DEAN, AAIP’S MESSAGE

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of IIT Delhi I welcome the alumni of the institute to Alumni Day 2016. The alumni of IIT Delhi has brought laurels to not only the institute but also to the entire nation. They have been instrumental in revolutionizing the technology sector of India and the world in general. The students take a lot of pride in their alumni and consider them as a source of inspiration. The new portal to connect the alumni to the institute which I believe is not only beneficial to the current students but also to the former ones. It is a very effective medium of staying updated with all sorts of new things happening in different sectors in which our alumni work and also the students can find great mentors from their alumni.

I have met with many of you and am impressed by your desire to be connected deeply and meaningfully with each other and with the Institute. We would like your unwavering commitment towards IIT Delhi. Your partnership is essential as IIT Delhi takes strides to become one of the top ranking global universities. Expansion, Excellence and Inclusion are the goals IIT Delhi will strive for in the coming years. We would like your involvement and generosity to play a central role in the growing stature of IIT Delhi. To those of you who have offered the Institute your financial support, energy and time, I thank you on behalf of our faculty, staff, and students, for your dedication to IIT Delhi. Your support shapes the future of Institute, and we look forward to continuing to partner with you. To those of who are working to make the world a better place to stay, we thank you. Your efforts every day help achieve the mission of IIT Delhi and strengthen our global impact and visibility.

I invite you to visit the campus again, and more frequently.

Sanjeev Sanghi,  
Dean, AAIP,  
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

I welcome all the alumni of IIT Delhi to Alumni Day 2016. Since the institute’s inception, the institute has a rich history of producing capable engineers and in general influential and confident individuals and the alumni have made IIT Delhi proud by contributing significantly in the nation-building process. The Alumni have done exceedingly well in all spheres of life, at both national and international levels, and brought name and fame for themselves as well as their alma mater. The institution takes pride in their achievements. We believe that students who pass the hallowed campus of IIT Delhi today will always cherish the learning they received here and will continue working as hard as they have till now, and make a mark for themselves in the world outside. I welcome all the alumni and wish them best of luck for their future endeavours.

With Best Wishes,  
Professor V. Ramgopal Rao,  
Director,  
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

RESEARCH IN IIT DELHI

JOHN KERRY’S VISIT

CONVOCATION ‘16

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ALUMNI GET TOGETHER

AAIP hosted the Batch of IITD, Mechanical Engineering 1966-71 on 10th of November, 2016. The get-together was aimed at refreshing student life, meeting old colleagues and introducing the alumni to ongoing research activities and future development plans.

The attendees met Professor Saha, who is the HOD of the Mechanical Engineering Department, Professor Atul Narang from Biotech Department. An interaction session for the visiting alumni was arranged with Professor S.D. Joshi, Head of the Electrical Engineering Department, and Professor Subrat Kar, followed by a visit to TBIU and LHC facility. Alumni interacted with Director, IIT Delhi and Dean AAIP, IITDAA at lunch.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INTERACTIVE SESSION

AAIP, IIT Delhi hosted dinner for the international students at Director’s lodge. The institute has 67 students from the international community representing 15 different countries. The purpose of the gathering was to familiarize them with the activities going on in the campus.

IIT Delhi offers a plethora of opportunities related to co-curricular and extracurricular activities for which the representatives from Students’ Affairs Council discussed what their respective boards have to offer to the international students.

Some students grabbed the podium to share their experiences in the institute and India in general. This was followed by a short cultural programme by Music Club, IIT Delhi. The event was successful in breaking the ice between the international community of IIT Delhi and the Indian students and professors.

JOHN KERRY’S VISIT

AAIP, on behalf of IIT Delhi, together with the Observer Research Foundation and the United States Embassy had the privilege of hosting Mr John F Kerry, the US Secretary of State on his second visit to the campus. Mr Kerry’s talk, themed on Indo-US bilateral relations was delivered at Seminar Hall in the morning on 31st August 2016. The event was also graced by the presence of our Director, Dean AAIP and several members of the faculty. Renowned journalist, Mr Shekhar Gupta was invited as the moderator. Representatives from the Embassy, ORF and a healthy count of students from IIT Delhi ensured full house for the event.

The talk touched on myriad verticals within Indo US relations including science & technology, diplomatic & international relations, climate change, South-Asian geopolitics to name just few. Mr Kerry was also generous with words of praise for the IIT Delhi fraternity, recounting the contributions of the community in both countries.

