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# SCROLL DE ALUMNI

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## MARK ZUCKERBERG'S TOWNHALL Q&A AT IIT DELHI:



Dressed in his trademark round neck T-shirt and jeans, Mark Zuckerberg could have passed off as an exchange student at IIT-Delhi, but then he is one of the most recognised people in the world.

However, these boyish looks and demeanor of one of the most powerful business leaders in the world is also what helps him connect with a crowd of students at one of India's premier institutes.

There was no doubt that the questions were being asked at a school of science and there were queries on artificial intelligence, virtual reality and developer kits. Zuckerberg said he saw existing products becoming more intelligent instead of completely new products come into the picture. "It would be really cool if computers could see the world people do... That is the kind of thing I am excited about."

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



I congratulate the Alumni Affairs and International Programmes for its latest endeavor in bringing out its first ever newsletter. I am confident that the first issue of 'Scroll de Alumni' will do justice to its aim of bringing out the latest news of the activities happening in the institute to the alumni. The team must strive to keep up the good work of bringing the recent developments to our alumni.

Best,  
Prof. Kshitij Gupta  
Officiating Director  
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



It is a matter of great joy for the whole team of AAIP for publishing its inaugural newsletter, 'Scroll de Alumni'. The students have given their best to make it an enjoyable read. It surely covers and gives our alumni a brief insight of a vast domain of the activities happening in IITD. I congratulate the student team for their hard work in making the newsletter. We, with heartfelt gratitude, welcome feedback and suggestions for the improvement of this newsletter.

Regards,  
Prof. Mukesh Khare  
Dean, Alumni Affairs & International Programmes  
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

## THE VISIT OF CHINESE DELEGATION

Nov 18 '15, morning at IITD saw the visit of a 70 member Chinese Youth Delegation comprising media activists, entrepreneurs, economists and educationalists.

This visit was a part of the 200 member Delegation's visit to four of the prime educational institutions in Delhi that day. The India-China Youth Exchange Programme is an initiative by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, started in 2006.

In order to give them a sneak-peek into the life at IIT Delhi, the delegates were taken on a tour through the campus, starting with our favourite hangout zones - Wind T and Ex Hall, followed by the Seminar and Dogra Hall. They were even taken to the Dogra hall terrace to show them the architectural marvel behind the hyperbolic paraboloid roof. Following this, they were taken to the Student Activity Centre. The members thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing TT and badminton with the IIT students and seeing the work of our Photography and Fine Arts Clubs.



## THE VISIT OF BRITISH MINISTERIAL DELEGATION

Mr. Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, and Mr. Jo Johnson, Minister of State for Universities and Science visited India from December 9 to 11. According to a British High Commission release, they visited New Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Mumbai to meet Indian students and faculty, and ministers in the central and state Governments to build on the success, specially in the fields of higher education, skills and research co-operation.

Both ministers met students at the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi along with notable IIT alumni who have benefited from a higher education in the UK. The ministers promoted the range of programmes that IIT Delhi has been involved in with the UK as a part of UK India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

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### PROF. ASHISH NANDA

Prof. Ashish Nanda received his Bachelor of Technology degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT Delhi in 1981 with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of a perfect 10. He received his Post Graduate Diploma in Management from IIM, Ahmedabad in 1983, followed by AM in Economics and Ph.D. in Business Economics from Harvard University, USA in 1993. He is currently the Director of IIM Ahmedabad.

Prof. Nanda has received several awards and honors. He is a recipient of the Henry B. Arthur Fellowship, President of India Gold Medal (twice), and the IIM, Ahmedabad Director's Gold Medal. Prof. Ashish Nanda has been honoured for the outstanding contributions made by him in Teaching and Research.



### PROF. ASHUTOSH CHILKOTI

Prof. Ashutosh Chilkoti received his Bachelor of Technology degree in Chemical Engineering from IIT Delhi in 1985. He subsequently received his Ph.D. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington, USA in 1991.

He was awarded the CAREER award by the National Science Foundation in 1998, the 3M non-tenured faculty award in 2002, and the Distinguished Research Award from the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University in 2003 and in 2005.

