



NEWSLETTER



IITR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROORKEE
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Zopper Launch

We are excited to share a significant achievement with you. On October 1, 2023, we proudly launched an exclusive Health Insurance Scheme at the Greater Noida



Centre, a testament to our commitment to the well-being of both our esteemed alumni community and our cherished Alma mater . The highlights of this

scheme were elaborated upon by Mr. Surjendu Koela, an alumnus of IIT Roorkee from the 2001 batch and Co-founder of Zopper. This insurance plan is exclusively designed for IIT Roorkee alumni and addresses a wide range of healthcare benefits. It caters to alumni in the age group up to 85 years, offering coverage for life-disorder ailments such as hypertension, diabetes, and high cholesterol. What's more, it extends to cover not just alumni but also their families, parents, and in-laws. We were honored to have Prof K. K. Pant, Director of IIT Roorkee, and Lt Gen Vishwambhar Singh (Retd), President of IITRAA, grace this event. As a symbolic gesture of our commitment to our Alma mater's growth, Team IITRAA presented a generous contribution of Rs 50 lakhs. The event brought together a wide array of alumni, leaving us all with a profound sense of pride and gratitude.

This initiative underscores our collective vision for the future of IIT Roorkee and our shared commitment to making it a premier institute in India and globally. We invite you to explore the details of this exclusive health insurance scheme on our IITRAA website.



Executive Meeting IITRAA

The IIT Roorkee Alumni Association's Executive Meeting, led by President Lt Gen Vishwambhar Singh, took place on October 1, 2023, at GNEC IITR Board Room in Greater Noida, with members attending in-person and online.

Presence of Prof. R. D Garg, Dean of Resources and Alumni affairs added distinction to the meeting.

The meeting was skillfully conducted by Mr. Dinesh Singh Pawar, Hon. Secretary, fostering meaningful discussions and strategic decisions for the association's future endeavors.



About IITRAA



Alumni
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Funding USD
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Local Chapters

Meerut

The IITRAA Meerut Chapter's first family dinner meet of the year, held at Blue Haven Hall in Wheler's Club, Meerut Cantt on July 22, 2023, was a heartwarming gathering of IIT Roorkee alumni and their families.

In a celebration of engineering excellence, the IIT Roorkee Alumni Association (IITRAA) joined hands with the Institute of Engineers to host an inspiring Engineers Day Program. The event, held at the renowned Auditorium of Sir Chotu Ram Engineering College, Meerut University, on Friday, September 16th, 2023, witnessed a gathering of distinguished individuals from various disciplines including the presence of Er. P. S. Singhal.

Bhopal

The Bhopal Chapter of our alumni association orchestrated a highly successful Alumni Picnic at Tawa Dam on August 26th and 27th, 2023. Alumni and their families thoroughly enjoyed the trip, which included breathtaking natural beauty, delicious meals, and engaging activities like boating and sightseeing. This thoughtful initiative fostered camaraderie and left cherished memories, emphasizing the chapter's commitment to its alumni community.

Jaipur

IITRAA Jaipur recently held a get-together on Sunday, September 10th, 2023, at Sarovar Premiere in Lal Kothi, Jaipur, was a resounding success and a testament to the excellent work of our young and dedicated Jaipur team. Every moment spent at the event was thoroughly enjoyable, and it was a delight to reconnect with our mentor, SD Mathur sir, and Mrs. SD Mathur after such a long time. With great excitement, they are now looking ahead to their next gathering, scheduled to take place in the Army Area in October. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the entire team of IITRAA, Jaipur Chapter, including HS Sharma ji, Pankaj, Prateek, Amit, Shalini, Kaushal, and all others who contributed to making this event a grand success.



Alumni Achievements

From Senior IPS Officer to Powerlifting Champion

Mr. Amit Sinha, a 51-year-old senior IPS officer from Uttarakhand, is not only a dedicated law enforcement professional but also an exceptional powerlifter. His remarkable gold medal win in the 120 kg bodyweight category, lifting an astonishing 435 kg through 180 squats, 160 deadlifts



IPS Officer Amit Sinha
Batch of 1994



,and 95 bench presses, at the Powerlifting Association of India's championship in July 2023, has earned him nationwide admiration. Affiliated with the International Powerlifting Federation, this victory has secured him a spot in the upcoming World Weightlifting Championships in Mongolia from October 8 to 15, 2023. Beyond his athletic prowess, Mr. Sinha also excels in singing and percussion, showcasing a remarkable blend of physical strength and artistic talent. We are incredibly proud of his achievements and eagerly anticipate his representation of India on the global stage.

