



# Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

## Alumni Affairs & International Programmes

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Prof. Sanjeev Sanghi

Dear well-wishers,

The relative quiet on the campus, due to summer break, comes to an end with the joining of the new batch of students and a very uplifting news of IITD being selected as one of the 6 Institutes of Excellence (IoE) by the Government. This status not only provides the much needed replenishment of the financial sources of the Institute but also promises more autonomy-the contours of which will, however, emerge more clearly in times to come. I congratulate you all on this achievement and thank you for your contribution. However, the Institute is conscious of a need to develop an ecosystem of financial self sustainability at the earliest possible. The selection as an IoE only refocuses us on this issue. Our Alumni and others who believe in the vision and mission of the Institute have been traditionally supporting various causes upheld by the Institute. We expect the patronage to grow in leaps and bound in near future. We constantly try to reach out to you in this regard but if we have not been able to touch you for some reason or the other, please let me know and we will get back to you to work out a way for seeking your contribution. It would also be wonderful if you could keep me posted about any news you think is relevant for this newsletter. This newsletter is driven by our desire to create a platform for disseminating information about Alumni Affairs and International Programmes of the Institute among its well wishers. Your contribution will be highly appreciated.

Please join the alumni portal: <https://iitd.almaconnect.com/signin>

If you wish to Contribute to IIT Delhi, Click : <https://goo.gl/XqQfUd>



# Philanthropic Contributions

Here is the status update for each Campaigns/ Individual contributions. IIT Delhi well-wishers have been generous in their contributions towards the Institute following funds have been generated in the last 1.5 years.



1. Class of 66 Batch Endowed Chair Professorship ₹ 54,65,129.48
2. HI - TECH CHAIR ₹ 41,54,000
3. Prof. Kishan & Pramila Gupta Chair (Ajay Gupta) ₹ 96,45,162.03
4. IIT Delhi Giving Day ₹ 23,90,551
5. Construction Worker Support Campaign ₹ 1,84,453
6. Silver Jubilee Endowment by 1993 Batch ₹ 77,43,315
7. Batch of 1997 Donation ₹ 9,70,000
8. Golden Jubilee 1967 Batch Donation ₹ 4,52,555
9. IITD CS&E Research Acceleration Fund ₹ 1,07,34,138
10. Mittal Sports Complex ₹ 2,00,00,000
11. STAY-CON ₹ 23,000
12. Wellness Fund ₹ 2,12,300
13. Ramesh & Chanda Kapur Scholarship (Ramesh C Kapur) ₹ 60,00,000  
Manohar Lal and Indravati Kapur Scholarship (Ramesh & Chanda Kapur)  
Bihari Lal and Lajvanti Batra Scholarship (Ramesh & Chanda Kapur)
14. Sai Pramod Kumar Atmakuru Scholarship ₹ 5,47,185
15. Ravinder Kumar Rishi Scholarship (Deepti Ravinder Rishi) ₹ 4,00,000
16. Janak Raj Malhotra Scholarship (Chetan Vohra) ₹ 20,00,000
17. Reeba & Pranab Chatterjee Excellence Award (Ajay Chatterjee) ₹ 2,85,318.68
18. Veena Arora Faculty Research Award (Neeraj Arora) ₹ 40,54,693.57
19. Sulochana and Colonel A. Krishnaswami Vrc VSM & Bar FLRA (K Ananth Krishnan) ₹ 30,00,000  
Prof. K L Chopra for Basic Research Faculty Research Award (K Ananth Krishnan)  
Prof. P C P Bhatt Faculty Research Award for Applied Research (K Ananth Krishnan)

## Usha Hasteer Chair



Alumnus Gagan Hasteer (BTech 1990) has donated \$150,000 (approx Rs.1crore) to establish the "Usha Hasteer Chair in Computer Science & Engineering" in the Institute. Gagan Hasteer graduated with a B.Tech in CS from IIT Delhi in 1994. He has an MS and PhD from University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and an Executive MBA from Wharton. After his PhD, Gagan worked at two Electronic Design Automation (EDA) startups building Synthesis and formal verification products. In 2002, Gagan co founded and led engineering for Calypto Design Systems which was later acquired by Mentor Graphics (now Siemens). Gagan is currently VP of Engineering at Netflix where he built and led multiple teams in the areas of ecommerce, Ad Tech and content creation and distribution.



# International Programmes



## International Delegations

- A Delegation from the Embassy of Japan visited the Institute on 5th June 2018.
- A Delegation from the Embassy of Uzbekistan visited the Institute on 6th June 2018.
- A Delegation from Australian High Commission visited the Institute on 22nd June 2018.
- A Delegation from Embassy of France visited the Institute on 25th June 2018
- A High level Delegation from Kuwait visited the Institute on 28th June 2018.

## MoU signed with International Institutions



- An MoU was signed between IITD & Amsterdam University of Applied Science on 25th June 2018.

## Exchange Programme



### ERASMUS MOBILITY

Ms. Lucía Barreiro International PR, Social Media and Marketing Manager from Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain visited the campus during June 2018.



## **IITD Alumnus Conferred with the Order of Canada**



**Dr. Virendra Jha**

Dr. Virendra Jha, Alumnus of the Institute, was conferred with the Order of Canada. The order recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation and is one of the highest civilian honor of Canada. Dr. Jha joined the Canadian Space Agency as Director of the Space Mechanics Group and has over 43 years of experience in the Canadian Space Program. He received the Life Time Outstanding Achievement Award by Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce in 2016. Dr. Jha received his Master's degree in Mechanical engineering from McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, and his Ph.D. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada and the C.Dir. (Chartered Director) Degree from McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada.

