

Alumni Contribution And Engagement In The Development Of Institute Through Academic And Other Support Systems

Over the last five years, the alumni network of GIPE has steadily increased its financial contributions, reflecting the effectiveness of the Alumni Committee's efforts to re-engage with former students. The contributions made by the alumni demonstrate a growing sense of their responsibility to support the institution's initiatives and enhance the academic environment. All these contributions made by alumni were allocated to various student-centric activities, including seminars, workshops, and alumni talks. These sessions motivated the students and provided them with valuable networking opportunities. The active involvement of alumni in various aspects of the institutions gives a powerful message about the strength and value of the GIPE community. This, in turn, potentially boosts the institution's profile in academic circles.

In 2018, Prof. Madhu Kalimipalli and Mrs. Santosh Parmar Vaid, from the batch of 1988-90, shared their experiences pursuing a PhD abroad. These interactive sessions with Alumni have been crucial in providing students with access to real-world insights from distinguished alumni. In March 2019, Dr. Reetika Khera, Mr. Gautam Bambawale, and Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi discussed "India Tomorrow" during the colloquium. They provided students with critical perspectives on India's future in various sectors. The Mentor-Mentee Program has been an important initiative the alumni committee took, but due to COVID-19, mentorship sessions in 2019-2020 were held online, covering various topics such as econometrics, statistics, job market readiness, and career advice in finance. Throughout 2019-2021, mentorship sessions were held online; these sessions were highly appreciated, providing students with direct guidance from professionals like Mr. Vipul Gupta (Consultant, Deloitte), Nitya Chutani, and Mr. Satish Pradhan and attracted 80-100 attendees.

The TEDxGIPE is also one of the important parts of the alumni engagement program, and in 2020, Mr Mukul Bhatia, Mr Anand Gopakumar, Dr Swati Subodh, and Mr Montry Manuel, who delivered talks on diverse topics from environmental issues to personal growth. The 2023 edition saw performances by Dharavi Rocks and insights from speakers like Ishaan Arora, Mr. Abhijit Bangar, and Mr. Chandra Mohan Kumar. These TEDx events stimulate intellectual exchange and inspire students to think creatively and pursue impactful careers. The Colloquium Series session,

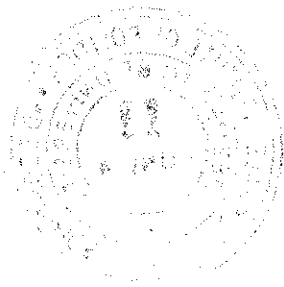


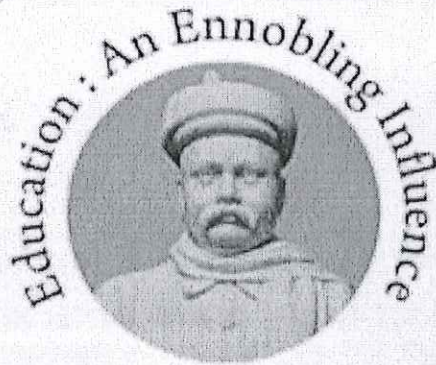


held on 16th March 2019 by Mr. Gautam Bambawale (Indian Diplomat) and Prof. Rakesh Mohan Joshi, discussed topics related to India's future trajectory, global diplomacy, and international economics. This discussion encouraged students to think critically and work on these areas. In response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the alumni demonstrated strong social responsibility through initiatives such as the HelpNow Fundraiser. Organised in 2021, this fundraiser supported the provision of essential medical supplies, including PPE kits, masks, and sanitisers, to COVID-19 patients.

During this time, the alumni committee organised various events connecting current students with alumni, facilitating valuable knowledge exchange. On April 16, 2021, the Alumni Committee hosted an interaction session with Mr. Gyanesh Nanore, a Research Consultant at the Vikas Anvesh Foundation, which 80 students attended. This session provided insights into primary research, project monitoring, and impact assessment, offering students practical knowledge and career guidance. The Alumni Committee also organised the HelpNow Fundraiser from April 26 to May 1, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative successfully raised funds from 56 donors, which were used to purchase essential medical supplies for those affected by the pandemic. This event showcased the alumni's commitment to social causes and reinforced the strong bond between the alumni and the institution.







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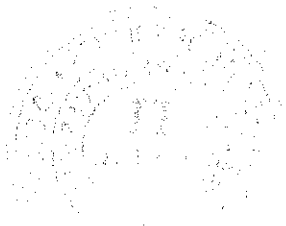
ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23



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Core Committee

Avishek Ghosh, President
Aakash Gondge, Vice President
Pramit Bhattacharya, Treasurer
Ishwa Arora, General Secretary
Deepak Khurana, General Secretary

About the Committee

Building a vibrant and supportive alumni network is essential for an institution's growth. The GIPE Alumni Committee aims to strengthen connections between the institute, its students, and alumni. It serves as a bridge, allowing current students and alumni to connect and form a strong network. The committee organizes various student-alumni sessions where alumni share insights on the practical applications of what students learn. Other events, such as alumni meets, panel discussions, and group discussions, are also organized to foster engagement. The committee works to maintain a healthy relationship with the institute's robust alumni base.

Our Mission

- ✦ To reconnect at the place where we began our journey.
- ✦ To create a strong link between students and alumni through a mentor-mentee program, introducing current students to the professional world and preparing them to navigate future career challenges.
- ✦ To offer job opportunities to recent graduates through professional references.
- ✦ To conduct orientation and training sessions on various topics to help students enhance their skills.
- ✦ To raise awareness among students about the professional opportunities available in their field of study.
- ✦ To provide a platform for students to develop their talents and abilities.
- ✦ To engage in social welfare activities, fostering a sense of social responsibility.



TEDxGIPE

The event started at 3pm with the moderator of TEDxGIPE, Ms. Bidisha Bhattacharya briefing the audience about the organizer of the event, **Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics**, the oldest research institute of Economics in India followed by giving a brief description of the theme of the event i.e., **“Footprints: Planet, People, Profit”** which refers to the journey towards a sustainable future by creating and enhancing the way of living that subsumes the idea of economic, social, and environmental sustainability in the actions we take today.

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TEDxGIPE

x = Independently organized TED event

FOOTPRINTS: *People. Planet. Profit*

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ISHAAN ARORA
Co-founder, Finadder

MONA PATRAO
Social Entrepreneur

ABHIJIT BANGAR
Commissioner,
Hono Municipal Corporation

CHANDRA MOHAN KUMAR
Director, Digital Practices, Capgemini

DHARAVI ROCKS
Performer, Musical Band

GET SET TED!!!!

B.K.S. **Vidya**

After that she invited The Dean of Student Affairs and Welfare, Dr. Jayanti Kajale, to the stage to present the token of appreciation to the Vice Chancellor of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Dr. Ajit Ranade.

Dr. Ranade addressed the audience and appreciated the organizing committee and the moderator for conducting the event. He expressed his gratitude towards the speakers for gracing the event with their presence and also the alumni for attending the event. He also motivated the students to focus on their all-round development.

This was followed by presenting a token of appreciation to Dr. K.S. Reddy, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Welfare and Dr. Jayanti Kajale, The Dean of Student Affairs and Welfare.

The first speaker of the day Mr. Ishaan Arora, who has broken all age barriers and has taken corporate finance to new heights was then invited to the stage by the moderator.

The young entrepreneur started his talk by comparing the different perspectives of people towards entrepreneurship followed by an example to illustrate profit and revenue. He further explained the role of funding in building a successful startup and walked the audience through the different factors responsible for the success of a startup. He helped the young crowd to develop a deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial world and its dynamics. His words inspired the audience to overcome their hesitation and follow their dreams of owning a company.

After the insightful and inspiring talk of Mr. Ishaan Arora, Bidisha asked him a question about incorporating finance as a subject at the grassroot level and developing an understanding of the subject at a young age.

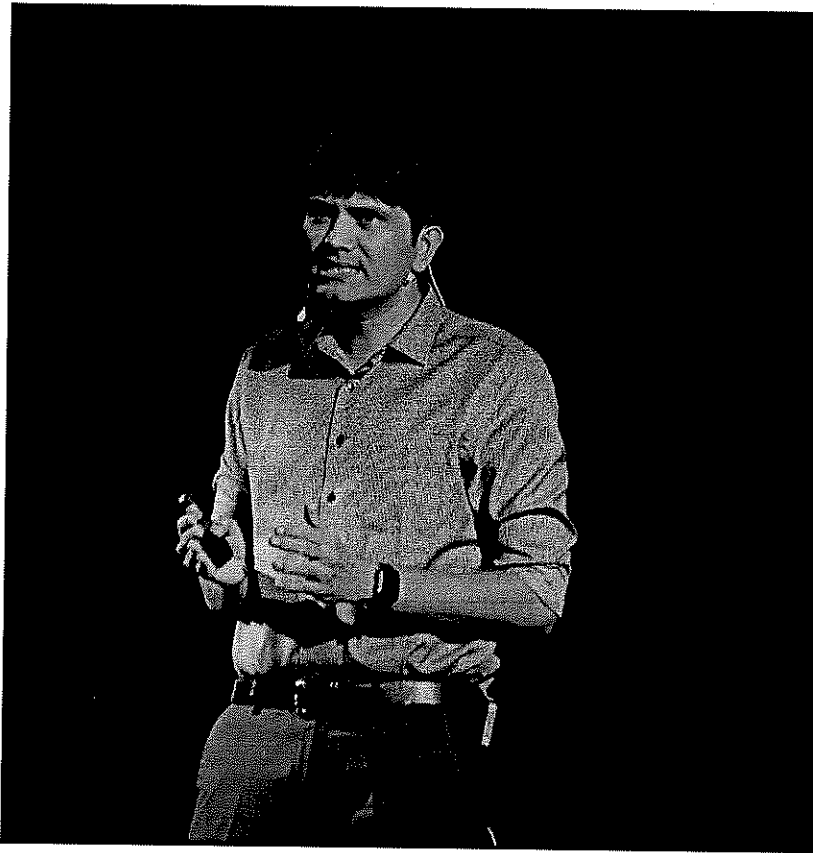
In response to this question Mr. Ishaan Arora said that it was imperative that children be exposed to finance at a young age as it is a crucial part of everybody's day to day lives. All things considered; he claims it is important to make sure that finance is adopted at the grass-root level.

After gaining an insight on corporate finance, it was time for inviting the 2nd speaker of the day, Mr. Abhijit Bangar, who has been tirelessly working to create 'green urban spaces.'

He gave his talk on the unavoidable tradeoff between development and environmental damage and also shed light on the alarming situation of depleting green cover in different cities which made the audience think about the dire situation the world could face in a few years. Further in his talk, he explained the concept of urban lungs citing how the cities are choking, which intrigued the audience. Giving an altogether different dimension to plantation, he explained the audience about Miyawaki forests through a real-life example.

'It takes two fully grown trees to create oxygen for one fully grown adult', Mr. Bangar stated emphasizing on the role of people in protecting the environment.





Following the enlightening talk of Mr. Bangar, Bidisha asked him a question about the contribution of the citizens protecting the environment and creating green urban spaces. To which Mr. Bangar responded by saying that 'Only when people are involved wisdom prevails', he stressed on the fact that the majority of government schemes fail without public participation.

After the Q&A with Mr. Abhijit Bangar, it was time for the performer of the event, Dharavi Rocks, the extremely enjoyable and vibrant junk band who have become an inspiration to thousands of underprivileged children. As soon as the performance began, the hall was filled with people's applause. The sounds of drum beats and the music emanating from paint buckets, bottles and wooden sticks lightened up the entire crowd and generated a different kind of energy and enthusiasm in them. Dharavi Rocks was truly awe striking and as the name says, Dharavi literally rocked.

The band even engaged the crowd in their performance and called them to the stage to join them and create some magical music. They interacted with the audience and conveyed the beautiful message imbibed in the very core formation of their band, creating music from trash is indeed beautiful and how they value things. 'Nothing is a waste, it's all about the perspective', is what they ardently follow in life.



After an Ecstatic performance by Dharavi Rocks that changed our perspectives on what we consider as waste, it was time for our 3rd speaker. Bringing forth a different dimension to our theme, the next speaker, Mr Chandra Mohan Kumar, was all set to deliver a talk on Metaverse- A cost Free World. Bidisha Bhattacharya, our moderator for the event, did justice in introducing our eminent speaker and taking the event forward while keeping the audience hooked. Mr Chandra Mohan Kumar, Director-Digital Practice at Capgemini, called metaverse as a fidgetal experience and stressed on how more than 500 companies are a part of the metaverse depicting incorporation and the reach of it. The audience was left baffled when Mr Chandra Mohan Kumar talked about “Meta Pujo”, which is nothing but virtual Durga Puja. Mr Kumar’s one-liners that depicted realities with a pinch of humour kept the crowd on their toes guessing what was next. “After God it’s all money”, said Chandra Mohan Kumar jokingly as he introduced all of us to the world of Uni-verse, the Union Bank of India’s virtual lounge. The knowledge filled 18 mins were a doorway to the world of metaverse in every range of our life from education, healthcare to even e-commerce.

Following the talk, Bidisha, asked our speaker a question about the benefits that metaverse is going to bring in these big MNC’s and Mr Kumar explained briefly how the hybrid model of work that has been prominent since covid can actually be leveraged.

Then, it was time for the final speaker for the day. “If you can’t control the outside, start with controlling your inside”, our next speaker has indeed entirely adopted this mantra. Founder of Redstone Eco Farms and an advocate in creating ecological integrity and balance, Mona Patrao



Ma'am gave her talk on 'Sustainable Living-Finding synergy'. As interesting as it could get, she began with her life story and how all challenges indeed bring about opportunities. "Dedicate your work to something more than yourself!", exclaimed Mona Ma'am. The audience clearly was made to rethink their way of living and how subtle changes that begin with & within themselves could bring about changes at macro level.

Furthering her talk, she stressed on toxin-free food being the need of the hour and creation of habitat for biodiversity. Her anecdotes gave the audience the true experience of what sustainable life can be like and with that the last talk for the day came to an end.

As it is said, all good things have to come to an end, so was it for our event; TedXGipe. Ishwa Arora, the General Secretary of the Alumni Committee, joined the stage to give a vote of thanks. She thanked the speakers for their enriching ideas and wisdom that have sparked curiosity in the minds of audience, our Vice-Chancellor Dr Ajit Ranade, and faculty members for gracing the event with their presence, the audience for being so patient and supportive throughout the event, and finally the Alumni Committee and the helping staff that made this event possible with their continued efforts.



Building Intelligent Projects Series by Pramit Bhattacharya

Date: 24th, 26th and 27th May 2023

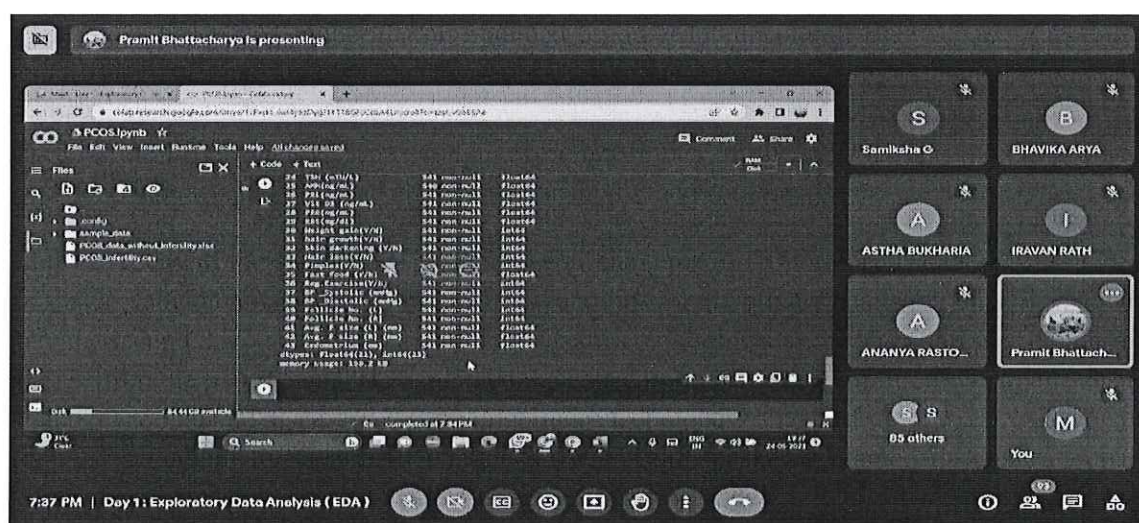
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Day 2: Logistics Regression

Day 3: Machine Learning

Alumni committee recently hosted a three-day series of sessions on 'Machine Learning' under its recently launched programme, "Building Intelligent Project". The session gathered over 200 registrations was on Machine Learning guided by our Alumni, Pramit Bhattacharya (upcoming Senior Business Analyst at EXL). This series of sessions was delivered by esteemed alumni, Mr. Pramit Bhattacharya. The event focused on machine learning and specifically delved into a project based on the PCOS dataset. The sessions were not limited to theoretical concepts but provided hands-on guidance and practical applications using Python software.

On the first day of the series, the speaker covered the topic of Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA). He shared valuable insights into various tricks and tips for effectively analyzing datasets. Moving on to the second day, the speaker focused on logistics regression after he had addressed doubts and queries from the participants. He explained the concepts and workings of dummy variables using one-hot encoding and discussed feature importance techniques. The third session was based on the fitting of a random forest classifier model in which the speaker explained in detail about the decision tree that includes root nodes, branches and leaf nodes to be used for each subset and observation.



