

# ALUMNI - LETTER

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### Message from the Principal

I am happy to compliment MBA department for bringing out a weekly Alumni Newsletter. It is a very good initiative to network with the alumni as it facilitates knowledge and experience sharing, best practices and corporate connectivity for expert talks, internships and placements, all culminating in enhancing the Department's 'Net worth'!

I wish the Department all the success for launching this newsletter.

**Dr. Manjunatha P**  
Principal - JNNCE

### Message from the Director

I am pleased to share with all the stakeholders the dynamic contributions the alumni of our Department have made to themselves and to the industry. The newsletter captures the career planning penned by the alumni to achieve corporate success. The newsletter is presented in an interactive mode which covers a lot of issues like, how to plan for and build a dream career, selection process, how to face and handle interviews, best practices of the company and alumni accomplishments, with an aim to present factual information that would help in training our MBA students.

I compliment all the alumni, current batch of MBA students and the faculty members of the Department for bringing out such an informative weekly alumni newsletter which is expected to serve as an effective link between the Department and its alumni fraternity.

**Dr. C. Srikant**  
Director-MBA

### Message from Editorial Team

The Editorial team is delighted to present its unique creation in the form of Alumni Newsletter. There is now a sizable diaspora of JNNCE MBA graduates spread across the country. People who have in one way or another made us proud of their accomplishments. This newsletter is designed to celebrate the success stories of our alumni and also to provide Relationship of alumni directly to Students through interaction. September 2021, Volume. 01, Issue 2 newsletter updated not only on the educational background of the alumni, it also covered interview process, best practices of the company and suggestions to their juniors. We would be looking forward to hear more about other alumnies in terms of their achievements and their professional growth so as to provide a whole lot of motivation for the current students. We hope that the newsletter will offer some interesting readings to all stakeholders of the department.

**Editorial Team**

### ALUMNI PROFILE : MALTESH



Batch: 2006 to 2008

Qualifications: BSc(Hon's), MBA (Finance)

#### Current Designation:

Lead Business Analyst and Agile Master

Company Name: Societe Generale

Previous Company Name and Designation:

1) JP Morgan Chase - Team Lead

2) Thomas Reuters - Content Analyst



“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

## My happiest moments of college life during my MBA days...

There are many good moments I can recall; to list a few I can start from the latest to initial days of MBA life - happiest to start with is when I won the Best Manager Prize amongst 80 members.

When I was in my 4th semester me and my team launched a Department News Letter called Spandana. The newsletter included 4 parts i.e., Finance, Marketing, HR and a general section and Dr. C Srikanth sir helped me a lot, he took me to the printing press and made it happen. One of my close friends, who was with me since childhood was my junior in MBA, and we had been to a competition called Best Critic competition and both of us shared the first prize. Initial days were also the best days, friends, environment and we were surrounded by best things.

## How I approached the MBA Program

I was a BSc graduate which was an integrated course. During my graduation I was a hostelite where my hostel mates used to give insights about MBA programme, I also used to refer their books and then I had some inclination about MBA, and I chose MBA.

## My Specialisation in MBA and the factors that influenced to choose it...

I opted Finance as my specialization in 3rd Semester, basically I had a business background and also, I was very much interested in numerical subjects like Accounts, Financial Management, stock market as well, Moreover, I was fascinated by finance subject and my hostel mates were from finance specialisation which also had a role to play.

