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A report of Bangalore Chapter Alumni Meet held on 09/09/2023 at Bangalore

Introduction

The Bangalore Chapter Alumni Meet of IIT Mandi was held on 09/09/2023 with the primary objective of reconnecting with our esteemed alumni, fostering a sense of belongingness, and celebrating their accomplishments since graduation. The event aimed to provide a platform for alumni to reminisce about their college days, network with fellow alumni, and contribute to the growth and development of their alma mater.

Event Highlights:

1. Registration and Welcome:

The event was held on the beautiful lawn of DROMI (DRDO Research Officers Mess And Institute), organised with the help of our Distinguished alumni Mr. Chamundeswar Nadh, Secretary, Bangalore Alumni Chapter, and Mr. Mohit Kumar Malhotra who did his B.Tech in Electrical Engineering from the first batch of IIT Mandi i.e. 2013 and currently working as a Scientist/Engineer 'C' at Aeronautical Development Agency with DRDO. This was the second Alumni meet at the venue (our first alumni meet of the Bangalore Alumni Chapter was held in the year 2019). Around 75 Alumni from different batches, since the inception of the Institute, have joined the get-together function and graced the occasion. Everyone was delighted to reconnect with old/new friends and faculty members.

2. Inaugural Address:

The Alumni Meet began with an inaugural address by Prof. Chayan K. Nandi, Dean of Resource Generation & Alumni Relation, IIT Mandi who welcomed the Alumni to the meet with brief updates about the DORA office/Alumni affairs and its initiatives over the past few years and then joined by Dr. Satvasheel Powar, Associate Dean of Sponsored Research Industrial Consultancy & International Relations who spoke about the IIT Mandi office at IIT Alumni Center Bangalore (IITACB) which was inaugurated in the forenoon of the same day. Now, we have an office space there for alumni, Institute affairs, and dedicated seats in the coworking space for the benefit of Startups by Alumni and members of the Catalyst program. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Alumni of Bangalore where through IITACB they can now get exposure & access to various VCs and investors of the world who have a strong belief in IIT Alumni. This is coupled with the new credit regime at IIT Mandi where a student in their bachelor's can offset 14 credits of their coursework (and work towards making it 30 credits), towards work done on their startup during their course of study at IIT Mandi. This should make IIT Mandi one of the startup-friendly Institutes out there.

3. Panel Discussions and Workshops:

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi began a panel discussion with the alumni by sharing insights into the institution's recent achievements, developments, and future plans. He spoke



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about the campus expansion status and how the on-campus strength has grown to ~3000 and still growing with the introduction of new courses in B.Tech in Material Science, B.Tech in General Engineering, and B.Tech in Microelectronics & VLSI. He also spoke about the newly established Centre for Indian Knowledge System and Mental Health Applications and how IIT Mandi has multiple faculty and Ph.D. fellows working towards the application and research of the Indian Knowledge System to understand Mental Health in humans. This was followed by a panel discussion with students over the same and how the Institute and alumni can collaborate better on various student & alumni issues. Alumni shared their experiences with the industry and informed how the Institute could alter its courses to make new students more ready for the same.

4. Networking Dinner:

The event concluded with a grand networking dinner, where alumni reconnected over delicious cuisine. The informal atmosphere encouraged alumni to build new connections and strengthen existing ones. Toward the end of the dinner, the alumni had the privilege of hearing an inspirational speech from Dr. Vijay V. Patel, an Outstanding Scientist at ADA, who coincidentally served as the supervisor of our alumnus, Mr. Mohit Kumar Malhotra. Dr. Patel attended the event as a guest speaker. He shared his story of how a humble student from a small tribal village in Maharashtra went on to pursue this engineering degree and then a Ph.D. in Control Systems from IIT Kharagpur. He then went on to be a scientist with the ADA and work on the Tejas LCA project among many other critical innovations and projects with the ADA. He also highlighted how IIT Mandi Alumni Mr. Mohit is being liked by his team and was doing so well at control systems that the Chandrayaan 3 project team reached out to their team after reviewing the flight code. It was an inspiring speech with a lot of success stories and good work done by Indian engineers & scientists.

Conclusion:

The Alumni Meet was a resounding success, with the participation of over 75+ alumni. The event served as a testament to the enduring bond between our institution and its graduates. It rekindled alumni pride and reaffirmed their commitment to the institution's growth. We extend our gratitude to all the attendees, speakers, volunteers, and sponsors who made this event possible. Your support and active participation were instrumental in making this reunion memorable. As we look forward to future Alumni Meets, we remain committed to strengthening the alumni-institution relationship and providing opportunities for continued collaboration and growth.

Thank you all for being a part of this beautiful and memorable occasion.



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Glimpse of Bangalore Chapter Alumni Meet





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