

On 3rd October 2026 message from:

Mr Sydney D'Silva

- Additional Director General (Commissioner), CBIC — CUSTOMS & GST

 A Nostalgic Visit to Our Alma Mater – Somaiya College, Vidyavihar

Today was a truly memorable and deeply nostalgic day as we returned to Somaiya College, Vidyavihar, at the invitation of the Alumni Association for a special felicitation of Revenue Officers.

The original felicitation programme had been held earlier, but a few of us had been unable to attend. In a wonderful gesture of warmth, respect and thoughtfulness, Mr. Nilesh Agarwal and Mr. Y. S. Muzumdar, representing the Alumni Association, were kind enough to invite us once again and personally felicitate us. We are truly grateful for this gesture.

For me, however, the visit became even more special and emotional because I had the opportunity to meet my college Handball Coach and Alumni, Mr. M. O. Varghese, after all these years.

Coach Varghese was not merely a coach. He was a mentor who moulded us, disciplined us and transformed us into a winning team. Under his guidance, in 1984, we created history by winning the Mumbai University Inter-Collegiate Handball Tournament for Somaiya for the first time, defeating the formidable Khalsa College.

Meeting him today brought back a flood of memories, the training sessions, the sweat, the discipline, the camaraderie, the excitement of competition and, finally, the joy of victory. Some people may leave our lives, but the impact of a great teacher or coach remains with us forever.

A special word of thanks to Mr. Nilesh Agarwal, who went far beyond what was expected and personally took us on an extensive tour of the campus. He showed us the Arts & Commerce and Science sections, classrooms, laboratories, research centres and the various floors of the buildings, giving us a wonderful glimpse of how much our institution has grown and evolved.

We were then graciously hosted to a sumptuous lunch by the Principal, Mr. Kishen Pawar, followed by some delightful desserts.

After lunch, we took a leisurely walk around the sprawling Somaiya campus, with Nilesh once again being our enthusiastic guide. He showed us the impressive sports and recreational facilities and gave us a comprehensive tour of the complex.

But for us, this was much more than a campus visit.

It was a journey back in time. ❤️

The campus has changed tremendously. Modern buildings, state-of-the-art infrastructure, laboratories, research facilities and impressive sports amenities have transformed the institution. Yet, as we walked through the campus, almost every corner seemed to whisper an old memory, the classrooms, corridors,

grounds and those carefree moments when we would simply hang around with friends, completely unaware of how quickly those beautiful years would pass.

The campus may have changed, but the memories have not.

We came back today as alumni and retired Revenue Officers, carrying decades of experiences and achievements with us. But for those few precious hours, we were transported back to our younger days, young students of Somaiya, full of dreams, energy, friendship and hope for the future.

A heartfelt thank you to the Somaiya Alumni Association, Mr. Nilesh Agarwal, Mr. Y. S. Muzumdar and the Principal Mr. Kishen Pawar, for making this visit so meaningful and unforgettable.

Some journeys take us places.

Some journeys take us back in time.

Today, we were fortunate enough to experience both. ❤️

Once a Somaiya student, always a Somaiya student! 🎓❤️

On 12th September 2026 in news coverage:

के.जे. सोमैया कॉलेज ऑफ आर्ट्स एंड कॉमर्स में 67वां फाउंडेशन डे समारोह भव्य रूप से संपन्न।

मुंबई के विद्या विहार स्थित K.J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce में 12 सितंबर 2026 को कॉलेज का 67वां फाउंडेशन डे उत्साह और गरिमापूर्ण माहौल में मनाया गया।

इस अवसर पर कॉलेज के Alumni संगठन की विशेष भागीदारी रही। कार्यक्रम में कॉलेज के ऐसे पूर्व विद्यार्थियों को आमंत्रित किया गया, जो केंद्र सरकार और राज्य सरकार के राजस्व विभाग में कार्यरत अथवा सेवा निवृत्त हुए हैं।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ श्री एस. एम. केशकामत, IRS एवं चीफ कमिशनर ऑफ इनकम टैक्स, जोधपुर द्वारा दीप प्रज्वलन के साथ किया गया।

समारोह में सोमैया विद्याविहार के प्रेसिडेंट श्री समीर सोमैया, प्रिंसिपल श्री किशन पवार, पूर्व विद्यार्थी, शिक्षकगण और वर्तमान विद्यार्थी उपस्थित रहे।

News of Naya Bharat की टीम ने इस खास अवसर पर कुछ विशेष अतिथियों और पूर्व विद्यार्थियों से बातचीत की और उनके कॉलेज जीवन, उपलब्धियों एवं पुरानी यादों को जाना।

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On 12th September message from:

Mrs Sreekala Nair

- Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax

Thanks a lot for organizing a wonderful program - Muzumdar Sir and Nilesh Sir.

Muzumdar sir, truly your energy is unmatched. You are inspiring.
Every arrangement made was so thoughtful, inspiring, impeccable.

Really felt proud and fortunate to be a part of this great institution. I came back after nearly 40 years. Everything was different from the outside but the moment I stepped in, I felt like I was back in college.

The organising team did a wonderful job in making all of us feel at home. Nostalgic. Old memories flooded. Felt nice to connect with old colleagues and of course made some new friends. Thought about the friends I am not in touch now. Hope they are also good wherever they are.

Thanks once again to each one of you and your team back office who made this program a great success.