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Greetings from IIT Bombay!

I am pleased to share the IIT Bombay Annual Activity Report 2022 with you. This year, we have much to celebrate. The Institute continued its pathbreaking mission of nurturing world-class education and research ecosystems. We are grateful to our partnering organizations – IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation and IIT Bombay Alumni Association for their outstanding support over the years. We are also thankful for the generous support received from our alumni, corporates, and friends.

Alumni participation included strategic advice, guest lectures, Alumination, being a part of the department advisory boards, offering financial and technical support towards the top priorities in scientific research, student financial aid, faculty development, infrastructure and more.

**New Centres at IIT Bombay**

With generous support from alumni, IIT Bombay witnessed the setup of various new centres on campus. Through these Centres, the Institute aims to further advance research in emerging science and technology.
In June 2021, The Koita Centre for Digital Health (KCDH) was established with a generous contribution received from its alumni Ms. Rekha and Mr. Rizwan Koita (B.Tech., Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science and Electrical Engineering, 1992, respectively), under the aegis of the Koita Foundation (www.koitafoundation.org). This Centre is the first of its kind in India, focused on driving academic programs, research, and industry collaborations in Digital Health.

Through the generous donation of Dr. Pramod Chaudhari (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering, 1971), the Pramod Chaudhari Alumni Continuing Education Centre (PCACEC) was established for the Alumni Continuing Education program. Through this program, the alumni can keep pace with technological advancements in engineering and science while understanding its implications on the world and specifically their businesses.

The Sunita Sanghi Centre of Aging & Neurodegenerative Diseases (SCAN) was established in Feb’22, with a focus on diagnostics and early detection of ageing and neurodegenerative diseases and movement support. The centre has been supported by a generous funding from IIT Bombay’s distinguished alumnus, Mr Sharad Sanghi (BTech., Electrical Engineering, 1989) in memory of his late mother Mrs. Sunita Sanghi.

Set up in February 2020, The Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science (C-MInDS) aims to contribute towards the growing significance of the role of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and related areas in different application domains. C-MInDS is supported by founding contributions from Mr. Mohan Lakhamraju (B. Tech., Computer Science & Engineering, 1998), Mr. Beerud Sheth (B.Tech., Computer Science & Engineering, 1991), Mr. Arpit Mathur (B. Tech. & M.Tech., Computer Science & Engineering, 2006), and Mr. Kashyap Deorah and Ms. Shruti Mahajan Deorah (B.Tech. Electrical Engineering, 2003), and other contributions.

Infrastructure Projects
Over the years our alumni have contributed significantly to the institute’s pursuit of excellence by setting up Class Legacy projects to help the institute in its most important initiatives and thus establishing their legacy. The institute has seen over 25 batches coming together to raise upwards of INR 80 Cr to help the institute and set up some of the most pressing needs.

Some batches initiated various projects with the funds collected as part of their Legacy Project, which is over and above the regular projects covered by the Legacy batches. Some alum-led project initiatives include the Class of 1969’s support for study room projects in hostels 3 & 6. The Class of 1980 contribution towards the Design & Making Lab will allow students to gain access to top-of-the-class equipment for mechanical and electronic work including 3D printers, laser cutters, and the latest workstations with CAD (Computer-aided Design software). The Class of
1975 support towards the Tinkerers’ Lab project which was aimed at providing technical resources and training to students on the campus that are interested in technical student-led activities. IIT Bombay’s first-ever micro-factories will be used by students for their core academic work as well as for a wide range of extracurricular activities. Café 92 which serves as a place for students to hang out for snacks between and after their lectures.

Other initiatives include the joint activity between IIT Bombay, IIT Bombay Alumni Association, and IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation – the H5 Enhancement Project to improve living conditions in the hostel by adding common study rooms and toilet facilities. The Collaborative Classroom (CC) and Experiential Learning Laboratory (ELL), housed at the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE), will help instructors design and execute active and hands-on learning exercises. The Rahul Bajaj Technology Innovation Centre (RBTIC) will house the Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), Industrial Research and Consultancy Centre (IRCC), and Industrial Design Centre (IDC) School of Design.

**Outreach and Events**

For the first time ever, IIT Bombay hosted a reunion convocation on August 6, 2022, for students who graduated in 2020 and 2021. The Institute held a special in-person convocation ceremony for students who missed experiencing the thrill of being among their peers and classmates and physically receiving their degrees due to the pandemic.