Prof. Ashutosh Chilkoti has been honoured for the outstanding contributions made by him in Teaching & Research.



### MR. JAYANT SINHA

Mr. Jayant Sinha received his B.Tech degree in Chemical Engineering with Distinction from IIT Delhi in 1985. He subsequently received a Master of Science degree in Energy Management & Policy from the University of Pennsylvania in 1987. Later, he also attended Harvard Business School, USA and obtained an MBA with Distinction in 1992.

He is presently the Union Minister of State for Finance in the Government of India. As a Parliamentarian, he served on several important committees, such as the Standing Committee on Finance and the Public Accounts Committee, and completed major development projects in his constituency. Mr. Jayant Sinha has been honoured for the outstanding contributions made by him in Public Policy and Service.



### DR. RAMESH HARIHARAN

Dr. Ramesh Hariharan received his Bachelor of Technology degree in Computer Science & Engineering from IIT Delhi in 1990 and his Ph.D. degree from the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University, USA in 1994. He did a post-doctoral stint at the Max Planck Institute in Germany and then joined as faculty in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in 1995.

Dr. Hariharan is the founder of two entrepreneurial ventures in the year 2000- Simputer Trust, a non-profit organization, and Strand Life Sciences. Dr. Ramesh Hariharan has been honoured for the outstanding contributions made by him in Corporate Business Development.



**INDIA  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCIENCE FESTIVAL  
2015**

IISF 2015, a joint event of Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences, was organized by Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) during December 4-8, 2015 at IIT Delhi.



The festival provided a platform to young scientists from all over the country to share and spread their scientific ideas, achievements and inventions. This festival promoted interaction among the people and scientists from South Asian countries to share and spread scientific ideas and discoveries, and saw thousands of participants. It was a huge success.

## JUKEBOX '15



Being the weekend, the evening of Saturday, 7th November provided a huge respite to students of IIT Delhi as they flocked to Dogra Hall to listen to exhilarating performances. 13 hostels fought to earn some prestigious points for the BRCA General Championship with Music Club's event Jukebox.

After hours of intense battle between the hostel bands, the judges applauded the efforts of every team and seemed really delighted at the performances. Finally they announced Girnar and Vindhya as the 1st and 2nd runners up. Zanskar hostel emerged as the winner of 2015-2016 Inter Hostel JukeBox competition. Celebrations went wild as people cheered for Zanskar Hostel.

## INTER HOSTEL STREET PLAY '15



The noon of 20th September was filled with energy and enthusiasm as the voices of students competing in the Inter-Hostel street play competition echoed the SAC Lawns.

Each hostel was given 15 minutes and was allowed to use a maximum of 4 instruments. The drama society of each hostel picked up themes like the troubles of nomads, sex as a taboo and the recognition of transgender, and brought these seldom discussed issues to light; while others picked long troubling themes like cleanliness, bonded labour and hunger. The judges Ms. Nandini and Mr. Anant, both having directed several plays lauded the creativity and enthusiasm of the hostels. Nilgiri Hostel (on hunger) bagged the first position, followed by Udaigiri (on Indo-Pak ties) and Shivalik (on bonded labour).

## RENDEZVOUS '15



BRCA IIT Delhi's Rendezvous '15 transported us into a world of grandeur and magnificence this year with an exciting line-up of competitive events, workshops, Pro-Nights and much more.

Dhoom, or better known as the Bollywood Night, was the culminating night of the 4-day collegiate fiesta which was held on 19th October, 6 PM onwards. Rendezvous hosted a mesmerizing performance by Javed Ali who set the night on a trip of feels by his soothing voice.

With Shankar Ehsaan Loy as the headliners for the last night, it was definitely one of the main attractions for Rendezvous this year. What was even more fascinating was that now even fest-goers without any passes to the OAT event were able to enjoy their favourite stars perform live. This year, Rendezvous launched the RDV Village that boasted a 30 ft x 10 ft screen to simultaneously screen all live OAT performances at the Nalanda Grounds, IIT Delhi to avoid anyone missing the OAT action due to lack of passes.