## My first job and the journey so far...

It was a time of recession when I graduated from the college and due to some issues, I stayed back in Shimoga only. I stepped into Airtel Broadband franchisee as Team Lead and was managing operations, customer care, backend of IT and sales. It was burdensome that the team members were all seniors, but it was pivotal in long run, by this I developed interpersonal skills which were helpful in fine tuning me. I stayed there for 10 months and then moved on to Thomson Reuters through my friend and got to connect to the Manager. He was impressed after the talk, so he offered for a walk-in interview then I cracked the interview and got job. In Thomson Reuters my job was completely on Balance sheet, P&L and Cash flow and I had to analyse the balance sheet and P&L, pick up some inputs from that. Initial days of my career life were really hard. In those days my dream company was JP Morgan, I gave many interviews, but I failed. Swamy Vivekananda says, try till you

succeed, & I tried. At last, I cracked the interview and joined JP Morgan. There I learnt excel, advanced excel, and many more skill sets. I proposed an idea, they implemented it and I won the innovator of the year award. I got inclination towards IT, so I upskilled myself into IT, Now I am in Societe Generale as IT business analyst.

## My present job in terms of Roles, Responsibilities...

I'm an IT analyst. As we know Aadhar card is mandatory, in banks you are asked for Aadhar card and if you already have it, banks ask for Aadhar number. Aadhar was implemented few years back. When the concept of Aadhar came, bank created a new space to update the Aadhar card number in the software. In their software, banks have data in terms of customer name, customer contact number and all, but there was no space for Aadhar number. As Govt introduced Aadhar card, bank had to update it in their software. All the technical words or terminology will be understood by the IT people, in adding to new field in particular, from the business side and that will be developed by IT people and there is one person who understands the need and convert the same to IT language that Person who co-ordinates between business and IT, is called a business analyst and as I expressed I am in to it.

## Books that have inspired me to build my career...

After my MBA days, I was very much inspired by a book from the Robbin Sharma 'Greatness Guide' part 1 & 2, and I gave copy of those books during my MBA days to the college which is still in MBA library, the next book is by Marshal Goldsmith is 'What got you here, won't get you there.'

## Job Opportunities and Interview Process of our Company...

- \* To get into a HR interview, it takes time.
- \* The key words for preparation for an interview, I listed some of the companies to attend the interview. I used to have snippet of brief overview of the company.
- \* Try to fit in what they offered in the description of the job. Shradha- "Your Story", she used to interview all the entrepreneurs & she used to write an article about entrepreneurs & she interviewed Ratan Tata.
- \* My company has an Investment Banking firm Head office in Paris [France]. They have IT & operation units in India.
- \* My Company was started in 2002 with 30 employees, now we are 80,000 employees in India. In Bangalore 6000 employees.
- \* For MBA graduates, regular banking investment, operation jobs preferably for MBA finance Candidates.
- \* Department of Finance, is for finance & accounting purposes.
- \* If a candidate is good in investing in the financial products, he/ or she may get an opportunity to work with financial control team & product control team.
- \* If the candidate is from BE & MBA, they have good opportunity in Business analyst positions.
- \* For freshers in my company, we go to campus & recruit the candidates through pool campus or college.
- \* First round is always either written test or group discussion. Through virtual mode online test is more concentrated for first round, which is followed by 3 rounds of interview.
- \* They will ask candidates to explain about themselves keeping their Resumes.

## My Suggestions to my juniors @ JNNCE MBA

Always be a student, learning never ends and another thing is be a good listener. Many a times they just listen to reply. My suggestion is - listen to understand, not to reply. For freshers don't just go with the job or designation or CTC, try to concentrate on learning and focus on better opportunities. Don't go behind money in the initial days, just go behind learning which will help you in improving skill sets, where skill sets need a practice. Come up with more innovative ideas and take initiation which will help you in corporate world.

## Skills Expected by a MBA Graduate

Everyone should know about the market, stock market and economy. Don't restrict oneself only with academics. At least spend half an hour a day for news feeds related to interested domain. Don't narrow down in learning with the text books. Try to use curriculum knowledge to real time situations. Practices some Stock market mock games that will give lot of insights.

## My opinion on getting certification courses...

In initial days the introductions courses like introduction to GST, stock market, derivatives and many more will be more suitable for freshers but in the long run it is better to go with advanced courses like business analytics, data analytics and many more.

## ALUMNI - ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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