



ALUMNI

NEWSLETTER

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OVERVIEW

In the first quarter of FY 2026, we welcomed three new Co-Founders to the Endowment Fund. Two of our alumni were elected Fellows of the Royal Society, six hostels were confirmed for reconstruction, and the Class of 2026 made its first collective gift to the institution.

Six batches are returning to campus for milestone reunions this year. Alumni events were held in New Jersey, the Bay Area Mumbai and Bengaluru, during this quarter.

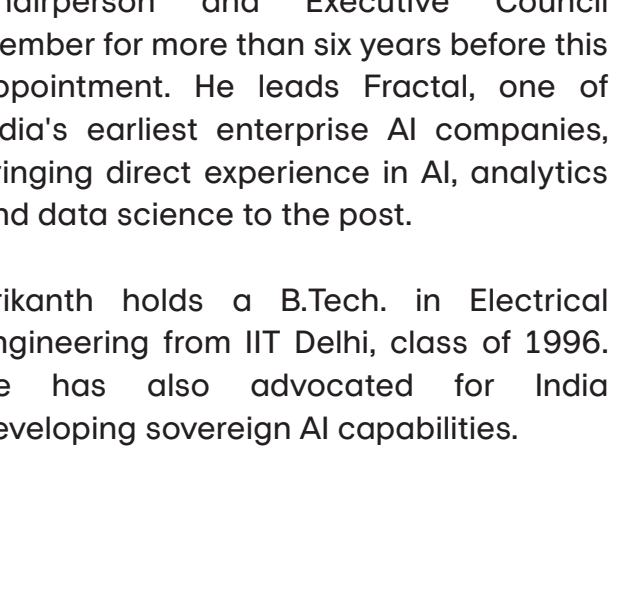
Details of every development this quarter are in this issue.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Two IIT Delhi Alumni Elected Fellows of the Royal Society

Anuj Dawar and Srinivasan Keshav, both IIT Delhi alumni and professors at the University of Cambridge, have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society in 2026. Founded in 1660, the Royal Society is the United Kingdom's national academy of sciences and the world's oldest continuously operating scientific institution.

Election to its Fellowship is among the highest distinctions in science, with past Fellows including Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and Stephen Hawking.



Prof. Anuj Dawar FRS
B.Tech., CSE, 1986, IIT Delhi
Professor at the University of Cambridge

Professor of Logic and Algorithms at the University of Cambridge and Fellow of Robinson College. A theoretical computer scientist, he works on mathematical logic and computational complexity. He is a principal researcher in the field of symmetric complexity.



Prof. Srinivasan Keshav FRS
B.Tech., CSE, 1986, IIT Delhi
Professor at the University of Cambridge

The Robert Sansom Professor of Computer Science at the University of Cambridge and Fellow of Fitzwilliam College. Over four decades, his work has covered computer networking, energy informatics and Earth system science.

The 2026 cohort included scientists across artificial intelligence, mathematics, climate science and quantum technology. Both Fellows were among approximately 80 new members elected this year.

An IIT Delhi Alumnus Takes the Helm of NASSCOM

Srikanth Velamakanni, IIT Delhi Electrical Engineering alumnus and co-founder of Fractal was named Chairperson of NASSCOM in April 2026. NASSCOM is the apex body representing India's technology industry.

In April 2026, NASSCOM named Srikanth Velamakanni, Co-Founder and Group Chief Executive of Fractal, as its Chairperson.

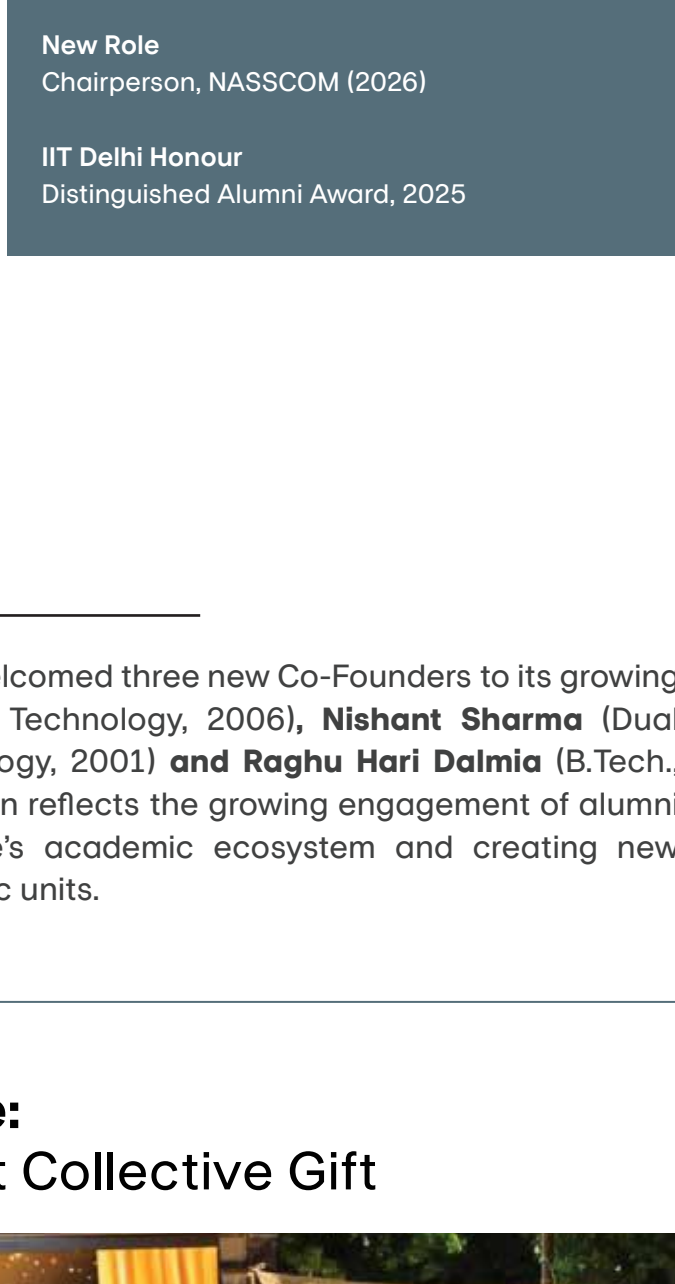
Srikanth served as NASSCOM Vice Chairperson and Executive Council member for more than six years before this appointment. He leads Fractal, one of India's earliest enterprise AI companies, bringing direct experience in AI, analytics and data science to the post.

Srikanth holds a B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering from IIT Delhi, class of 1996. He has also advocated for India developing sovereign AI capabilities.

"Our focus will be to drive the next cycle of AI-powered growth and to prepare our workforce to lead with AI."

Srikanth Velamakanni *

*<https://fractal.ai/about-us/media/srikanth-velamakanni-appointed-chairperson-of-nasscom/>



AT A GLANCE

B.Tech.
Electrical Engineering, 1996

Designation
Co-Founder & Group CEO, Fractal

New Role
Chairperson, NASSCOM (2026)

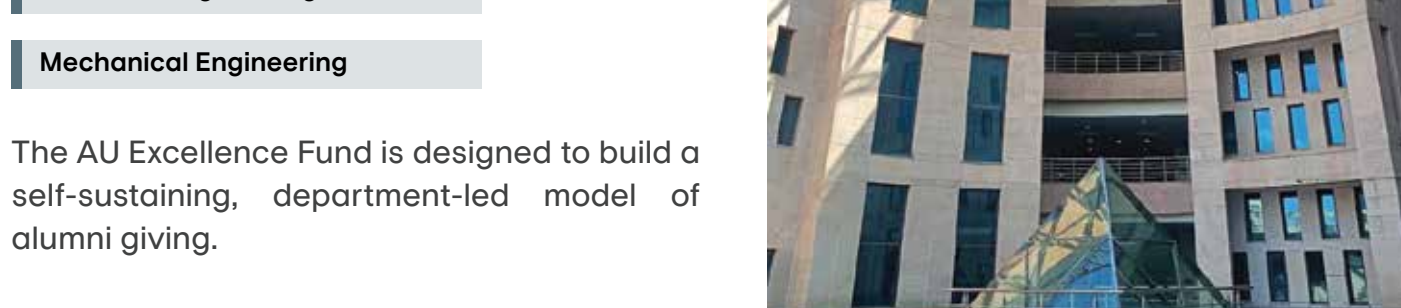
IIT Delhi Honour
Distinguished Alumni Award, 2025

