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IIT MANDI - DORA SECTION

IIT Mandi has instituted the Dean of Resource Generation and Alumni Relations (DORA) in the year 2022. The office of the DORA is one of the key pillars of the Institute. The section is currently headed by Prof. Chayan K. Nandi as the Dean (Resource Generation and Alumni Relations) and Prof. Varun Dutt works in the capacity of an Associate Dean (Resource Generation and Alumni Relations).

AIM OF DORA

The DORA aims to establish sustainable relationships with alumni, corporates, and other stakeholders, for resource generation. The office works extensively to arrange financial resources to meet the growing needs of IIT Mandi through corporate connections, philanthropy, and alumni. The office actively conducts several activities including campaigns involving fundraising to support research and excellence at the Institute, creating centers in emerging areas of science and technology, endowments for faculty chairs, honoring and awarding alumni, providing scholarships/fellowships to students, and promoting infrastructure growth of the Institute. The DORA office engages in creating multiple events and global outreach programs with our alumni, corporates, and philanthropic organizations. It also organizes the Reunion and recognizes the achievements of Institute's alumni by nominating them for "Young Achiever Award (YAA)".

ABOUT DORA

IIT Mandi secures funds through corporate, philanthropic, and alumni connections to support research, create tech centers, establish faculty chairs, honor alumni, provide scholarships, and enhance infrastructure. The DORA office organizes events and outreach programs with these groups. IIT Mandi values its alumni, maintaining strong connections for mutual growth and success, and appreciates their contributions towards its self-sustainability.

TRANSFER OF THE CHARGE OF DORA

Dr. Varun Dutt has taken over the charge of the Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations (DORA) from Prof. Chayan K. Nandi who led the section from April 6, 2022 to April 8, 2024.



AREAS OF RESOURCE GENERATION

ACTIVITIES IN DORA

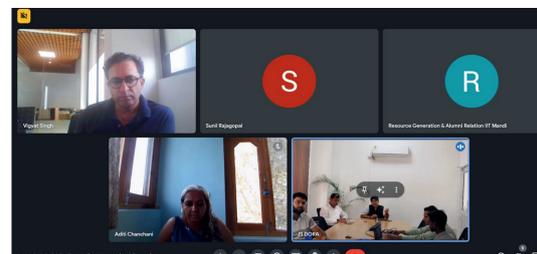
Building relations with:

- Philanthropists
- Foundations
- CSR Heads of the companies
- PSU
- NRIs
- Embassy & their corporate association
- Alumni

- Student scholarship/travel support
- Student/Faculty exchange program
- Faculty Chair Professor
- Institute Infrastructure building
- Creating a Center of Excellence
- Lab Establishment
- Endowment

A VIRTUAL MEETING WITH EICHER GROUP FOUNDATION

A virtual meeting with the EICHER Group Foundation was held on September 4th, 2023 to discuss the possibility of collaboration. In line with the discussion held during the meeting, the DORA Office submitted three white paper summaries to the Eicher Group Team. We are following up with them and a response is awaited.



VARIOUS ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING THE PERIOD

The DORA office has taken the initiative to organize various Chapter Meets at the respective chapter locations, and alumni get-togethers on campus. Through these initiatives, we are trying our level best to sensitize the alumni to connect them from their alma mater. This Office has initiated numerous donation drives targeted at alumni of the Institute, resulting in a steady influx of donations. With an eagerness for continued success, the office is keen to enhance such initiatives.

INAUGURATION OF INSTITUTE OFFICE AT IIT ALUMNI CENTRE BENGALURU (IITACB)



We are thrilled to announce the unveiling of IIT Mandi's new office space at the IIT Alumni Centre Bengaluru (IITACB) on September 9th, 2023. It marked a significant milestone for IIT Mandi, providing a dedicated hub to connect, collaborate, and foster the spirit of innovation among our esteemed alumni. The office was inaugurated by the Director, DORA, AD(SRIC), Strategic Advisor, & Institute's Alumni.

A VISIT FROM A DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AT IIT MANDI

Dr. Palvi Agarwal, an esteemed alumna of IIT Mandi who graduated in the year 2018 with a Ph.D. in Computer Science, visited its alma mater on August 3rd, 2023. Her visit was a momentous occasion and provided an opportunity to reconnect with the Institute. She shared insights from her post-graduation journey and inspired current students. The visit fostered a sense of pride and connection within the IIT Mandi community.



