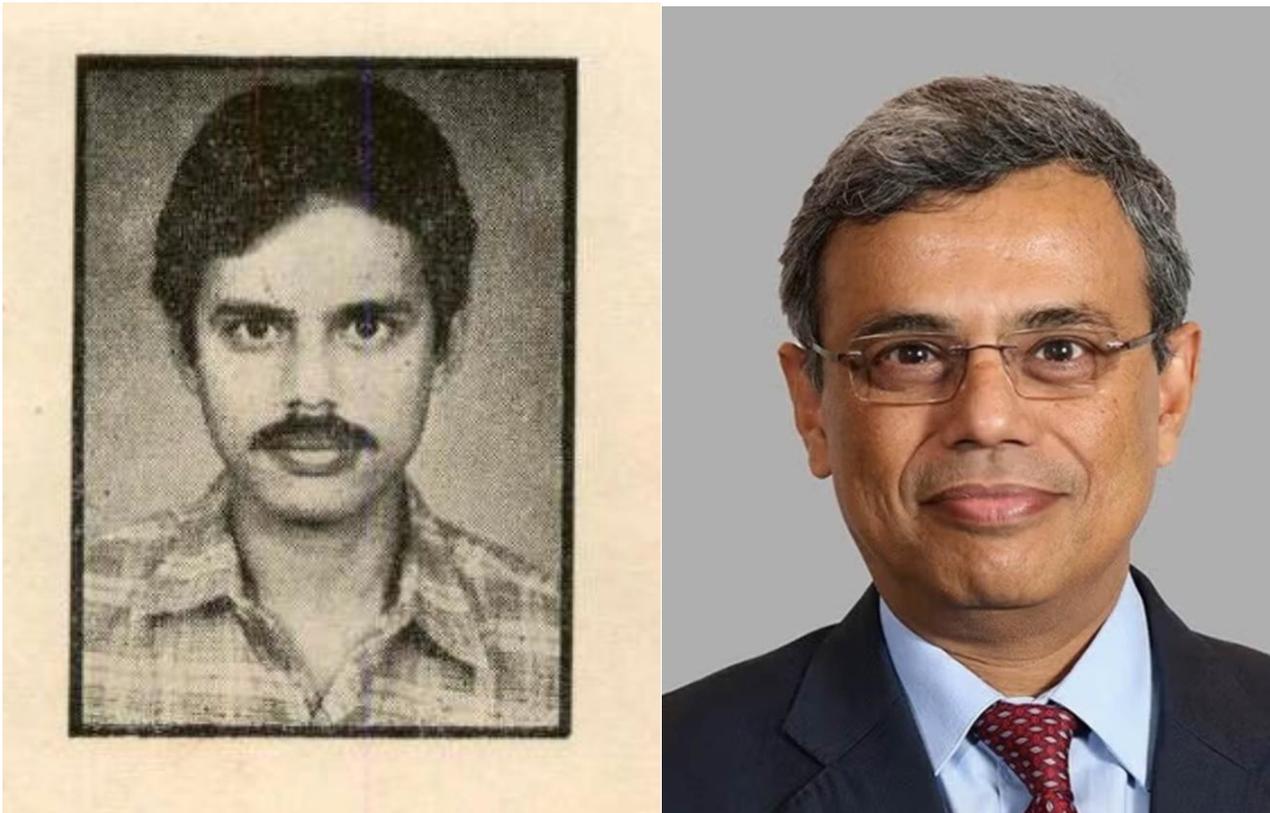
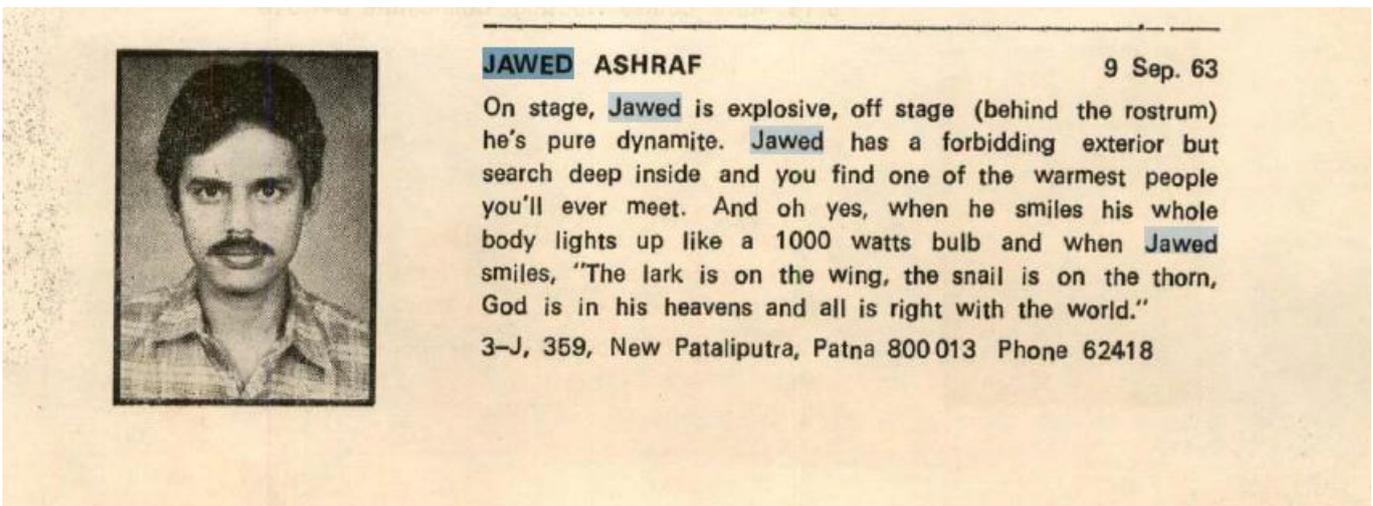