The talk was followed by a brief question-answer session. A couple of frank and straight-forward questions on Pakistan, India’s contribution in combating Climate Change and politics of the South China Sea were answered gracefully by Mr Kerry. AAIP is extremely proud to be associated with such an insightful event and we would bring to you many such events in the future.

UDAAN

AAIP, IIT Delhi hosted the first event of its career series ‘Udaan’--“Talk with Alumni walking down the UPSC lane” on August 16th, 2016. About 10 IIT Delhi recent graduates who have secured top ranks in civil services (about 5 in top 100) shared their expertise about their journey to cracking UPSC.

Ashish Sangwan who had secured an All India Rank of 12 in Civil Services exam in 2007 guided the aspirants on how to crack the prestigious exam, considered to be one of the toughest in the world. Pulkit Garg with an All India Rank of 27 was bombarded by several questions by the students, whom he answered very satisfactorily. Questions ranged from the number of hours dedicated to the studies to the best choice for optional subject (which was mainly Mathematics and Physics for most of the Alumni). Students also cleared their doubts about the importance of internship, when one chooses to tread this unconventional path and which all books to read and tackle the mental pressure on this road less taken.

The entire event turned out to be a great success with a room of over two hundred capacity occupied to its fullest. The students were very happy with the organisation of event and AAIP looks forward to more such talks in the future.
LHC’S INAUGURATION

The Hon. Union Minister of HRD Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani paid a visit to our institute on 29th April 2016. She was here on the august occasion of the inauguration of the newly built Lecture Hall Complex. Construction of the LHC has been a mega project in IIT-Delhi which was ongoing for the past few years. The HRD Minister laid down the foundation stone followed by the unveiling of granite block. Thronged by media-persons and students, she headed towards the atrium, where she brought the curtains up on the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.

She termed the Government’s move as not being a mission or project but an active engagement between educational institutions and the society. As a part of this ‘engagement’, institutions work for the development of villages or local communities, mainly through technological interventions. IIT Delhi alone is working with 32 villages, in an attempt to make tangible changes to the living standards of the rural population of our nation.

This was followed by an address to a jam-packed audience where the Minister threw light on the initiatives taken by her ministry to uplift the deprived strata. These included waiving off the fees for candidates with an annual income of less than 1 lac per annum and for physically challenged students and Project Udaan that aims to increase the girl student ratio in prestigious institutes like IIT’s.

Taking the administration by surprise she wanted to take cognizance of the living standard of the students in our hostels. She decided to pay a visit to Shivalik and Kailash hostels. Several impromptu decisions were taken that overwhelmed the student community. Air coolers were allowed with immediate effect. The Minister also declared that all hostels will be made centrally air-conditioned in the next two years. Water coolers will be installed on all floors of each hostel and all facilities in the students mess will soon be modernised. Overall, the visit by the HRD Minister proved to be a highly fruitful one. Especially for the student community as many of their issues were paid heed to.

The Annual Convocation of IIT Delhi is a grand event. Every year a few eminent personalities of the country are invited to the ceremony and this year Bharat Ratna awardee Prof. C. N. R. Rao and business tycoon Kumar Mangalam Birla were present to grace the event. Happiness and excitement was evident on everybody’s faces as the graduating students finally received their degrees. It was also the day to appreciate the achievements of the alumni of IIT Delhi with a few distinguished alumni being felicitated at the ceremony. The Convocation is a very memorable day for every graduating student and will be cherished by them forever.

This year the Distinguished Alumni Award was bagged by Dr. Chandraket Bajaj, Mr. Pradeep Kumar and Mr. Sachin Bansal.

Dr. Chandraket Bajaj
He is presently the Director of the Computational Visualization Centre, at the University of Texas at Austin. He is also Professor of Computer Sciences at the University of Texas at Austin since 1997 and he also holds the Computer Applied Math (CAM) Chair of Visualization since 1997.