A VIRTUAL MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF IIT MANDI (US) FOUNDATION

A Virtual Meeting with the Board of Directors of the IIT Mandi (US) Foundation was held on August 10th, 2023 to review the submission status of Form 1023, which is necessary for the foundation to receive IRS status. After extensive discussions, the Board of Directors successfully submitted Form-1023 on August 13th, 2023, and awaiting approval for Tax Exemption Status. Our application is now assigned to the reviewing officer thus under process. In the meantime, annual report has been submitted as Mandatory requirement.

CSR-1 REGISTRATION OF IIT MANDI

The registration formalities for the Institute under Category-1 of Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) through the Ministry of Corporate Affairs have been completed. The certificate has been granted to the Institute. This certificate enables the prospective donor to get the tax benefits as per the norms of GoI.

CIRCULATION OF VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES AMONG THE STUDENTS

The DORA Office is committed to facilitate a wide array of scholarships from different organizations, foundations, and Institute partners among all students. Some examples of these scholarships include Sri Badrika Ashram (SBA), Pan IIT Vidyalakshmi Scholarship, Foundation for Excellence, TCS Research Scholar Program, Kotak Kanya Scholarship 2023, Reliance Foundation UG Scholarship, Dhawan Family Scholarships, Mehta RICE Engg. Scholars Program USA, Sitaram Jindal Scholarship, Siddharth Special Scholarship, SBIF, etc.

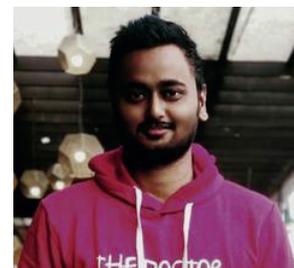
BANGALORE CHAPTER ALUMNI MEET 2023



IIT Mandi Bangalore Alumni Chapter Meet 2023 was a significant gathering on September 9th, 2023, hosted by the DORA Office/Institute at the Defense Research Officers Mess, DRDO Township, Bangalore, the event aimed to strengthen connections, and align alumni with the Institute's mission, and inspire contributions. The Director IIT Mandi, along with the DORA and AD SRIC graced the event and shared the Institute updates with the Alumni and sensitized them to support their Alma Mater.

LONDON-BASED MNC ACQUIRES STARTUP FOUNDED BY IIT MANDI ALUMNUS

Exciting news to share! Nyxion.ai, the innovative AI-powered email marketing startup founded by Mr. Siddhant Mohan, an alumnus of IIT Mandi from B.Tech. 2014 batch, has achieved a significant milestone. The company has been successfully acquired by a London-based venture capital firm, marking a noteworthy accomplishment for both the founder and the IIT Mandi community.



IIT MANDI ALUMNUS RECEIVES "GLOBAL 5 UNDER 35 SFPE AWARD" IN 2023 - A PROUD MOMENT FOR IIT MANDI

Congratulations to our alumnus, Dr. Ankit Sharma, for receiving the esteemed Global 5 Under 35 SFPE Award, chosen among candidates worldwide in 2023. We are honored to announce that he is the first Indian scientist to receive this award since its establishment, and the sole Indian recipient this year across all categories.



IIT MANDI ALUMNUS APPOINTED AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT IIT MADRAS' OFFSHORE CAMPUS IN ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA



We are thrilled to announce that our esteemed alumnus, Dr. Manoj Kumar, has been appointed as an Assistant Professor at the offshore campus of IIT Madras at Zanzibar, Tanzania. This is a momentous achievement for him and for us as well, given that IIT Madras, Zanzibar is the first Indian Institute of Technology campus established outside India, located in Tanzania.

JAPAN CHAPTER ALUMNI MEET AT TOKYO, JAPAN ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023



In collaboration with the Secretary, Joint Secretary, and alumni of the Japan Alumni Chapter, the DORA office successfully hosted the second Japan Chapter Alumni Meet in Tokyo, Japan on September 21st, 2023. The meeting was a great success, bringing together a diverse group of IIT Mandi graduates residing and working in Japan. Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director of IIT Mandi, and Dr. C. S. Yadav, Associate Professor at IIT Mandi, graced the event with their kind presence. This gathering highlighted the enduring spirit of the Institute's alumni community in Japan.

A LECTURE DELIVERED BY AN ALUMNUS ON THE IIT MANDI CAMPUS

Mr. Neeraj Soni, an esteemed alumnus of IIT Mandi, delivered an insightful lecture on IIT Mandi campus and shared his valuable expertise. Mr. Soni engaged the audience with enriching content, drawing from his experiences and achievements. The lecture provided a unique opportunity for students to gain insights into real-world applications and industry trends.