ENDOWMENT & GIVING

During the quarter, IIT Delhi Endowment Fund welcomed three new Co-Founders to its growing community — **Ankur Kothari** (B.Tech., Textile Technology, 2006), **Nishant Sharma** (Dual Degree, Biochemical Engineering & Biotechnology, 2001) and **Raghu Hari Dalmia** (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering, 1972). Their association reflects the growing engagement of alumni and supporters in strengthening the Institute's academic ecosystem and creating new opportunities for students, faculty and academic units.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Young Alumni Impact Circle: Class of 2026 Makes Its First Collective Gift



The Class of 2026 made its first collective pledge to IIT Delhi upon graduation and joined the Young Alumni Impact Circle, an initiative that encourages alumni to begin their giving journey early in their careers.

By coming together as a batch, the graduating class has created a meaningful tradition of investing in the institution. Even modest contributions, when made collectively, can build a strong foundation for future student support and academic initiatives.

The Young Alumni Impact Circle invites recent graduates to remain connected with IIT Delhi and contribute to the Institute's continuing growth.

Academic Unit Excellence Fund Launched

During the quarter, the Academic Unit (AU) Excellence Fund was successfully launched, enabling alumni and other donors to contribute directly to Academic Units for flexible, high-impact activities beyond regular institutional budgets. The initiative enables departments to identify and support priorities through their Faculty Boards.

During the quarter, four departments received support through the AU Excellence Fund:

Computer Science & Engineering

Mathematics

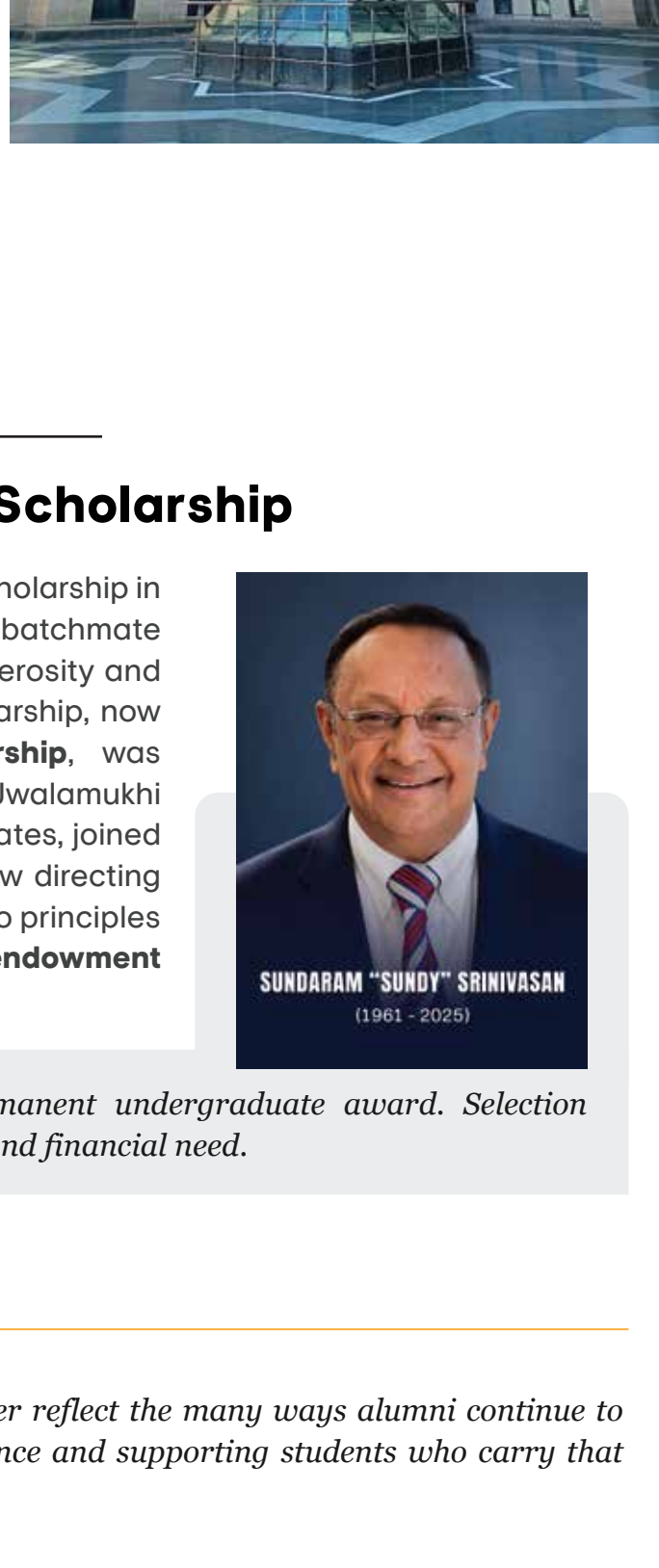
Electrical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

The AU Excellence Fund is designed to build a self-sustaining, department-led model of alumni giving.

For details please visit:

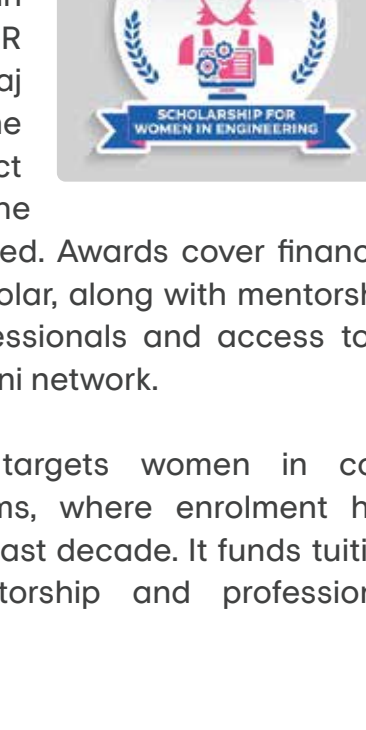
<https://alumni.iitd.ac.in/au-excellence-fund>



ALUMNI GIFTS

Sundy Srinivasan Memorial Scholarship

The Class of 1984 has reoriented the Jwala '84 Scholarship in memory of **Sundaram "Sundy" Srinivasan**, a batchmate known for his professional achievements, his generosity and his sustained commitment to IIT Delhi. The scholarship, now named **Sundy Srinivasan Memorial Scholarship**, was originally established by Srinivasan with fellow Jwalamukhi hostel residents from the 1984 batch. His batchmates, joined by friends from across the IIT community, are now directing the fund toward a broader purpose, preserving two principles Srinivasan held to: **one-time contributions and endowment in perpetuity**.



