

## VIVEK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (VAA)

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- Talk by Alumni Saurabh Ali on “New Concepts in Advertising “to students of T.Y.B.com class on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Conducted seminar along with Health Committee on “Diet Counselling” by our Alumni Sangeeta Shivkumar to our faculty members on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- Alumni Prashobh Maniappan gave Career Guidance Lecture to our T.Y.B. Com students on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019
- Sponsored the Faculty Development Program on “Voice Preservation through Yoga” by Mr. Shrikant Kshisagar to our faculty members on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- VAA instituted Award for “Best Boy & Best Girl” in their contribution and participation in Extracurricular activities which is awarded during the Annual Prize distribution function held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020. Mr. Acharya Mohanraj & Ms. Sonika Sigamani was awarded this academic year.
- Full year supply of white board marker pens and dusters are sponsored by VAA for school and Junior College
- Dr.Narayan Iyer, CEO of Indian Development Foundation was felicitated during the Annual prize distribution function to appreciate his achievements
- A Webinar on “Heart to heart talk by Alumni on their journey from Classroom to Boardroom” was organized along with IQAC on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The speakers were

Mr. Abdul Nayeem, Director, Accenture  
Mr. Eric Oommen, CEO, Professional Courier  
Mr. Saurabh Kasat, CFO, Dairy Day Ice cream

Dr. Narayan Iyer, CEO, Indian Development Foundation

Mr. Milind Gawai, Freelance writer, Editor, Trainer & Faculty at K.J.Somaiya Management Institute

Mr. Wilson Nadar, Head, Academic & Training at Vantage Knowledge Academy

They spoke to the students on their experiences and motivated them to do well in life.

Webinar link is available on the Youtube Channel

[https://youtu.be/9vuox\\_8wvAs](https://youtu.be/9vuox_8wvAs)



Alumni Abdul Nayeem, Directors of Accenture - motivational talk to the students

20 years ago, I graduated from this great institute but it feels like yesterday. It brings back so many memories. All the teachers here have played a very important role in shaping up not only mine but also lot of my friends and colleagues' career and life. So, I really want to thank all the lovely teachers. The key to success is being consistent and persistent in what you do. You may have any skills but be

persistent and consistent in whatever you do. As a child my inspiration was always my dad. He came from a background where education was never a priority. But he always wanted his children to be educated. He himself didn't study but he was seeing his dreams in us. And that became my ambition, my focus. I am very proud to say that I am still the first graduate in my whole father's clan. The smile that brought on his face, gave me everything and made me accountable and responsible. Why accountability is important because whatever you do in your career, there will be thousands of opportunities out there. But you will not succeed you do not take the ownership, adapt to the different situations and cultures and most important - be accountable. You will be given n number of task and opportunities and once you show your credibility, trust and achieve the desired results, then people will start backing you. That is how you will start growing in your career. This is not just in your professional life but also in your personal life also. Another important thing I wanted to say is - be open for feedbacks. Lot of us don't like to hear feedbacks. We only like to hear good things about us. That will not help us. Always have passion to learn and improve. Be open to constructive feedbacks, be like a child, always curious. But as we grow, we stop questioning. We feel embarrassed to ask questions or maybe we feel we know everything. But what is happening is, our growth is stopping. Even after sixteen -seventeen years in this industry, I am learning new things every day. And you know, most these are coming from the fresh batch who are joining us with new technologies and I am open to learn from them.

The other very important thing in my career is the way I connect with people. Sympathy is good but you need to have empathy also. You need to understand the difference between sympathy and empathy. I have built and maintained relationship. Networking is the key. Irrespective of levels or designations of people. Success is subjective. I had my own challenges, but there were people who advised, coached and guided me and that can be anybody, your family, your teachers, your friends, your colleagues. I have been fortunate enough to have lovely people around me and that really matters. Hence it is very important as you grow, whether you are in college, corporates or any phase of life, connection to people is important. On personal level I am restless, because I can't relax till something that I own is delivered. The way things are changing in today's world, we as a human being, fail to understand the difference between competition and comparison. There is a very thin line between both. Competition is healthy whereas comparison is not. Competition will help you to excel and comparison will only bring you negativity. If you compare yourself with your friends, then you will start putting pressure on yourself. So, start competition with ourselves to create a better version of yourselves and cheer one another. That will bring happiness.

Most important thing in my journey is, never forget your roots. Be humble, be approachable and give back to the society. Always be grateful for what you have. There will always be someone who will need help. Try not to be too busy. It's a cycle guys...when it's your turn to hit the paddle, make sure you do it and give your best shot. Treat others as you like to be treated. Respect is not just talking politely. For instance, not honking on road is a way to respect. Not talking loudly in elevators is a way to respect. There are various ways to show respect to people. Have a sense of humour, everyone is stressed, they need a laugh and they are looking out for people who can make them laugh. Finally, I loved to say that some of you might be in first year of college or some of you might be in last year and preparing for a career. But each one of you is unique and have different skills and talents. You know we cannot have ten prime ministers running this country. We can have only one Mr. Modiji, cannot have ten Virat Kohli in cricket team. You have your own skills so be committed to yourself. That is not going to be easy guys. You will definitely have challenges and failures but

remember, where there are challenges but are opportunities. Don't let challenges stress you but take it as an opportunity and most importantly no one is going to fight your battle. If you think you can't do anything for yourself, then don't expect anything from others. You are the masters of your own destiny. Keep moving, keep learning and keep inspiring and stay safe. Thank you.