



## Message from the Principal –

Dr. C. K. Marigowda



DR. MARIGOWDA C K

Professor & Principal-AIT

The Acharya family extends far beyond the boundaries of our campus. It lives in the achievements of our graduates, in the memories they carry, in the relationships they build and in the contributions they make to society. Our alumni are among our proudest ambassadors, demonstrating through their accomplishments the values of excellence, integrity, innovation and perseverance that we seek to nurture at Acharya Institute of Technology. We look forward to a future in which every alumnus remains connected to the Institute and contributes to its continuing journey of excellence, making the Acharya legacy brighter with every passing year.

## Message from the HOD

Dr. Abhishek Venkateshwar



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HOD – MBA

Our alumni are the enduring heartbeat of the MBA community. Their journeys reflect the many possibilities that begin with management education and evolve through ambition, resilience, creativity, and purposeful leadership. From emerging professionals to accomplished leaders and entrepreneurs, their achievements serve as a powerful source of inspiration for our students. As we continue to strengthen alumni engagement, we aspire to build a vibrant community where experience meets aspiration, knowledge flows across generations, and every alumnus has an opportunity to give back, guide, and inspire the next generation of Acharyans.

# ABOUT NEXUS

The Nexus – Alumni Connect initiative of the MBA Department brings together alumni, students and faculty through meaningful interactions, mentorship and professional engagement. During 2025–26, the alumni network continued to create opportunities for students to learn from real-world experiences, build professional connections and gain exposure to industry expectations. The year witnessed active alumni participation through meets, knowledge-sharing sessions, mentoring, internship support, curriculum inputs and project guidance

## Office Bearers – 2025–26

The Alumni Association is supported by an active team of alumni who facilitate communication, engagement and coordination between alumni, students, faculty and the institution. The office bearers for the alumni association include:



**Byregowda**  
**2014-2016 Batch**  
**President-Alumni Nexus Forum**



**Kruthika B M**  
**2012-2014 Batch,**  
**Vice President-Alumni Nexus Forum**



**Jyothi Gopalan**  
**2013-2015 Batch**  
**General Secretary-Alumni Nexus Forum**



**Zeeshan Shareef**  
**2012-2014**  
**Joint Secretary- Alumni Nexus Forum**

## Our Alumni. Our Strength.

Nexus is built on the belief that the alumni relationship does not end with graduation. Alumni continue to be valuable stakeholders in the growth of the department, contributing through student mentoring, career guidance, industry interaction, internships, placements, curriculum enrichment and project support. “Once a part of the MBA family, always a part of the Nexus.”

## NEXUS IN ACTION

The MBA Department continued to strengthen its alumni–student connect during 2025–26 by creating opportunities for students to interact with alumni and learn from their professional experiences. These interactions provided students with perspectives on changing industry practices, career expectations and workplace competencies, complementing their classroom learning.

A key highlight of the year was the alumni knowledge-sharing session featuring Ms. Jyothi Gopalan (MBA, 2013–15), Founder & CEO, Rising High, with professional experience at Microsoft, Amazon and IBM.



Alumni Talk on HR IN 2035: Challenges, Expectations and Solutions from HR Summit conducted on 30.04.2026

The session on “HR in 2035: Challenges, Expectations and Solutions”, held on 30 April 2026, exposed students to emerging trends and future expectations in the field of Human Resources. The interaction helped students understand evolving HR practices and the changing nature of the profession. The MBA Department continued to nurture its alumni connect through three formal alumni meets during 2025–26. The gatherings brought together alumni and students on 4 July 2025, 4 April 2026 and 6 May 2026, providing valuable opportunities to reconnect with the department, share experiences and build professional relationships.

The meets witnessed enthusiastic participation from alumni and students, with a total of 70 alumni and 365 student participants across the three occasions. Beyond the formal proceedings, the gatherings encouraged conversations across batches, experience sharing and informal interactions between alumni and students.

