

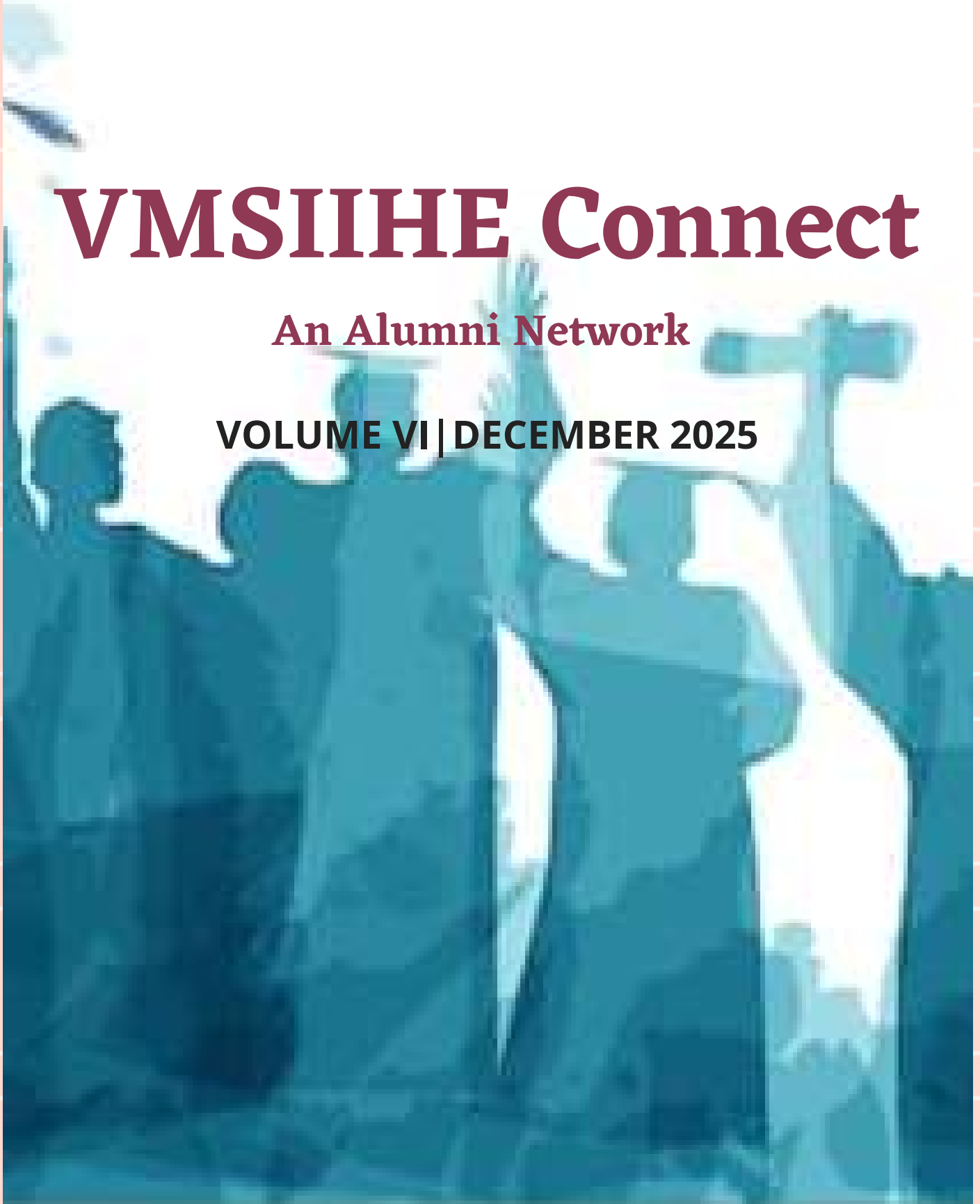


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# VMSIIE Connect

**An Alumni Network**

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Dear Alumni,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all my colleagues and students for the successful completion of yet another academic year. It gives me immense pride to share that our alumni network has now expanded across 32+ countries. Furthermore, by the end of the upcoming academic year (2025–2026), nearly all our students will be heading to Portugal for their internships.

This year has been remarkable for VMSIHE as we have achieved several significant milestones. We were awarded a Grade A by NAAC, and we also received the prestigious “Best Hospitality Institute of the Year 2025” award from the Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI) at their 55th Annual Convention.

Another highlight of the year is our newly signed MoU with the Martinhal Group, Portugal, under which scholarships are being offered to a few of our students. We were also honoured to host several distinguished international guests, including Ms. Chitra and Mr. Roman Stern (Founders and Owners of the Martinhal Group), Mrs. Marga Cretton (former Ambassador for International Relations at César Ritz Colleges, Switzerland), and Chef Kevin Duthel, who conducted a special masterclass for our students and outsiders.

