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We wish our members a very Happy & Prosperous 2016

RUBY & CORAL JUBILEE MEET-2015

Ruby and Coral Jubilee Alumni Meet of 1975 and 1980 batches was celebrated with great enthusiasm during December 17-19 2015. Approximately 100 alumni enjoyed the get-together with their families. They appreciated the arrangements for their comfortable stay. A felicitation function was held for the Ruby & Coral Jubilee alumni in the Bose Auditorium of the Physics Department, IIT Roorkee. Mementos were presented to them by Prof. Prem Krishna, President IITRAA and Prof. Pradipta Banerji, Director, IIT Roorkee during the felicitation programme.



NEWS FROM INSTITUTE

1st Winter National Convention of SPIC MACAY by the SPIC MACAY Heritage Club, IIT Roorkee was organized during December 13-19, 2015.

LOCAL CHAPTERS

Kolkata Chapter

A get together of 45 alumni along with their families was held on August 22, 2015 at officer's club of south

Eastern railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata. The alumni present elected a formal body so that Alumni can meet more frequently to share their experiences.

The list of officials, elected unanimously, and forming the Executive Body of IIT Roorkee Alumni Association, Kolkata Chapter is as follows:

Mr. Rajeev Bhargava, Patron, 1974 Civil, Mr. Radhey Shyam, President, 1974 Civil, Mr. A K Jha, Vice President1, 1979, Mr. Ved Prakash Yajurvedi, Vice President2, 1977 Electrical, Mr. Satish Tewary, Vice President3, 1981 E&C, Mr. Hari Shanker Yadav, Secretary, 1984 Civil, Mr. Sanjiv Kumar, Jt. Secretary1, 1989 Civil, Mr. Umesh Singh, Jt. Secretary2, 1988 Electrical, Mr. Partha tripathi, Jt. Secretary3, BE P&P 1992 Mr. Vishal Kapur Jt. Secretary4, 1991 Mechanical, Mr. Bhartesh Kumar Jain Treasurer, 1991 Civil

Members:

Mr. Ajay Kumar, 1993 Civil, Mr. Shailesh Srivastava, 1987 Electrical, Mr. Shambhu Sharma, 1999 Mechanical, Mr. Sanjay Prakash Dwivedi, 1990 Civil, Mr. Shashi Kant Tyagi, 1984 Civil, 1984 Civil, Mr. Niraj Singhal, 1985 Mechanical, Mr. M K Taneja, 1986 Civil Mr. Rajeev Umrao, 1996 E&C.

Mumbai Chapter

IITR Mumbai Chapter had a get together on 20th December 2015. Almost 35 alumni members attended and graced the occasion. The gist of the meeting is as below:

IITR Mumbai Chapter President Mr. A. B. Khare has been selected as Chairman and Managing Director of M/S Madras Fertilizer Ltd and will be moving out of Mumbai. The Chapter therefore unanimously elected Mr. Subhash Chandra Garg as President. Mr. Pradeep Agarwal was elected as Vice President.

Mumbai was divided into four zones and selected coordinator of respective zone.



Mumbai downtown - Mr.Subhodh Kulshrestha,
Mumbai western Mr. Manoj P. Jain & Mr. J.P.Sinha,
Mumbai Chembur area (BPCL/HPCL/BARC) Mr. Santosh Kumar, Mr. Anant Gupta & Mr. Harendra Yadav, **Navi Mumbai** Mr. V. K. Sangal, Mr. Manoj Gupta & Mr.D.P.Singh

List of Office Bearer is as Below:

Mr. Subhash Garg, President, 1968, Mech
 Mr. Pradeep Aggarwal, Vice President, 1978, Civil
 Mr. Harendra Yadav, Secretary, 1995, Chemical
 Mr. Anant K. Gupta, Treasurer, 1999, Electrical
 Mr. Santosh Kumar, Joint Secretary, 2000, Civil
 Mr. Manoj Gupta, Member, 2006, Geology
 Col Vivek Choudhary, Member, 2007, MBA
 Mr. Santosh Varshney, Member, 2002, Chemical
 Mr. Amit Nigam, Member, 1996, Mech

