

FORE School of Management, New Delhi
FORE Alumni Network (FAN)
AY 25-26

FORE Alumni Network (FAN) organized **seventeen** activities and events in AY 2025-26.

The activities are as cited below:

1. FOREver Connected – Gurugram

Objective: To bridge the gap between management education and real-world industry demands by bringing together senior corporate professionals and FORE alumni to co-create a vision for producing industry-ready graduates.

Date: Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Venue: The Palms Town & Country Club, Gurugram

Number of Attendees: 14+ Alumni

The FORE School of Management successfully launched the 'FOREver Connected – Cultivating Connections' initiative in Gurugram. The event served as a high-impact platform to unify academia, industry leaders, and the FORE alumni base, with the central goal of collaboratively redefining management education to produce graduates who are industry-ready, resilient, and equipped with a future-forward mindset.

Key themes discussed included the shift from creating job seekers to nurturing job creators, the strategic importance of emotional quotient and empathy in leadership, and the primacy of experiential learning through live corporate projects, real-time case studies, and sustained mentorship. Industry leaders and alumni committed to making themselves available to facilitate this transition for current students.

Participation Highlights: Senior professionals from leading organizations including ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, PwC, Accenture, KPMG, Oracle Financial Services, EY, Acuity Knowledge Partners, Evalueserve, Protiviti, Nestle India, Insurancedekho, Ascendion, and Adani Digital Labs participated in the discussion.

2. FOREver Connected – Delhi

Objective: To convene senior corporate professionals and FORE alumni in New Delhi to advance the shared vision of developing future-proof management graduates and fostering meaningful academia-industry collaboration.

Date: Friday, May 9th, 2025

Venue: Airports Authority of India Officers Institute, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 7+ Alumni

The New Delhi chapter of 'FOREver Connected' built on the momentum from Gurugram, bringing together a highly engaged group of senior corporate professionals and FSM alumni. The opening discussions reinforced the need for management education to nurture more entrepreneurs and job creators. Alumni and industry leaders underscored the centrality of empathy and emotional quotient as strategic imperatives, and championed a dynamic pedagogical shift towards experiential learning – summarized by the principle of "teaching less and practicing more."

Alumni openly expressed their commitment to contribute directly to students' learning journeys through specialized sessions, connections for live projects, and personal mentorship. The event concluded with a unified call for a balanced pedagogical framework combining academic rigour with hands-on corporate practice.

3. Dubai Chapter Meet 2025

Objective: To strengthen the FORE Alumni Network in the Middle East region, formalize the MENA Chapter structure, and foster collaboration, networking, and strategic engagement among alumni based in the Gulf.

Date: Saturday, June 28th, 2025

Venue: The H Dubai

Number of Attendees: 25+ Alumni

The Alumni Chapter Meet for the Dubai region marked an important milestone in strengthening the FORE Alumni Network in the Middle East. The event commenced with an inspiring address by Dr. Subir Verma, Director, FORE School of Management, who urged alumni to contribute as Master Trainers for both students and faculty.

A major development at the meet was the restructuring of the chapter: Mr. Sumit Malhotra was appointed as President of the newly merged MENA Chapter (Middle East and North Africa), with the Dubai Chapter rebranded accordingly. Key discussions covered the surge in AI-based innovations across Dubai, with alumni identifying internship and job opportunities in AI for current FORE students. Alumni also strongly advocated for the establishment of FORE Executive Education Centres or Satellite Higher Education Centres in the region to serve mid-career professionals.

Participation Highlights: The event saw enthusiastic participation from distinguished alumni including Anand Prasanna, Navdeep Pratap, Sumit Malhotra, Sandeep Das, Rishi Jain, Rishi Uprit, Harsh Gupta, Ujjwal Srivastava, Rajat Asthana, Saurabh, Shilpi Chauhan, and Ansh Virmani.

4. Alumni Speak – July 2025

Objective: To connect students with accomplished alumni who share their professional journeys, leadership lessons, and career guidance through the flagship Alumni Speak series.