SUNDARAM "SUNDY" SRINIVASAN
(1961 - 2025)

The renewed scholarship will endow one permanent undergraduate award. Selection criteria: academic merit, all-round achievement and financial need.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

New scholarships and awards launched this quarter reflect the many ways alumni continue to shape the IIT Delhi experience, recognising excellence and supporting students who carry that legacy forward.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS CONSTITUTED

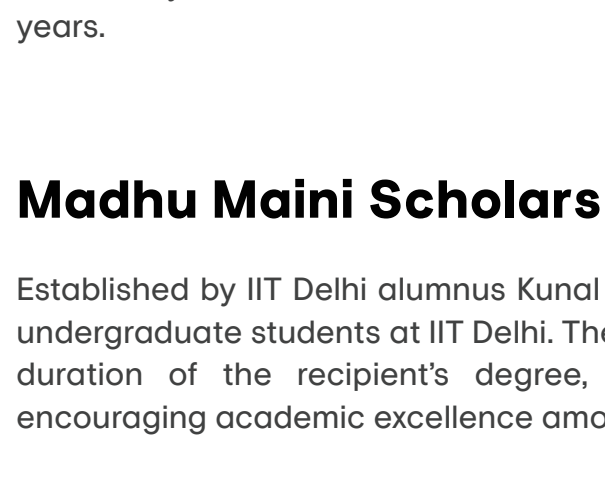
Roop Manek Bhansali Scholarship

Established in collaboration with Profitex Securities, the Roop Manek Bhansali Scholarship supports 112 undergraduate students through merit-cum-means assistance. The scholarship helps students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds continue their education at IIT Delhi.

Curiosity Merit Scholarship

Established in collaboration with IIT Delhi alumnus Vinay Gupta, the Curiosity Merit Scholarship supports a meritorious undergraduate student enrolled in Mathematics and Computing. The scholarship provides financial assistance and commences from academic year 2026-27, promoting academic excellence, innovation and inclusive access to education.

Class of 1984 Unveils the Nilgiri Mess Naming Board



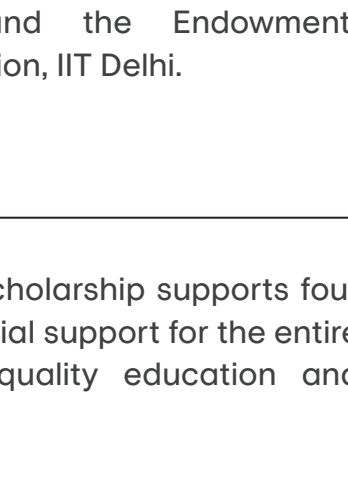
The Class of 1984 returned to campus to unveil the Nilgiri Mess Naming Board in recognition of the mess workers who helped make their years at IIT Delhi feel like home.

More than four decades after graduation, the alumni came together to express their appreciation for the people who quietly contributed to their campus experience. The unveiling took place in the presence of the Institute's Deans, the Nilgiri Warden, mess staff, and current residents.

The gathering brought together different generations of Nilgiri residents and created an opportunity to share memories of how the hostel and its community have evolved over the years.

The Rupa Rahul Bajaj Scholarship

The Rupa Rahul Bajaj Scholarship for Women in Engineering is a CSR initiative of Bajaj Auto. IIT Delhi is one of the select institutions where the scholarship is offered. Awards cover financial assistance per scholar, along with mentorship from industry professionals and access to a technical and alumni network.



The programme targets women in core engineering streams, where enrolment has declined over the past decade. It funds tuition as well as mentorship and professional exposure.

Amit Anand Merit Scholarship

Instituted by IIT Delhi alumnus Amit Anand, Batch of 2014, this endowed scholarship supports a meritorious female B.Tech. student. Selection is based on JEE Advanced rank and family income in accordance with Institute norms. The scholarship is administered by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Endowment Management Foundation, IIT Delhi.

Madhu Maini Scholarship

Established by IIT Delhi alumnus Kunal Maini, Batch of 2000, this scholarship supports four undergraduate students at IIT Delhi. The scholarship provides financial support for the entire duration of the recipient's degree, strengthening access to quality education and encouraging academic excellence among students.

Vijay Laxmi & Shri Ram Bindal Meritorious Girl Student Scholarship

Established by IIT Delhi alumnus Nimit Bindal, Batch of 2014, this scholarship supports a meritorious woman undergraduate student at IIT Delhi. The scholarship provides financial support for the entire duration of the recipient's degree, strengthening access to quality education and encouraging academic excellence among women students.

Kamla Devi & Suraj Bhan Bindal Memorial Merit Scholarship

Established by IIT Delhi alumnus Nimit Bindal, Batch of 2014, this endowed scholarship supports an undergraduate student selected on the basis of merit. The scholarship provides financial support for the entire duration of the degree and enables them to pursue their academic goals at IIT Delhi.

Antonismwamy Joseph Award
for Excellence in
Doctoral Thesis in
Optics & Photonics

Established by IIT Delhi alumna Dr. Jacintha Kompella and Dr. Vachaspathi P. Kompella in honour of their parents, this annual award recognises an outstanding PhD graduate for doctoral research in Optics & Photonics. It reflects the donors' continued connection with IIT Delhi and commitment to recognising excellence in doctoral research.

Shanthi A Joseph Award
for Excellence in
Doctoral Thesis in
Optics & Photonics

Established alongside the Antonismwamy Joseph Award, this annual award recognises an outstanding female PhD graduate for doctoral research in Optics & Photonics. Instituted by Dr. Jacintha Kompella and Dr. Vachaspathi P. Kompella in honour of their parents, the award celebrates excellence and encourages women's contributions to advanced doctoral research.

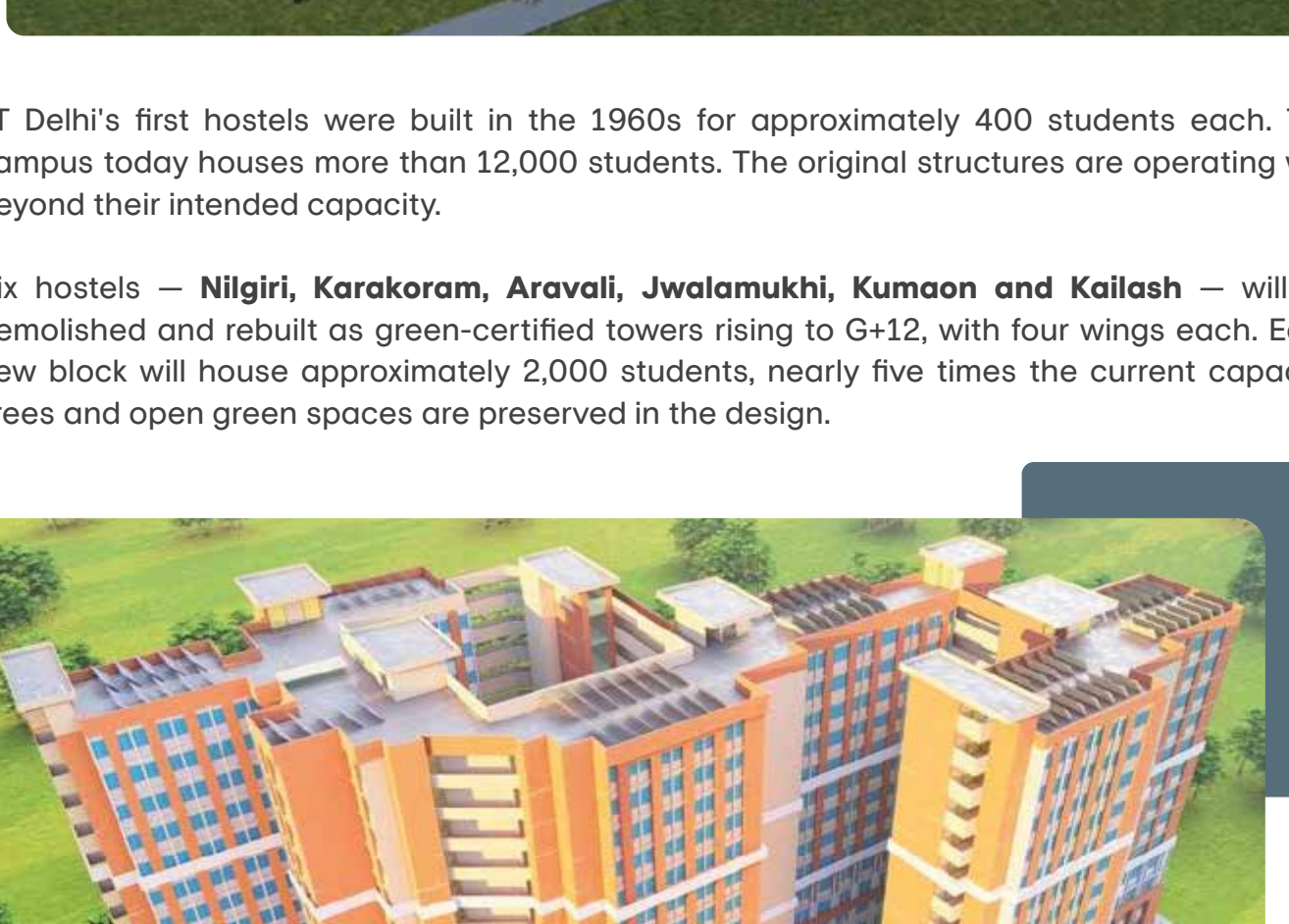
SS Murthy and Gowri Murthy Excellence Award

