

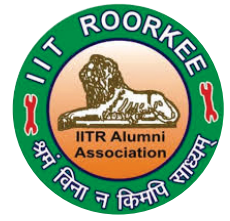


NEWS LETTER

IITR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROORKEE

ROORKEE - 247 667 (UTTARAKHAND) INDIA



IIT ROORKEE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WISHES ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT IITRAA

Esteemed elders and fellow Alumni,

As we bid farewell to the most challenging year of our times and step into 2021 with new hopes for our overall wellbeing, I on behalf of the entire team of IITRAA, wish you and your family members a very healthy, wealthy and successful New year. I also wish and pray for the wellbeing and growth of our Alma Mater, faculty, staff and students in the years ahead.

With your active involvement in the affairs of IITRAA, some important matters have progressed well despite so many constraints and much more needs to be done in the coming months. I am also certain that in 2021 we will be

able to further strengthen our emotional bond with each other and make IITRAA far more effective, efficient and self sufficient in all spheres of our activities.

Wishing each one of you loads of good health, happiness and terrific times full of fun and joy.

Warm regards

Lt. Gen. Vishwambhar Singh,
AVSM, VSM (retired)
President, IITRAA



Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Vishwambhar Singh,
B.Arch (1980)
IITRAA President
(2020-22)

MESSAGE FROM IITRAA ON FOUNDATION DAY OF IIT ROORKEE

The President and Honorary Secretary of IITRAA gave the following message on the Foundation Day of IITR which was celebrated on November 25, 2020

The Thomason College, the oldest engineering college in India, founded on 25th Nov. 1847, owes its birth to the waters of Mother Ganges. The Ganges Canal gave birth to the establishment of the Thomason College of Civil Engineering, planned by men of wisdom and foresight, growing steadily till it attained the proud position which it now holds, as one of the leading educational institutions of the country with great

traditions and a reputation second to none.

On this day, IITR Alumni Association wishes all Thomsonians a very Happy Foundation Day. It is a matter of immense pride to be part of the Institute that has an illustrious history and a glorious past.

IITR Alumni Association wishes all Thomsonians A HAPPY FOUNDATION DAY

Er. Dinesh Singh Pawar
Honorary Secretary, IITRAA

Lt. Gen. Vishwambhar Singh (Retd.)
President, IITRAA

ABOUT IITRAA

President IITRAA, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Vishwambhar Singh congratulates and expresses his gratitude to the entire “Batch of 1990” for their initiative in collecting a sum of more than Rs. 32 lacs for the family of their batch mate Sh. Manoj Kumar Srivastava due to his sudden demise. He also said that losing a fellow batch mate so early in life is extremely painful, more so for the family. No amount of financial assistance can fill the void so created but collectively, the alumni fraternity can help the family to lead a dignified life in the years ahead.

A special Kudos to Er, Vishnu Kant (R90) and his entire batch for this campaign

IITRAA is proud of this initiative and compliments the example that batch R90 has set for all alumni of IIT Roorkee

A webinar was organised by IITRAA with Er. Saurabh Agrawal, (1992 Batch Alumnus), ED & Gr CFO Tata Sons, with the efforts of Er. Rajeev Singh, EC Member and Dr. Achal Mittal, VP, IITRAA. Er. Saurabh Agrawal spoke about “Building India for the Future”. Over 250 members attended the online talk session and interacted with him.



Sh. Ashish Dixit a Research Scholar at IIT Roorkee, the only son of Sh. Ashok Dixit, from LakhimpurKheri is suffering from

blood cancer and is undergoing treatment at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow. His fellow scholars made an appeal on social media for financial help for his treatment. When Mr. Aditya Nath Yogi, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh came to know about it he contacted the family and came forward to donate a sum of Rs. 10 lakh from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

President, IITRAA is coordinating this with the active participation from IITRAA Lucknow Chapter. The Lucknow Chapter has taken over responsibility of steering and rendering all kinds of local support, The President Lt. Gen. (Retd) VishwambharSingh has also contacted a specialist through his own sources for getting Sh. Dixit the best treatment.

IITRAA collaborates with Sole Warriors and is keen to campaign nation-wide to make a difference to the society.

The effort is not just noble and supports those in need, but also supports ecology and sustenance.

The IITRAA Alumni who look forward to getting associated with this cause and wish to make a difference can join the pool of volunteers.