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BUILDING INTELLIGENT PROJECTS: PART 1: MACHINE LEARNING

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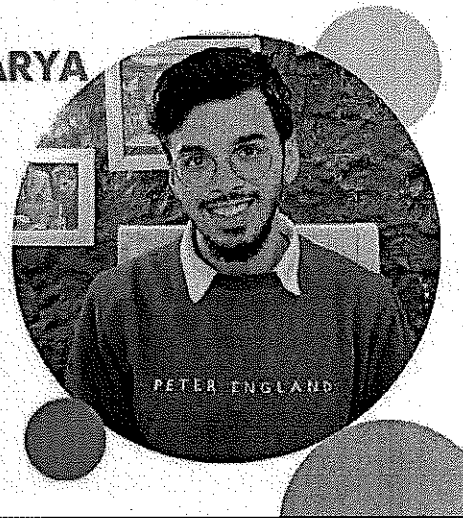
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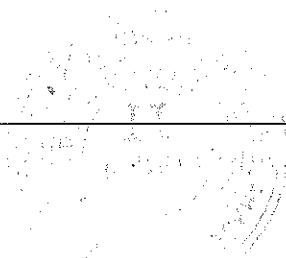
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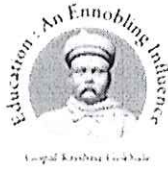
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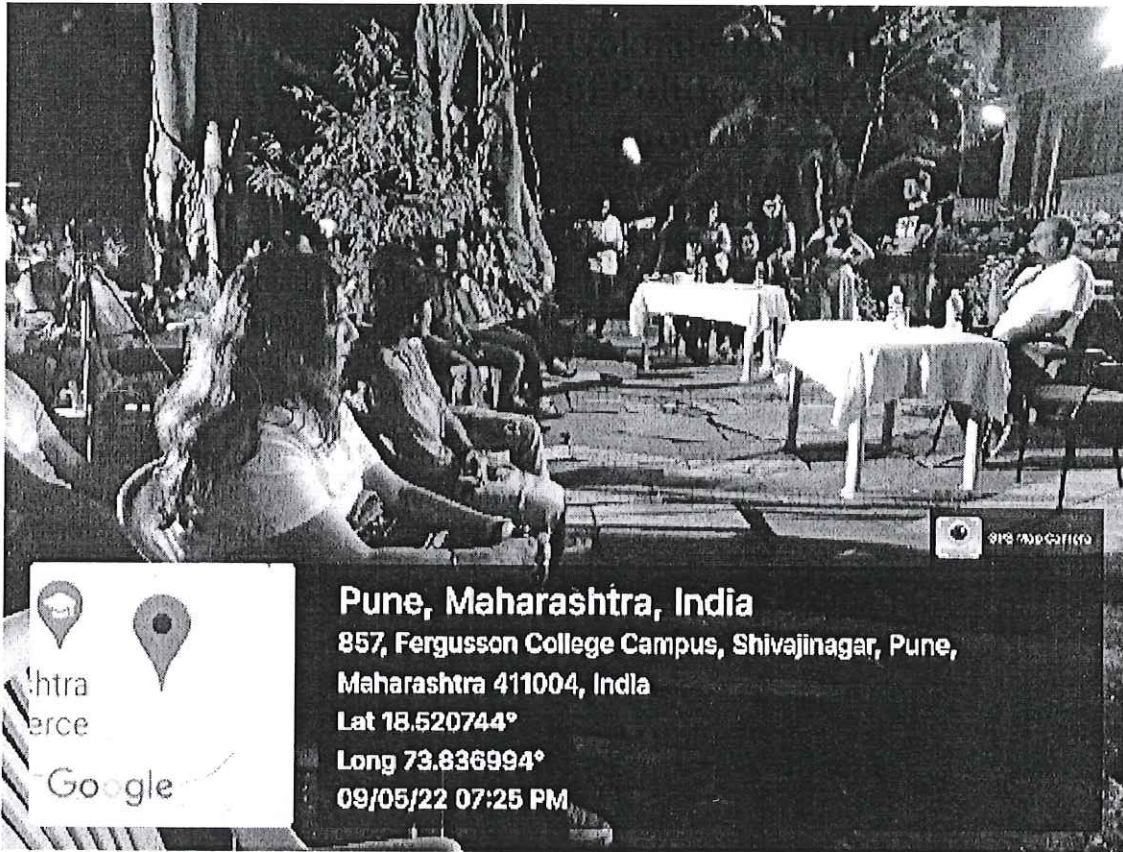


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Alumni visit campus at regular intervals to support the existing batch of students in planning and organizing events, extend support and guidance for functioning of various students clubs. Alumni extend their support for campus placements and internships. Alumni placed in corporate sector, civil society organizations, academic institutions have provided their support in organizing capacity building workshops and mentorship activities for the benefit of students of the Institute.

During the interaction alumni have highlighted the importance of current trends in the market and guided the students about the career opportunities in different fields. They have also shared their personal experiences with students.



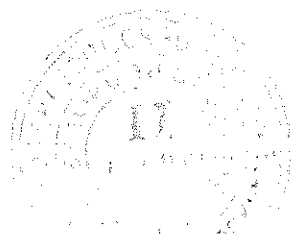
Event: Alumni Interacting with Students



Alumni Meet: Alumni meets are conducted periodically for networking strengthening the social relations. An Alumni meet was organized on 18th December, 2022 in New Delhi in BBQ Nation, Connaught Place. 50 students turned up for this event and the event was well received and collected feedback from some of the participants expressing their happiness and wanted to this an annual affair.



Delhi Chapter Alumni Meet 18th December, 2021



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Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics Mail - Alumni meet - up in Delhi on 18th of December, 2021



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Alumni meet - up in Delhi on 18th of December, 2021

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Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 12:51 PM

Dear Ma'am,

On the 18th of December, 2021, we had organized an alumni meet-up in Delhi, at BBQ Nation, connaught Place. Exactly fifty students turned up for the event, and their information is available with us. Hemangi has the relevant data, and she will reply to this email with the necessary attachment.
From GIPE's side, Dr. Asawa, Dr. More and myself were in attendance. The event was well received, and we have feedback from some of the participants expressing their happiness that such an event took place, and trying to make it an annual affair.

Regards,
Ashish Kulkarni
EconForEverybody

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Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 4:34 AM

Hello Dr Ashish,
Congratulations to you, Dr. Asawa and Dr. Hemangi for successfully conducting the alumni event!
Also, many thanks for documenting and sharing the report!

Regards,
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Jayanti Kajale
Professor and Dean, Outreach Activities
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Regards
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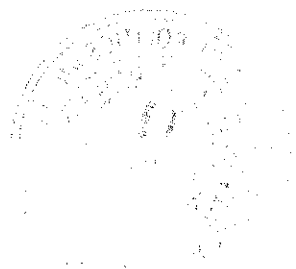
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18th Dec 2021 Alumni meet-up at Delhi of GIPE Pune



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Economic Inequality in India Over Time With Vidya Mahambare



Vidya Mahambare is an alumna of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune. She is currently a professor at the Great Lakes Institute of Management and the discourse of her session was regarding her ongoing research 'Economic Inequality in India'.

She began by recollecting some fond memories of her time at CIPE. She then conducted polls based on key Principles of Economics to introduce students to the subject of her talk. The questions were based on concepts like trade offs, incentives and price discrimination.

The central question of the research was – What do different regional growth strategies of different states mean for local prosperity and inequality?

Post liberalization, some states focused on manufacturing (Gujarat), while some pushed for high-skilled services (Karnataka). These were classified as Active Leaders. Few states had a hiematically strong manufacturing base

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Alumni Committee Annual Report

Academic Year 2020-21



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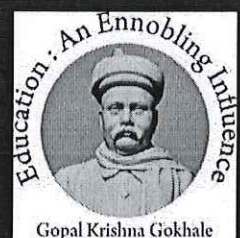
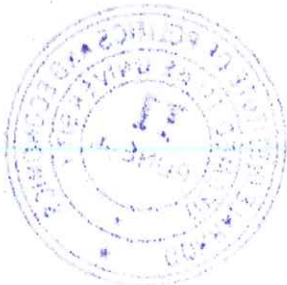


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Members of the Committee

- Prof. Jayanti Kajale, Faculty Coordinator, Alumni Committee
- Dr. Hemangi More, Asst. Faculty Coordinator, Alumni Committee
- Neelanjana Panda, President, Alumni Committee
- Pallavi Khatri, Vice President, Alumni Committee
- Anisha Das, Treasurer, Alumni Committee
- Muskan Gupta, Treasurer, Alumni Committee
- Mahima Chaki, Chief Coordinator, Alumni Committee
- Rithish Divakar, Chief Coordinator, Alumni Committee
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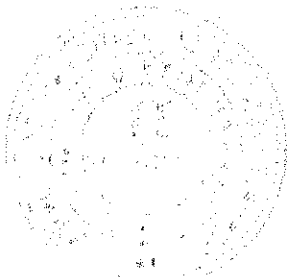
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- Kartik Mittal
- Komal Phutane
- Kriti Marwah
- Mahi Rajawat
- Pranita Thakur
- Samiksha Chopra
- Smit Veer
- Soumya Prakash
- Twinkle Karnawat
- Vidhi Anam



About the Alumni Committee

Creating an engaged, supportive alumni network is crucial to an institution's success. The GIPE Alumni committee strives to foster strong bonds between the institute, students and its alumni. The Committee acts as a medium between the existing students and the alums so that they can interact and build a strong network amongst themselves. The Committee conducts various student – alumni sessions where the alums enlighten the students about the practical applications of their learning. Other events like Alumni meets/panel discussions/group discussions are also organised by the committee. The alumni committee tries to maintain a healthy relationship with the strong alumni base the institute has.



Our Mission

- › To re-unite in the nest from where we grew and flew off.
- › To build a strong bridge between students and the alumni through mentor mentee programme, so as introduce present students to the professional world and to make them proactive to face the challenges that may emerge in their career path.
- › To provide job opportunities to fresh bachelors through references of professionals.
- › To conduct orientation and training programs to students on various topics to enhance their skills.
- › To create awareness among students about the scope of their subject in the professional world.
- › To provide a platform for students to develop their qualities.
- › To participate in social welfare activities for social accountability.



Our Activities (2020-21)

- > Interactions with our Alumni
- > Reaching out to the society
- > Mentor - Mentee Programme 2020-22
- > Healthifying Yoga
- > Servants of India Society's 116th Anniversary

Overview of the events

<i>Events</i>	<i>Time Period</i>	<i>No. of attendees</i>
Interactions with Mr. Gyanesh Nanore	16 th April 2021	80
Interactions with Mr. Vipul Gupta	Multiple sessions in the months of April 2021	80-100
HelpNow Fundraiser	26 th April – 1 st May 2021	56 donations
Mentor - Mentee Programme 2020-22	Academic Year 2021-2022	30 mentors, 77 mentees
Healthifying Yoga	20 th June 2021	30
Servants of India Society's 116th Anniversary	12 th June 2021	70-80

Induction Process for the Junior Batch (2020-22)

The new Academic year commenced with the recruitment of new members of batch 2020-22. The process of recruitment involved some team exercises followed by personal interviews. The details of the entire process which concluded on 1st December 2020 are outlined below:

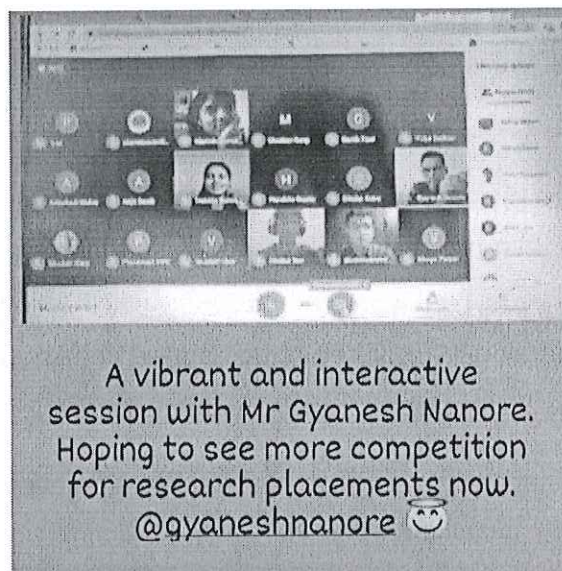
- The Alumni Committee was introduced to the new batch during the interaction session with the juniors, wherein the existing committee members explained to them the way the committee functions and responsibilities of the members of the committee. The committee then released applications for the induction process inviting responses from interested candidates. The form collected personal information as well as some questions to assess why the candidates were interested to join the committee and why they feel they are fit for the role.
- All the interested candidates were called in for a group activity. The purpose of this task was to assess the problem solving and teamwork skills of the candidates. The candidates were divided into a group of four. The following tasks were to be performed by every team. The time limit of the entire task was approximately 36 hours.
- Each group was asked to plan a virtual event and the following tasks were supposed to be covered in detail :
 - A Plan of Action for the event
 - A Budget Statement for the event
 - A Social Media Strategy for the event
 - A Schedule of the event
 - Email Invites for guests and faculty of the event
- After the tasks were submitted, a few teams were shortlisted on the basis of structure of content, articulation and creativity. The shortlisted candidates were interviewed individually, the aim of the interview was to assess whether the candidate is able to generate ideas, possesses organising skills and can work well in a team. Apart from these qualities we also assessed their skills in the particular department for which they applied (Content, Marketing / Digital marketing, Social Media and Database and Public Relations). Having interviewed the shortlisted students, finally 13 students were selected as the new members of the committee from the batch 2020-22.



Interactions with our Alumni

✦ **Mr. Gyanesh Nanore, Research Consultant, Vikas Anvesh Foundation**

As a part of the Alumni Talk lecture series, the GIPE Alumni Committee was extremely delighted to welcome Mr. Gyanesh Nanore as a resource speaker for a session conducted to share his insightful and valuable journey as a researcher in Economics. The session was conducted on 16th April, 2021. Mr. Gyanesh Nanore is an alumnus of the Institute from the batch 2016-18. The principal focus of the session was Primary Research, Project Monitoring and Evaluation and Impact Assessment. Additionally, the students had questions about the career opportunities in the field of research after acquiring a master's degree.

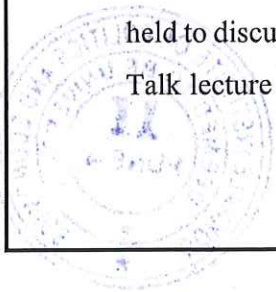


Mr. Nanore provided insights into his professional profile where he described about belonging to an engineering background in the bachelor's and finishing his master's degree from GIPE. He shared about his work experience at Vikas Anvesh Foundation (an initiative of Tata Trusts). He briefed the students about the types of research job profiles offered to them during the placement in the Institute. He provided an elaborate description of the prerequisites looked into, while selecting candidates as prospective employees for a research profile.

Despite the online nature of the session, it was conducted smoothly and without further impediments in the delivery. The session recording was shared with the students who are unable to attend the session. The attendees were thoroughly engaged in the delivery and were able to draw guidance into the field of research and their way forward.

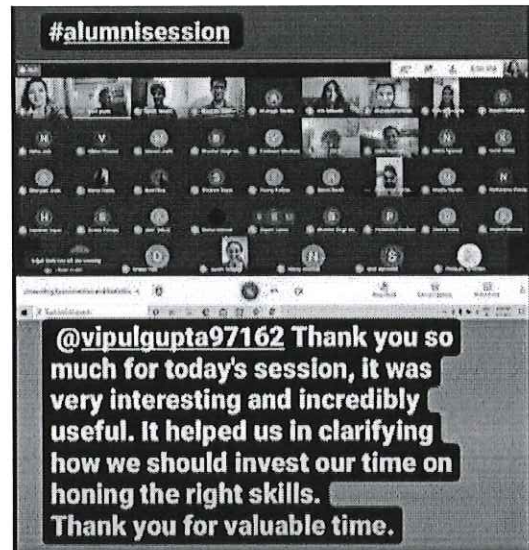
✦ **Mr Vipul Gupta, Consultant, Deloitte**

The GIPE Alumni Committee was ecstatic to invite Mr. Vipul Gupta as a speaker for a session held to discuss his informative and useful journey as an economist scholar as part of the Alumni Talk lecture series. The session took place on May 1st, 2021. Mr. Vipul Gupta is an alumnus



of the Institute from the batch 2017-19. The essence of the session was to establish an understanding of the applications of Statistics and Econometrics in the fields of analytics and research. Furthermore, the session had discussions on the questions asked during interviews in the fields of analytics and research. Career prospects, fields and branches related to Statistics and Econometrics were also explored.

The importance of Econometrics modelling in building a theory and its implementation was explained. Inference from his experience as an analyst, Vipul Sir talked about decision science, a field in which data science and behavioral aspects merge. He stressed upon developing a thorough understanding of the basic concepts in Statistics and Economics which would be crucial in application as a professional. He advised students to adopt a practical approach and develop quantitative aptitude. The session was resourceful and received a very positive response from the attendees.



Reaching out to the Society – HelpNow Fundraiser

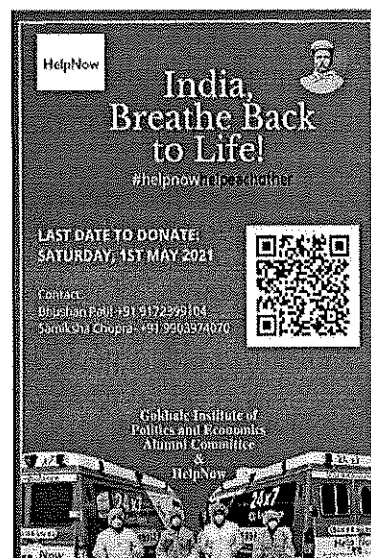
April 2021 witnessed the second wave of COVID-19 infections, placing the health infrastructure around the nation in a precarious position than previous year. NGOs and private organizations demonstrated themselves as potential assistants to help us recover at a quicker pace. The Alumni Committee saw such potential in HelpNow, an initiative of the IIT-Bombay and AIIMS Alumnus.

HelpNow is dedicated towards providing safe and quick ambulance services to the needy patients in the cities of Bengaluru, Delhi, Mumbai and Pune. During the pandemic, HelpNow has ramped up efforts to aid COVID-19 patients.

GIPE Alumni Committee organized a fundraiser for HelpNow as we believed it would lend support to the organization when it was highly needed. The Committee launched a crowdfunding initiative where everyone from the GIPE community as well as outsiders could be contributors to the cause.

The Committee circulated Google Forms amongst the entire GIPE family asking them to contribute to the cause. We also spread the word through platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. The funds were raised with the help of a reliable crowdfunding platform 'Ketto'. The platform allowed us to receive donations in INR as well as in foreign currencies, such as GBP & USD.

The Committee raised Rs. 1,38,400 from 56 donors in a week-long campaign starting from April 26th and concluding on May 1st, 2021. We are happy to report that we not only received donations from our Alums but also received donations from people outside our Alumnus. The most generous donation was of \$200 made by Bhumika Dhotre, an alumnus of our

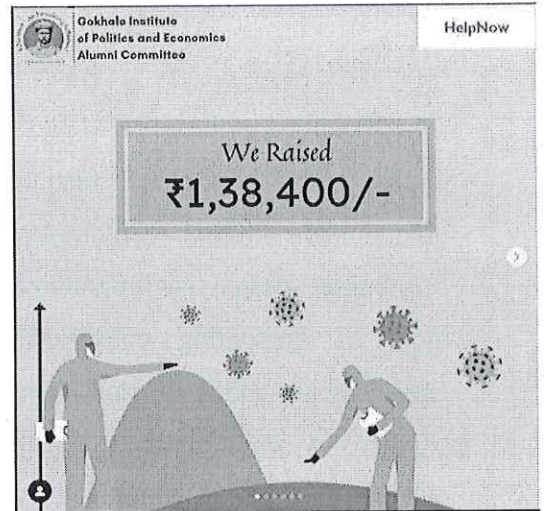


institution. The Committee believed in donating in kind from the amount collected, which was used to buy health essentials such as:

1. N95 Masks (216 pieces)
2. Latex hand gloves (50 boxes)
3. Bedsheets (501 pieces)
4. PPE kits (454 pieces)
5. Hand sanitizer (40 pieces)

These essentials reached HelpNow on May 11th, 2021.

