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DATES OF JUBILEE FUNCTIONS-2016

Event	Date	Name of Coordinator
Silver Jubilee (1991 batch)	November 12-13, 2016	Er. Y.P. Singh, Er. Rajeev Roy
Golden Jubilee (1966 batch)	November 24-25, 2016	Er. Sudhir Kumar Mital
Diamond Jubilee (1956 batch)	November 24-25, 2016	Er. V. P. Vaish

DATES OF REUNION FUNCTIONS-2016

Ruby (1976 batch)	November 6-7, 2016	Er. Arvind Kumar Gupta
Coral (1981 batch)	November 19-20, 2016	Er. Pankaj Raj Rastogi Er. Devesh Singh

GENERAL BODY MEETING

Sixty Seventh Annual General Body Meeting of IITR Alumni Association will be held on November 12, 2016 at Roorkee. The Notice for the Meeting is Annexed.

NEWS FROM IIT ROORKEE

Orientation Program 2016 for Newly Admitted Students at IIT Roorkee

Every year IIT Roorkee organizes an Orientation Program for the newly admitted students for UG, PG and Ph. D. programs. This year it was organized on July 22-24, 2016. The programme started with an address by the Director to the new students. There were a series of activities which included addresses of the Deputy Director, Dean of Students' Welfare, Dean Academics, Heads of

Departments, Student Secretaries of various Cultural and other student centric activities. There were invited talks too. Dr. Mangla Rai, Vice Chancellor, Pantnagar University spoke on "Engineering challenges for Agricultural Development". Prof. KG Rangaraju, former Deputy Director of IIT Roorkee gave a mentoring address to the students on the essentials of education at IIT Roorkee. A football match with faculty members, 'run for India' marathon, campus walk, cultural



(L-R) Pro. DK Nauriyal, Shri Himanshu Sahani,
Shri BK Chaturvedi, Prof. SP Gupta



A view of the Audience in the Convocation Hall

programs were some other highlights of the orientation program. On 24th July 2016 (Sunday), a session was devoted to Alumni's Perspective. Three celebrated alumni Shri BK Chaturvedi (1969 Batch Mechanical), former President Hindustan Motors, Shri Amit Sinha (1994 Batch Civil), Inspector General of Police, Uttarakhand and Shri Himanshu Sahani (2003 Batch Electrical), Founder CEO, Co Work India, Bangalore were invited to address the students and answer their questions in a lively session, held at the Convocation Hall (Hangar). The invited Alumni shared experiences of their student days at University of Roorkee / IIT Roorkee and the journey they have gone through in their respective professional lives. Professor SP Gupta, Vice President, IIT RAA and former Deputy Director coordinated the program and made a brief presentation on some famous Alumni and their achievements. Professor DK Nauriyal, Dean of



Shri Amit Sinha addressing the audience

Annual Convocation 2016

The Annual convocation of the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Roorkee was held on September 30, 2016. Over 2300 candidates of various programmes were awarded degrees at the function. Prof. Ashok Misra, Chairman. Board of Governors, IITR presided over the function and Sri Mukesh Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Industries Limited was Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. Shri Ambani has been conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) by IIT Roorkee.

Job Placements of IIT Roorkee Students of 2015-16 batch

This year 240 Companies visited IIT Roorkee campus for recruitment of Students for their organizations. A total of 1630 students registered for campus placements out of which 1309 students received offers. Offers for International placements have been received by 30 students. Those offered included, 657 under graduate students, 169 IDD programme students 468 PG students and 15 Ph.D scholars. 70 companies visited the campus for the first time. The number of companies that visited and the offers received are higher than the previous years. A comparison of number of visiting companies and the offers received during the last three years is given below :

Year	Number of Companies visited	Offers received
2013-14	197	1113
2014-15	233	1203
2015-16	240	1309

NEWS ABOUT ALUMNI

Sri Abhai Sinha, (BE Civil Engg. 1978) has taken over as Director General CPWD, New Delhi on 31.07. 2016. Before joining as Director General he was additional Director General during March 2014 to June 2015 and Special Director General during July 2015, July 2016. He also served DDA (on deputation) as Engineer Member during February 2013 to March 2016 and was in-charge of construction of residential and non-residential buildings, flyovers, master plan and urban extension roads, landscaping, horticulture and architectural planning besides chairman of various committees. From April 2016 to July 2016 he was special Director General (HQ) in the Directorate General CPWD. Our Heartiest congratulations to him.





Dr. P. K. Ghosh (ME Metallurgy 1981), IPR Chair Professor at IIT Roorkee took over the charge of the Deputy Director, IIT Roorkee on May 31, 2016. He has held many important positions in IIT Roorkee e.g. Professor and Head, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Department, Dean Finance and Planning and now IPR Chair Professor and Deputy Director.

Dr PC Jain (ME EQ Engineering 1991), Scientist with Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL) Hyderabad and BOYSCAST (DST) fellow from Pennsylvania State University USA. has been inducted as Fellow of Telangana State Academy of Sciences in the field of Engineering Sciences for his contributions in the area of Rocket Structures. In a recently held function Dr Ch Mohan Rao, President, Telangana State Academy of Sciences conferred the Fellowship to Dr Jain.