For more information kindly contact through your IITRAA Local Chapter or write to: iitraa@gmail.com. Sole Warriors website: <http://www.thesolewarriors.com/>

ABOUT ALUMNI



IIT Roorkee and **Dr. A.S. Arya's** family have established an Institute Chair Professorship to honour his memory and to inspire future generations. Late Prof. A. S. Arya (B.E. Civil 1953) was a distinguished alumnus of IIT Roorkee whose contributions in the areas of structural analysis, earthquake engineering, rehabilitation after earthquakes and disaster prevention & management are legendary and have been recognized with a multitude of national and international awards, including Padma Shri and UN DHA-Sasakawa Disaster Prevention Award.



Prof (Dr) Pradeep Kumar Mishra, B.E. (Chemical) 1986 and HOD Chemical Engg and DOSA IIT-BHU, has been appointed as Vice Chancellor of Jharkhand University of Technology at Ranchi. He has also been conferred with the VG Patel Memorial Award for 'Entrepreneurship Trainer/Educator/Mentor 2020' by Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat at a virtual event organized by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad. IITRAA congratulates him for the achievements.



Ms. Richi Nayak, M.E.(Elect.) 1995 a Computer Science professor has developed a new algorithm that can automatically spot and report misogynistic posts on social media platforms.



Er. Ashok Soota, B.E.(Elect.) 1964, distinguished alumnus awardee and 77 year old IT Veteran Entrepreneur's Bengaluru based start up “Happiest Minds Technologies” IPO was oversubscribed 151 times. The IPO got bids for 3.51 billion shares versus the 23.3 million on offer.



Er. Sanjay Kumar Shukla, B.E.(Mech.) 1992 an IAS officer and Principal Secretary, Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh was one of the key persons involved in Ease of Doing Business 2019 with whose efforts Madhya Pradesh jumped 3 positions from 7th to 4th this year and achieved 100% implementation score.



Sh. Pramit Kumar Garg B.E.(Civil), 1991 has taken over the charge of Director, Business Development of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). Shri Garg is an officer of the 1992 batch of Indian Railway Service of Engineers

(IRSE) and has been associated with DMRC since 2002.

Sh. Siddhartha Karan Singh of B.E. (CST) 1996 and his father Dr. K. K. Singh Retd Prof. CE Dept., IIT Roorkee have jointly written a science fiction novel titled "Special Five and the Computer Imp " under the pen name Ray Pen Lion. It has been published by Amazon as an eBook. Details can be seen at https://www.amazon.in/dp/B078GX7XTQ/ref=cm_sw_r_wa_awdb_t1_LLoyFb2Z220XZ



Mr. Amit Agarwal, BE (Mech.), 1990 batch currently working as General Manager in ONGC has penned a well-researched book on Indian medieval history titled "Swift Horses Sharp swords-Medieval battles which shook India". It is currently listed only on Amazon and it has a 4.8 star rating (out of 5) with more than 50 praiseworthy reviews. The book is an excellent study, written in simple English fathomable to all Indians. Strongly recommended for the reading.



Dr. Raj Kumar Upadhyay, M.E. (E&C) 1988 has been appointed as Executive Director C-DOT. Earlier he was Deputy Director General in Telecommunication Deptt. and Advisor at TRAI.

In memory of **Sh. S.C. Tyagi** who graduated from IITR in the year 1953; Sh. Subhash Chandra Tyagi MCM Scholarship was established on 6th October 2020 by his eldest daughter Mrs Priti Tyagi, at the Civil Engineering Department of IIT Roorkee. Shri SC Tyagi graduated from erstwhile University of Roorkee (Now IITR) in the year 1953 and rose to the position of Chief Engineer UP,PWD



Sh. Vinay Kumar Tripathi, B.E.(Elect.) 1982 has taken over as General Manager of North Eastern Railway. Earlier he was additional member traction in Railway Board, New Delhi.

Dr. SSV Ramakumar has been elected as fellow of National Academy of Engineering. Congratulations to him from IITRAA



Er. Rajeev Kr. Singh B.E.(Met. Engg.) 1992 has been elevated to the position of Chief General Manager, Engineers India Limited on 1.12.2020

Sh. Alok Kumar Gupta, B.E. (Mech.)1983 has been appointed by Government of India as Managing Director of ONGC Videsh Limited.