These occasions served as a platform for alumni to revisit their alma mater, reconnect with the department and contribute to the growing Nexus – Alumni Connect community.



An insightful expert talk on “Public Speaking Strategies” was conducted by Swaraj Singh, Founder, Ekansh, Author, Speaker and Voice Artist. The session focused on building confidence, effective communication and impactful public speaking skills among students.



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An insightful alumni interaction was conducted by Abdul Mateen (MBA, 2017–2019), Student Recruitment Manager for Cardiff University, on “From MBA to Employability: Skills, Opportunities & Global Careers.” The session provided students with valuable perspectives on career readiness, essential skills and global career opportunities

### **A few moments from our Alumni Meets 2025–26**

The 2025–26 Alumni Meets brought together alumni and students on multiple occasions, creating opportunities for networking and sharing experiences across batches. The three recorded meets during the year involved 70 alumni and 130 student participants in total, reflecting the growing interest in alumni–student engagement. The year saw three alumni meets, providing opportunities for alumni and students to reconnect, exchange experiences and strengthen professional relationships.



**4 July 2025-Moments of alumni felicitation, reunion and celebration.**



**6 May 2026- Moments of alumni felicitation, interaction and celebration.**

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**4 April 2026**

**Moments of reunion, interaction and shared memories.**

During 2025–26, our alumni strengthened the MBA learning experience by sharing valuable industry insights and practical knowledge in areas such as Sustainability & ESG, Digital Marketing, HR Analytics, Entrepreneurship & Startups, and FinTech. Their contributions through industry inputs, project mentoring and value-added courses helped bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry expectations, making the curriculum more relevant, practical and future-ready.

## **Meet the Alumni Nexus Mentorship Forum**



**David Peter**

**2023-2025 Batch**



**Sarika H J**

**2022-2024 Batch**



**Rahul Deora**

**2022-2024 Batch**



**Kruthika B M**

**2012-2014 Batch**



**Gopika C G**  
**2023-2025 Batch**



**Zeeshan Shareef**  
**2012-2014**



**Jyothi Gopalan**  
**2013-2015 Batch**



**Rachana K**  
**2023-2025 Batch**



**Byregowda**  
**2014-2016 Batch**



**Huma Konain**



**Nandini Krishna**  
**2023-2025 Batch**



**Neha Chandrannavar**  
**2022-2024 Batch**

# EXPERIENCE THAT INSPIRES

Guidance from Experience, Confidence for the Future

The Alumni Nexus Mentorship Forum continued to strengthen the connection between alumni and students through focused career and professional guidance during 2025–26. Alumni mentors shared their industry experience and provided students with practical insights to help them prepare for their future careers.



## Ms. Jyothi Gopalan

Founder & CEO, Rising High | X-Microsoft, Amazon, IBM

**Area:** Placements

Through mentoring interactions, Ms. Jyothi Gopalan guided students on **placement readiness**, helping them better understand career expectations and prepare for opportunities in the corporate world.



## Mr. David Peter

Founder, Frameo Media Production Pvt. Ltd.

Area: Internships

Alumni support extended beyond mentoring, with **Mr. David Peter (2024–25), Founder, Frameo Media Production Pvt. Ltd.**, facilitating internship opportunities for MBA students. **Mr. Aniket Maity and Mr. Rohith** completed internships with the organisation, gaining valuable **industry exposure and practical skills in media and business operations**.

These mentoring engagements provided students with opportunities for **personalised guidance, practical insights and career-focused interaction**. By bringing alumni experience closer to the classroom, Nexus continues to help students navigate their transition from academic learning to professional life.

This initiative reflects the spirit of Nexus – Alumni Connect, creating opportunities for students to gain industry exposure, practical experience, and workplace readiness. The Alumni Nexus Mentorship Forum connects alumni and students through mentorship, knowledge sharing, career guidance, networking, and industry engagement.