ALUMNI MEET OF BATCH GRADUATING IN 2023



The Alumni Meet of the batch graduating in 2023 was a joyous occasion, bringing together former classmates to reminisce and celebrate shared memories. The event facilitated networking opportunities and offered a platform for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater. It showcased the enduring bonds created during their academic journey and fostered a sense of community, reinforcing the strong ties between the Institute and its graduates.

BOMBAY & PUNE CHAPTER ALUMNI MEETS 2023

Alumni Meet for the Bombay Chapter were held in Bombay and Pune respectively on October 27 & 28, 2023. It was a resounding success and fostered connections among alumni. The event featured a warm welcome & inaugural address by Prof. Chaytan K. Nandi (DORA) and Dr. Shubhajit Roy Chowdhury. The networking dinner provided a delightful conclusion, encouraging alumni to reminisce and build new connections. The event strengthened the bond between the Alumni and its alma mater and ensured a memorable reunion.



HYDERABAD CHAPTER ALUMNI MEET 2023

The Hyderabad Alumni Chapter Meet was held on November 26th, 2023 at Flechazo Gachibowli with remarkable success. The event aimed to strengthen connections and inspire alumni to contribute to their alma mater. The event provided a platform for the alumni to interact with each other and enhance their interpersonal relationships. The DORA and the Alumni Advisor graced the event with their presence.



DELHI-NCR CHAPTER ALUMNI MEET 2023

The IIT Mandi Delhi-NCR Alumni Chapter Meet was held on November 25th, 2023 at Ambience Mall, Vasant Kunj, with a resounding success. About 30 alumni attended the event. The event aimed to foster stronger connections, align alumni with the Institute's mission and inspire contributions to their alma mater. With a warm welcome by Dr. Varun Dutt (ADORA) along with AR DORA, a few engaging sessions were organized to provide a platform for alumni interaction and to keep them connected.



GET-TOGETHER OF IIT MANDI ALUMNI AT THE INSTITUTE CAMPUS

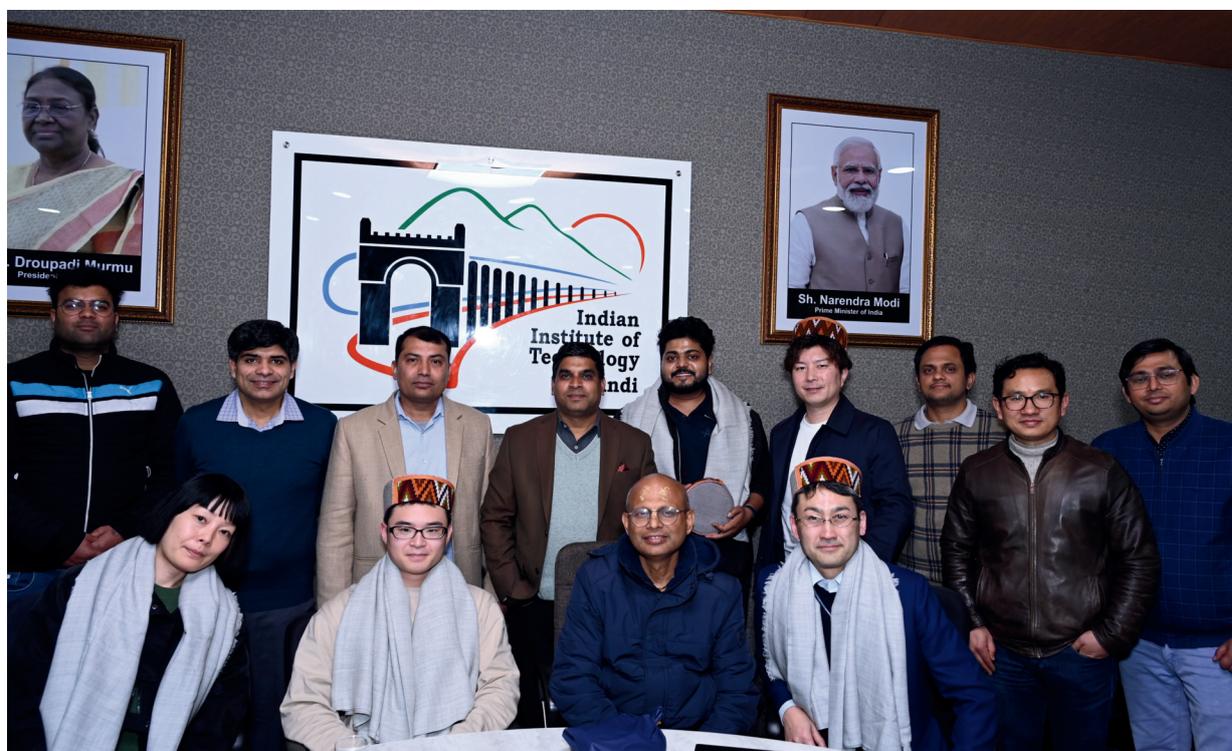
The inaugural Alumni Get-together for IIT Mandi graduates from the 2013 to 2019 batches was held on February 10th, 2024 at the Institute Campus. The event aimed to strengthen alumni connections, align them with the Institute's goals, and encourage contributions to their alma mater. The program included a warm welcome, updates about the Institute, a campus tour, and engaging interaction sessions, followed by a group photo session and lunch. Overall, it was a productive and memorable event.