Date: Thursday, 24th July 2025

Venue: Virajam Auditorium, FORE School of Management, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 190

Guest Speaker: Mr. Sumit Malhotra, Chief of Staff at Iron Pillar, Alumnus – Class of 2002

Topic: "Lessons in Global Business: Leadership, Adaptability, and Growth Across Industries"

Mr. Sumit Malhotra, with over two decades of experience across venture capital, fintech, and private banking in India, the UAE, and Qatar, engaged students with insightful anecdotes from his personal and professional journey. He emphasized the value of resilience, adaptability, and embracing challenges in the formative years of one's career.

Key Takeaways: Never give up in the face of challenges; never say no to opportunities regardless of size; hustle and persevere in the initial years; build lasting personal and professional relationships; and recognize networking as a lifelong asset.

5. Silver Jubilee Alumni Meet 2025

Objective: To celebrate 25 years of memories, milestones, and enduring bonds of the Batch of 2000, and to honour alumni, faculty, and the institution's journey.

Date: Saturday, August 2nd, 2025

Venue: Eros Hotel, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 40 Alumni

The FORE Alumni Network proudly hosted the Silver Jubilee Alumni Meet 2025 to celebrate the Batch of 2000's 25th anniversary. Distinguished dignitaries included Chairman Dr. BBL Madhukar, Prof. Shilpi Jain (Dean, Alumni and Corporate Relations), Prof. Sangamitra Buddhapriya, Prof. Anil Singh, and Dr. Surabhi Koul (Chair, FORE Alumni Network). The evening opened with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony.

The event paid heartfelt tribute to former faculty including Prof. Anand P. Gupta, Dr. Ambrish Gupta, Prof. Deepa Verma, Dr. Neena Sondhi, and others who shaped the Batch of 2000. Alumni who have made remarkable contributions across industries were felicitated. Cultural performances by current students – spanning semi-classical,

Bollywood, Bhangra, and music – showcased the FORE spirit. The evening concluded with an informal networking dinner.

6. Alumni Speak – August 2025

Objective: To provide students with practical perspectives on global careers in finance and the evolving role of technology and AI in the industry.

Date: Friday, August 29th, 2025

Venue: Vivekananda Pragya Hall, Delhi

Number of Attendees: 124

Guest Speaker: Mr. Achal Arora, Operating Partner at Macquarie Asset Management, Alumnus – Class of 2007

Topic: "Experiences and Learnings from a Global Career in Corporate Finance"

Mr. Achal Arora, with a decade of experience in investment banking across India and Europe, provided a comprehensive overview of career paths in finance and the pivotal role of technology and AI in the industry. He spoke about personal investment strategies and the importance of global nuances in shaping career success.

The session transitioned into an engaging Q&A where students explored private assets, equity, and global career paths. Mr. Arora shared insights on dealing with ambiguity, the importance of continuous learning, and the difference in working styles across cultures. He concluded with the message: "Stay focused but keep your mind open to accepting new things."

7. London Chapter Meet 2025

Objective: To mark the launch of FORE's first-ever alumni chapter in the United Kingdom and strengthen global alumni connections beyond borders.

Date: Friday, September 5th, 2025

Venue: Gaucho Broadgate, London

Number of Attendees: 15+ Alumni

FORE School of Management proudly celebrated a milestone moment with the success of its very first Alumni Chapter Meet in London. The central message of the evening emphasized building a close-knit alumni network that preserves nostalgia while fostering collaboration and growth. A special highlight was the announcement of UK Chapter office bearers – Mr. Bhupinder Singh and Ms. Abhinika Dhingra.

Dr. Subir Verma shared inspiring updates on the institute's expanding global footprint. Faculty members Dr. Anita Tripathy Lal, Dr. Shalini Taneja, Dr. Rahul Pratap Singh, and Dr. Basant Potnuru graced the event, reconnecting with alumni. The event concluded on a note of celebration, camaraderie, and optimism, marking the beginning of a new chapter for FORE's global alumni community.

8. Alumni Speak – September 2025

Objective: To equip students with insights on future skills, human-centered leadership, and the evolving nature of work in dynamic global industries.