The COVID Pandemic made IIT Bombay rethink the way the Institute imparts education to its students. To ensure that the students begin the new academic year without further delay, IIT Bombay decided to conduct extensive online classes. However, a survey of facilities required for the online system indicated that a large section of IITB’s students needed financial support for procuring laptops and broadband connectivity to take these online classes. To address this issue, the Institute undertook a fund-raising drive. As part of this initiative – a total of 1,100 students were provided with financial assistance across different academic disciplines. The office of Dean ACR is grateful for the overwhelming support given by its alumni to help bright young minds at IITB continue their education in the online mode, during the pandemic.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**

IIT Bombay has a robust scholarship framework in place where it helps the needy students pay for the undergraduate programmes at the Institute. Scholarships help lessen the tuition cost, reduce financial burden on families of students and nurture the spirit of philanthropy among the recipients. In the academic year of 2021–22, the Institute has successfully granted scholarships to 207 undergraduate students, covering tuition fees and mess fees.
In addition, as a part of the Financial Aid Programme, in FY 2021-22, IIT Bombay disbursed amount INR 85.31 lakhs and impacted 110 students, of which 44 were undergraduate students and 66 were post graduate students.

**Chair Professorships**

The Chair Professorship position is often considered the pinnacle of an illustrious career in academia. It is also a way for top academic institutes to attract some of the best faculty members from around the world. At present, IIT Bombay has total 48 Named Chair Professorships where 6 Chair Professorships were instituted in financial year 2021-22 and 5 other Chair professorships were established since April 2022 in the areas such as Sanskrit, Quantitative Finance, Climate Studies, Biostatistics and Construction Management, Healthcare, Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science, Digital Trust, Statistics and Mathematics among others.

**Corporate Engagements**

FY 2022 has proven to be another fruitful year for IIT Bombay in its efforts to enhance industry collaboration and build corporate relationships. I am proud to share that IIT Bombay has more than 50 corporate partners including Bank of Baroda, National Stock Exchange, Coal India Limited, INOX, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), Merck, Tecnimont and many more. Many engagements with these corporates are ongoing and have resulted in centers such as the Centre of Excellence in Oil, Gas and Energy (CoE OGE) and HDFC Ergo-IITB lab as well as other research programs. It is to be noted that The Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Oil, Gas and Energy is an interdisciplinary Centre of Excellence sponsored by Indian PSUs (IOCL, ONGC, HPCL, BPCL, GAIL, OIL & EIL).

**IIT Bombay Rankings**

I am pleased to state that the Institute continues to be ranked as one of the top universities of the country and among the best in the world. IIT Bombay remains the first choice for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the country and attracts many of the top-ranked students from national entrance exams such as GATE, CEED, UCEED, NET, JAM and JEE. It is a matter of immense pride that in 2022, 47 out of the top 50 rankers in JEE Advanced have chosen IIT Bombay as their home, continuing the trend of IITB being the preferred choice for the past several years.

Moreover, IIT Bombay has been placed second in India and 172nd overall in the 2023 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings. The Institute has moved up five positions from its overall ranking, as compared to 2022.
In addition to this, IIT Bombay was placed third in the ‘Overall’ and ‘Engineering’ category, and 11th in the ‘Management’ category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) in 2022. Also, the Institute also ranked fourth in the new ‘Research’ category.

**IIT Bombay Priorities**

Looking ahead, IIT Bombay seeks to develop its Infrastructure capabilities, support faculty, and students through chair professorships and scholarships, and establish research facilities in emerging technologies such as Climate Change, Drug Discovery, Circular Economy, Nanotechnology, Sensors, E-mobility, Translational Research, and many more.

One of the immediate and urgent needs of the Institute is to augment the student living facilities. The Institute needs to add about 6,000 student beds to be able to accommodate the significant increase in student intake. Alumni have stepped forward to help bridge part of this need, through Project Evergreen. The Project envisages fund raise and construction of new hostels with world-class facilities. I encourage alumni to contribute to Project Evergreen through direct financial contributions, connections, and by volunteering their time.

The growth of our Institute into becoming a top university in the world has been made possible by the dedication of our staff, faculty, and well-wishers. Thank you to all of you who contributed to this success! Your efforts truly make a difference, and I look forward to continuing to partner with all of you in the coming year. I wish all of you and your family all the very best of health, progress, and prosperity.

Sincerely,

**Prof. Ravindra D. Gudi**, Ph.D., FNAE and FIIChe
Dean – Alumni and Corporate Relations
Institute AI & ML Chair Professor
FINANCIAL SUMMARY FY21–22
In the FY21-22, Dean ACR office raised approximately Rs. 114 Cr., a 48% increase in fund collected compared to the previous year’s collection of 77 Cr. Over a 5 year period, the funds collected have increased at a CAGR of ~47%.
Out of the INR 114 Cr. funds collected in FY 2021-22, India contributed to ~70% of the total collections, followed by U.S at 24% and the remaining 6% from the rest of the world. Both corporate donations and individual donations played an integral role in the total funds collected. Contributions from individual donors formed the larger part of donations and stood at 60%, whereas contributions from corporates stood at 40%.

