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Alumni Newsletter (Jan'2022 - Mar'2022)



Official Alumni Newsletter of the
Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad (IIITA)

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IIITA Director's Message

Prof P. Nagabhushan
Director
IIIT ALLAHABAD



The Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad (IIITA) was founded to fill a huge need in the upcoming area of Information Science and Technology, touching across all the domains of Science & Technology. The special focus has been to carry out Education and Research on the frontiers of Information Science & Technology. Having a journey of more than 20 years, IIIT Allahabad, Prayagraj has established itself as a top world-class institution.

Alumni are not only our ambassadors to effectively portray the image and vision of their great Institute, IIIT Allahabad; also, they are the great well-wishers of ours. Just their expression that 'I am from IIIT Allahabad' makes us feel proud and enriches us with vigor to get that expression echoed, from the present batches which would recursively repel.

It is a matter of great pleasure and satisfaction to me that the Office of Dean Alumni Affairs is launching its first Alumni Newsletter (Jan – Mar'20). Through this Newsletter, all alumni of IIITA will be aware of various significant activities of the Institute including the Alumni Webinar/ talk series, Alumni-students Mentorship programs, Annual Alumni Meets, etc. Also, all students, alumni, faculty members, officers & staff members of IIITA will be aware of the accomplishments of our alumni and the support extended by IIITA alumni to their Alma mater. I am sure that it will help immensely to build a stronger relationship between Alumni and their Alma mater i.e. IIITA. This will enable bringing alumni together amongst themselves as well as with their parent Institution. I appreciate with pleasure the efforts of Dean Alumni Affairs Prof Anupam Agrawal and his team for their initiative to start the quarterly Alumni Newsletter. Since you are part of IIITA forever, we are very sure that you may have the concern to know how your Alma mater is doing, and we are equally confident that you will stand by us, with us, and for us.

We are together and we will remain together.

With my best wishes,
Prof P. Nagabhushan
Director



Dean Alumni Affairs' Message

Prof Anupam Agrawal
Dean Alumni Affairs



My fellow IIITA alumni,
Greetings from your Alma Mater!

I wish you and your family members the best of health and safety. Last two years have been difficult time for the institute. However, this has not slowed our progress toward new milestones and a renewed focus on our aspirations. In addition to numerous Alumni-related initiatives, the Office of Alumni Affairs is now launching its first quarterly Alumni Newsletter (January 2022 – March 2022) with the goal of further strengthening alumni relationships with their alma mater. It will include information on a variety of significant Institute activities, such as Alumni webinar/talk series, Chapter-level, inter-chapter, and institute-level alumni activities, Alumni-students Mentorship programs, Annual alumni meetups, Alumni professional accomplishments, and major IIITA events. This will assist in maintaining strong ties between our alumni and their alma mater.

You embarked on your journey in IIITA in pursuit of knowledge and with an ambition to build an illustrious career. In the course of your stay, your Alma mater played a pivotal role in molding your personality, building strong relationships and imbibing responsibility. It laid a strong foundation for your success and achievements.

We are a family...

Consider that a global network of over 7,500 IIITA alumni is always available to assist you professionally and socially. What a sense of security it is to imagine that you will never be alone in the world once you graduate from IIITA. We at IIITA extend an open invitation to relive the nostalgic memories of your formative years within her folds. You are welcome to visit IIIT-Allahabad at any time and take a stroll down memory lane. The Office of Alumni Affairs would be delighted to assist you in making the most enjoyable of your time on campus.

Alumni play a critical role in our efforts to establish IIIT-Allahabad on the global stage. It is important, therefore, that each of us contributes to this effort in some way. We seek your assistance in the form of ideas, inputs, time, financial assistance, and advice. Alumni can contribute valuable inputs to the new curriculum review that we are currently undertaking, as well as mentoring students and assisting with incubation activities. We are also seeking your assistance and support in creating an action plan for the Institute for the next decade. I'm looking forward to interacting with you online or in person and invite you to connect with us and stay connected to your Alma mater, the IIITA.

Let us band together to give back to Alma Mater in any way possible and help IIITA reach new heights.

Yours truly,

Anupam Agrawal, MTech (CS&E), PhD (IT), Postdoc (UK), SMIEEE

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Alumni Website: <https://alumni.iiita.ac.in/>

Preamble

You will be pleased to learn that since its inception in July 2019, the Office of Alumni Affairs, IIITA has taken several initiatives and launched various programs to strengthen the Institute–alumni relationships.

