

Director's Message: Student Yearbook 2014

Dear Friends:

In the past, it has not been easy for me to see my bachchaas leave the Institute after being here for four years, and this year is no exception. Of course, must you go and be part of solutions to the huge challenges that our country faces. In that sense, on one side it is painful for me to let you go, and on the other side, I am happy that IITGN is graduating yet another crop of most accomplished graduates that are sensitive to the needs of the society. You have received excellent education and training in an excellent environment, and you are destined for extraordinary achievements in the years ahead.

Yours is the third batch of undergraduates that IITGN is proud of graduating. The maturity and accomplishments of your batch can be a matter of envy to any institute or university anywhere, including the 15 other IITs in our country. Through your hard work, leadership and teamwork, you have set very high standards and have taken further the agenda set by your senior batches: the agenda of turning IITGN into the Nalanda and the Taxila of the 21st century India.

I have a very unique relationship with your batch, something that I do not share with any other batch of IITGN undergraduates: I had the pleasure of teaching a course to the Mechanical and Chemical Engineering students of your batch. I absolutely enjoyed the experience and used to look forward to go to your class.

I have often said that alumni of a university are its biggest stakeholders. The directors are appointed for five years and the faculty works for 20 or 30 years but has the option to move to another university. However, the alumni must mention the university in their resume all their life. Therefore, if IITGN does well, it will help you do well. I am look forward to your continued lifelong engagement with the Institute and I hope you will maintain a regular engagement with the institute and find time and resources to help your alma mater and your junior students.

Life has its own twists and turns, and you will be called upon to take decisions, some more important than the others. I wish you all the wisdom to take those decisions and all the courage to face the world as it unfolds before you...I wish you very happy and fulfilling life.

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