

## **Director's Message: Student Yearbook 2017**

Dear Friends:

Yours is the sixth batch of undergraduates leaving the campus. You have perhaps heard me say that IITGN is a system in which enthusiastic and brilliant children enter, and four years later young adults exit. The challenge is to make this transition effective and smooth. Objective is to turn the 'bachchaas' into responsible citizens that are capable of leading a fulfilling life, of taking good care of themselves, of their families, of their surroundings and of the society. Of course, this is not to undermine the studies, the curriculum; but that is a given in an IIT.

I have been a great fan of the student body of IITGN ever since I joined here in June 2009. The maturity and leadership shown by the students of IITGN is exceptional and has been extremely energizing for me personally. The Institute has taken a certain view on managing the student affairs and the student body has responded enthusiastically to the same.

The sense of responsibility that your batch has displayed here has been exceptional. The way your batch has conducted itself in difficult moments is unprecedented. Your speeches at 'Udaan' is a clear reflection of how well you have grown, how well you have learnt to take life head-on, how well you have prepared yourself to negotiate the twists and turns of events as you enter into the real world. I have no doubt that you are destined to do well and bring good name to the Institute.

I challenge you to continue the great tradition established by your senior batch wherein a very large percentage of them have started to make modest monthly donations to set up the Class-of-2016 Scholarships. Your monthly donations of whatever amount (small or large) become substantial when pooled together. More importantly, such a gesture keeps you connected and engaged with the Institute.

As you are aware, IITGN is unique in terms of fully funded internships, scholarships and other need-based financial aid. This has been possible due to our well-wishers providing philanthropic funds with the premise that in due course our own alumni will become the main source of donations. A gesture by our young alumni of starting to donate a small amount also inspires the confidence of such well-wishers.

It is perhaps not so easy for you to leave IITGN after spending your four most impressionable years with the Institute. It is certainly not easy for us to let you go. I hope you will remain engaged with the Institute as you move on to newer opportunities. The social media and other tools these days make it so much easy to remain in touch. I look forward to receiving your news from time to time and will watch your success with great anticipation. We will also benefit enormously from your feedback on how you look back at the education and experience you received at IITGN. There may be many things that you will realize down the road that IITGN did right or did not do right and we will like to know about those.

Your lives will have ups and downs and I hope more ups than downs. I hope you have the courage to take decisions, the wisdom to take the right decisions, and the strength to live with your decisions.

My best wishes,

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