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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR :

It is a privilege to lead a community of bright minds, dedicated faculty and staff who collectively contribute to the vibrant tapestry of our institution. Together, we strive to create an environment that fosters learning, critical thinking and the nurturing of leadership skills. The business landscape is ever evolving. The challenges posed by the rapid advancement of technology, the imminent metaverse and changing lifestyles will place enormous expectations on the future business leaders. I think this is a critical juncture in the history of business education.

SKIPS has the experience and the expertise to understand the momentous transformations underway on account of the Digital Revolution. We will continue to enhance the academic experience by integrating the latest advancements in technology and pedagogy. Our focus remains on preparing students not only for the challenges of today but also for the dynamic landscape of the future. Through a blend of theoretical knowledge and practical application, we aim to empower our students to excel in their chosen fields and make a positive impact on society.

In addition to academic pursuits, we encourage students to engage in extracurricular activities, sports, and community service. These experiences not only complement their academic learning but also contribute to the development of well-rounded individuals capable of navigating the complexities of the world.



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Events @ Glance : Curricular Activities :



Student Induction Programme for Batch 2022-24: With Goddess Saraswati as the guiding light, SKIPS hosted the Induction programme for batch 2022-24 on 7th July, 2022. The new academic year began with rigor and freshness in the presence of Dr. Gurpreet Singh Arora (Director SKIPS), Chief Guest - Mr. Snehal B Desai (Senior Vice President, Adani Group of Companies) and all the faculty members. The enlightening words of our Director gave the students an inkling of their time at SKIPS. With the captivating and inspiring words of Mr. Snehal B Desai, the students earned innuendos of corporate culture.



Ice-Breaking and Team Building Activity: 16th July 2022 marked the start of new academic year at St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies. Batch 2022-24 stepped into the campus as PGDM students, excited to venture out on an exciting journey! The event was organized to break the ice between the seniors and juniors. Team building activities and management games engaged the students and helped them to blend in the SKIPS ecosystem.

SKIPS Alumni Association Meet 2022: On 18th Dec 2022, alumni from varied batches joined together to relive their college memories by participating in Alumni Association Meet organized by SKIPS Virasat Club. The event was organized at Sanavadi campus where alumni from varied batches marked their presence. After registration and light breakfast current students and staff of SKIPS networked with the alumni.

Various track and field games were planned for the alumni where they actively participated with the current batches. Later, the alumni were briefed by the Director about various initiatives being taken by the institute in the previous year. They were also briefed about past year's alumni involvement and participation in various ways. This was followed by lunch and a final cricket match between the alumni and the winning current batch team. The event got over in the evening with lot of happy memories created.

SKIPS Family acknowledges the presence of all the Alumni across the batches on the 18th of Dec 2022. We express our sincere gratitude for your active association with us and for your continuous encouragement given to our current batches by setting up true examples of positive presence and continuous hard work.



Industrial Visit : Industrial visits were organized to Havmor, Australian Premium Solar and Kirloskar Brothers Limited by St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies on 29th and 30th November, 2022. The visits were organized with the objective of giving students an insight into the production and operation processes in the industries and to make them aware about the theory taught at the institution and its practical application. The students gained tremendously from the pragmatic exposure.





Convocation: SKIPS hosted its 10th Convocation on 21st January, 2023 for the batch of 2020-22. The Convocation procession was led by the Honorary Chief Guest, Mr. Nilam Patel; Managing Director - India Operations, S&P Global, Mr. Vaibhav Tandon; President, SKIPS University, Dr. Gurpreet Singh Arora; Director, SKIPS, followed by SKIPS Faculty members and the Academic Council members. The procession created a dignified environment to start the convocation on an apt note. The Chief Guest of the Day, Mr. Nilam Patel shared his insights regarding professional life with the audience. The Chief Guest along with the President, conferred Post-Graduate Diplomas in Management to the students. Some students also received awards for their outstanding achievements not only in academics but also extra-curricular activities. The celebration ended with students tossing their hats in the air to express pride and the sense of accomplishment!



Budget Sameeksha: On 1st February 2023, the Finvest Club of St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies organized an event named 'Budget Sameeksha'. The event kickstarted with a screening of expectation from the budget by the general public, collected by the students. Live streaming of the budget took place in the presence of all after introducing the themes and vision of the budget. This was followed by students presentation on various vital facts brought to the surface and different budgetary provisions and welfare schemes along with their probable implications. The session ended with an interesting quiz.