Date: Saturday, September 20th, 2025

Venue: FSM Auditorium, Gurugram

Number of Attendees: 134

Guest Speaker: Ms. Tarika Chopra, Global Employee Relations Senior Manager at Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Alumna – Class of 2009

Topic: "Preparing for Future Skills: What MBA Graduates Should Focus on in Dynamic Industries"

Ms. Tarika Chopra, with over 16 years of experience in human resources, spoke on the evolution of leadership, global industry trends, and the essential skills for success in today's dynamic work environment. She discussed human-centered leadership, the impact of AI and automation (which she noted cannot replace creativity, empathy, or decision-making), the challenges of hybrid and remote work culture, and the influence of the geopolitical landscape on corporate strategy.

She emphasized a growth mindset, resilience, agility, and strategic networking, cautioning young professionals against indiscipline and lack of punctuality. The session concluded with the message that success requires being a change-maker by driving innovation and challenging the status quo.

9. Alumni Book Launch – September 2025

Objective: To celebrate the authorship journey of an alumnus and share lessons on resilience, adversity, and the importance of human connections in professional life.

Date: Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

Venue: CR-16, FORE School of Management, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 30

Guest Speaker: Mr. Satyarth Mishra, Alumnus – Class of 1995; Author of The Hapless Voyager

Welcomed by: Dr. Surabhi Koul, Chair, FORE Alumni Network

Mr. Satyarth Mishra, with over three decades of experience in senior leadership roles at global organizations including Accenture, HCL, and Nokia, shared his professional journey from early career struggles to authorship. He emphasized the "adversity quotient" as a driver of career success, advocating for resilience and non-traditional professional development.

He shared excerpts from his book, *The Hapless Voyager* – inspired by a nickname from his college days – and highlighted the importance of building genuine, non-transactional relationships, dealing with ambiguity and failure, and recognizing that personal and professional lives are deeply intertwined.

10. Mumbai Chapter Meet 2025

Objective: To strengthen the FORE Alumni Network in Mumbai, foster alumni engagement, and create a platform for collaboration, networking, and institutional growth.

Date: Friday, October 31st, 2025

Venue: Radisson Blu, Mumbai International Airport

Number of Attendees: 45+ Alumni

The FORE School of Management's Mumbai Alumni Chapter Meet brought together over 45 alumni for an evening of collaboration, networking, and strategic discussion. Dr. Subir Verma's address emphasized the institution's expectation of alumni contributions to knowledge exchange and student career development. Alumni enthusiastically participated in a 'Then and Now' game featuring familiar FORE campus spots, evoking nostalgia and a desire to revisit the campus.

The chapter meet reinforced the importance of alumni mentoring students and supporting placements. The session concluded with discussions on organizing the next alumni meet, with members proposing rotating venues across regions to maximize engagement.

Participation Highlights: Distinguished alumni including Amit Tripathi, Manu Goel, Rohan Sachdeva, Neeraj Lal, Shivanshu Mehta, Manish Parbhakar, Sunny Bhandari, Shilpi Lal Sharma, Hardik Marfatia, and Shweta Mathur, among others, attended the event.

11. Bengaluru Chapter Meet 2025

Objective: To strengthen the FORE Alumni Network in Bengaluru and foster collaboration, networking, and strategic discussions for future engagement.

Date: Saturday, November 1st, 2025

Venue: TAJ, M.G. Road, Bengaluru

Number of Attendees: 45+ Alumni

The Bengaluru Alumni Chapter Meet served as a valuable platform for collaboration, networking, and strategic discussions. Dr. Surabhi Koul, Chairperson of FAN, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the vital role of alumni in sustaining the institute's legacy and growth. Alumni shared insightful reflections on their journeys from FORE's classrooms to their professional milestones, creating a tone that was both nostalgic and forward-looking.

An engaging activity invited alumni to identify familiar FORE campus locations, comparing past and present appearances – evoking fond recollections while highlighting the institution's significant evolution. The event concluded with a networking dinner and memento distribution, recognizing alumni for their continued association with FORE.

Participation Highlights: Distinguished alumni including Mohit Kapoor, Sameer Sharma, Gautam Khantwal, Deomathews J, Satyarth Mishra, Kavita Mehra, and Sudhir Samal, among others, attended the event.

12. Jubilate 2025 – Annual Alumni Meet

Objective: To bring together alumni from diverse batches for a celebration of FORE's legacy, alumni recognition, and meaningful networking, under the theme "Carnival of Connections."

