Profile:** Graduating in 2017 with a PGDM specialization in Finance, Arpit has established himself as a Chartered Market Technician and is currently a Technical and Derivative Analyst at Motilal Oswal.

• **Discussion Points:** Emphasized the inclusion of advanced technical analysis and derivative strategies in the Finance specialization. Suggested integrating modules on algorithmic trading and the use of AI in financial markets



2. Neerav Damani

• **Profile:** A Marketing specialist from the 2016 PGDM batch, Neerav works as an Assistant Brand Manager at Unilever, leveraging his expertise in Loyalty Marketing and Data Analytics.

• **Discussion Points:** Recommended expanding digital marketing modules to cover influencer marketing, data-driven campaigns, and AI tools for market segmentation. Highlighted the need for sustainability-focused marketing practices.



3. Pramod Shetty

• **Profile:** With a PGDM in Operations from the 2017 batch, Pramod is the Production Manager at SAMS TECHNO MECH, bringing years of experience in manufacturing operations and process optimization.

• **Discussion Points:** Advocated for incorporating Industry 4.0 technologies, such as IoT and automation, into the curriculum. Emphasized risk management and lean manufacturing principles to improve supply chain resilience.



4. Ankush Widge

• **Profile:** An alumnus of the 2017 PGDM (E-Business) cohort, Ankush is a Business Partner at Front of House Entertainment LLP, specializing in event services and marketing.

• **Discussion Points:** Suggested including courses on budgeting, event production management, and AR/VR technologies to cater to emerging trends in the events and entertainment sector.



5. Mansi Lall

• **Profile:** With a PGDM in Finance from the 2017 batch, Mansi is the Independent Consultant for the Wealth Management & Equities, bringing in her years of expertise in the field of Finance.

• **Discussion Points:** The finance vivas aimed to evaluate the depth of students understanding of core financial concepts, with a focus on topics such as financial management, investment strategies, capital budgeting, risk assessment, and financial statement analysis.



6. Prachi Darooka

- **Profile:** Profile: From the 2021 PGDM batch with a focus on Marketing, Prachi is a Marketing Executive at Publicis Groupe and White Rivers Media, known for her expertise in social media and content creation.
- **Discussion Points:** Advocated for more hands-on training in social media strategies, trend forecasting, and creative content marketing. Highlighted the importance of adaptability in fast-evolving digital platforms.



7. Kinjal Sheth

- **Profile:** Currently a Management Trainee at IndusInd Bank, Kinjal graduated in 2024 with a PGDM in Finance, building on her experience in equity research and capital markets.
- **Discussion Points:** Recommended focusing on capital market operations, treasury management, and risk assessment. Stressed the need for practical exposure to compliance and regulatory frameworks.



8. Shashwat Chouhan

- **Profile:** As a Finance graduate from the 2015 PGDM batch, Shashwat is a Manager in Property and Infrastructure Insurance, with a strong background in market research and MIS.
- **Discussion Points:** Suggested introducing insurance and risk management modules within the Finance specialization. Highlighted the role of data analytics in creating efficient insurance solutions.



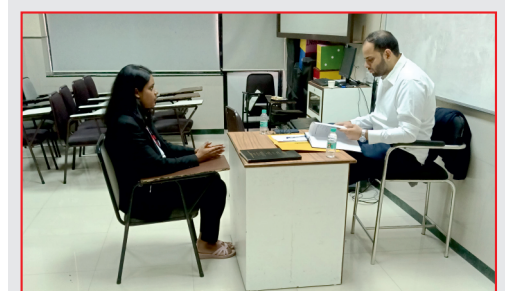
9. Preeti Gupta

- **Profile:** A Finance graduate from the 2015 PGDM cohort, Preeti serves as a Credit Manager at Kotak Mahindra Bank, specializing in credit assessment and risk evaluation.
- **Discussion Points:** Advocated for case-based learning in credit management and loan structuring, alongside courses on financial compliance and auditing.



10. Om Raheja

- **Profile:** From the 2017 PGDM (Marketing) batch, Om is driving Dove Hair Care India's success with his expertise in sports partnerships, digital marketing, and brand building.
- **Discussion Points:** Highlighted the growing importance of partnerships and brand collaborations in marketing. Suggested incorporating practical training on creating integrated marketing campaigns.



Insurance Insights

Mr. Shashwat Chauhan, an accomplished alumnus from the PGDM Class of 2013-15, conducted an insightful session, sharing his extensive nine-year experience in the insurance and risk management industry. Currently with PINC Insurance, he discussed the importance of industry-relevant skills,

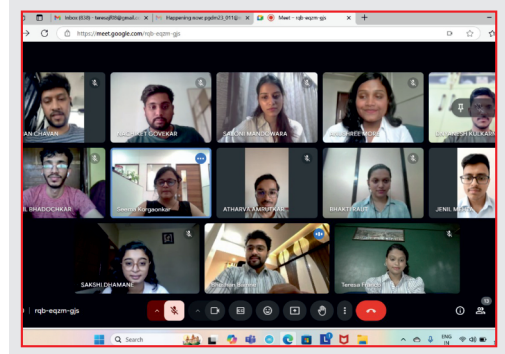
Excelling in interviews, and confidently handling group discussions. Using real-world examples, he provided practical advice and inspired students with his journey of professional growth. The interactive session left students enriched and motivated to prepare for their own career paths.



Mastering GEP's Recruitment: Insights and Preparation Tips

Mr. Bhushan Bamne conducted an Operations Session, providing insights into GEP's recruitment process, including aptitude tests, case studies, technical and HR interviews. He emphasized the importance of subject knowledge in procurement and supply chain, problem-solving skills, and a positive attitude. He advised thorough

Preparation by reviewing the company's website, mastering one's CV, and using clear business terminology. Excel skills, formal attire, and professional communication were stressed as essentials. He also recommended LinkedIn for networking and Coursera for project management courses, highlighting a six-month training period for freshers.



