



Alumni are Brand Ambassadors of the institute, said Dr BVR Mohan Reddy during Alumni Day at IIT Hyderabad

Hyderabad, November 29, 2021: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad celebrated its Second Alumni Day on November 28, 2021, in hybrid mode. This year, the Institute has announced the 2nd set of Alumni Awards with a special Women Alumni Excellence Award to encourage Women Alumni. The following alumni have received the awards under categories:

1. **Dr Anindita Ghosh**, PhD, Department of LA (2018), Academic Excellence Award
2. **Ms Rini Chowdhury**, MSc, Department of CHY (2016), Women Alumni Excellence Award
3. **Dr Mahendra Kumar Pal**, MTech, Department of CE (2012), Excellence in Alumni Relations
4. **Mr Shabaz Basheer Patel**, BTech, Department of EE (2013), Excellence in Technological Innovations

While delivering the welcome address, Prof Pinaki Prasad Bhattacharjee, Dean (IAR), said, “Alumni are an integral part of our grand vision. We are happy to share that out of 4000 Alumni approx., we could create a database of 2900 Alumni and provide them a unique ID with the @alumni.iith.ac.in. This will not only facilitate us to remain well connected with our alumni but will be of mutual benefit”.

Speaking with the Alumni, Dr BVR Mohan Reddy, Chairman Board of Governor, IIT Hyderabad, and Founder Chairman, Cyient Ltd., said, “We need to improve our Alumni Connect. Alumni are Brand ambassadors of the institute. There is an enormous need for job creation in the country and hence I appeal to all of you to take Startup as a career option”. On this occasion, he also graciously donated Rs. 25 lakhs towards converting some of the classrooms of IITH to Hybrid and smart classrooms.

Where there is a will, there is a way, Prof B S Murty, Director, IITH while addressing the gathering said, “Nothing should stop us. Even during the pandemic, IITH stood firm, rather than came with a wide variety of products and technologies to fight the deadly virus. We have brought in a lot of academic innovations and attempted to improve our industry connection in the last 2 years. Dreams should be as colorful as possible. Let’s together work hard in realizing the dreams of IITH.”

“The best way to get engaged is to get connected, I am confident that we will have many more achievements together”, added Prof P Rajalakshmi, Dean (Students).

Anurupa, a current student has sanctified the gathering with a melodious Saraswati Vandana. A collection of nostalgic moments of IITH’s journey so far (IITH: Past, present, future) was also played during the event.

During the event Dean (PCR), Prof C Krishna Mohan said, “I hereby urge you all, to share more and more of your good work and potential collaborations opportunity with our PCR Office so that we can make the IITH brand recognized globally”.



“Since the foundation started, the number of alumni in the USA has grown significantly. We would like to help IITH in its growth journey”, said, Mr Ankit Singh, IITH US Foundation President.

Speaking about the initiatives of the Alumni Association of the Institute, Dr Sai Chandra Teja, President, IIT Hyderabad Alumni Association, said, “We will build upon the legacy created by past associations. During this term, Alumni Association would like to expand the Startup culture at IITH. Powerful people come from powerful places, students have been trained to become powerful at IITH. We should thank our family and the institute that made us powerful. Let’s believe, we are powerful; we will stay powerful and create history.”

On the occasion, the chief of the event Dr BVR Mohan Reddy, Board of Governor, IITH has inaugurated the **“Giving to IITH”** Portal. It is a wonderful platform that facilitates financial support to IITH and supports its exponential growth. Ice cream and DJ night were also organized on November 27, 2021, by students of IITH as a pre-event welcome.

Alumni Awardees and other Alumni have also shared how they can contribute to the growth of the IIT Hyderabad.

Mr Arun Shakti, President, Student Gymkhana, IITH has delivered the Vote of thanks.

Electronic Media Release of the event can be accessed from:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxcOzv17H58>

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