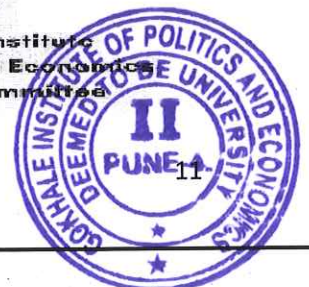
HelpNow and the GIPE Alumni Committee are extraordinarily grateful to the donors. Their belief in our cause enabled us to lend a helpful hand. The fight against this crisis is not possible without such overwhelming support.



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Mentor - Mentee Programme 2020-22

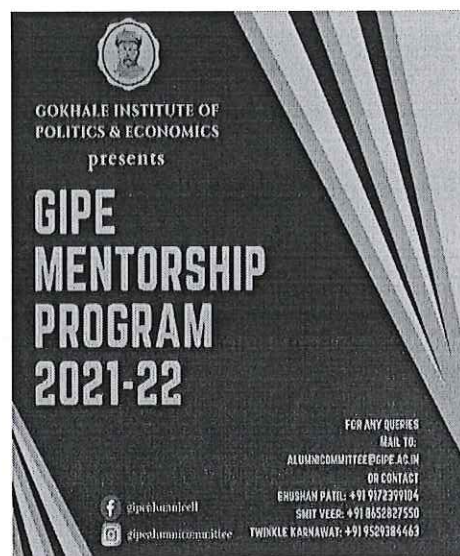
The 3rd edition of the GIPE Mentorship Program was organized by the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics Alumni Committee. The Alumni Committee created this programme with the primary goal of facilitating constructive and pleasant engagement, guidance, and mentorship of junior students by senior students. This programme began at GIPE and has now completed 3 years successfully.

A designated mentoring committee is in charge of matching mentees with mentors. The committee looked over the mentors' profiles as well as the mentees' coaching goals and established matches based on areas for growth, mentor strengths, overall experience, skill set, and goals.

Respondents frequently highlighted common areas of interest, mentor areas of knowledge and experience, mentee competency areas, and project topic areas when questioned about the mentor-mentee match. However, all mentees and mentors discussed personal compatibility and connection, which appeared to be crucial for the mentor-mentee collaboration's overall effectiveness.

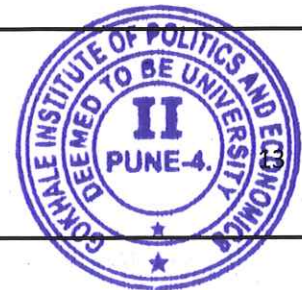
An esteemed group of mentors from various areas participated in the Mentorship Program this year. Research, business consultancy, banking, and data science were among the mentors' primary fields of work.

This year a total of 33 mentors and 77 mentees participated in the programme. Following were the reputed alumni mentors as part of the Mentorship Programme 2021



<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Profile</u>
Abhishek Tupe	Project Manager, IQVIA
Abodh Kumar	Assistant Professor, Central University of South Bihar
Ajay Sharma	Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management Indore

Ajaykumar C P	Sr. Associate, Intellectap
AmeyaGopichand Desai	Founder, Grow Investments
Amni Chandi	Global Forecasting Manager, Novo Nordisk
Anand Philip Kurian	Assistant Manager (Strategy & Planning), Bank of Baroda (BoB)
Ankita Bahadure	Business Development Manager, Anujit Agro Pvt. Ltd.
Anuja Kulkarni	Data Analyst, Eaton Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
Anuja Suhasini Bajaj	PhD candidate and Doctoral Tutor, University of Sussex
Aparna Jhajharia	Commercial - Digital Trade Architecture, Proxtera
Arunima Paul	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Auburn university
Ashish Gupta	Junior Project Officer, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
Astha Funda	Senior Analyst, CRISIL
Bhupendar	AVP, Barclays
Deepanshi Bhardwaj	PhD, University College London
Dr. Anjali Sane	Associate Dean, MIT World Peace University
Gyanesh Nanore	Research Consultant, Vikasanvesh Foundation
Haripandit	Assistant Professor, Abasaheb garware college
Litul Baruah	Program Manager, Laudes Foundation
Nikita Dhameja	Network planning Analyst, United Airlines
Nitya Chutani	Assistant Professor, SGGSCC, University of Delhi
Rahul Khatuja	Data Scientist, United Health Group
Samiksha Agarwal	Research Analyst, Crisil
Shatakshi Bhargava	Assistant Manager, Publicis Media
Shreya Bhattacharya	Economist, Amazon
Smriti Bhargava	Assistant Professor, Wofford College
Sneha Joshi	Associate Fund Manager, Quantum Asset Management Company Pvt Ltd
Vardhan Bhatia	Chief Controller – Economist, Department of Finance Abu Dhabi
Vipul Gupta	Consultant, Deloitte USI
Zuber Ahmed	Academic Associate, IIM Bangalore



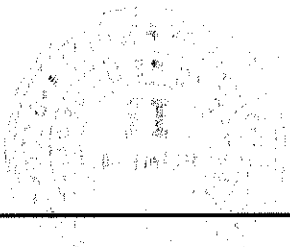
Our mentor pool's diverse experience benefited current students immensely by providing guidance in a wide range of mentee interests.

The initiative also aims to provide a platform for alumni to communicate with the current class of scholars and learn about their interests. The mentors were generally pleased with their correspondence and saw significant potential for future communication. Mentors indicated that the most common channels of communication were emails, phone calls, video calls and that the mentees had specific goals for their expectations from the programme.

The mentees reported that their Mentors were able to provide them with essential insights and assist them to critically think through their professional path choices. The curriculum also helped mentees break down their skills and experiences, allowing them to pinpoint their key strengths and weaknesses.

A fluid means of communication was offered by constant communication and flexibility in accordance with individual mentor-mentee comfort levels. The programme was also successful in giving mentees the opportunity to seek out opportunities and academic resources from their mentors, as well as offering information on doctoral studies in the country and overseas. The overall goals from the programme were met on both sides, according to the evaluation of mentor and mentee input.

It was also noted that the Code of Conduct for both mentors and mentees can be improved to clarify the ideal plans and expectations from the programme. For the academic year 2021-22, the Alumni Committee seeks to evaluate all responses and improve the Mentorship experience for future Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics batches.



Health and Yoga Go Hand-in-Hand

“The nature of yoga is to shine the light of awareness into the darkest corners of the body.” — Jason Crandell

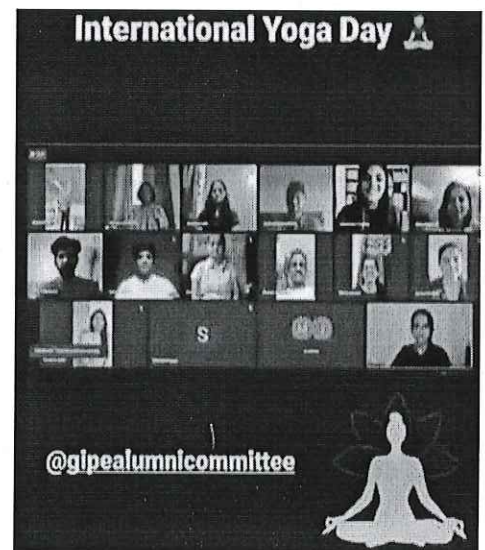
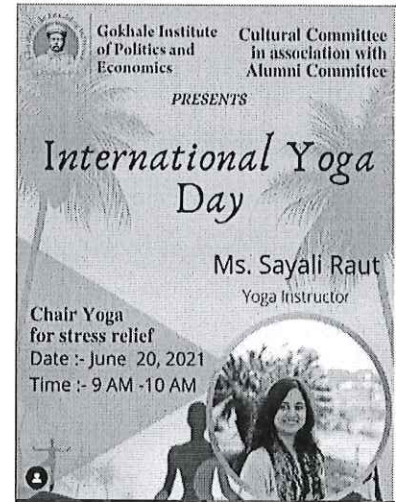
The ongoing global pandemic has confined our lives to a tactile screen in order to connect with the world. Our brain is constantly engaged in endless thoughts and never rests in tranquility. This has posed new challenges with increasing stress levels. Our ancient heritage provided us the science of yoga, which has been proved as an ailment and a catalyst to advancing psychosomatic development.

The Cultural Committee and Alumni Committee jointly celebrated The International Yoga Day by organizing a session on 20th June, 2021.

Around 30 participants attended the session along with the Institute staff. The guest for the session was Ms. Sayali Raut, who is a Yoga Instructor. The objective of the session was to learn ‘Chair Yoga for Stress Relief’.

The session commenced with breathing exercises and the prarthanaa “Om Shanti, Shanti Om” followed by lung capacity exercises for stress relief. Later, couple of hand exercises were performed along with back and eye exercises. All the exercises were done on a chair. Participants were asked to switch on their cameras throughout the session.

The session was quite de-stressing and lasted for approximately one hour.



Servants of India Society's 116th Anniversary

The Servants of India Society is the organisation behind the establishment of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, and this June 12th marked the 115th anniversary of the SIS. SIS was formed by Hon'ble Gopal Krishna Gokhale in 1905. Students from the Institute were quite enthusiastic to know about the Society and its activities in recent years.

The GIPE Alumni Committee organized an interactive session with Mr. Milind Deshmukh, the Secretary, SIS Pune. We thank our Librarian Prof. Nanaji Shewale for helping us establish link with Mr. Deshmukh.

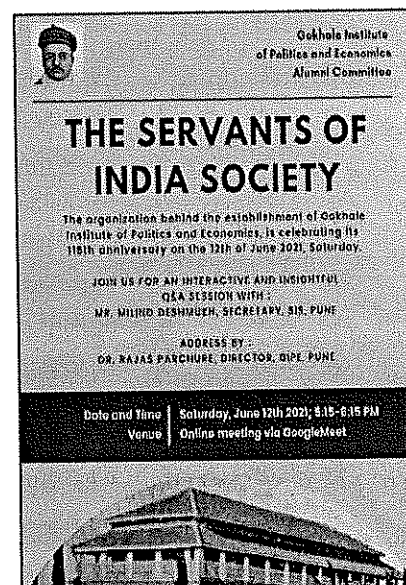
The session was conducted on 12th June. It started off with the introduction of the SIS and the dignitaries, Mr. Milind Deshmukh, Secretary of SIS Pune, Dr. Rajas Parchure, Director of the Institute and Mr. Harsh Doshi, and our alumnus.

Mr. Milind Deshmukh was admitted to the society on the 12th of June 1990.

He works for child health and reproductive health in and around Pune. He also works in family counselling centres in backward areas. He helps children in acquiring admissions to school.

Mr. Harsh Doshi, the host of the session, interacted with the delegates and posed some questions to them. The questions focused mainly on the significance of the Society since its establishment and its works in current times.

Mr Harsh Doshi posed the following questions to Mr Milind Deshmukh in this interview –



1. How did you happen to join SIS? What motivated you to be a part of the Society?
2. What has been your role as a member of SIS?
3. What has been the focus of SIS over the past few years? How has SIS been able to contribute to COVID-19 relief?
4. 115 years after its establishment, how does SIS maintain its relevance today? What are the major challenges faced by the Society?
5. What can students learn from the life of Gopal Krishna Gokhale?
6. How can students contribute to SIS's efforts?
7. We also want to know the number of SIS members throughout India, and other than the annual report of SIS, are there other documents/works published by the Society?

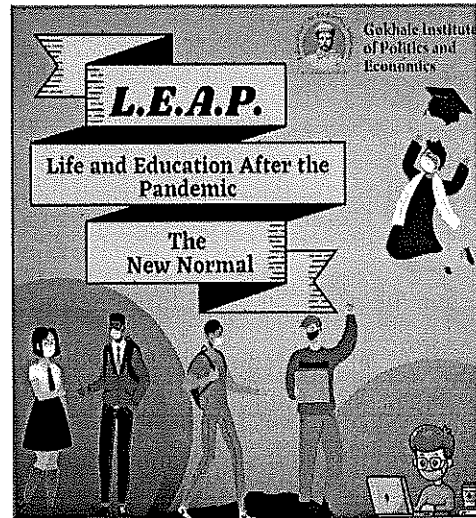
Later, the platform was open for questions from the attendees for 15 minutes maximum. This Q&A session was also monitored by Mr Harsh Doshi. Lastly, a thank you note was delivered by one of the members of the Alumni Committee. The audience for the event was the GIPE faculty, alumni and students of the Institute.

The objective of the event was to instil knowledge of and make our GIPE Community aware about the Society behind the establishment of our Institute from this event.



The 'New Normal'

The global pandemic of the novel coronavirus led to the world being summoned to a tactile screen. Exchange of ideas and growth of interpersonal and professional relationships leading to networking, became increasingly difficult due to the virtual medium of communication. While idea incubation, conceptualization and execution of revolutionary ideas was brought about sans personal human contact in this new way of living, the Alumni Committee of GIPE wished to bring dynamic stories of individuals via the #NewNormal campaign. Two alumni from the college shared their stories about the pandemic, job situations, personal accomplishments and a perspective change towards life that they experienced; and therefore, connected with the audience through their stories.



Ms. Ashveen Kaur Batra, our first speaker, magnanimously let the audience into her experience through the pandemic. The pandemic having hit during a crucial stage in her life, it surely proved to be a reason to reflect on and pace life while feeling grateful for every moment and interaction. Her story gives us the way towards fostering gratitude for the people and learnings in our life. Mr. Akshay Khurana let us receive insights into the heightened problem during the pandemic, employment. While among the many losses of the pandemic remained crash of medical infrastructure and poverty, loss of employment and lack of means to earn a living has been a global concern. Mr. Akshay was kind enough to share his experiences with more focus on his work life and how he dealt with being equally productive and effective, while working virtually from home. His story helps us draw inspiration to be determined and passionate about our goals which eventually helps us be relentless in our efforts.

The intent of the committee was to unveil stories of individuals hailing from different thought processes and how every person could commonly connect to these stories and infer positivity despite these trying times.

Acknowledgement

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Jayanti Kajale, Faculty Coordinator, Alumni Committee and Dr. Hemangi More, Asst. Faculty Coordinator, Alumni Committee for guiding the Committee members and supporting our endeavours, despite being in the middle of a global pandemic. The team experience was enriched with abundance of learning and virtually interactive sessions.



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Dear Students,

Dr. Sumedh and the team wish to have your feedback on each session. This is the most effective way to take students' opinion in account while teaching and improve the learning outcomes. You are request to give your feedback on each session sincerely.

You would receive the link of the feedback form at the end of the session.

Here is the session for yesterday's session.

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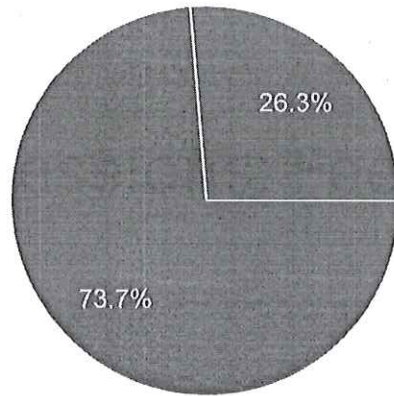
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Publish analytics

You are the student of semester


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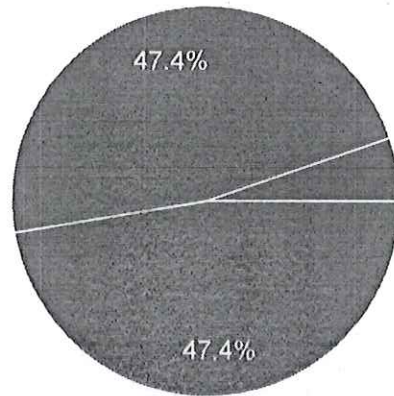


- Semester I
- Semester III

How much time could you attend the demo sessions

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19 responses



- Both the session i.e. entire 3 hours
- Only one session
- Less than 1 hours
- I wanted to but could not attend it

Feedback of demo sessions



Mentions any three key concepts you learned in the demo sessions

7 responses

Satellite survey data
Maximization problem
Theory behind proof

Most of the concepts in maths and stats were from sem one mathematics and statistics

Exponential, derivatives, conversion


Derivative, probability,R

Differentiation, minima-maxima , probability

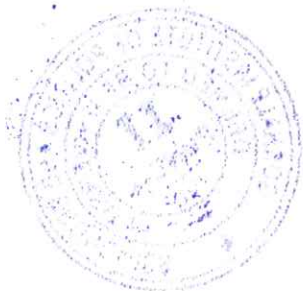
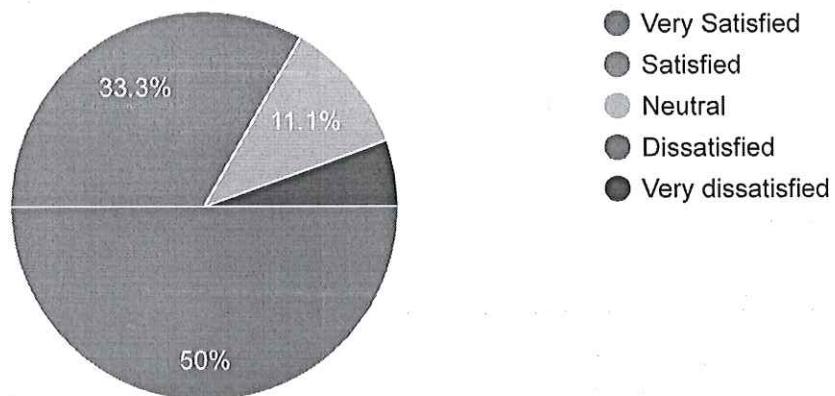
Probability, sets, quadratic equations

Mathematics basic concept.

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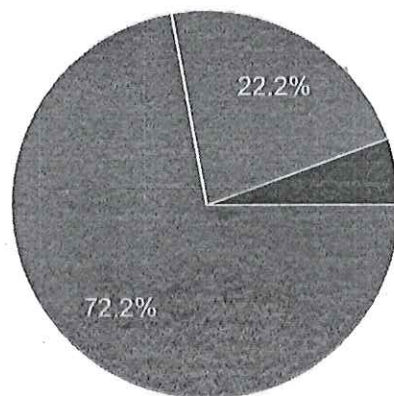
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Ability of the resource person (Dr. Sumedh Dalwai) in explaining the content and addressing the queries

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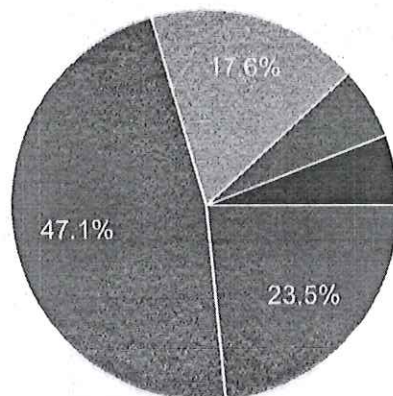


- Excellent
- Good
- Fair enough
- Poor
- Need improvements

Ability of the resource person (Wriju Ghosh) in explaining the content and addressing the queries

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17 responses



- Excellent
- Good
- Fair enough
- Poor
- Need improvements



Three things you like about the sessions

12 responses

Teaching the concept in an easy manner
Interactive way of learning

Patience of Dr Sumedh in dealing with questions, ability to explain the concepts of mathematics and laying emphasis on the conceptual meaning and not just Mechanical solving of problems in the test.

