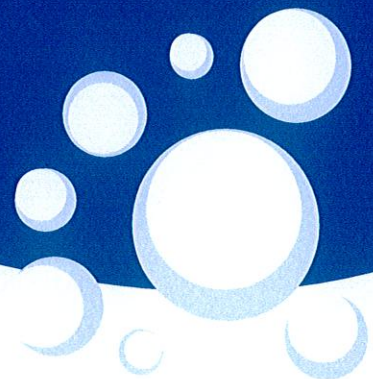**alumni**
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Message from the President

The past year has seen amazing successes of the IIT Guwahati Alumni around the world. From more alumni whose start-ups have been able to raise funding, to a lot who have excelled in academia, to some truly creating immense social impact with their work; to a few who have joined the civil services, there is a lot going on. Our social media pages and website have been constantly updated to ensure that the message reaches out to the alumni worldwide.

The past year saw a new format of smaller meet-ups being introduced in the different cities, Bangalore, Mumbai and Delhi. This helps in organising smaller events and maintaining a closer connect with the batch mates from the years on campus, as well as seniors and juniors. These smaller events lead up to a larger alumni reunion at the major cities around India. The past year saw a very successful reunion happening at Hyderabad.

As all are familiar, a lot of the IIT Guwahati alumni are spread around the world now. With a larger alumni base to reach out to, there is a strong need to create stronger local chapters. In the past there have been some efforts in this regards and we can look forward to more efforts in this regards in this coming year.

With the SAIL body on campus, there is a regular flow of alumni coming to the IIT Guwahati campus to interact with the students. This is a healthy sign for it allows more of the students to remain connected and seek mentorship from the alumni.

IITGAA is also working closely with the PANIIT India body to ensure that there is a stronger base of mentors panning across IITs that the IIT Guwahati alumni can reach out to. IIT Guwahati alumni have been participating actively in the events organised by the other IITs in Bangalore and Pune. It also sets us up for IITGAA to organise larger events with the support of PANIIT and the other Alumni Associations that are beneficial to the IITG Alumni and other IIT Alumni worldwide.

The IITGAA is committed to getting the alumni connected and be of more value to them. We welcome more suggestions from alumni worldwide to participate more in the functioning of the IITGAA as it is only then we can truly be of value to each other.

Kshitiz Anand
President, IITGAA

Alumni Meet – Hyderabad
(From IIT to Entrepreneurship)
September 10, 2017

With a firm goal to enrich alumni interaction within themselves and with the student community in IIT Guwahati, IITGAA Hyderabad chapter organised alumni meet on September 10th this year. The alumni meet was a full day event that witnessed a series on interactive sessions on innovation and entrepreneurship from various speakers like:

Mr. Ramesh Loganathan - Professor Co-Innovation IIIT Hyderabad, Chief Innovation Officer at State Innovation Cell and a Start-ups Enthusiasts

Mr. Atish Rathi – Founder : Khanagiri (IITG Alumni)

Mr. Raghu Kunchustambham – Founder : ConceptWaves (IITG Alumni)

Mr. Santosh Thota – Founder : Feltso (IITG Alumni)

Mr. Ashwik Battu - Founder : Hombot , DocsPad : Acquired by Yahoo (IITG Alumni)

Mr. Ashvin Mahavadi : Founder : KrishiYog (IITG Alumni)

The meet had a huge turnout in terms of participation from our Alumni. There were many interesting facts shared by our dignitaries with the Alumni on innovation and entrepreneurship. Our alumni also enjoyed fun activities and networking with other alumni.

Alumni Meet – Bengaluru Montly Meetup

(Powered by HashedIn Technologies Pvt. Ltd.)

One of the main responsibility of IITGAA is to organize regular meet-ups PAN-INDIA at different places so that alumni community remains connected and by this we try to make sure the community contribute back to university in some form. To strengthen the alumni network in Bengaluru, this time the local chapter representatives decided to organize regular monthly alumni meet-ups a.k.a "g2g". To achieve this goal one of our alumni Mr. Himanshu Varshney (Founder HashedIn Technologies) came forward and provided free of cost hosting space. Once the hosting space hurdle got overcome, the path for these regular meets became clear.

