

  
**Sandesh**  
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*My dear Amritians !*

The current generation is steeped in technology, socially active and enjoys being 'connected'. The positive side of it is that you are never alone, digitally speaking. The Amritians News Letter (Sandesh) is a step in this direction, to connect 24,000 plus Amritians through news, views and happenings. Coming to think of it, the possibilities and benefits far outweigh the

effort to be put in.

I congratulate Pradeep Menon, our university-wide Alumni Co-ordinator who was responsible for bringing in 'AlmaConnect', the platform for integrating our alumni database and now creating this newsletter, with able support from local co-ordinators.

Through this newsletter, you will be updated on all that is happening in your alma mater, in the life of your close friends and that of other Amritians, whom you did not know earlier, though you probably studied at the same time in the very same university, but hardly bothered to know each other, preoccupied as you were with your studies and other activities. The power of alumni network is enormous, as you will see in the coming days.

We, at the university, are very curious to know where you are, how you are doing, and what we can do to each other, to make the life of every Amritian more meaningful, happy, satisfying and filled with a deep sense of belonging to a university that is born out of the divine inspiration and grace of our beloved 'Amma'.

May the Amritian movement grow from strength to strength with each passing day, empowering, elevating and enriching the society.

Om Namah Shivaya !

**C. Parameswaran**

Director, Corporate & Industry Relations

## The Power of Networking with 24000+ Members

Without batting an eyelid I am sure every one of us will agree that we live in the age of connectivity and Social Networking.

The empirical evidence is for everyone to see. The networking sites such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter etc have a built an empire based on only one theme "Networking".

The current social networks allow us to learn about other people whom we otherwise might never have known.

Researches on the power of networking proves beyond all doubts that people who are well networked are three times more influential than people who aren't. But by just merely befriending people on LinkedIn and Facebook make you influential and harness the power of networking. The answer to that is NO.

The power of networking depends on the social capital we are able to command in our network and how strong our relationship is within the network and how much trust do we generate. This takes a lot of effort beyond just friending on facebook and LinkedIn.

An Alumni Network on the other hand is built on a basic foundation of trust that emanates from the alma mater we have all shared at some point in our life.

And what if the network provides an opportunity to connect with more than 24000 people across 26 countries in all walks of life from Entrepreneurs, CEOs, Venture Capitalists, Doctors, District Collectors, RDOs, Consulate officers, Journalists, Editors, Software Engineers, Artists, Teachers and many more.

We have such a Networking Platform at our disposal and that is the Amrita AlmaConnect Platform ([www.amrita.almaconnect.com](http://www.amrita.almaconnect.com))

We invite all of the Amritians fraternity to register themselves on this networking portal and unleash the power of Networking



**Pradeep Menon**

(Principal Organizer Amrita Alumni Network)

### Amrita School of Engineering



The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of Amrita Alumni Association – the alumni association of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University was conducted with much fanfare at the Amrita University Campus, Ettimadai on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2014.



Around 200 Alumni from all walks of life from across the globe participated in this joyous event. The meeting started with a Prayer followed by lighting of the lamp by Prof. Parameswaran, Director-CIR, Dr. Sasangan – Dean Engineering College, Prof. Subba Rao – President Amrita Alumni Association, Senthil Kumar Murugesan – Vice President, Amrita Alumni Association and Pradeep Menon – Principal Organizer Amrita Alumni Association.

**Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to three Alumni who have excelled in their area of work.**

- Ms. Maduranthagi – RDO and Deputy Collector of Coimbatore in Social and Civil Services Category
- Mr. Rajasaravanan – Chairman and MD, GD Group in the Entrepreneurship Category
- Mr. Bharat Kumar – Manager International Projects in the Industry Services Category

In her award acceptance speech, Maduranthagi expressed her deep gratitude to the Professors and Staffs of the University in molding her and imparting the much needed life skills training, which she is finding quite useful in her day to day life.





# Alumni Boot Camp

Amrita School of Medicine



First Batch MBBS Reunion



Karunaji lighting the lamp on the auspices of the inaugural function of Amrita School of Medicine Alumni association.

Amrita School of Allied Health Sciences



**A** get together of Alumni's of the Amrita Physician Assistant Program was held at Hotel PGS Vedanta, Kochi on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014. As part of the Association meeting, 35 alumni from different parts of the state participated.

Amrita School of Nursing

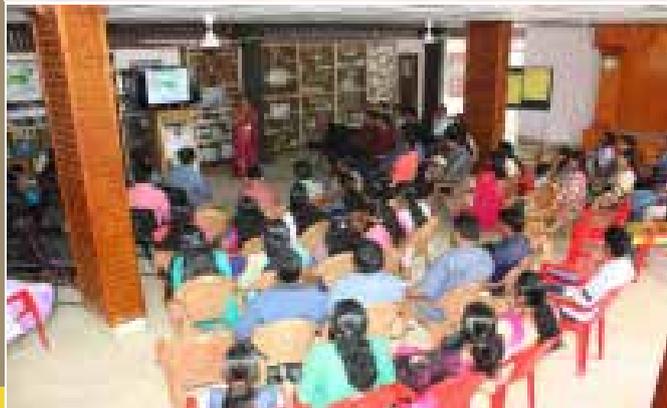


Alumni reunion along with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the college

Amrita School of Pharmacy



First Alumni meet of Amrita School of Pharmacy was held on 4th October, 2014. Many Alumni from the B.Pharm and M.Pharm batches participated in the meet. Dr. Sabitha M (Principal) inaugurated the Alumni meet and delivered the welcome address. The Alumni shared their academic as well as working experiences in their current area of operation. The Alumni in general appreciated and cherished the pleasant and memorable experiences they had while being students at the Amrita School of Pharmacy. The School of Pharmacy also invited and collected feedback from the Alumni regarding the major revision required in the B.Pharm curriculum. The function came to an end at 3.00PM.



