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FROM IIT DELHI, FOR IIT DELHI

One alumnus. ₹150 crore. A school of AI and a campus renewed

In 1968, Anant Yardi left IIT Delhi's campus with an engineering degree and a vision. Nearly six decades later, he is helping rebuild it — brick by brick, lab by lab. Founder and Board Chairman of Yardi Systems (US). Mr. Yardi has pledged ₹75 crore to IIT Delhi in support of advanced research in artificial intelligence and infrastructure development. This latest commitment brings his total contribution to IIT Delhi to ₹150 crore, reinforcing his standing as one of the Institute's most generous benefactors.

Mr. Anant Yardi
President and Founder of
Yardi Systems

A significant portion of the new pledge will be directed to the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence (ScAI), with the remaining funds supporting the Institute's infrastructure renewal and expansion programme, including the construction of new student hostels and academic building.

B.Tech., Class of 1968, IIT Delhi

Established in 2020, the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence offers advanced programmes in AI, machine learning, and data science, with more than 40 professors collaborating across departments. The School focuses on developing transformative technologies with applications in medicine, robotics, and allied fields.
Reflecting on his contribution, Yardi said: **"IIT Delhi gave me a strong start in life. This is my way of giving back."**

Inspired by Anant Yardi's gift?
Every contribution - large or small - builds the IIT Delhi of tomorrow.
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Binny Bansal Exhibition Hall — Grand Inauguration

On March 30, 2026, alumnus Binny Bansal (B.Tech, Computer Science, 2005) returned to IIT Delhi with his family, marking a memorable day of nostalgia, inspiration and pride. The visit began with an engaging fireside chat with students, where he shared candid career insights alongside warm campus memories, drawing a large and enthusiastic audience. He then took a campus tour exploring the new infrastructure built in IIT Delhi, revisited his hostel, Shivalik, and relived formative moments from his student life. The highlight of the day was the inauguration of the Binny Bansal Exhibition Hall in the Main Administrative Building, a tribute to his generous and no strings attached endowment to the Institute.

BINNY BANSAL EXHIBITION HALL

The hall stands as a symbol of alumni excellence and giving back, serving as a vibrant space for showcasing innovation, creativity, and student talent. IIT Delhi is proud to see one of its own return not only as a successful entrepreneur but also as a committed partner in shaping the Institute's future.

Your name could also leave a mark on campus.
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ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Unveiling
The IIT Delhi
Alumni Impact Report

Alumni Impact Celebration

The Institute marked a significant milestone on 19 March 2026 with an official celebration of the IIT Delhi Alumni Impact Report 2026 — the first-ever comprehensive document of its kind. The report highlights the extraordinary journey and contributions of the Institute's more than 65,000 alumni since IIT Delhi's inception.

The event featured a keynote address by **Mr. Anant Yardi**, President and Founder of Yardi Systems from the Class of 1968.

The report launch also featured an insightful alumni panel conversation with **Vikram Gupta**, Founder and Managing Partner of IvyCap Ventures, alongside **Saurabh Mittal**, founder of Mission Holdings and **Sashi Reddi**, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, SRI Capital. The discussion began with reflections on their journeys from IIT Delhi and expanded into broader themes including the evolution of entrepreneurship, the growing role of the IIT Delhi Endowment Fund, and how today's startup ecosystem differs from when they began.

IIT Delhi Endowment Fund
SAURABH MITTAL

In addition, a panel discussion titled "Shaping the Future: How Alumni Can Transform Every Sector - A Preview of the Next Alumni Impact Report" moderated by **Alok Mittal**, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Indifi, featured six alumni representing the full breadth of sectors covered in the Alumni Impact Report:

- **Abhiroop Jayanthi**
  Managing Director, The Carlyle Group (Corporate)
- **Amb. Sunjay Sudhir**
  Former Indian Ambassador to the UAE & Maldives (Public Service)
- **Azeez Gupta**
  Co-Founder, Rocket Learning (Social Sector)
- **Prof. Amit Gupta**
  Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi (Academia)
- **Rear Admiral Sujit Baxi**
  Director General, Warship Design Bureau (Naval Construction Wing)
- **Namita Gupta**
  Co-Founder, Airveda (Entrepreneurship)

Together, the panelists offered a vivid cross-section of how IIT Delhi graduates have shaped industries, institutions, and communities — embodying the report's

Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director of IIT Delhi, noted that the report underscores how, over more than 65 years, IIT Delhi graduates have evolved into global central thesis that the Institute's true impact is best measured through the lives and legacies of its alumni.

leaders, pioneering entrepreneurs, and public servants, creating significant economic and social impact worldwide.