Bengaluru Monthly Meet-up 1 (#g2g): Nov 26, 2017

The regular alumni meet-ups in Bengaluru started from November 2017, with the first one organized on November 26th. The agenda of the meet-up was to decide the format of these regular meet-ups, frequency and various other ways to strengthen the alumni network. The very first regular meet-up in Bengaluru witnessed a decent crowd of around 25 alumni from various batches. As a result of the meet-up, a standard format for the regular meet-ups was decided and a call was taken to organize these meet-ups once a month.

The Standard Format of these meet-ups as decided is given below:

Focussed Session (15-20 mins): with the aim having an experience / knowledge sharing session on something focussed like entrepreneurship, start-ups, career goals etc.

- Tech Talk (15-20 mins): with aim of sharing knowledge on latest and cutting-edge technologies like AI, ML, Block-chain, Crypto Currencies, scaling software systems etc.
- Tea / Snacks break (15 mins) : Networking of tea
- Nostalgia / Memory Sharing / Talks about campus life
- Open Session: Ask anything

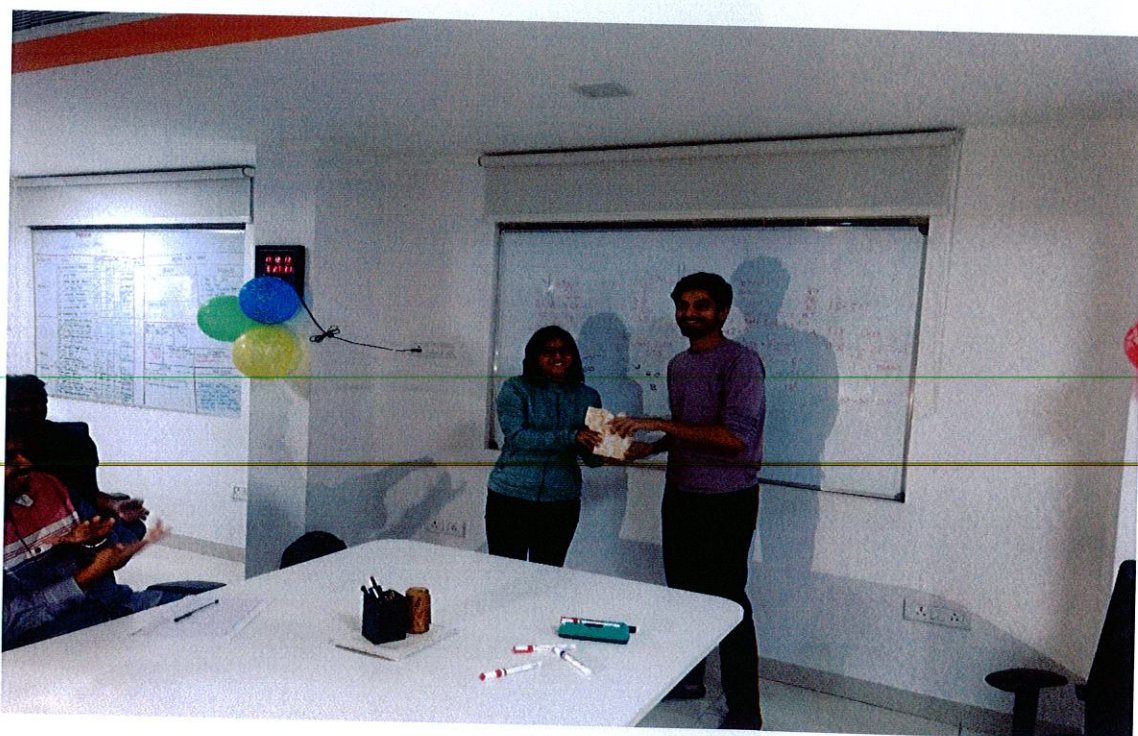## Bengaluru Monthly Meet-up 2 (#g2g): Dec 17, 2017