1. Sumedh sir's approach to teach
2. Both sessions were active from both sides

The way Sir explained the concepts, the approach.

It was engaging, interesting and helpful

Approachable faculty, pace according to students

Friendly nature, sir never shouts at students, making a mistake is always good, said by Sumedh sir

Communication, clarity, content

They focused on every student and asked questions of everyone.

Nothing

Covering basics by asking individually and the teachers are doing excellent jobs



Three things which need improvements in the bridge course

9 responses

Will surely share if I realise

Personally I was unable to grasp the data structures discussed in R because I felt that it was being rushed but this could also be because I am a beginner.

1. we can go fast
2. R session can be more understandable

Speed up a bit, if possible

Teaching pace, study resources and activities


All things are good , I will like to suggest wriju sir that go slow ,and start teaching from basic concept

Speed

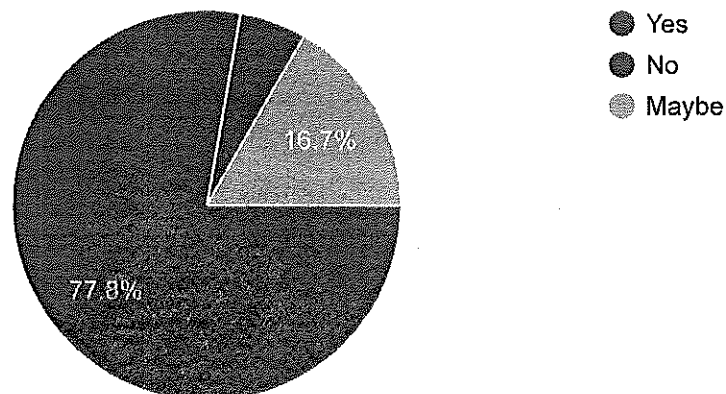
I think this is the best, no need to improvement.

Were teaching too basic

Should we arrange this course again for the upcoming batches of the GIPE?

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18 responses



Non-participants' Feedback

Would you like to share reasons as to why you could not attend any of the sessions? Your answers would remain confidential and would help us better design the course.

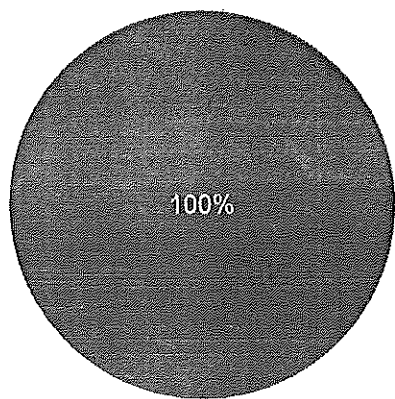
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Due to some important reason.

Should we arrange this course again for the upcoming batches of the GIPE?

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- Yes
- No
- Maybe

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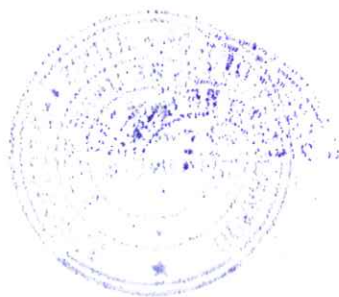
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DR. SUMEDH DALWAI

ECONOMETRICIAN

Sumedh joined University of St Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom as an Associate Lecturer in September 2021. Prior to this, he has taught in various universities including University of Oxford Brookes and University of Exeter. Over the years he has taught many modules including Microeconomics, Mathematics for Economics, Statistics, Econometrics, Development Economics and Survey Methodology. He has also taught finance covering the modules such as Financial markets and Institutions, Corporate Finance and international finance. Sumedh finished his Ph.D. from the University of Exeter in 2019. His research area is empirical development economics and particularly interested in development finance - Microfinance.



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DR. VIBHOR SAXENA

APPLIED ECONOMETRICIAN

Vibhor is a lecturer in the university of St Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom. Over the years he has taught various modules across UK universities; modules including Econometrics, Statistics, Development economics, Development Finance. Vibhor's field of specialisation is development economics, while using applied econometrics on several large datasets (unit level and aggregated). Vibhor is currently working on energy issues in India and Bangladesh and son preference in India and BRICs countries. He is also working on the impact of financial deleveraging on the households in the regions where formal credit markets do not exist.



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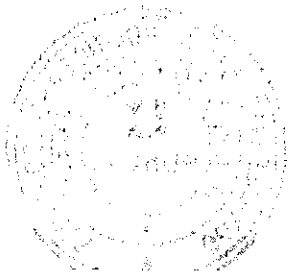
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Thanks and Regards

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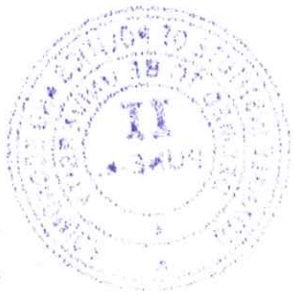
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Dear Ma'am,

On the 18th of December, 2021, we had organized an alumni meet-up in Delhi, at BBQ Nation, Connaught Place. Exactly fifty students turned up for the event, and their information is available with us. Hemangi has the relevant data, and she will reply to this email with the necessary attachment. From GIPE's side, Dr. Asawa, Dr. More and myself were in attendance. The event was well received, and we have feedback from some of the participants expressing their happiness that such an event took place, and trying to make it an annual affair.

Regards,
Ashish Kulkarni
EconForEverybody

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Hello Dr Ashish,
Congratulations to you, Dr. Asawa and Dr. Hemangi for successfully conducting the alumni event!
Also, many thanks for documenting and sharing the report!

Regards,
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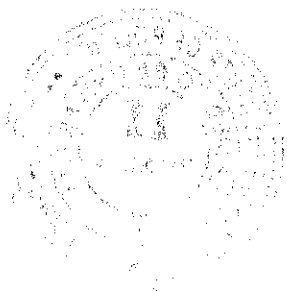
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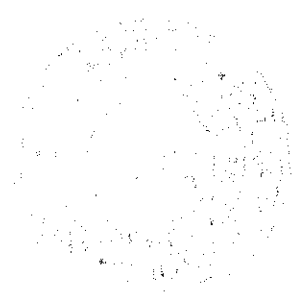


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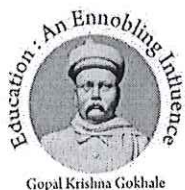


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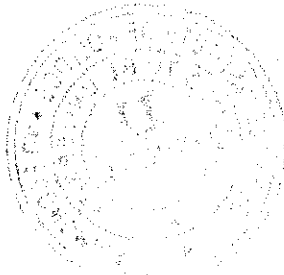


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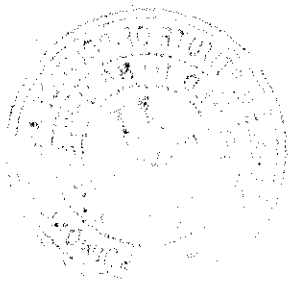
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ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

Creating an engaged, supportive alumni network is crucial to an institution's success. The GIPE Alumni committee strives to foster strong bonds between the institute, students and its alumni. The Committee acts as a medium between the existing students and the alums so that they can interact and build a strong network amongst themselves. The Committee conducts various student - alumni sessions where the alums enlighten the students about the practical applications of their learning. Other events like Alumni meets/panel discussions/group discussions are also organised by the committee. The alumni committee tries to maintain a healthy relationship with the strong alumni base the institute has.



OUR MISSION

- To re-unite in the nest from where we grew and flew off.
- To build a strong bridge between students and the alumni through mentor mentee programme, so as introduce present students to the professional world and to make them proactive to face the challenges that may emerge in their career path.
- To provide job opportunities to fresh bachelors through references of professionals.
- To conduct orientation and training programs to students on various topics to enhance their skills.
- To create awareness among students about the scope of their subject in the professional world.
- To provide a platform for students to develop their qualities.
- To participate in social welfare activities for social accountability.

ACTIVITIES 2019-20

Alumni Interactive Sessions

Reaching Out to the Society

Mentor-Mentee Program

TEDx GIPE & Annual Alumni Meet

Celebrating 90 years of the GIPE legacy



INDUCTION PROCESS FOR THE JUNIOR BATCH (2019-21)

The new Academic year commenced with the recruitment of new members of batch 2019-21. The process of recruitment involved some team exercises followed by personal interviews. The details of the entire process which took place from 10th August to 12th August 2019 are delineated below:

The Alumni Committee was introduced to the new batch during the interaction session with the juniors, wherein the existing committee members explained to them the way the committee functions and responsibilities of the members of the committee. The committee then released applications for the induction process inviting responses from interested candidates. The form collected personal information as well as some questions to assess why the candidates were interested to join the committee and why they feel they are fit for the role. All the interested candidates were called in for a group activity. The purpose of this task was to assess their problem solving and teamwork skills of the candidates. The candidates were divided into a group of three. The following tasks were to be performed by every team. The time limit of the entire task was 1.5 hours.

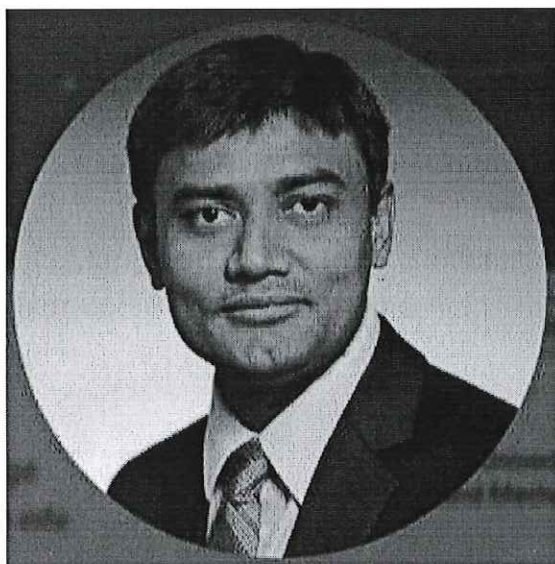
- 1) Interpret the TEDx theme “Intertwining Concepts” in your own words. (Keep in mind that TEDx themes are meant to integrate different broad fields and topics into one. (Word limit 200 words)
- 2) Create a social media post (to be put up on Facebook/ Instagram/ the Alumni Portal) on the session by Mr. Syed Zubair Noqvi, conducted by the committee on 2nd August 2019
- 3) Conceptualize an Alumni event to be organized by the Committee, Try to work out a few details

Once we received all the entries, 7 teams were shortlisted out of 10 teams based on criteria such as structure of content, articulation and creativity. The shortlisted candidates were interviewed individually, the aim of the interview was to assess their whether the candidate is able to generate ideas, possesses organising skills and can work well in a team. Apart from these qualities we also assessed their skills in the particular department for which they applied (Content, Marketing/ Digital marketing, Social Media and Database and Public Relations). Having interviewed the 21 shortlisted students, finally 10 students were selected as the new members of the committee from the batch 2019-21.

INTERACTIVE SESSIONS WITH ALUMNI

It is well known that practical exposure leads to a much deeper understanding of concepts and alumni interactions open doors for students to obtain this understanding. The Alumni Committee organises various interactive sessions, lectures and seminars by the Alumni of the institute to start a dialogue between the Alumni and the current students. These talks are very helpful to students in their career progression and helps them enhance their learning in areas which interest them

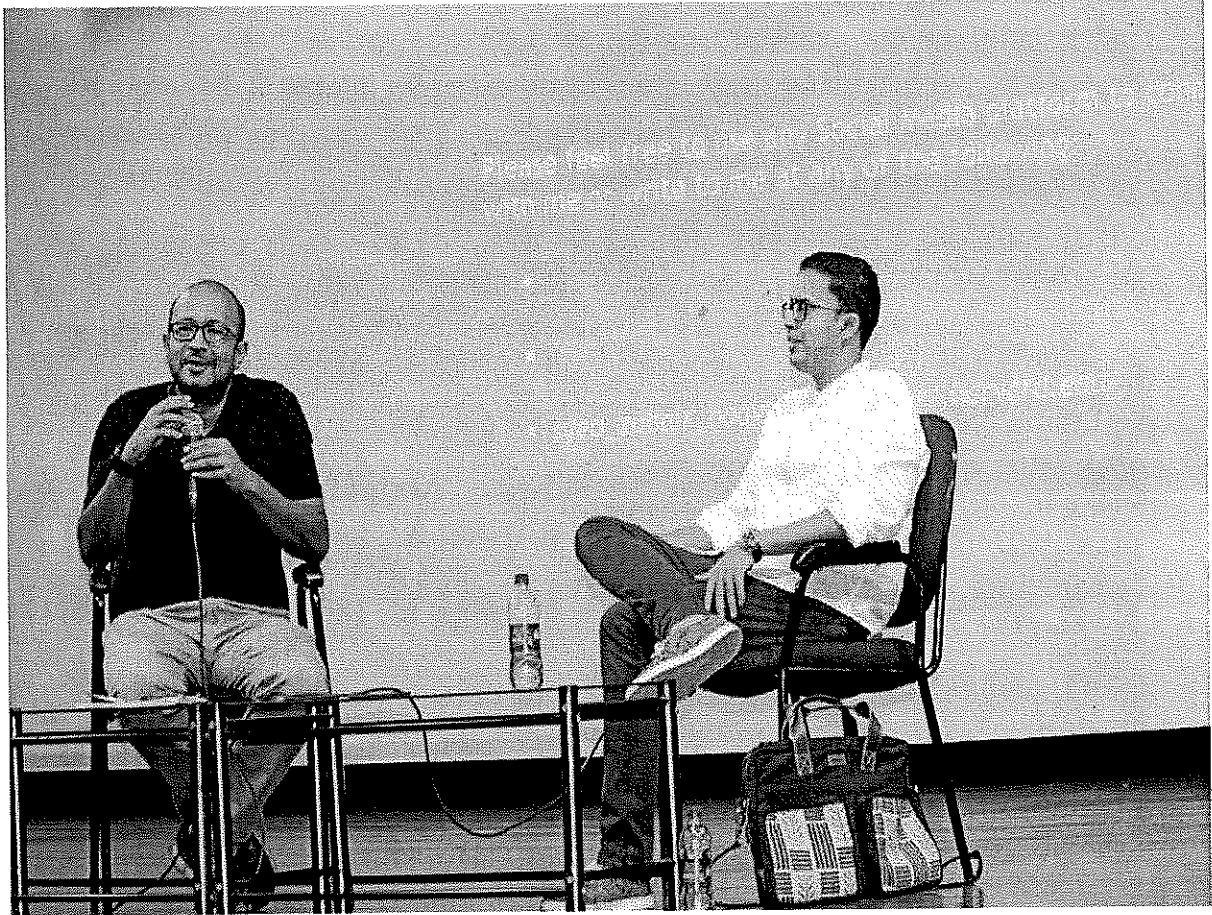
A Session by Mr. Chandan Jha, Associate Professor, Madden School of Business



The Alumni Committee was privileged to interact with Dr. Chandan Jha, Assistant Professor of Finance at the Madden School of Business, Le Moyne College. An alumnus from the class of 2010, he gave us valuable insights into the realm of academia, from his struggles to enter the USA for further studies to the academic and cultural differences. Coming from a small town and an even smaller undergraduate college, Gokhale Institute offered him an avenue for a more challenging curriculum, and to explore his interest in research. This motivated him to continue with his studies at Louisiana State University, USA; which laid the foundations for his academic career in development economics. He further talked about his twist of fate, being a development economist holding a finance position; and how he manages to connect the two in his research. He also describes challenges of getting published, including the types of economic journals, the role of referees and the quality of work done among others. All this was not before recollecting his fond memories of sitting by the banyan tree and the late night table tennis, here at the Gokhale Institute.



A Seminar by Mr. Syed Zubair Noqvi, Deputy Director, Office of Chief Economic Advisor



On 1st August 2019, the academic year for the Alumni Committee commenced with an interactive session between one of Gokhale Institute's eminent alumni IES Mr. Syed Zubair Noqvi and the current students. The event was held in the renowned Kale Hall; a stage which has hosted many illustrious personalities. The event witnessed an enthusiastic audience of the current scholars and faculty members.

Mr. Syed Zubair Noqvi spoke about the beginning of his journey as a student of Economics at Delhi University before joining the Institute to pursue his masters after which he went on to the Indian Economic Services. The students were then acquainted with the different let-downs that the speaker experienced prior to his time at Gokhale Institute.

Scholars learned of how pursuit of a passion, which for the speaker lay in influencing policy changes that had impacts at the grass root level, can aid students to carve a name for themselves despite having minimal conventional academic success.

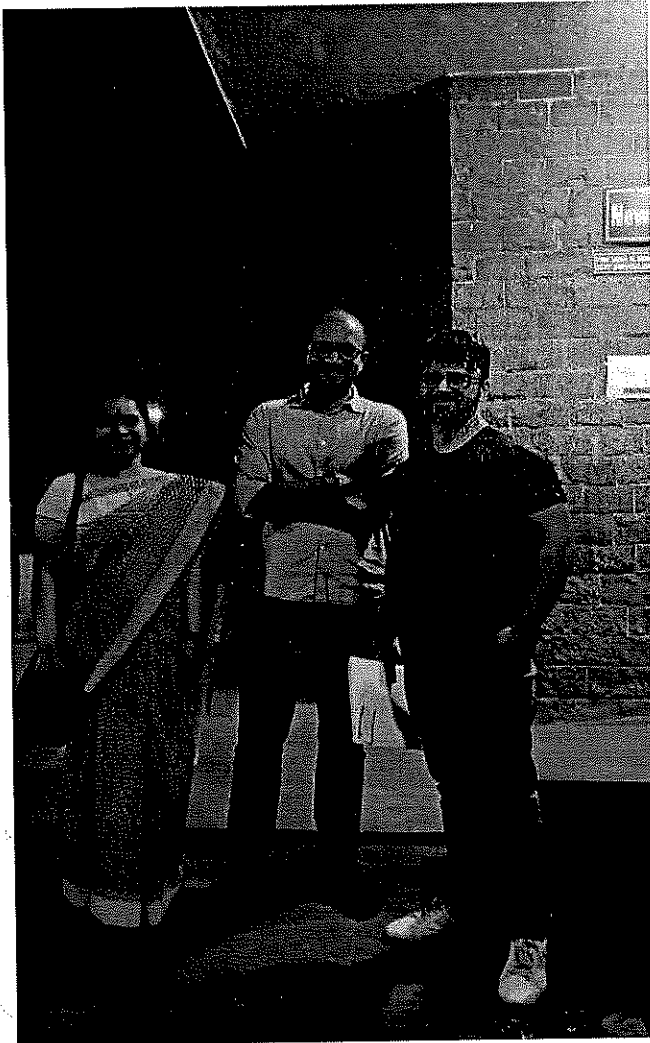
The students then had an opportunity to learn about Mr. Noqvi's body of work as the Deputy Director, Office of Chief Economic Advisor and as part of Team CEA. This included developing exchange programmes for civil servants between India and the UK and also making notable contributions in preparation of four Economic Surveys while working in the Office of the then Chief Economic Advisor Dr. Arvind Subramanian.