In this regard, an Alumni Get-together (involving alumni from Prayagraj) was held on 16 January 2020 at IIIT-Allahabad, followed by an Alumni meet in Bengaluru (in physical mode) on 29 February 2020, which was attended by our Alumni and their families from Bengaluru and surrounding areas. Following that, during the Pandemic period, a Mega Global Virtual Alumni Meet was held on August 12th (Institute's Foundation Day) and August 14th, 2021. It was attended by IIITA alumni from all over the world, starting with the very first batch of IIITA students (admitted in 1999). This event was a huge success, with participation from all members of the IIITA family, including current students, alumni, faculty, officers, and staff, as well as members of the Senate and Board of Governors of IIITA.

A few other major initiatives are as follows:

1. IIITA Alumni Website Development and Launch on 29th February 2020 in Bengaluru.
2. Alumni Management System development to enable alumni to update their profiles online.
3. The creation of an alumni database and the verification of basic alumni information from the AAA records; additionally, the updating of active alumni email addresses.
4. Establishment of six alumni Chapters in India and abroad, each with its own Executive Committee of alumni to organize Chapter-level alumni activities.
5. Establishment of an Alumni "Sangam" Council under the patronage of the Director, IIITA, and chairmanship of the Dean Alumni Affairs to plan Institute and inter-Chapter level alumni activities.
6. Organization of the Global Virtual Alumni Meet on 12th and 14th August'2021.
7. Start of Donation drive during the 2021 Global Virtual Alumni Meet (using the link on the IIITA Alumni website).
8. Organization of alumni webinar lecture series by eminent IIITA alumni from different departments. The 9th and 10th Alumni Webinars were held on January 15th and March 19th, 2022, respectively.
9. Initiation of an Alumni–students "Mentorship program" for IIITA students in five critical areas/ tracks. The Mentorship event for the "Placements related Guidance" track was organized on 5th February 2022 with the assistance of a few accomplished IIITA Alumni.

The following committees/ groups have been established to collaborate with the Office of Alumni Affairs in planning and implementing alumni activities at the Institute level:

1. Core committee of IIITA officials.
2. Advisory Committee
3. ATTSC (Alumni Think Tank & Support Committee) of faculty members.
4. ASSIC (Alumni's Sangam Students Interaction Club) - to support/ execute alumni activities.

Kindly visit following IIITA alumni website to see more details: <https://alumni.iiita.ac.in/>

Preparations are underway for the forthcoming 2022 Mega Alumni Meet (Mixed mode) during 12-14 August'2022.

The Office of Alumni Affairs is pleased to present the current issue of IIITA's inaugural Alumni Newsletter (January 2022 – March 2022).

January 2022

Alumni Webinar Talk #9

Webinar Title : "Future Internet architecture and possible solution."

Speaker name : Dr. Dhananjay Singh,
Professor, Dept. Of Electronics Engineering, HUFSS, Seoul, South Korea.

(M.Tech IT 2004 - 2006 Batch)

Date: 15 Jan. 2022

Registration for Alumni: <https://alumni.iita.ac.in/event-registration/>

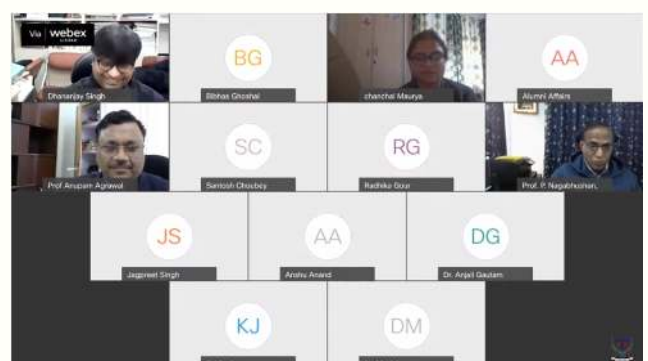
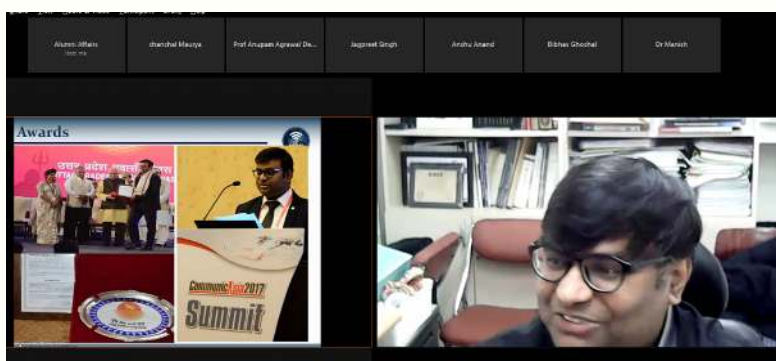