Stock Bazaar : Using a virtual trading platform, the Finvest Club at SKIPS arranged the 10-day Stock Bazaar 2023, a stock market program- ming challenge where students had to create their own techniques for successful outcomes. The students gained firsthand experience in stock market analysis and trading. On March 13, 2023, the program commenced with the students being presented with the software that allowed them to simulate trading in a real-world setting without having to invest actual money. On March 23, 2023, student groups gave presentations about their market analyses. Prizes were given to the pupils who performed the best in terms of both largest gain percentage and intraday trading.



Dare to lead by AIESEC: SKIPS Public Relations Club organized the event – 'Dare to Lead' in association with AIESEC. Through this platform, students were encouraged to experience the power of choice. The students also witnessed an opportunity to learn how to step out of their comfort zones and take small, daring steps in order to open the gates of their personal growth and development.



Seminar for HR Students on Labour Laws: The Synergy Club of SKIPS organised a seminar for its HR students on the Labour Laws existing in India as per the legislation to help students gain a deeper understanding of the legal aspect of Human Resource Management. For this, an expert panel from the High Court of Gujarat was invited to talk about the significance of labour legislation in regulating the relationship between employers, employees and trade unions in the contemporary scenario. The session concluded with a question-answer session in order to clarify the doubts raised by the students.



Student exchange programme: Three students from SKIPS, Adarsh Panchal, Pruthvi Vasa and Sona Motwani, accompanied by their faculty mentor, Dr Anil Sharma, visited Ajman University, UAE, as part of the student exchange programme. This was indeed a prestigious moment for SKIPS and a life changing occasion for the students as they received international exposure in academics. This helped boost their confidence and encouraged them to explore a world full of opportunities.

IIF Guest Lecture Series: The IIF Guest lecture series invites eminent personalities from the corporate world to share their experience with the students and to inspire them for developing skills as required by the industry. This year also the IIF Guest Lecture Committee invited many personalities to the SKIPS campus. These speakers talked about career opportunities for management students and the challenges which students can face in their road ahead. These lectures gave the students a holistic understanding of the topics discussed in their classes.

Glimpse of some eminent speakers were :



Dr. P Bala Bhaskaran : The Industry Interaction Forum at SKIPS in association with the Academy of Certified Valuators and Analysts (ACVA) held a session on 'Career in Business Valuations' on 13th February 2023. Dr. P Bala Bhaskaran, an Advisory Board member of ACVA India, and Mr. Kartik Sethuraman Iyer, the CEO of ACVA India conducted this session. The speakers enlightened the students Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) certification. The session concluded with a question-answer round wherein students took the opportunity to get all their queries answered by industry experts.

Mr. Kashyap Kotak: Campus to Corporate Talk Series: 'Know yourself' was the first gem that our guest speaker Mr. Kashyap Kotak [Regional Head- Talent Acquisition, HDFC Bank] shared with the students. An accomplished persona in the industry Mr. Kotak shared a lot of insights with the students. He briefly touched upon topics related to skill, growth timeline and mindset timeline. In these particular topics our guest speaker told the students to develop their skills and accordingly their wills, to invest in their minds, to be friends with people and system and gathering cross knowledge. Mr. Kotak also shared with students the life mantra that life is full of surprises and one has to be prepared for them.



M **r. Rajesh Walia** : The IIF Club of SKIPS hosted yet another interactive as well as knowledgeable session on 22nd December, 2022 by inviting Mr. Rajesh Walia, the Founder of Amarens Capital Advisors Private Limited. Owing to his immense knowledge in the field of finance for over two decades, Mr. Walia conducted an informative session on the topic "A Ladder from Classroom to Corporate World". In this session, the respected speaker elaborated on the skills an employer usually looks for in a potential employee and how the students can prepare themselves beforehand to crack better career opportunities. He highlighted the importance of looking for opportunities to gain knowledge during the initial stages of one's career and the importance of observations for doing so. Mr. Walia enlightened the students on the technical abilities required for entering the finance world. The session was concluded with Mr. Vaibhav Gupta, Associate Director of Amarens Capital Advisors; sharing his honest experience and learnings with the students. Mr. Walia also patiently explained and responded to every question raised by the students towards the end of the session.



Events @ Glance : Extra Curricular Activities :

Blood Donation Camp: The Samvedna Club at SKIPS organized a Blood Donation Camp on 1st April 2023 in the SKIPS auditorium in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society. The students as well as staff participated in the drive by doing their bit for the society. The Indian Red Cross Society also carried out thalassemia tests for the people, raising awareness for the same.