VMSIHE has continued to serve as a vibrant venue for major events, including the Mrs. India Inc. pageant, Yuva PEDICON West Zone 2025, and the upcoming Rice Festival in January in collaboration with OOO Farms. Additionally, our TYCA students are preparing to open their restaurant to the public every Friday.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the editor of this newsletter, Ms. Alethea Baracho. I hope to see you all soon. Please continue to stay connected, and we look forward to welcoming you back to campus.

Prof. I.S. Mirza  
Director & Principal

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Greetings from VMSIHE!

As we step into yet another exciting chapter at VMSIHE, it brings me immense pride to reflect on how far we have come together. This year marks 10 remarkable years since our institute was established—a decade of growth, learning, and success made possible not only by our students and faculty, but also by you, our alumni.

Your journey beyond our campus walls continues to shape the identity and reputation of VMSIHE. You are our ambassadors, and your achievements remind the world of the excellence our institute stands for.

Your presence matters. Your involvement matters. And your stories matter.

As our alumni base grows, so does the strength of our community. A strong alumni network opens doors to mentorship, collaboration, professional support, and lifelong friendships. I encourage you to stay connected—with the institute and, just as importantly, with your classmates. Whether it's a simple catch-up or a large reunion, let us work together to plan an alumni get-together soon, on campus or outside. As the Alumni Faculty Coordinator, I am always here to assist you in organising and facilitating these meet-ups in any way needed.

We also welcome you back to campus to share your expertise. Be it addressing our current students on emerging hospitality trends, conducting a masterclass or practical session, or simply engaging in a friendly sports day or cultural interaction—your presence is invaluable. Your insights can inspire our young learners and help shape the next generation of hospitality leaders.

As we celebrate a decade of VMSIHE, let us also celebrate the bonds that built this community. I invite each one of you to reconnect, contribute, and help us strengthen this network further. Together, let us continue to make the VMSIHE alumni family a dynamic, supportive, and thriving global community.

Alethea Baracho  
Faculty Alumni Co-ordinator

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## MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!!!

**Breanna Moraes- President**



**Lysandra Costa- Secretary**



**Anslem Menezes- Treasurer**



**Jared Coutinho- Member**



**Bob Abreu- Member**





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IT'S NOT A GOODBYE IT'S A SEE YOU LATER



Switzerland Alumni Chapter meet & greet

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Prof. Mirza meeting up with the alumni in Portugal



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## IT'S NOT A GOODBYE IT'S A SEE YOU LATER

From classrooms to careers-our alumni return, inspiring the next generation.



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## ALUMNI CORNER!

In marble lobbies, daybreak greets night shift,  
with smiles sewn into every key turn and quiet "welcome."

Rooms tell stories—pillows fluffed, drapes drawn  
A nightstand's glimmer is a whispered promise of comfort.

Hands hold suitcases behind the desk,  
Chefs whisper spices, and housekeeping hums lullabies.

Each guest is a chapter,  
and each checkout elicits a faint applause.  
Hospitality's pulse is constantly on repeat and alive.



Poetry by Rohit Paul



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Antilia the crowns

Antilia, a city renowned for its coastal beauty and cultural harmony, had witnessed countless historic moments — yet none felt as hopeful as the night Princess Ruma welcomed her first child. The palace, perched above the shimmering sea, stood enveloped in a rare stillness, awaiting the arrival of a new life. When the infant's first cry echoed through the marbled corridors, it carried with it a sense of promise. The midwife, Anita, gently lifted the newborn and paused in awe.

"His eyes are open," she whispered. "Bright, observant... as though he already knows the world he has entered." Princess Ruma, graceful even in exhaustion, gathered her son with a tenderness that softened every face in the room. "You will be Karthik," she whispered, "a bearer of light." Her words were not merely a mother's hope but a blessing felt by all present. King Arman, dignified and disciplined, placed his steady hand on the child's head — a symbolic gesture of acceptance into the royal lineage. Queen Meera followed with a quiet Sanskrit blessing, her voice warm and reassuring.

As the night unfolded, the palace came alive in gentle celebration. Lanterns glowed along the corridors, musicians played at a respectful hush, and courtiers exchanged smiles that reflected both pride and anticipation. Karthik's cousin, young Amira, toddled forward to greet him, offering her tiny hand — an innocent gesture that drew laughter from the gathering. Later, when the palace had finally settled, Ruma sat by the open balcony, cradling her son as the sea breeze drifted in.