It also enables alumni to stay connected with their alma mater while supporting students' academic and professional growth. Through these interactions, Nexus brings valuable real-world perspectives beyond the classroom.

## Our Purpose

To create a meaningful bridge between alumni, students and faculty through mentorship, knowledge sharing, professional interaction and collaboration.

## ALUMNI GUIDANCE | Shaping Ideas into Impact

During 2025–26, our alumni extended their professional expertise to support students in their project work and research. Through 11 mentoring interactions, alumni guided students in topic selection, report writing, literature review and understanding industry practices. Their inputs supported projects in areas such as Digital Marketing, Organisational Studies and Integrated Marketing Communication, helping students strengthen their practical knowledge, research skills and understanding of real-world business processes.

## Alumni Networking

The Department of Business Administration, Acharya Institute of Technology stays connected with alumni through WhatsApp and LinkedIn, sharing updates on alumni meets, placements, guest lectures, webinars, events, and professional achievements. These platforms also support networking, mentorship, internships, career guidance, and industry–academia collaboration.

Following are the social media account pages;

[https://www.instagram.com/acharya\\_alumni\\_association?igsh=MXcyaDk3cHFybWc4Mg==](https://www.instagram.com/acharya_alumni_association?igsh=MXcyaDk3cHFybWc4Mg==)

:Batch-wise alumni WhatsApp groups are maintained by the Department for continuous communication and alumni engagement. Representative screenshots and group administration records are maintained as supporting evidence.

**Acharya MBA Alumni Nexus Group Link:**

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BDiD2RkvtAc4DM6Aik8r1>

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## Voice of Alumni



**Nandini Krishna**

**Deputy Manager (Finance, compliance, Accounts) – Mahindra Finance**

**Head Office, Mumbai**

**MBA | M. Com (Finance)**

**Best Outgoing Student – [2022-2024**

**MBA Finance & Marketing Batch)**

My journey from college to the corporate world has been rewarding and enriching. Being recognised as the Best Outgoing Student gave me confidence and strengthened my leadership, discipline, and ability to take on new challenges.

I began my career through the campus placement process and currently work as a Deputy Manager at Mahindra Finance Head Office, Mumbai. My role involves RBI and regulatory compliance, CIBIL and NESL reporting, and financial analysis, providing valuable exposure to financial processes and decision-making.

I am grateful to my college, faculty, and peers for shaping my professional journey. The foundation built during my MBA continues to guide me as I learn, grow, take on greater responsibilities, and create meaningful impact.



**Neha Chandrannavar**  
**2022-2024 Batch**

Neha Chandrannavar, an MBA alumna from the 2022–24 batch, completed her postgraduate degree with First Class with Distinction, specialising in Marketing and Human Resources. She currently works as a Client Relationship Executive at Bren Corporation, Bengaluru, with two years of professional experience in Marketing and Sales.

Beyond her professional journey, Neha is a trained Western dancer with a passion for cultural events, fashion and creative expression. During her MBA, she actively contributed to the MBA PRAGMA Students Council as Cultural Coordinator and participated in fashion shows, cultural fests and commercial photoshoots.

Her continued involvement as a judge and mentor in cultural and fashion events reflects her passion for nurturing creativity and inspiring the next generation.

**“My MBA journey gave me the confidence to explore my professional and creative passions and continue growing beyond the classroom.”**



**SARIKA HJ**

**Current Company: Genpact**

**Designation: Analyst – Business Data  
Services**

Looking back, my MBA journey was more than classrooms and examinations—it taught me responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and confidence. Today, these lessons continue to guide me as I begin my corporate journey.

As an Analyst – Business Data Services at Genpact, I am gaining valuable experience in business processes, data accuracy, quality, and timely execution. The corporate environment is helping me become more detail-oriented, responsible, and process-driven while continuously developing my skills.

MBA gave me the platform to explore, PRAGMA gave me the confidence to lead, and my corporate journey is helping me learn, apply, and grow. From campus leadership to the corporate world, my journey continues with new opportunities and challenges ahead.



