



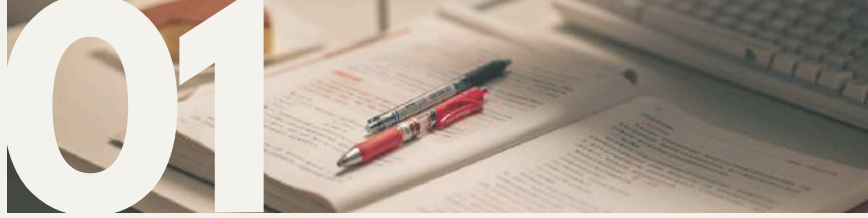
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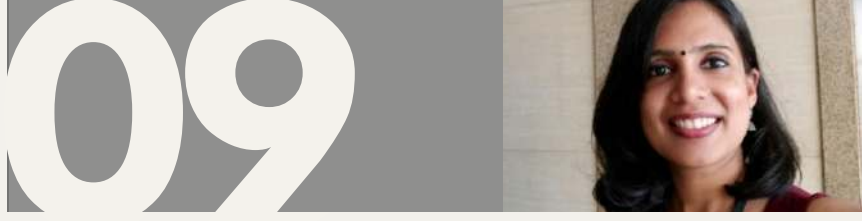


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# EDITOR'S NOTE

*November at SCIT felt like a blend of learning, questioning, and growing in new directions. As the semester progressed, the campus transformed into a hub of exploration where technology met purpose, and data met deeper values. Students didn't just engage with concepts in the classroom—they discovered how innovation is shaping real-world decisions and how integrity, ethics, and responsibility must guide it. The stories of the month reflected not only how fast technology is advancing, but how important it is to build it with intention and trust.*



Our stories this month highlight how emerging tools in data and AI are redefining the way organizations operate and make decisions. Features such as "Exploring the Future of Data & AI", "Unlocking the Future of Data Analytics: Power BI Integrated with Copilot", and "Transforming Data into Insights: Power BI Workshop at SCIT" showcase how innovative analytics platforms are transforming information into actionable value, equipping learners with practical exposure to industry-ready solutions.

Another key highlight was the Integrity & Ethics Conclave 2025 – Safarnama: Their Journey, Our Lessons, a powerful reminder that technology flourishes only when guided by principles. Insights shared by leaders emphasized that values such as transparency, fairness, and accountability must anchor every innovation. The month also celebrated community empowerment through Samvet 2025, an initiative focused on strengthening digital literacy and enabling individuals to navigate the online world with awareness and confidence. The event reinforced the idea that technology becomes meaningful when it uplifts and protects communities.

As the month comes to a close, it leaves behind lessons rooted in responsibility and innovation. With stronger perspectives and a commitment to ethical progress, the SCIT community moves forward ready to lead with knowledge, intent, and impact.



# Integrity & Ethics Conclave 2025 – Safarnama: Their Journey, Our Lessons

The 10th Edition of the Integrity & Ethics Conclave began on 15th November 2025 with a warm welcome, marking a decade of this flagship initiative by the ITBM Guest Lecture Committee. Director Dr. Dhanya Pramod felicitated all the guests, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting to seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. Konnect Band set a graceful tone with a soulful musical performance that received heartfelt applause. The committee then introduced this year's theme, "Safarnama: Their Journey, Our Lessons," through an engaging teaser. Dr. Dhanya shared the vision behind the conclave, emphasizing how integrity and values continue to guide leadership in today's evolving world.

The speaker sessions began with Ms. Rituu Mannuja, AVP and Learning Head, Tech Mahindra, who spoke about the difference between integrity and ethics, the role of trust, personal consistency, and how values are tested in real-life situations. This was followed by Dr. Jayant Mahajan, Assistant Professor, Christ University, who reflected on his 1.5-year cycling journey across India to raise awareness about climate change. Next, Mr. Kabeer Khurana, Film Director, shared insights on creative responsibility, the impact of storytelling, and the importance of value-driven ideas.