Mr. Pradeep Kumar
After graduating from IIT Delhi he joined the Indian Administrative Services in 1972. At present, he is chairing the ‘Expert Committee for Environment Appraisal of Nuclear, Defence and related projects’ under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. He is Independent External Monitor for the award of contracts by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). He is also a member of the ‘Audit Advisory Board of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

Mr. Sachin Bansal
Mr. Sachin Bansal is the co-founder of India’s biggest e-commerce giant Flipkart. In 2006, he joined Amazon India as Senior Software Engineer. On realizing that the market for E-commerce in India was very small he along with Mr. Binny Bansal, after leaving Amazon in 2007, founded Flipkart as an E-commerce company. Flipkart has been ranked by Wall Street Journal among the 10 most valuable start-ups in the world. Mr. Sachin Bansal led Flipkart as a CEO from its inception in 2007 till 2015 and took over as the Executive Chairman in the year 2016.

Mr. Sanjeev Kalhan
The Distinguished Alumni Service Award went to Mr. Sanjeev Kalhan. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Delhi in 1983 and his Post Graduate Diploma (MBA) from IIM Kolkata. His team has recently designed and guided the implementation of the complete Audio Visual Solution required for the Lecture Theatres and the Auditoriums in the new Lecture Hall Complex of IIT Delhi. His team discussed the actual requirements with the Professors and designed the solution from scratch using state of the Art technology products to create an experience which is comparable to best of Global Universities and Learning Centres.

The President’s and Director’s Gold Medal were awarded to Raghuvanshraj Saxena and Puja Kudesia respectively.
BOARD FOR HOSTEL MANAGEMENT

BHM, IIT Delhi, strives its very best to make IIT Delhi, a home away from home for the students. Several initiatives have been taken for easing the student life.

Revival of BHM Website

- Feedback portal - to ensure that if any problem is encountered, or if there seems to be a mismatch between the expectations and the reality, the students can at any time of the day submit their feedbacks.
- Status of pending work and information about hostel secretaries is regularly updated on the website.
- Many a times, students lose and sometimes forget their personal belongings, may it be while studying in the library, or while attending lectures in the lecture halls. Keeping this in mind, BHM has introduced an Online Lost and Found portal on the website, which has seen tremendous response. For now, people know, where to find their lost belongings.

Food facilities and Waste Management

- BHM has instructed that the remaining food be kept in hot boxes for the students engaged in sports and physical activities so that they do not miss their food.
- New food outlets such as Rajdhani, Baqsha have been opened to cater to the increasing demand for food, since these restaurants are operative till late in the nights as compared to the Hostel Mess, which have fixed timings and are often early.
- In the institute area, Water Coolers have been installed on each floor.
- To address food wastage, self-dumping of food and white boards depicting wastage of the previous day have been introduced in the messes. These have a deep and long lasting impact on the conscience of the students, thereby reducing the wastage.

Natural Resources Management

- To reduce water wastage, the water rejected by RO systems is now being used for horticulture related activities.
- Introduction of push taps in the newly constructed lecture hall complex which have a half press and full press option and BHM is proud to announce that this strategy has been proven to reduce water wastage by 80% when compared to that by using the normal taps.
- NSS – IIT Delhi has coordinated with the hostel secretaries for cleanliness drives in the campus. Talks are in place and very soon positive outcomes will be there.

BHM is also working on a variety of other projects, the recent chaos caused by demonetization was also effectively tackled by requesting the concerned authorities on behalf of the students of IIT Delhi, and a mobile ATM van was provided for the students.

BOARD FOR SPORTS ACTIVITIES

BSA, IIT Delhi had to be on its toes to make up for the washed away Inter IIT 2015 due to Chennai floods. Sportech, known amongst the sporting community of various colleges in North India as one of the largest Inter Collegiate sports festival in the region was brought to the people in different flavour in 2016. With the motto of 'Hope comes alive' BSA tried to rekindle the fire that was somewhat lost due to the cancellation of Inter-IIT. Various IITs came to battle for supremacy and IIT Delhi finished second, closely behind IIT Kanpur. Apart from Sportech there was much left for the competition with the Inter-Hostel General Championship up for grabs. The Inter Hostel Championship which kicked off in the odd semester with aquatic events when the pool was providing some cool respite from the heat of the summer. Aravali and Nilgiri were the clear champions and everyone else was just left to feed off their scraps. For the rest of the championship, there were a lot of twists and turns as Jwalamukhi House emerged victorious leaving Girnar behind in a close race.

BSA now is gearing up for next year with Inter IIT and Sportech right at the doorstep. The stakes are high.

BOARD FOR RECREATIONAL & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

In the direction of all round development of students, the Institute has been constantly evolving its infrastructure while creating frameworks for vibrant operations of several dynamic student bodies. Throughout the year, students excel in variety of activities such as sports, publications, cultural and creative, and robotics and carry out several welfare programmes within and outside the campus.

