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*In Conversation with*  
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**CATCHING UP WITH.....**

# **Mentor. BSA ARIF BUHARY RAHMAN**



## **How were your childhood days?**

I was in Hong Kong back then, my father wanted me to be in a Boarding School with Islamic Values. Hence Crescent School was started. I spent exceptional six years of my life in Crescent.

## **How were your PUC days?**

I was the last batch of +1 and Pre-University college batch. Post my schooling I did my PUC in Loyola.

## **How were your college days?**

I wanted to join B. Com in Loyola College, but at the time I was in Hong Kong, I sought admission late. I was offered B.A in Loyola. But I wanted B. Com, so I joined Pachaiyappas College.

## **Why did you choose B. Com?**

We are a business family and you need accounting everywhere. So, I choose B.Com.

## **How was your experience in Northrop University and Los Angeles?**

Los Angeles has such a wonderful climate; it's a celebrity town morning and evening is excellent, like in Kodikanal. San Diego in South used to be warmer and in North San Francisco used to be cooler. LA is comparatively more pleasant.

Northrop Grumman Corporation is an American multinational aerospace and defense technology company. They manufactured F16 fighter jets and this university was known for its aerospace programmes. Everywhere MBA was a 2-year program, my father wanted me to get back to business so I choose Northrop University as it had one and half year program. I used to work at Sumitomo Corporation as accountant. I attended classes in the evening and worked during the day.

## **What were the differences you felt between India and US?**

I was an NRI most of my life. I lived most of my life abroad rather than India. I didn't feel much difference.

## **Did you miss your hometown?**

We used to go every year end to Keelakarai, last 30 years we have the tradition that we have marriage conducted during that time for 10 days.

## **Which was your first job ?**

You need to have a quest for learning, my first job was in Tuticorin. After B. Com was posted in East Coast Construction and Industries for a month. It's a 60-year-old company. We constructed SPIC, Thermal power plant, Tuticorin Port and so on.

### **Which was first the portfolio in BSA group?**

After my post-graduation, I was posted as Director Accounts in ETA in Dubai.

### **What was your passion before taking up your family business?**

I was always passionate about IT industry, I started BiTech (Bhari Info Tech) in 1988 at South India with 40 training centers. Then *Transworld Information Systems* in 1989 at New Jersey. More than 1000 people have gone to US through me. We had our family business in Dubai eventually I sold the company. Even now it's the IT industry that fascinates me.

### **Which is your favorite country for business?**

United Arab Emirates, since there is no bureaucracy and legacy. It follows the Singapore model, since I lived most of my time there its UAE.

### **Which is your favorite business?**

Human Capital Business. We started first Authorized Training Center (ATC) for Java Micro computers in India. But at one time I had to sell that company since I was in Dubai most of my life.

### **Did you venture on something new?**

I like to explore new avenues and sunrise industries.

### **How did you manage business during pandemic?**

Business during COVID has mostly been with God and its more of looking within myself and doing a self-evaluation. I wanted to know what was God trying to convey to us through this COVID situation.

## **How did this pandemic affect you?**

I started to reduce my business before the covid pandemic. During the pandemic I was not able to travel and take care of my business. Overall, this pandemic was a period of introspection for myself. This pandemic has made me a better person. I have learnt what I wanted from my life. There is always

a price to pay. The more you want something, the more you have to sacrifice. We need to give up something to have what we want.

## **How difficult was it to manage the human resources?**

Seven Billion people in this world, We ourselves are a miracle of creation! We are different and unique in our own ways. It's not just with the fingerprint and iris recognition. Each person has different walking styles. "Fire in the belly" famous US quote. So, if a person is hungry, I can motivate them and I can't motivate a person who is not hungry.

## **How will be the future of industries post COVID?**

It is a disruption. People are asked to work from home and it's a great loss for industries like construction, real estate, demand for commercial offices. But healthcare, IT and pharmaceutical industries has more of a future.



## **What are the Future projects of crescent?**

For the past 14 months, I am not able to travel so I am still catching up with my works. Works are going to establish a Madurai Campus and a World Class Aquatic Center.

## **What is your view on students of Crescent?**

I think students and alumni are the great assets of any institutions. Alumni's have become prominent, rich and more influential among people in the world. As we know Mukesh Ambani and Steve Balmer were colleagues

of Stanford University and they support their university. Alumni's can make a big difference to the alma mater and the younger generation.

## **What is your view on Industry 4.0 and Crescent?**

We have achieved A+, that itself is a really a big step forward and it itself is phenomenal, we are working forward to achieve A++.

## **What is your best memory in crescent campus?**

I have spent six years of my childhood here, so it's embedded with wonderful memories. I have been as a vice captain in hockey and I was also part of school band, swimming team.



**What is your Favourite Spot in Crescent Campus ?**

Swimming pool.

**Can we expect something in IT sector ?**

Machine Learning, AI, Cryptocurrencies, Blockchain, IoT, Cyber securities are going to be in big demand. In software, after introducing a product for sure there will be advancement and its going to be robust.

Software has versatility, soundness and it is something unique.



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**CRESCENT**

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BEST MEMORY

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KEELAKARAI OR CHENNAI

**BEN HUR**

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**TO MEET ALL YOUNGSTERS AND  
DERIVE ENERGY FROM THEM**

BEST PART OF BEING AS CHANCELLOR

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