The final keynote was delivered by Mr. Suvendu Pati, Chief General Manager (CGM) at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), who discussed ethical dilemmas in AI, IndiaAI's seven guiding principles, and the need for fairness and accountability in technology. An energizing performance by Symbeats lifted the atmosphere, followed by Mr. Hruitvik Ambekar, an Athlete and TEDx Speaker, who spoke about perseverance, honour, and self-belief.

The post-conclave activities added a dynamic end to the day. Ethics Under Fire, a mock press conference, and Unlock'D 2025, a campus treasure hunt, allowed students to apply decision-making, teamwork, and quick thinking in real-time scenarios. The online events Dilemma Decode 2025 and Origin Quest 2025 further extended the engagement, offering thoughtful problem-solving and knowledge-based challenges. Together, these events reinforced the conclave's core message: every journey carries lessons that build integrity and shape tomorrow's leaders.

- Divyansh Vyas





# Exploring the Future of Data & AI

Data is essentially raw facts and figures; information that exists all around us, generated every second through digital interactions, systems, and devices. With this statement Mr. Shubham Gavhane began the session organized by the GL Committee of DS&DA of SCIT. The discussion gradually shifted to Big Data, defined by its volume, velocity, and variety. He elaborated on how modern data comes in different forms, structured, semi-structured, and unstructured, ranging from databases to emails, logs, images, and more. Traditional systems, he noted, often struggle to process such diverse and fast-moving datasets.



Mr. Gavhane highlighted that organizations today need to handle enormous datasets, but legacy infrastructures like data warehouses and even lakehouses fall short of supporting advanced AI and ML workloads. Addressing the challenges, he introduced the concept of having one unified platform that offers: One governance layer, one storage format, one compute engine, and zero access or compatibility issues, such as an integrated system, he explained, allows teams across an organization, data engineers, analysts, and data scientists to collaborate seamlessly without switching tools or worrying about access permissions.



The speaker then transitioned to the star of the session: Databricks. He traced its origins back to when companies like Facebook were struggling with massive data workloads. Hadoop emerged as an early solution but eventually fell short of evolving needs. This paved the way for Apache Spark, and later, the formation of Databricks in 2013 by the creators of Spark at UC Berkeley. Databricks introduced the Lakehouse architecture, a combination of data warehouses and data lakes, providing the reliability of warehouses with the flexibility of lakes. The platform supports multiple languages including Python, SQL, R, and Scala, making it accessible to diverse users. Mr. Gavhane broke down Databricks' layered architecture into: Bronze Layer – Raw data ingestion, Silver Layer – Processed and refined data and Gold Layer – Business-ready, analytics-grade datasets.

The session concluded with a dynamic Q&A segment where students engaged with Mr. Gavhane on real-world applications and the future of data technologies. A heartfelt vote of thanks was delivered by the Guest Lecture Committee, acknowledging the speaker's valuable insights and time.

- Ishank Gupta

# Unlocking the Future of Data Analytics: Power BI Integrated with Copilot

SCIT students recently explored the evolving world of data analytics through a guest lecture on Power BI integrated with Copilot delivered by Ms. Saumya Smriti, Associate Consultant at ZS. The session was organized and introduced by the SCIT Guest Lecture Committee.

The lecture opened with an interactive exercise where students were asked to differentiate between dashboards created manually and those generated by Copilot—most could not spot the difference. This activity set the context for how AI is reshaping business intelligence by delivering human-level precision. Ms. Smriti highlighted the core strengths of Power BI, including transforming raw data into interactive visual insights, enabling faster decision-making, and connecting information from diverse sources. She then shifted focus to the enhanced capabilities brought by the Power BI + Copilot ecosystem and guided students through a hands-on demonstration to build familiarity with the interface.

She emphasized three key prerequisites for using Copilot effectively: Data Loading, Data Transformation, Semantic Modelling. Students were introduced to Copilot's major functionalities, Smart Narrative, Copilot Q&A, and DAX Queries—followed by a walkthrough of one of her previously designed dashboards to highlight the role of executive summaries in business contexts. The live demonstration concluded with the creation of a dashboard in just 5–10 minutes using Copilot, showcasing its efficiency and real-world application. Ms. Smriti also briefed participants on the licensing process for Power BI with Copilot.