Date: Sunday, December 14th, 2025

Venue: The Palms Town & Country Club, Sector 43, Gurugram

Number of Attendees: 184 Alumni

Jubilate 2025, the Annual Alumni Meet of FORE School of Management, brought together over 184 alumni from diverse batches under the theme "Carnival of Connections." The event was graced by Dr. B.B.L. Madhukar (Chairman, FORE Society), Dr. Subir Verma (Director), Mr. Devendra Pathak (Board Member and Secretary), Dr. Arunaditya Sahay, and alumni representatives. The inaugural lamp-lighting ceremony was followed by classical dance performances and specially curated nostalgia videos.

A special Crystal Jubilee Felicitation honoured the Batch of 2009 and 2010 marking 15 Years of Excellence. Dr. Madhukar announced the launch of a Drone Pilot Training Course and a forthcoming Politics and Governance programme, and shared FORE's long-term vision of evolving into a full-fledged university.

Alumni Recognition Awards 2025:

1. Executive Leadership: Mr. Atanu Dutta, Director – Talent Development at Adobe, and Ms. Vinita Rustagi, Senior Vice President at Bank of America.

2. Entrepreneurship: Mr. Ashwinder R. Singh, Vice Chairman of BCD Group and Co-founder of ANAROCK, and Mr. Sumeet Prakash, Co-founder and Director of Emarson Infotech.
3. Outstanding Contribution to Alma Mater: Mr. Sachin Bhagat and Ms. Ruby Kanth.
4. Public Contribution: Shri Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma, Cabinet Minister, Government of Delhi.
5. Influential Woman Leader: Ms. Deepti Kapoor, Managing Director at Cushman & Wakefield.
6. Young Alumni Achiever: Mr. Pulkit Bhardwaj, Vice President at EY-Parthenon.

Fun games including "Lyric Leap" and "Guess the Movie," a live music performance by FORE students, and an energetic Bhangra performance added vibrancy to the event. The networking cocktail lunch in the lawns featured interactive photobooths with themed props.

13. Alumni Speak – January 2026

Objective: To provide students with insights into product management, generative AI, and evolving career paths in the technology industry.

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Venue: Virajam Auditorium, FORE School of Management, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 215

Guest Speaker: Ms. Divya Bhadouria, Product Manager at Meta, Alumna – Class of 2013

Topic: "Breaking Into Product Management – Skills, Mindset and Career Paths"

Ms. Divya Bhadouria, with diverse experience across Kantar TNS, KPMG, Castlight Health, and Apree Health before joining Meta, spoke on the transformative impact of Generative AI on product management. She discussed how AI is compressing development cycles, replacing lengthy documentation with rapid prototyping, and enabling faster feedback loops, while blurring functional boundaries within organizations.

Key Takeaways: Product Managers must evolve from managing processes to managing outcomes and intelligence; Generative AI is accelerating product cycles, making adaptability and continuous learning critical; uniquely human capabilities such as empathy, judgment, and strategic thinking remain invaluable; non-linear career paths should be embraced as an advantage, not a limitation.

14. Rendezvous 2026

Objective: To bridge the gap between classroom learning and corporate realities through an interactive panel discussion for first-year students, featuring accomplished alumni across diverse industries.

Date: Monday, January 20, 2026

Venue: Virajam Auditorium, FORE School of Management, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 210

Theme: "Career Strategy in Action: Learning, Leverage, and Leadership"

Panelists:

Ms. Shreya Dutta, Strategic Partnerships at Amazon Ads, Alumna – Class of 2005

Mr. Jasdeep Singh Manchanda, Vice President at SBI Cards, Alumnus – Class of 2008

Ms. Sunanda Agarwal, Director – Business Development at ICRA, Alumna – Class of 2009

Moderated by: Ms. Paawani Thukral

Rendezvous '26 brought together first-year students and three distinguished alumni to explore career building through authentic professional experiences. The panel discussion covered early career decision-making, with Jasdeep Singh Manchanda emphasizing the importance of identifying what one does not want to pursue before narrowing focus; Shreya Dutta highlighting the value of starting with sales to build foundational marketing skills; and Sunanda Agarwal stressing the importance of deep expertise within a single industry.