The Growth toolkit: Skills for success

Mr. Gopal M. Dhage, an International Trainer, Coach, and Gestalt Psychotherapist, conducted a transformative session addressing MBA students' challenges, including competition, mentorship, skill-building, and landing jobs. He introduced the I.R.I. framework-Identity, Resilience, and Influence-to navigate personal and professional growth. Emphasizing authenticity,

Adaptability, and curiosity, he shared insights into organizational expectations, interview preparation, and the value of starting somewhere. The session inspired students to embrace challenges confidently and proactively, equipping them with actionable strategies for success in the competitive job market.



Embracing Challenges: Insights on Entrepreneurship and Teamwork

Ms. Riddhi Doshi Vora, founder of Innovate Digital Media, shared her entrepreneurial journey with first-year students, emphasizing the importance of stepping out of comfort zones and embracing challenges. She highlighted the 3 P's of entrepreneurship—Prioritization, Planning, and Precision—along with the need for continuous learning, innovation,

And adaptability, quoting Alvin Toffler. Stressing the significance of teamwork, she echoed John C. Maxwell's view that collaboration drives success. Concluding with Oprah Winfrey's words, Ms. Vora inspired students to follow their passions and embrace the entrepreneurial spirit.



From Setbacks to Comebacks: Embracing Change

Mr. Harsh Soni and Ms. Smita Soni, founders of TeamNgage, delivered an inspiring session for first-year PGDM students, focusing on entrepreneurship and personal growth. They introduced the ECG framework—Expectations, Clarity, and Get Along—and emphasised the importance of viewing challenges as opportunities for growth. The session highlighted

Learning from mistakes, avoiding limiting mindsets, and embracing continuous learning. Through engaging anecdotes and the "Stage of Influence" activity, Mr. Soni empowered students to build self-belief. The session concluded with the mantra "Uplift: Be the Change," encouraging students to embrace change and drive positivity.



Alumni Homecoming: 2024-25

The Alumni Homecoming event: Reliving Memories, Reviving Bonds, themed: Hearts and Spade, was organized by the Alumni Committee to bring together alumni from the batches of 2007 to 2021.

The event, held at the college campus, served as an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater, share their experiences, and strengthen their bond with the institution.



The event commenced with the chanting of Saraswati Vandana and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The auspicious beginning was led by CA Dr. Das (Director), CA Seema Korgaonkar (Faculty Coordinator of the Alumni Committee), Mr. Arpit Beriwal (Vice President of the Alumni Cell), and a few distinguished alumni.

This was followed by a heartfelt message read by Ms. Treasa on behalf of the Honorable Trustee, Mr. Pankaj Bujbel, emphasizing the ethos and foundation of the college. The message extended gratitude to the alumni for their unwavering support and their role as brand ambassadors of MET.

CA Dr. Das addressed the gathering, sharing insights into the current curriculum and inviting alumni to actively contribute to the college through their participation in various committees. He highlighted the importance of alumni feedback in areas such as course design, skill development, and alumni interaction sessions.

CA Seema Korgaonkar warmly welcomed the alumni, expressing gratitude for their presence and reinforcing their significance as the college's greatest asset and an integral pillar of MET's legacy.



Mr. Arpit Beriwal, in his capacity as Vice President of the Alumni Association, delivered an inspiring speech reflecting on his days as a student. He encouraged other alumni to take up Leadership roles within the alumni network. On this occasion, Mr. Beriwal was also presented with his official visiting cards as a symbol of his role.



Felicitation and Recognition:

The event honored outstanding alumni for their professional accomplishments under three categories:

Corporate Excellence: Hiba Sayed

Hiba Sayed, a distinguished finance professional with over a decade of experience in investment banking and equity research, received the Entrepreneurship Award. Specializing in Natural Resources, renewables, decarbonization,

And energy transition, she leads the Sustainability and ESG Ratings at CareEdge Group. Notable for pioneering India's first ESG rating for a listed company, Hiba's work contributes to shaping the national ESG taxonomy.



Entrepreneurship Excellence: Riddhi Vora

Riddhi Vora, Co-Founder of Innovate Digital Media, was honored with the Corporate Excellence Award. With seven years of expertise in digital marketing, SEO, and data analytics, she has consistently delivered exceptional

results across various industries. Her leadership roles at agencies like Olympus Media World, PivotRoots, Schbang, and Kinnect have shaped her successful strategies, and at Innovate Digital Media, she continues to redefine digital marketing.



Voluntary Leadership: Karan Satbhadre

Karan Satbhadre, Assistant Vice President at Fintoo, was recognized for his Voluntary Leadership in private wealth management. With a specialization in investment strategies, portfolio management,

And financial planning, Karan has significantly impacted high-net-worth individuals and families. His expertise in tax and retirement planning has helped clients achieve long-term financial success.



The event included engaging recreational activities to foster camaraderie. The first game, Filter It Out, saw 11 finalists competing in the second round, Big Fish, Small Fish, where two winners emerged. A mesmerizing dance performance by the first- and second-year PGDM students followed, artistically depicting the various stages of life. The nostalgia continued with the game Nostalgia Ads,

Designed to evoke cherished memories of the alumni's time at the college. 4 Spot prizes were awarded for Best Dressed Men and women, Pillar of Commitment and The Inspiring Connector award.

Alumni were invited to share their personal stories and experiences, adding a touch of nostalgia to the event.

Symbolizing the unity and spirit of the alumni network.

Guests were then guided to a signboard to leave messages for the current batch and drop their visiting cards in a designated box. A sumptuous lunch marked the end of this memorable event.

The program concluded with a group photo session,