

## **Two Celebrations, One Somaiya Spirit: Silver Somaiyans Celebration & SAAM 2026**

Somaiya Vidyavihar proudly commemorated the Silver Somaiyans Jubilee Celebrations, celebrating 25 years of its alumni from the Academic Year 2001 pass-out batch.

The event unfolded as a vibrant celebration, featuring engaging cultural performances and creating a nostalgic ambience that brought alumni together to relive cherished campus memories. Alumni from 13 Somaiya Institutions, spanning high school, diploma, and degree institutions, participated enthusiastically, reflecting Somaiya Vidyavihar's longstanding commitment to excellence in education and the strong, lifelong bond it shares with its alumni community.

The event in the morning was graced by Shri Samir Somaiya, President; Prof Ajay Kapoor, Vice-chancellor, SVU; Lt Gen. H S Kahlon, Secretary, SVV; and all the Heads of Somaiya Institutions & Departments.

SAAM 2026 was an evening to remember. We honoured 14 of our Distinguished Alumni in a vibrant setting filled with live music, meaningful networking, and energetic performances by our own talented alumni.

A special live concert by legendary singer Usha Uthup, along with vibrant performances by talented students from Somaiya Vidyavihar, kept the audience thoroughly engaged.

Meaningful moments such as the traditional Somaiya campus prayer and a Sanskrit invocation by Shri. Balasaheb Wagh set a reflective tone, followed by a nostalgic film on the Somaiya journey. Updates on recent developments and the evolving vision of the University were shared, encouraging alumni to remain closely connected with their alma mater.

President Shri Samir Somaiya opened his presidential address on a high note, praising the organizers for capturing the pulsating energy and vibrant spirit that define the SVV campus. He took a moment to acknowledge our illustrious alumni for their immense contributions across diverse professional fields, noting how their success continues to bring pride to the university.

During his address, Shri Samir Somaiya highlighted the deep, nostalgic connection within the Somaiya community—a bond that remains a constant thread for our alumni across the globe. Sharing the university's strategic growth, he detailed our expansion to over 3,000 courses, illustrating the progressive pace at which Somaiya Vidyavihar has evolved into a truly all-inclusive, world-class campus.

Concluding on a powerful note, Shri Somaiya revisited the enduring ideals pioneered by our revered founder Sri Karamshi Jethabhai Somaiya. He made an earnest appeal to the alumni community to continue embracing commitment,

compassion, and sustainable values. It is through this collective dedication that we continue to strengthen the Somaiya vision, solidifying our standing as a brand of international repute.

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***A soulful Ganesh Vandana performance, invoking the blessings of Lord Ganesh at Silver Somaiyans Jubilee Celebration***



**Enthusiastic Musical Performance by the Maya Somaiya School of Music and Performing Arts (MSSMPA) during the Silver Somaiyans Jubilee Celebration**



**Dr. Pradnya Prabhu, Principal of K J Somaiya College of Science & Commerce, at the felicitation ceremony of the Silver Somaiyans Jubilee Celebration**



***Shri Samir Somaiya, President, delivering the Presidential Address during the felicitation ceremony of Silver Somaiyans Jubilee Celebration***



***Somaiya Congregation during the Campus Prayer at the Silver Somaiyans Jubilee Celebration***



**Dr Abhishek Ghosh, Dean, K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies during the felicitation ceremony of Silver Somaiyans Jubilee Celebration 2026**



**President, Shri Samir Somaiya delivering Presidential address during 'Somaiya All Alumni Meet (SAAM) 2026**



**Right to Left: Lt Gen H S Kahlon, Secretary, SVV; Prof Ajay Kapoor, Vice Chancellor, SVU; Mr Hiren Shah, distinguished Alumnus; Shri Samir Somaiya, President; Dr Vivek Sunnapawar, Principal, K J Somaiya Institute of Technology**



**Legendary Singer Mrs Usha Uthup rendering a vibrant performance during SAAM 2026**

*Alumni Coordinators with Shri Samir Somaiya*



**Somaiya alumni soaking in the electrifying performance by legendary singer Mrs. Usha Uthup at SAAM 2026**



## **The Cheering Somaiya Spirit: Creating Golden Memories for a Lifetime at SAAM 2026**

SAAM 2026 epitomizes the inspirational Somaiya legacy of "miles and smiles," as our proud alumni take a heartfelt walk down the campus's memory lane. More than just an experience, this event honors a legacy of passionate progress, transformative power, and the empowering impact Somaiya holds as a trusted brand.

This evening is the time of year when Somaiyans beam with exuberant joy. It is an opportunity to bond with old friends, former mischief-makers, and super achievers, a feeling akin to searching through a dusty, age-old attic and rediscovering a treasure you already owned but had gradually forgotten. The campus grants you the "password" to realign your equilibrium and find what you thought was lost: a vital piece of yourself. The campus alleys serve as a bridge, reconnecting your golden past (and the iconic Maggi House) with your future aspirations.

And who wouldn't wish to be moved by the unplugged melodies of the legendary Usha Uthup? Every soul vibrated to her high-pitched numbers, which stand for breaking boundaries and uniting the chords of friendship. Unleashing a youthful spirit, the retro classic "Darling" offered a newfound freedom to relive old memories, as the cheeky chant rocked the crowd and amped up decibel levels way beyond Gargi Plaza.

As a tradition, SAAM freezes the vibe into a state of temporal timelessness. It preserves the countless memories of our youthful years and the precious pieces of our past while we revel in the spirit of togetherness with fellow batchmates. With friendships that have stood the test of time, SAAM offers a happy space for alumni to reconnect, exchange stories, relax, and catch up with the Somaiya family.

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