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Xavier School of Sustainability was crucial in shaping my perspectives. The rigorous curriculum and the vibrant student life not only kept me on my toes but also gave me an experience full of rich learning outcomes. When I had taken the decision to pursue my MBA in a niche stream like Sustainability Management, I had my own set of inhibitions whether I will be able to do justice to the subject. However, none of it mattered when I saw the novel way in which the course had been structured ensuring that it not just contributes to our repository of knowledge on the subject matter via an assortment of courses (like CSR, Natural Resource Management, Supply Chain Management etc) but also gives hands on experience via courses like Social Research Methods, Sustainability Discovery Program, Designing Innovative Business Models for Sustainability. Exposure and learning from field experiences as well have been immense. The best takeaway from the course is that it broadened our horizons and perspectives in a way that enhances our analytical skills and teaches us that there is always a mutually beneficial way to approach solutions. The field of Sustainability in itself is quite vast. There is so much to learn and so much to know that it is essential to develop a habit of inquisitiveness and to constantly have a thirst for knowledge. During my days as student at Xavier School of Sustainability, I had realized early on that textbook knowledge would never be enough if I wished to excel at my career. I should not only keep myself updated but also understand how to use my existing repositories to make myself valuable to any organisation. There is an absolute need to understand the way we operate in the economy and this course serves just that purpose by providing the right mix between Sustainability and Business Management in all its forms.