Venue: Cisco Webex | Email: alumni.office@iita.ac.in

The office of Alumni affairs conducted a webinar featuring IIITA alumnus Dr. Dhananjay Singh who is a Full Professor and Director of ReSENSE Labs in the Department of Electronics Engineering and also served as the head of the Global Division of Information Technology (2013 - 2018) at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFSS), Seoul, South Korea. Previously, he has worked as a PostDoc and senior researcher on Future Internet Architecture at National Institute for Mathematical Sciences (NIMS), and Electronics and Telecommunication Research Institute (ETRI), Daejeon, South Korea (2010 - 2012).

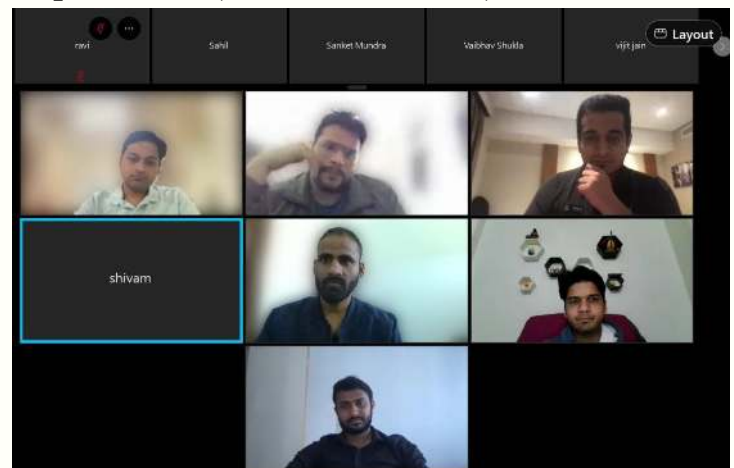
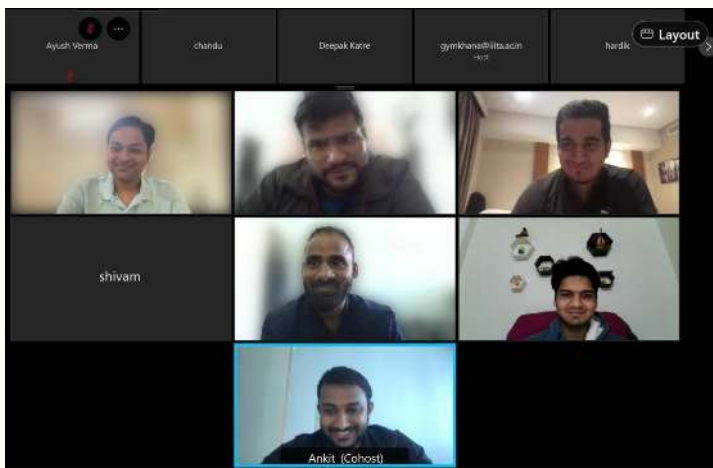
He received his Master's M.Tech. degree in IT with specialization in Wireless Communication and Computing from Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (IIIT-A), India in 2006 and Ph.D. in Ubiquitous IT from Dongseo University (DSU), Busan, South Korea in 2010.

This fruitful webinar included a technical talk of 30 minutes on "Future Internet Architecture and Possible Solutions" and a rich interaction with students along with their doubts, discussion, and questions from participants. Dr. Dhananjay described his path from graduation to the prestigious position in which he now finds himself. All students received guidance, panel members participated in special discussions, and last but not the least, inspiring speeches from Dr. P Nagabhushan, Hon'ble Director of IIIT-A and Dean Alumni Affairs Prof Anupam Agrawal.