Clothes Donation Drive: It is true that happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give. With this statement in mind, the Samvedna club at SKIPS in association with ELEOS organized an event 'Clothes Donation Drive - Let's Make Difference' at the St. Kabir Institute of Professional Studies. The Director Dr. Gurpreet Singh Arora motivated the students and talked to them about the importance of charity and helping those in need. The event began with the registration on the ELEOS website. The Samvedna club members guided the students through the whole process of donation wherein they also received rewards in form of coupons for donating clothes.



Ramzat: Continuing the SKIPS tradition, Utsav Club arranged the annual Garba event 'Ramzat 2022' on September 29 to satisfy everyone's Garba addiction. The campus was buzzing with excitement, days before the event, thanks to full-fledged preparations and Garba rehearsals. The celebration began with seeking blessings and was followed by student group performances. Music is the spirit of any Garba night, and not only did the students of SKIPS enjoy dancing to the original Gujarati folk beats played by the large live orchestra, but so did the instructors, staff, alumni, and other guests.



Freshers' Fiesta: Fresher's party is a college event that all students eagerly look forward to. The SKIPS Freshers Party exceeded all expectations and left the students with amazing memories. Singing, dancing and showcasing amazing talent brought joy, enthusiasm, laughter and happiness. The esteemed titles of Mr. and Miss Freshers were sought after by many. The celebration began with our anchors welcoming the freshers formally into the SKIPS family. The new class of students shared the dance floor with their seniors and made the most out of the evening.

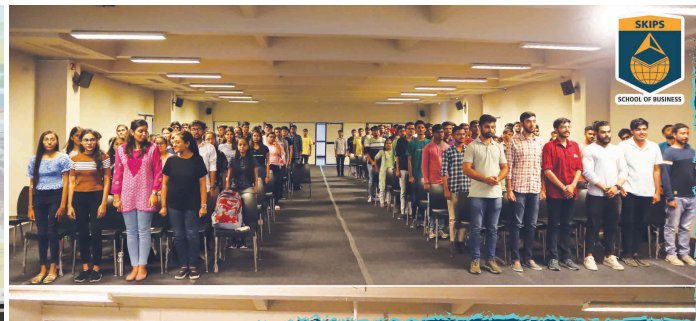
Run Bhoomi 2022: On December 18th, SKIPS hosted the annual Outdoor Sports Day, Run Bhoomi 2022. This much-anticipated outdoor event was held at Sanavad Campus. Students participated enthusiastically. The event began with all students taking an honor pledge in which they promised to play with full passion and enthusiasm, respecting the concept of sportsmanship while also honoring the opposing teams by upholding the spirit of competitiveness. The initial events were 50m and 100m races, as well as relay race, followed by cricket, kho-kho, volleyball and finally dodge ball. All of these games were also attended by eager alumni. The day concluded with prize distribution.



Rachna - Unleash Your Creativity: An annual event held at SKIPS for the students of batch 2022-23 was loaded with fun, frolic and creativity. An immensely participative and interactive event, organised by the SKIPS Utsav Club. Rachna has been unleashing the creativity amongst the students every year. With different activities like pottery, painting, bottle decoration, rangoli, mehendi and nail art, the students enjoyed the merriment of the event. This platform gave students a break from routine academic sessions and helped them build new connections and realize the power of hidden talents. They realized the value of creativity and tried to strengthen their imagination.



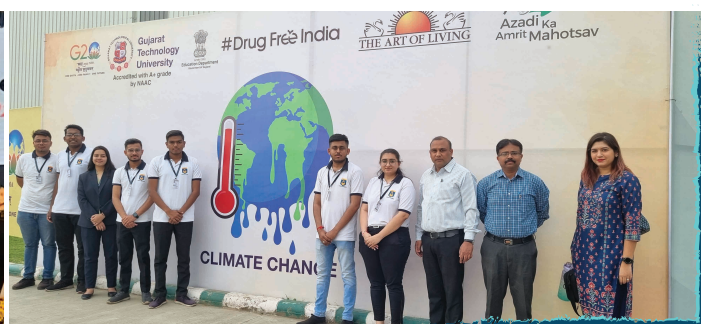
Farewell Party: The Abhivyakti Club of SKIPS arranged the Annual Farewell Party to offer the seniors at SKIPS a farewell worth remembering. First-year students showcased some amazing dance moves to start off this lively occasion. A DJ party, lots of happiness, laughter, and emotional farewells came next. In the happy talk, everyone felt a bit sad because they knew this gathering meant the end of college life. It was a mix of things they learned from books and the lessons of friendship during their journey together. Happy memories and heartfelt farewells marked the end of the party!



