

# E-NEWS LETTER



## IITR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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### News About Alumni

**Bhuwan K. Chaturvedi**, Born in 1948; BE (Mechanical) 1969, UOR; MBA 1971, IIM Ahmadabad. Joined Tata Motors, Pune 1971 and Eicher Ltd. 1978; became Managing Director 1997; President & Executive Director, Hindustan Motors Ltd. 2000-04. He was CEO of Central



Park and India Operations of Renoir Consulting. He attended Executive Development Programme at Harvard Business School and training in TQM from Dr. Deming in Japan. President, Tractor Manufacturers Association and a Member of CII National Council. He is Independent Director on the boards of some companies. He was a Member of Programme Advisory Committee of Dept. of Science and Technology on Mechanical Engineering and Robotics for over 10 years. He was member of Syndicate, Vision 2020 team and Finance Committee University / IIT Roorkee. Distinguished Alumnus Awardee 2012. **He is President Alumni Association, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee for the year 2017-18.**

**Sulkhan Singh** was born on Sept 8, 1957 in Village Jauharpur in Distt Banda. His father Lakhan Singh is a farmer and mother Kalawati a house wife. He did his schooling in Tindwari and Banda and obtained his BE in Civil Engineering from University of Roorkee (Now IIT Roorkee) in



1978. In his first attempt he qualified for Indian Police Service in 1980. Till recently DG (Training), **he has been elevated to the position of Director General of Police Uttar Pradesh in March 2017.**

**Narendra Singh** born in 1956; B.Sc. Engg. (NIT Jamshedpur) 1981; M. Tech 1986 and Ph.D. 2004 University of Roorkee; Asstt. Aeronautical Engineer, HAL 1983-84; Asstt Professor IIT Roorkee 1986-2004; Director, Global Institute of Technology and Management, Gurugram 2009-11; Project



Consultant, AHEC IIT Roorkee 2011-14; Khosla Research Commendation Certificate, University of Roorkee; **Has been appointed Advisor to Chief Minister Uttarakhand in March 2017**

**Vineet Taneja**; B.E. (Mech) UOR 1986; PG (Management & Finance) IIM Calcutta; he had been the Country head Mobile Phone, Samsung; Served leadership roles at Airtel and Nokia; he has also been CEO of Micromax; **He is recently appointed CEO of Dyson, the British manufacturer of**



**household electrical appliances.**

**Saurabh Agarwal**; BTech (Chemical)IITR; PG (Management)IIM Calcutta; has worked on the multi-billion dollar Vodafone merger with Idea Cellular and the acquisition of Jaypee Group cement assets by UltraTech. In his professional career spanning two decades, he has served as a successful



investment banker with Standard Chartered Bank and DSP Merrill Lynch; Currently Head of Corporate Strategy at Aditya Birla group; **He will join in July 2017 Tata sons as Group Chief Finance Officer .**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my privilege to get an opportunity to serve Alma Mater and fellow alumni community. I am immensely thankful to all those who thought it fit to give me this opportunity.

We had the overlap EC meeting on 12 April 2017 where Dr. Prem Krishna and erstwhile EC handed over the baton to new EC. They had launched some important initiatives in the last few years. Two most significant ones were getting more alumni in the data base and holding e-elections. IITR has probably the largest alumni community amongst all IITs. The likely number could be anywhere between 30-40,000 alumni. Previous EC started with a data base of approximately 1100 alumni and brought it to over 11,000 alumni. But we still have a long way to go. Our endeavour will be to bridge this gap within this year. Having all members on board is the starting point to make a vibrant community. I appeal to all alumni in this endeavour by help in enrolling each and every alumnus in the data base.

Vibrancy of an association is directly proportional to participation of its members in its activities. Though we have about 11,000 alumni on the list, only about 1000 alumni participated in the elections this year. I earnestly urge all alumni to participate actively in alumni activities. Younger alumni may think that alumni activities are meant more for senior alumni, either superannuated or closer to it. But the need is different. The Association requires participation of younger people more than at any other time. With increasing size of batches over years, young members are larger in number. Further, they have more energy. We require combination of experience and energy in the Association. Currently there is not one elected member in EC who is from batch year 2000 onward. President has the discretion to nominate five members to EC. I am using this discretion to nominate three members from younger batches of year 2000-2015. In

future, our wish is to see EC membership spread over batches, old and recent. I specially invite younger members to play active role in the activities of the Association. On behalf of old guards, I promise that you will have due space.

