

50th Year Reunion of the PGP 4th Batch at IIM Calcutta

The evening of a Thursday at the beautiful Joka campus brought a bus of individuals who were instrumental in creating the name and fame IIM Calcutta enjoys now. They were none other than the 4th PGP batch of IIM Calcutta from across the country here for their reunion. Twenty eight of the 4th generation of Jokers visited Joka reliving their memories as a MBA student from 2nd February to 6th February. The forenoon of 3rd January was pen-marked for the alumni to meet and catch up on their forty eight years of career and life. The feeling of meeting an old friend or classmate after nearly half a century can only have been ecstatic. The welcome session was hosted at the Management Development Centre (MDC) open courtyard followed by dinner. To end the day with a bang, our alumnis gave performances ranging from songs and dances to merrily laughing with each other. It was indeed refreshing for the current 52nd and 53rd batch of IIM Calcutta students to also witness the cultural proficiencies of their alumni.

With the sunrise on Saturday came a talk by Prof.MunjAthreya on “Better Governance”. Speaking on life in general and various philosophies the alumni were privy to an enriching morning. Being in a campus with budding managers and entrepreneurs, no reunion can be complete without an interaction session between the alumni and the current students. Questions were asked pertaining to expectations about our professional careers, experiences the alumni had during their college years and life after that and even whether they had any regrets in their life were asked by the students. The alums with their infinite wisdom patiently gave a very detailed perspective on all the aspects of an MBA graduates life in general. They in-turn were curious to know about how college life has changed from their time to the current generation and how we think IIM Calcutta has been a value add to us. It was indeed an enriching and captivating experience interacting with the 4th batch.

The 4th batch had not studied at Joka campus and they were given a grand tour of our beloved second home. A tour started from MDC and covered all the coveted attractions, the likes of Jetty, old Howrah bridge, boat house and each hostel. Some of the alums even ate at the hostel messes during the tour. An outing to tour Kolkata city and a cruise on river Hoogly was also organized for the 4th batch in the final leg of the reunion. The alumni then had a day of serendipity where they basked in the happiness of being back at their alma mater.

As enjoyable as it was for the 4th PGP batch to meet old friends and classmates over the weekend, it was thrilling for us to host them in our campus. Their enthusiasm in wanting to get to know us and their zeal for wanting to help in making IIM Calcutta even greater was unimaginable. It was a privilege and an honour to have them here.