The immensely talented trio left the audiences spellbound and breathless. Be it the rhythm of their music, the depth in their vocals or simply the aura that they bring with them on stage, there's nothing that anyone can ask for more. The crowd teleported into a night of magnificence and was taken through a melodious journey as the musical maestros performed some of the most beautiful creations Bollywood has received so far.

## ENACTUS, IIT DELHI

Enactus India is a subsidiary of Enactus Worldwide, an international non-profit organisation of students with a focus on community empowerment and entrepreneurship action with a presence in 36 countries with over 70,000 active student members spread across 1700 universities. This was for a community outreach from the Enactus India college network of over 90 colleges and 3000 students participating in the Enactus India National Competition from July 21st to 22nd 2015.



After a grueling competition before an eminent panel of judges from across the corporate world, IIT Delhi emerged as the deserving winner of the 11th Enactus India National Championship.

The winning team from IIT Delhi presented its project at the prestigious Enactus World Cup 2015 held at Johannesburg, South Africa between October 14 - 16, 2015 and were the semi finalist.

## NEW LECTURE HALL COMPLEX

With a total area of 47474 m<sup>2</sup> (about 9 football fields) and at an estimated cost of 162.9 crores the much awaited LHC came to life at the beginning of this semester.

With 46 classrooms, 2 student lounges, 4 board rooms it encompasses an academic space more than that of the Main Building and Blocks. The fully air conditioned structure would be open 24/7 (except for labs and classrooms). State of the art classrooms have a visual system including big screens, multiple projectors, a camera for recording lectures, blackboards and whiteboards. With 20 seater lifts, 2 ramps and 7 stairs to take you to higher places and possibly towards some diversely-functional-and-thus-named-enclosures such as meeting, student, faculty, A/V, graphic and computer. But what beckons are perhaps the 500 seater ground floor rooms which will also be used for the screening of movies, drama and major conferences. The entire premise is CCTV monitored and backed up by a Diesel Generator. The much awaited food court will take a little while longer to engage in providing food with the vendors not finalised. The Wi-fi facility will be available in a couple of weeks. We hope that these halls would not lack in providing us all fond memories to cherish.



## 46TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION CEREMONY



The eagerly awaited moment for IIT-D students arrived when their names were called for receiving degrees on the dais. The occasion was the 46th annual convocation ceremony of the institute, with the chief guest as Dr. Raghuram Rajan, presently the 23rd governor of the Reserve Bank of India. Dr. Rajan has obtained his B.Tech. (Elec.) degree from IIT, Delhi in 1985, MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad in 1987 and Ph.D from MIT, USA in 1991.

This year, IIT Delhi awarded the highest number of PhDs in one year. A total of 1880 students collected their undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD degrees and the event was celebrated with grand success. The curriculum for post-graduate course has also been restructured by the institute after a decade, which now includes a variety of elective courses. As a part of the second reform, students will have to pick one segment of "defined syllabus" on which they will be tested but without any delivery.

This is consistent with the IIT-D's stated objective of shifting focus away from producing graduates to producing good research. They hope to increase the number to 400 in the long term. Live webcast of the sessions, in which the chief guest, Director and Chairman's addresses are included, was screened online and in the seminar hall of IIT Delhi.

## NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

*We are delighted to introduce SCROLL DE ALUMNI, the inaugural newsletter from the office of Alumni Affairs and International Programmes. Our vision for this newsletter is straightforward: to publish as swiftly as possible and to encourage more ideas and hope to expand our outreach. These tasks have been greatly facilitated by the help of Dean(AAIP) and the staff, the student team and all the people who have helped us directly or indirectly. We are fortunate to have been supported by such a cooperative team.*

*With that said, we're dedicating each and every issue to writing only the information you care to read. So please, when you have a moment, send us your ideas, criticism, thoughts, and opinions. Also, we would like you to help us in updating our alumni database by filling a form at <https://alumni.iitd.ac.in>.*

*Regards*

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