

# GREAT K NNECT



## *Genesis*

*June 2016 Edition*

## EDITORIAL

*Dear Great Laker,*

*Warm Greetings!*

*It is our pleasure to bring to you the June 2016 edition of Great Konnect. This is a place where you can be active and engage with members of the community, reconnect with your classmates and be up to date about alumni events. We are tremendously proud of what you have all accomplished since you have left the campus in the past few years. As you continue on your paths, fulfilling your potential and acting as ambassadors of Great Lakes, we encourage your participation in the Alumni movement.*

*Our theme for this month is “Genesis” which embarks the new journey of the Magnificent Mauryas. Through this edition, we look forward to accomplish the 3 C’s of Alumni movement (Connect, Communicate and Create). To bring back the nostalgia, we have added a section towards the end which will take you down the memory lane.*

*We also welcome your feedback and suggestions in order to make Great Konnect a better effort to connect with you!*

*Have a great read!*

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*Great Lakes Institute of Management*



## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

*Dear Great Laker,*

*Greetings from your Alma Mater !*

*I am happy to connect with you once again through Great Konnect.*



*Great Lakes has been buzzing with lot of activities; both inside and outside the campus.*

*GLAA is an registered entity now which marks our next step towards making this a movement. We have had GLAA Chapter meets in Singapore, Bengaluru, Pune & Mumbai in the recent past and activities for a meet in Chicago is being planned among others.*

*With all the chapter meets and your contributions, we have an robust alumni movement that is gathering great momentum everyday. This momentum needs to be utilized to the fullest extent to take our brand to greatest heights.*

*Please write to me with news from you and we will be glad to include them in Great Konnect .*

*Login/register in the Alumni portal at [www.greatlakes.almaconnect.com](http://www.greatlakes.almaconnect.com) and stay connected with fellow Great Lakers. We also look forward to your suggestions !*

*Happy reading and with best wishes !*

*Prof.T.N.Swaminathan*

*Great Lakes, Chennai*



# ALUMNI COMMITTEE 2017



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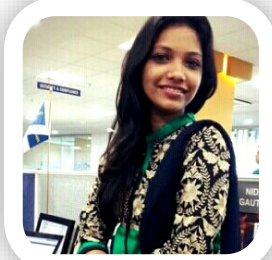
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*Check out our official Introduction video of ALCOM 2016-2017 of Magnificent Mauryas Batch*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRJnDTF9v4c>



## COVER STORY



**Mr. Lakshmikant PB**

**PGPM 2006 Batch, Office Bearer—  
GLAA Hyderabad**

**Chief Financial Officer  
Caspian Impact Investments Private  
Limited**

**1. Tell us something about the journey from being a Great Laker to the Chief Financial Officer at Caspian Impact Investments Private Limited. How has this been for you so far?**

*My journey since graduating from Great Lakes to my current position has been full of learnings. It's not been an easy journey.. I've made a few mistakes and I have learnt a lot from those mistakes. Ever since I joined Caspian in 2008, it's been a very satisfying experience in terms of learning, creating and working on opportunities. My knowledge in my functional area of finance, accounting,*

*investee companies, negotiations, worked on IPOs, board interactions. I've had to burn the midnight oil on most of the transactions and it's been worth it.*

*It's very satisfying when my peers and batch mates reach out to me when they have queries and want some solutions or my thoughts.*

**2. Problems that you faced in your career and your ways to overcome the hurdles?**

*I have always believed that content is king. The work I do today revolves around meticulousness, precision and*



*tax, audit, regulatory compliance has improved tremendously. I have had the opportunity to work on some very complicated and landmark transactions, setup new Fund vehicles in different tax jurisdictions, due diligence of potential*

*discipline in terms of performance. When I joined Caspian, I was not aware of how the venture capital and private equity business works or for that matter the RBI regulations. I had some initial doubts on whether I could rise to the challenge or*



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*or meet the requirements because I had to learn from the scratch. Thankfully, I have been lucky to have a mentor who has guided me and shown me the path and encouraged to believe in myself. It was all about learning and putting the hard work. A good mentor is a great asset for one's career.*

### 3. Importance of looking at the bigger picture?

*It's always good to look at the big picture be it in terms of one's aspirations or goals. This helps you chart a path towards it and work on areas and new skills to be developed to*



*achieve it. I always knew I wanted to have a career in finance and more specifically into alternative investments and I am glad that it is working out for me. Now my outlook for the next decade has changed and I need to reskill myself to achieve it.*

### 4. Tell us about your good old days at Great Lakes, Chennai?

*I had a lot of good times at Great Lakes. Really helped me to structure my thoughts and help me chart a clearer future for me. Made a lot of friends for life. I treat some of them as family. My batch started Latitude, Sanghamitra, Great Lakes Herald. It was nice to pitch in and create a legacy.*

### 5. What is your idea about being connected with your roots in Great Lakes and how Alcom facilitates it?

*As Uncle Bala says it.. "my network is my network". I love Great Lakes and I make it a point to attend the alumni meet every year. It helps me to connect with the current batch and also meet alumni from other batches. Also helps build my network. With social media becoming so prevalent, we should leverage our network really well.*

### 6. Some word for the new batch who has just joined?

*The MBA program is a tool for your*

**caspian** 

*career and not an objective. So be prepared to learn after you graduate from Great Lakes. Else, you will lose out. Continuously add skills both technical and soft. Be humble and empathetic. Build your network with your batch and with the ones before you and after yours. Don't be too transactional and try to build a relationship.*



## GLAA NEWS & EVENTS



Singapore Lunch meet with  
Dr. Vaidy Jayarman, Associate  
Dean of Great Lakes

Pune's Alumni come together for their first official meet.