The session concluded with a stimulating Q&A segment, after which Dr. Kanchan Patil, Deputy Director at SCIT, presented a token of appreciation to Ms. Smriti. A vote of thanks was delivered by the Guest Lecture Committee, marking the end of an insightful and inspiring event for aspiring data-driven business leaders.

- Ishank Gupta



# Transforming Data into Insights: Power BI Workshop at SCIT

The Data Science and Data Analytics (DSDA) Guest Lecture Committee at Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT) hosted a hands-on workshop on Power BI, conducted by Ms. Vishakha Gaikwad, System Engineer- Data Analyst at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). The session aimed to provide students with practical exposure to Business Intelligence and data visualization, enabling them to understand industry expectations and essential analytical skills.

Ms. Vishakha began the workshop with a detailed introduction to Power BI, emphasizing its growing importance in data-driven decision-making. She highlighted key components of the Power BI ecosystem, including interface navigation, data connectivity, and dashboard creation. She encouraged students to learn the tool from the basics and progressively develop complete report dashboards to strengthen analytical capabilities.

The session covered critical concepts such as data cleaning, transformation techniques, Power Query operations, and the significance of data profiling. Ms. Gaikwad explained the difference between merge and append transformations, ensuring students understood when and why each method is used in real-world scenarios. To enhance learning effectiveness, students were provided with a sample dataset to practice along with the live demonstration. Each step of the dashboard development process was clearly explained, allowing students to explore and apply concepts simultaneously. Continuous interaction helped clarify queries, making the workshop highly engaging and insightful.

The session concluded with a collaborative dashboard creation exercise, reinforcing the learnings of the day. As a gesture of appreciation, the DSDA Guest Lecture Committee felicitated Ms. Vishakha for her efforts, dedication, and valuable contribution to student development. The workshop successfully strengthened students' understanding of Business Intelligence fundamentals and provided a strong foundation to advance in data analytics and visualization.

- Soumen Sahoo





# Enhancing digital literacy, empowering communities- **Samvet 2025**

Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) at Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology (SCIT) continues its commitment to social impact through Samvet, a flagship initiative dedicated to community development and knowledge empowerment. The latest engagement welcomed two NGOs to the SCIT campus with the purpose of enhancing digital literacy and promoting technology as a catalyst for growth.

The event commenced with an insightful welcome address by Dr. Abhinata Daiya, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology, highlighting the vital role of technology in shaping today's world and creating equal opportunities. Dr. Ram Shiromani, Assistant Professor, Symbiosis Centre for Information Technology, further connected with the participants through an interactive welcome, laying the foundation for an engaging learning experience.

The first session focused on essential MS Excel skills, enabling participants to gain hands-on experience with guidance from ISR committee members. The aim was to build confidence in using digital tools for efficient documentation and data handling. Cultural performances added inspiration to the day Team Eklavya delivered a compelling act on the importance of Artificial Intelligence, while Konnect elevated the atmosphere with their melodious performance. The afternoon session introduced practical use-cases of GenAI tools such as Gemini, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gamma, Canva, and Ideogram, demonstrating how they can simplify daily tasks from drafting formal content to designing creative visuals. Participants were also informed about safe digital practices to avoid fraud, along with exposure to Buddy4Study for scholarship support and banking schemes relevant to NGO operations.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and felicitation by Dr. Ram Shiromani, followed by a group photograph that symbolized collaboration, learning, and the shared vision of building technologically empowered communities.

- Soumen Sahoo

# UNVEILING INSIGHTS

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

### Prof. Raghav Sandhane (Assistant Professor)



**Q: What do you enjoy most about being part of SCIT's academic environment?**

A: What I enjoy most about being part of SCIT's academic environment is the collaborative and supportive culture. I have been associated with SCIT for a long time—first as a visiting faculty member for nearly a decade and now as a full-time faculty member for over five years. The teamwork and preparedness of colleagues to help one another continues to stand out. Equally important is the passion everyone shares for delivering the most relevant and up-to-date learning to our students. While we take effort to stay informed about the latest developments, we also understand that the industry is progressing and changing faster. We therefore highly value the involvement of industry experts in the teaching process to offer real-world insights. This balance ensures that students gain knowledge that is both current and practical. Being part of an environment that prioritizes this has been satisfying.

