

SDMIMD Journey

Ziaulla Sheriff – 2016-18

The date March 24th 2018, will be etched in my memory until my last breath. It was undoubtedly the best day of my life till date and probably will go down as one of the most memorable days in my entire life and the reasons for this are aplenty.

The fact that I got to receive my hard-earned degree from none other than Dr Veerendra Heggade Ji, was nothing less than a feat in itself and then going on to receive the coveted gold medal for overall performance from the Deputy Governor, RBI, Mr Vishwanathan was an icing on the cake. Seeing the smile on my parents face or rather tears of joy was something that I always wanted to give back to them.

The grand setup of the convocation, coming together of our parents, relatives, our professors, my batch mates, juniors and the entire SDMIMD family was nothing short of a festival.

During the 2 odd hours of the convocation proceedings, these 2 years of my life flashed back in my mind. From being an introvert, who lacked self- confidence and no ambition in life; to a go-getter, and someone who could clearly articulate his opinion and put it across the table. I made sure that I take part in the vast and the variety of opportunities that SDM offered, big or small, I ensured that I contributed to it directly or indirectly. The serene ambience and wonderful infrastructure acted as a catalyst to the learning that takes place at SDMIMD, I always ensured that I pro-actively participated in the guest lectures which exposed me to a lot of “tribal knowledge” from the industry experts. I am forever indebted to my professors and staff at SDMIMD for their guidance and support throughout these 2 years, while I was remembering the role of SDMIMD in my transformation as an individual, My friends sitting around me reminded me of the time we spent in our hostel and campus, The traditional festival celebrations, the sports extravaganza, management fests, conferences, “Musical nights” etc. etc., also made me realize how much I will miss all of this. Suddenly all the joy of being graduated was coupled with sadness, sadness because I will never experience all of this again, no place/organization can replicate the role of SDMIMD in my life.

If I have to describe SDMIMD in one single sentence, I would be brave enough and will go ahead, and use the famous line of Persian poet Amir Khusro who said:

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Agar firdaus bar roo-e zameen ast, Hameen ast-o hameen ast-o hameen ast.

English Translation:

If there is heaven on earth, This is it, This is it.

Heaven here means not only the beauty of the campus but also the wisdom and divinity associated with it.