OUR EMINENT ALUMNI

Prof. Jitendra Singh (B.Arch. 1970) also obtained Master of Urban and Rural Planning (1978) Degrees from the then University of Roorkee and later on the D. Sc. (Architecture) in 2007. He joined the then University of Roorkee in 1975 as lecturer in Department of Architecture and Planning. He was



University Architect and designed many important building such as NIH, Saraswati Kunj and Solani Kunj residences, Computer Centre including the conversion of the Hanger into a multi-purpose Hall with proper acoustics and seating arrangement. He left UOR in 1982 and worked for a private consulting company and handled several important projects. In 1987 he joined Patna University as Professor and Head of Architecture. He was appointed Pro Vice Chancellor of Patna University in 2001. In 2004 He became the First Architect Vice Chancellor of India in Jai Prakash University Chapra, Bihar. He has the distinction of again being appointed Vice Chancellor of Nalanda Open University, Patna in 2009. He was recognized by Architectural Engineering Design Award (2004) by the Institution of Engineers (India) and the Madhav Achaval Gold Medal (2005) by the Indian Institute of Architects. A book entitled 'Photo Journey Through Gujarat-Saurashtra' authored by Prof Jitendra Singh represents his scholarly and photographic Skills. The book was released by the Hon. Speaker Lok Sabha Mrs. Sumitra Mahajan in October 2015. Presently Prof. Jitendra Singh is the Chairman, Sustainable Development Forum of the Institution of Engineers (India) and Director Amity School of Architecture and Planning, Amity University Jaipur. He is also a Member of Council of Architecture and the Executive Committee Member of the Netaji Subhash Open University Kolkata.

Santosh Kumar Yadav (BE Civil 1991), After graduating from IIT Roorkee he did his M.Tech Degree from IIT Delhi in Water Resources. He Worked with Railways as an IRSE officer. Later he was selected for Indian Civil Services in the year 1995



scoring 3rd Position. During his career as a civil servant he worked on various important positions such as District Magistrate in Ghaziabad, Noida, Bareilly, Aligarh, Lalitpur and Muzaffarnagar. He had also served as Food Commissioner in Govt. of Uttar Pradesh. Later on he became Chairman, Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA), and then CEO of Yamuna Expressway Authority. He immensely contributed to the modernization of GDA and also to the important National Projects of Yamuna Express Way. After that he was appointed as Commissioner of National Capital Region. Now he is presently working as Additional Resident Commissioner, Govt. of U.P., New Delhi.

Navniet Sekera (BE CSE 1993)

was the Captain of the Gymnastic Team and elected Hostel Councilor during his graduation from IIT Roorkee. He has Played many other leadership roles in various capacities during his graduation. He Joined Indian Police Services, Uttar Pradesh Cadre in 1996. At the age of 32, he was promoted as the Youngest Police Chief (SSP) of the State Capital, Lucknow. His notable services were recognized by Chief Minister's Reward for Innovation 2002 (UP State's highest medal for police), President Medal for Gallantry 2004 (Country's highest medal for police) and President Medal for Meritorious Service 2013.



He published three books, articles and delivered lectures on various platforms. A few of his notable scholarly works include 'Mobile Phone Forensics and Electronics Surveillance (2010)', 'Police Essays and Case Studies (2009)' and 'Essay on Human rights-Published by NHRC, New Delhi in 2005'. He is covered extensively by National and International Media including CNN, Aaj Tak, The Week, India Today & Hindustan Times. He has great following on the facebook.

INTO THE HISTORY

RAJA JWALA PRASAD (1877-1944)

Raja Jwala Prasad Vira, one of the most illustrious alumni of Roorkee was born in the year 1877. He graduated from the Muir Central College of Allahabad in 1896 and passed first in Civil Engineering from Roorkee in 1900. Thereafter he joined the U.P. Irrigation Department and was deputed on special duty as



Superintendent of Works, Banaras Hindu University. It was under his dynamic leadership that the initial building phase of that premier educational institution of that time, the Banaras Hindu University, was carried out. He prepared the Ganga Canal Hydro Electric Grid Scheme in 1924 and was appointed the Chief Engineer U.P. Irrigation Department in 1929 and was

honored by the title of Raja by the Government. Later in his long and distinguished carrier, he had the honour of being appointed the Pro Vice Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University for the period 1937-1939 and Honorary Chief Engineer Banaras Hindu University for the period 1939-1944. After his retirement from the service in 1932, he established a sugar mill and an agricultural farm in his home town Bijnor in Western Uttar Pradesh.

