

NOSTALGIUM: HONORING ROOTS, SHAPING TOMORROW

The Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM) hosted its distinguished Alumni Meet, Nostalgium, at the IISWBM Kolkata premises on March 1, 2026. It was a landmark, all-department reunion that beautifully blended professional legacy with emotional homecoming. The grand event brought together multiple generations of graduates, distinguished faculty, and current students to honour institutional roots and envision a future of continued excellence. The core highlight of the gathering was the release of “Nostalgium 2026,” the institute's official alumni memorabilia magazine and souvenir directory, which archives the stories, milestones, and enduring bonds of the IISWBM fraternity. The event was further elevated by the presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards to prominent alumni, industrialist Shri Sudhir Jalan and HR leader Shri R.P. Yadav. Alongside programs and academic-industry interactions, a vibrant cultural program was also hosted by the institute's cultural committee Kahon, reinforcing a shared commitment to management brilliance, innovation, and lifelong networking.

The meet served as a vibrant confluence where seasoned industry expertise seamlessly met academic curiosity across four of its specialised courses under the Public Systems department. The Department of Energy Management welcomed eminent experts from the power and efficiency sectors who shared critical real-world insights on clean energy transitions, grid sustainability, and corporate conservation. At the same time, the Department of Environment Management celebrated its progress in environmental risk, health, and safety, featuring speakers who set benchmarks and discussed the evolving landscape of sustainability and corporate governance. In parallel, the Department of Healthcare and Hospital Management brought together visionary administrative leaders to dissect the rapidly changing dynamics of healthcare delivery systems, digital health transformations, and patient care quality. Rounding out the convergence, the Department of Transport and Logistics Management engaged global supply chain experts to share invaluable perspectives on smart mobility, green logistics, and distribution network resilience. Through a rich tapestry of panel discussions and candid mentorship, these accomplished alumni across all four streams deeply inspired the next generation of managers and leaders. Ultimately, the evening



beautifully reaffirmed IISWBM's enduring legacy as a premier cradle of specialized management talent. By transforming a nostalgic reunion into a shared vision, the gathering ignited a renewed, collective commitment to powering, engineering, shaping, and driving a sustainable, healthier, and more efficient tomorrow.

A small table discussion gathered key industry visionaries to analyze the transformative prospects of sustainability across vital global sectors. Parijat Mukherjee, serving as a Senior Director of Sustainable Energy Systems, opened the dialogue by emphasising that transitioning to decentralised green grids will redefine future energy security. Following this, Rajnish Kumar, a leading Environmental Policy Strategist, highlighted that strict regulatory frameworks and biodiversity preservation are absolute priorities for modern environmental protection. The conversation then shifted to industrial operations with Santanu Bhattacharya, a Chief Supply Chain Officer, who detailed how blockchain tracking and zero-waste logistics are drastically reducing carbon footprints across global trade networks. Addressing the human element, Mala Chattopadhyay, a Director of Sustainable Healthcare Initiatives, explained that green hospitals and eco-friendly pharmaceuticals are paving the way for climate-resilient health infrastructure. Together, the speakers emphasized that these distinct sectors are deeply interconnected, meaning a bottleneck in supply chains directly impacts healthcare delivery and environmental stability. They noted that upcoming technology, like AI-driven resource optimization, will act as the ultimate catalyst for cross-sector sustainability goals. Ultimately, the panellists concluded that true prospects for a green future rely heavily on public-private collaborations and proactive policy changes. This insightful session underscored that true ecological balance requires a unified approach combining clean energy, ethical logistics, and health equity.

Aspiring MBA students in these domains deeply looked up to the industry leaders, eagerly absorbing their real-world insights and mentorship to bridge the gap between classroom theory and professional practice. They thoroughly enjoyed the day, finding immense inspiration in the shared experiences and the rare opportunity to network closely with trailblazers who are shaping the future of their respective fields.



