

Dinner - 11th November-2006

How do you decide if a party has been a success or not?

Is it good ambience or good company or good food?

And what do you get when you have all of these together? A grand success, I feel. The alumni Dinner on November 11th, 2006 at India Habitat Centre was exactly that.

The planning for the dinner started about 4 months back. Duties were divided and mails were sent out. We got an overwhelming response from all of you and we were overjoyed. For us the party was already a success. Then the cards came out and mails were sent out once again and the response was not so great. Our spirits fell but the perennial optimists told us that all would be well. A hall was booked for 200 people and till November 5th we had 50 confirmations. India Habitat wanted a minimum guarantee. We were in a fix. We changed the hall and settled for a smaller place. A day before the dinner calls started pouring in. "Sorry, but we cannot accommodate you now" was not what they had expected or wanted to hear but we had no choice. Many were unhappy.

The dinner was a huge success. All came. We had a perfect blend of students from all batches. There were students from 1972 to 2006. As one 1972 batch student was registering we heard a small whisper at the back from a 1991 pass out, "I was born in 1972."

The party came into full swing when the teachers made an entry. We had Mrs. Shobha Seth, Mrs Paul, Mr. Bholia, Mr. Madhok, Mr. Khanna, Ms. Vibha Raizada, Ms. Kamal Menon and Mrs. Mahrukh Singh.

We did try to get a small speech in the middle but Neeharika Leekha and Devika Menon from 2006 batch were not very pleased when after repeated requests they were still not heard. "They are just not interested. What a waste of time", they said. It sure feels strange to be on the other side of the table, right girls? But a lesson has been learnt.

The evening progressed with Sital Banerjee from 1989 batch singing Kishore Kumar songs. Then we had a special prize distribution by Mrs. Singh. This was followed by dinner.

It feels good to know that all who attended went back happy and now we hope that the next alumni event - the January 26, 2007 reunion is just as good as this one.