## Towards a Global and Inclusive IIT Hyderabad: Nurturing Communities, Partnerships and Innovation

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It is always a privilege to share thoughts and updates with the wider IIT Hyderabad community through किरIITH. As we continue to grow as a premier institute of national importance, the role of meaningful relationships with our alumni, corporate partners and well-wishers-has never been more vital. These connections form the foundation upon which our vision for the future is built. The Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations (ACR) is dedicated to nurturing these bonds, creating platforms where experience meets ambition and where collaboration fuels innovation through equitable participation and shared opportunity. Our aim is to ensure that every interaction be it an alumni reunion, an industry engagement or a new initiative-adds lasting value to both the institute and its diverse and inclusive community. These efforts collectively contribute to a culture that values diversity, encourages participation from all backgrounds and reinforces the sense of belonging that defines IIT Hyderabad.

IIT Hyderabad continues to strengthen its alumni and industry engagement in line with its global and inclusive vision. With a growing alumni base of over 8,000+ the institute is preparing to launch new regional chapters in Japan, the Bay Area (USA), Europe and Singapore.



Glimpse of Annual Alumni Day 2024

More than 10 alumni-student connect events have been organized recently, fostering mentorship, career development and meaningful networking that ensures students from all backgrounds can benefit equitably. As a gesture of appreciation for continued support, IITH has instituted 10 Donor Awards to recognize the generosity of individuals and organizations, with 2 new awards planned and several more in discussion – acknowledging contributions that support inclusive excellence across the institute.

On the corporate front, IITH has established over 100 industrial collaborations across various sectors, ranging from deep-tech startups to large multinational corporations. These partnerships span research initiatives, sponsored projects, joint internships and knowledge exchange programs. The institute is actively working with industry partners to set up Centers of Excellence (COEs) focused on innovation, advanced technologies and skill development --strengthening the bridge between academia and industry with a focus on inclusive growth and access to opportunities. Further philanthropic and encouraging corporate participation, IIT Hyderabad received approval for 100% tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act in March 2025. This allows donors and CSR partners to claim full tax benefits on eligible contributions, making it financially advantageous to support initiatives in research, infrastructure, student development and innovation-led growth at the institute.

The ACR Office remains committed to fostering meaningful and long-term partnerships with alumni and corporate stakeholders, guided by the values of integrity, inclusivity, excellence and mutual growth. As IITH prepares for upcoming institutional events and strategic milestones, we invite all stakeholders to remain actively engaged in the life and progress of the institute.

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