

# BITSAAD Annual Report

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The BITS Alumni Affairs Division, established in 2010 connects and engages students, alumni friends and well-wishers to a lifelong relationship with BITS Pilani. The division is working to extend further, the Alumni support to the continuing development of the Institute's academics, research and off campus programs, expansion and renewal of its facilities, and in providing scholarship and financial aid to students through annual fundraising campaigns. The division generates opportunities for alumni and friends of the institute to extend their time, talent and treasure to enhance the vitality and reputation of BITS Pilani.

## **Routine Activities:**

The activities conducted by the division during the academic year 2011-12 include:

- Director's Tea Party
- Batch Snaps (B.E and M.E)
- Support for Convocation 2011
- Registration of graduating students as BITS Alumni
- Design, procurement, distribution and sale of Institute approved souvenirs
- Coordinating Scholarship Applications, Travel grants, requests from students for alumni mentoring, etc.
- Coordinating Alumni Visits
- Coordinating Lets Promote BITS Pilani (LPBP)

## **Awards and Recognitions Co-ordinated by the Division:**

- **The Kris Ramachandran Faculty Excellence Award:**

The Kris Ramachandran Faculty Excellence award was instituted for the 5-years 2010 to 2014 by BITS Alumnus Kris Ramachandran (Class of '72) and comprises of a rolling plaque, a citation, and a cash award of INR 100,000. The award is an initiative to



recognize BITS faculty for excellence in inspiring and engaging teaching that stimulates discovery and inquiry, in research and innovative projects, and in their professional achievements and commitment towards BITS. This year's award was won by Prof N. N. Sharma a member of the faculty of Mechanical Engineering, at the Pilani campus.

- **Distinguished Alumnus Awards**

Awarded to Prof. Dorairajan Balasubramaniam, Prof. Goverdhan Mehta (both in the area of Teaching and Research), Mr. Prithviraj Chavan (Public Life) and Mr. Baba Kalyani (Entrepreneurship). The nominations have been collected for the next year's awards.

- **Professor S. Venkateswaran Faculty Excellence Award**

The award was instituted by Mr. Karthik Krishnan, alumnus, batch of 1993 in the name of Professor S. Venkateswaran, former director and vice-chancellor, BITS Pilani. Nominations are collected for the award to be announced this year.

## **Visits to the Campus including talks**

Alumni Affairs Division arranges the required logistics for alumni visits. These Visits helps in achieving active interaction with faculties and students. 31 visits to the campus took place this academic year, including:

- Mr. Sanjay Nath, Venture capitalist
- Siva Cotipalli, Founder of DhanaX.
- Mr. R. Nagarajan, BITSAA Australia chapter
- Mr. Vijay Kumar Khatore, Chairman, Founder of Khatore Pharmaceuticals
- Mr. Uday Kiran Jandhyala, Sr. Telecomm Engineer
- Mr. Satish Chandra Bansal, Small Scale Steel Industry
- Mr. Pradeep Sethi, Human Resource Consulting
- Mr. Tapan Desai, Engineer
- Mr. Pradeep David, G.M., S.India
- Balasubramaniam, ASIC verification



- Dr. A Srinivas Rao, Director, ISB
- Sudip Dutta, Founder, Aporve
- Rauf Ali, Zoologist
- Malopan Sarangpani, Director, Enterprize transformation, CTS
- H M Bengani, VP, BOC India Ltd
- R.R. Maheshwari, Director, Marketing and Business development, Ginni Filament
- V.K. Nema, GNFC, Bharuch
- Naval Biyani, Industrial consultancy
- G.V. Ravi, Director, Bhakivedanta Institute and Institute for semantic information sciences and technology
- Dr. KRV Subramanian, CEO, Radix Learning
- Som Derashri, CMD of Syguru Innovation Pvt Ltd
- Mr. Sanjay Khendry, Secretary, BITSAA Hyderabad chapter
- Dilip D'Souza, Writer
- Prof. Melkote Ramaswamy, Nuclear Physics
- Siva Chidambaram, Director, Nielsen company
- K J Rangra, Scientist, CEERI- CSIR
- Nagesh P., Chairman, research foundation
- Yogesh Kulkarni, Goa Instrument Industries
- Nagesh Bharadwaj, Chairman Bharadwaj Education & Research Foundation.
- Vivek Phillips, Music Director, Lyricist and Singer
- S.N. Jindal, CRDO

## **On Campus Talks**

On campus talks are an excellent forum for invited speakers from the alumni community to share their experiences with the students' on-campus. Four sessions were conducted this year:

- Talk by Raju Reddy, Chairman of BITSAA International on “My Story :Journey of Entrepreneur”



- Talk by Aniruddha Ghosal on “Careers in consulting”
- 2 day session by Ajay Goyal, on “Nuclear Energy”
- Talk by Phanindra sama, Charan P, on “Achieving your dreams”

## **Project Embryo Lectures**

Alumni from different field and expertise interact with the students through video lecture. Efforts are made to telecast lectures to all the campuses simultaneously. Nine lectures were conducted for the academic year that includes:

- Karthika Periyathambi on “Computer Architecture”
- Lohit Sahu on “An Introduction to Entrepreneurship”. (He later offered internships to students)
- Dhruv Balwada on “BITS2MSPHD”
- Shiva Kumar on “Web Technologies”
- Vidyashankar V “HBS 2+2 program – Bitsian’s Perspective”
- Vijay Kedia, JalMitra, on “Rainwater Harvesting System”
- Vasant Manohar, 2 sessions on “Computer Vision and Image Processing”
- Shivakumar Ganeshan, on “My experiences with Start-ups”
- Neeraj Kedar, on “Careers in Renewable Energy”
- ART - Alumni Research Talks, a 3 day long student-industry-research symposium organized by Computer Science Association, Embryo and CSIS, BITS Pilani and telecast to all four campuses.

BITSAAD aspires further to continue with the Alumni support for its activities in the years ahead that would strengthen and bring in the expansion of BITS Pilani.