Rendezvous 2016, the largest student festivals of north India, was held with competitive fervour in all the cultural events. The Institute teams for Group Dance, Street-Play and Fusion Band have bagged several podium finishes in multiple student competitions in India, and especially in inter-college competitions held at various Delhi university colleges and other IITs. Members of the quizzing and literary clubs also excelled in a variety of avenues and brought several top laurels (including a top prize in Nihilanth 2015, held in IIM Bangalore) to the Institute. The total number of awards won across all clubs in 2015 was approximately double of that of the same received in the previous year. Students are working hard to maintain this progress and reinforce the assertion that students at IIT Delhi are indeed all-rounders.
BOARD FOR STUDENT WELFARE

The BSW has been working towards the well-being of the student community at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. It aims at creating a comfortable and hospitable environment for the students in the campus and works to cater to the needs of each and every student.

Each year the primary task of BSW is orienting the freshmen during this tough transition phase in their life, both formally, via the three-day orientation process, and informally, through the board representatives.

In the past, BSW has organised various camps like cooler camps, mattress camps, cycle camps and book camps to ease and facilitate a smooth life here at IIT Delhi. We administer many workshops to spread awareness and information, and to increase general know-how about various aspects of life, right from job applications (IAS, start-ups and other avenue related discussions) to life at IIT Delhi (CSC ke fundae).

BSW organizes informal interactions between the faculty and students so that they can freely communicate with each other. We also make sure that important resources like previous years question papers, all the important forms and the useful links are made available to students easily through our website.

BSW also organizes a three day annual youth festival meant to promote holistic development of students through talk shows, interactive session and a melange of cultural activities. We also organise various trips like Delhi Darshan, World of Wonders, and McLeod Ganj to name a few.

BSW, in addition, monitors the hospital functioning, grants for students with financial difficulties, generic tasks like installing plug points. Apart from this, BSW also plays an integral role with the Student Mentorship Council, and with Student Counselling Services that aid students in overcoming any problems they might face in college life.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL

The purpose of the Student Affairs Council is to identify the issues that the student community is facing, from lack of basic day-to-day facilities to issues governing the functioning of various boards and to formulate policies to bring about a change.

In the current session, the major changes that SAC has been able to bring about include: initiation of installation of water coolers in various places around the campus, getting LAN ban removed for a week before examinations, getting 24*7 Wi-Fi access in hostels, centralization of no dues system approved to reduce the time students have to face getting various approvals, introducing a provision to have a representative in SAC from the differently able community, securing study spaces for students, getting construction of new cycle repair shops approved, getting a committee designed to monitor food quality of all the outlets in the campus, bringing in a provision to have one day holiday after the conclusion of minor exams, among others. There are many more issues on which the work and policy formation is going on currently, such as increasing financial accountability in planning of various fests, finding ways to make institute elections more transparent and fair among others.

To increase the reach of information regular updates are available on the website as well SAC’s Facebook page. Surveys are organized from time to time to ensure active participation from the students in the major policy decisions planned.

BOARD FOR STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Board of Student Publications, BSP is the student media body of IITD. They have been actively working to bring out the latest news and the campus on-goings through print as well as online media. Their recent efforts involve a number of online series such as Prof Next Door, Career Series, Summer Intern Series, GS Meter and many more. They also communicate using print media in the form of our newsletter, Inquirer and their creative (Muse) and technical publications (coming out very soon!). Literati, IITD’s Literary Fest is also organised by the BSP. Etymology workshop organised by Logophilia, Negotiation Table 2016, Vocabulary and creative writing workshop and events starring Rajshekhar, Amit Chaudhuri, Kautuk Srivastava, Prabhu Chawla and many more were a part of this Literary extravaganza this year.
CIVIL ENGG.

One of the ongoing researches is done by Dr. Suresh Bhalla and Prof. Ashok Gupta in the field of structural health monitoring. The research team at the Smart Structures and Dynamics Lab (SSDL) has developed a new approach to effectively detect the initiation and progression of structural damage by combining the global dynamic and the local electro-mechanical impedance (EMI) techniques. The PZT patches are employed to determine the natural frequencies and the strain mode shapes of the structure (for use in the global dynamic technique) as well as to measure the electro-mechanical admittance signature (for use in the EMI technique) for an improved damage assessment. Further, low-cost variants of the EMI technique have been proposed by Dr. Bhalla’s group for cost-effective health monitoring of structures.