Key Takeaways: Career planning begins with understanding what one does not wish to pursue; sales experience builds invaluable marketing foundations; value creation and cultural fit matter more than credentials alone; build sponsors who actively advocate for you; depth of expertise frequently outweighs breadth across sectors; and leadership is demonstrated through accountability, visibility, proactive contributions, and effective communication.

15. Alumni Speak – February 2026

Objective: To provide students with insights into the evolving landscape of human resource management, HR technology, and the role of AI in talent management.

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026

Venue: Virajam Auditorium, FORE School of Management, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 177

Guest Speaker: Ms. Ruby Kanth, Founder and CEO of Peop360 Tech, Alumna – Class of 1995

Topic: "A Deep Dive into HR: Managing People"

Ms. Ruby Kanth, with over 25 years of experience in Learning and Development, talent strategy, and organizational transformation, discussed the shift from traditional administrative HR functions to predictive analytics and AI-enabled talent management. She highlighted the practical applications of Large Language Models in streamlining internal communication and personalizing learning paths, while emphasizing that managing people continues to require psychology, empathy, and organizational culture understanding.

Key Takeaways: The future of HR lies at the intersection of behavioral science and data science; professionals must be "AI-ready" by understanding multi-agent systems and their impact on team productivity; HR challenges should be viewed as business opportunities; and the alumni network continues to serve as a valuable source of mentorship and industry-ready knowledge.

16. Alumni Book Launch – February 2026

Objective: To celebrate the authorship of an accomplished alumnus and share insights on continuous learning, adaptability, and human-centered leadership.

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Venue: CR-5, FORE School of Management, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 36

Guest Speaker: Mr. Vivek Agarwal, Alumnus – Class of 2009; Author of Seekhna Band Toh Jeetna Band

Welcomed and Felicitated by: Dr. Shilpi Jain, Dean (Corporate Relations, Placements and Alumni)

Mr. Vivek Agarwal, former CIO at IndiaMART InterMESH Limited and Founder of Vivikt Growth LLP, shared insights on his professional journey and the philosophy behind his book, Seekhna Band Toh Jeetna Band. He emphasized that technological advancements must be complemented by human-centered leadership, and that adaptability, resilience, and continuous skill-upgradation are essential to remaining relevant.

In the Q&A segment, he highlighted that career paths are rarely linear and that growth often emerges through experimentation and perseverance. He encouraged students to remain curious, adaptable, and open to learning, framing success as a continuous process of personal evolution rather than merely achieving goals.

17. Panchtatva 2026

Objective: To bridge the gap between classroom frameworks and real-world corporate decision-making through a panel featuring alumni from all five core management domains.

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Venue: Virajam Auditorium, FORE School of Management, New Delhi

Number of Attendees: 203

Theme: "When Theory Fails: Real Corporate Decision-Making"

Panelists:

Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Head of Procurement Services, Cognizant, Alumnus – Class of 2011 (Operations)

Ms. Sucheta Sabharwal, Consulting Practice Head, System Dynamics India Consulting, Alumna – Class of 2011 (Human Resources)

Mr. Anupam Sharma, General Manager – Digital Strategy and Transformation, GMR Group, Alumnus – Class of 2015 (Information Technology)

Mr. Anush Mittal, Senior Chief Manager, Bajaj Capital Ltd., Alumnus – Class of 2015 (Finance)

Mr. Karan Girotra, Senior Manager, Mrs. Bectors Food Specialities Ltd., Alumnus – Class of 2018 (Marketing)

Moderated by: Ms. Avanya Jain and Ms. Srishti Kathuria

Panchtatva '26 brought together five distinguished alumni representing the five pillars of management. The panel explored how management theories often require adaptation in practice: digital transformation roadmaps may fail due to stakeholder resistance; procurement models sometimes must prioritize resilience over cost efficiency; and financial valuations assume rational markets despite the realities of investor psychology.

The session covered three thematic segments: when theory meets reality, decision-making under pressure, and a rapid-fire round on instinct over theory. Students gained a clear understanding that corporate leadership demands contextual thinking, execution over perfection, and stakeholder alignment over technical correctness.

Key Takeaways: Theory builds foundations but experience shapes judgment; agility and stakeholder alignment often outweigh technical precision; real-world decisions demand courage amid ambiguity; and leadership is demonstrated through accountability, continuous learning, and decisive execution.