

Somaiya Alumni Shine in Dubai: An Evening of Connections and Conversations

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President Shri Samir Somaiya with Somaiya UAE alumni

The Somaiya UAE Alumni Meet 2026 brought together the Somaiya community for an engaging evening of reconnections, insights, and forward looking conversations at Intercontinental Marina, Dubai on 4 February 2026. The gathering brought together 46 alumni from across the United Arab Emirates, representing multiple Somaiya institutions and professional sectors.

A touching highlight of the evening was the presence of an alumnus who had relocated from Singapore on the very day of the meet and still made it a point to attend - an inspiring reflection of the strong and lasting bond alumni share with Somaiya.

Vision & Leadership - Insights from the President

The evening was led by President Shri Samir Somaiya, who delivered a compelling presentation on Somaiya – Past, Present, and Future. His address offered a thoughtful overview of the institution's evolution, current initiatives, and future direction. Alumni responded with keen interest, sparking meaningful discussions and interactive exchanges.



President Shri Samir Somaiya delivering a presentation

Spotlight on Innovation - riidl Somaiya Vidyavihar



The session also highlighted the work of riidl Somaiya Vidyavihar (Research Innovation Incubation Design Laboratory), a National Award-winning incubator and accelerator focused on transforming early-stage ideas into scalable solutions. Alumni were introduced to riidl's impact through Shri Samir Somaiya's discourse. The incubator provides access to design labs, expert mentoring, and prototyping facilities in biotech and digital fabrication.

To date, riidl has supported over 2,000 early-stage innovators and more than 300 startups.

A Growing Global Alumni Community

Marked by warm conversations, enthusiastic participation, and shared pride in their alma mater, the UAE meet reaffirmed the expanding global footprint of the Somaiya alumni network. Events like these continue to strengthen relationships, encourage collaboration, and



nurture a sense of belonging among alumni worldwide.

As Somaiya alumni reconnect across cities and continents, each gathering reinforces a simple yet powerful truth - the Somaiya spirit travels far, but the connection always remains strong.

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