Dr. Ch. Mohan Rao President, Telangana Academy of Sciences conferring the Fellowship to Dr. Jain



Dr. Vivek Saxena (BE Civil Engineering 1986) has been named as the new president and Chief Executive Officer of Mooney International, a company that manufactures aircrafts. Well known for his strategic vision and operational effectiveness, Dr. Saxena is a twenty-five year veteran of the aerospace industry and joins Mooney from the global aviation consultancy ICF International where, as vice president, he led their aerospace operations practice. He holds the PhD. Degree in Aerospace Engineering from University of Cambridge.



Dr. MP Varshney, passed B. E. (Electrical Engineering) from the First Batch of University of Roorkee in 1949. At 87 he is very cheerful and alert and lives in Aligarh. An outstanding student of his times, Dr. Varshney soon after passing out from University of Roorkee, worked at the High Voltage Laboratory of the Center Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France leading to the highest state degree of "Ingenieur Docteur" with distinction in 1952. He worked with French Industries before joining IIT Kharagpur in 1954. In 1958-59 he spent one year in Sweden, France and Switzerland under UNESCO Fellowship. In 1961, he was appointed Professor at Allahabad University at the age of 33 years and joined MNREC and became its first Head of Electrical Engineering Department in 1962. In 1964, he left for Paris to work as UNESCO expert in Electrical Engineering and Technical Education and helped set up 6 new Engineering Colleges in different countries.

Recently he made an endowment of **Rupees One Crore Eleven Lakhs** to IIT Roorkee. These funds will be utilized for (a) Establishing Smart Grid facilities at the Electrical Engineering Department in Dr. Maheshwar P Varshney Smart Grid Lab, (b) Supporting three Ph D students with Dr. Maheshwar P Varshney Fellowship for doing Ph. D. on innovative and laboratory based research in Electrical Engineering, and (c) For organizing Dr. Maheshwar P Varshney Honorific Lecture every year from an eminent person.

Prof. Varshney now devotes time, at Aligarh, to religious and spiritual studies particularly on work related to the Bhagwat Gita. He has set up a unique Gita Gyan Mandir and written many articles and books about Bhagwat Gita.

DECISION DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESCRIBING NORMS FOR ORGANIZING REUNION FUNCTIONS.

The IITR Alumni Association will support the reunions at 30, 35, and 40 years after graduation only, provided at least 10% of the batchmates participate in it. For these reunions alumni association will host one lunch in welcome/honour of the alumni, and will not charge anything for the reunion. The entire money management will be done by the participating alumni themselves. The alumni association will assist the alumni groups in making local arrangements if the organizers of the re-union so wish.

NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

Bhopal Chapter

Details of new elected office bearers for Bhopal Chapter valid for year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

Chief Patron

Shri A.B. Lal

President

Dr. H.K. Khaira

Vice President

Shri S.C. Bhargava

Secretary

Shri Sachchida Nand Bajpai

Joint Secretary

Dr. S.K. Mittal.

Delhi Chapter

Following team has been formed for Delhi Chapter of IITRAA :

Chairman	: N S Kalsi 1979
Secretary	: Alok Mittal 1990
Joint Secretary	: Devesh Singh 1981
Treasurer	: Vishnu Kant 1990
Executive Member	: R K Tyagi 1975
Executive Member	: Mangu Singh 1979
Executive Member	: Sandeep Prakash 1986
Executive Member	: Ashwani Kumar 1986
Executive Member	: Sanjay Tyagi 1990
Executive Member	: Sanjeev Jain 1992
Executive Member	: Vivek Pratap 1993
Executive Member	: Ashish Arora 2002
Executive Member	: K Deepak 2003

OBITUARY



Dr. Rajendra Prakash, (BE Mechanical Engg. 1953) expired on July 03, 2016 at the age of 86 years. He was Professor in Mechanical Engineering and Pro Vice Chancellor at erstwhile University of Roorkee (Now IIT Roorkee) till June 30, 1990. During the period 1963-1965 he was Honorary Secretary and later in the year 1992 he was President of IIT Roorkee Alumni Association. The Alumni Association expresses its deeply felt condolences and pray that the departed soul rests in peace and the family has the courage to bear the irreparable loss.

Prof. C. L. Toshniwal (ME Civil 1963) former Professor Civil Engineering Department, IIT Roorkee expired on June 4, 2016 at the age of 77 years. He retired from the IIT Roorkee (formerly University of Roorkee) in the year 1998 after serving it for over 38 years. Alumni Association expresses its heartfelt condolences and we pray that the departed soul rests in peace and the family has the courage to bear the irreparable loss.



The Alumni Association deeply condole the sad and untimely demise of **Shri Bharat Bhushan Dhiman (BE Mechanical Engg. 1984)**. He was additional General Manager at BHEL, Hardwar. We pray that the departed soul rests in peace and the family has the courage to bear the irreparable loss.

Sri Harish Chandra (BE Civil, 1952) expired on July 23, 2016. Sri Harish Chandra was President of IIT Roorkee Alumni Association in the year 1991. He joined Central Engineering Class 1 services in 1954 and served CPWD for a period of 35 years and retired as Director General. He served as United Nations Advisor in Liberia and Sierra Leone during 1971-76 and as leader of UN housing Mission in Zambia 1981. He was member UPSC for a period of six years. Alumni Association expresses its heartfelt condolences and we pray that the departed soul rests in peace and the family has the courage to bear the irreparable loss.



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