Har Ghar Tiranga: SKIPS Utsav Club under the directives of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, took up the initiative of spreading awareness regarding the significance of our National Flag and the importance of maintaining correct conduct while handling the flag. The event Har Ghar Tiranga was conducted in the SKIPS campus during the Independence week spanning 11th to 16th August. It included events like an Awareness Drive, igniting the feeling of patriotism in young minds followed by a quiz. Students were encouraged to hoist the National Flag at their Residence from 13th to 15th August 2022, take selfies with the Flag and share it with the college



Dining Etiquette workshop: The workshop conducted by SKIPS on 16th February 2023, in collaboration with 'Food Drama' cafe turned out to be an insightful learning experience for students. Minute details regarding the right conduct for dining during business meetings were pointed out by the faculty. The practical approach of consuming a particular dish was also nicely taught. The overall experience was very enriching for the SKIPS students.



Art of Living Seminar: SKIPS Students attended an Art of Living Seminar as part of the Drug Free India Campaign launched by the Department of Education, Government of India. The aim of this event was to raise awareness among young minds regarding the ill effects of drugs and to motivate them for leading a holistic life free from negativity. Life examples were shared by various prominent dignitaries, including Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Shri Rushikesh Patel, Hon. Minister - Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education



Movie Promotion: SKIPS students enjoyed the presence of the charming Mr. Arjav Trivedi and the versatile Ms. Kinjal Rajpriya who came to promote their film – '53 Mu Panu'. The Movie Promotional Event witnessed enthralling audience support. The actors too enjoyed themselves thoroughly in the process.

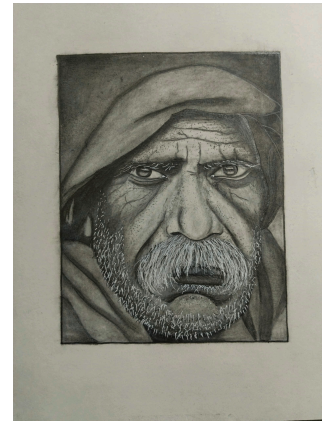
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Manmeet Singh Khalsa



Ana Jhaveri



Shivangi Shah

Alumni Corner :

Dhruvi Dave (Batch 2018-20)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Ms. Dhruvi Dave (2018-20) in recognition to her Constant Endeavour towards Professional Development. Ms. Dave has been working with HDFC life from last 2 years. Every quarter she received Super Achiever recognition in Bancassurance. She has received accolades for her outstanding performance in lead ahead programme from the zonal head Gujarat. She has achieved award of excellence for her outstanding performance in Zonal Championship in Thailand.



Sruchi Vadalia (Batch 2014-16)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Ms. Sruchi Vadalia (2014-16) for her outstanding contribution towards environmental sustainability. Ms. Vadalia is actively working on her mission to minimize air pollution and promote tree plantation. She is the Brand Ambassador for CLEANINDIA and GREENINDIA campaigns and has received Nari Ratna Award for her contributions. She is a contriver and has planted approximately 43-45k plants/saplings, in Vapi, Vadodara and Surat. She has conducted various Plantation Awareness Program in schools, colleges, universities and hospitals.



Somdeb Metia (Batch 2016-18)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Mr. Somdeb Metia (2016-18) in recognition to his Constant Endeavour towards Professional Development. He has been working with HDFC BANK LTD from last 4 years and has achieved Month on Month Star Service Excellence Awards. He had been instrumental in CSR activities of his organization through HDFC Life Pankh Programme 2022 and TATA AIA Shiksha K Sathi 2022 and contributed to the noble cause. In March 2022 he received the scroll of honour for winning life insurance initiative from the banking head of Gujarat region.



Harshraj Bhatt (Batch 2020-22)

Alumni Achievement Award was presented to Mr. Harshraj Bhatt (2020-22) in recognition to his Constant Endeavour towards Professional Development. Mr. Bhatt has been working with Federal Bank Limited. He has achieved 3rd rank in Extra Ordinary Performance in Health insurance and Nivabupa. He has been awarded with 'Rockstar' title in the month of August and September 2022 for the best performing officer in Federal Bank.



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