February 2022

Alumni-students Mentorship event (05 Feb. 2022)

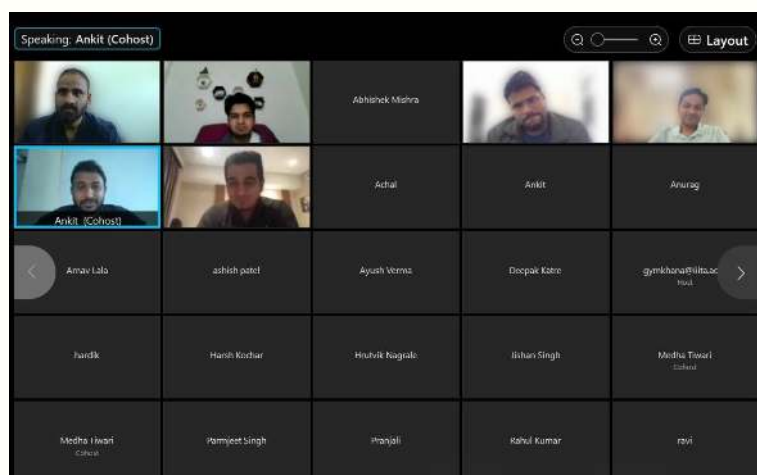


On Behalf of ‘Sangam Alumni Council’, seven of our alumni interacted with the final year students and gave insights on various aspects of placements and entering into corporate life. We are thankful to each of the panelists for putting their efforts and making our community more connected. Our Alumni Affairs team requested them to guide our students and hence this webinar was conducted and was a huge success.

The panelists for the session were:

- 1) Kuldeep Panchal (deputy manager at Powergrid Corporation of Indian Ltd.)
- 2) Vatsal Mishra (Software engineer at Google)
- 3) Prakhar Agrawal of batch 2010 (worked previously at Adobe, currently working with Microsoft),
- 4) Gunjit Agrawal of batch 2010 (worked with Amazon and GoZefo, currently working with Cred),
- 5) Deepesh Panjabi of Batch 2012 (Delivery Hero Dubai, Expedia),
- 6) Ankit Sinha of batch 2012 (Grab Singapore, Directi),
- 7) Shivam Kaushal of batch 2010 (Qualcomm).

The fruitful conversation helped our students to figure out their interests and know about the perks of the corporate world. Developing skills, learning mindset, and building confidence are crucial keys to a student's success. Further, placement is a great way to gain experience in a particular field. The alumni also told the students to keep focusing on learning and adapting new things and building new contacts as some of these contacts may even be able to help them start a new career at a later stage of life. Finally, the webinar concluded with the observation that work placements enable us to discover our potential and make us aware of our shortcomings, and that early recognition of our shortcomings enables us to improve and refine our skills. This ultimately results in a more successful career.



March 2022

Alumni Webinar Talk #10

Webinar Title: Making a career in Civil Services

Speaker name : Shri Vidhu Shekhar, IAS 2021

(B.Tech IT 2012 - 2016 Batch).

Date: 19 Mar. 2022

IIIT Allahabad

LIVE WEBINAR
on "Making a Career in Civil Services"

Speaker: Vidhu Shekhar
IAS, 2021 (Former IRS)
B.Tech IT(2012 to 2016 Batch)

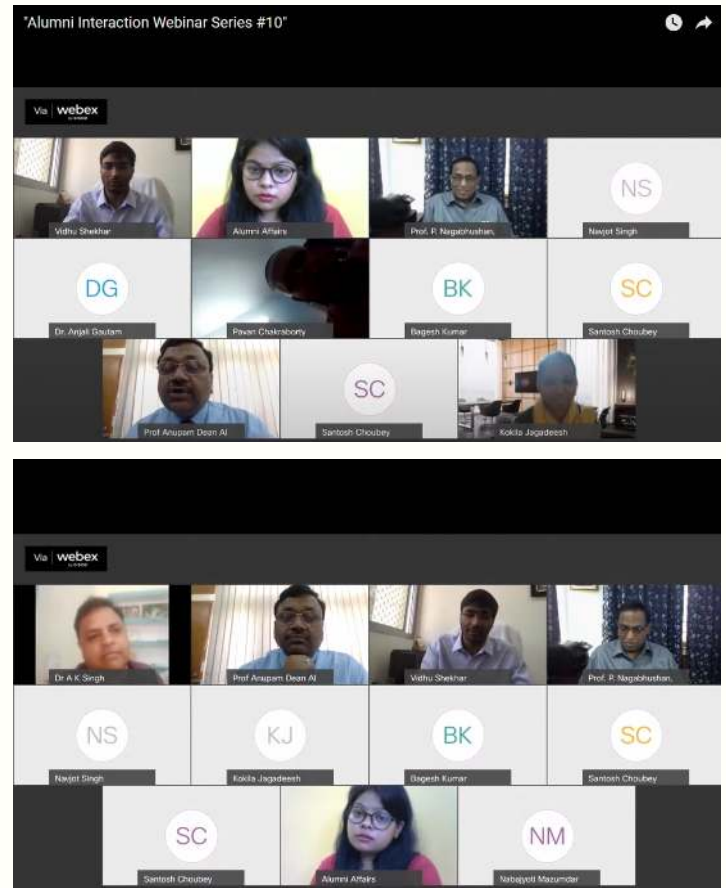
Chief Guest
Prof. P. Nagabhushan
Director, IIITA