After his enlightening address a podcast session was held between Professor Ashish Kulkarni and Mr. Syed Zubair Noqvi during which topics ranging from improvements he wishes to see in the Institute to his views on various economic policies such as Regional Resource Transfers were discussed.

The students went away with a lot of insight into the workings of the Office of Chief Economic Advisor and how efficient introspection can open up new doors for their careers.



Mr. Abhishek Khandpal, Lead Business Analyst, UnitedHealth Group



A successful interactive session was conducted by the Alumni Committee of GIPE on the eve of 19th August, 2019. Mr. Abhishek Kandpal, distinguished alum working in the field of Data Science, (batch 2010-12) was invited to provide an idea to the students about how the corporate world works and how exactly they should prepare to survive in this mad race.

Mr. Abhishek Kandpal, currently working as Lead Business Analyst at UnitedHealth Group, shared a lot of insights regarding the importance of data analysis skills and familiarity with software to do the same.

Students, being scholars of Economics, were also informed of the optimistic prospects that await them in the data science industry which is currently on the rise.

He shared his experience about how learning is a never ending process and how it is pertinent for students to update themselves consistently in both technical and academic aspects. The audience was also advised to utilise LinkedIn website judiciously as it is a rich platform to acquire information about companies. The speaker also helped students to gain practical knowledge about how to frame their curriculum vitae and the corporate interview process.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the session due to its informal and practical nature. It helped students to receive contemporary perspectives from a young professional whose journey began from the same esteemed institution.

REACHING OUT TO THE SOCIETY

Maharashtra Flood Collection Relief Drive



03rd Sep, 2019

To Whomsoever it May Concern

We would like to certify that we have received the following items as donation for families affected by the floods in Pune in August 2019:

- 1) 10 packets of sanitary napkins
- 2) 50 items of clothing, bedsheets, some footwear
- 3) 50 pieces of food items
- 4) Dettol Antiseptic liquid bottles
- 5) Other toiletries

The material was donated to us by "The Alumni Committee of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics "

On behalf of Kashtakari Panchayat, I would like to thank you for your efforts and generosity in your support towards wastepickers.

Sincerely,

Maitreyi Shankar
Executive Director
For Kashtakari Panchayat



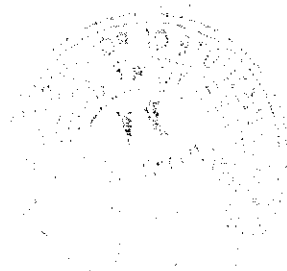
We, the Alumni Committee of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, along with SWaCH, got together to collect relief utilities for Maharashtra flood victims in order to contribute our bit to the rehabilitation of flood victims. SWaCH is an India based NGO, which organises initiatives like, re-cycling old items, awareness programmes concerning cleanliness and disposal of e-waste. It is India's first wholly owned cooperative of self-employed. The contributions were sent to the Kashtakari Panchayat to help with the rehabilitation of waste pickers.

The state of Maharashtra drowned in despair when torrential rain and floods hit several of its districts. Over 1.32 lakh people were displaced from the districts of Kolhapur, Sangli, and Satara following the incessant rains. Dams had overflowed and over 4 lakh crops were destroyed.

This deluge left the people of Maharashtra damaged and helpless. The collection drive initiative started on the 24th of August, 2019, by putting up a collection box in the central area of the GIPE hostel mess. The students came forward and contributed items including :

- **Packed food items**
- **Clothes**
- **Sanitary napkins**
- **Home utilities**
- **Toiletries**
- **Glucose packs**
- **Shoes and Chappals**
- **Blankets**

The concern was overwhelming and it was a proud moment for the students to hand over the items and unite for this noble cause. Through this venture, we learned that no matter how small, every contribution from the heart matters.



Margika Workshop

MARGIKA, a Hyderabad based NGO devoted to the needs of special children and their all round development organised a day long workshop on July 28, 2019 for the parents and trainers of such children in collaboration with the Institute. Dr. Neena Rao, founder and CEO of MARGIKA and a past student of the Institute, held an interactive training session for around 60 parents/ trainers of special children. The workshop highlighted the need for sustainable holistic advancement of children with special need and to bring them forward to the mainstream. Dr. Neena Rao has been working towards this cause since 2015 in terms of training, educators, and teachers, parents across Telangana, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The Alumni committee completely resonates with Margika's ideology and looks forward to many more joint activities with Margika.



INITIATIVES BY THE ALUMNI COMMITTEE:

MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAMME 2019 - 2020

The Alumni Committee of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics organized the 2nd edition of GIPE Mentorship Programme. This programme was initiated by the Alumni Committee, with the primary objective of enabling constructive and positive interaction, guidance and mentorship of junior students by senior students. This program started at GIPE and has successfully completed two years.

Mentees are matched with mentors by a designated mentoring committee. The committee reviewed the mentors' profiles and the coaching goals sought out by the mentees and made matches based on areas for development, mentor strengths, overall experience, skill set, location and objectives.

When asked about the mentor-mentee match, respondents typically described common areas of interest, mentor areas of expertise and experience, mentee competency areas, and project topic areas. However, all mentees and mentors also talked about personal compatibility and connection, which seemed to be critical for the overall success of the mentor-mentee collaboration.

The Mentorship Programme consisted of an esteemed pool of mentors from varied fields. Primary fields of work of the mentors included research consultancy, corporate consultancy, banking and data science.

Following were the reputed alumni mentors as part of the Mentorship Programme 2020 –

Akash Doifode	Economist, Zdaly
Harsh Doshi	Consultant –Inclusive Markets and Impact Investments, PwC
Naveen Sharma	Head of Fixed Income, Canara HSBC Life Insurance
Gyanesh Nanore	Research Consultant, Vikasanvesh Foundation
Ashish Gupta	Consultant, Ministry of Rural Development
Arushi Chopra	Associate Economic Consultant, EY
Manisha Sachdeva	Economist, Care Ratings
Abhishek Tupe	Manager- Essential Medicine, Clinton Health Access Initiative

The diversified experience of our mentor pool greatly benefitted current students through guidance in equally varied interests of the mentees.

The programme also aimed at creating an avenue for the alumni to correspond with the current batch of scholars and learn of the curiosities of the students. The mentors were generally content with their correspondence and saw great prospect for such communication in the future as well. It was reported by the mentors that the most frequently modes of communication were either through emails or telephonic and found that the mentees had certain plans for their expectations from the programme.

The mentees were also consulted post the academic session for their feedback of the experience in the programme. The mentees reported that their mentors were able to provide them with crucial insights and enabled them to critically think through their decisions regarding their career paths. The programme also aided mentees to break down their abilities and experiences and identify the core of their strengths and weaknesses. The constant communication and flexibility in accordance with individual mentor-mentee comfort provided a fluid means of communication. The programme was also successful in providing mentees with a chance to source opportunities and academic resources from their mentors and even provided insights regarding pursuit of doctoral studies in the country and abroad. Through the assessment of mentor and mentee feedbacks it was concluded that the overall expectations from the programme were met on both sides.

It was also observed that the programme can aim to also train selected mentees in formulating ideal plans and expectations from the programme so as to ensure that there are no gaps in communication due to lack of queries. The Alumni Committee for the academic year 2020-21 aims to take the feedback of all respondents in consideration and enhance the Mentorship experience for the future batches of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics.



THE ALUMNI PORTAL PLATFORM

Gokhale Alumni Portal brings you a world of networking, news, events and learning opportunities. It will give you an easy connects with your alma mater.

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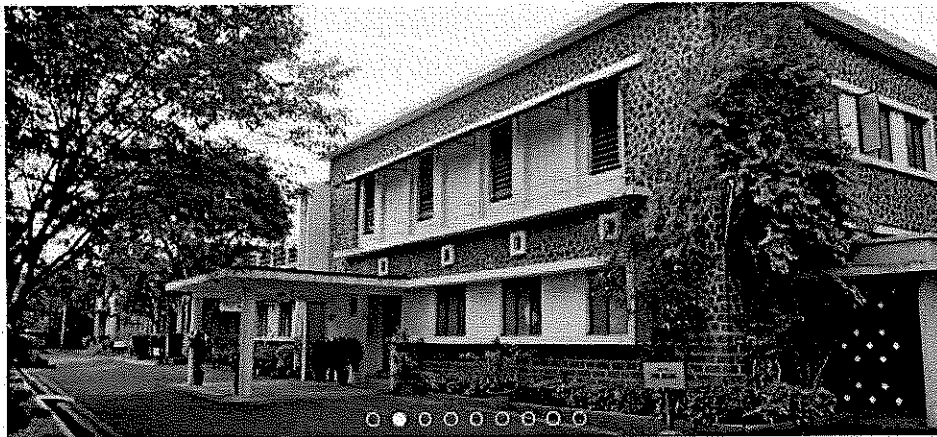
- Give back – by volunteering as a mentor to fellow alumni, and by supporting projects shaping the future of GIPE.
- Latest news from Gokhale
- Participate in alumni events
- Post your views and own material
- Announce job positions in your organisation

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Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, established in 1930 by the Servants of India Society, is the oldest research and training institute in Economics in the country. It is dedicated to research into the socio-economic dimensions of the Indian society, and carries forward the legacy of Gopal Krishna Gokhale who founded the Servants of India Society in 1905 with a view to promote education and develop capabilities among Indians for the governance of the nation after it had attained its political independence. The Institute is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, and the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950. Over the decades, the Institute has established strong credentials in empirical and analytical research, in recognition of its contribution to higher learning and research in Economics, the Institute was awarded the status of Institution Deemed to be University, in 1993.

GIPE Alumni Directory

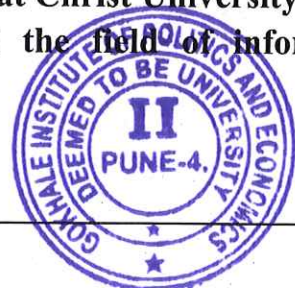
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TEDxGIPE and Annual Alumni Meet 2019-20

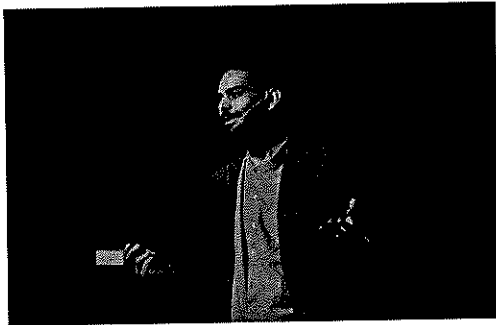
The Alumni Committee of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics ideated and organized the premier edition of TEDx GIPE on the 25th of January 2020. The committee hosted an audience comprising of students, faculty and esteemed alumni of Gokhale Institute. TEDx GIPE was started off with an introductory address of the host of event, Mr. Harsh Doshi. Currently working with PWC Mr. Doshi is an alum of Gokhale Institute from the batch of 2015-17. The host then invited Mr. Mukul Bhatia, who is an internationally acclaimed photographer, visual anthropologist, travel journalist and model. His speech was centered around the quest for happiness and how the nation lacks a sense of peace and contentment. He drew a contrast between other nations and India in this regard and suggested the way forward is to enable the youth and support the change makers. The second speaker of the event was Mr. Anand Gopakumar, a former TFI Fellow. Mr. Gopakumar co-founded the Apprentice Project which gives students from low-income families the exposure and the opportunities to be successful in life. He outlined how the education system has remained stagnant since 1950s till present day. In such a scenario the human capital development has also remained monotonous and predominantly focused on training rather than educating. The next speaker of the day was Dr. Swati Subodh, a scientist, a social-entrepreneur, a writer and a dancer. Her social initiative One Million for One Billion Foundation has received the Counsel Status from the United Nations. She addressed the problem of how currently we are doing more and more in less and less. She explained how the world is becoming increasingly interdisciplinary but we as a society are confining our individual selves to specific philosophies and disciplines. After the address of our third speaker high tea was served to all the guests.

This was followed by a novel performance by Mr. Montry Manuel, the fourth speaker of the evening. Mr. Manuel is a musician and environmentalist who engineers percussion instruments created from waste material. The Thaalavattam project, Mr. Manuel's musical act, has "Reduce, Reuse, Retune" as its motto and aims to create awareness about existing environmental problems faced by our society. The final speaker of the day was Dr. Padmini Ram, Assistant Professor at Christ University and Principle Investigator at CLARE. She explored the field of informal

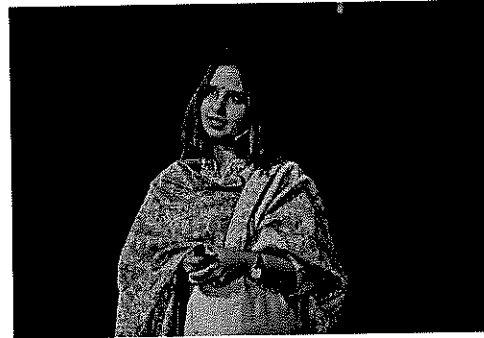


economy explaining how the fine line between formal and informal economy can be bridged with proper training of the workers in the latter. After each address the host posed questions to each of the speakers to get further insights about their field of work. This marked the conclusion of the formal event of TEDx GIPE.

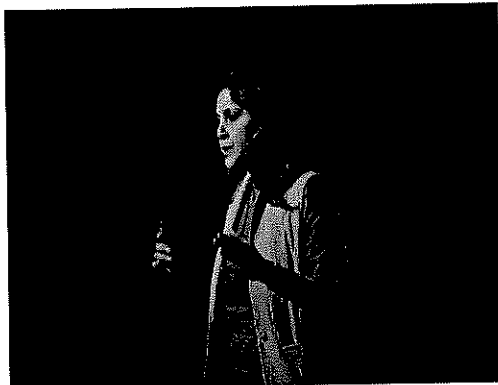
Followed by the addresses in Kale Hall, a cultural evening was organized for all speakers, alumni and audience members under the banyan tree. The banyan tree area was decorated beautifully by the décor committee. The evening witnessed the alumni taking the stage to share their experiences at Gokhale coupled with various performances by the present students of the institute. The wonderful night ended with a delightful dinner hosted by the alumni committee.



Mr. Mukul Bhatia



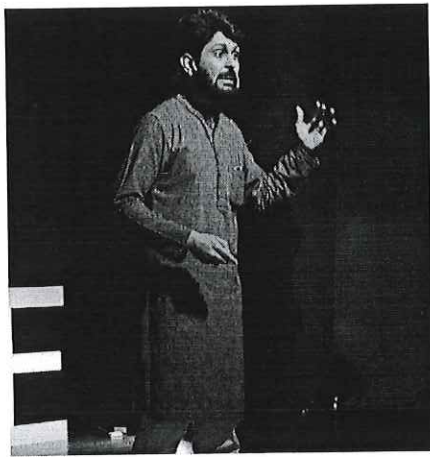
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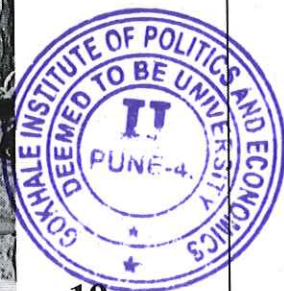
Mr. Montri Manuel



**Mr. Anand
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**Under The Banyan Tree Alumni Meet
2019 – 20**



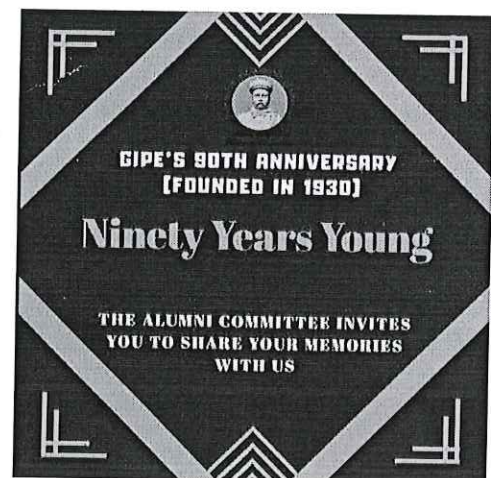
Celebrating 90 years of GIPE –

Alumni Get Together – Visit by two former Directors Prof. Rath and Prof. Chitre



On the auspicious day of 25th December 2019, two former directors of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics – Prof. Rath and Prof. Chitre – visited the Institute. Their august presence drew various other former faculty, alumni and staff to the tranquil shade of the banyan tree, where they shared their profiles and memorable experiences in the Institute. Prof. Rath and Prof. Chitre inaugurated the Heritage Calendar containing rare pictures depicting 90 years of the Institute's history. Both the professors were overwhelmed to see their students becoming experts in their respective fields. When finally, the alumni were dispersing, everybody agreed that they were all feeling 40 years younger!

In lieu of the 90th Anniversary of GIPE, GIPE published a calendar carrying themes drawn from the lustrous history of GIPE. The committee asks the alumni to share their photographs to feature the alumni who have been an integral part of the Institute's journey.

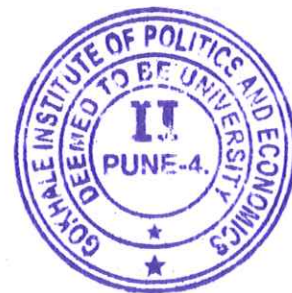


Acknowledgement:-

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Jayashree Watal, our alumni (Batch 1973-75) and Counsellor at the World Trade



Organisation for her generous monetary contribution to her Alma Mater. Contribution made by her and by other alumni will be used to provide scholarships to deserving candidates in the coming years.

