

# NEWS LETTER



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## MESSAGE BY- Dr. ACHAL MITTAL

Dear Alumni members,

Greetings on behalf of IIT Roorkee Alumni Association!

We are privileged to be a part of probably one of largest Alumni fraternity of an IIT in India. So, it is an honor for me to represent such a vast community of Alumni, and as the Acting President of the IIT Roorkee Alumni Association, it is my duty to maintain and enhance the prestige and heritage of our 173-years old institute and the legacy of an equally respected Alumni Association.



But modern times, require us to change and adapt and improve our vision accordingly. The main frontiers on which IITR Alumni Association has focused its activities for the next two years are : i) Improved interaction with existing Local Chapters and formation of new Chapters across India and abroad, ii) Introduce better networking of and connecting the alumni with IITR Students for mentoring / internship and various other opportunities, iii) Assist the Institute for better connect and interaction with the Industry, iv) Recognition of Alumni for their accomplishments and contributions v) Introduce activities on a national/ global level that benefit the society vi) Kick-start various Alumni Welfare schemes for supporting the Alumni in times of their need etc.

The Alumni Association envisages the creation of a conducive environment keeping in mind the goodwill of the Institute, the Alumni community and the Society as a whole. Therefore, on behalf of the Alumni Association, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you and I hope to ameliorate the bond between the Institute, Alumni and the Association.

Regards,  
Dr. Achal Mittal,  
Acting President, IITRAA

## ABOUT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- The elections of Executive Committee for the term 2020-22 were successfully held during March, 2020. The following is the new Executive Committee

Patron	Prof.. A. K. Chaturvedi	Director, IITR
Acting President	Dr. Achal Mittal	BE Civil 1986
Secretary	Er. Dinesh Singh Pawar	BE Mechanical, 1993
Joint Secretary	Dr. L.P. Singh	M.Sc. Chemistry 1991
Treasurer	Er. Nikhil Kumar Pant	BE Civil 1988
DORA, IITR	Prof. B. R. Gurjar	Ex- officio
Immediate Past Secretary	Er. Vikas Goyal	BE Mechanical, 1992
Member	Er. Aditya Gupta	BE Mechanical 1974
Member	Er. Amit Agarwal	BE Chem. 1996
Member	Dr. Anju Saini	Ph.D. Math 2013
Member	Er. Anuj Kumar Varshneya	BE Civil 1982
Member	Er. Ashok Kumar Gupta	B.E. Chem. 1971
Member	Ar. Avlokita Agrawal	B. Arch 2003
Member	Er. Gyan Singh	B Tech – Elect. 2003
Member	Er. Harish Goyal	BE Civil 1979
Member	Er. Kapil Puri	BE Electrical 1993
Member	Er. Nand Kishore Sharma	BE Civil 1979
Member	Er. Navneet Agarwal	BE Industrial 1995
Member	Er. Pankaj Agarwal	BE Electrical 1984
Member	Dr. R.D. Garg	BE Civil 1989
Member	Er. Rajeev Singh	BE Metallurgy 1992
Member	Er. Sudhir Kumar Mital	BE Civil 1966
Member	Chairmen of Local Chapters	

Forty-six Members contested election for various positions and around 2800 Members participated in voting.

## ABOUT MEMBERS

- Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, B.E. (Civil) 1979 and presently Director, IIT, Gandhinagar has been awarded “PADMASHRI” this year. IITRAA congratulates him.
- Sh. Bhopal Singh, P.G. in Hydrology has been appointed as Director General, National Water Development Agency, New Delhi.
- Sh. Alok Kansal, B.E. (Civil) and M.E. (Structural Engg.) has been appointed as General Manager, Western Railways.
- Dr. Nirmaljit Singh Kalsi, B.E. (Elect.) 1979 IAS (Retd), has been appointed as Chairman of Punjab Police Complaint Authority, for a 3-year term.
- Dr. Kamal Jain M.E. (Civil) 1984 Professor in Civil Engg. at IIT Roorkee has developed

a software to detect Covid-19 in 3-5 seconds. He has approached the ICMR for review.

- Sh. Saurav Solanki, B.Tech. (Electrical) 2008, received Filmfare Award for Best Story of the film Article 15. Sh. Manoj Goel B.E. (Mech.) 1981 has been nominated as President of IITSTARTUPS.ORG a non-profit accelerator for fostering Entrepreneurship amongst IITians. IIT alums are the 4th largest creators of unicorns in the world after STANFORD, Berkeley, Harvard.
- Dr. Achal Mittal, B.E. (Civil) 1986, Principal Scientist, CBRI Roorkee and Vice-President, IITRAA presented study on Sun

Temple Konark to the Hon Minister Sh Prahlad Singh Patel, eminent engineering experts, historians, archaeological experts and media on 29th Feb 2020 during the conference on Conservation of Sun Temple, Konark.