Bengaluru Chapter meet.

Mumbai Chapter meet.



# HAPPENINGS @ GREAT LAKES



## *THE FANTASTIC FRESHER'S*

The first ever Fresher's party was organized by the students of PGPM 2017—Magnificent Mauryas batch at the Chennai campus. Jovial smiles and high spirits marked the welcome party for the students. As the mercury began to rise, the dance floor was left open for some unbridled energy. Everyone had the time of their lives. The eventful evening worked as an icebreaker session and as a kickstart to the students for coming good times!

Cheers to a great start and a new beginning!





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# SUMMERTIME HAPPINESS

*“You do not need a silver spoon to eat good food”*

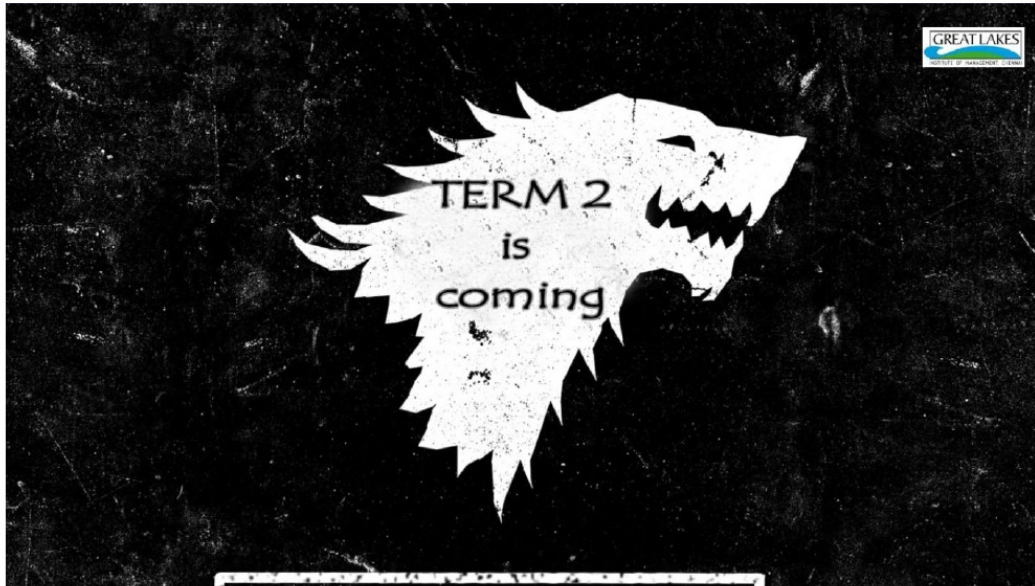
Nearing a month since commencement of the PGPM-17 batch at the campus, a summer food festival was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Chennai campus. Summertime embarks new beginnings and what could be a better way to celebrate than a food festival.

The colorful and beautifully decorated canteens welcomed the students with an elaborate 5 course menu which got the best of north and south together. In the words of Mr. Maria Suresh, Site manager-Food Services, “This is a monthly effort that we put in with an intention to keep the students off monotony. Everybody looks out for a change once in a while and we try to facilitate that change through such initiatives”.

Eventful times like these unite the entire batch at the same place with a great chat over some drool worthy food.



## HAPPENINGS @ GREAT LAKES



# BPR CAMPUS UPDATE

Here is a video made by the Branding and Public Relations committee showing the highlights of Term-1 in Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai. Watch the memories that Magnificent Mauryas have created so far and we are very sure it will remind you of your time in the great campus. Relive the moments.

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/pVJYziPEkGc>



# MIND BOGGLER

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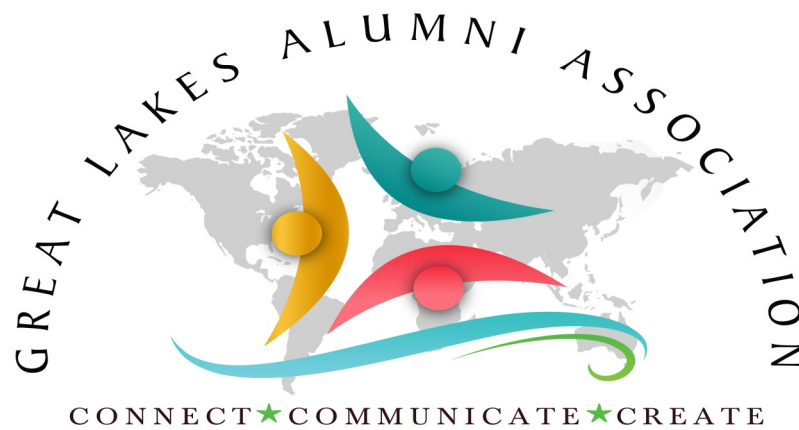
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**NEIDHAL**  
**MULLAI**

**MANSAROVAR**  
**ONTARIO**  
**KAMBAN**  
**HURON**  
**ERIE**



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