



# NEWSLETTER



## IITR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROORKEE  
ROORKEE- 247-667 (UTTARAKHAND) INDIA



*As we bid farewell to the old and welcome the new, we stand on the threshold of another remarkable year filled with opportunities, growth, and fresh beginnings. It is with great pleasure that we extend our warmest wishes to you as we embark on this exciting journey together. May this new year be a catalyst for positive change and a stepping stone towards a brighter, more inclusive future. Together, let us make this year our most extraordinary yet.*

### FROM THE SECRETRIAL DESK

The 72nd Annual General Body Meeting of the IIT Roorkee Alumni Association took place on March 25, 2023, at the Auditorium of the National Institute of Hydrology, IIT Roorkee, Roorkee. The meeting was attended by the members in person, and it was also broadcasted live on Facebook, with over 100 members participating online.



During the meeting, the President, Lt. Gen Vishwambhar Singh, delivered his presidential address, highlighting the commemoration of the 175-year legacy of IIT Roorkee and its 83-year affiliation. He also shared information about the substantial support received from esteemed sponsors like Vision IAS, ONGC, EIL, Gail, and

several other prominent organizations. The meeting concluded after approximately four hours.

### EC MEETING

The Executive Committee of the IIT Alumni Association held meetings in Roorkee on both February 18, 2023, and March 25, 2023. The meetings saw the physical presence of numerous EC members, while a few others participated virtually. Various topics were discussed, and resolutions were formulated during these meetings.

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The IIT Roorkee Alumni Association and IITR Heritage Foundation jointly organized an excellence award ceremony on February 18, 2023. The event took place at the Institution of Engineers, Roorkee Local Centre and recognized students from IIT Roorkee who had demonstrated outstanding achievements in academics, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. Following the ceremony, a High-Tea was arranged. A total of 44 students were honored with certificates and received a cheque of Rs. 10,000/- each.

The entire sponsorship amount of Rs. 4,40,000/- was generously provided by the IITRHF.

IIT Roorkee Alumni Association & IIT Roorkee Heritage Foundation extended support to the following events:

- Sponsorship of Rs. 2,00,000/- to ECell for E-summit 2023 held on February 18, 2023
- Sponsorship of Rs. 1,00,000/- to NSS.



The ceremony of the National Social Summit was held on March 10th, 2023 at Senate Hall, IITR.



- Sponsorship of Rs. 1,50,000/- in Cognizance held on March 24-26, 2023



## IIT ROORKEE NEWS

### February 27th, 2023

Mr. Deepak Bhatnagar, an alumnus of IIT Roorkee from the 1971 batch (B.E. Metallurgy), generously donated approximately 150 books to the library of the institution. The books covered various subjects such as business management, communication skills, metallurgy, and more. Mr. and Mrs. Bhatnagar were given a tour of the library, where they showed great interest in the archives and expressed their appreciation for the excellent arrangements made.

### March 15th, 2023

The Alumni group of the 1989 batch from the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) organized the ENCORE awards ceremony. The event aimed to acknowledge and reward students who had showcased exceptional achievements throughout their time at the institute.

### GET TOGETHER OF 1984 BATCH

The IIT Roorkee campus had the pleasure of hosting a group of alumni from the 1984 batch on March 12, 2023. The Office of IIT Roorkee Alumni Association warmly welcomed them, and the Honorary Secretary had the privilege of expressing gratitude on behalf of IITRAA by presenting them with a token of appreciation.



### ABOUT ALUMNI

Prof. Bharat Bhasker, an alumnus of IIT Roorkee from the 1980 batch in Electronics & Communications Engineering, has been appointed as the new Director of IIMA (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad). Currently serving as a Professor of Information Technology and Systems at IIM Lucknow, Prof. Bhasker will assume the position of IIMA director on March 1, 2023.



Mr. Pankaj Kumar, an alumnus of IIT Roorkee from the 1986 batch in Chemical Engineering, has assumed the role of Director (Offshore) at Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). In this position, he holds the responsibility for overseeing all operations related to Offshore Fields, which contribute approximately 70% of ONGC's oil production and 78% of its natural gas production.



