

Getting into Management Studies after 4 years of Engineering meant a paradigm shift. It was not just about the subjects; it was about everything from the formal dress code to the guest lectures in the auditorium. The change was all about changing the perspective.

When the divisions were formed we realised that we MMS A as a class shared a strong bond. All 60 of us soon became good colleagues and friends. Everyone interacted with everyone. The lengthy working hours did not matter because of the company of these wonderful friends.

Speaking of the studies, the internal faculty members were extremely helpful. Prof. Gharat made Accounts and Finance easy for all the Engineers. Prof. Devashree worked hard to make a subject like OB interesting. Prof. Khadse, Prof. Kanitkar, Dr. Sadavarte all had their different ways to make the lectures fun. Students could approach them at any time and get the queries solved.

The visiting faculty was no less. Prof. Kadam's way of teaching Taxation made us all his fans. Prof. Nadkarni's creative approach and Dr. Deshpande's way of dealing with model's and numbers were unique. The new syllabus made us chose the specializations in the 2nd semester. Not many opted for Operations. They'll never realize what they missed. Prof. Verma, Prof. Chaubal, Prof. Mukundan, with experiences ranging from 30 to 50 years taught us a lot more than just theory. They taught us the practical aspects of working in the corporates. They shared many incidents to explain the concepts. These relations to the examples made it easier to understand the concepts of Supply Chain Management, Designing of Operations and the others. They were all very supportive of the students. Prof. Parikh's lectures were completely different and fun to be in.

Working with Dr. Raut for 'Khandelwal Case Study Competition' and with the CEO Dr. Madhumita Patil for 'HROpSys' taught a lot about planning, organizing and handling events. A lot was learnt about 'Management' from these events. 'HROpSys' was a brainchild of Dr. Patil and she worked very hard with the 2014-16 batch to design it from scratch and made it a success. Due to her hard work and that of the other professors, 25 industry stalwarts attended the event as panel members.

All of this was the fun part. Now comes the 'strict' part; placements. The Placement Cell headed by Mrs. Katkar works hard to ensure that the students maintain discipline all along. This has an advantage in the sense that the students get to learn all about discipline in a practical way. The committee was extremely helpful during placements. They worked day and night (even though some of them stayed far away from the institute) to ensure that the students got placed.

What separates Chetana's from the others is its culture. The atmosphere which seemed very formal in the beginning actually turned out to be a friendly one. There was a lot of support from the Director of C.R.K.I.M.R. Dr. Bhakay and Prof. Nemlekar during tough times. Things would have very difficult had it not been for their support.

I'll always be grateful to the CEO, the Director and all the professors who made this journey very interesting. They taught us that it is very important to be a good human in order to be a good professional. I'll always be grateful to this Institute.