“Jawed Ashraf – PGP 1986”



Source: Student Yearbook 1985-86, IIMA Archives & Hindustantimes.com

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“Alumni Chapter”



ALUMNI CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

| Date | Chapter | Events | No. of Alumni Attended | Remark |
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| April 24, 2017 | Chennai | Conversation with Lakshmi Narayan | 50 | Maruthi Raj, PGP 2013 and K C John, PGP 1988 submit their account of The Chennai Chapter which hosted Kiran Karnik, PGP 1968 in a conversation with Lakshmi Narayanan, founder and Vice Chairman, Cognizant Technology Solutions on April 24, 2017, in partnership with Madras Management Association regarding innovative uses of existing resources given birth by situational and/ or circumstantial reasons. |
| April 28, 2017 | Singapore | Cocktails with the High Commissioner of India to Republic of Singapore | 50+ | The first event of the year was addressed by His Excellency Jawed Ashraf, (PGP 1986), who moved to Singapore from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), and gave us a fresh and incisive insight into India from the corridors of power. |
| May 6, 2017 | Bhubaneswar | Election | 16 | The new office bearers were elected unanimously. It was decided to have regular quarterly chapter meetings and also to have a seminar at Ramdevi Women's the theme of 'Management Education at IIMs'. |
| May 13, 2017 | Jaipur | Synchrony 2017 | 10 | The Jaipur Chapter organised and took part in the Synchrony 2017, which allowed the newly recruited fresher's to interact with senior students, alumni and faculty alike. |
| May 13, 2017 | Mumbai | Synchrony 2017 | 160 | The best part of Synchrony is the sheer energy level and raw enthusiasm of the youngsters raring to go and explore the world. |
| May 26, 2017 | Singapore | Synchrony 2017 | 65+ | The synchrony event was combined with a pub-night and quiz contest. |
| May 27, 2017 | Chennai | Synchrony 2017 | 120 | The IIMA Alumni Chapter in Chennai was honoured to have Ashish Nanda, Director of IIMA, Rakesh Basant, Dean Alumni and external relations and Ajit Motwani, Head Development Office responsible for spearheading restoration of Heritage Campus. His utter sincerity and genuine interest in connecting with us, are obvious with each visit which is much appreciated. Ashish said that he was humbled to have had the opportunity to stand on the shoulders of giants like Ravi J Matthai, Samuel Paul, I G Patel and string of inspirational teachers and felt happy with the progress trajectory under his watch at IIMA. He went on to assess the achievements and the challenges for the alma mater. Connect, Research, Practice, Policy, Alumni, Community, Nurture and Grow. Ashish made a beeline for the table with the bacchas much to their great thrill and delight. |

Source: 56th Annual Report, IIMA Archives

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| June 28, 2017 | Singapore | India & China Geopolitical Realities | NA | The first Speaker, Jawed Ashraf , covered the range of interaction between China and India, particularly economic and military in the region. Fascinating discussion on the real politics of how economic and military power can be harnessed to achieve unstated long-term objectives. |

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IIMA ALUMNI SINGAPORE CHAPTER RAISES SGD ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT ALMA MATER

Commemoration of S\$1 million raised by Singapore Chapter in first ever chapter fundraiser
Saturday, October 5, 2019
India House, Residence of the High Commissioner of India to Singapore HE Mr Jawed Ashraf