**Q: What skills do you believe MBA graduates must build to stay relevant in the next five years?**

A: We had a senior director from a US based consulting firm talk on this topic a year back. Let me use his pointers to answer this. Basically, MBAs need to possess the core skills that can help them perform consistently throughout their careers. In the early stages of their corporate life, the technical skills and teaming skills are very relevant. Technical skills don't just mean technology knowledge or know-how of the emerging technologies in the market but extend to knowledge of industry domains, in-depth awareness of quality and risks, and understanding of legal, accounting and the tax processes. The teaming skills include clear communication, acting with trust and integrity, being empathetic and staying resilient and persistent. As you progress in your career, the project management skills, leadership skills and sales and marketing abilities become crucial to stay relevant.

**Q: How has interacting with MBA students shaped or evolved your perspective over time?**

A: Interacting with MBA students over the years has significantly changed the way I see my role and responsibility. I no longer look at my task as a knowledge delivery agent. I have realised that my primary aim should be to guide their thinking. Students have access to abundant sources of information; what they truly need is to identify what knowledge sources are relevant to them and the way to navigate through the sources.

I therefore believe that my job is to help students frame their problems better and guide them in making informed choices. I constantly think of how I can nurture their curiosity and encourage them to have their thinking caps on all the time.

**Q: How do you ensure classroom learning remains practical and relevant, especially for MBA students entering the corporate world?**

A: Practical and applied learning is important. I try to ensure that the classroom learning stays practical by connecting the concepts to real industry problems and solutions. I think connecting topics to corporate scenarios not only helps the students in understanding the concepts but also in remembering them better. I avoid bombarding the students with constant information. Instead, I encourage them to think, question, and apply the core concepts to different situations. This approach (probably) helps them move beyond memorising content and allows them to develop the ability to analyse issues, evaluate options, and thus make informed decisions.

# SENIOR SCOOP : TALES & TIPS

## From Academic Committee



**Aniket  
Dharme**



**Filza Piya  
Borah**

**Q: How do you ensure the balance between students and faculty works smoothly?**

A: I act as a transparent channel, not a filter. I ensure impartiality by being the authentic "voice of the students," presenting their collective queries directly without personal bias. Simultaneously, I help students understand the faculty's rationale and constraints. This focus on clear, fair communication builds trust, ensuring the bridge functions smoothly for all academic matters.

**Q: What's the most rewarding part of interacting with faculty and peers in an academic leadership role?**

A: The most rewarding part is the immense breadth of exposure. Interacting with diverse peers sharpens my understanding of different student needs. Coordinating with faculty gives me direct access to deep technical insights and real-world wisdom from their professional/corporate experiences. This dual access is key to my personal and professional development.

**Q: If you could design your dream subject or elective, what would it be called?**

A: I would call it: "Data-Driven Automation for Smart Power Systems." This interdisciplinary elective would merge Electrical Engineering (Power Systems) with Data Science. It would focus on using real-time data analysis and machine learning to automate control systems in power plants. The goal is to train future engineers to transition power generation to a highly efficient, autonomous, and data-intelligent operation.

**Q: Which committee task secretly turned into a life lesson for you?**

A: Scheduling exams and presentations was honestly a nightmare at first. Everyone had personal conflicts with dates or complained about their group assignments. But I realized that instead of just sticking to rigid schedules, I needed to actually listen to what people were saying and acting on it - both faculty and students. It taught me that good leadership isn't about having all the answers—it's about bringing people together to find solutions that work for everyone.

**Q: Do you have a favourite professor or class that made a big impact on you?**

A: Biswajit Mohapatra sir's classes have been incredible, but not just because of the subject he teaches. What really draws me to his sessions is his personality and approach. Despite having such vast knowledge and being so well-established in his field, he carries himself with such genuine simplicity and humility. He has this amazing gift of breaking down the most complex concepts into something so understandable that you remember it months, even years later. And here's the best part - he never makes you feel stupid for asking questions, no matter how basic they might seem.