After kick starting regular alumni meets (monthly) in Bengaluru, it was time to have the 2nd monthly meet-up on Dec 17th, 2017. Sticking to the standard format decided in the previous meet, following IITG alumni were took the sessions:

Focussed Session by Ms. Shivangi Shrivastav (Co-Founder - Tazzo Bikes): she shared her start-up journey experience which helped attendees to learn more on entrepreneurship.

Tech Talk by Mr. Apoorv Kumar (Datasigns Technologies): he took a session on credit scoring.

The alumni enjoyed a pleasant evening, networking with speakers and fellow alumni, with tea and snacks.
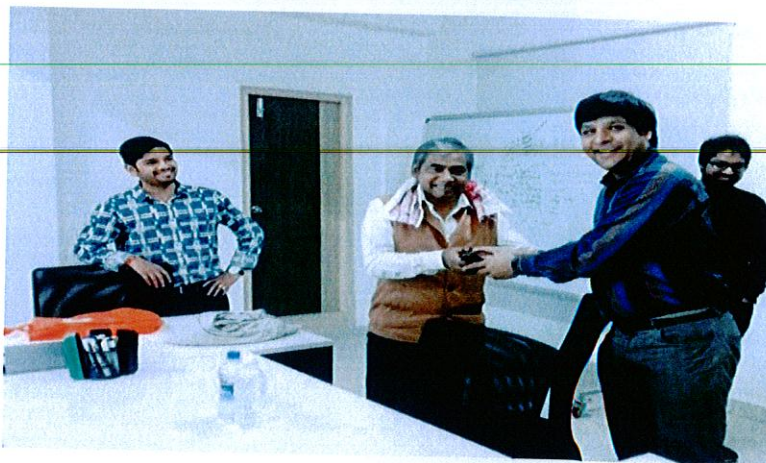
Alumni Meet-up with Professor Sanjay Kumar Bose
(Bengaluru): Dec 27, 2017

Along with organizing regular alumni gatherings, our Bengaluru chapter team took the responsibility of organizing a small dinner meet-up with Professor Sanjay Kumar Bose (Dept. of EEE IITG, Ex-Dean IITG AAER) as he was on a short vacation in Bengaluru in the last week of December.

The meet-up witnessed a decent crowd with around 20 alumni attending the meet. There were interaction on life in IITG, campus stories, alumni stories and various other casual interactions followed by delicious dinner.