ELECTRICAL ENGG.

One of the recent achievements of the department is the creation of Bipolar charge plasma transistor under Prof. Jagdish Kumar. At IIT Delhi, we have been working on a concept in which a bipolar transistor can be fabricated in an intrinsic un-doped semiconductor without the need for any doping. We have named this new device as “Bipolar Charge Plasma Transistor”. Our concept has important applications in future CMOS technology with even the possibility realizing BJTs on glass substrates and semiconductor nanowires. IIT Delhi has applied for a patent on this invention.

CHEMICAL ENGG

MD DARSHAN is open source software developed by Sanat Mohanty and Omkar patel. Molecular simulations had limited use in experimentation and research owing to the expensive hardware and complexity of use, introduction of MD Darshan has led to a breakthrough in the field of Molecular simulations. It is designed such that it can even be operated on desktop computers using GPU. The software provides modules that allow you to build a library of molecules that are of interest, set them up to design systems or screen candidates for a wide variety of applications, run simulations and visualize and analyze results.

TEXTILE ENGG.

Research in this department spreads over various fields such as medical textiles, protective textiles and smart textiles, among others. The department is also applauded for its research in nanotechnology. One of the most honored research group of the department is SMITA group. This group has been instrumental in creating national facility for smart textiles. One of the major research areas is stimuli sensitive textiles. These textiles respond to change in temperature, humidity, pH and electric field. These textiles have immense application in artificial muscles and ligaments and robotics.

BIOCHEMICAL ENGG. AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

One of the most interesting and promising research is in the field of Genome Engineering under Dr. D. Sundar. The research is focussed on “zincing towards Genome engineering”. Zine finger proteins’ (ZFPs) have long been hailed as excellent candidates for site-specific genome engineering because of their ability to target DNA. A team from the IIT Delhi has now designed a novel online database of natural and engineered ZFPs that can be used by genome engineers to modify DNA sequences—a boon for gene therapy. The team led by Dr. Sundar had earlier developed a method to rapidly select and improve the DNA sequence specificity of the ‘three-finger’ ZFPs.

CHEMISTRY

There are few areas of developing scientific knowledge and technology that rely heavily on chemistry they include medicine, human health, biotechnology and environmental science, among others. One of the ongoing researches is focussed on “superconductivity at mesoscopic point” under Professor Ashok Ganguly (receiver of national award - Nano science and technology, 2015).

Three-dimensional Dirac semimetals exist close to topological phase boundaries which, in principle, should make it possible to drive them into exotic new phases, such as topological superconductivity, by breaking certain symmetries.

PHYSICS

Research in this department is traditionally organized within the general areas of Condensed Matter, Optics, Spectroscopy, Plasma and Theoretical physics. Research project under professor Moduli shines out in its future prospects. The research focusses on “Discovery of Magnetic solitons using spin torque effect” The key objective was to experimentally confirm the prediction of a magnetic Nano-droplet.

MECHANICAL ENGG.

Department faculty were responsible for development of facilities for dynamic characterization human body soft tissues and bones. It is first ever successful attempt in using split Hopkinson pressure bar on these materials. A similar ongoing project is undertaken by Prof. Anoop Chawla.

The research project on “Human Computational Model” investigates failures that may occur to human body under impact loads. Injury levels of the human body may change significantly with change in posture of the occupant. Hence it is important to evaluate the injuries to the occupant in different postures. The impact modelling group in the mechanical Engineering Department focuses on development of these models in different postures.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Current endeavour of the department is BAADAL: IITD computing cloud. Baadal is a cloud orchestration and virtualization management software developed at IITD that can work with multiple virtualization technologies like KVM, Xen and VmWare. Baadal is deployed in IITD on 48 blade servers with about 500 cores and 50 TB of virtualized storage and currently has over 60 virtual machines commissioned for high performance computing. Baadal has been developed by Abhishek Gupta, Jatin Kumar and Daniel J Mathew under the supervision of Sorav Bansal, Subhashis Banerjee, Huzur Saran.
Enactus is an international non-profit organization aimed at solving the world’s problems with solutions designed by keeping an entrepreneurial mind set. Enactus IIT Delhi is the student chapter of IIT Delhi, and the students of this team world devotion the entire year, by addressing problems existing in the societies near IIT Delhi, by creating innovative business models. Their 2 current projects are Nirmalya, aimed at improving the waste management system in the campus of IIT Delhi itself, and Titli, aimed at improving the condition of menstrual hygiene in the rural areas near the campus.