Sh. Sandeep Puri, B.E.(Mech.)1983 Managing Director of Hyde Engineering and Consulting India Private Limited and a core member of Hyde Global Leadership Council, US" received Indian Achievers' Award 2020 for CEO of the year. He is a technocrat with three and half decades of immensely qualitative and proven experience in **Program and Project Management, Engineering, Operations, Quality Assurance and Business Development**. Spear headed the success of **Hyde E+C in India** with excellent relationship building with reputed **Biopharmaceutical and Pharmaceutical** clients. He successfully led execution of many projects in India with large capex programs during the last three decades and contributed significantly to the Nation Building, creating solid plant infrastructure in Biopharmaceutical, Pharmaceutical, Industrial, F&B and FMCG industry verticals.

IITRAA congratulates Sh. Amit Sinha, Batch - 1994 (Civil) currently serving as Director, ITDA, Dehradun for innovative creation of an E-waste studio at ITDA with the final waste of all government condemned IT equipment. With average 5 computer waste they cannibalize parts to make 1 new computer. Similarly for printers, scanners, water coolers etc. They made 25 new computers with CRT monitors, printer scanners, UPS and 10 water coolers from old waste which will be donated to Government primary schools in the slum areas and adopting those schools for the purpose of teaching basic computers.

ABOUT IITR



• **Shri B. V. R. Mohan Reddy** has been appointed as Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Roorkee. Shri Reddy a Mechanical Engineer is an Indian business executive

and engineering manager who founded and served as Executive Chairman of Cyient. He joined the DCM Group in 1974, and has subsequently worked with MICO Bosch, HCL, and OMC Computers Limited. Welcome and congratulations



to him from IITRAA.

- IIT Roorkee honoured distinguished faculty members on Teachers' Day 2020. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee commemorated Teachers' Day by a low-key ceremony honouring the distinguished faculty members at Senate Hall amid COVID-19.
- Five members of the faculty were conferred the 'Outstanding Teacher Award' for their exemplary contribution to academics in the year 2020. The event was organized by Prof M.R. Maurya, Dean of Faculty Affairs and witnessed the participation from awardees' families, Director, Deputy Director, Deans and Assoc. Deans, Heads of Departments/ Centres, Registrar, Librarian, Gen Secretaries for Graduate and Post Graduate courses, IIT Roorkee. "Teachers play an important role in shaping the youth who represent the future of society. I would like to extend my warm wishes to the winners of the Outstanding Teacher awards and to their families" said Prof Ajit K Chaturvedi, Director IIT Roorkee.
- The winners of the 'Outstanding Teacher Award' for the year 2020 are as follows:

(A) Under Graduate (UG) Category

1. Prof. Ankit Bansal, Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering.
2. Prof. Vinod Pankajakshan, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering
3. Prof. R Balasubramanian, Department of

Computer Science & Engineering.

(B) Post Graduate (PG) Category

1. Prof.Rachita Gulati, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences.
2. Prof.Uttam Kumar Roy, Department of Architecture & Planning.

The programme also featured the recitation of a kulgeet, a tribute to late President Dr. S Radhakrishnan and reading of Citations by Heads of Departments.

- In an endeavour to up skill the workforce, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with online learning platform-Eckovation to undertake collaboration on providing a platform for launching executive courses.

The MoU entitles both organizations to undertake collaboration in research development and consultancy work, facilitate the exchange of academic and research materials and joint publications, cooperate in projects, research activities of mutual interest, and participate in seminars, colloquia, and other types of academic discussions "The MoU with Eckovation is a step forward towards our efforts to enable learners to upskill themselves as per the needs of the industry.

- On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, UBA IIT Roorkee conducted an online session with guest speaker Shri Naveen Kumar Chandra, IAS officer, and our alumnus. The session was a big success, as around 200 people actively participated. Many were fascinated by his personality and were motivated to do the best in their respective fields.
- The inaugural edition of the Prof. Jai Krishna Memorial Lecture was organized online by the Centre of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation and Management (CoEDMM), Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Pramod K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India and Sasakawa Laureate for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Prof Jai Krishna's son and IIT Roorkee alumnus, Prof.Prem Krishna, was the Guest-of-honour of this memorial lecture.