It was Sir James Thomason's vision which was primarily responsible for the establishment of Roorkee College, the first institution of its kind in the entire British Commonwealth for training civilians as engineers in 1847, (renamed after his death as 'Thomason College of Civil Engineering' in 1854). The Government of India Act 1935 by the British Parliament provided for grant of a large measure of autonomy to the provinces of British India. The Congress ministry was formed in the United Provinces and it wanted Thomason College to meet the challenges of the future and fulfill the changing demands of the times. A committee was set up for the purpose with Raja Jwala Prasad, as Chairman of the Thomason College Reorganization Committee. The Committee submitted its report on reorganization of the college and its future development in 1939 to the U.P. Government.

It was unfortunate that because of the resignation of the U.P. ministry and breaking of the World War in 1939, the Raja Jwala Prasad Committee's report never saw the light of the day. However, the seeds for the need of rethinking on the future of the Thomason College and the role it could play in the times to come had been sown.

Raja Jwala Prasad rightly deserves the credit for laying the foundations of conversion of the college into the first technical University of India, a pioneering effort to meet the needs and aspirations of free India. In the year 1949, (nearly two years after India got its independence) the recommendations of Raja Jwala Prasad Committee were revived by the U.P. Government and the Thomason College of Engineering was converted into University of Roorkee. This was the beginning of a new era with rapid expansion and reorganization of the college and opening to new streams and courses of instructions in the institution. The University of Roorkee thus owes a lot to Raja Jwala Prasad, for his

monumental role in conversion of the Thomason College of Engineering into University of Roorkee, the first Technical University of India.

Raja Jwala Prasad married Rani Bhagyawati Devi, who was the first educated woman of Manadawar Pargana, situated in district Bijnor in western Uttar Pradesh. Her dream to bring women community to the door of higher education was the source of inspiration for the foundation of Rani Bhagyawati Devi, Post Graduate Mahila Mahavidyalaya, in Bijnor by her worthy sons Late Shri Dhrama Vira, ICS, Shri Kanti Vira & Kunwar Satya Vira . All the children of Raja Jwala Prasad and Rani Bhagwate Devi, Dharm Vira, Kanti Vira, Satya Vira and daughters Yashoda and Sushila were highly gifted and attained fame in their respective fields of interest. Their eldest son, Shri Dharma Vira (ICS) was the Cabinet Secretary to the Govt. of India. He had been the Governor for three terms in the states like West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Their daughter Sushila (who married to Shri Charat Ram, the noted industrialist) is fondly remembered for her patronage to many artistes through 1940s to 1990. She gave platform to Pt. Ravi Shankar, Ali Akbar Khan sahib, Shambhu Maharaj, Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan, Birju Maharaj, Pt. Amar Nath, Maya Rao, Kumudini Lakhia and many more artists of those times. Their son Sri Kunwar Satya Vira was the State Minister for Technology in U. P. The Vira family these days runs the Vira Charitable Society, a renowned educational society devoted to the cause of spreading education in Western Uttar Pradesh, a fitting tribute to the father of the family Raja Jwala Prasad.

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MEMBERSHIP CARD

I.I.T. Roorkee Alumni Association has made arrangements to issue Wallet size PVC Membership Cards to all its members. The members, who do not already have the card, and are interested in getting the card made, are requested to fill the attached application form (Annexure-1). Filled Application form may please be sent through e-mail or by post to the Honorary Secretary, IIT Roorkee Alumni Association, IIT Roorkee, Roorkee- 247667, Distt: Haridwar, State: Uttarakhand, E-mail: membershipcard.iitraa@gmail.com. Card will be prepared and sent through post /courier.



OBITUARY

IITRAA informs with regret about the demise of the following alumni. May God Give peace to their Soul and strength to their family members to bear the tragic loss.

1. Shri Rajeev Garg 1979 Metallurgy
2. Arun Mishra 1975
3. Atul Charan Arch 76
4. Ajay Garg Metallurgy 1976
5. Alok Kaul E&C 1975
6. Rajeev Trikha E&C 1985

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