Established by IIT Delhi alumnus Raghunandan Murthy, B.Tech. Chemical Engineering, 2004, this annual award recognises the best final-year B.Tech. project in the Department of Electrical Engineering. It celebrates projects demonstrating potential for innovation, industry or societal impact, including sustainability, while honouring the Murthy family's longstanding association with IIT Delhi.

INSTITUTE UPDATE

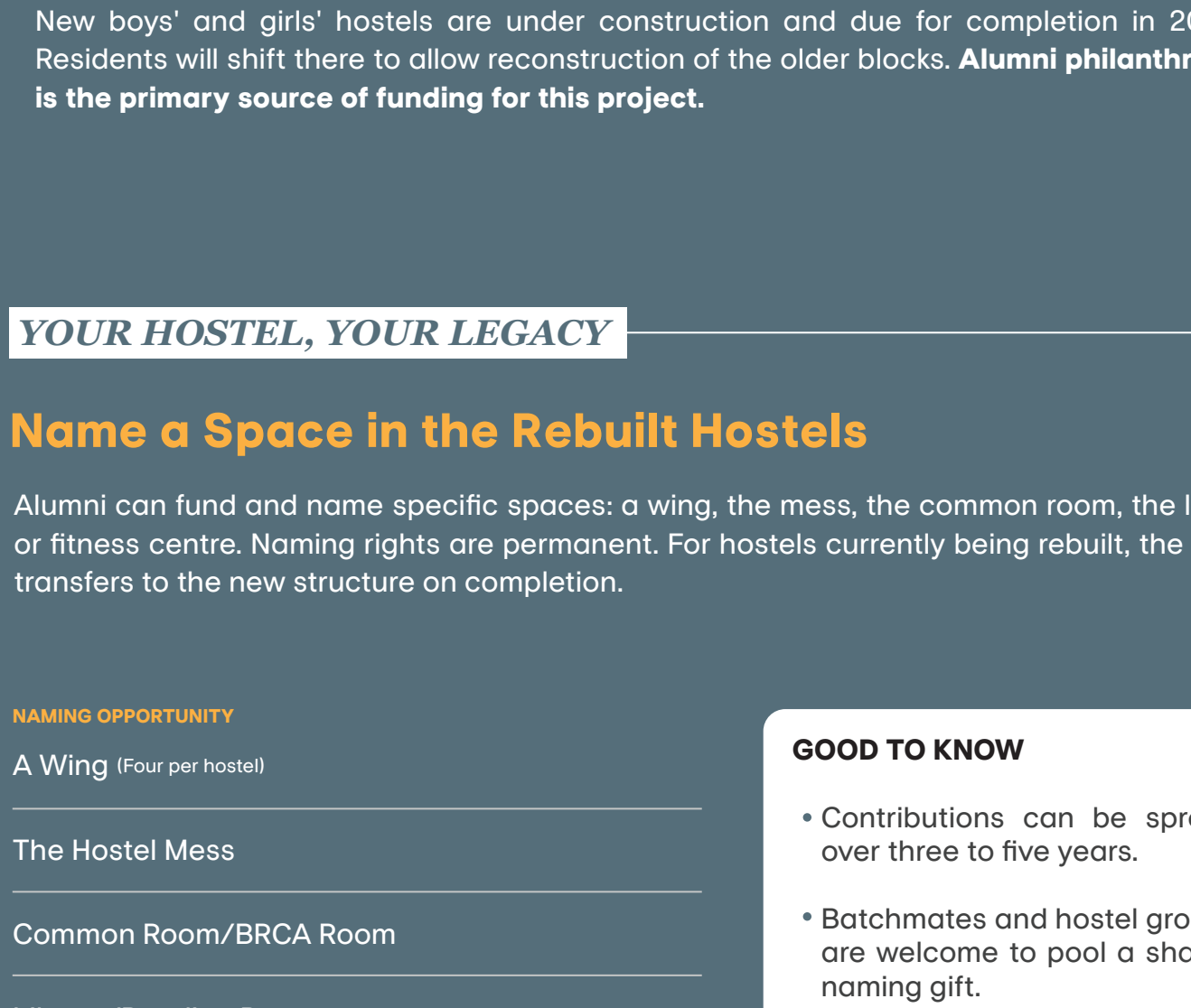
IIT Delhi to Reconstruct Six Iconic Hostels

Six of IIT Delhi's oldest residential blocks will be demolished and rebuilt as modern, green-certified towers.



IIT Delhi's first hostels were built in the 1960s for approximately 400 students each. The campus today houses more than 12,000 students. The original structures are operating well beyond their intended capacity.

Six hostels — Nilgiri, Karakoram, Aravali, Jwalamukhi, Kumaon and Kailash — will be demolished and rebuilt as green-certified towers rising to G+12, with four wings each. Each new block will house approximately 2,000 students, nearly five times the current capacity. Trees and open green spaces are preserved in the design.



THE TRANSFORMATION

2,143 » 12,000

Students, then and now

G+3 » G+12

Green-certified towers, four wings each

~430 » 2,000

Beds per hostel

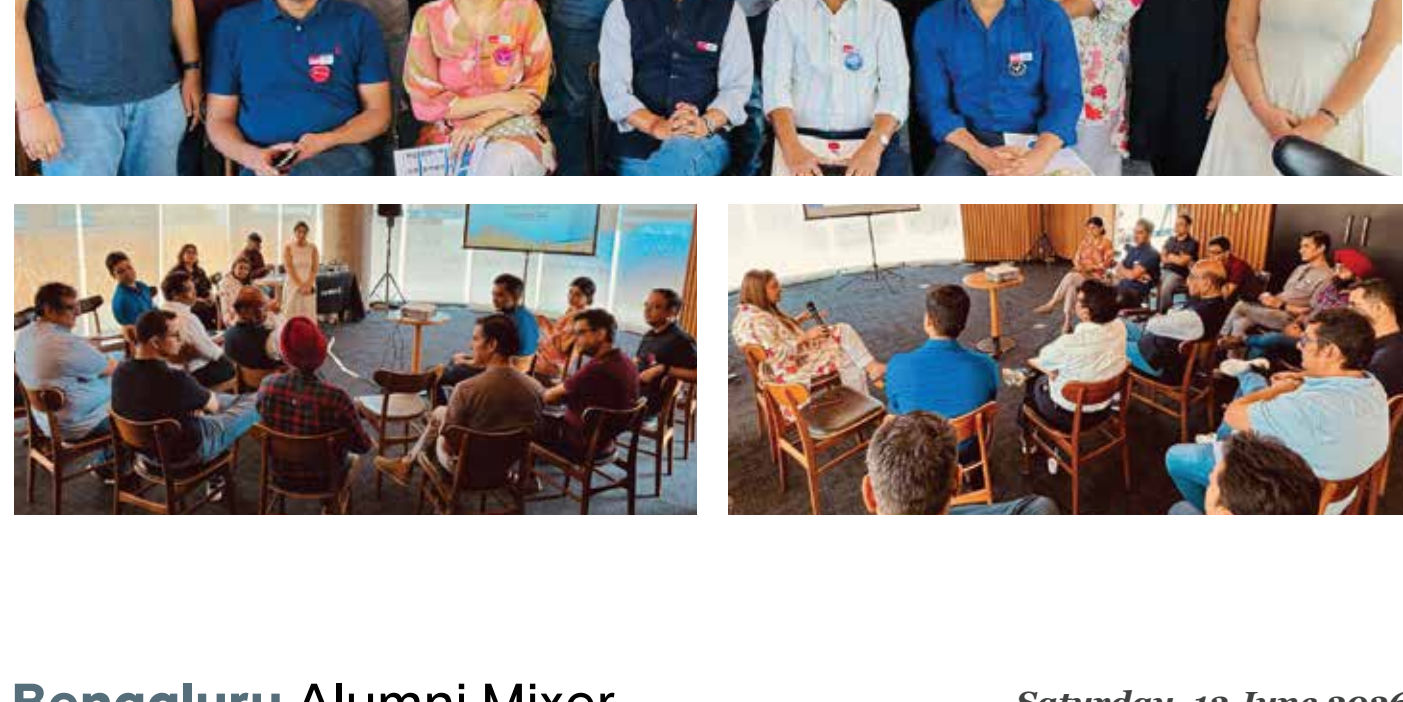
Modern rooms, reading lounges, recreation and mess with trees and open green spaces preserved in the design.