Another dream is to see that alumni set up local chapters in all those cities where alumni number is more than 25. There will be many such towns. Local chapters are the backbone of parent organization. They are the key to effective networking which is an important goal of the Association. I urge our alumni spread all over to set up formal local chapters and be in touch with the parent body. Together we can do a lot.

We are fortunate to have a very supportive Director of the Institute, Prof. Ajit Chaturvedi, who is also the Working President of the Association. Dean Alumni Affairs is very helpful. The Institute is a very important stake holder in our activities. The Institute has played a major role in shaping our professional career. It is now time to do our bit for the Alma Mater. The Director will soon share with us expectations of the Institute from alumni community. Once we have this input, we should debate at level of local chapters and at apex level how best to meet those expectations.

Our endeavour is to bring out a news letter once a month. It is possible if all alumni and local chapters contribute in this effort. Please do share news and events related to alumni. Let us give so much high quality matter to the Editor every month that he has tough time picking what to skip.

I once again thank all to give me this opportunity. I look forward to meet you personally soon.

With best wishes,

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## OUR ALUMNUS

**Harsh Wardhan Bhatnagar**, BE (Mech) UOR-1966, former Chairman BHEL, has a passion since early childhood for collecting vintage things, be it Cars, Clocks, Pocket Watches, Cameras, Radios, Gramophones. At the age of 72, his passion for collecting and maintaining vintage is still intact, the proof of which can be seen in the way he has restored and preserved many vintage clocks and cars. He defines vintage as the start and end of a technology. “It

may be good to collect old things as they show how technology has changed over the times. You also feel good that you are saving something that is dying,” says Bhatnagar. He has a collection of over 200 clocks which were imported into India during the early 1900s and more than 15 vintage cars. He understands every bit of how a car works and is getting one painstakingly restored at his home. His cars are regularly winning recognition and awards in rallies all over India.



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## E-Poll from Alumni

An e-poll was conducted to find out what the Alumni expect from Alumni Association. 45 alumni responded. The following suggestions have emerged as significant and the Association is drawing the action plan for their implementation.

1. Completion of the directory of all batches, Interaction among Local Chapters and IITRAA main body
2. New local chapters in different states/cities
3. Assistance to alumni willing to contribute to Alma Mater

**We request all the Alumni of IIT Roorkee to provide News, Articles, Anecdotes, Achievements, Stories, Events, Activities etc for possible inclusion in News Letter - Editors**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017

Event	Batch	Dates	Coordinator Name	Mobile No	E-mail
Diamond Jubilee	1957	November 23-25, 2017	Dr. O.P. Kulshreshtha	09868114488	omkulshreshtha@hotmail.com
Golden Jubilee	1967 & B.Arch. 1968		Er. Satyendra Kumar Tyagi	09410787602	sktyagi.iitr@gmail.com
Silver Jubilee	1992 & B.Arch. 1993	November 10-12, 2017	Er. Vikas Goyal	09837044984	goyal.vikas@hotmail.com
Ruby Reunion	1977 & B.Arch. 1978	November 3-5, 2017	Er. A.C. Mathur	09427010620	mathurisro@hotmail.com, mathurisro@gmail.com

**Sixty Eighth Annual General Body Meeting of IITR Alumni Association will be held on Nov 11, 2017 at Roorkee**

## Obituary



**Dr Om Prakash Varshney**, died on January 14, 2017 at the age of 85 years. He joined the Mathematics Department, Erstwhile University of Roorkee as Reader in 1962 and retired as Professor in 1992.



**Er Rajiv Varshney**, BE (Civil) UOR 1985, died on January 09, 2017 at the age of 55 years. He was Project Manager Sadbhav Engineering Ltd., Ahmedabad

*The Alumni Association expresses its heartfelt condolences and pray that the departed souls rest in peace and their families have courage to bear the irreparable loss.*

### Editors:

**Er S.K. Mital**, BE(C) 1966; **Dr R.D. Garg**, BE(C) 1989

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