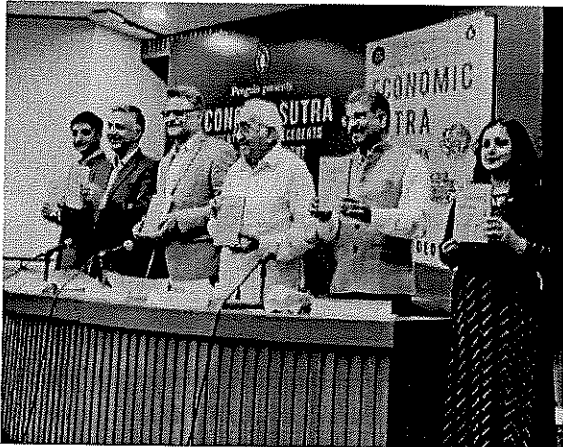


CELEBRATING ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS:



Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics - GIPE has recently received first democracy award from The Hon. Vice-President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu & in the presence of Chief Minister of Maharashtra Hon. Shri. Devendra Fadnavis

A proud moment for our institute as our alum, Professor Satish Y.



Deodhar's book 'Economic sutra: Ancient Indian Antecedents to economic thought' gets published by penguin random house (PRH). Our heartiest congratulations to him. Professor Satish Deodhar is the author of the bestselling book 'Day to Day Economics'. He teaches Economics at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. PRH had organized the book launch in India International Centre, Delhi. Among

others Mr. Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Advisor to Finance Ministry and Dr. Kirit Parekh had graced the occasion. Economic sutra provides a comprehensive perspective on the elements of Indian economic thought leading upto and after the Arthashastra. Economic sutra highlights the broader spread of economic ideas both prior to and sometime after Kautilya, giving insights into the purpose, actions and vision of our forefathers.

Gokhale institute of politics and economics is proud to announce that HCL developments awarded GIPE alumni Sujana Krishnamoorthy's UTMT for environment. Ms. Sujana Krishnamoorthy and her team worked on honey hunting to save one of the most important being of our planet -



"the bee". They are working with tribals in bee keeping improving the local bio-diversity and agriculture harvests through better pollination and improved over all livelihoods.

It gives us immense pride to announce that our alumni Mr Abhijit Bangar from 2003- 05 Batch on received the Arun Bongirwar Memorial Public Services Excellence Award - 2019.



The Arun Bongirwar Memorial Public Services Excellence Award was presented by chief minister Devendra Fadnavis recently to Mr Abhijit Bangar, in the IAS category for his work in the areas of poverty,

malnutrition, high infant death rates and school dropouts issues among tribal population in Nagpur. Also, he innovatively applied use of solar energy to double the cropping intensity for tribal farmers of the district.

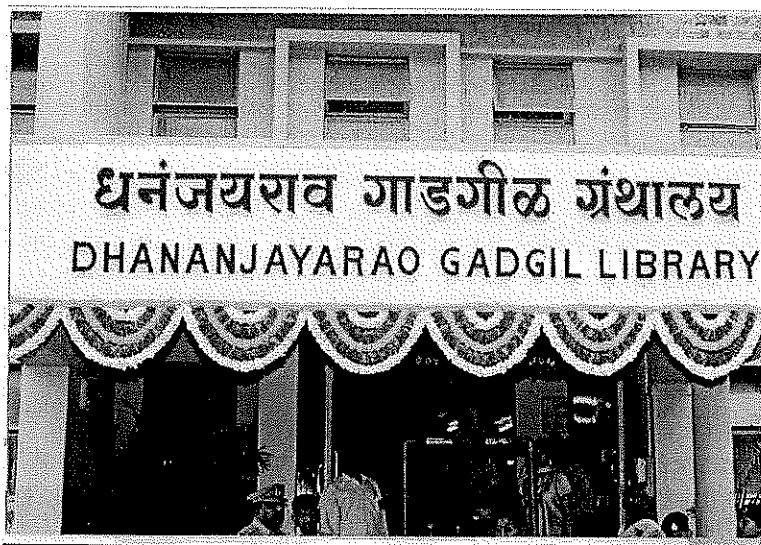
Mr Abhijit Bangar is currently serving as the Municipal Commissioner of Nagpur Municipal Corporation.

He has also received Best Collector award by the Government of Maharashtra in 16-17, while at Palghar.



TREASURE TROVE OF GOKHALE features of a trove of experiences that are a part of the stimulating Gokhale journey. Every year we feature people and places that have contributed to enhancing our experience at GIPE campus.

The Dhananjayarao Gadgil Library – A LEGACY OF ITS OWN



The library of our institute started in 1905 much before the college and is named after Dhananjayarao Gadgil, one the most prominent Indian economists, known famously for being the author of Gadgil Formula and also the founder Director of Gokhale

Institute of Politics and Economics. The library has a collection of over three lakh books and subscribes to over 375 journals. The oldest book in the library, "The works of Famous Nicholas Machiavelli and Secretary of Florence" was published in 1680. You will also find a great collection of old archival records like, the Indian Census reports (starting from the first census of 1872), reports and resolutions of Indian National Congress, India and State Gazetteers; along with several international publications of United Nations and its allied agencies in the Library. It is adorned by the complete collection of works on Jawaharlal Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, Karl Max, and Abraham Lincoln among other eminent personalities along with a rare collection of old British Parliamentary Papers of 18th and 19th centuries and Proceedings of Legislatures in India, both Central and States, including that of provincial states. From Reports and resolutions of Indian National Congress to Union budget rights, the library has everything.

In addition to books and journals, a great consideration is given to the quality and content, while prices being coincidental to these decisions. The library subscribes to some of the most expensive journals in Economics; for example, the annual subscription of Journal of Economic Behaviour and Organisation is more than one and half lakh rupees and what is amazing about the library is that any person with a membership can have access to these journals which would otherwise have been out of their reach. Keeping pace with the time, the library initiated its automation process in the late 1990s, much ahead of many other university libraries. It is also one of the first university libraries in India to provide an online catalogue accessible to all across the globe.

Digitization of books to set up a Digital Library has also been undertaken, to make full text of either digital or born digital documents available through the web. The Dhananjayarao Gadgil Library holds a special place in the hearts of all Gokhalites as it connects us to the very roots of the Institution.

Mr. Santosh Thapa - The ever smiling chef



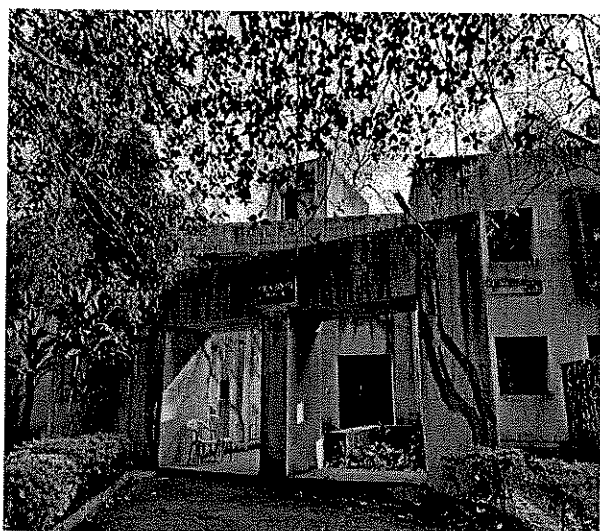
“I am always smiling because I never want to be upset or angry around the kids.” These are the words of Santosh Thappa who is endearingly known as Santosh Bhaiya by the residents of the Gokhale Institute Hostels. Hailing from Nepal he has been living in Pune since the year 2003 and has worked in many institutes before taking charge of the Hostel Mess of Gokhale Institute hostels in June of 2010. “An uncle of mine used to work here in Pune. He is the one who got me here just like an elder of his got him a job out here. I too

have now gotten some of the boys from my hometown to work with me. It is a sense of responsibility both to take care of them and to take care of the various needs of all the different students here. But it feels like family, be it the laughter I share with my staff or the light moments during every meal with the students of the hostel.” Santosh Bhaiya has since become an integral part of life for all students residing in the hostels. His perennial smile and relentless compassion is a constant source of homely love that enhances the beauty of the hostel life. He also fondly talks of the family he



has back home, “I do miss home but I cannot always go back often. I find it more useful to stay here work and earn and go home for a longer period of time. But things are good back home. I have built a new house down in the city and my family lives there now instead of on the hills. My wife is able to be with the kids a lot more and the kids have a lot more to do in the city. I feel content knowing that”, the familiar grin lighting up his face. Santosh Bhaiya’s story is both inspirational and comforting. He has made great sacrifices to make his family secure and works relentlessly to ensure that the students not only receive homely meals but also the benevolence of an amorous man who is a treasure of kindness and joy indeed.

Girls Hostel, Wing A – A place of comfort



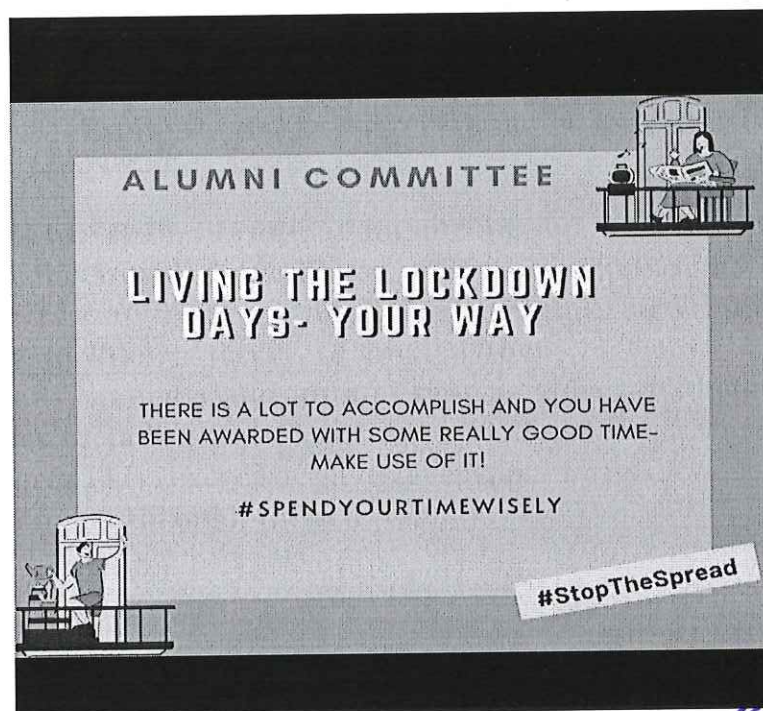
Miles away from the comfort of family, we come to live in a place filled with strangers from all walks of life. Living in a hostel can be daunting but also thrilling. For the students of Gokhale, the Hostel campus is truly a home away from home. Girls Hostel Wing A resides in a corner of the Gokhale campus with an unexceptional design but exciting anecdotes. As you enter the building, you are graced with

what is known as the “hotspot” of all gossip – the stairs. They are the true connector of girls living on two different floors as it is the very spot where late night “did-you-know” talks are held and hosted. If you look a little to the left, you will find the thing that is termed as the “most desirable” by the girls of Wing A – the Washing Machine. Girls wait in line to get their turn with it and amidst that wait, conversations light up and new friendships are formed. As interesting a topic of “best washing powder” is, the prize for the finest ice breaker goes to conversations that happen at 8’o clock in the morning as you wait with your fellow bathroom-mates for the other bathroom-mates to vacate the... bathroom. Another peculiar thing about our dear Wing A is how it is aptly built to prevent the sunlight from gracing our rooms. We have gotten so used to the smell of dampness that when we go back home and find ourselves lying in a perfectly sunlit bedroom, it just doesn’t feel right. Clothes getting dried within a day? Pff, boring! However, girls living on the first floor have a respite in the form of a beautiful balcony/terrace that provides them will all the sunlight they could possibly need for their clothes to dry and also makes for a perfect

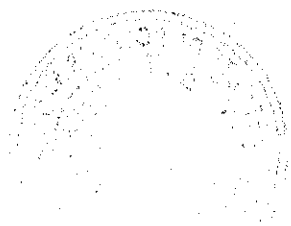
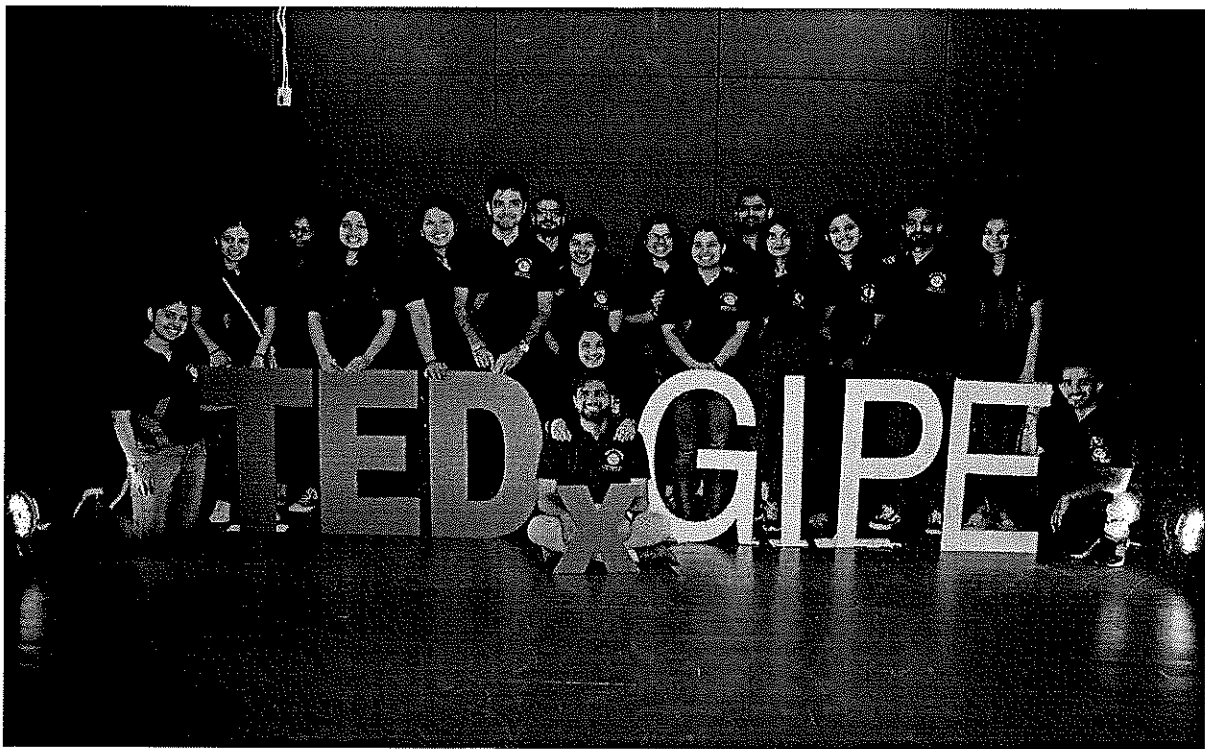
place for the telephonic conversation late at night without worrying about disturbing their roommates. Speaking of roommates, they are the very people who truly know the extent of your laziness and all of your annoying habits but they are also the people who share their clothes, late night snacks and troublesome thoughts with you. So, Wing-A might look like any other nondescript building but its walls are decorated with the stories that were created along the year.

QUARANTINE STORIES

Academic Year 2019-20 came to an abrupt end with the spread of COVID 19 around the world. Nonetheless, many of our students and alumni put their creative hats during this difficult time. In order to engage alumni during the lockdown days, we invited them to send us their lockdown stories. Many students and alumni sent us videos of themselves exploring new hobbies or polishing old ones. We featured these stories on our social media page. This exercise gave everyone a positive boost and some motivation to get through these days.



ALUMNI TEAM 2019-20

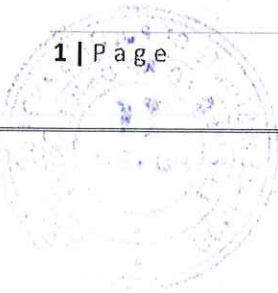


ALUMNI COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
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“The Alumni Committee engages with the Alumni of GIPE located across India and abroad through monthly newsletter and Alumni meets in various cities. The Committee is also facilitating establishment of an Alumni Association, and creation of a fund facilitate scholarships for deserving students.

The Alumni Committee endeavours to keep in constant touch with alumni via various media and innovate ways in which Alumni can be engaged.”



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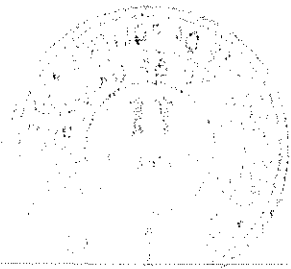
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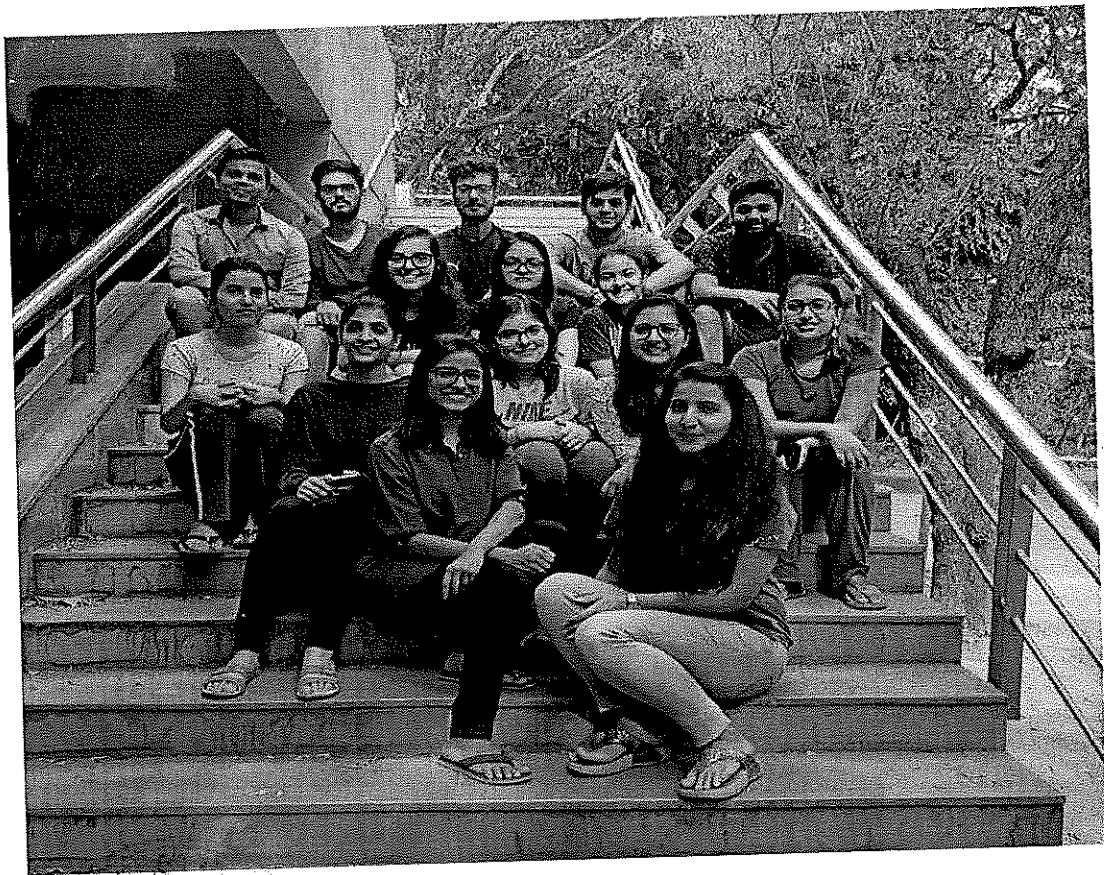
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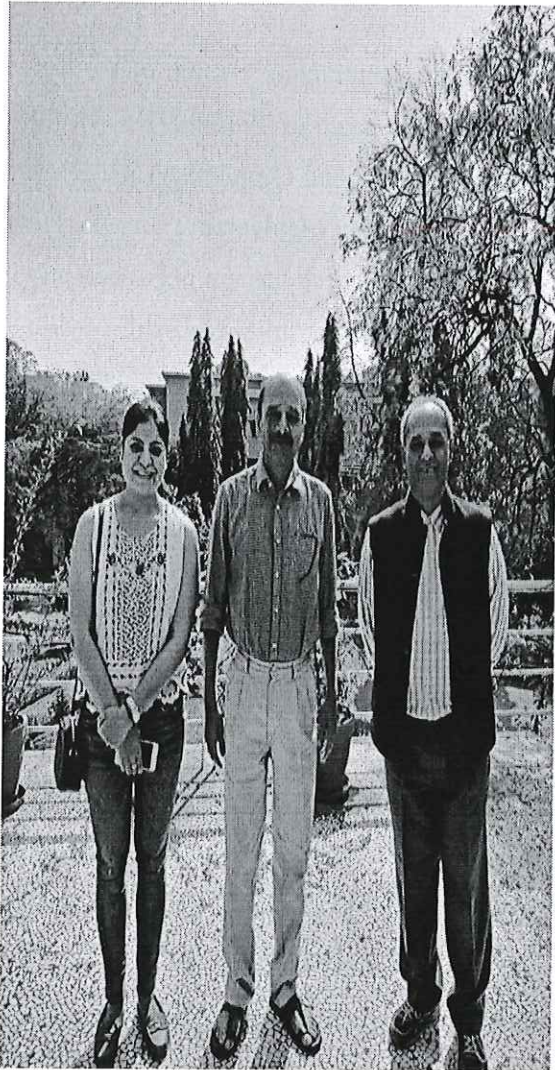
Clear vision, coordination, cooperation, and mutual respect are what truly make a team strong. This team however added the elements of love and surprise and showcased levels of enthusiasm too. Our beloved juniors, we are confident about leaving you all incharge. From being the alumni committee to being the alumni is not going to be an easy transition, but there's no one else we would rather do it with.