Legacy collections, which are raised from various Class Batches are an important part of total fund raising collection. In FY 2021-22 INR 10.7 Cr was collected as part of Legacy collections in India and U.S. Overall collections including U.S stands at INR 125 Cr. The total number of of unique donors in the US were 665, while the total number of donors including India were 1,233.

- Total no. of Unique donors in US - 665
- Total no. of Donors including India - 1,233

New MOUs signed FY21-22

MoUs Signed 2021-22 (179 Cr)

The total value of new MOUs signed in FY21-22 was INR 179 Cr. India donors/corporates contributed to 88% of the total value, followed by the rest of the world at 7% and 5% from U.S. The contribution from both Individual donors and corporates/Foundations stood at 69% and 31% respectively.

New MOUs signed will serve as a strong pipeline for the Institute to fund projects in the upcoming years in various Insitute priorities in areas such as research, infrastructure, student development, faculty development and more.
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are financial aid awards that are designed to help students pay for an undergraduate programme at IIT Bombay. Scholarships differ from student loans in that they do not have to be repaid. The following are the impacts of scholarships on the students' lives:

- Scholarships help lessen the impact of tuition costs.
- Scholarships help students gain more time to focus on their studies.
- Scholarships reduce financial burden on economically weak families of students.
- Scholarships add to the number of students that are provided financial assistance from government funds.
- Scholarships help nurture philanthropy among the recipients.

Management: Office of the Dean alumni & Corporate Relations of IIT Bombay will manage the Named scholarships endowed by donors. IIT Bombay has a selection committee for awarding the aforesaid scholarships and providing the details of the students selected for the scholarships through a report by its selection committee. The Director of IIT Bombay will take the final decision based on the normal mechanism followed by the Institute for award of scholarships, taking into consideration the below selection criteria and also make recommendations of students for the award based on the report of the selection committee and relevant documents.

Eligibility & Criterion: The scholarships are awarded to the eligible students based on the following criteria:

Eligible Courses: All B.Tech., Dual Degree (B.Tech. + M. Tech.), B.S. and B. Des

Merit Criterion: For new entrants of B.Tech., Dual Degree (B.Tech. + M. Tech.), B.S. their IIT-JEE AIR and for B. Des. their UCEED Rank will be the criterion. In the subsequent years, the criterion will be their academic performance during the preceding academic year. A minimum CPI of 6 on a scale of 10 to be maintained by the student to be considered for the scholarship.

Means Criterion: The parental income is the basis for the ‘means’ criterion of the scholarship. At present students whose parents’ annual gross income from all sources for the previous financial year doesn’t exceed Rs.5,00,000/- (Five Lakhs Only), are eligible to apply for Merit-cum-Means Scholarship. When a student applies for the scholarship, copy of Income certificate issued by the Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar or the Income Tax Return (ITR) of parents for preceding year is required to be submitted with application for the scholarship every year.
Note:
● A student needs to reapply every year for the scholarship.
● The student who avails above scholarship cannot accept any other scholarship from Govt., Semi-Govt., or private sources.
● The benefits are available for the standard duration of the program on registration and satisfactory academic performance.

Purpose of Scholarship: Fee waiver for the student.

Tracking and reporting: A robust and transparent scholarship portal is available to track the award of scholarships. The payment of scholarships is done on a 6-monthly basis. The donors will be notified on the disbursement of the first and second tranche to the selected students which generally happens towards the end of August and February respectively. An annual report would also be shared with the donors detailing the no. of students supported, amount utilized and student testimonials (stories) highlighting their family background, education details (like dept., year, JEE/ UCEED score or rank/ past CPI, etc.) and how scholarship has helped them in achieving their goals.

SUMMARY OF NAMED SCHOLARSHIP Awardees
BY CATEGORY AND GENDER

Following is the summary of the scholarship awardees for the academic year 2021–22.

Table: category wise break up of male and female scholarship awardees

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SUMMARY OF SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN AS PER STUDENTS’ YEAR OF STUDY

Fig: Department wise summary of scholarship awardees based on the year of study

% SHARE OF SCHOLARSHIP Awardees ON THE BASIS OF PARENTAL ANNUAL INCOME

Fig: % share of different income classes in the scholarship awardees
The COVID Pandemic made IIT Bombay rethink the way the Institute imparts education to its students. To ensure that the students begin the new academic year without further delay, IIT Bombay decided to conduct extensive online classes. However, a survey of facilities required for the online system indicated that a large section of IITB’s students come from economically challenged families and required a helping hand with IT hardware (i.e. laptops and broadband connectivity) to take these online classes.

