



Dear Friend,

Greetings from IIT Bombay!

Let me begin by wishing you an industrious new year. I am very delighted to present the January issue of our Knowledge Tree. The winds of winter have finally taken throne and the world is resolute with new promises and actions. This month also marks the beginning of the spring semester of students and we wish all of them a great and successful term ahead.

2018 was our Institute's Diamond Jubilee annum and numerous celebrations were carried out, particularly the record-breaking Reunions of 9 different batches from 21- 23 December. The alumni genuinely rejoiced in reconnecting with their alma mater. The 20th Reunion of the Class of 1998 was an occasion to remember, with the batch pledging 1.2 Crore Rupees to their alma mater. The Silver Jubilee batch of 1993 added another feather to its cap by raising 25 Crore Rupees for their Legacy Project, the highest till date. Their generosity and selfless love for IIT Bombay deserves true appreciation.

Mr. Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman, Praj Industries Ltd. and an IIT Bombay alumnus, presented the final installment cheque of Rs. 1 Crore for the Parimal and Pramod Chaudhari Centre for Learning and Teaching (PPCCLT) at IIT Bombay. The logo and website of PPCCLT was unveiled by the Director during the function.

Mr. Mohan Kavrie, MD of Supreme Nonwovens Industries Pvt. Ltd. and IIT Bombay Alumnus, and Director Prof. Devang Khakhar signed an MoU for the upcoming Alumni Centre. Mr. Kavrie presented a cheque of Rs. 10 Crores for the same.

As a part of the function, Distinguished Service Awards were bestowed on three alumni this year, who besides being achievers in their own chosen domains, have contributed in a notable and sustained manner to the progress of the Institute. The award, instituted in the year 1999, consists of a certificate, memento and an Uttaria. This year, the award was conferred on Mr. D.C. Agrawal (B.Tech., 1969), Dr. Rajkumar P. Singh (M.Tech., 1975), and Mr. G. Ravishankar (B.Tech., 1990). The Chapter Service Awards, instituted during the Diamond Jubilee year celebrations was conferred on Mr. R. Srinivasan (B.Tech., 1973), Mr. Sanjiv Sood (B.Tech., 1983), Mr. Deepam Morparia (B.Tech., 1985), Mr. Nitesh Dixit (B.Tech., 2003), Mr. Sanjay Bhandari (B.Tech., 2004) and Mr. Santosh C. Bhoosthali (M.Tech., 2007). The award is conferred on select alumni who have contributed in a very

notable and sustained manner to the progress of the Chapter and also to the progress of the Institute. It consists of a certificate, memento and an Uttaria.

The month of December witnessed the fests of Mood Indigo and Techfest, ushering an immense footfall of students, a plethora of exhibitions and informative lectures. Techfest was organised from 16-18 December and Mood Indigo was held from 27-30 December with the theme, 'Montage of Dreams'. And the lineup for events in the upcoming month of January doesn't disappoint either. The second weekend of this month will simultaneously witness the Abhyuday Festival and SARCasm, the Institute's Online Crypt Hunt. Our Institute will be hosting the 27th National Symposium on Cryogenics and Superconductivity from 15-18 January, successively followed by the E-Summit on 19-20 January. 29-31 January would have IIT Bombay hosting the 4th World Congress on Disaster Management.

The generous contribution received from our alumni, corporate entities, and other friends of the Institute helps make an important difference in our endeavour to pursue global excellence. The contribution towards Institute Development, Infrastructure Development, Young Faculty Awards, Chair Professorships, Hostel Development, Student Development, etc. are examples of utilization of these funds for the betterment of the Institute. We invite you to contribute to the Institute's betterment to the best of your ability.

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News From IITB



Reunions and Alumni Day

The Reunion sprawled over a span of 3 days consisting of Silver Jubilee Reunions, Decennial Reunion and several other reunions of the batch of 1962, 1963, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013 and finally ending with the Alumni Day on 23rd December 2018.