New boys' and girls' hostels are under construction and due for completion in 2028. Residents will shift there to allow reconstruction of the older blocks. **Alumni philanthropy is the primary source of funding for this project.**

IIT DELHI ALUMNI EVENTS

Alumni Homecoming

Six batches are scheduled to return to IIT Delhi for milestone reunions in 2026–27. Dates and venues are to be confirmed.



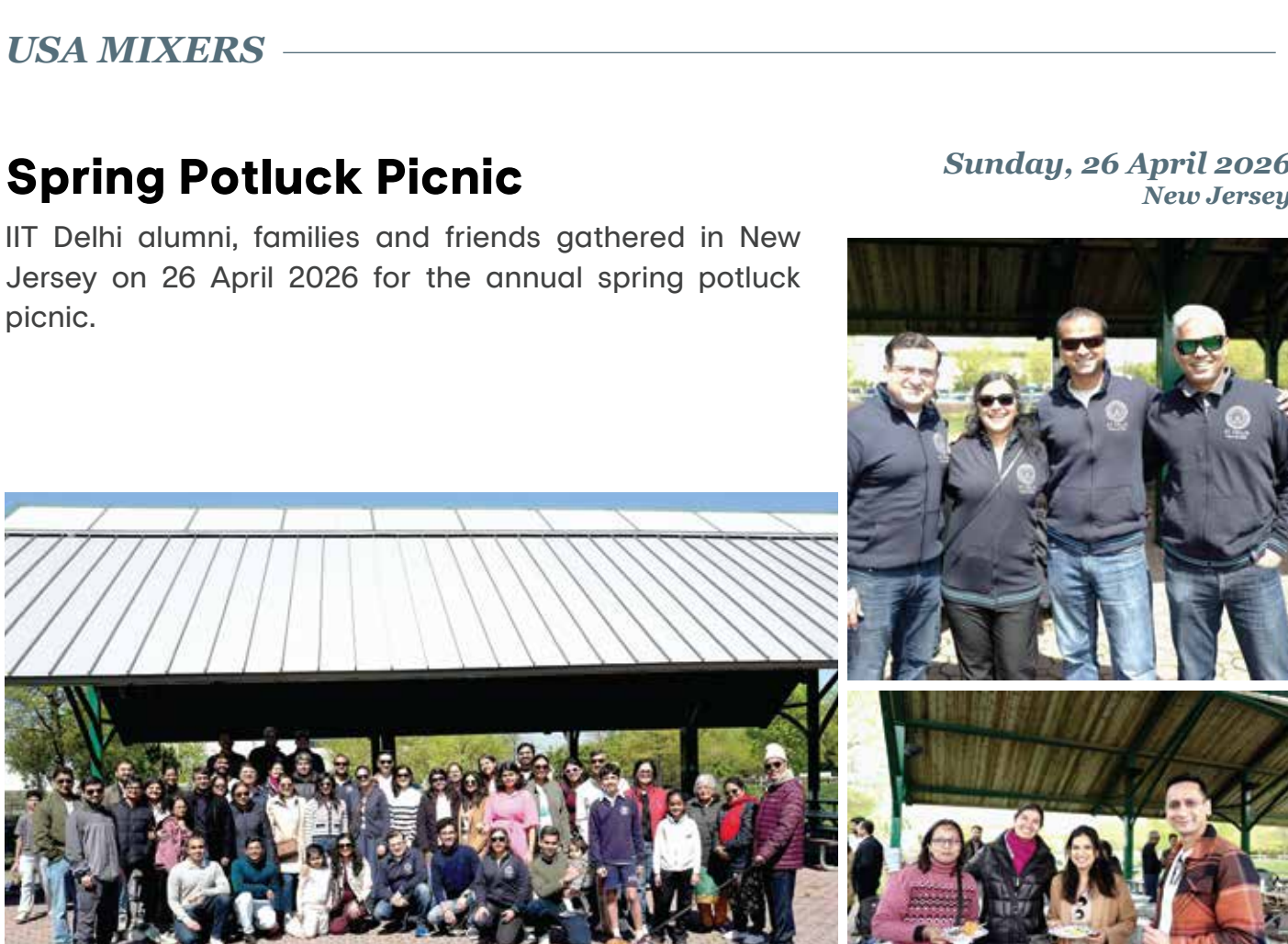
► If your reunion is scheduled this year, register here: <https://alumni.iitd.ac.in/alumni-reunions>

REUNION MIXERS

Ahead of this year's reunions, the IIT Delhi Alumni Relations & Endowment Office hosted a series of mixers across Mumbai and Bengaluru, bringing the alumni community together to reconnect.