Nirmalya: The waste, segregated into three sections - organic, dry and reject waste, is used as a resource and it generates better economic value. The organic waste is converted to manure and then used in the parks. Dry waste goes for recycling. The revenue generated by selling dry waste is given to waste collectors thus improving their livelihood.

Project Titli: The other project, ‘Titli’ is targeted on providing good quality, affordable sanitary pads to women. This project was born when the team went to Rajasthan for their previous project ‘Aanch’ and noticed that women in rural areas were using unhygienic methods to control menstrual bleeding. To solve this, the team bought a low-cost sanitary napkin making unit and installed it in Tilak Nagar. The machine can produce 7200 packets a month, at its best. The napkins are sterilized and are based on gel technology. The cost price of a packet, consisting of 8 pieces, is Rs. 12.50 and the team sells it at Rs. 20; which is much less than the similar products available in market thus reducing the cost barrier.

The Entrepreneurship Development Cell (eDC) hails the mission of promoting entrepreneurship among students by creating a resourceful pool to help potential student entrepreneurs of IIT Delhi. To nurture a student’s passion for entrepreneurship it organizes guest lectures, panel discussions, competitions and initiatives like Campus CEO, Job Fair, and Internship portal. Since the past few years, several eminent and renowned personalities have been invited by the eDC to shower some valuable and constructive ideas on This elite list includes CEOs of brands like Flipkart, Shopclues.com, Naukri.com, Uber, etc. It also organizes different types of e-summits like Case study, Startup Showcase, and Stock market. The eDC helps student entrepreneurs at every step of their decision to take make them understand the reality of the business world and provide them with excellent opportunities to meet potential clients and investors as well. the young entrepreneurs.

ITD On Air is a media house of IIT Delhi. Apart from reporting the happenings of the campus, the team also conducts interviews of Professors in an effort to bridge the gap between the students and the teaching faculty. The team uses the platform of Facebook to publicize their activities and. This club came into existence recently and has since been quite bustling in its state of affairs. They also plan to conduct talks and shows in the future, with Professors, students, etc.
VISIT TO IRAN

Director Rangopal Rao and Professor Sanjeev Sanghi recently visited Iran. They met the Deputy Minister, Govt. of Iran as part of a delegation to Iran consisting of faculty and Directors of IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Kanpur and IIT Roorkee. IITs hope to collaborate with technical universities in Iran and attract top Iranian students to study in India.

They further had a talk with the President and faculty of Sharif University of Technology, Iran. Sharif University is the highest ranked university in Iran. IITD and Sharif University hope to work in association in the near future.

EDITOR’S NOTE

With New Year approaching, the old notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 transcending from the people’s pocket and much fanfare for the digital economy, I am optimistic that you rejoiced reading the Second Volume of the SCROLL DE ALUMNI, the official newsletter of our institute, by Alumni Affairs and International Programmes. Being off from the conventional first page Editor’s note guiding you through the newsletter, we chose of adding an epilogue. We at AAIP strive to keep our alumni in touch with the soil and roots of their Alma Mater. This eight page publication is made to take you to a tour of what has been happening at IIT Delhi and to give the jist of most academic as well as the extracurricular activities. Well! Nobody expected that both Mr. John Kerry and Mrs. Smriti Irani who were amongst us as Secretary of United States and Union Minister of HRD respectively would be replaced soon. This year was quite enthralling with many instances of shock and awe. With Mr. Trump being elected as the President of the hegemonic country; British opting out of Eurozone and Mr. Narendra Modi demonetising the high value currency notes. We hope you had a great year and pray for an even better 2017 . With each piece of information dedicated to the reader, I hope this periodical will be intriguing to you and you will find it worth reading.

We aspire to publish this newsletter more frequently to keep you regularly updated. Any suggestions, ideas and criticism would be of great help and would support us in achieving this endeavour. Please feel free to contact us for the same.

On a concluding note, I would like to thank the entire Student team, the staff and the Dean for their constant support, patience and cooperation.

Warm Regards,
Hardik Verma

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