RSVP
Prof. Anupam
Dean (Alumni Affairs)

19th March 2022
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Venue
Cisco Webex

Email: alumni.office@iiita.ac.in



The entire IIITA family is ecstatic that one of our alumni, Mr. Vidhu Shekhar, secured AIR 54 in UPSC 2021, enabling him to pursue his dream of becoming an IAS officer. As a result, our Dean Alumni Affairs asked him to guide students and tell them about his UPSC preparation, among other things. The webinar took place on March 19th at 11:30 a.m.

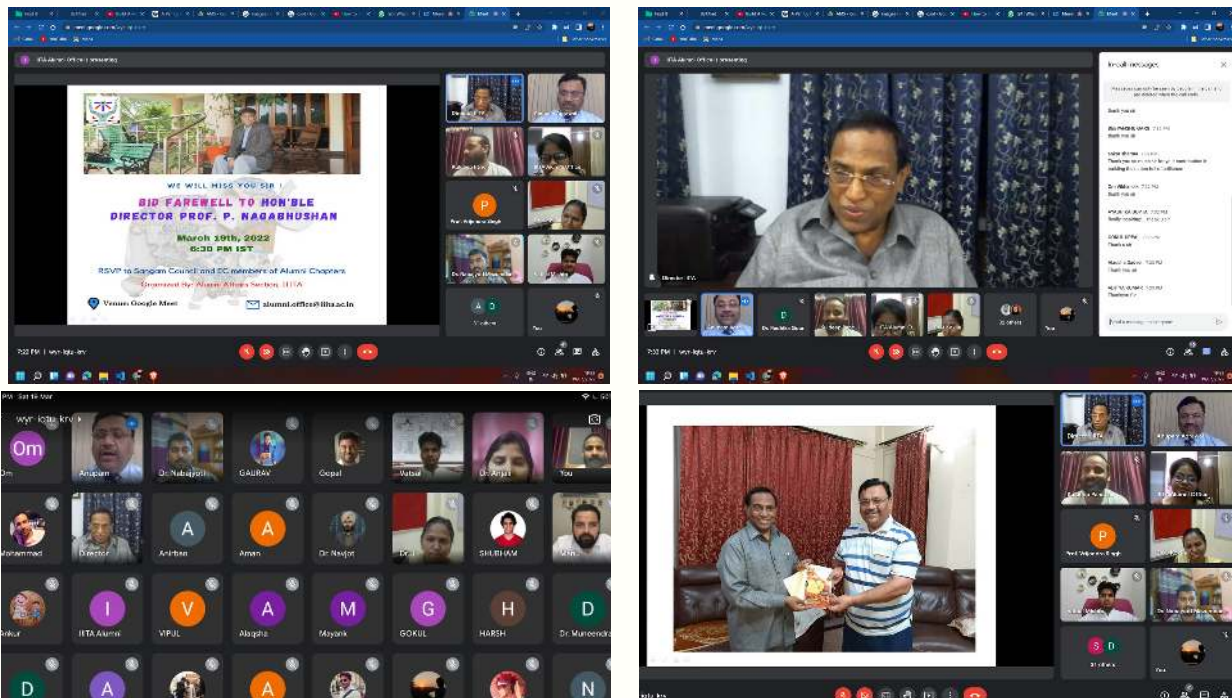
Shri Vidhu Shekhar spoke about "Building a career in Civil Services" and how he did so. Mr. Shekhar outlined for the students how to navigate the UPSC journey, when to begin preparation, and how to proceed. He discussed the obstacles he encountered during his preparation and how he overcame them. Additionally, he taught the students about time management. He advised the students to develop a goal-oriented mindset and avoid wasting time on frivolous activities. He advised us that whenever we write something in UPSC examinations, it is the content that counts and advised us to be precise in our writing. He inspired IIITA students to consider UPSC as a future option. He also discussed job satisfaction and the respect that civil servants receive.