It was a proud moment for us to host Professor and other alumni at dinner meet-up in our alumni office only, thanks Mr. Himanshu Varshney (Founder & CEO HashedIn Technologies) for providing hosting space and sponsoring the dinner meet-up.
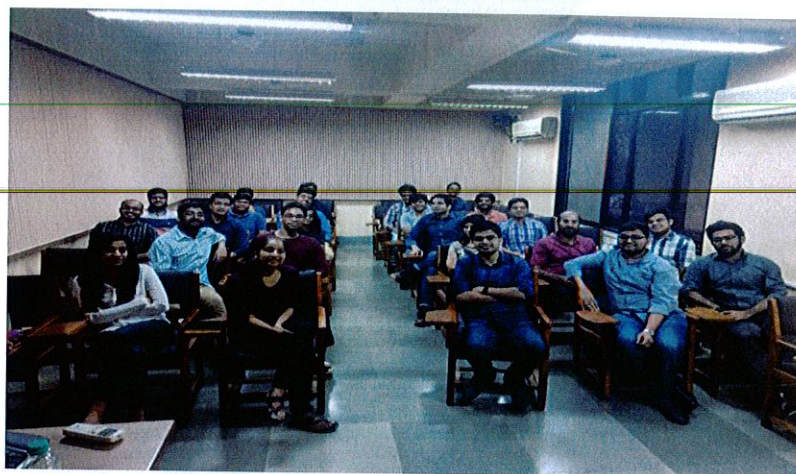
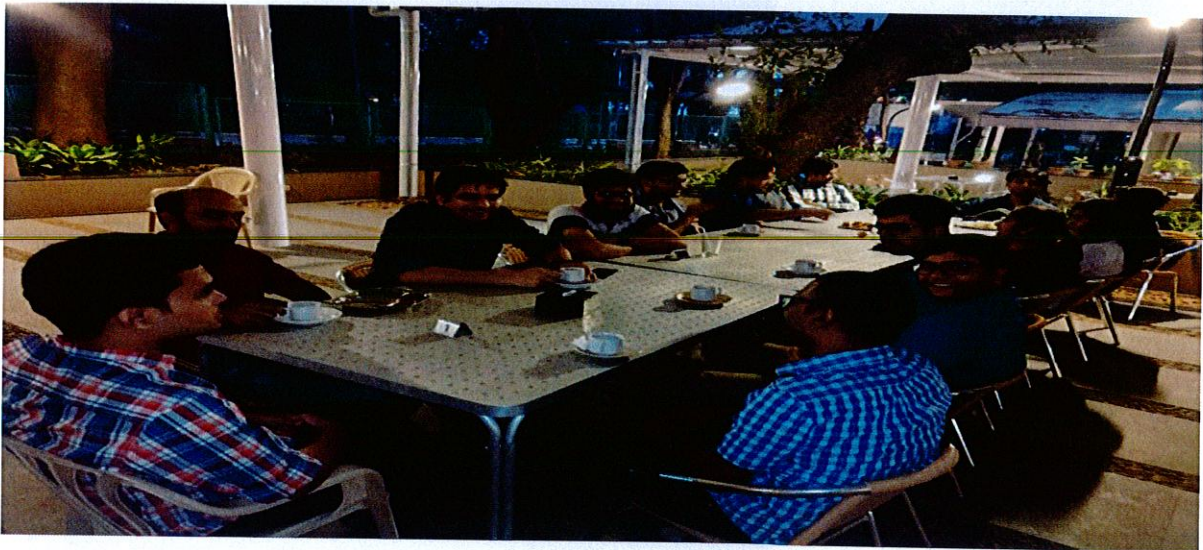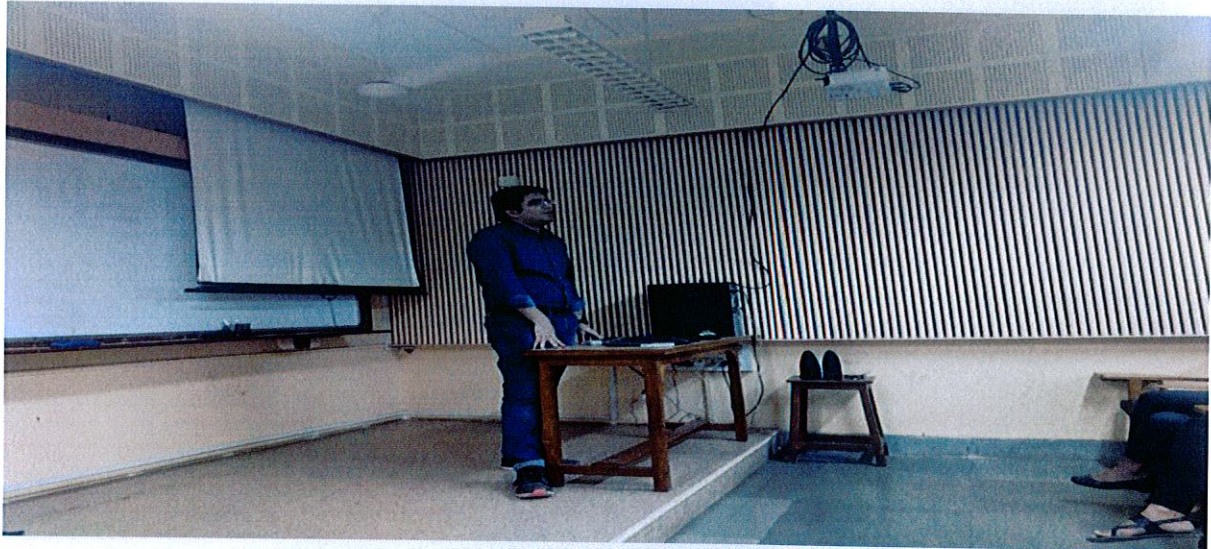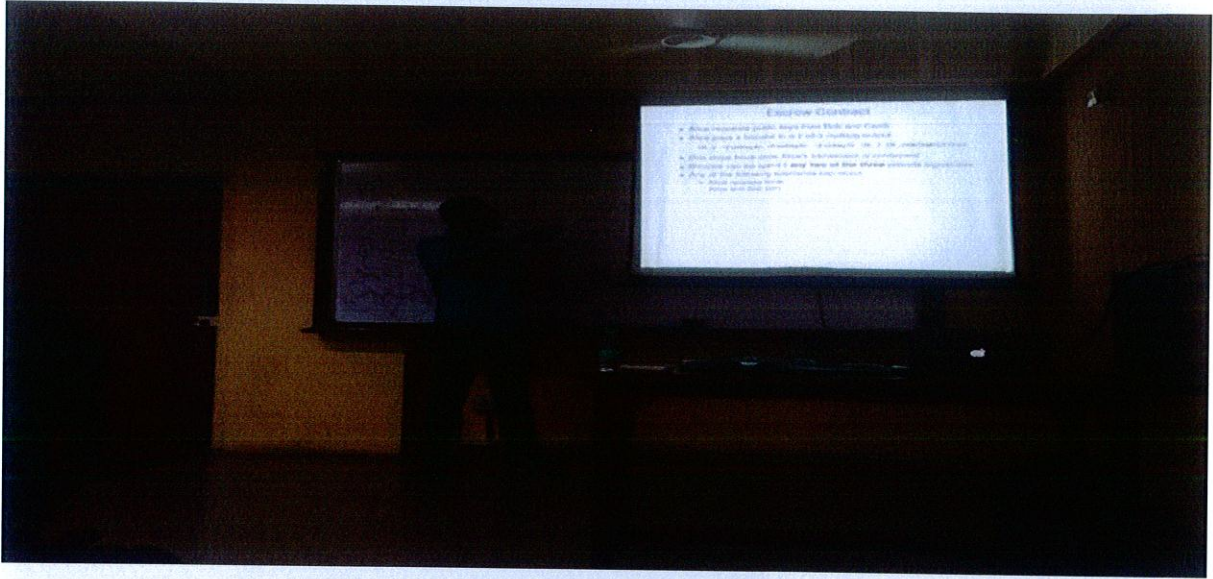## Mumbai Regular Meet-up: Jan 7, 2018