IIT Alumnus Takes the Helm at IIIT UNA

Mr. Ravi Sharma, an IIT Roorkee alumnus from the batch of 1984, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Governors for the Indian Institute of Information Technology UNA, Himachal Pradesh. This significant appointment, made by the Honorable President of India, Mr. Sharma, has a distinguished career and currently chairs the IIT Alumni Council and TEMA. He is actively involved in humanitarian efforts through the "Mission Chetna Foundation" and supports education and culture as the Chief Patron of "The Great Indian Film and Literature Festival" and "Sambodhanand Foundation".



Mr. Ravi Sharma
Batch of 1984

Shivendra Nath's Ascension to EPIL Leadership Role

Sh. Shivendra Nath's recent appointment as Chairman and Managing Director at Engineering Projects (India) Ltd (EPIL) represents a pinnacle in his illustrious career. Graduating in Civil Engineering from IIT Roorkee in 1993, he brings a wealth of experience to this role. Prior to this, he held the position of Chief Engineer at BSNL from September 2020 and served as Superintending Engineer at the Naya Raipur Development Authority until January 2021. Shivendra Nath's journey in engineering began in 1994 when he successfully cleared the Indian Engineering Services examination, joining as an Engineering Project Manager in the P&T Department. We extend warm congratulations to Sh. Shivendra Nath and have every confidence that his leadership will continue to inspire us as he takes on this new and prestigious responsibility at EPIL.



Sh. Shivendra Nath
Batch of 1993

IIT Roorkee News

► 2022 Research Award Winners

IIT Roorkee announced the list of winners of its annual Research awards 2022. Instituted when the university was established, these awards are open to all nationals and winners hail from different educational institutions worldwide, as stated in a press release put out by IIT Roorkee.

► IIT Roorkee 2023 Convocation Ceremony

IIT Roorkee conducted the Institute's Convocation-2023 Ceremony on 28th July 2023 in the Convocation Hall at the Roorkee campus for the graduating students on the third anniversary of the implementation of the NEP 2020.



► IIT Roorkee Confers 1,916 Graduation Degrees

IIT Roorkee awarded 1,916 degrees to its graduates which include 1,077 undergraduates, 685 masters and 154 PhD degrees.

► Conference: Digitalization and Inclusive Banking

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Roorkee organized a two-day conference titled "Digitalisation and Inclusive Banking: Vision for the Next 25 Years" on August 3-4, 2023. The conference received funding from ICSSR as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative. A central theme of the conference was the advancement of financial inclusion through digitalization, aligning with both national and global strategies during India's G20 presidency.



IIT Roorkee News

➤ Sustainable Energy Conclave 2023

Center for Sustainable Energy (CFSE), Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) conducted an Industry-Academia Conclave on Sustainable Energy: Way Forward, on 4 August, 2023.

➤ Oldest Sauropod Dinosaur Fossils

Researchers from IIT Roorkee have conducted a comprehensive analysis of dinosaur fossils dating back to the Middle Jurassic period.



These fossils were discovered in the Thar desert near the Jaisalmer Basin through the efforts of the Geological Survey of India. Their study revealed that the unearthed fossils belong to a sauropod dinosaur, a lineage similar to the iconic long-necked herbivores featured in Jurassic Park. Notably, these fossils represent the oldest known specimens of this specific sauropod variety.

➤ Catalyst for Antibiotic Pollution

Researchers at IIT Roorkee have introduced a groundbreaking catalyst engineered to address the growing issue of antibiotic pollution in the environment.

➤ IIT Roorkee's Independence Day Celebration

On August 15, 2023, IIT Roorkee celebrated the Independence Day with its traditional zeal and fervor. The commemorative ceremony took place in front of the iconic James Thomason Building on the campus, a structure that serves as a symbol of the institution's rich heritage. The Director of the institute presided over the flag hoisting ceremony, which followed the inspection of the Guard of Honour, and extended a warm welcome to the esteemed guests in attendance.