Fundraising in terms of Scholarships

Name of agencies providing scholarship	No. of students receiving tuition fee reimbursement			Till Date: Total Beneficiaries: 36 Students
	UG 4 years	PG 2 years	Ph.D	
Sri Badrika Ashram (SBA)	14	0	0	
Pan IIT Vidyalakshmi Scholarship	7	0	0	
Foundation for Excellence	11	0	0	
TCS Research Scholar Program	0	0	1	
Kotak Kanya Scholarship 2023	1	0	0	
Reliance Foundation UG Scholarship	1	0	0	
Dhawan Family Scholarships	0	1	0	

VISIT OF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO IIT MANDI



IIT Mandi welcomed a Japanese delegation from Tonichi, Otsuka Corp., and Willings Inc. on February 12-13th, 2024, to discover collaboration opportunities. The visit consisted of a campus tour, discussions on collaboration, and networking sessions for students to explore internships in Japanese industries. The visit was highly successful, leading to various collaborative endeavors such as signing an MoU with Willings for academics, research, and long term internships.

ALUMNI MR. AMAN GROVER AND MR. GOPAL KRISHAN AGGARWAL DEMONSTRATED GENEROSITY BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE ALMA MATER

Mr. Aman Grover, a B.Tech CSE-2016 graduate, donated INR 50,000 to the Alma Mater, showcasing loyalty and gratitude. The donation will support projects and enhance the student experience. Mr. Grover emphasized giving back to his alma mater and received praise from faculty, staff, and students. His act of generosity may inspire others and strengthen the bond between alumni and the Institute, contributing to its progress and legacy. Following the legacy set in by Mr. Grover, Mr. Gopal Krishan Aggarwal, a distinguished alumnus of the B.Tech. CSE-2017 has made a generous contribution of INR 10,000 to the Alma Mater.



YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD - 2024



IIT Mandi awarded distinguished alumni with the "Young Achiever Award 2024" for their accomplishments in Academic Excellence, Professional Achievements, and Entrepreneurship during the institution's 15th Foundation Day celebration. The alumni serve as inspirational figures embodying values instilled by IIT Mandi. Award Given to Dr. Harivansh Rai Mittal - Academic Excellence, Ms. Harsha Mathur - Professional Excellence, Mr. Siddharth Mohan - Excellence in Entrepreneurship and Management

IIT MANDI JAPAN ALUMNI CHAPTER MEET



The IIT Mandi Japan Alumni Chapter's first-ever Freshers Alumni Meet 2024 was held on March 30th, 2024 at Yoyogi Park, Tokyo, with a resounding success. Surprisingly, 21 alumni attended, spanning batches from 2017 to 2025. Highlights included a seminar on the Japanese government's NISA scheme, self-introductions, and discussions on chapter expectations. Feedback showed satisfaction with the event's planning, with suggestions for more provisions. Overall, alumni eagerly anticipate future gatherings.

WHY DONATE

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi is at the forefront of providing cutting-edge scientific and technological solutions to the societal problems of Himachal and India. These solutions need financial resources to research, build, and translate. Furthermore, IIT Mandi has bright students who may need support in terms of tuition assistance and aid in traveling to national and international destinations to present their research work at top venues. Beyond these needs, the Institute also needs to support its built infrastructure, centers, and labs to upgrade its equipment and faculty per societal and industry needs. The above-mentioned requirements can only be fulfilled when you come forward and contribute to helping build IIT Mandi, its staff, students, and faculty.

We look forward to your kind contributions, big or small, to help build the Institute. Donations to IIT Mandi are 100% deductible from Total Taxable Income u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act 1961.

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