As we hand over the charge to our juniors, we hope that the alumni network shows the same level of motivation and enthusiasm as it has over the years.

Love and luck,
Alumni Committee
(2017 - 18)



A. Alumni Interaction and Seminars



Jan 1, 2008: Ms. Shilpi Bhardwaj, an alumnus of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Batch of 2007).

Today we had the great pleasure of interacting with Ms. Shilpi Bhardwaj, an alumnus of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Batch of 2007).

Ms. Bhardwaj spoke to us at length about her domain of expertise as well as a plethora of subjects, some of them being, life in the corporate world, student life in the USA, and applying for a PhD abroad. She also took us down a trip on memory lane when she shared her experiences on campus and hostel life at GIPE.

This session marks a great start to the upcoming year and we hope that we can continue it by hosting our Alumni at the upcoming annual meet at the Institute this year.



II. Prof. Madhu Kalimipalli, an eminent alumnus, with Mrs. Santosh Parmar Vaid from the batch of 1988-90

The Alumni Committee of GIPE held its first Alumni Interaction session of the year with Prof. Madhu Kalimipalli, an eminent alumnus, from the batch of 1988-90. He is a full-time professor of Finance at 'The Lazaridis School of Business and Economics' and Director of Ph.D. and research-based Master's program at Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. He holds a Ph.D. in finance from the University of Houston. His research has not only been published in national but also in internationally acclaimed journals like 'Journal of Financial Economics' and 'Pacific Basin Finance Journal'. The session saw a significant turnout of students who were eager to interact with and learn from a prominent member of the GIPE community.

The focus of the session was to elucidate the prospects of pursuing a Ph.D. abroad and also clarify queries of the students as to how to go about doing the same. He gave the students an insight into the fields currently having more feasible opportunities and elaborated on the "ingredients" for building a strong research profile, among other things, to aid preparation for Ph.D. Some of the "ingredients" that he emphasized on were a strong quantitative background, intuitive understanding, academic writing skills, coding and above all, a persistent attitude towards research work. Lastly, he elaborated upon the essentials of writing a research paper by drawing parallels with his own paper that he briefly presented- such as how to go about choosing a research question and progressing thereon.

The students also had the pleasure of interacting with Mrs. Santosh Parmar Vaid, another alumnus of the same batch. While she recounted some of her own experiences in the field of research, she greatly motivated the audience with her belief in hard work.

It was a wholesome session that saw great enthusiasm on behalf of the students, who had several questions for Prof. Madhu during and post the interaction, to which he responded with equal zeal and effort. The session ended with a vote of thanks given by Prof Jayanti Kajale and tokens of appreciation being given to Prof. Madhu, Mrs. Santosh and also to Ms. Neha Sharma from the batch **** who was present for the session. The knowledge and insights imparted by the Prof. Madhu set the bar high for future sessions to come.



III. 20th September: Batch 1981 & 1982

Nostalgia and old memories were at its peak on the campus on 20th September 2018, when some twinkling stars of Gokhale institute had returned to their Alma mater. Old bonds were renewed as they cherished the memories. The students were in high spirits as they shared their experiences, memories, achievements and future plans.

This process of alumni meeting proceeded with the short interview session with the alumni team 2018-19. The institution always believes that the relationship once established is forever and as such the alumni are forever the part of the institution.

The following alumni from batches 1981 & 1982 had joined us:

1. Bazil Sheikh, Rtd. as Principal CGM, RBI
2. Preeti Mishra, Freelancing (Marketing, Advertising)
3. Ram Gopal K., ILFS
4. Rajiv Anand, IRS, Currently working as a producer in film industry
5. Raj Gopal Kudwa, Rtd as Sen. Executive, ICICI
6. S. Sridhar, Rtd as GM, SBI
7. Swati Saxena, P.hd in U.S. Academician
8. Vijay Mastakar, Finance Executive



IV. 22nd February 2019: Ms. Neeti Katoch and Mr. Nandish Kenia, alumni of (Batch of 2007).

On 22nd February 2019, we had a great pleasure of interacting with Ms. Neeti Katoch and Mr. Nandish Kenia, alumni of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (Batch of 2007). Ms. Neeti Katoch, an MPA in International Development from Harvard University, is a Manager in Strategic Initiatives at TechnoServe. She has worked with the World Bank as a Research Analyst in South Asia for Financial and Private Sector Development for 3 years. Mr. Nandish Kenia, a programme manager at NEERMAN, is an experienced research manager with a demonstrated history of working in sectors like energy, water, and agriculture. Having pursued his double master's in Public Policy Analysis from Tufts University, he is skilled in Data Collection, Public Policy, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and Training.



They spoke to us in length about their domain of expertise, life in the corporate world, student life in the USA, policy management and tips while pursuing a Ph.D. abroad.

Ms. Neeti mentioned how management consultancy has an impact on real-life scenarios and what are the roles of policymaking and policy recommendations.

On the other hand, Mr. Nandish explained how policy analysis is carried out by international organizations like World

Bank, United Nations and International Monetary Fund etc. Also, he narrated how these analyses are taken in use by the consultancy firms.

Moreover, they jointly explained why it is important to gain some work experience as a Research Assistant under regional University professors if any student seeks a future in research.

Lastly, they also took us down a trip on memory lane when they shared their moments as students on campus and hostel life at GIPE.



B.Alumni Spotlight

This is the start of a series on notable achievements our alumni.



Dr. Abodh Kumar (M.A. Economics, 2006-2008)

We are proud to start with Dr. Abodh Kumar (M.A. Economics, 2006-2008)

Last year, Dr. Kumar was selected for the prestigious Ratan Tata fellowship at the London School of Economics. This fellowship is awarded to one student from the SAARC nations each year.

Earlier in 2015, Dr. Kumar received the Most Inspired Teacher award at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. We hope this is just a start for Dr. Kumar and he keeps on shining for many more years with such extraordinary laurels





Mr. Sanjay Jha (MA Economics, 1980-1982)

Our last spotlight has already set the bar very high, to follow up we have another gem from the massive list of our esteemed alumni. This month we have Mr. Sanjay Jha (MA Economics, 1980-1982). After his Post Graduation, Mr. Jha completed his MBA in HR from XLRI, Jamshedpur.

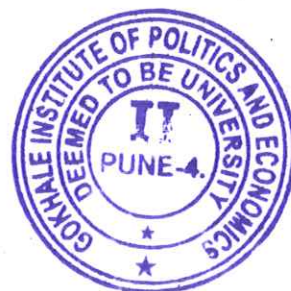
Sanjay Jha is the Executive Director of the world-famous Dale Carnegie Training operations in India, which has a global experience of having worked with over 400 of the Top Fortune 500 companies. Mr. Jha is also the National Spokesperson of the Indian National Congress Party

since 2013 and represents his political party in TV debates and panel discussions. He is the President of All India Professionals Congress, Maharashtra.

He has founded one of the world's leading internet portals called CricketNext.Com which is now part of the Network 18 media Group, owned by Reliance Industries.

Prior to starting Dale Carnegie, Sanjay worked with ITC Threadneedle Asset Management (part of BAT plc, UK), Alliance Capital (New York, USA), Bank of America and ANZ Grindlays Bank.

Sanjay has also written a cricket anthology titled 11—Triumphs, Trials and Turbulence in Indian cricket. Jha has authored a book on leadership called The Superstar Syndrome. This book was launched in August 2013 and featured in the Crossword Bestseller list.



Prof. Gautam Murthy (1979-1985)



DR. GAUTAM MURTHY (1979-1985) is Professor of Economics at the Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India. He has done his PhD on "Trade and Export Instability in the ASEAN Economies" from the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune University. He was also Professor at XLRI, Jamshedpur. He is on the Board of Academic Studies of many Indian Universities, and was the Chairman of the Doctoral Committee for evaluating many PhD theses. He has more than 30 years of teaching and research experience

He shares some of his fond members from the time at GIPE :

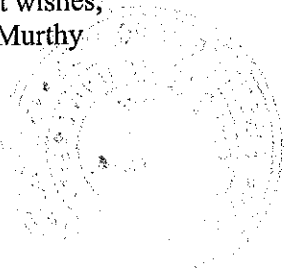
At M.Phil., we were taught by the entire Faculty at GIPE at that time. I particularly liked the Lectures of Prof.B.S.R Rao and Prof. Dasgupta. Prof.V.M Dandekar (the then Director) and Prof.N.Rath, the then Director also taught us. There were people who guided us through the Ph.D. - S.V. Bokil, Prof.B.G.Bapat, Prof.Charan Wadhva, Prof. Bibek Debroy and many other people who are high-profile today were present.

Hostel life was fun, mixed with serious academic discussion. The Mess was a good meeting point, for discussing Hindi Movies at that time, general gup-shup and of course eating food at Krishna Mess (the Mess owner)-barely edible but "digested" in "good company". We celebrated "Ganesh Chaturti" with gusto, and used to travel the night in those 10 days of festivities. We even heard "Bhimsen Joshi" and many other maestros at that time.

I was a member of the Rotaract Club of Pune. I also Acted in Dramas and was the Editor of the GIPE News Letter. I do remember watching the shooting of the Movie "GANDHI" at FERGUSSON College with Sanjay Jha.

I had a Music Cassette cum Radio, and like to listen to Hindi Film Music. My neighbor Dayakar Rao and Satwinder Singh just tolerated it. One Ramgopal was very temperamental (I think he joined RBI) and abused me many a time for playing music "loudly". Prof. Bibek Debroy and many others heard the 1983 Cricket World Cup at the Lords, London which India won on my Radio.

With best wishes,
Gautam Murthy



C. Reminiscence :

Alumni Meet, Pune *****



D. Humans of Gokhale



We've been here together for 40 years now. From the initial years in 1978 to this day when we're about to retire, the journey at GIPE has absolutely been worthwhile. We've learned things here. Every once in a while, we make it a point to visit Roopali, Vaishali and Amrapali together. Not to forget the saree shopping that we do. We're both grandmothers now and talk about almost everything with each other. Also, we've never been a part of any kitty party! Life's good.

Deepti Inamdar

Rohini Kulkarni

I did catch a cycle thief in Delhi, but Pune people are very naive so I don't get to nab people. They walk into the banks with bundles of cash and fear none. My family is back in Etawah. I visit them twice a year.

Thing I love the most about Pune- Weather!

Balram Singh





I've been working here for 10 years. The best thing about the college is the students. I like them all, regardless of their course.

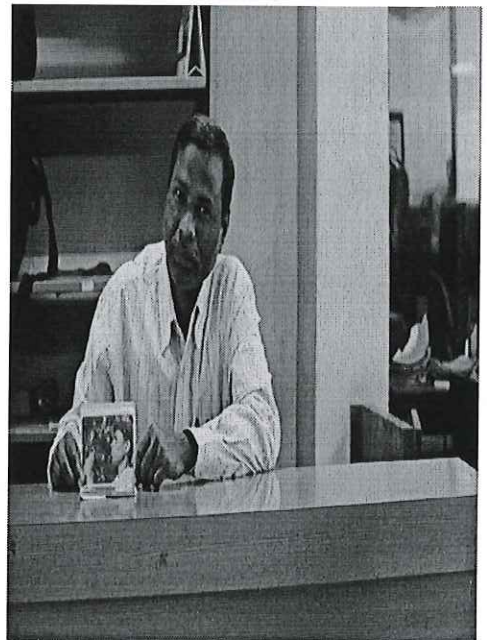
PS- Everyone loved my spike except my dad. A couple of students came around to take my pictures too.

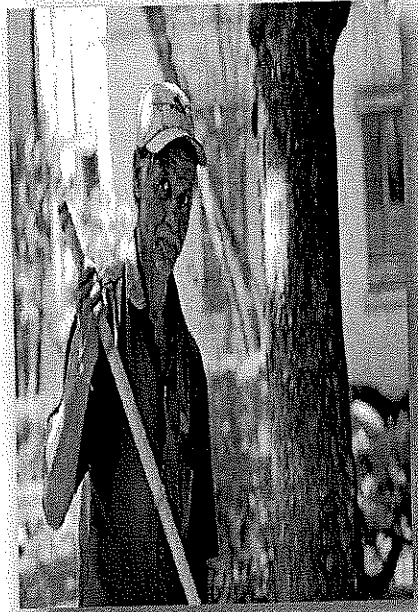
Harish Tarachand Pawar

I've been here for 10 years now. I ventured into photography when I was 13. For a long time, I taught at Aundh ITR.

I would love to share my pictures with you sometime. Many of them have been published in the college magazine. It's been a longtime but I could teach kids about shutter and aperture even today.

Sandeep Rawal





I'm responsible for the cleanliness of campus and fields. In last five years, I've tried to suggest ways for a more efficient maintenance of these lawns. I ride all the way from my village 12 kilometers away to the hostel campus every day. What is your excuse to escape hard work?

Gardener Kaka

I'm 75. Been here for 35 years and abundantly blessed to have received so much love from the students. They call me Mausi. They taught me how to use a smart phone, celebrated my birthdays, kept in touch even after they left. I've seen buildings come up in the past decades I guess I am a monument myself. Poha, chai and bread pakoda have to be the specialty of my stall. There's a student who is now working in Delhi. He recently called me up to tell me about his salary hike. Old graduates also sent a saree and purse on my last birthday.

My husband taught me how to ride a bullet and it sure gave me some sense of freedom. I hung the keys 8 years back- after he passed away. I miss him dearly!

Also, Kishore Kumar is my favourite and I could sing out loud each track from Silsila.

I'm soon going to be a great grandmother but people tell me that I don't look like one.

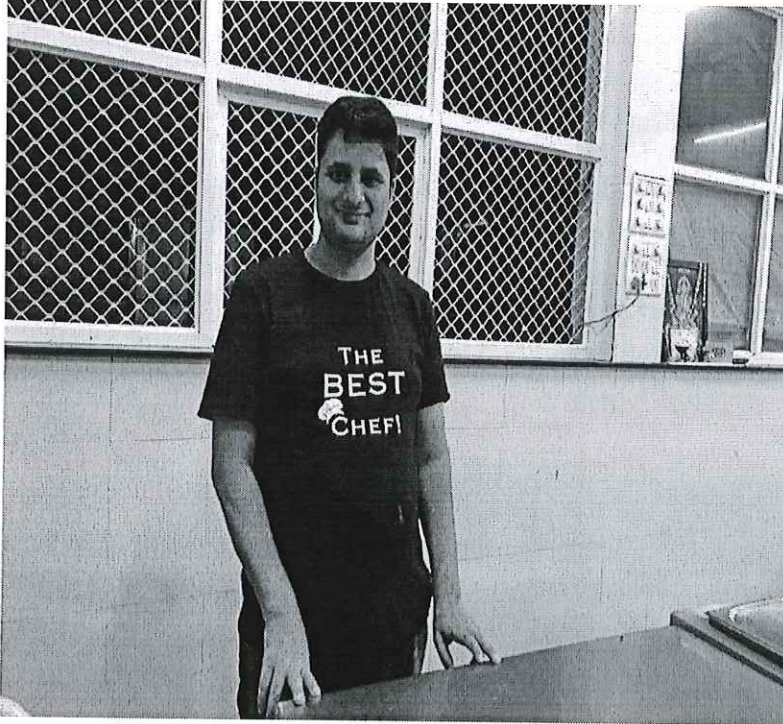
PS: My favorite words to live by- Stop caring what others might think of you. You only get to live once.

"Dekha ek khwaab toh yeh silsile hue. Door tak nigahon mein hain gul khile hue"

Nirmala Kumbhar (Mausi)



F. A Treasure Trove of Experiences!



Dear Ram bhaiya!

You have been aaloo to our tikkis, Salsa to our nachos,
Icing on the custard cake
And the life of the hostel mess.

You are the perfect definition of 'Annapurna'. You are a 'Ratna' in the true sense of the word and none of us would ever forget the wholesome palate of flavours of your famous 'navratnakorma'.

You were the one who gave us the feeling of festivity away from home, every diwali, every eid and every christmas.

We are grateful to you for fulfilling our never ending demands for 'one more chai' or 'one more maggi bhaiya'.

You are an epitome of patience. GIPE hostelers were different in race, religion, cities and tastes, but united with your food. Having dedicated 5 years of your life to GIPE hostel, you have definitely left a mark.