She sang softly — a blend of her father's Turkish melodies and her mother's Indian lullabies — creating a harmony symbolic of the heritage her son was born into. Karthik slept peacefully, unaware of the destiny whispered in his name. But to those who watched over him that night, he represented more than a royal heir. He was a new beginning — a bridge between cultures, a hope for unity, and a reminder that even in the quietest moments, history is being written.



Short story by Karthikram Samavedi

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Proud of our alumnus, Mr. Kumar Megavi for his accomplishments  
at Taj West End, Bengaluru

Wishing him all the very best!

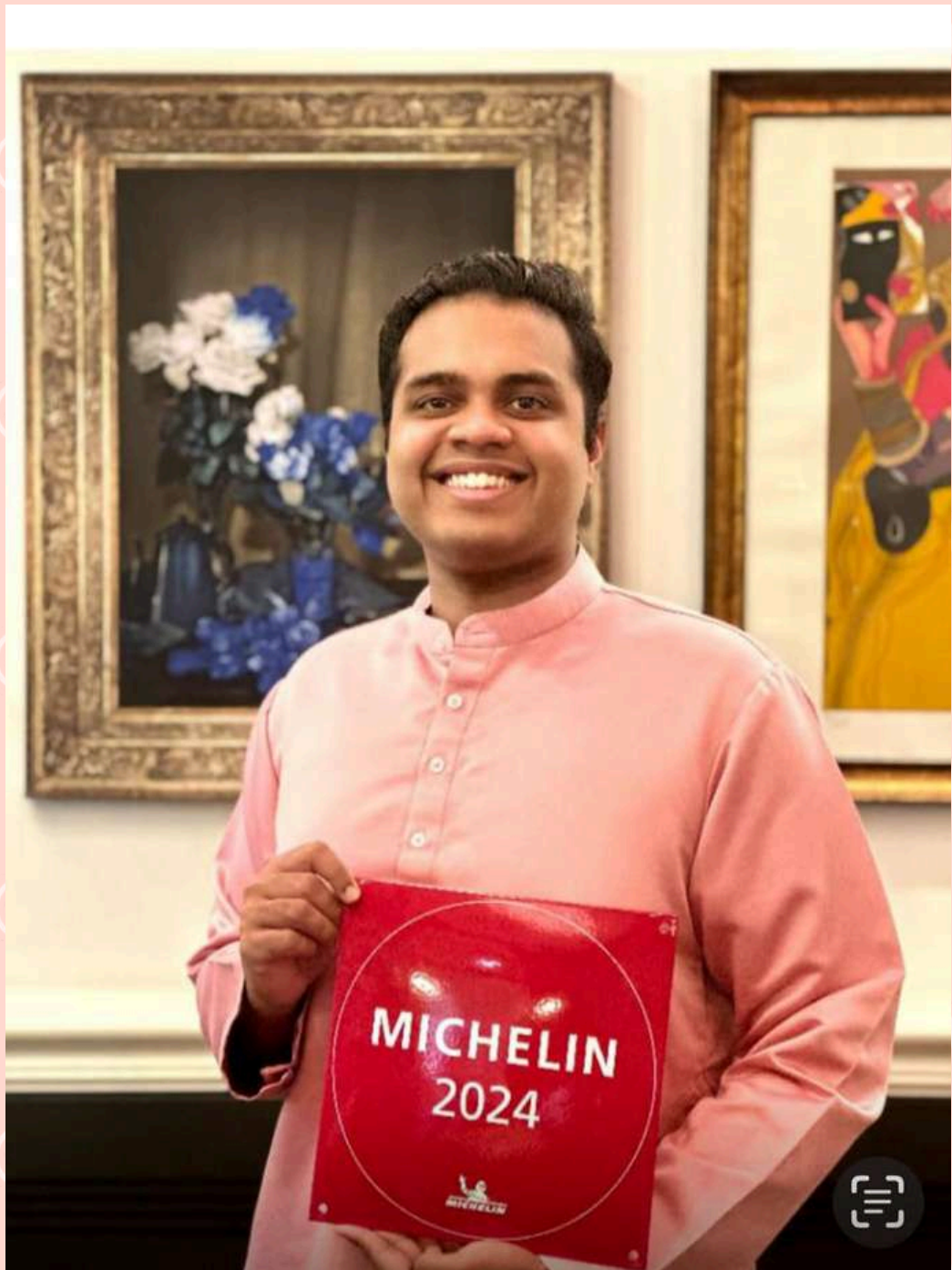


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Another proud moment for us, our alumnus Mr. Neevan Fernandes made it into Michelin 2024 working at the Fairmont On the Palm Jumeirah Dubai at an Indian restaurant called Little Miss India as their F&B specialist. He was the youngest on the team.

Wishing him success for his future endeavors!





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