# Alumni plays a key role in building the institute and its reputation

KID: 20220301

Dr Mudrika Khandelwal

For all our national institutes of eminence, it is a well-known fact that the Alumni have always played a key role in building the institute and its reputation. Likewise, we at IIT Hyderabad have identified the Alumni Relations office as one of the key pillars of our institute, and the office of Dean Alumni Relations has recently been established.

**Our Mission:** We connect alumni to the university and each other, build traditions, foster student and alumni leadership, serve the diverse needs and interests of our community, and create opportunities for investment in IIT Hyderabad for its advancements.

Since assuming the office, we have initiated several outreach activities to welcome the alumni back to their alma mater and to professionalize the engagement. Some of those are

We have conducted events with alumni associations in Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Mumbai, and the next is planned for Delhi.

## Alumni talks Foster talk series:

Alumni Cell and the Media Council host the FOSTER series to strengthen the Institute-Alumni relationship. The Foster 2022 is an initiative by the Media Council and Alumni Cell to spotlight Institute's alumni who made their path and soared high through an Alumni Talk Series. We firmly believe that one who has experienced the ups and downs of a journey is the best guide for someone new or about to start the same journey. Sharing the challenges one faces in their exploration of "becoming" undoubtedly help others prepare well for theirs.



- Alumni Ecards to make it easy for entry & accessing the facilities of the campus
- Alumni email ids to receive the latest updates from the institute
- Department-wise alumni engagement faculty
- IITH awards to alumni achievers
- Fundraising campaigns

### Meet & greet events:

The Office of Alumni Relations is keen on reaching out to its alumni. We are hosting the Meet & Greet events in various cities and would love to meet our alumni who are available in those cities.

It is an informal meeting of around half a day to get to know each other, updates from IITH and the office of alumni relations, chit chat, past memories, etc., on brunch/ high tea, depending on the majority of alumni gathering for the event.

And for an Institute, it is always a pleasure and a moment of pride to see the alumni sharing the many stepping stones they achieved in their careers and soaring high in the sky.

The FOSTER series will include a variety of themes which are as follows:

- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Technology and Innovation
- Trading and Investments
- Start-ups
- · Higher Studies



## Alumni contributed excellence awards

IIT Hyderabad's Young Alumni instituted Research Excellence Awards to promote fellow students. On August 27, 2022, the research excellence awards ceremony 2022 was conducted with IITH Fraternity & Alumni together on board in an online mode. These awards are given to our students who have excelled in their research in the academic year 2021-22.

#### Decennial year:

This year marks ten years of the first graduating batch. We celebrate this in a big on 17-18 December, along with the institute alumni day. Class of 2012 also plans to create a legacy through the development of the institute infrastructure.

In the upcoming period, we intend to carry out more outreach activities such as reunions, alumni day, decennial celebrations, and mentorship program. Even without any special event or invitation, we would love to have our alumni visit us on the campus, have a brief 'chit-chat,' witness our campus development,

and have a simple 'chai pe charcha.' The growth of our campus on all fronts not just relies on the people currently here, but we would also love to hear and learn from alumni experiences to make IIT Hyderabad the best in our nation.





Dr Mudrika Khandelwal {Dean (Alumni Relations) & Associate Professor Department of MSME} IIT Hyderabad