Watch the visual story of the Alumni Impact Report here: https://youtu.be/xpj2mX_IdjE

The report measures what 65 years of IIT Delhi has produced. Help write the next chapter! View the full report and donate at https://alumni.iitd.ac.in/alumni-impact-report

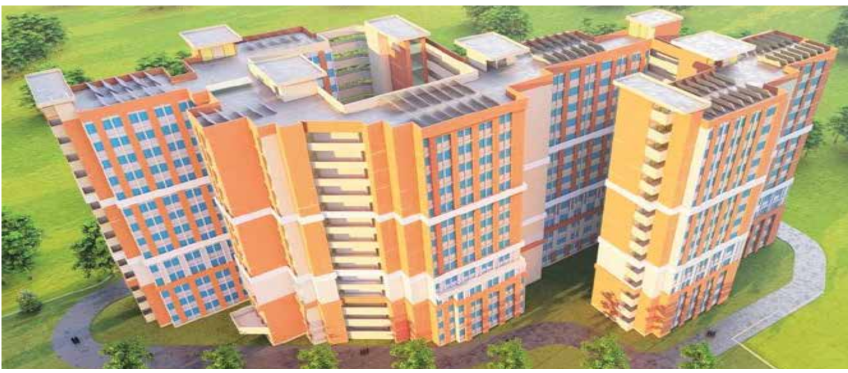
CAMPUS RENEWAL CHAPTER

Foundation of New Girls' Hostel and Launch of Hostel Redevelopment Initiative

The Institute marked a significant infrastructure milestone with the laying of the foundation stone for a new girls' hostel by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India.

This development formally launches IIT Delhi's hostel redevelopment programme, setting a campus-wide transformation in motion.

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan



* Proposed design for the New Girl's Hostel

The new facility will play a critical enabling role in optimising student housing capacity, facilitating the phased relocation of residents from existing hostels and allowing older infrastructure to be systematically taken up for reconstruction and modernisation. As the first step in a comprehensive, campus-wide plan, this initiative reflects the Institute's commitment to creating safe, contemporary, and globally benchmarked residential environments aligned with its long-term academic and institutional aspirations.

Help build the campus your juniors will live and thrive in. Infrastructure naming gifts are available - contact **alumni.engagements@alumni.iitd.ac.in**

VOICES THAT INSPIRE

Prof. V. N. Vazirani Institute Lecture Series — Inaugural Edition

Prof. V. N. Vazirani Institute Lecture Series was formally inaugurated with a lecture by the renowned NASA astronaut and retired US Navy Captain, Ms. Sunita L. Williams, titled "The Making of an Astronaut: Sunita Williams' Story." The event was attended by a large audience comprising students, faculty, and staff, and was convened by Deputy Dean Prof. Shilpi Sharma. The series honours the legacy of Prof. V. N. Vazirani and was established by his son, Prof. Vijay Vazirani. It aims to bring world-class global academic and professional perspectives to the IIT Delhi community on an ongoing basis.

SUNITA WILLIAMS

Sam Altman & Vinod Khosla at IIT Delhi — India AI Impact Summit

On 20 February 2026, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman delivered a special address to the IIT Delhi community at Dogra Hall as part of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 — the first global AI summit hosted in the Global South, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 16 to 20 February. The session opened with a conversation between Sam Altman and IIT Delhi alumnus and venture capitalist Vinod Khosla (Khosla Ventures), followed by an open 'Ask Me Anything' with students, faculty, and invited guests.

IIT DELHI WELCOMES
Sam Altman & Vinod Khosla
20TH FEB 2026

Altman highlighted India as OpenAI's fastest-growing market globally, noting a fourfold increase in weekly users for Codex — the company's agentic coding tool — in just two weeks. He described his interaction with IIT Delhi students as the highlight of his India visit and called out the 'something very special' happening within India's technology ecosystem.

ALUMNI MILESTONES

IPO Listing of Shadowfax : Alumni-led Enterprise

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Think ahead!

The successful IPO listing of Shadowfax, a technology-driven logistics platform, marks a significant milestone in alumni-led enterprise. The company was co-founded by three IIT Delhi alumni: Praharsh Chandra (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering, 2013), Abhishek Bansal (B.Tech., Production and Industrial Engineering, 2012), and Vaibhav K (B.Tech., Electrical Engineering, 2014).