Without a doubt, he made the entire Institute proud of his accomplishment. The entire webinar was extremely informative and enjoyable for not only the institute's students, but also for other participants. He discussed his journey from a college student to an IRS officer and then to an IAS officer. Prof. (Dr.) P. Nagabhushan, Director IIITA, also participated in the webinar and bestowed blessings on Mr. Shekhar as well as guidance on the students. Each attendee was taken aback by his presence and enlightened by his words. The Institute anticipates that in future more students shall pursue civil services as career option after graduation from IIITA. Mr. Vishal Shekhar is an up-and-coming star and a vital member of the IIITA family.

The IIITA family wishes him the best of luck on his journey and in his new endeavors.

March 2022

Bidding Farewell to the Director (19th March 2022)



On the 19th March, 2022, the Alumni "Sangam" Council and the IIITA Alumni Affairs office had organized a virtual meeting to bid farewell to Hon'ble Director Prof. P. Nagabhushan. The venue was Google meet and the event was attended by alumni of different Chapters, IIITA officials and students. The ceremony was opened by Dean Alumni Affairs Prof Anupam Agrawal. He expressed his gratitude to Prof Nagabhushan for his interest and support to promote Alumni activities at IIITA and further briefed out his key contributions towards the growth of the Institute as Director of the Institute during 2017 to 2022. He also informed the participants that in January 2022, Prof Nagabhushan was awarded the most prestigious award of IEEE, the "Educator of The Year" award.

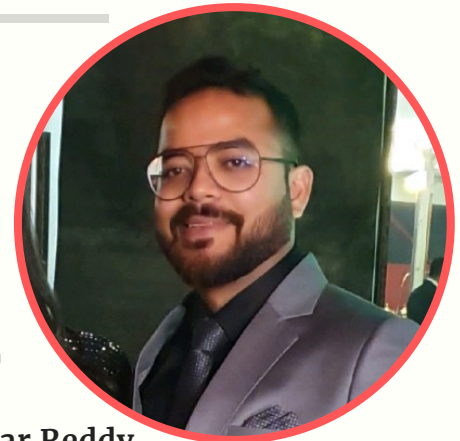
Following that, Alumnus, Mr. Vatsal Mishra, Mr. Manu Sharma, Dr. Anirban, and Mr. Kuldeep Panchal shared their stories and owed their learnings to Prof. Nagabhushan. Additionally, they pledged to assist students and the Institute in any way possible. Following that, Prof Vrijendra Singh, Dr. J. Kokila and Dr. Muneendra Ojha delivered enlightening speeches. The Dean Alumni Affairs Prof Anupam Agrawal then presented Prof. Nagabhushan with a memento, which was met with a thunderous round of applause. Subsequently, the "Sangam Council" welcomed Prof Nagabhushan as the latest addition to the esteemed group of IIITA alumni which he gladly accepted and agreed to work together for the betterment of the alumni fraternity. Prof. Nagabhushan then delivered an ecstatic speech that moved and inspired everyone. A vote of gratitude from Mr. Kuldeep brought the event to a close.

Sir, you who had dispelled the gloom of ignorance and kindled the light of learning, given us the strength to strive for the righteous and the fair, we owe to you our Knowledge, Learnings and all.