[Inter IIT Sports Meet](#)

Following the 53-year-old tradition, the latest edition of the Sports Meet was hosted by IIT Guwahati. All IITs participated in a league style competition across various sports in hopes of claiming the General Championship trophy.



[Inter IIT Tech Meet](#)

Inter IIT Tech Meet is the annual technological competition organized by the Indian Institutes of Technology and qualifies as the only technical event wherein all the IITs participate. This event is hosted in cycle by one of the participating institutions.



[Inter IIT Cultural Meet](#)

The Inter IIT Cultural Meet is an annual competition for cultural events, seeing participation from students across all IITs in India. Inspired by the long-running and successful Inter IIT Sports Meet.



Techfest

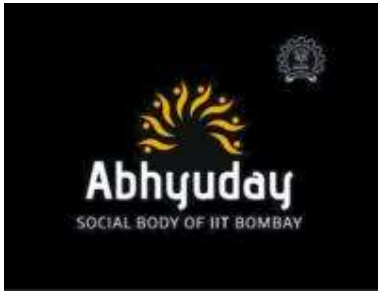
Techfest is the annual science and technology festival of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. Techfest is known for hosting a variety of events that include competitions, exhibitions, lectures as well as workshops. The 22nd edition of Techfest began on 14th December and ended on 16th December. As usual, there were plenty of competitions, brilliant performances and other events for the students, faculty, staff, and campus residents to enjoy.



Mood Indigo

Mood Indigo, also known as MoodI or MI, the cultural and signature festival of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay is considered Asia's largest college cultural festival and often one of the biggest of its kind in the world. The 48th edition of Mood Indigo sprawled from 27th December till 30th December. As usual, there was a plethora of competitions, brilliant performances and other events for the students, faculty, staff, and campus residents to enjoy.

Upcoming Events



[Abhyuday: The Social Body of IITB](#)

The Annual Social Festival inculcates various impactful events, exhibitions, lectures, workshops and competitions to instill a sense of responsibility in the youth towards the society



[4th World Congress on Disaster Management](#)

The 4th World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM-2019) is being organised in Mumbai during 29th January - 1st February 2019



[E-Summit 2019: Paradigm of Disruption](#)

One of India's largest business event, E-Summit is the flagship event conducted by E-Cell, IIT Bombay. It's a conclave of competitions, workshops, panel discussions and speeches from the biggest names in the world of business. Starting from a humble beginning as a fledgling idea, it's surreal to see it's phenomenal rise into the towering edifice it is today, fourteen years later.



Indian Cryogenics Council

[27th National Symposium on Cryogenics and Superconductivity](#)

The Indian Cryogenic Council jointly with IIT Bombay is organising National Symposium on Cryogenics and Superconductivity (NSCS) at IIT Bombay campus during January 15-18, 2019.

Institute Lecture Series



[Seminar on Dynamical processes & phase stability materials under extreme condition](#)

Understanding the phase stability of materials in static conditions and their modifications under dynamical conditions is vital to predicting the performance of materials and if possible design better materials



[Lecture Series, 7th Inter IIT Tech Meet](#)

IIT Bombay is hosting the 7th Inter IIT Tech Meet, a networking stage attended by 700+ students from 22 IITs.

Memorandum of Understanding



[Memorandum of Understanding - University of Auckland](#)

In order to promote cooperation between Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India, and University of Auckland, the two institutions agree as follows:



[Memorandum of Understanding - Simon Fraser University, Canada](#)

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[Memorandum of Understanding - UCSI University, Malaysia](#)

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[Memorandum of Understanding - Tongji University, China](#)

In order to promote cooperation between Tongji University, China and the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.



Memorandum of Understanding - National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, Surathkal

In order to promote cooperation between Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India, and National Institute of Technology, Karnataka, Surathkal, India, the two institutions have signed a memorandum of understanding

New Faculty Introduction



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We are delighted to welcome Prof. Pennan Chinnasamy to the IIT Bombay family. He joined the CTARA Department in 2018.