

PRESS RELEASE

IIT Hyderabad celebrates Alumni Day

HYDERABAD, 6th January 2020: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad celebrated its Alumni Day on 5th January 2020. This year, the Institute also announced the first set of Alumni Awards. The following received the awards under categories:

1. Mr. Sai Chandra Teja R. (M. Tech.- E. E., Batch - 2012) awarded 'Excellence in Alumni Relations'
2. Mr. Pranay Ramesh Patil (B. Tech. - E. E., Batch - 2013) awarded 'Excellent Services to the National Programs'
3. Mr. Ankit Mishra (B. Tech. - E. E., Batch - 2014) awarded 'Excellence in Entrepreneurship'
4. Dr. Dan Sathiaraj (PhD - MSME., Batch - 2016) awarded 'Excellence in Academics'
5. Dr. Bhavesh Garg (PhD - L. A., Batch - 2018) awarded 'Excellence in Academics'

Prof. B.S. Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad, recalled how overwhelming it was to see the Institute's alumni in Japan and knowing they are excelling in their fields. He highlighted the importance of mentoring the existing students.

Prof. Murthy announced the first weekend of every year as Alumni Day for IIT Hyderabad from this year onwards. Regarding the need for training and development of alumni, he has agreed to support alumni with a certified course in their field of work.

While delivering the welcome address, Prof. K Siva Kumar, Dean International & Alumni Affairs, IIT Hyderabad, said, "Being a second-generation IIT, we are proud to say that we have at least an alumnus in each continent now".

Speaking with the Alumni, Shri B.V.R Mohan Reddy, Chairman Board of Governor, IIT Hyderabad, and Founder and Executive Chairman, Cyient Ltd., said, "IITians are valued across the globe for their intellect and IIT Hyderabad alumni now has a responsibility to make the Institute a known entity among all IITs."

Shri B.V.R Mohan Reddy also spoke about the need and importance of endowment and how the Institute's alumni can play a pivotal role in it. He also announced the PAN India IIT Meet which will be hosted by IIT Hyderabad in December 2020.

Speaking about the initiatives of Alumni Association of the Institute, Mr. S Shalu Kumar, President, IIT Hyderabad Alumni Association, said, "Alumni undertake a Mentorship



Programme where they mentor first-year students. An Alumni does an exclusive mentoring session for one new student." **He further added**, "To increase the Alumni-connect, IIT Hyderabad's alumni are meeting as often and wherever possible. For example, in November 2019, out of 130 alumni based in Japan, around 100 alumni turned up to meet the new Director, Prof. B. S. Murty."

The Alumni Association will also be launching a website where success stories of those who had a hard time in the life will be shared. The association has also made the following commitment to the current batch of students:

"You Propose" (A project or initiative) and **"We will Support"** (fund it).

During the event Prof. Desai, Founder Director of the Institute, termed alumni as an invaluable asset to the Institute. **He said**, "The bond with Alma-Mater becomes stronger as you grow old".

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About IIT Hyderabad

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) is one of the six new Indian Institutes of Technology established by the Government of India in 2008. In a short span of less than 10 years, the institute built on an imposing 570-acre campus and has been ranked among the top ten institutes for four consecutive years in the [National Institute Ranking Framework \(NIRF\)](#) released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India. The Institute was also ranked #10 in the first edition of [Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements](#) (ARIIA) introduced this year by MHRD to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development' among students and faculties.

IIT Hyderabad has close to 210 full-time faculty, 2,855 students of whom 20 per cent are women, nearly 200 state-of-the-art laboratories and five research and entrepreneurship centers. The Institute has a strong research focus with more than Rs. 500 crore of sanctioned research funding while Ph.D. scholars account for about 30 per cent of total student strength. IITH students and faculty are at the forefront of innovation with more than 1,500 research publications and patent disclosures, 300 sponsored/consultancy projects and 50 industry collaborations. IITH has MoUs with 50 universities in the U.S., Japan, Australia, Taiwan and Europe. IITH has been pioneering change in pedagogy with fractal academic programs that atomizes course modules, encourage interdisciplinary learning spanning innovative technology, fundamental science, liberal arts and creative arts like photography, theatre and painting.

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