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Alumni Talk- Reconnect and Relive: Alumni Meet 2025

Date: Friday, 26th March 2025

Venue: C-302, K.R. Mangalam University

Timing: From 10:00 am onwards

Event Type: Alumni Talk

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Students of SOAS

Resource Person: Mr. Prnaey Surha (Associate Designer Hexagram Infrastructure Pvt.Ltd.)
Mr. Tufail (Field Assistant DST Project)
Mr. Aamir (Farm Supervisor)

Convener- Dr. J. S. Yadav, (Dean, SOAS, KRMU)

Faculty organizer: Dr. Ambika Bhandari, Dr. Rabiya Basri and Dr. Anjali Tomar

Organized by: School of Agricultural Sciences, KRMU (Gurugram)

Number of Participants: 45

Introduction

The *Alumni Talk - Reconnect and Relive: Alumni Meet 2025* was a grand success, bringing together alumni, students, and faculty members of our esteemed institution. The event, held on 26 March, 2025 at SOAS, aimed to foster engagement and strengthen ties between past and present students. It aimed to provide a platform for networking, knowledge-sharing, and mentorship, ensuring that alumni could relieve their academic experiences while guiding the next generation of students.

Session Highlights

Welcome Address

The event commenced with a heartfelt welcome address delivered by Pallavi and Prachi, third-year students, along with Dr. Ambika, the event coordinator. They expressed their gratitude for the alumni's presence and emphasized the significance of alumni engagement in shaping students' future careers.

Alumni Spotlight - Mr. Praney Surha, Mr. Tufail, and Mr. Aamir

Three distinguished alumni participated in the event, each addressing different aspects of career growth:

Mr. Tufail, a prominent graduate of our department, captivated the audience by sharing his inspiring journey post-graduation. He emphasized how his education at our university played a crucial role in shaping his professional achievements. He shared valuable insights on job-related examinations, explaining the importance of preparation strategies, perseverance, and staying updated with industry trends. He also encouraged students to remain consistent in their efforts, highlighting the significance of time management and self-discipline in cracking competitive exams. His session was particularly inspiring for students aspiring for government jobs and corporate roles, as he provided first-hand experiences and practical advice on how to navigate job markets effectively.

Mr. Praney Surha provided valuable insights into various industries, company structures, and employment trends. He shared his own experiences at K.R. Mangalam University, reminiscing about his time as a student and discussing how his academic foundation contributed to his career progression. He spoke about his favorite subjects and their practical applications in the professional world, reinforcing the importance of attending classes and staying engaged with coursework. He motivated students to focus on their future by setting clear career goals, developing skill sets relevant to their chosen industries, and actively seeking internships and training programs to gain hands-on experience. His words resonated with many students, encouraging them to take a proactive approach toward their professional journey.

Mr. Aamir discussed various job opportunities available in the market, offering guidance on career pathways, employment prospects, and the necessary skills required to excel in different professions. He stressed the importance of adaptability, continuous learning, and staying open to new opportunities in an ever-evolving job landscape. To engage students further, he asked them thought-provoking questions related to respect in the workplace, the significance of education, and their plans for entering different fields. He encouraged students to develop a strong work ethic, maintain a positive attitude, and build meaningful connections within their chosen industries. His

session provided students with clarity on how to approach their job search strategically and how to align their academic pursuits with career aspirations.

The combined insights from all three alumni provided students with a well-rounded perspective on career planning, academic dedication, and professional growth, making the session highly engaging and informative.

Student Engagement - Chit System

To ensure active participation, a *chit system* was introduced, where students engaged with alumni by writing down their queries on small chits. These chits were randomly picked by the alumni, allowing for a dynamic and interactive discussion. This innovative approach encouraged students to ask relevant questions without hesitation, making the session more inclusive and effective.

Networking and Knowledge Sharing

Beyond the formal discussions, students had the opportunity to interact with the alumni in an informal setting. These networking sessions allowed students to build connections with industry professionals, seek career guidance, and discuss their aspirations in greater detail. The conversations were lively and insightful, with students gaining clarity on various career pathways and employment trends. Alumni shared their personal experiences, challenges, and success stories, further motivating students to work hard and stay focused on their goals.

Presentation of Mementos

As a token of appreciation, mementos were presented to the distinguished alumni by Dr. Rabiya, Dr. Jay Nath, Dr. Anjali, and Dr. Ambika. The gesture symbolized gratitude for their valuable contributions and the time they dedicated to mentoring students. The event concluded on a warm and celebratory note, with everyone expressing their enthusiasm for more such engagements in the future.

Conclusion

The *Alumni Talk - Reconnect and Relive: Alumni Meet 2025* proved to be a highly enriching experience, fostering a strong sense of community among alumni while equipping students with valuable career insights. The event successfully strengthened the connection between former and current students, motivating attendees to pursue excellence in their academic and professional journeys. It underscored the vital role alumni play in mentoring and guiding the next generation, reinforcing the importance of continuous engagement with their alma mater. These meaningful

interactions not only bridge generational gaps but also cultivate an environment of collaboration and knowledge-sharing that benefits the entire academic community.

Alumni Talk - Reconnect and Relive: Alumni Meet 2025 aims to foster lifelong learning and knowledge sharing, aligning with SDG 4 by promoting quality education and lifelong opportunities for all. This event encourages alumni engagement, enhancing educational outcomes and creating a community of continuous growth.

Some Glimpses of the Event



Photo 1: Mr. Tufail, a SOAS alumnus, Addresses his Juniors



Photo 2: Mr. Praney, an alumnus, sharing his journey with the students



Photo 3: Mr. Aamir with SOAS Faculty



Photo 4: Alumni with SOAS Faculty and Students



Photo 5 : Mr. Praney Interacting with Students



Photo 6: Alumni, Students, and Faculty Unite at K.R. Mangalam University