**Ashish S Menon**

**Cognizant – Senior Financial Analyst**

“Never stop learning and stay adaptable. As you step into the professional world, remember that your degree is only the beginning. Keep upgrading your skills, embrace new technologies, and be open to learning from every experience. In a rapidly changing business environment, your willingness to learn, adapt and grow will make the difference.”



**Name – Rahul Deora**

**Batch – MBA 2022-24**

**Current Company: Carelon Global Solutions**

**Designation: Claims Associate Junior**

From Campus Leadership to Corporate Growth

Every career journey begins with curiosity, but it is shaped by the experiences that challenge us to learn, lead and evolve. My professional journey has been a blend of academic learning, campus leadership, digital exposure and corporate experience.

One of the defining highlights of my MBA journey was being entrusted with the role of Alumni Coordinator in the MBA PRAGMA Team. This opportunity allowed me to go beyond the classroom and actively contribute to building meaningful connections between students and alumni. It strengthened my leadership, communication, coordination, networking and relationship-management skills while giving me firsthand experience in bringing people and ideas together.

My professional journey also began with digital marketing, where I explored social media management, content strategy, local SEO, digital trends and customer engagement. Today, at Carelon Global Solutions, I am gaining valuable corporate exposure in the healthcare services domain while developing expertise in process management, problem-solving, communication and quality-driven execution.

I believe a successful career is not defined by a single designation, but by the ability to continuously learn, embrace change, create meaningful connections, and turn every opportunity into a stepping stone for growth.



**Rachana**

**MBA Batch 2023-2025**

**Tax Consultant at Ernst & young**

My professional journey has been a rewarding transition from academic learning to corporate exposure. During my MBA in Finance and HR, I developed a strong foundation in finance, business strategy, and people management, while gaining practical experience through internships in finance and taxation.

I am currently working with Ernst & young as a Tax Consultant in Global Tax – International Tax .

My experience at EY has given me an opportunity to understand the corporate environment, work with diverse teams, and develop a deeper understanding of international taxation .

The journey has strengthened my analytical, communication, and professional skills while encouraging me to continuously learn and adapt.

I am grateful to my institution, faculty members, and peers for providing the knowledge, confidence, and opportunities that helped shape my career. I look forward to growing further and exploring new opportunities in the dynamic world of finance and business.



**Huma Konain**

**Company: IBM**

**Designation: Talent Acquisition  
Coordinator**

**My Corporate Journey:-**

My journey from an MBA graduate specializing in Business Analytics and Marketing to a Talent Acquisition Coordinator at IBM has been an enriching learning experience. During my MBA, I gained exposure to business strategy, analytics, marketing, and people management, which helped me build a strong foundation for my corporate career.

I began my professional journey through internships, gaining practical experience in HR and operations. My current experience at IBM has provided me with valuable exposure to the US recruitment process, interview coordination, candidate and hiring manager communication, and Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS). Working in a global organization has strengthened my communication, collaboration, time-management, and problem-solving skills.

This journey has taught me that continuous learning and adaptability are essential in today's dynamic corporate world. I am grateful to Acharya Institute of Technology for providing me with the knowledge and confidence to take my first steps into the corporate world, and I look forward to growing further in the HR domain.

## FROM CONNECTIONS TO OPPORTUNITIES

At Nexus – Alumni Connect, alumni engagement goes beyond interaction—it creates opportunities for students to gain industry exposure, practical experience and career readiness. During 2025–26, alumni supported students through internship opportunities, placement guidance, mentoring and professional networking. Mr. David Peter facilitated internships for two students at Frameo Media Production Pvt. Ltd., enabling them to gain industry exposure and practical skills. Alumni mentors also guided 13 students on placement and internship readiness through regular interactions.