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has instituted an



- Institute Chair Professorship in the name of philanthropist Late Shri Ravi Mohan Mangal, on his 83rd birthday. The Chair has been supported by a generous donation from two IIT Roorkee alumni - Dr. Purnima Mangal Parida (daughter of Shri Mangal) and Prof. Manoranjan Parida (son-in-law of Shri Mangal).
- Union Minister for Education Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' on October 13, 2020 inaugurated the new Lecture Hall Complex (LHC), Centralized Heating, Ventilation, Air conditioning (HVAC) and a Sewage Treatment Plant (SPT) via online mode of the Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Roorkee. Minister of State for Education Shri Sanjay Dhotre also graced the occasion. The online ceremony also witnessed the presence of Prof. Ajit K Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee, Prof. Manoranjan Parida, Deputy Director, IIT Roorkee, Deans, Associate Deans, Departments/Centres Heads . Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that IIT Roorkee is the pride of India as it is the oldest technical institutions in Asia. Being in the league of the premier institutions, IIT Roorkee has set a benchmark in excellence in academics in India and is actively contributing to the cause of building 'New India' as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. IIT Roorkee is based in the Himalayan region that is endowed with biodiversity. However, human-animal conflicts have become common in this region. Minister appealed that IIT Roorkee should come up with viable solutions to reduce human-animal conflicts and contribute to scientific social responsibility. Dr.Pokhriyal also highlighted that the New Education Policy -2020 has presented a new framework for the intellectual development of the youth of the country. The government has made a great effort to bring significant changes in the education system keeping in mind the rapidly changing world and future challenges and needs. He hoped that the implementation of NEP- 2020 will strengthen the students and provide a path to make India a developed digital and self-reliant country
 - A five-member team with Dr. Sourik Dey, with lead author of the study. from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee have developed the world's first specific reliable bacterial biosensor that can detect the presence of common environmental pollutant: Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate (SDS).These are extensively used in soaps, toothpaste, creams, shampoos, laundry detergents, agricultural operations, laboratories and industries. However, its disposal in waterways has negatively impacted aquatic organisms and microcosms, besides deteriorating the quality of drinking water. Until now, there were no specific biosensors to detect SDS with high precision. The biosensor showed a satisfactory and reproducible recovery rate for the detection of SDS in real samples of sewage water, river water, and pond water. Overall, this is a selective and reliable biosensor for monitoring SDS in the environment.
 - A team of students at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee has won the Embedded Security Challenge in the virtual hardware hackathon organized at IIT Kanpur. The winning team was awarded a cash prize of Rs 50,000. Titled Cybersecurity Awareness Worldwide 2020, the competition is among the oldest hackathons in the world. It featured nine contests related to cybersecurity that witnessed the participation of 1225 students from 90 countries. The objective of the competition was to disseminate awareness of the significance of cybersecurity.The winning team comprised four members- Kanav Gupta, B.Tech. IV Year, Computer Science Engineering, Manas Chaudhary, B. Tech. III Year, Mechanical Engineering, Adrij Shikhar, B. Tech. III Year, Polymer Science and Engineering and Gaurav Genani, B. Tech. II Year, Chemical Engineering. Based on the total points accumulated, the team stood 1st in India and 3rd in the world.
 - The Annual Convocation 2020 of IIT Roorkee was held on Sunday, 27thNovember 2020 through virtual mode. Er. Ashok Soota, B.E.(Elect.) 1964, distinguished alumnus awardee, Executive Chairman and Co-founder "Happiest Minds Technologies" Bengaluru was the Chief Guest on this occasion and Er. B.V.R. Mohan Reddy, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Roorkee presided over the function. The following number of degrees were awarded :
Ph.D. – 273 Masters - 677 Undergraduate - 939
Apart from other prizes and medals, Sh. Gajare Pranjal Mathu of B.Tech Elect. Engg. was awarded the President Gold Medal and Sh. Jose Aby of B.Tech. Mech. Engg. Director's Gold Medal, Sri Singh Rahul Kumar Sunil of B.Tech. Met. & Mat. Engg. the President of India, Dr, Shankar Dayal Sharma Gold Medal and Ms Shivani Singh of B.Tech. Chemical Engg. Dr. Jai Krishna Gold Medal
 - 25 scientists from World's top 2% scientists are from IIT Roorkee. This is based on the assessment of performance by California Stanford University research and Elseviers as published in one of the newspapers. Names of total 1492 scientists from India are included in the list
 - IIT Roorkee has won GRIHA Trophy at NASA for the design of terminal building at Bagdogra Airport. With an aim to promote the concept of green buildings, GRIHA Council had organised the GRIHA trophy during the 62nd edition of National Association of Students of Architecture Convention in Bengaluru. With the support of Airports Authority of India (AAI), the trophy was awarded to students from Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee at a virtual felicitation ceremony. The Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee was awarded prize money of 75,000 rupees.
 - IIT Roorkee celebrated its Foundation Day on November 25, 2020. The Distinguished Alumni awardees for the year 2020 were honoured on this occasion.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMUNUS AWARDS