Mr. Rajkumar Vishwakarma, an alumnus of IIT Roorkee from the 1984 batch in Mechanical Engineering, has been appointed as the acting Director General of Police (DGP) of Uttar Pradesh. He is an IPS officer from the 1988 batch and has assumed the role of DGP in the state.



## THOMSONIAN WRITER

Mr. Rohit Prasad, an alumnus of IIT Roorkee (Electrical '93), leads a dual life as a banker during the day and a cynical blogger and cartoonist during the night. Born and raised in India, Rohit completed his education at IIT Roorkee and the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. Over the past 25 years, he has worked for international banks across the globe, allowing him to encounter fascinating individuals with captivating stories and witness many peculiar and beautiful things.



In his leisure time, Rohit indulges in various activities to keep his mind sharp. He enjoys solving word puzzles, exploring the depths of Twitter, and honing his artistic skills by drawing caricatures.

Rohit Prasad recently published his book titled "The Pilgrim" which is now available for purchase on platforms such as Flipkart, Amazon (India, US, UK, Canada, Europe, Australia), and Kindle. This engrossing fictional story takes readers on a journey through darkness, presenting a series of bizarre and transformative incidents that ultimately lead to a ray of hope in the end.



## THOMSONIAN LEADER

Ms. Reena Dayal Yadav (BE E&CE 1993 Batch) is a certified Board Director and the Founder Chairperson of the Board and CEO for QET Council of India (Quantum Ecosystems and Technology Council of India or QETCI). She is widely acknowledged for her expertise in establishing and scaling up innovation functions within organizations and creating new ecosystems of technology.



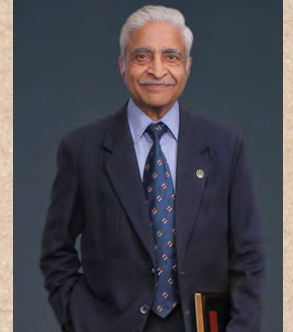
Additionally, Ms. Yadav is an accomplished author, with her book titled "Innovation Magic" serving as a comprehensive guide to creating and managing innovation management functions within organizations.

She is also a Chevening Fellow for the Science and Innovation Leadership Program, having completed the program at The Said Business School, University of Oxford. Her diverse accomplishments and contributions make her a prominent figure in the field of quantum technology and innovation.

## ACHIEVEMENT

Cavaliere' (Knighthood)

Mr. Surendra Kumar, the founder of Precision International, has played a significant role in representing Italian companies in India and facilitating the exchange of technological excellence between Italy and Indian machine tool manufacturers. His contributions were acknowledged when he



Mr. Surendra Kumar  
B. E. (Mech. Engg.) 1963

received medals from Hon. Massimo D'Alema, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Italy, on October 10, 2007.

At a young age of 21, Mr. Surendra Kumar graduated in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Roorkee and commenced his career with a prominent Indian bearing manufacturer. This opportunity allowed him to work with various international machines, gaining valuable experience. In 1973, his organization sent him to Italy for technical training at leading manufacturer facilities, marking his first visit to the country.

His exceptional efforts in bridging the industries of India and Italy were honored with the prestigious title of 'Cavaliere' (Knighthood) and medals

awarded on behalf of the Italian President in 2007. Mr. Surendra Kumar's dedication and accomplishments have significantly contributed to fostering closer ties between the two nations' industries.

Mr. Surendra Kumar occupies a significant position in the bilateral relationship between India and Italy, serving as a catalyst for a new era of collaboration and engagement between the two nations. His instrumental role has contributed to strengthening the ties and fostering mutually beneficial interactions across various sectors.

## NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTER

### MEERUT LOCAL CHAPTER:

The Meerut Chapter of the organization conducted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on March 12, 2023, at Crystal Palace in Meerut. The meeting was attended by life members of the Meerut chapter. During the AGM, Er. Ajay Kumar Gupta, an alumnus from 1975, was elected as the Chairman for the 2023-24 session, while Er. Ankit Singhal, an alumnus from 2001, was elected as the Honorary Secretary for the 2024-25 session.

