The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi hosted its 53rd Annual Convocation

The Indian Institute, Delhi, hosted the 53rd Annual Convocation on 5th of November. A total of 2,100 students graduated this year and were presented with their degrees at the convocation. Nobel Laureate Prof Abhijeet Banerjee was the chief guest for the convocation.

The institute also honoured thirteen esteemed alumni with the coveted Alumni Awards 2022, viz. Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA), Graduates of Last Decade (GOLD) Award and Distinguished Alumni Service Award (DASA) at the 53rd convocation.
You are some of the select students. You have crossed so many hurdles to get here. The nation needs you. Nehru had great faith in the technology. And he thought that somehow having an elite, such as you are, would transform the nation. And we needed that transformation. I entirely endorse Nehru’s vision that if there is a justification for the IITs, it has to be in terms of what you can do for the nation.

Prof. Abhijeet Banerjee, Nobel Laureate, Economic Sciences 2019

IIT Delhi Endowment office announced the 4 student startup team winners to receive IIT Delhi Endowment Nurture Fund grants
The IIT Delhi Endowment office announced the names of the 4 IIT Delhi student startup team winners, who were selected after a rigorous selection process by a jury consisting of IIT Delhi alumni, who are also leaders in the venture capital industry. The selected startups would be given a grant of up to Rs. 50 Lakhs each, in addition to mentoring support that would be individually customized for each winner. During the one-year journey, these startups would be incubated in FITT, IIT Delhi.

The four IIT Delhi student startup teams selected for the Nurture Fund:

**Circle**
A financial services products startup for low-income employees at organizations (B2B2C)

- Ankur Yadav
  (Dual Degree - Biochemical & Biotech Department)
- Navan Jaiswal

**Bag-It**
An on-demand platform for wholesalers that digitizes the jewellery supply chain for benefit of retailers

- Madhukar Ranka
  (B.Tech. Degree - Biochemical & Biotech Department)
- Dipanshu Verma
  (B.Tech. Degree - Biochemical & Biotech Department)

**Onpery**
Menstrual health startup, making green menstruation adaptable and accessible to the masses

- Pramod Priya Ranjan
  (B.Tech. Degree - Biochemical & Biotech Department)
- Prof. Nachiket Thakur

**I-Stem**
Ed-Tech software that converts digital and physical content to make it "Disability Assistive" for visually challenged people

- Akashdeep Bansal
  (PhD. - Computer Science Department)
- Kartik Sawhney
- Shakul Raj Sonker
- Sunil Choudhary

The alumni who were part of the jury were Alok Mittal, B.Tech. (CSE) 1994, co-founder and CEO of Indifi Tech, Alok Goyal, B.Tech. (CSE), 1992, Partner, Stellaris Venture Partners and Parag Dhol, B.Tech. (ME) 1990, General partners, Athera Venture Partners.
Two new alumni-endowed Chairs are established

The Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and PTC India Financial Services Limited (PFS) signed an MoU to establish a "PFS Chair" at IIT Delhi. The Chair will benefit IIT Delhi for research in areas related to Green Energy and Climate Finance.

Along with that, IIT Delhi alumnus Mr. Alok Aggarwal (B.Tech. Civil, '86) has endowed the 'Ramakanta Chair' in the field of Environmental, Social, and Governance. This chair will enhance the Institute's strengths to promote excellence and leadership in teaching, research, and development in ESG and sustainable development.

Alumni Reunions organised for the batches of 1971 (Mechanical) and 1972
The Office of Alumni Relations, IIT Delhi, IIT Delhi Endowment Management Foundation and IIT Delhi Alumni Association organised the Golden Jubilee Reunion for the batch of 1971 (Mechanical) and 1972. The event saw high enthusiasm and participation from alumni and their families coming to attend the event at the IIT Delhi campus from different parts of the Globe.