This achievement underscores the growing impact of IIT Delhi alumni in building scalable, high-impact enterprises, and reflects the strength of the Institute's entrepreneurial ecosystem in contributing to India's innovation and economic landscape.

Fractal Analytics IPO — IIT Delhi Alumnus Co-Founder Takes Company Public

Fractal Analytics, co-founded by Srikanth Velamakanni (B.tech., Electrical, Class of 1996, IIT Delhi), completed its Initial Public Offering on the BSE and NSE on 16 February 2026 — marking a landmark milestone as India's first pure-play enterprise AI company to go public.

Founded in 2000, Fractal Analytics provides enterprise AI solutions for Fortune 500 clients across Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI), healthcare, retail, and technology. Its flagship platform, Cogentiq, delivers agentic AI capabilities for large organisations. The listing marks a significant achievement for the IIT Delhi alumni community and is a testament to the enduring entrepreneurial legacy of the Institute's graduates.

Srikanth Velamakanni is Co-Founder and Executive Vice Chairman of Fractal Analytics.

EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 — Two IIT Delhi Alumni Honoured

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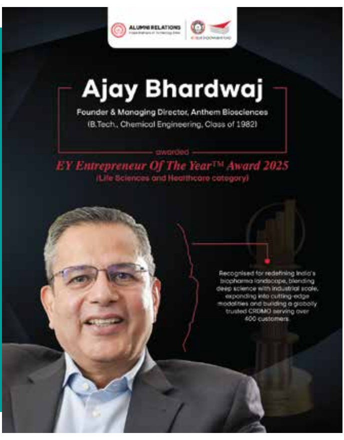
Deepinder Goyal
CEO of Zomato; Founder, Eternal Ltd.
(Integrated M.Tech., Mathematics & Computing Class of 2005)
awarded
EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Award 2025
Recognised for creating significant shareholder value and his role in generating thousands of jobs for youth and gig workers, and empowering a wider ecosystem of entrepreneurs across the country

At the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 awards ceremony held in February 2026, two IIT Delhi alumni received prestigious recognition at the national level.

Deepinder Goyal (Integrated M.Tech., Mathematics and Computing, 2005), Founder and CEO of Eternal Ltd. (formerly Zomato), was named the overall EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 - India's highest individual entrepreneurship honour. EY recognised his consistent focus on innovation, operational excellence, and long-term vision, citing the company's 59% market share in food delivery and the significant employment generated across India's gig economy.

Ajay Bhardwaj, Co-Founder of Anthem Biosciences and an IIT Delhi alumnus, received the category award for Life Sciences and Healthcare, in recognition of Anthem's emergence as a significant player in the global biopharma Contract Research and Development Manufacturing Organisation (CRO/CDMO) space.

These recognitions affirm IIT Delhi's standing as a leading institution for India's most accomplished entrepreneurs. The Institute's alumni community continues to make its mark on the national stage, with 38 founders featured in the 2025 Hurun India Top 200 Self-Made Entrepreneurs list — the highest representation of any Indian institution.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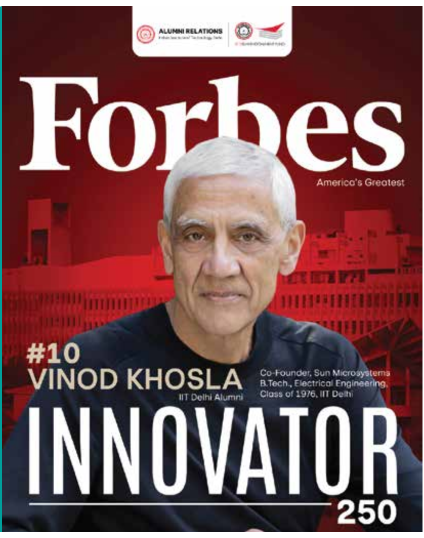
Ajay Bhardwaj
Founder & Managing Director, Anthem Biosciences
(B.Tech., Chemical Engineering, Class of 1982)
awarded
EY Entrepreneur Of The Year™ Award 2025
(Life Sciences and Healthcare category)
Recognised for redefining India's biopharma landscape, blending deep science with industrial scale, expanding into cutting-edge modalities and building a globally trusted CRDMO serving over 400 customers.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION

IIT Delhi's Vinod Khosla Breaks Into Forbes' Top 10 Greatest Innovators - The Only Indian-American on the List

At number 10 on Forbes' 250 Greatest Innovators in America, Vinod Khosla (B.Tech., Electrical Engineering, Class of 1976) stands alongside Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Jensen Huang, and Sam Altman. He is the highest-ranked Indian-American on the entire list, and the only one whose story began in a hostel room at IIT Delhi.

