Dear Friends,

Greetings from IIT Bombay!

The month of March was one of surprises. Having completed half of the semester, all students were ready to dive deep into academics, indulge in grabbing the PORs they were eyeing and a lot of activity was expected. The sudden outbreak of the coronavirus in the country saw a turn of events. The institute had to be shut down mid of March and students were asked to go home to prevent the virus from spreading.

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to inform you that IIT Bombay has been ranked 1st in India and has moved significantly up from 53rd rank last year to 44th rank this year in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings by Subject 2020. This is a result of the utmost dedication of the faculty, staff and students and we hope to register better positions in the future with the excellent talent and enthusiasm that thrives in our Institute.

IIT Bombay celebrated its Foundation Day, the 61st anniversary of its inception on March 11, 2020 by honouring the contributions of its faculty members as well as erstwhile students, who as alumni have left their indelible imprint on their chosen fields of profession. The event was held in Prof. B. Nag Auditorium, VMCC and honoured its select alumni and faculty for their achievements in diverse fields ranging from academics, research and entrepreneurship. The Distinguished Alumnus Awards and Young Alumnus Achiever Awards’ were given away.

We welcomed Blackstone Chairman, CEO & Co-Founder Mr. Stephen A. Schwarzman together with our very own alumni, UIDAI Founding Chairman and Chairman & Co-Founder of Infosys, Mr. Nandan Nilekani for an interactive chat session at the Convocation Hall on March 4, 2020. The event was attended by more than 1,500 students, professors, IIT Bombay alumni, and members of the business community. It talked about how Blackstone became one of the largest global investors and the firm’s focus on technology and IT investments.

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Institute Lecture on Microbiomics by Dr. Janhavi Raut

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Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Alberta, Canada

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