**Confluence’ 15 – “The Reunion”**

*Confluence’15*, the alumni meet of Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya was held on December 26, 2015. Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya organized *Confluence’15* to create an opportunity for interaction between pass-out students and current students. The event was attended by 273 alumni. Invitations were sent to alumni through e-mails and confirmations were received on calls. At 1:30 pm, the event started with registration of the alumni. The alumni were provided with ID cards according to their branches and batches. Each alumnus was given Memento and Directory at the time of registration.

After registration, the event continued with campus tour to their respective departments. The alumni were happy to see the progress of the university. The alumni were accompanied by respective faculty members of the departments. With high tea at 3:30 pm, the alumni interacted with each other. A photo exhibition was arranged by *Amogh* - the Photography Club of SVVV on the themes: Indore, Abstract, Wildlife, Nature and Mobile Photography. 100 photos were displayed in the exhibition. A photo booth was also arranged by Amogh with props for making photographs more expressive. The alumni had a group photo session with volunteers, faculty members and staff.

**Introduction and experience sharing (4:15pm-6:30 pm)**

The event further continued in the auditorium. The welcome address was delivered by Dr.Kavita Sharma, *Confluence’15* Coordinator. She highlighted the importance of such meets and role of educational institutions in the success of students. She took the participants back to the days when they were students and were taught Chemistry by her.

After her address, Dr. Upinder Dhar, Vice Chancellor, SVVV declared the *Confluence’15* open. He also declared that an Alumni Meet will be held on December 26 every year. The event was shown live in the lounge outside library by Indranil Tiwary, student member, Technical Team of *Confluence’15*, under the guidance of Prof. Jigyasu Dubey, HoD-IT. The experience sharing started with a panel discussion. Students from 1995 to 1998 batches shared their memories of the days when they had fun with learning and got placed in reputed companies. The first panel consisted of Mahesh Jakhetiya, Neeraj Gupta, Sampada

Dandekar, Subodh Tawde, Amit Chouhan, Ashwajeet Garg and Hitesh Shah. The second panel was of entrepreneurs, moderated by Vivek Agrawal. The session was all about starting a business. After discussion, ideas from the current students were welcomed, wherein Indranil Tiwary and Abhijeet Pandey discussed their views with the alumni.

**Valedictory (6:30pm-7:30pm)**

Dr. Upinder Dhar announced the forthcoming programs at SVVV. The main highlight being: Railway Engineering, which would be introduced in the university. At present, Railway Engineering is not offered by any institution in India. He also highlighted other streams which would be taught at the university. He emphasized on the importance of value based learning while correlating the same to the vision of the university - “Think Excellence, Live Excellence”. Mr. Mahesh Jakhetiya gave his feedback about the event that he is very proud to be a part of an institution having history of creating such qualified and talented students who are working across the 7 continents, and are integral part of various prestigious organizations, and that’s the way they are spreading their skills and knowledge throughout the world.

Shri Purushottamdas Pasari, Chancellor, SVVV expressed his gratitude towards the alumni who made the event successful. Shri Manohar Baheti, Chairman, SVIL shared the achievements of BITS Alumni Association, of which he was a member, and urged all the alumni to organize more of such events and encourage interaction. Shri Kamal Narayan Bhuradia, Secretary-SVITS expressed his desire to make SVVV a big name in the field of education. The alumni who attended the event also stated that this meet was important to make the students aware about the glory of SVVV and to provide exposure to the students. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. V. N. Walivadekar, Principal, SVITS.

**Dinner (7:30 pm)**

The event was over with the farewell dinner. The atmosphere lightened up with faculty and students remembering the times which have faded away, but still bring smile when thought about. The event was well covered by *Amogh*.

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