

Silver Jubilee Reunion, C' 85 & Alumni Day 2010



"What a great reunion it was! Many people from the organizing committee received feedback from our fellow alumni saying "more than what I expected", "thanks for informing me about this event", "I am very pleased that I attended the reunion". We are still recovering from a nostalgic trip that took us back in time for three days".

Amol Mahajani, Core coordinator, SJRU batch 1985



What a silver jubilee reunion and Alumni day it was! This has been a year of many 'firsts' – the first (and last) time two batches (4-year and 5-year programs) of the Class of '85 (C85) came back on the campus for their SJRU, the first time an Alumni Day function was held at the Convo on account of excess participation, the first time a simultaneous party was held at all hostels by the HATS team, the first time mess workers from all hostels were favoured with "thank you" cheques, the first time a major fundraising initiative-GIVE ONE for IIT Bombay was flagged off with the graduating class Of 2010 (C10) being the first to start contributing and their pledge followed closely by other older alumni from different batches. The first time, a young faculty member exhorted alumni to support YFA by citing his own example, the first time when Alumni day saw a 600 + contingent on campus learning about SARC, i-Race, eCell, YFA, HATS, Give One and finally the first time hostel life has come alive in print as the H4 Madhouse book! There was a memorable and a witty book launch with book characters interviewed by noted

commentator Harsha Bhogle, and a horse riding scene recreated from 35 years ago followed by an inauguration of a hi-tech gym in H4. Hope all of you order and pick up a few 'tell all' copies to give to your loved ones☺.



The first copy of Madhouse was auctioned and was bought by Shekhar Bhagwat C85 for a price of 1 lakh.



It all began when alumni from the Silver Jubilee batch started arriving on Friday evening 24th December, there was a basketball game and movie and a Friday style “dry dinner” in the same evening, the visitors bit the dust in the match, but hey no one was keeping tabs and stamina was certainly no bar! The three days whizzed past, with a mix of serious work, the MOU on Technology and Development being signed during the high tea thrown by the Director Devang Khakhar for the C’85 batch and in the evening the crowd grooved to the music of the original ‘Surbahar’ gang as well as the Rock-n-roll of the Tabootleg Trippers.

Fund raising, legacy project announcements, Distinguished Service awards, entertainment, music, song, dance, camaraderie, fellowship, networking, sentimental reminiscing, indulgence in nostalgia and some pure unadulterated fun.....this reunion had it all and then some more.