## **SigTuple Raises \$19 Mn Series B Funding**

The Bengaluru based, IITD Alumnus Co-founded, Health technology startup SigTuple has raised \$19 million (Rs 129 crore) in series B funding from investors including Accel Partners, IDG Ventures. This startup was Co-founded by Mr. Arpurv Anand who completed his B.Tech in Computer Science & Engineering from IIT Delhi in the year 2004. The company hopes to use the latest round of funding to power the assembly and distribution of its product AI100, enhance clinical trials and expand to other markets.

## **SoftBank Vision Fund leads \$250M Series D**

San Jose based IITD Alumnus founded Enterprises Software Company Cohesity has closed an oversubscribed \$250M Series D funding round led by SoftBank's Vision Fund, bringing it's total funds raised to \$410M. Cohesity was founded by Mr. Mohit Aron who completed his B.Tech degree in Computer Science & Engineering in the year 1995. The Company offers a hyperconverged data platform for storing and managing all the secondary data created outside of production apps.

## **Delhi, Cambridge-based Elucidata raises \$ 1.7 Mn in Seed Funding**

Elucidata Corporation, a data science company co-founded in 2015 by Swetabh Pathak an IITD Alumnus, has raised \$ 1.7 million in seed funding. It's headquarter is in Cambridge, UK and New Delhi. Mr. Swetabh Pathak completed the Integrate Master of Tech., Mathematics & Computing from IIT Delhi in the year 2012.

## **Rentsher raises \$1.1 Mn**



Rentsher an IITD Alumnus venture (Mr. Harsh Dhand) recently raised \$1.1 Million funding from Abu-Dhabi based Venture Capital fund Shorooq Investments and Dubai -based Latitude Consultants. Mr. Dhand holds B.Tech & M.Tech Degrees (2005) in Computer Science from IIT Delhi and is an MBA (2008) from Said Business School, Oxford.



## PolicyBazaar becomes the third startup to enter the unicorn club in 2018



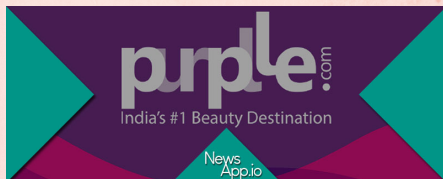
Policy Bazaar.com, co-founded by Yashish Dahiya, an Alumnus of the Institute, recently made it's entry to the 'unicorn club' of India's tech startups. A unicorn is a privately-held startup valued at \$1 billion or more.

## Mobikwik Invests ₹2 Crore in Pune-based Data Science Stratup Pivotchain Solutions



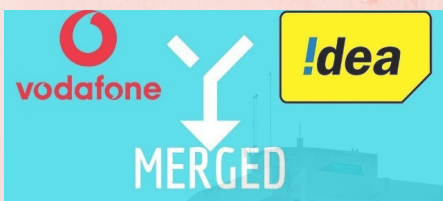
Founded by Mr. Bipin Preet Singh an Alumnus of IITD 2002, Mobikwik a mobile wallet company has invested Rs. 2 Crore in pune based Pivotchain Solutions, a data science startup focused on deep learning and advanced analytics. Mobikwik deliver high quality fintech products and therefore it requires immense focus on data and an in-depth understanding of the user requirements across categories.

## Beauty products marketplace Purplle raises \$2.57 Mn



Mumbai-based, IITD Alumnus founded online beauty products marketplace Purplle has raised \$2.57 Million (INR 17.5 Cr) from a clutch of investors in a fresh round of funding. The company was Co- founded in 2011 by Mr. Manish Taneja & Mr. Rahul Dash. Mr. Taneja completed B.Tech & M.Tech Degree from IIT Delhi in the year 2007.

## IITD Alum set to be the Chief Operating Officer after the merger of Vodafone & Idea



Mr. Ambrish Jain a 1977 (B.Tech Electrical Engineering) alumnus of IITD is all set to be the CEO of the entity which shall emerge after the merger of Vodafone operations with the Idea. This merger will create the country largest telecom operator worth over \$23 billion, with a 35% market share and a subscriber base of around 130 million.

## Training programme for the girls by IITD Alumnus

Mr. Abhishek Gupta (2013 Alumnus of IITD) lead NGO NavGurukul trains underprivileged kids (girls) to be engineers. This is a bunch of IITD alum and self-learnt programmers who are working to teach software engineering skills to people from humble backgrounds at scale. Mr. Gupta is also the founder & CEO of Zohem.





## **Prof. J. N. Gupta B. Tech 1967**

Dr. Gupta earned his PhD in electrical engineering from Purdue; his master's degree from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario; and his bachelor's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He previously served as chairman of the International Society of Productivity Enhancement. Dr. Gupta retired as the President of L-3 Communications Government Services Group. Prior to heading up this group, he was President of Government Services, Inc. (GSI), which he founded in 1979 and built into one of North America's most successful small businesses by 2001, when it was acquired by L-3 Communications. He was conferred with the Distinguished Alumni Award of the institute in the year 1992.



## **Mr. Saurabh Mittal B.Tech. 1995**

Mr. Saurabh Mittal, who was one of the co-founders of the Indiabulls group, received his B.Tech degree in Electrical Engineering in 1995. He subsequently received his MBA degree from Harvard Business School in 1999 where he was elected as a Baker Scholar. Mr. Mittal, is presently the chairman of Mission Holdings, his private investment vehicle headquartered in Singapore. Mission Holdings invests in financial services, media, real estate and technology firms, partnering with them to grow them into sector leaders and international powerhouses. He was conferred with the Distinguished Alumni Award of the institute in the year 2017 for exceptional achievement and contribution in the area of Corporate Business Development and Entrepreneurship.

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