From the Desk of Dean

IIT Delhi is proud to have its alumni, a group of over 46,000 engineers, technologists, scientists, managers and entrepreneurs. The newsletter aims to provide its readers with updates on Alumni & International Programmes related activities of the institute. It is a very effective medium of staying updated with all sorts of new things happening in different domains in which our Alumni work. This is the 2nd volume of this monthly newsletter of our office. You will find a new section in this edition “Reconnecting with Alumni” I would welcome you to share with me the names of the Alumni to whom you would like to feature in the future issue of this newsletter. The students take a lot of pride in their alumni and consider them as a source of inspiration. Your support shapes the future of institute, and we look forward to continuing to partner with you. Keep me posted with your suggestions & feedback.

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On 24th April, 2018, His Holiness the Dalai Lama enthralled an audience of about 1500 -waiting in the IIT Delhi auditorium- with his engaging and very relevant talk on Happiness and Stress free life.

This was followed by a very engaging Q&A session in which His Holiness addressed the concerns of the audience drawing from his abundant experience and deep spirituality.

AAIP ORIENTATION

With an aim to select the best possible student team for 2018-19, AAIP organized an open town hall for all interested candidates. The application witnessed over 110 responses - making the session ripe with excitement. The 2017-18 student coordinators presented a brief annual report of their work, followed by Q & A to solve applicants’ doubts. An on the spot case study was given as an evaluation criterion along with online submissions for selection into interview rounds, which got completed over next 3 days."
Alumni Affairs & International Programmes

AAIP office is running various campaigns to seek funds for Institute initiative. IIT Delhi well-wishers have been generous in their contributions towards the Institute following funds have been generated in the last 1.5 years.

1. Endowed Chair Professorships (₹ 7804529.48)
2. IITD CS&E Research Acceleration Fund (₹ 10731738)
3. STAY-CON (₹ 21000)
4. Wellness Fund (₹ 212300)
5. Ramesh & Chanda Kapur Scholarship (Ramesh C Kapur) (₹ 600000)
   Manohar Lal and Indravati Kapur Scholarship, Bihari Lal and Lajvanti Batra Scholarship,
6. Janak Raj Malhotra Scholarship (Chetan Vohra) (₹ 200000)
7. Silver Jubilee Endowment by 1993 Batch (₹ 7743315)
8. Batch of 1997 Donation (₹ 970000)
10. IIT Delhi Giving Day (₹ 2390551)
11. Mittal Sports Complex (Saurabh Mittal) (₹ 20000000)
12. Sai Pramod Kumar Atmakuru Scholarship (Multiple Donor) (₹ 547185)
13. Prof. Kishan & Pramila Gupta Chair (Ajay Gupta) (₹ 9645162.03)
14. Reeba & Pranab Chatterjee Excellence Award (Ajay Chatterjee) (₹ 285318.68)
15. Veena Arora Faculty Research Award (Neeraj Arora) (₹ 4054693.6)
16. Ravinder Kumar Rishi Scholarship (Deepti Ravinder Rishi) (₹ 400000)
17. Sulochana and Colonel A. Krishnaswami Vrc VSM & Bar FLRA (K Ananth Krishnan) (₹ 3000000)
   i Prof. K.L. Chopra for Basic Research Faculty Research Award  ii Prof. PCP Bhatt Faculty Research Award for Applied Research

Contribution by Alumni on (CERCA)

Name: Mr. Arun Duggal  
Batch: Mechanical Engineering (Indian Institute of Technology Delhi graduated in 1967)  
Organization: Chairman of ICRA (A subsidiary of Moody’s USA), Chairman of Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited and International Asset Reconstructions Company.

Details of the programme: IIT Delhi has setup up a center of Excellence for research on Clean Air (CERCA) to take up research to study air pollution issues in Delhi and NCR region. The center will be a platform for undertaken multidisciplinary research projects by the faculty of IIT Delhi especially focused to study and resolve clean air issues in Delhi and NCR region. Besides providing scientific information to policy makers this will also feedback on the effectiveness of various pollution management programmes.

The initial funds for carrying out research activities of the center will be funded by donation by Mr. Arun Duggal who will also help raise additional funds from other national and international agencies. In the first year of its operation the center will be operated with a seed grant of about Rs. 3 crore from donation by Mr. Arun Duggal. The seeded fund will be utilized to fund 3-4 projects. Remaining part of this fund be committed to support the project funded by other government agencies.
International Delegations

- A Delegation from Clemson University U.S.A visited the institute on 3rd April 2018.
- A delegation from University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign visited the Institute on 6th April 2018.
- A Delegation from Myanmar visited the Institute on 17th April 2018.
- A Delegation from Australian National University visited the Institute on 18th April 2018.
- A Joint working group on Education (Germany) visited on 20th April 2018.
- A delegation from Amsterdam University of Applied Science Visited the Institute on 23 April 2018.
- A delegation of Russian Investors from Sistema Asia Fund visited on 24 April 2018.

MoU signed with Intl. Institutions

- City University of Hong Kong
- China Jiliang University, China
- Concordia University, Canada
- Al-Hussein Technical University, Jordan
- Clemson University, U.S.A

Exchange Programmes

Two student & one faculty was pre-selected under the ERASMUS programmes for the Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain.
Prof. A.J. Paulraj Ph.D 1973
Prof. A. J. Paulraj was born in Pollachi near Coimbatore, India, one of six children of Sinappan Arogyaswami and his wife Rose. He joined the Indian Navy at age 15 through the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla and served the Navy for 30 years. Paulraj received his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the Naval College of Engineering, Lonavala, India, and his doctorate in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi. He was conferred with the Distinguished Alumni award in the year 1998. Recently he has been inducted into the prestigious National Inventors Hall of Fame for his MIMO wireless technology.

Prof. Soumitra Dutta B.Tech. 1985
Soumitra Dutta (born 27 August 1963) is an author, academic, businessman and a Professor of Management at the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business. Previously he served as the founding Dean of the SC Johnson College of Business at Cornell University from 1 April 2016 till 30 January 2018. From July 2012 until June 2016, he was the Anne and Elmer Lindseth Dean of the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School of Management. Before his appointment to Cornell University, Dutta was the Roland Berger Chaired Professor of Business and Technology and Professor of Business and Technology at INSEAD. He was conferred with the Distinguished Alumni award in the year 2017.

Dr. Mohit Aron, (born 1973) is a businessman and entrepreneur. He is the Founder and CEO of Cohesity, Inc. and was previously the co-founder and CTO of Nutanix Aron graduated with a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Rice University with a focus on distributed systems. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi India. Aron has been attributed as the father of hyper convergence and has over 15 years of experience in building scalable, high-performance distribution systems. Aron founded Cohesity in 2013 and co-founded Nutanix in 2009. Prior to co-founding Nutanix, Aron was at Google as a lead developer on the Google File System engineering project.

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