IIT Roorkee announced its Distinguished Alumnus Awards for 2020 to recognize their outstanding contributions in their chosen careers. Since the inception of the awards in 2005, total

of 71 alumni have been awarded till 2019 including 3 in the Distinguished Young Alumnus (DYAA) category which was started last year.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMUNUS AWARDS

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Prof. Ajay Agrawal (1980 – BE – Mechanical), Robert F. Barfield Endowed Chair Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Alabama, USA
2. Prof. Pankaj Agarwal (1982 – BE – E&C), Chair and RJR Nabisco Professor of Computer Science, Duke University, USA

EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING INNOVATION

Mr. Raja Ram Singh Yadav (1975 – BE – Mechanical), Former Director of Reactor Projects Group (RPG) and Engineering Services Group (ESG), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)

MANAGERIAL EXCELLENCE

1. Mr. Prakash Kumar Singh (1979 – BE – Metallurgical), Former Chairman, Steel Authority of India Ltd.
2. Mr. R. Mukundan (1988 – BE – Electrical); MD & CEO, Tata Chemicals Limited

ENTREPRENEURIAL EXCELLENCE

Mr. Naveen Jain (1979 – BE – Industrial), Founder and CEO, Viomelnc

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO THE SOCIETY

Prof. S. C. Handa (1966 – ME – Civil), Founder of Roorkee School for the Deaf, now known as Anushruti Academy for the Deaf (AAD), and Former Professor, Civil Engg. Dept., IITR

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG ALUMUNUS AWARDS

1. Ms. Aarti Gill (2008 – B.Tech. – ECE), Co-founder, OZiva
2. Mr. Rahul Sharma (2012 – BTech – Electrical), Co-founder, Zetwerk
3. Mr. Sachin Gupta (2012 – B.Tech. – CSE), CEO and Co-founder, HackerEarth Bengaluru

ABOUT LOCAL CHAPTERS

IITRAA North America Chapter

- First Global Musinar (Virtual Music Event) was held under the aegis of Prof Harpreet Singh by IITRAANA. It was a music filled program honored by Director Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Director, IITR, Mrs. Chaturvedi, Prof Prem Krishna, Mrs Lata Krishna, esteemed alumni and friends performing in a virtual setting. The event attracted alumni with over 50 years of graduation dates. Prof. Singh rejuvenated the audiences

with his memories of Roorkee.

Chennai Local Chapter

- A new Local Chapter of IITRAA has been created at Chennai (India) with the initiatives of Dr. Achal Mittal, VP IITRAA. Ms. Varsha Mishra, B. Arch. (1992) is the Chairman and Er. Vidhu Saxena B. Arch. (2006) is the Secretary of the Chennai Local Chapter.

ALUMNI CORNER

Sanjeev Mittal

UOR - 1984 E & C

As an eldest child in a middle class UP family, right after class VII (from an upcountry place in UP hills), my head was turned towards Roorkee - setting out in no uncertain terms the way forward in life. But, little did I know then, that Roorkee (read UOR) would have such a profound impact on my life. My only connect with Roorkee till then was - my father has done his Engg. from Roorkee during 1957-60, fast forward 4 and half decades later, I now realise how strong this connect has become now.

Let me try to trace the family journey / connect in following paragraphs.

During my father's stay in Roorkee, his hostel used to be called ES (Engineering Students) Hostel 1, possibly Govind Bhavan of

today, with Dr. A.N. Khosla as VC, who during his final year open stay (i.e. in 1960) was appointed as Governor of UP.

Time flies, & 24 years later (in 1984), in keeping with family tradition as eldest child of the family, I too completed my Engg. Course in 1984 from Roorkee. With 1st year spent in Ganga and subsequent years in Govind, it was world opening up for a small town boy! But the family connect with Roorkee (read UOR) had just started. Same year (1984 July), much brighter sibling, and a UP Board position holder, Seema joined Roorkee in newly opened CS (Computer Sciences) to keep the family flag flying high, and marking family attendance in Sarojini Bhawan too. Dr Bharat Singh overlapped as VC for both of us, & while I lost the only election I contested in UOR as CC (Club councillor in 1st year), Seema was CBC (Chief Bhawan Councillor) & CMC (Chief Mess Councillor) for Sarojini for consecutive years in 1987/88. Not willing to be left behind here too, the youngest one

Rajeev (practically Seema& Rajeev have studied in same school till 10th - though 1 year apart), joined her in 1989 - in E & C. He too was CMC in final years at RavindraBhawan. With this numerically speaking 80% of family did Engg from Roorkee, but that not the end of it - more was still to come.