The big focus for this quarter and the highlight for the year was the ambitious S\$1 mn fundraiser for the Institute undertaken by the Singapore Chapter. During Director Prof Errol D'Souza's visit to Singapore in October 2018, he appealed to Singapore alumni to support much needed renovations to the Louis Kahn buildings on IIMA's heritage campus. Moved by the extent of structural damage to our beloved campus, the executive committee of the association decided to launch the first ever fundraiser by a country chapter. The ExCo set a challenging target: to raise S\$1 mn by end October 2019. The funds would be used for renovations to two faculty wings and our effort was branded *1'm for IIMA*. The fundraising was spearheaded by 2019 President of the chapter Vidya Vasania (PGP 1994) and 2018 President Nayantara Bali (PGP 1988).

For success in such a bold endeavour, we believed it was necessary to approach alumni individually and appeal to them to support the cause. However, Singapore has about 470 IIMA alumni across fifty batches ranging from 1969 to 2018. The ExCo therefore enlisted the help of "batch champions" - motivated representatives of each batch - who would reach out in turn to their batchmates. A logo was created exclusively for the *1'm for IIMA* fundraiser - one that could be easily adopted by any other chapter looking to do a similar fundraiser. An emotive e-booklet was designed and the ExCo presented the appeal to batch champions at a small event in end May.

One of Singapore's most supportive senior alumni helped kick off the fundraiser with the first pledge. In less than 50 days from the first serious start to the



fundraising drive, we reached the target of S\$ 1 mn in contributions and pledges. Over 110 Singapore alumni participated in the first ever country fundraiser for IIMA.

The success of the fundraiser was commemorated at a gala dinner held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, sponsored by the IIMA Alumni Association of Singapore and graciously hosted by the High Commissioner of India to Singapore, Mr Jawed Ashraf (PGP 1986), at his residence India House, a beautiful colonial building. About 90 alumni and spouses attended, most of them donors to *1'm for IIMA*. The ExCo presented the symbolic "S\$1 million" cheque to the Director Prof D'Souza, Dean Prof Rakesh Basant and Head of the Development Office, Mr Ajit Motwani and IIMAAAS representatives signed the MOU with the Institute.

Renovations to the faculty wings supported by the donations from Singapore would begin in December 2019 and would take about two years to be completed.

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The announcement was made by the French Secretary General for Foreign Affairs Anne Marie Descot in front of a large gathering at Jawed Ashraf's farewell reception on 19 December 2024 for his contribution to the promotion of India-France Strategic Partnership. The formal ceremony to confer the insignia is being done by the French Ambassador on March 18, 2026 at a ceremony in the Capital.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi was accorded the highest level of Grand Cross in July 2023. There has been no recipient of the Grand Officer since 1956.

While there are many recipients of the Officer and the Chevalier of the Legion of Honour from India, the Commander of the Legion d'honneur has so far been awarded to only seven Indians so far. They are JRD Tata, Ratan Tata, Prof Amartya Sen, Pandit Ravi Shankar, Satyajit Ray, painter S H Raza and singer Manna Dey. The last Indian recipient was Ratan Tata in 2016. Jawed Ashraf becomes the first Indian Ambassador to receive this honour.

During his three year stint as Indian Ambassador to France, New Delhi and Paris took huge steps in defence cooperation including the acquisition of 36 Rafale Fighter jets by the Indian Air Force apart from long range stand-off weapons and missiles. Ashraf promoted India-France joint development and venture in defence sector including developments of submarines and underwater drones.

The big honour to the former Indian envoy comes days after French President Emmanuel Macron concluded his visit to India. He was also the Chief Guest for the 75th Republic Day celebrations in 2024. Besides, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the Guest of Honour at Macron's invitation in 2023.

India and France have been going strong on trade, investment and digital technology collaboration.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/france-to-confer-topcivilian-honour-commander-of-the-legion-of-honneur-on-ex-indian-envoy-paris-jawed-ashraf-101772259356778.html>

“Kopi Time E165: Jawed Ashraf on India’s foreign policy”

You Tube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnbZ5jXjaAw>



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“Jawed Ashraf, with over three decades in Indian foreign service, including Ambassador to France and High Commissioner to Singapore, offers his insights on India’s foreign policy here and now. We begin with the India-Europe relationship on trade, investment, tech, talent, travel, and visas, which leads to the challenges related to Russia. The conversation then moves to India’s ongoing challenges vis-à-vis the US, China, and Pakistan. We conclude with going over the vast potential for deeper India-Southeast Asia collaboration. In each of these cases, the recently retired foreign service veteran digs into his vast experience and deep expertise.”