

# ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH – Dec 2016

## Mr. Kevin, 2012-14 Batch

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With a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, he started off his career with MRF in the commercial team. Our Alumnus of this month Mr. Kevin, takes care of the domestic raw material procurement for the tyre manufacturing division. During this three year stint at MRF, he realized that his management skills needed to be polished and taking up an MBA program would be the right decision. Having rightly decided he made yet another right decision of joining LIBA and specialized in operations and marketing. "The journey at LIBA was a huge learning curve which groomed my technical as well as soft skills. The case studies in operations management and supply chain has immensely helped me in many crucial situations. Most importantly, the 12 hour schedule, day after day, at LIBA has moulded me to face the corporate world."

After LIBA, he rejoined MRF in the same department wherein he was assigned to take care of procurement of raw material imports. Currently, he is designated as Senior Executive, Imports. Besides, he is handling more than 200 suppliers of raw materials all around the world. In his opinion he feels that more than the skill set, it is the frame of mind and commitment to the work or project assigned that is most important in the current professional scenario as the current business world is very dynamic with changes happening every now and then. Anybody who is a part of this corporate world should be prepared to adapt to the market situations without compromising the values imbibed. He said, "The experience amassed from the two seasons of LIBA premier league is my greatest takeaway. It gave me a real time feel of running a business where one had to raise capital (get sponsorships marketing) and invest it (finance), select key resources (select key players), run the business (participate in various events at the right time and right manner - operations), keep the stakeholders motivated and involved (employee engagement - HR) and make profits/ losses. This essentially teaches us all the four disciplines taught at LIBA in real time."

He reminisced about the outbound learning at Pegasus when asked about his most memorable time he had at LIBA. "LIBA is a great learning ground which gives you the pedigree, kindles the flame in you, prepares you for the battle and helps you acquire the skills to win the battle at the battle ground. It's a place which gives you exposure to various cultures within and outside India. LIBA gives immense importance to academic as well as extra-curricular activities which develops you holistically." His dad, Mr. K J Tomy is a Chartered accountant practicing privately in Kerala. His mother, Rosemarie Tomy is a homemaker. Sister, Minty Thomas is pursuing her PhD in food technology in Laval university, Canada. Wife, Aswathy Augus is a Human Resource Executive at Royal Sundaram General Insurance. He said, "Make the most of college life as you would be craving for all this fun time once you enter the corporate world. Participate in events, play, read, go for trips and movies and make merry. Most importantly, use your time at this great educational institution to equip yourself for the corporate life ahead."