**Q: What's the most random thing you've done on campus out of boredom?**

A: Out of boredom, I dragged my friends to play basketball in the pouring rain. Soaked and laughing, we later switched to a spontaneous football game together. That rainy, wild day turned into one of our most unforgettable campus memories ever.

# From Alumni Relation Committee



**Kartik  
Chaturvedi**

**Q: What's one moment from working with the committee that you'll never forget?**

A: The Silver Jubilee Celebration is a memory I truly cherish. We barely knew each other and were juggling creatives, logistics, invitations, basically running around like headless chickens. But after the event, all nine of us had a tiny "therapy session" popping the balloons from 101 that we used for decorating that room. Laughing and unwinding after the chaos made it one of the best days of my life.

**Q: What's the one SCIT moment that instantly makes you feel proud to be here?**

A: Two moments make me proud of SCIT: launching the Yearbook at Adios and hearing everyone cheer, scream, and cry after our film Moments That Made Us; and performing while welcoming you juniors. No one knew I could dance, but Div C and my OGs screamed like I was a celebrity. That energy still gives me goosebumps.

**Q: If the hostel had superlatives, what would you win — "early riser," "night owl," "last-minute genius," or something else?**

A: Everyone knows I'm a last-minute genius. My brain refuses to function until the deadline is 3–4 hours away, and then suddenly—Super Saiyan mode. I finish everything in 1–2 hours like magic. My group trusts this chaos system completely. Otherwise, I swear I'm a very chill and fun guy.



**Maryianne  
Thomas**

**Q: How does being part of the committee add meaning or value to your MBA journey?**

A: Hosting and managing the Silver Jubilee celebration of SCIT gave my MBA journey real depth, it connected me to the institute's legacy and taught me how networking and professionalism actually play out beyond theory.

**Q: What's something you've learned outside the classroom that you believe will help you in your career?**

A: Outside class, I've picked up a small but powerful habit: remembering people's names and one fun detail about them. It makes conversations warmer and more natural.

**Q: What's your go-to "stress cure" during busy weeks — food, music, sleep, or memes?**

A: On hectic weeks, I reset by slipping into my hostel corridors with INNA's tracks in my ears, then unwinding over late-night ramen and caramel popcorn.

# From Admission Committee



**Bhargav  
Ghelani**

**Q: Managing schedules, events, and candidate queries can be intense — how do you handle pressure during peak season?**

A: Peak season can be hectic, so I depend on structured planning and clear priorities. Breaking tasks into smaller steps, mapping my day, and communicating openly with the team helps avoid last minute stress. Short resets keep me calm and focused.

**Q: What's one thing you wish every SCIT student would experience at least once?**

A: I wish every SCIT student could join a committee at least once. It's the best way to understand how the institute runs, build teamwork and leadership skills, and learn to handle real-time challenges. It also creates strong bonds beyond the classroom.

**Q: What's one habit you're proud of and one you're still working on?**

A: A habit I'm proud of is staying organised and keeping my tasks, deadlines, and plans in order. I'm still working on slowing down, taking on less, and prioritising.



**Monika  
Koneti**

**Q: What's the most rewarding part of interacting with aspiring students and future juniors?**

A: The most rewarding part of interacting with aspiring students is seeing their curiosity and hearing their fresh perspectives—it reminds me why this journey is worth it.

**Q: What's your most memorable classroom moment — funny, inspiring, or unforgettable?**

A: My most unforgettable classroom moment has to be that I was famously known for sleeping during lectures. First-year's schedule was so hectic that even a long blink turned my classmates into paparazzi. They'd click pictures, make memes, and turn my sleeping poses into WhatsApp stickers. By mid-semester, my "dozing-off collection" was more popular than anything!

**Q: What's one habit or hobby that keeps you grounded when everything gets overwhelming?**

A: I stay grounded by taking small chai breaks... because honestly, chai understands me more than people do.