➤ National Youth Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems

The three-day National Youth Conference on Indian Knowledge Systems (NYCIKS), a collaborative effort involving the IKS division of the Ministry of Education (MoE), Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, University of Patanjali, CCRYN under the Ministry of Ayush, and the IIT Roorkee Alumni Association, commenced on August 25. This significant event is a part of the G20 University Connect initiative, dedicated to celebrating the profound wisdom inherent in Indian traditions and is taking place at the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee).



➤ IIT Roorkee and SAIL Bokaro Partnership

IIT Roorkee and SAIL Bokaro forge strategic partnership for sustainable industrial transformation.



➤ IIT Roorkee Celebrates Teachers' Day 2023

On September 5th, 2023, IIT Roorkee marked Teachers' Day with a celebration held at the OP Jain Auditorium within the Department of Civil Engineering. The event commenced with a heartfelt tribute to the late Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, a highly esteemed and influential figure in Indian academia.

➤ Abhyudaya: Fostering Diversity and Inclusion

IIT Roorkee's Diversity and Inclusion Committee organized "Abhyudaya" on September 6th, with a focus on diversity and inclusion within the institute. The event included an inaugural lecture and workshop on diversity and inclusion policy. N Kalaiselvi, Director General of CSIR, delivered a lecture on "Diversity, Inclusivity, and Innovation." External experts and internal panelists discussed the proactive need to foster diversity in programs and research teams. The event aimed to create an equitable workspace for innovation and research. K K Pant, IIT Roorkee's director, stressed the significance of diversity on campus. "Abhyudaya" was attended by students, faculty, and staff, reinforcing the institute's commitment to diversity and inclusivity.



➤ **IIT Roorkee International Colloquium: Industry-Academia Collaboration for Sustainable Development**

IIT Roorkee, in collaboration with NITTTR Chandigarh, played host to an International Colloquium aimed at promoting the integration of industry and academia to drive sustainable development. The event brought together industry experts, esteemed academicians, and government officials, all united in their dedication to forging a strong partnership between these sectors. Notably, the focus of the colloquium was on advancing sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on the Tricity region.



➤ **136th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Pant**

IIT Roorkee marked the auspicious occasion of the 136th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Pandit Gobind Ballabh Pant by hosting a special celebration on



September 10, 2023, within its campus. Pandit Gobind Ballabh Pant, a prominent figure alongside Nehru, Gandhi, and Patel, was a trailblazer in championing Hindi as an official language for India.

➤ **Virtual Labs Workshop for Polytechnic Faculty**

IIT Roorkee, along with the Department of Technical Education Uttarakhand, organized a workshop on Virtual Labs for Polytechnic Institute faculty in Uttarakhand. The goal was to introduce them to the benefits of Virtual Labs for teaching scientific and engineering concepts through simulation. Key attendees included IIT Roorkee's Acting Director, emphasizing Virtual Labs' role in education and industry demands. Officials praised Virtual Labs for their accessibility and ease of use, aiming to address the shortage of physical lab facilities and trained teachers.



Obituary

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

- Mr. V.P Sharma, 1958 Civil batch
- Er. Prakash Chandra Jain BE-Civil-1968
- Mr S.H.M.Naqvi , BE Civil 1970 batch

Sponsored Articles/ Advertisement

The IIT Roorkee Alumni Association (IITRAA) extends an invitation for sponsored or paid articles, advertisements, and book publishing achievements that showcase the accomplishments of alumni, their professional work, and related content, accompanied by a photograph. These contributions will be featured in the IITRAA Newsletter, which reaches a broad audience of approximately 43,000 alumni members and is distributed in both hard and soft copy formats through various platforms.

IITRAA encourages all alumni of IIT Roorkee to submit news, articles, anecdotes, achievements, stories, poems, sketches, events, and activities (up to a maximum of 300 words) for potential inclusion in the Newsletter. Submissions can be sent via email to iitraa@gmail.com.

Furthermore, members are informed that they can obtain their Life Membership Cards from IITRAA by contacting membershipcard.iitraa@gmail.com. This initiative aims to foster a sense of connection, information sharing, and engagement among the alumni community.