Amrita School of Business



Alumni Meet 2013



Alumni Meet 2014



### Amrita School of Arts & Science



On 24<sup>th</sup> of January, 2015 Amrita School of Arts & Sciences, Mysore Chapter, organized its 4<sup>th</sup> alumni meet at its premises. The meet started with lighting of the lamp by Director, Correspondent, Principal and distinguished alumni.

The program started with a welcome address by Prof. Vidya Pai C- Principal. She stressed the importance of such alumni meeting and the responsibility of the alumni as torch bearers of the esteemed institution. As many as 50 alumni attended the meet.

Mr. Santhosh Kumar B J, Asst. Prof, Dept of Computer Science introduced some of the distinguished alumni including :

Roshan Mesta, Senior Testing Engineer Microsoft. Javad Shariff M A, Team lead Payoda Technologies. Ravi T Sharma, Portfolio Manager SLK Software Services.

The distinguished alumni who spoke on the occasion motivated the students and provided guidance in the area of career growth and building successful career. They encouraged students to choose an area that they are genuinely interested and work on it.

The interaction with the alumni, touched upon various topics including contribution of alumni in placements, conduct of knowledge sharing sessions, assistance for internships and other social service activities. The idea of alumni sponsoring economically backward students for their education was also discussed.

The alumni were treated to a cultural programme by students of the college, which proved to be a great entertainer. The meet ended with Ms. Divya S N, convenor of the alumni committee proposing the vote of thanks.

## Alumni Speaks...

*Javad Shariff-*

*Expressed happiness over being part of Amrita family and promised to extend knowledge to the juniors on Big Data, Information security, Cloud computing and virtualization.*

*Apoorva Prabhu-*

*"Amrita has been supportive in all aspects of my life nurturing skills, knowledge and values for life".*

*Chitra C -*

*"A very nice experience being in Amrita. I got opportunities in my areas of interest - cultural, sports, social activity. Proud to be Amritian!!"*

## Amrita School of Education



The Alumni Meet of Amrita School of Education, Mysore was convened on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at Sudhamani Hall. As many as 53 students participated in this Alumni Meet. Social Blogs were used to contact

students to communicate about the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Susheela Sheshadri, former and founder Principal of Amrita School of Education by lighting the lamp followed by Guru Stotram. Welcome speech was made by Chandra Mohanan S, Lecturer in Education and Dr. M Savitha Pande, Principal Amrita School of Education gave an introduction to Alumni Network.

The Chief guest of the function, Br. Krishna Kumarji shared his thoughts and feelings regarding building a value oriented society with the help of Amma's vision through "Experience with Amma". After that the Alumni present spoke about their current area of activity and showed their cherish moments while studying at Amrita School of Education. The Alumni performed cultural programmes like solo songs, dance etc. They also conducted a special programme

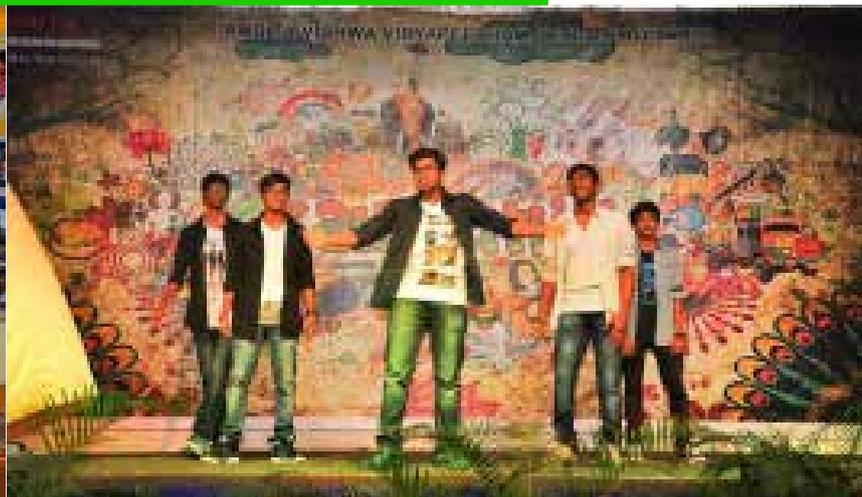
for teacher educators. Distinguished alumni were felicitated.

Alumni Mrs. Janani created a Blog for alumni students -

<http://www.amritaritus.weebly.com>

The programme was concluded with Vote of Thanks by Chandra Mohanan S, In Charge Alumni.







## Alumni Meet - Mechanical 2008 Batch





*Bangalore Chapter Meet May 2015*



*Coimbatore Chapter Meet February 2015*



**Dubai Chapter Meet January 2015**

## Upcoming Events...

- 20-06-2015 Alumni America Hangout
- 11-07-2015 Chennai Chapter Meet
- 20-07-2015 Coimbatore Chapter – Shuttle Challenge
- 25-07-2015 Oman - Muscat Chapter Meet
- 22-08-2015 Singapore Chapter Meet
- 26-09-2015 Hyderabad Chapter Meet
- 17-10-2015 Alumni Development Program
- 14-11-2015 Mumbai Chapter Meet
- 20-12-2015 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of Amrita Alumni Association