### GURGAON LOCAL CHAPTER:

Gurgaon Chapter organized AGM on June 17, 2022, which was attended by the member of the Gurgaon chapter. Mr. Narendra Kumar Sehgal & Mr. Sandeep Rustagi was elected as President & Hon. Secretary for sessions 2023-24 & 2024-25.

### ROORKEE LOCAL CHAPTER:

Roorkee Chapter organized AGM on Nov 24, 2022, which was attended by a member of the Roorkee chapter. Dr. A. K. Gupta & Dr. PKS Chauhan was elected as President & Hon. Secretary for sessions 2023-24 & 2024-25.



Dr. A. K. Gupta



Dr. PKS Chauhan



## ALUMNI CORNER

### "रिशते "

मजहबों के दरमियां यह रंग ना चढ़ाओ  
रिशतों के इस शहर में यह जंग ना छिड़ाओ ।  
गीता हो या हो बाइबल सब की यही दुआ है,  
सब रास्ते खुले हों घर तंग ना बनाओ।  
सियासतों की रोटियां कोई सेंकने न पाए ,  
कुर्सी की चाह लेकर यह धर्म ना बनाओ।  
फतवे बहुत सुने हैं चर्चे हैं फलसफों के,  
निगरानियों में इनकी कानून ना बनाओ ।  
मेरी तेरी रगों में बहता जो जश्र बनकर,  
जज़्बा मोहब्बतों का इसे खून ना बनाओ।  
किसने है जख्म छेड़ा किसने करी अदावत,  
वर्षों तलक रिसेगा, नासूर ना बनाओ।  
गोली अगर चली तो तय है कि खून होगा ,  
मोहन मरे कि शबनम कुछ फर्क ना बनाओ।



Dr. Shalini Joshi Pant,  
MSc Chemistry 1990,  
Ph.D. Chemistry, 1997

- डॉ. शालिनी जोशी पंत

## OBITUARY

The following members of IITR have left for their heavenly abode:

- Shri Raj Kumar Kapur, B.E.(Civil Engg.),1960 Batch, passed away on January 10, 2023 in Kolkata, India.
- Dr. R P Saini, M.E. (Mechanical Engg.), 1989 Batch, passed away on March 02, 2023 at Max Hospital in New Delhi.
- Mr. Virendra Kumar Mittal (B.E.-E & C), 1961 passed away.
- Mr. Harish Gurnani B.E. (Electrical Engg.), 1973 passed away on March 09, 2023.

## OUR CONTRIBUTOR

### Vision IAS

VisionIAS, which is operated by Ajayvision Education Pvt Ltd, stands as a prominent EdTech company in India. It serves as a premier research and training institute dedicated to empowering civil services aspirants in realizing their dreams. Through a combination of interactive learning systems, teamwork, technology, and innovation, VisionIAS strives to provide integrated and effective educational solutions. Over the past decade, VisionIAS has consistently produced excellent results for its students.

In a notable gesture of support, VisionIAS has generously donated Rs. 25,00,000 to IITRAA (presumably referring to IIT Roorkee Alumni Association). This contribution reflects their commitment to giving back to the alma mater and supporting initiatives within the alumni community.

Shri Ajay Kumar Singh, an alumnus from the 2003 batch of IIT Roorkee, serves as the Founder and Director of VisionIAS. Under his leadership, the organization has experienced remarkable growth and expanded its reach across India. Mr. Singh's focus on innovation, deep interest in spiritual

discourses and wisdom, and people-centric approach have been instrumental in the transformation of VisionIAS. Furthermore, his efforts have helped make education accessible to underprivileged individuals and those who are not part of the formal education system. His actions are driven by his dream of building a better and stronger India.

Ajay Kumar Singh  
B. E., 2003 Batch  
Founder and Director, VisionIAS



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We request all the Alumni of IIT Roorkee to provide News, Articles, Anecdotes, Achievements, Stories, Poems, Sketches, Events, Activities, etc (max, 300 words) for possible inclusion in the News Letter at email: [iitraa@gmail.com](mailto:iitraa@gmail.com)

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