

## Office of Alumni Engagement

### Department Alumni Meet 2022

Department Name: Media Studies, BGR Campus

Alumni Faculty Coordinator: Dr Embassy Lawbei

Date : 26th January, 2022

Time : 2:00-3:30 PM

No of alumni attended: 70

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MEETING:

The Department of Media Studies and MESTA's Alumni Association organized an 'Alumni Meet' on 26th January at 2pm on Webex. The event was attended by alumni of BA Journalism (Honours) and BA in Media, Economics and Political Science and faculty members of the department, along with students of the present batches.

The meet was filled with smiling faces and nostalgic eyes as humour, memories, experiences and greetings flooded the alumni and the faculty members who guided and shared with them the noteworthy years they spent as christites. Everyone was steered into reminiscence as a video mapping memory lane curated by MESTA was played, evocating bright-eyed smiles and innumerable sentiments on all the faces.

It was followed by alumni sharing their fond memories of the classroom, events, and the city. They heartily thanked the respective faculty that made a huge impact as mentees in Christ. After their tales of mischief and friendly frolics, Dr Pradeep Thomas greeted and welcomed the attendees for taking precious minutes from their busy lives and reconnecting through this event. His words brought a positive connotation to the trying times because of the pandemic and the cheeriness that the meet has added to our day.

The HOD, Dr Parshuram Kamath, subsequently encouraged the spirit of the meet and announced the initiation of the programme '*Our Alumni Our Pride*' by the Department this year onwards, with goals of documenting and sharing the specifics from alumni that would benefit the students and the courses. He concluded with the message of 'Joy, Peace and Love'.

A memorial video was played to pay gratitude-filled respect to the late Dr Anil Pathlavath, who will be remembered in our hearts dearly. Following this, three new faculty members- Dr Indumathi, Dr Deepak B Joyappa and Prof Neelathphal were introduced and welcomed by the department.

The session then moved on to Dr Ajay Kumar, who expressed his joy upon seeing the familiar faces that once walked down the corridors of Christ University, who are now carrying forward the legacy of Christ. He shared bits of the bittersweet and worthwhileness of the student-teacher relationship and the challenges faced by online classes (and how similar he finds them to offline space).

A 'Picker Wheel' activity organised for the students was then carried out, where the alumni shared their treasured advice on crucial questions such as 'fair pay' and 'building an impactful resume'. This advice based on first-hand experience proved to be valuable for the members of the audience.

To conclude, the student head of the Alumni Committee, Sneha, conducted the vote of thanks, which was preceded by Dr Embassy Lawbei, the faculty coordinator of the Alumni Association, expressing her gratitude.

The official meet was followed by a rich informal session where Alumni interacted with their juniors and current Christites regarding their academic and professional experiences. The fruitful takeaways on subjects like important tidbits regarding pursuance of higher education in foreign and central universities, academic aspirations and know-hows, professional tips, and their personal experiences in the fields and their Instagram handles. It was an interactive session and the alumni sure had a great time meeting their old buddies and professors. They advised their juniors to do as many internships as they can and not worry about the pay issue. Focus on learning and shaping up their talents. The attendees got a view into life after graduation and Christ. In the words of the Alumni, they found a community and a home they cherish in the form of the Christ University and the faculty and they wished the same to every christite. The event ended with faces brimmed with happiness and joy.