After kick starting regular alumni meets (monthly) in Bengaluru, the Mumbai chapter of IITGAA also decided to have similar regular meet-ups in Mumbai and strengthen the alumni network in Mumbai too. The first meet happened on Jan 7, 2018 at IIT Bombay. The hosting space was provided by one of our alumni Mr. Saravanan Vijayakumaran who is now Associate Professor Department of Electrical Engineering, IITB. The agenda of the meet was to have some knowledge sharing sessions and networking over tea. Following sessions were held at the meet-up:

Session on Blockchain & Bitcoin by Prof. Sarva Vijayakumaran

Session on MBA journey by Mr. Bharat Lodha (IITG Alumni)

The alumni enjoyed a pleasant evening, networking with speakers and fellow alumni, with tea and snacks.

Alumni Achievements

IITG alumnus Mr. Harpreet Dhillon named 2017 Clarivate Analytics Highly Cited Researcher. Every year, Clarivate Analytics (formerly Thomson Reuters) assembles a highly-selective list of researchers who have distinguished themselves by publishing a large number of papers that rank in the top one percent most-cited in their respective fields over an 11-year period. The 2017 list contains about 3,300 researchers across all disciplines.

Mr. Dhillon received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin his M.S. in electrical engineering from Virginia Tech, and his B.S. in electronics and communication engineering from IIT Guwahati.

Source: https://ece.vt.edu/news/article/dhillon-named-2017-clarivate-analytics-highly-cited-researcher

Mr. Vasu Goel from Indian School of Business Hyderabad and an alumni of IIT Guwahati (Graduation Batch of 2013) made it to the coveted list of ET Young Leaders B-School Edition 2017.

IIT Guwahati Alumnus, Mr. Namit Jain (B.Tech Class of 2015) achieved the top rank in ESE 2017 for Civil Engineering.

Source: https://thenortheasttoday.com/assam-guwahati-iit-alumnus-namit-jain-tops-ies-examination/

IIT Guwahati Alumna Mrs. Richa Singh featured on KenFolios

Source: https://www.kenfolios.com/friends-suicide-drove-quit-fortune-500-firm-build-unique-platform/

IITGAA President Mr. Kshitiz Anand (BDes, Class of 2005) featured in TheBetterIndia for his social enterprise Happy Horizons Trust

Source: https://www.thebetterindia.com/107082/happy-horizons-trust-rural-bihar-quality-primary-education-youth-empowerment/

IIT Guwahati Alumnus Mr. Gaurav Aggarwal , co-founder of Healofy, to be featured in the list of Forbes 30 under 30 Asia list, in the healthcare and sciences category!

Source: https://www.forbes.com/forbes/welcome/?toURL=https://www.forbes.com/30-under-30-asia/2017/healthcare-science/&refURL=https://www.facebook.com/&referrer=https://www.facebook.com/#354e375a1722)

News from the Start-Up

Druva Inc. – co-founded by our alumnus Jaspreet Singh

Druva Inc. a company co-founded by our alumnus Jaspreet Singh, B.Tech (CSE), Class of 2004 is among the most successful start-ups of IIT Guwahati. The latest round of funding brought the total amount raised by Druva close to $200 million. One observer has described the company as on track to be the first SaaS 'unicorn' (that is, valued at $1 billion or more) to come out of India, as Druva was originally founded in Pune before relocating to sunny Sunnyvale.

Source: https://techcrunch.com/2017/08/22/cloud-data-management-startup-druva-raises-80m

MindTickle – Co Founded by our Alumnus Mr. Nishant Mungali

Sales-readiness SaaS platform MindTickle raises $27 M in Series-B funding

Source:

https://yourstory.com/2017/12/sales-readiness-saas-platform-mindtickle-raises-27-m-in-series-b-funding
https://inc42.com/buzz/mindtickle-canaan-partners-sales/

FlyHomes – Co Founded by our Alumnus Mr. Tushar Garg

FlyHomes raises $4MM in capital, including $2MM Series A venture round

FlyHomes story in Tushar's own words: https://medium.com/flyhomes/a-new-first-our-first-capital-raise-8544815bb98c

Source:

https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/flyhomes-raises-4mm-in-capital-including-2mm-series-a-venture-round-300531333.html

Saluting those who follow the path untraveled!

Mr. Anand Kulkarni, Alumnus IIT Guwahati speaks about a Unique Career Choice

Anand Kulkarni is a B.Tech. In CSE (Graduating Batch of 2013) was a fellow under Gandhi Fellowship (Batch of 21014-2016).

Watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__qbYUPioIM

Research work by our Alumni

IIT Guwahati uses super-hydrophobic cotton to remove oil-spill.

Source: http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/iit-guwahati-uses-superhydrophobic-cotton-to-remove-oil-spill/article19981565.ece

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