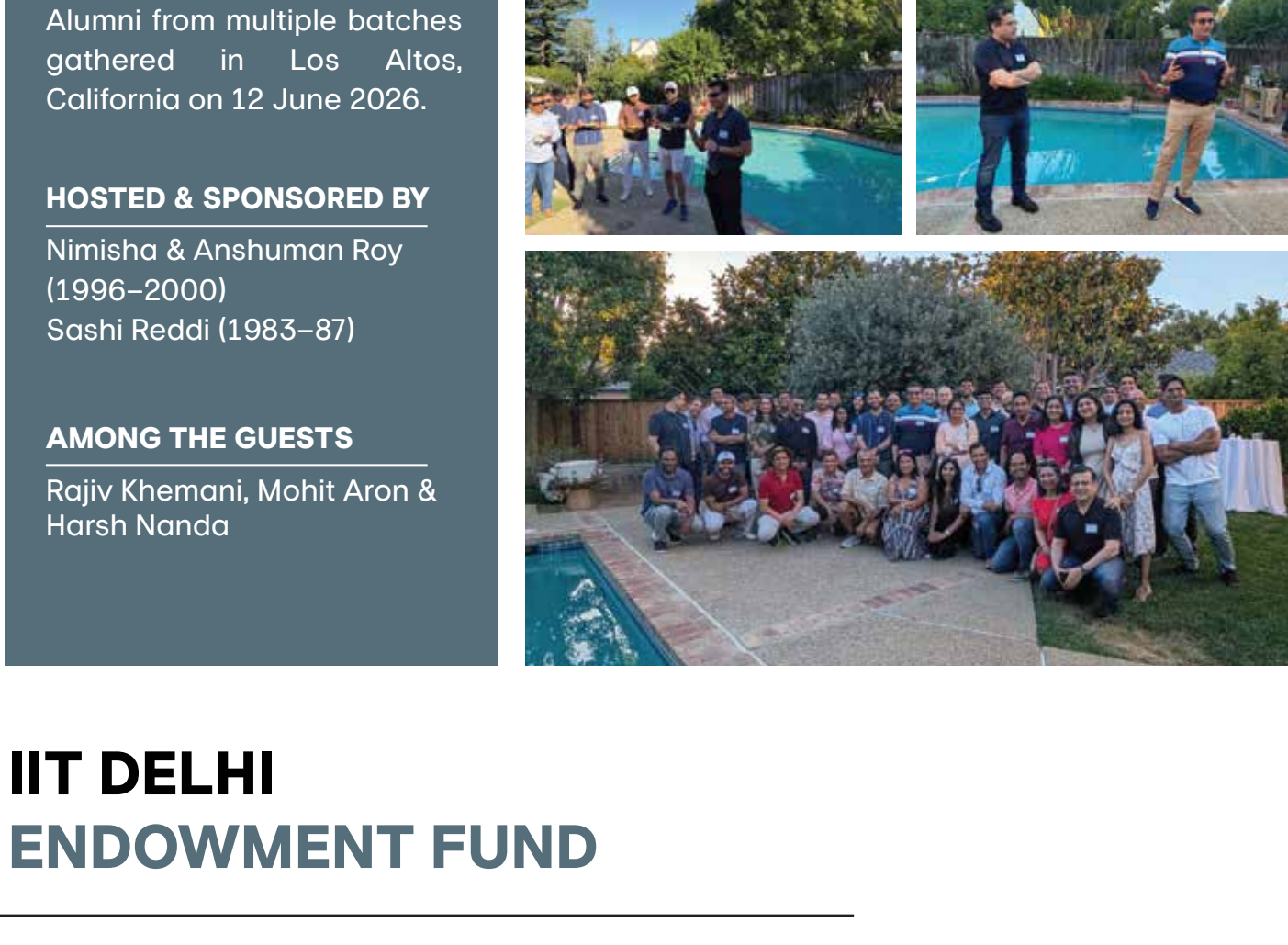
Mumbai Alumni Mixer

Sunday, 14 June 2026



Bengaluru Alumni Mixer

Saturday, 13 June 2026

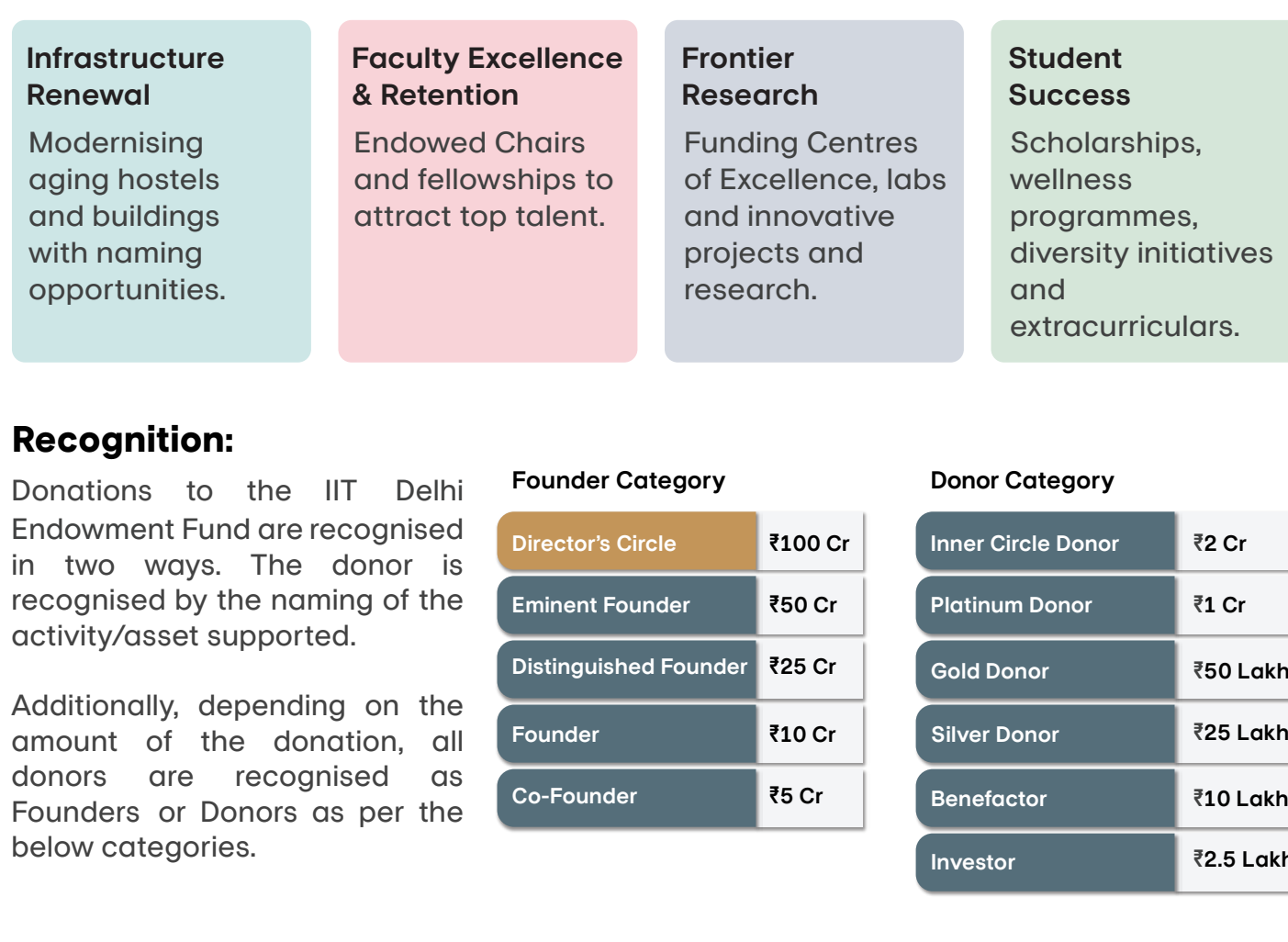


USA MIXERS

Spring Potluck Picnic

Sunday, 26 April 2026

IIT Delhi alumni, families and friends gathered in New Jersey on 26 April 2026 for the annual spring potluck picnic.