# From Web & Media Committee



**Pranjal  
Gupta**

**Q: If you had to describe your WnM work using a behind-the-scenes tagline, what would it be?**

A: For me, “Collaboration is owning your creative space while respecting someone else’s art.” I came in as someone who simply knew how to draw, but Web & Media trusted me with the title of Graphic Designer. Everything I know today comes from the constant support of my teammates. Watching everyone in the team who loves their craft and stays so dedicated to giving their best genuinely inspires me to grow and do better every day.

**Q: How has juggling academics and committee responsibilities changed the way you approach deadlines?**

A: Surprisingly, juggling both wasn’t as tough as I expected. Whether it’s academics or committee work, I’ve always been surrounded by people who supported me, taught me so much, and made everything a lot more fun. Honestly, committee work often felt like an escape—it gave my mind peace whenever academics got chaotic. Plus, with a ‘MBA Na Milegi Dohara’ mindset, I pushed my limits and tried to give my best everywhere.

**Q: What’s the simplest thing—maybe a snack, playlist, or campus spot—that instantly recharges your energy?**

A: My morning black coffee is the only thing keeping me alive in early classes, and sharing it with everyone just makes staying awake way easier. Plus, Nescafé’s hot lemon tea, sitting with my gang, taking slow sips together, and laughing endlessly—whether it’s rain or pre-exam chaos—always recharges me instantly.



**Keerthana  
Gangadharan**

**Q: What’s one moment in your committee journey that made you realize how powerful creative communication can be?**

A: A standout moment was when Yuktha and I introduced Senior Scoop and Faculty Spotlight—two ideas that didn’t exist before but instantly injected fresh energy into the Atharva Magazine. Suddenly, the magazine wasn’t just a publication; it became a living, breathing archive of SCIT’s spirit, a real soul-capturer. Watching people eagerly wait for each edition made me realize just how transformative creative communication can be when it resonates with its community.

**Q: What’s one realization about MBA life you wish you knew before joining?**

A: I wish I knew that MBA life isn’t a timetable—it’s a whirlwind. You’re constantly juggling classes, committees, events, deadlines, and somehow still trying to sleep like a human. The biggest realization? You don’t “find” balance; you create it. And saying no is just as important as saying yes.

**Q: What’s one creative habit or small ritual that helps you stay inspired during busy weeks?**

A: One creative ritual that keeps me inspired is taking short walks with friends. We talk about everything except work—random stories, jokes, ideas, and even pure nonsense. Those light conversations somehow reset my mind better than any structured break. By the time we’re back, I feel refreshed, re-energized, and often sparked with new ideas I didn’t even realize I needed.

# From Placement Advisory Committee



**Ritam  
Ghosh**

**Q: What's one moment during your committee journey that genuinely influenced the way you approach teamwork?**

A: A meeting - where opinions and perspectives massively clashed but eventually it made a team out of five individuals. I still remember it lasting for four to five hours - full of arguments, confrontations and differences. But that open communication turned conflict into clarity and taught me that teamwork thrives when people feel safe to voice their ideas.

**Q: Amid deadlines and quick turnarounds, what's one habit or small practice that helped you stay steady?**

A: A deep breath and prioritization — amid academics and Placement Committee work, things are bound to get tough. A small pause and a deep breath helped me avoid overwhelm and stay focused even on the most hectic days. Prioritization is key, but sometimes all you can do is stay calm and just go with the flow.

**Q: If you could send a short message to your first-semester self, what reminder would you give?**

A: I would remind myself to trust the process and not fear failures. There will always be days where everything will go south, but keep believing in yourself. There is no talent here, just your hard work and obsession. And lastly, the good things take time.



**Shivansh  
Chand Thakur**

**Q: What's a practical lesson your committee experience taught you that you think every student should know?**

A: The key lesson is that "Your limits are self-imposed illusions". From hosting 4:00 AM placement drives to planning placement engagements even during final exams. I learned I could manage high-stakes priorities simultaneously and thrive on minimal sleep when driven by a meaningful goal. You learn to juggle multiple crises and, yes, even survive on a ridiculous amount of caffeine and just two hours of sleep for weeks. It's wild what you can push yourself through when you have to, and everyone should know they are capable of pushing far beyond their perceived breaking point.