With a stable job it was time for me to get settled in life. Roorkee connection again come to play. Lady Luck smiled on me in 1991& Mr. R D Gupta decided that I was good enough for their only daughter Reena. Needless to mention, Mr. Gupta is from Roorkee too - 1964-67 batch (Civil), who even today distinctly remembers his hostel room no Govind G-115, even Pooran butler of GB (GovindBhavan) mess! Thank you Papaji for taking a leap of faith in me, and trusting me with your prized possession. VC during his times was Dr. G Pandey. Continuing

with the family tradition, his younger brother Mr. B D Gupta joined Roorkee later 1974 and secured VC Gold medal for graduating with top most honours 4 years later. Prof Jai Krishan was VC during his time.

Reflecting on those golden 4 years 1980-84, what I achieved, made me what I am today - diversity / questioning ability, and most important a very strong Alumni group, now headed by decorated Gen Vishwambhar Singh, rower of Asiad '82 fame. A casual conversation with him few days back made me write this piece. If I can speak on behalf of entire family, no amount of gratitude would be enough for our beloved Alma Mater, and we plan to visit Roorkee in 2021 when my father celebrates his Diamond Jubilee. Look forward to catching up there.

सपना

न हवा हूँ न धूल हूँ, न खुशबू हूँ न फूल हूँ
मैं तो वो उमंग हूँ, जो आँखों में बंद हूँ।
मेरे लिए कोई रोक नहीं, मेरे लिए कोई टोक नहीं
मेरे लिए कोई धर्म नहीं, मेरे लिए यह कर्म नहीं।
पलभर में आँखे मूँदकर, चढ़ जाता हूँ वादियों पर
अगले ही पल कूदकर, आ जाता हूँ समन्दर पर।
न समय ने मुझको रोका है, ना जाति धर्म ने टोका है,
यहाँ कौन ही तेरा अपना है, यहाँ लोग-बाग सब धोखा है।
बचपन में लेट के झूले में, किया करता था मुझसे बाँतें
फिर माँ के आ जाने पर, चुप हो जाते तू और मैं।
इस दुनिया की भीड़ भाड़ में, जब तू थककर टूट जाता है
मैं ही हूँ वो जो तेरी आँखों पर, चढ़कर सामने आ जाता है।
फिर नयी उमंगे लिए, जब तू खड़ा हो जाता है
मेरा हाथ पकड़कर ही तू, हर एककदम उठाता है।
जन्म से लेकर मृत्यु तक, मैंने ही तुझे संभाला है
मेरा नाम सपना है, हाँ, मेरा ही नाम सपना है।

By Ajay K. Verma
B.E. Electrical 2004

A POEM ON THE GOLDEN FOUR YEARS SPENT AT ROORKEE.

यारों तुम्हारे साथ, जो दिन गुज़ारे हैं
मुड़कर जब भी देखे, लगते बड़े प्यारे हैं
बीत गए यूँ तो, कई दिन उन दिनों के बाद
उन दिनों के पर फिर भी, बड़े साफ़ नज़ारे हैं
मेरे जीवन में, तुम रहे हमेशा खास,
खुशियाँ ही खुशियाँ लाए, जब भी आए मेरे पास
और किसी मोड़ पर मैं, हो गया जो कभी उदास
तुमने आकर ग़म का, पल में कर डाला नास
यारों तुम्हारे साथ, जो दिन गुज़ारे हैं
मुड़कर जब भी देखे, लगते बड़े प्यारे हैं
यारी के आगे हाला, भी थककर हो गई चूर
हाला का उतरता इसका, उतरता नहीं सुरू
मैं स्थूल रूप से ही तो, रहता हूँ तुमसे दूर
पर सूक्ष्म रूप में मुझको, पाओगे पास ज़रूर
यारों तुम्हारे साथ, जो दिन गुज़ारे हैं
मुड़कर जब भी देखे, लगते बड़े प्यारे हैं
बीत गए यूँ तो, कई दिन उन दिनों के बाद
उन दिनों के पर फिर भी, बड़े साफ़ नज़ारे हैं।

By Alok Gaur
B.E. Electrical 1983

OBITUARY

- **Ar. S. P. Bansal (B.Arch. 1970)** and member Meerut Local Chapter has expired.
- **Er. Sushil Kumar Manglik B.E. (Civil) 1958** and had retired from Indian Railways has expired on 28.09.2020.
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