The alumni network also provides a platform for students to connect with professionals, understand industry expectations and access career-related opportunities through alumni meets, direct interactions and digital networking platforms. Through these connections, Nexus continues to transform alumni goodwill and professional networks into meaningful learning and career opportunities for students

## A Message to Our Alumni

Wherever your journey takes you, you remain a valued part of the MBA family. NEXUS is our way of staying connected, sharing experiences and creating opportunities together.

# GLIMPSES OF ALUMNI MEET



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

*Our Pride. Our Legacy.*

From classrooms to boardrooms, from ideas to impact — our alumni continue to shape industries, inspire communities, and lead with purpose.

**BATCH 2020-2022**

## COL. S. S. KALIA

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS | INDIAN ARMY

With over 30 years of exemplary service in the Indian Army, Col. Kalia continues to inspire leadership and mentor young cadets, shaping future leaders with values that last a lifetime.

**BATCH 2013-2015**



**JYOTHI GOPALAN**  
MBA – HR

From Microsoft and Amazon to founding Risinghigh, Jyothi's journey is one of transformation. As a career coach and speaker, she has influenced over 500 hiring decisions, empowering professionals to grow and succeed.



**POONACHA A P**  
MBA – HR

With 7+ years in talent acquisition, Poonacha specializes in hiring strategy, employer branding, and shaping early careers with precision and insight.

**BATCH 2016-2018**



**YUGANTAR MISHRA**  
MBA – HR & FINANCE

A Workday-certified HRIS Analyst blending HR with technology and analytics. His journey reflects adaptability and analytical excellence in the evolving world of work.

**BATCH 2022-2024**



**DARSHAN REDDY G**  
MBA – FINANCE & MARKETING

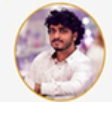
An entrepreneur at heart, Darshan co-founded Curiousense, bringing fresh ideas and strategic thinking to modern business challenges.



**RAHUL DEORA**  
MBA – MARKETING & FINANCE

A digital-first thinker, Rahul blends creativity with analytics, driving engagement and strengthening alumni connections.

**BATCH 2023-2025**



**DAVID PETER**  
MBA – MARKETING

A storyteller in the business world, David is the Co-Founder of Frameo Media Production. His work blends creativity with strategy, delivering impactful brand narratives that connect businesses with their audiences.

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**OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

**BATCH 2015-2017**



**SHREYAS KUMAR MN**  
IN STOCK MANAGER | AMAZON FRESH

**KEY ACHIEVEMENT**  
Best Outgoing Dancer – MBA Department, Acharya Institute of Technology

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Multiple wins in inter-collegiate dance competitions
- Key member of FTR Dance Team

**BATCH 2018-2020**



**MONICA ACHARYA**  
ASSOCIATE – HUMAN RESOURCES  
ABC CONSULTING

**ACHIEVEMENT**  
Best Outgoing Student of the Class of 2020

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Secured distinction in every semester
- Presented research paper at national conference
- Actively contributed to campus events & initiatives

**BATCH 2016-2018**



**PUSHPAMALA**  
ASSOCIATE – CLIENT SERVICES  
KNIGHT FRANK

**EXPERIENCE**  
Began career at Ernst & Young, built a strong foundation in corporate practices.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Contributing to real estate projects and client engagements
- Strong in communication, client handling & market understanding

**BATCH 2017-2019**



**BYREGOWDA**  
SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST –  
PAYMENTS & BANKING TECHNOLOGY

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Worked across Australia, Hong Kong, Egypt & Spain
- Expertise in payment technology solutions, core banking & messaging applications
- Certified Business Analyst, Product Owner & Scrum Master

**BATCH 2012-2014**



**ZEESHAN SHAREEF**  
BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

**PROFESSIONAL FOCUS**

- Strong foundation in business management with a focus on growth, adaptability, and professional excellence.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Passionate about driving growth & innovation
- Building meaningful impact in the corporate world
- Commitment to continuous learning

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*Our Alumni – The Strength of Our Legacy.*