The next morning the taste will be different,
The person will be different and so will be our lives.
But what they say, 'never stop moving'.

You will always be in our hearts, we wish you all the very best for your future endeavours
Ram bhaiya.

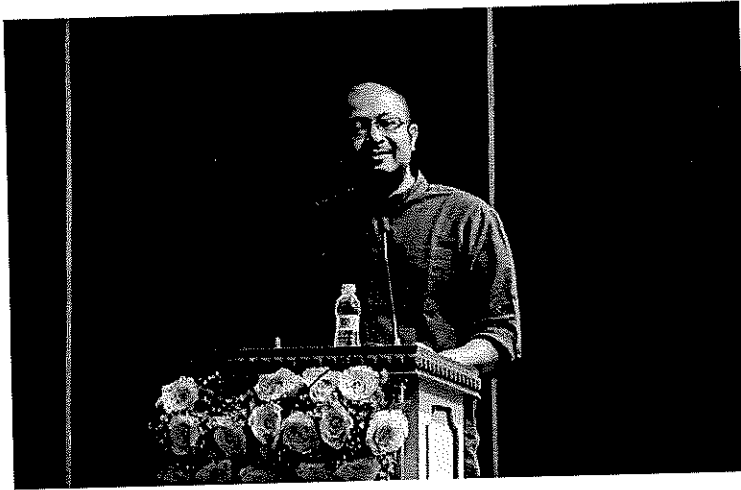
More power to you!

Love,
Alumni Committee



Dr. Ashish Kulkarni

That's it for today's lecture, now we'll have 15 minutes of any 5 random questions you want to ask me". This signature phrase can be identified by every student, without a doubt, with Dr. Ashish Kulkarni, whose constant efforts to, "change the teaching pedagogy" can be witnessed in each and every class of his. His long association with GIPE and his passion for teaching come together to bring something truly meaningful and engaging to class, going beyond texts and mathematics, to the relief of many. The ability to apply complex concepts to simplistic, yet practical real-life situations, and the ease with which he communicates this, puts a whole new life into the subject. He made the move from the corporate world to pursue his passion for teaching and describes this as the, "best years of my life" and a truly "rewarding experience". He shares some of his fondest memories at Gokhale and talks about his passion for teaching.



"It's home. I've been coming to Gokhale one way or the other literally since I was born. My grandfather used to go out for walks on the hill behind by walking past the Gokhale Institute. So, my earliest memories involve playing on the campus of the Institute. I've done my Masters from here, I've done my Ph.D. from here and now I teach over here. I always feel a sense of peace and belonging whenever I'm on campus, it's literally home. I don't know why, when I think of the hostel campus, my fondest memory is waking up after an afternoon nap, you would just bunk the lectures and then sit outside; just pick up a cup of chai and sit on the bench outside the boys' hostel and just watch the tree opposite. It was a very peaceful memory. I also remember starting games of TT at 3 in the morning and continuing them until 8 in the morning and then coming for classes. I can't imagine doing something like that now, but back then it seemed to be the most natural thing in the world. The library was a hugely important resource especially because the internet was just about starting and getting access to e-books or papers was rather difficult. It's literally a treasure trove, the library and the stack of books and papers written. So we spent as much time as possible in the library. The most obvious answer to what Gokhale has given me would be that I met my wife at Gokhale, she was my batchmate.

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed herein are those of absolutely everyone at GIPE: The Alumni, The Students, Mess Cooks, Dogs and Cats.

I am 9 feet long and 5 feet wide, blue in colour with white strips on my border. I am divided by a net but United with GIPEian emotions. I am the one which makes everyone's mood light, cheerful and stress relaxing.

I have two hands and one yellow colour circular eye. I may be played occasionally but here I am the most played and used place in hostels. I am won by skills and tricks, be it the spin or bounce or short or long swings.

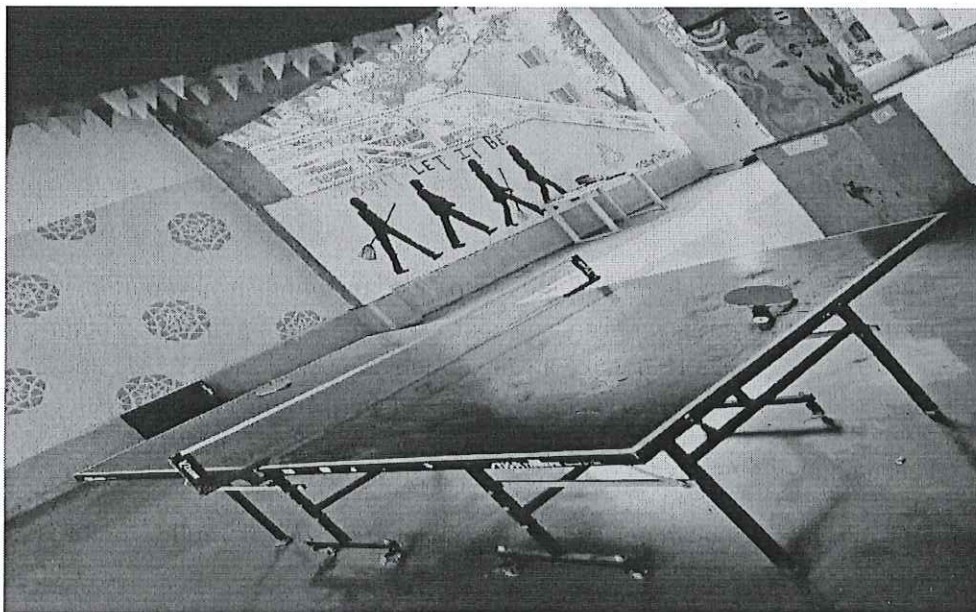
Even if in a busy schedule, I manage to find my own place. Most importantly, what I like being here is that I have my own identity and respect. Many relationships of life long and cherished relations have built over me.

No matter what the time is, no matter what the season is and no matter how the human is, I am always cherished and enjoyed.

I have both physical and mental benefits to players. I make an individual engaged in his or her mind demanding quick strategies and decisions to win. I train one's mind to focus and make quick decisions based on your opponent's actions. I even help to relax and keep your body in shape as a cardiovascular exercise. I am very easy and safe for the elderly.

I am not just a game, I am a feeling that every student lives here in Gipe hostels.

P.S.: I know all my friends and players will be missing me during this Diwali break.



Gokhale speaking to you!

I've heard your heated discussions, your pleas of how broke you are, your plans for next Saturday, your ambitions, your musings, your internal struggles and the endless banter. Two years will go by quickly with you so accustomed to me that you won't notice anything new. But if you come back years from today you will let your defences fall away because in your hearts I am your home.



MENTOR MENTEE PROGRAM

“It always feels so good to have someone in your corner, rooting for your success, pushing you to stay determined.”

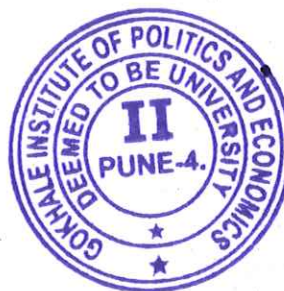
Keeping this motto in mind the Alumni Committee of Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune announces the institution of Alumni Mentorship Program. The GIPE Alumni Mentoring Program connects GIPE alumni with current students to create an informal support network which focuses on the personal and professional development of students and provides a rewarding volunteer experience for alumni.

It enables the alumni to share their professional and personal experience and expertise with current GIPE students. The connections made in the program help prepare our students for a successful future and leave a lasting impact on our campus community.

The mentor-mentee relationships will have a profound influence on the students' personal growth, career development and even life values. Through mentor-mentee connections, mentor shares professional practice and information, offers advice, and teaches the mentee, and on the other hand, mentee brings in new questions, ideas and enthusiasm to the mentor.

The GIPE Alumni Committee takes this pleasure to announce their first set of Alumni who are ready to perform the role of Mentors to our current students:-

1. Abhinav kumar, Senior Analytics Consultant at SAS.
2. Harsh Doshi, Financial Services at PWC India.
3. Nandish Kenia, programme Manager at NEERMAN
4. Naveen Sharma, Head of Fixed Income at LIC
5. Zubair Noqvi, pursuing M.A in Public Economics at Harvard Kennedy School

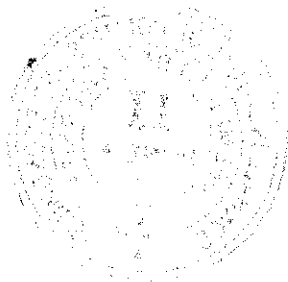


WOMEN'S DAY *****

Happy Women's day!



Ideas are nothing if they're not executed. The unsung heroes backing our every idea. Presenting our executive workforce to you. ****



INTERVIEW SERIES - Part 1 WHEN

We, the students of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics take great pride in the alumni society of our institute and therefore, we wish to maintain and strengthen our relationship with you. For the very purpose, the Alumni Committee of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics has taken up an initiative of interview series with our alumnus. The idea stands to create meaningful communication between the two sides and to bridge the gap between academia and the world outside the college campus, while also inculcating the spirit of nostalgia during the session.

Nostalgia and old memories were at its peak on the campus on 20th September when some twinkling stars of Gokhale institute had returned to their Alma mater. Old bonds were renewed as they cherished the memories. The students were in high spirits as they shared their experiences, memories, achievements and future plans.

This process of alumni meeting proceeded with the short interview session with the alumni team 2018-19. The institution always believes that the relationship once established is forever and as such the alumni are forever the part of the institution.

The following alumnus from batches 1981 & 1982 had joined us:

1. Bazil Sheikh, Principal chief GM, RBI
2. Preeti Mishra, Freelancing (Marketing, Advertising)
3. Ram Gopal K., Senior Position in ILFS
4. Rajiv Anand, IRS, Currently working as a producer in the film industry
5. Raj Gopal Kudwa, Sen. Executive ICICI
6. S. Sridhar, Retired as GM, SBI
7. Swati Saxena, P.hd in U.S. Academician
8. Rajas Parchure, Director, GIPE
9. Vijay Mastakar,

Question : What are your three best memories of Gokhale?

In response, we were told, the whole bunch of 16 students and the times spent together were the most memorable, and that they are still connected and in constant touch with each other. The next was the Saturday tests, which were dreaded by all! They also remembered a tree where all of them used to play.

They didn't fail to recall and acknowledge the 'intellectual simulation' from the professors and the challenges that were posed to the students by them. They said, a lot of thinking ability tasks were given by the faculty. There were international students too, from Africa and Iran and it was great to hear their perspective on things too. A batch mate from Uganda is now at an important position in the foreign ministry as well, one in China and one in Nepal. 'Most enjoyable thing for me was the friendships built, the treks done and the hard



work done. Most of the treks were done with your current Director, Mr. Rajas (sir). Rajas took us to Sinhagarh'

Question : All of you've visited GIPE after a long gap. What was the first thing that struck you in the campus that was shocking or pleasantly surprising?

I think it's gotten much more crowded, this place now. There's more construction, much more construction. And of course, we don't see our faculty anymore now. They were all a group of faculty which were each individually very different from others and each had a unique quality and there was a lot of different ways to look at the faculty and interact with them, which was a new learning at a postgrad level. That's good because they really taught us the art of perfection. Their understanding of economics was absolutely perfect. When they cleared your work you knew it was absolutely perfect and nobody can say anything more.

Question : Apart from things you learned in your curriculum, what has stayed with you until now and you continue to use in your life? Something you learned from Gokhale?

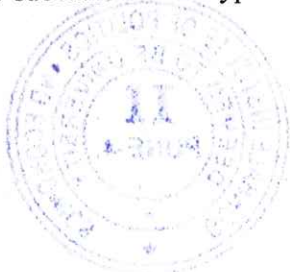
Deep thinking. All of us have said that in one form or the other. It's an approach, a systematic approach, not a technique. How to approach a problem, how do you sort of take a solution, if you look at anything; how do you look at data and information, and get a very comprehensive picture. As compared to earlier when we joined the institution, we used to look at only 1 or 2 factors and decide. But here, we got the ability to consider that there are so many other factors involved and striking a balance that was very challenging. There's a teamwork that comes in, so there were many mornings when we would be sitting under the tree, and that is how you would look at problems, the collective brains interpreted this way, to understand the different ways different people approached and understand the problem.

That's even better, you realize that there are so many approaches to a problem, none of them are wrong or right, they are only different. You have to take these differences in your stride. You have to realize that there are many more viewpoints that are legitimate in their point of view and you have to adjust for that; maybe you're wrong. That is something.

I think if you come from another city, and you have to kind of settle in. I came from a background where I had not even stepped into a hotel in my life. Going out was something so unknown to me. Managing was something unknown to me. I never had money before that to spend in my life and now I had to look at my expenses and manage my spending. The most important thing was learning how to share. So I think hostel life also goes down as a big learning experience when you're coming from another city.

Question : You must've met a lot of different people from different colleges. What makes Gokhale different from other PG or masters colleges?

'All that glitters is not gold'. One thing that marks Gokhale apart was the traditional Pune culture. Whether right or wrong, is different; high thinking and simple living. It was more about substance than hype and that's what makes you a little more grounded than many



other places where appearances matter. Here it was a conscious rejection of appearances and an emphasis on deeper substance.

Question : So for you, how would you describe Gokhale in one word?

“Base”, “thinking-changer”, “education”, “growing-up experience”, “successful, but doesn’t go to their head”, “down to earth people”, “simplicity” (teachers taught us that). I’m sure all of you will be very successful so please learn but never let the “success” word get to your head.

Question: What were the most favorite stress-relieving activities for you?

Spending time with each other, playing TT was a great stress buster.

Question : What would be your one concluding remark or any message for us?

Our message to you is, look beyond corporate jobs, also look at NGOs. You might be able to create a difference there. Be confident and learn. There is a lot of learning outside corporate also particularly for your skill set. You have to have a calling. Don’t go in where you don’t have an internal calling. In our age we never looked at that, there were only reserve bank, commercial banks, and financial intermediaries. Now you have a big space and a lot of space for activities. Follow your passion. And I’ll say don’t narrow down your limits, you guys are going to live for a long time. It’s a very different world from the world we grew up in. Try out different things and your passion may change over time.

INTERVIEW SERIES – PART 2 WHEN

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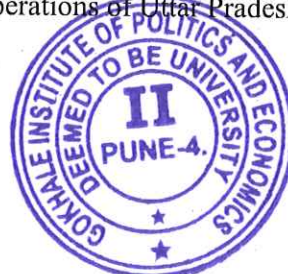
Bazil Sheikh, Principal chief GM, RBI
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S. Sridhar, Retired as GM, SBI.

All the three are from 1978-81 batch.

S. Sridhar has worked there (SBI) for long and then retired as a general manager. He now has come back to Pune as he always wanted to come back and live here.

Raj Gopal Kudwa, immediately after his MA, joined ICICI Ltd. with which he continued till 1986 and worked as a consultant for 2 years after the retirement. He has come back to Pune and has finally settled down here.

Bazil Shekih joined RBI after the Grade B. examination of the RBI. Opportunity drew many things and he ended setting up a monetary museum, he was the founder of the museum. He has also handled the HR department and the recruitment cell of NABARD. He left the bank a little early and is now working to get some books out. He also got the opportunity to write some books and got a chance to handle the banking operations of Uttar Pradesh.



Here are the major insights from the interview, hope you have a good time reading it and that it kicks in both nostalgia and their take on the economics and world outside.

When asked about one professor from whom they would want to learn again, they named Prof. Rath and Dandekar, as they were very logical. Both made them very sharp thinkers from the 'fussy mindset' they had and helped in transforming them completely. Talking about the race for government jobs, especially in the banking sector, one of the alumni mentioned that the banks are not the only recruiters from the economics background, there are many if you are willing to work hard. He says that a person from an economics background can enter any field, provided that he is willing to work hard. Talking about the current of Job hopping, about the people switching their companies in the urge of higher pay, he says that in today's world the psychological loyalty contract is dead, it doesn't exist. Earlier people used to pledge their loyalty in return of lifetime employment. People you employ are assets and they walk away while the liabilities remain. The loyalty contract people had for their jobs has now reversed and they now get joining or loyalty or sign up bonus when they join which was completely unheard of previously. The changes in society are so fast. Skills need to be modified every now and then and learning has to be done to each state, while this wasn't the case previously, the skills lasted till the retirement. The logical loyalty contract isn't there. Neither the company nor the employee wants structural changes in the economy. He believes that lifetime employment gives you a different cadre and a different approach, way of looking at things moves from strategic to transactional. These are the changes which are a part of the megatrend.

About Gokhale as an important part of their life, this place, GIPE was a life changer for all of them, every time they come here; they believe that something new will happen. Going back to the memories of Gokhale, they told us that the Seminar hall was their classroom; it was U shape and a total of 38 used to sit there. They had weekly tests, 2 tests on each Saturday of 8 marks, which back then used to be great stress! The library used to be a 'Stage of Art Library'. They praised the library of the institute, saying it is very well taken care of and the librarian knows exactly where the books are kept. It is a great opportunity as they get to deal with young minds every time coming here, get to know new things when they interact with young people, and that, it's not a one-way street.




BRIDGING THE GAP

Conclave is the key to the change, to envelope the power of ideas and to embrace the enlightened cultural consciousness and that is what it means to be an empowered youth. This is the country, and you are the generation, a generation with hope and neoteric opinion.

The first edition of GIPE Conclave 2019 is conceived to widen the canvas of contribution of youth towards the nation, along with their profession, studies, and day-to-day life. It aims to bring together the alumni and current students to initiate a dialogue, exchange ideas and break the status quo.

The theme of the conclave series tends to drive the relationship between the alumni and the institute.

The theme focuses on how we can bridge this divide through the Conclave series. It is a divide that may be accentuated by perception and reality, by cliché and stereotypes, by progress and denial



The Alumni Committee,
Gokhale Institute of
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COLLOQUIUM'19
"INDIA TOMORROW"

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March 16, 2019

Gokhale was a center stage of fun, knowledge, and reminiscence as our students, faculty, and Alumni gathered to make the GIPE Alumni Conclave- Bridging the Gap'19, a grand success.

The Conclave hosted five esteemed speakers in a panel; with each expert expressing their views on how they wish for India to be tomorrow and how must we bridge the gap to achieve this sustainable future.

The Alumni Conclave saw participation of about 150 students and about 40 of our beloved Alumni. The panel discussion was followed by a fun evening, where our students got the opportunity to interact with our Alumni and learn from their experience as well as expertise.

We were joined by the very talented artists from Awaaz Studio to make the evening more musical and enjoyable.

Having grooved to beats and stories of the talented artists, everyone enjoyed a gala dinner with their old friends, mentors, and professors. The Gokhale family felt complete as the current students, faculty, and Alumni rejoiced their association with this Institution

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