**Q: What's one change you noticed in yourself during your MBA that even surprised you a little?**

A: I was surprised by how much I had to lean into being an extrovert. I'm actually an ambivert, but MBA pushed me to constantly shift between pitching to recruiters, consoling batchmates during tough times, and celebrating their wins as my own. Balancing objective professionalism with emotional support was challenging, but it truly shaped me in ways I'll always be grateful for—and that transformation still surprises me.

**Q: If your SCIT journey had a chapter that always makes you smile, what would you name it?**

A: When the Light Broke Through. I've seen both failure and despair closely, so witnessing the shift from setbacks to triumph—and knowing my late nights and sacrifices played a small part in that breakthrough—validates everything and always makes me smile.

# From ISR Committee



**Sharwari  
Amberkar**



**Prasenjeet  
Gangawane**

**Q: Which moment on campus reminded you most that MBA is not just academics but also about growing as a person?**

A: For me, it was the late-night chat sessions with my friends, the committee work, and handling events under pressure, especially in the 2nd semester. Those moments taught me to communicate better, stay calm, and work under any situation. That's when I realised an MBA is as much about personal growth as academics.

**Q: What's one piece of advice your future self would give you about navigating these two years?**

A: My future self would probably say that believe in yourself and trust the process. These two years will turn out to be some of the best. Make time for your friends, take chances, learn from your setbacks, and enjoy the small moments. They're the ones that stay with you.

**Q: If you had to describe your committee experience using one phrase your juniors will remember, what would it be?**

A: Don't let fear hold you back! Say yes to opportunities; they have a wonderful way of turning into the best and happiest surprises. Trust yourself and enjoy your college journey to the fullest!

**Q: What's one skill you didn't expect to learn through committee work, but now rely on all the time?**

A: One skill I didn't expect to learn through committee work was how to navigate different personalities while keeping the group on track. I am still learning how to read people's energy, adjust my communication, and bring everyone toward a common goal without conflict. I rely on this skill constantly now, whether in team projects, discussions, or even everyday conversations.

**Q: If you could relive one campus day again and again, which would it be?**

A: If I could relive one campus day, it would definitely be the night I got my PPO offer. I was conducting a meeting with the ISR juniors, like any normal day, when a pop-up suddenly appeared with the confirmation. I didn't know how to react. I immediately video-called my parents, and I still remember their reaction. For everyone else, it was a normal day, but for me, it became unforgettable.

**Q: What's one small daily ritual that keeps you grounded even on hectic MBA days?**

A: On hectic days, I stay grounded by disappearing from the chaos for a while. The moment I put on my helmet, it feels like I'm stepping into my own little world, where everything suddenly feels lighter. A solo ride, enjoying my company, and quiet evenings, that combination gives me a calm I don't find anywhere else.

# STAR ALUMNI



In this edition of Star Alumni, we feature Riddhi Bharat Shah, an accomplished technology and product delivery leader from the Batch of 2014. During her time at SCIT, she also served as the Main Coordinator of the Creatives Team for Graffiti, the institute's flagship event, showcasing her leadership and organisational skills early on. Riddhi has built an impressive career specialising in product lifecycle management, delivery excellence, and driving large-scale digital initiatives.

Currently serving as Vice President – Lead Product Delivery Manager at Barclays, she plays a pivotal role in steering end-to-end product delivery, collaborating with global teams, and ensuring alignment between business goals, customer expectations, and technology execution. Her work reflects strong expertise in stakeholder management, risk handling, strategic planning, and delivering measurable outcomes in complex environments

Riddhi's journey stands as an inspiration to aspiring technology and product professionals. Her story highlights the power of continuous upskilling, resilience, and the ability to navigate the dynamic intersection of business and technology. She exemplifies how disciplined execution, ownership, and customer-centric thinking can lead to excellence and leadership in the evolving fintech and banking landscape.



## Batch 2012 - 14

Vice President – Lead Product Delivery  
Manager at Barclays

Riddhi Bharat Shah, an alumna of SCIT's MBA in Information Technology (Batch 2014), has carved a remarkable path in the financial services and technology delivery space. Her professional achievements reflect her dedication to driving impactful product outcomes, championing collaboration, and leading complex initiatives with precision and strategic foresight.

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