

Voices of the Silver Somaiyans

Reflections from the Class of 2001 | Silver Somaiyans 2026

As the celebration drew to a close, heartfelt reflections and shared stories captured the true spirit of the day. Conversations filled with gratitude, friendships, and life lessons highlighted how deeply the Somaiya years have shaped alumni journeys. Silver Somaiyans 2026 was not just a reunion, but a reaffirmation that these bonds only grow stronger with time. For many, it was a gentle reminder that no matter where life leads, there is always a home to return to. Please read on below the nostalgic memories and feelings shared by our alumni.

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Thank you so much for organising such a wonderful event. It was exceptionally well planned and executed. I truly enjoyed learning about the journey since 1902, the future vision, the significance of the green patch, and much more. It brought back fond memories of my college days. The cultural programmes and performances by Gen Z were truly delightful and added great energy to the event.

I would like to suggest that please consider inviting faculty members from the same batch as well, as it would make our experience more special.



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This was a great event. It was an amazing feeling to come back to KJSSE after 25 years. Nicely organized and meticulously executed. A lot of effort and coordination for a long time has gone in and it was visible.

Thanks for the honour. We felt like celebrities and valued.

Durga ma'am, kudos to you and the team and all the best for your future events. Will look forward to being associated and contributing to SVU in different possible ways.



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Big thanks to the entire team for making our 25-year memories so special. I would also like to thank all the volunteers for their wonderful support, help, and coordination. Everything was more than perfect.

You all made this event truly special. The team's support in allowing us to revisit our classrooms, the library, and every corner of the campus meant a lot. Today, you made us feel like we truly owned the entire campus.

The entire security team welcomed us warmly and shared our excitement, making the experience even more memorable.

I hope to attend many more such gatherings in the future.

Thanks once again to Somaiya Vidyavihar for remembering Batch 2001. Proud to be a Somaiyan.



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Thank you to the Silver Somaiyans team for the kindness and generosity shown to the alumni. My heartfelt gratitude to all the organisers, teachers, and coordinators for including us in this wonderful event. I especially enjoyed interacting with the current Gen Z students, who were very excited to learn about our experiences. It was fun to be with them. They were kind and kept us engaged through different classroom activities.

Keep up the spirit, and all the best to them! Thank you once again to the Alumni Relations team.



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Participating in the alumni programme was a truly enriching experience that fostered connection and brought back wonderful memories. Reuniting with former classmates made it feel as though we were still in those years, nothing had changed.

Overall, the alumni programme was memorable not only for rekindling old friendships but also for motivating us to aspire higher and stay connected to our institution as a lifelong community.

Sincere thanks to Chitra Madam, Prabhu Madam, Heenaji, and the organizing members. Let's continue to create such memorable reunion opportunities whenever possible.



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From the responses of my friends and batchmates, and from the pictures I've seen, Silver Somaiyans truly seems to have been a silver success. Hearty congratulations to the entire team led by Durga Ma'am and the alumni team. Although I was unable to attend the function yesterday due to unavoidable reasons, I certainly feel I missed a big and meaningful event. Thank you once again for involving me and others in whatever little way we could contribute.



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Twenty-five years have passed, yet it feels like we graduated just yesterday. It was truly nostalgic meeting many friends again after 25 years.

The event was wonderfully managed - kudos to everyone who conceived the idea of bringing us all together, those who planned and volunteered, from calling for confirmations to on-ground management, those who performed, participated in the

panel discussions, and shared insights on how we can contribute - not just financially, but with our time as well. Special appreciation to all the alumni who attended despite their busy schedules and commitments.

Overall, 10th January 2026 has left an everlasting impression on our hearts.

I feel lucky to have witnessed it. Thank you.



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I reached the Vidyavihar campus just before the commencement of our Hon'ble Chancellor, Mr Samir Somaiya's speech and presentation. I felt happy and proud to learn about the various initiatives and activities dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Indian ethics and culture, along with the focus on development and innovation to help India progress towards becoming a global leader.

Congratulations to all the organisers of the Silver Somaiyans event. My heartfelt gratitude to the energetic and enthusiastic team, especially the young students and their mentors, for making the event so meaningful.

As an alumnus of K J Somaiya Vidyavihar, having completed both my MSc in Botany and B Ed here, I feel proud to have attended Silver Somaiyans



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Thank you, Durga Ma'am, and the entire team for organising such a wonderful event for the Somaiyan Alumni of 2001. It was truly an emotional moment for me - and I am sure for all the alumni -to return to our own "Somaiya" after 25 years. I am pleased to share some reflections from my experience below.

"I had a complete tour of the campus and felt both glad and a little jealous seeing the wonderful facilities and world-class infrastructure that has been built over the years. I visited my primary school section, where I completed my schooling (Gujarati Medium). It is now a B Ed college. I had the honour of meeting the Principal of S K Somaiya College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Dr Purushottam Wadje, along with my teachers — Shirke Sir, Kitan Ma'am, Yogesh Patel Sir, and Nitin Sir.

I thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful musical evening, listening to the magical voice of legendary singer Usha Uthup Ma'am. She was phenomenal.

During dinner, I met a B Tech student, Mr Ayan. We had a wonderful discussion, and I shared my experiences to guide him in his career path in whatever way I could contribute.

After dinner, while walking towards the car park, I met students from Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at the Polytechnic. They were testing a prototype car and experimenting with how an advanced motor controlling panel could improve the mileage of an EV car. They explained their project and approached me for sponsorship for their upcoming event in Qatar. I guided them regarding their vision and requested them to share their presentation so that I can approach potential investors for the same.

Overall, it was an awesome day – cherishing childhood memories and clicking photos at the place where I spent 15 beautiful years of my life. It truly felt like coming home. My eyes were filled with tears of joy and happiness that I cannot express in words.

It would be my pleasure and honour to remain associated with Somaiya in the future and contribute in whatever way I can. I feel truly blessed to have studied at such a great institution.

My heartfelt gratitude to Karamshi Somaiya Ji, Shantilal Somaiya Ji, and the visionary President Samir Somaiya Ji.”



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Thank you to all the organisers for putting together such an impeccably planned event. My sincere appreciation to the Alumni Relations team and the Somaiya management for the thoughtfulness behind this wonderful gesture.

Walking through the campus brought back a flood of beautiful memories, and reconnecting with friends - some after decades, made the experience truly nostalgic. What surprised me most was how effortlessly we slipped back into the same carefree, senseless banter, picking up right where we had left off 25 years ago.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to feel like 20-year-old kids all over again.



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Thank you for organising the event and for the warm hospitality. I was delighted to learn more about the rich history of our institution and the achievements of our fellow alumni as well.



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