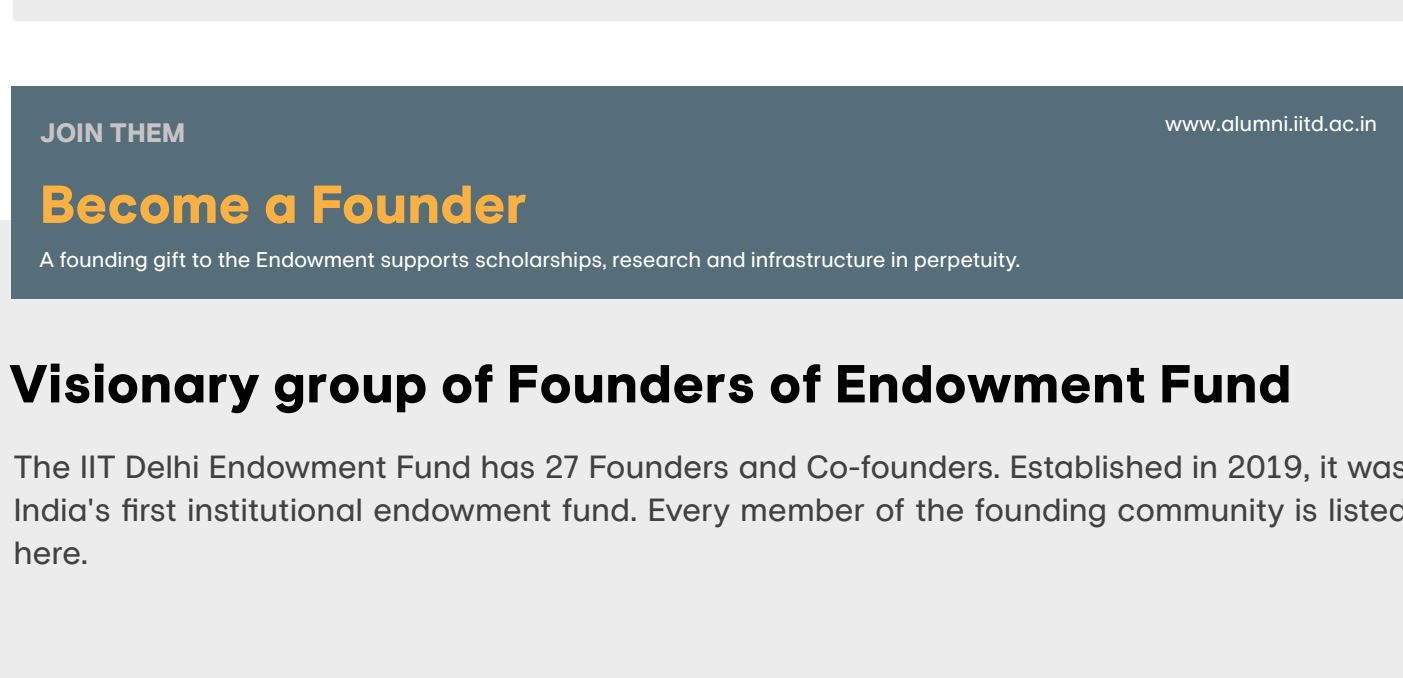


Bay Area Alumni Mixer

Friday, 12 June 2026



IIT DELHI ENDOWMENT FUND



The IIT Delhi Endowment Fund represents a forward-looking partnership between the Institute and its alumni. It funds endowed chairs, research centres and student scholarships from returns rather than annual appeals.

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 ₹10,000 crore over the next decade.

Causes For Support

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

Donations to the IIT Delhi Endowment Fund are recognised in two ways. The donor is recognised by the naming of the activity/asset supported.

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

Founder Category

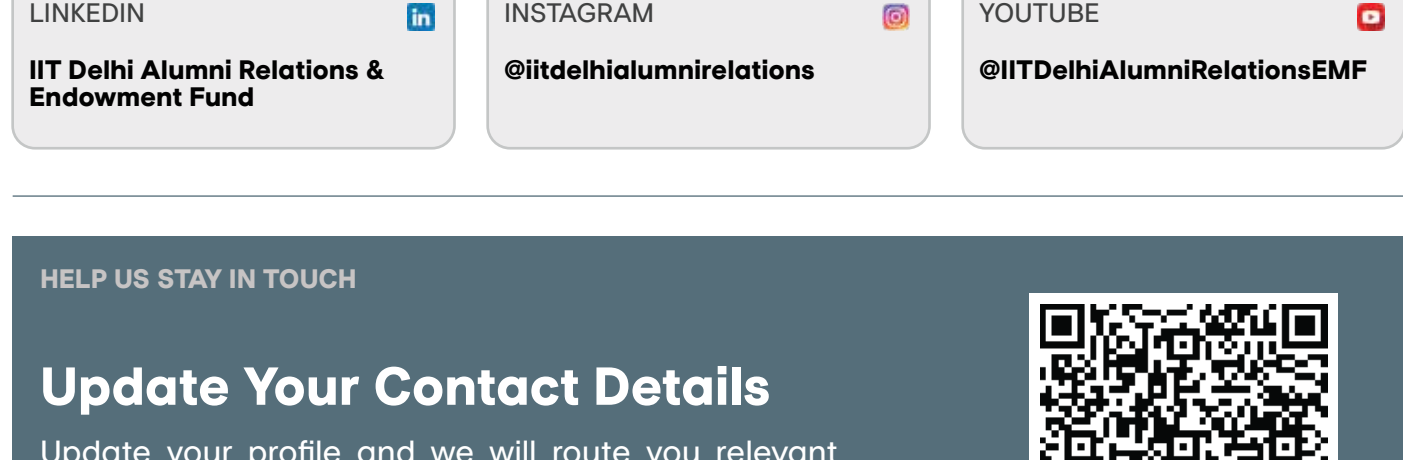
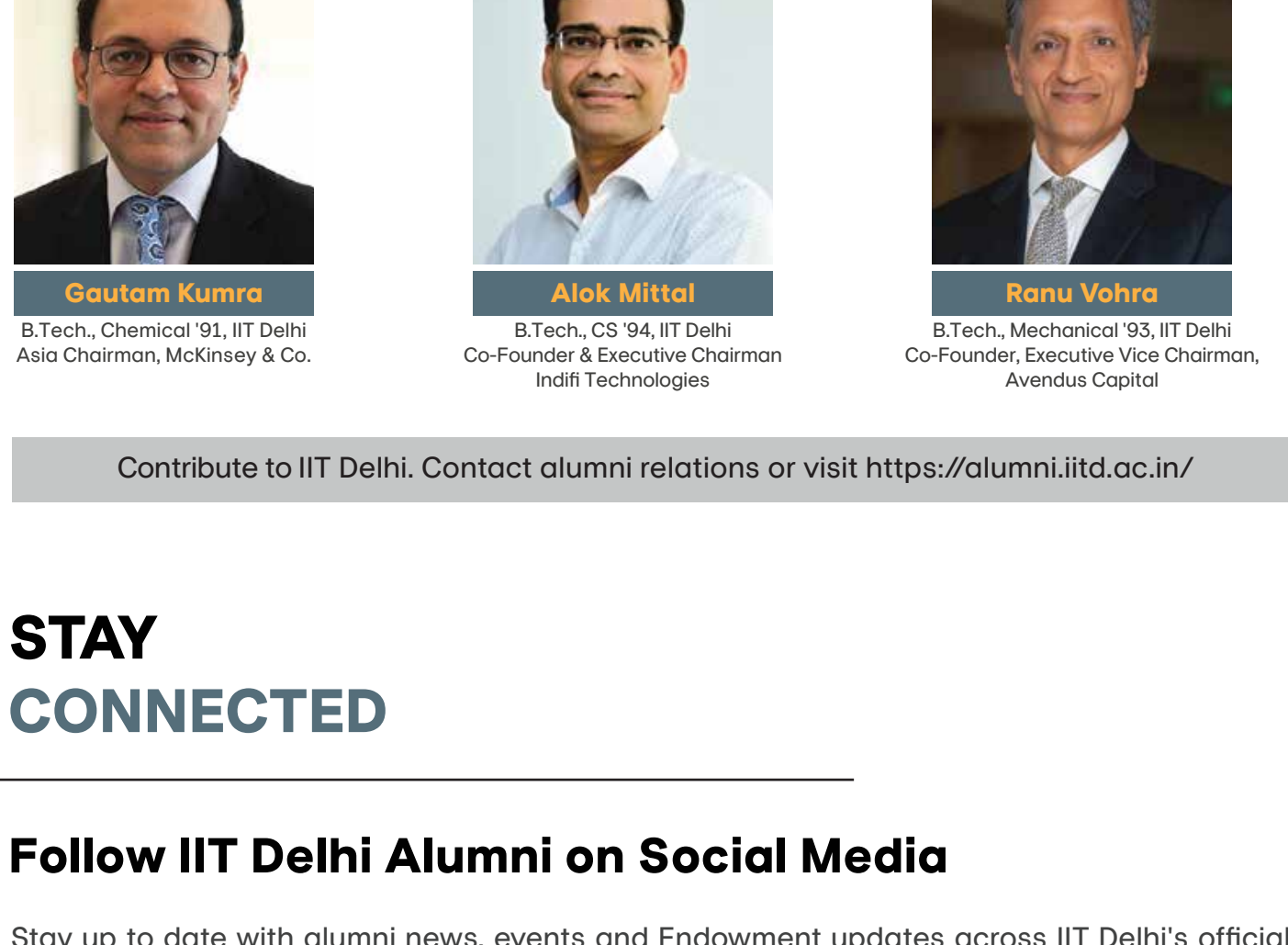
Director's Circle	₹100 Cr
Eminent Founder	₹50 Cr
Distinguished Founder	₹25 Cr
Founder	₹10 Cr
Co-Founder	₹5 Cr