View of conference Proceedings

## IIT ROORKEE ACTIVITIES

- Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IITR), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) Govt. of India and Indian Roads Congress (IRC) have agreed to collaborate in the areas of mutual interest with special focus in the spirit of intellectual cooperation, scholarly exchange, and the development of partnership and have signed an MoU.
- Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee and The Department of Science and Technology (DST) have collaborated to bring gender parity in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) through Vigyan Jyoti Scheme. The launch event of the scheme happened on 13th February 2020. The Chief Guest of the event was Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, Founder, SEMCOL and the Guest of Honour was Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Roorkee
- Satellite based Agriculture Information System developed at IIT Roorkee by Prof. Dharmendra Singh and his team has received the National “Gold” Award for e-governance for Outstanding Research on Citizen-Centric Services by Academic/Research Institutions. Prof. Dharmendra Singh received the award from Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) in Prime Minister's Office, at the 23rd National Conference on E-Governance. Congratulations to Prof. Dharmendra Singh and his team.



View of Presentation Ceremony

## LOCAL CHAPTERS

### AHMADABAD LOCAL CHAPTER

IITR Ahmadabad Alumni Local Chapter organised sports meet cum get together on 19th January, 2020 at IIT Gandhinagar.

### CHANDIGARH LOCAL CHAPTER

Members of Chandigarh Chapter met at hotel SIP N DINE Sector-7. After a gossip and tambola session and a hearty lunch hosted by Prof. Anand (1968 batch), dispersed to meet next month.

### DEHRADUN LOCAL CHAPTER

Dehradun Local Chapter took up a charity project of donating tracksuits to all 150 deaf and dumb children of Bajaj Learning Institute.

Dehradun, 45 members of the chapter made voluntary contributions for this noble cause. It has 220 members. Prof. M. P. Jain and Er. Pradeep Sahariya have been re-elected as Chairman and Secretary of Dehradun Local Chapter respectively. Dehradun local chapter is

serving food to the poor every day during lockdown period.

IITRAA Local chapter Dehradun has signed an MoU with M/S SLOG Solutions PVT Ltd which provides for collaboration between these organisations to make Engineering graduates more employable. The expertise of Alumni will be utilised for this purpose.



Photograph from Dehradun Chapter

### BANGALORE LOCAL CHAPTER

IITR Bangalore Alumni local chapter organised Annual get together on January 18, 2020. At this event, the 2019 batch alumni that had recently shifted to the city and joined the event were given a warm welcome by chapter members.

## OBITUARY

- Sh Naubat Lal, B.E. (Civil) 1959, retired from *Indian Railways* has left for heavenly abode on 6th of January, 2020
- Shri Shri Praksh Goyal, expired on February 27, 2020 at Jaipur
- Shri Neeraj Kochar B. Architecture 1992 has passed away due to cardiac arrest.
- Dr. Gopal Krishan BE (Mech.) 1967 expired after prolonged illness at Austin (Texas) USA. He had served as scientist at CBRI Roorkee
- Bharat Bhushan Gulyani, BE Chemical 1984 was found dead in his apartment in Dubai. He was working as Professor in BITS Dubai.
- Er. N.N. Sinha B.E. (Elect.) 1968 expired on 15.3.2020 at Lucknow
- Shri I.P. Singh, B.Arch 1979 has died in Delhi on 13.5.2020.
- Prof. S. K. Joshi, former Head, Physics Deptt. IIT Roorkee (formerly UoR), Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Roorkee, recipient of Padmashri, Padma Bhushan and former Director General CSIR died on May 15, 2020,
- Er. Suresh Kumar Arya, B.E.(Mech.) 1967 died on May 22, 2020. He was living in Mumbai
- Ar. Pradeep Sachdeva, B.Arch 1980 has died.

The IITR Alumni Association deeply condoles the sad demise of its members and prays that the departed souls rest in peace and their families have the courage to bear the irreparable losses.

We request all the Alumni of IIT Roorkee to provide News, Articles, Anecdotes, Achievements, Stories, Poems, Sketches, Events, Activities etc for possible inclusion in the News Letter.

Please make your contributions on the following topics:

- Your memories of IIT / UOR
- Describe your last trip to Roorkee (or your reunion)
- Meeting friends from Roorkee outside Roorkee
- Suggestions to the IITRAA

Please send your contributions to: [iitraa@gmail.com](mailto:iitraa@gmail.com)

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