Achievements/ Awards earned by IITA Alumni



Name: Prateek Dixit
 Enrollment number: IIT2008128
 Course: BTech (IT)
 Year of Passing: 2012
 Company name: Pocket FM
 Designation: Co Founder
 Award/Recognition: Raised series C funding of 65M(\$)
 Awarding Organization: Venture Capital



Name: Vineet Sagar
 Enrollment number: IEC2007052
 Course: B.Tech (EC)
 Year of Passing: 2011
 Company name: Venture Garage
 Designation: Managing Partner
 Award/Recognition: Outstanding Leadership Award
 Awarding Organization: Money 2.0 Conference at Dubai



Name: Kotla Rakesh Kumar Reddy
 Enrollment number: IEC2013045
 Course: BTech (EC)
 Year of Passing: 2017
 Company name: Apple
 Designation: CPU Design Engineer
 Award/Recognition: MS, Electrical & Computer Engineering - Applied Study, CMU, USA
 Awarding Organization: CMU, USA



Name: Rachit Rawat
 Enrollment number: IIT2010001
 Course: B.Tech (IT)
 Year of Passing: 2014
 Company name: Party Hunt (Masquerade Technologies Private Limited)
 Designation: Co-Founder
 Award/Recognition: Meeting with CM of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, to discuss future collaboration between Party Hunt and Goa Tourism to revitalize the local economy with sustainable and eco-friendly tourism in the post-covid economic recovery.



Name: SHIVAM
 Enrollment number: IIT2014077
 Course: B.Tech (IT)
 Year of Passing: 2018
 Company name: ZS Associates
 Designation: Engineering Specialist
 Award/Recognition: Appointed as Vice-Chair (Students and Young Professionals) of the IEEE Computer Society's Member and Geographic Activities Board (MGA Board)
 Awarding Organization: IEEE

Various Committees at IIITA

Core Committee

- Dean Alumni Affairs: Prof. Anupam Agrawal
- HOD(IT): Prof. Pavan Chakraborty
- HOD(E&C): Dr. Rajat Kumar Singh
- HOD(AS): Dr. Sumit Kumar Upadhyay
- HOD(MBA): Dr. Shailendra Kumar
- Dean(SA): Prof. Vrijendra Singh
- Faculty Incharge (Placements): Dr. Muneendra Ojha
- AR(F&A): Mr. Vivek Nagar
- Gymkhana representative: Mr. Sahil Udayasingh, Gen. Secretary
- Placement Team Representative: Mr. Harsh Bajaj

ATTSC

- Dean Alumni Affairs: Prof Anupam Agrawal
- Dr. J. Kokila, Coordinator
- Dr. Anjali Gautam
- Dr. Nabajyoti Majumdar
- Dr. Muneendra Ojha
- Dr. Radhika Gour
- Dr. Navjot Singh

Advisory Committee

- Dean (Alumni Affairs)
- Associate Dean (PME)
- Associate Dean (R&D)
- Dr. Sanjeev B.S.

ASSIC

Student Members Details of ASSIC 2022	
Students Position	Name of the Students
President	Bagesh Kumar
Vice President	Alaqsha Qadeer
Secretary	Aman Gupta
Treasurer	Mohammad Sameer Ansari
Website Technical support Members	Rahul Soni
	Aditya Raj
	Naman Pundir
	Pranav Raj
Newsletter Members	Kumar Saurabh
	Sujal Meena
Executive Members	Shubham Singh
	Gaurav Kumar Gupta
	Gokul Uppal
	Priyanshu Sobti
	Aryan Anand
Student Interns for Alumni Chapters	Mohit Shinde
	Atharva Gadekar
	Vipul Jain
	Aman Karnawat
	Deepanshu Garg
	Ansh Kothari
	Ayashika Gupta
	Javesh Lodha
	Ujjwal Narayan Pandram
	Shreya Bharti
	Ayan Ahmad
	Adeshpal Singh
	Aditya Kumar
	Sukankshi Sharma
	Om Vibhandik
Aditya Narayan	



IIIT ALUMNI AFFAIRS ALLAHABAD SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AlumniIiita>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/iita-alumni-affairs/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/iiitaalumni/>

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/270826576657975>

All esteemed alumni are requested to join above social media alumni groups for better connectivity.

Name of Social Media	Total followers/members of IIITA Alumni Affairs page/group
Instagram	526
LinkedIn	1227
Twitter	150
Facebook	4450
Whatsapp (79 groups)	2300 Approx.





OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

- Prof. Anupam Agrawal (Dean of Alumni Affairs)
- Anukriti Tripathi (Convener)
- Santosh Kumar Choubey (Coordinator)

OUR LEGACY



The Foundation stone for open stage & clock tower titled as “Murli Manohar Mukhtangan” was laid by Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Director, IIITA- Allahabad on **Wednesday June 20, 2018**. This space was created to honour the then Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Prof Murli Manohar Joshi who envisioned IIIT at Allahabad in year 1999.

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