

Director's Message: Student Yearbook 2021

Dear Friends:

The first batch of “bachchaas” at IITGN graduated in 2012, so yours is our 10th graduating batch. So much has transpired over this past decade, especially during this past year.

Leaving college and entering the real world is among the biggest transitions in life, and a cause for celebration. You have benefitted from one of the finest education that an academic institution can offer. For us at IITGN, “education” is not just about books and courses (that is, “how much a person knows”). For us, “education” is about a person transforming for the better. We aspire for “life changing education” that empowers our graduates with a sense of purpose in life, the motivation to achieve it, and the capabilities and tools to accomplish their goals.

I often worry about how well we perform in this mission and wonder how well our graduates will do upon leaving the campus. With the repeated successes of past graduating batches, my anxieties have diminished with time and I am gaining ever more confidence that the “bachchaas” have been prepared well for the future and will do very well indeed.

Any significant changes in life and routine, good or bad, bring their own stresses and anxieties in humans. The process of young students leaving college to enter into the real world is always stressful: with hopes on one side and anxieties on the other. Your batch has experienced an exceptionally traumatic period in the past 15 months of the pandemic, something that earlier batches didn't. If some of you find graduating in these extraordinary times to be particularly stressful, I am not surprised.

However, particularly challenging times often have also enabled human civilization to leap forward and develop higher levels of resilience. This pandemic has forced you to navigate uncertainties and frequent changes. We could not have managed the campus as well as we did by not requiring students to vacate the campus, which many of our peer institutes did, without the exceptional maturity, team work and leadership demonstrated by our student community.

We have still not emerged out of the tunnel of this pandemic, so you and your classmates will face greater uncertainties and turbulence than graduating students typically do. But I am supremely confident that you are well prepared to face the future however it manifests itself.

Alumni success and alumni engagement are the most important parameters to judge any academic institution, and we will follow your successes with great interest. I urge you to remain engaged with the Institute and contribute in any manner to its continued success. Just as your success brings glory to the Institute, the reverse also is true. If IITGN does well in the years and decades ahead, it will reflect well on you too. Remember, you will always be introduced as a graduate of IITGN.

Life will not always be easy and will require making difficult choices from time to time. I wish you all the wisdom and the courage to take decisions and bear their consequences.

May you lead a very happy and fulfilling life.

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