The Forbes list was published as part of a year-long series linked to America's 250th anniversary celebrations, focusing on individuals who not only invented something new but built businesses that brought ideas to market and reshaped entire industries.



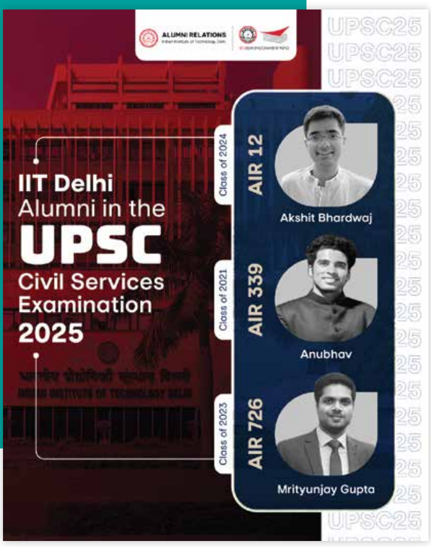
Mr. Vinod Khosla co-founded Sun Microsystems, a pioneer in network computing during the 1980s, and later established Khosla Ventures — a firm that manages over USD 15 billion in assets and has backed transformative companies across artificial intelligence, clean energy, healthcare, and financial technology.

A recipient of IIT Delhi's Distinguished Alumni Award, Khosla has spoken warmly of the Institute's influence on his career. His inclusion in Forbes' top ten — alongside names such as Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Jensen Huang, and Sam Altman — stands as a remarkable testament to the global stature of IIT Delhi's alumni and the enduring legacy of an Institute education.

ALUMNI IN PUBLIC SERVICE

IIT Delhi Alumni Continue to Shape the Nation Through UPSC 2025

IIT Delhi continued its strong tradition in civil services with multiple alumni clearing the UPSC Civil Services Examination 2025. Leading the IIT Delhi contingent is Akshit Bhardwaj (AIR 12), a B.Tech Electrical Engineering graduate who cleared the exam in his second attempt at just 23, with Mathematics as his optional subject. Other notable achievers include Anubhav (AIR 339), a Civil Engineering graduate who prepared through self-study while already serving as an Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax, and Mrityunjay Gupta (AIR 726), who cracked the exam in his very first attempt. Their success reflects a consistent trend of IIT graduates choosing public service. According to IIT Delhi's Alumni Impact Report 2026, over 270 alumni currently serve as IAS officers, with 100+ in IPS, IRS, and IFS — a legacy these new achievers now join.



Glimpses From Recent Alumni Events

Ruby Jubilee Reunion
Class of 1985
20 February 2026

1985
40 YEAR
Ruby Reunion

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DELHI

Golden Jubilee Reunion
Class of 1976
06 March 2026

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DELHI

IIT DELHI ENDOWMENT FUND

The IIT Delhi Endowment Fund represents a forward-looking partnership between the Institute and its alumni. It is designed to secure long-term stability, empower innovation, and strengthen the foundation for the next era of excellence.

Governed by its own board of directors comprising esteemed alumni and the director of IIT Delhi, the fund operates through the independent section 8 company "IIT Delhi Endowment Management Foundation." With a vision to reach a fund size of Rs 10,000 crores over the next decade.

Causes For Support

Infrastructure Renewal	Faculty Excellence & Retention	Frontier Research	Student Success
Modernizing aging hostels and buildings with naming opportunities.	Endowed Chairs and fellowships to attract top talent.	Funding Centres of Excellence, labs and innovative projects and research.	Scholarships, wellness programs, diversity initiatives and extracurriculars.

Recognition:

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Additionally, depending on the amount of the donation, all donors are recognised as Founders or Donors as per the below categories.

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Director's Circle	100cr
Eminent Founder	20cr
Distinguished Founder	25cr
Founder	10cr
Co-Founder	05cr

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Gold Donor	50 lac
Silver Donor	25 lac
Benefactor	10 lac
Investor	2.5 lac

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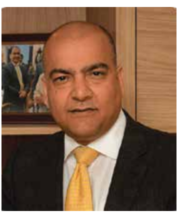

Vikram Gupta

B.Tech. Chemical '93, IIT Delhi
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Ranu Vohra

B.Tech. Mechanical '93, IIT Delhi
Co-founder, Executive Vice Chairman,
Avendus Capital

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