Donor Category

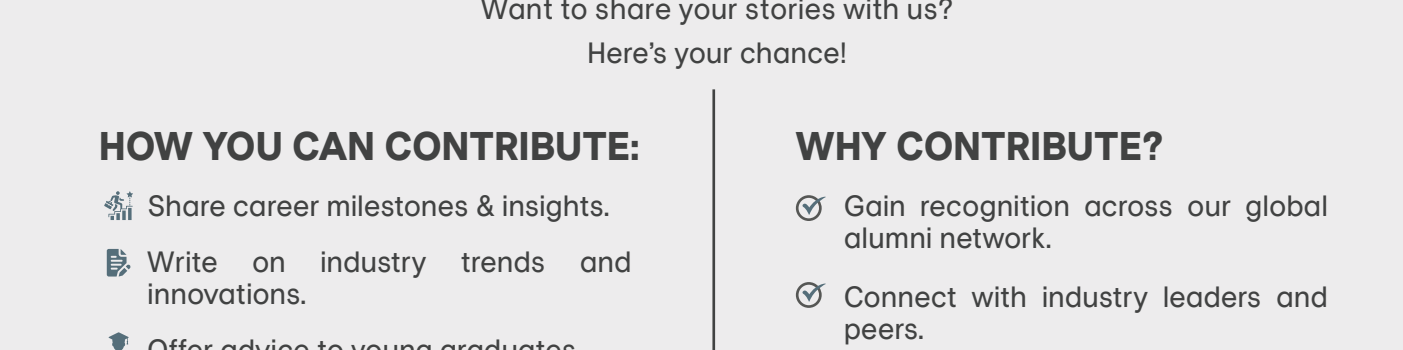
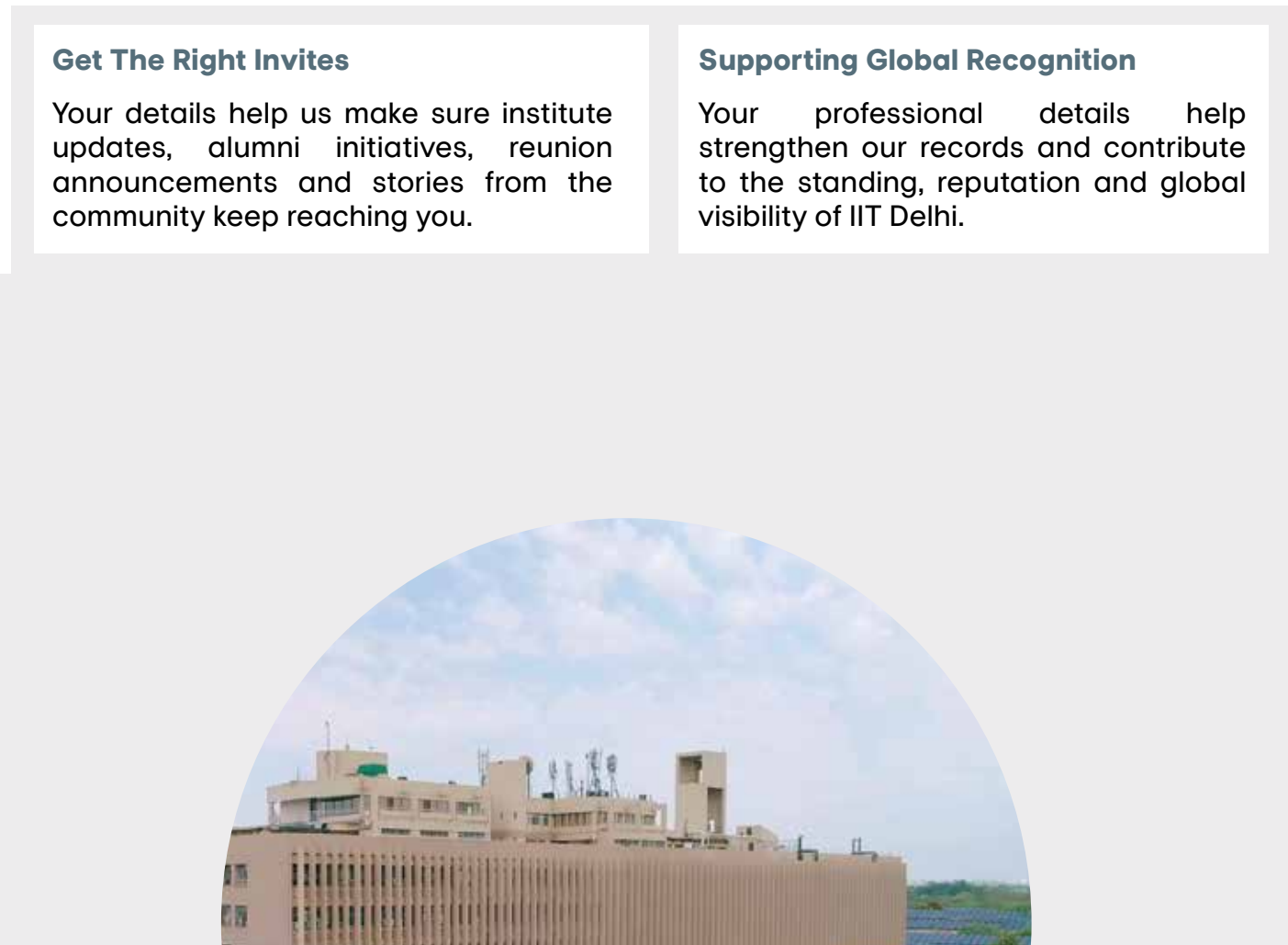
Inner Circle Donor	₹2 Cr
Platinum Donor	₹1 Cr
Gold Donor	₹50 Lakh
Silver Donor	₹25 Lakh
Benefactor	₹10 Lakh
Investor	₹2.5 Lakh

BUILDERS OF TOMORROW

NEW CO-FOUNDERS



BOARD MEMBERS



Contribute to IIT Delhi. Contact alumni relations or visit <https://alumni.iitd.ac.in/>

STAY CONNECTED

Follow IIT Delhi Alumni on Social Media

Stay up to date with alumni news, events and Endowment updates across IIT Delhi's official channels.

HELP US STAY IN TOUCH

Update Your Contact Details

Update your profile and we will route you relevant information: reunion invitations for your batch, mentorship opportunities, speaking requests, hiring connections and giving options that match your interests. The update takes two minutes.

Scan to update your details
alumni.iitd.ac.in/connect

Get The Right Invites

Your details help us make sure institute updates, alumni initiatives, reunion announcements and stories from the community keep reaching you.

Supporting Global Recognition

Your professional details help strengthen our records and contribute to the standing, reputation and global visibility of IIT Delhi.

Contribute To Our Newsletter

Want to share your stories with us?
Here's your chance!

HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE:

- Share career milestones & insights.
- Write on industry trends and innovations.
- Offer advice to young graduates.
- Showcase your startup, research or impact.

WHY CONTRIBUTE?

- Gain recognition across our global alumni network.
- Connect with industry leaders and peers.
- Leave a lasting impact on future IITians.

Send Your Submissions to:

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- alumni.engagements@alumni.iitd.ac.in