The Institute decided to undertake a fund-raising drive to support financially constrained students since the Institute did not want even a single student to miss out on the learning experience owing to a lack of money.

As a part of this initiative – a total of 1100 students were supported across different academic disciplines. The office of Dean ACR is very grateful to the overwhelming support given by its alumni to help bright young minds at IITB continue their education without any further hindrances or delays.
Financial Aid Programme (FAP) is a 15-year-old honor-based system of sustainable peer-to-peer support which provides merit and need-based scholarships to all undergraduate and postgraduate students of IIT Bombay (IITB). Administered by IIT Bombay Alumni Association in collaboration with IIT Bombay and IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation, Tata Motors Ltd., and Foundation for Excellence (FFE), FAP covers the entire registration fee of students including tuition fees, mess bills, etc. Students who receive financial aid return the money as a donation once they graduate so that it may go to the next student who needs assistance. All students across all programs and disciplines are eligible for support. The FAP donors are spread across geographies and generations spanning batches between 1967 and 2020.

In addition to helping the economically and socially disadvantaged IIT Bombay students to achieve their dream of an IIT Bombay degree, FAP has in the past also undertaken various initiatives for student beneficiaries. The partnership with TML enabled the introduction of several value-added services such as volunteer interactions, counselling sessions, industrial visits, and mentoring programs into FAP. All these were aimed to increase confidence, communication, and soft skills, and ultimately the employability skills of our student beneficiaries. Until April 2017, FAP also supported the purchase of laptops and travel requirements along with tuition and mess fees for deserving students. However, due to increased tuition fees and lack of funds, the current focus is on supporting tuition and mess fees for now.

### SUMMARY OF THE IT HARDWARE ASSISTANCE

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HIGHLIGHTS OF FY 2021–22

- Amount disbursed: INR 85.31 lakhs
- Donation received from alumni and sponsors: INR 69.09 lakhs
- Donation received from beneficiaries: INR 58 lakhs
- Total number of students impacted: 110 students (92 new + 18 repeat)

- Disbursed: INR 10.94 crores
- Received donations worth: INR 13.94 crores
- Assisted: 1,022 students

FAP SNAPSHOT: 2007 – 2022

- UG – 304
- PG – 718
ASHANK DESAI CENTER FOR POLICY STUDIES—ADCPS

The Centre was set up in 2016 to provide a fillip to the study of Public Policy. Policy Studies is a relatively nascent discipline in India. Given the increasing complexities of the economy, international relations, technology, and governance, it is imperative that this discipline takes firm roots in our polity and society. The academic community has an important role to play in this regard. In setting up this Centre, IIT Bombay hopes to make useful contributions to the field of Policy Studies.

ADCPS researchers work on diverse topics ranging from information economy and governance to natural resource management, from manual scavenging to smart cities, and from public health to corporate social responsibility.

IIT Bombay has a strong tradition of interdisciplinary research—an approach at the heart of Policy Studies. Along with its core strength in traditional science and engineering disciplines, IIT Bombay has a fully integrated Humanities and Social Science Department, a business school (SJMSOM), and a number of interdisciplinary centres such as one for design (IDC), and one for the study of technology alternatives for rural areas (CTARA). The Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies aims to collaborate with and contribute to these various disciplines, borrowing their strengths and offering policy expertise.

Vision
To become a centre of excellence that facilitates evidence informed and inclusive public policy.

Mission
To encourage a sustained dialogue between academia and other policy stakeholders in order to promote evidence informed and inclusive policy making and analysis; and create capacity for policy studies in the country.
Research Project Themes

- Environment, Energy and Natural Resources
- Digital Societies
- Structural Inequalities
- Technology and Society
- Markets and Governance Processes

New Research Collaborations - National

- Applied for a DST – CPR in Science Technology Grant. Awaiting the decision on it. The website for reference is www.canalpy.com
- Collaboration with Bavarian School of Public Policy on Environment and Climate Policy Process.
- Collaboration with the Kerala Institute of Local Administration, Govt. of Kerala on “Capacity Building for Local Governance”

New Research Collaborations - National

- University of East Anglia, UK and IIHS, Bangalore.
- Queen Mary University of London. (Surviving violence: everyday resilience and gender justice in rural–urban India)
- University of Lausanne, Switzerland; University of Colombo, Sri Lanka; Centre for Integrated Urban Development, Kathmandu, Nepal
- IDS Sussex, National University of Galway & SOAS, UK; IWMI, Colombo; Mekelle University, Ethiopia; Nepal Engineering College, Kathmandu.
- IDS, Sussex, UK; Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway; Kyoto University, Japan.

Highlights of Outreach activities

- Workshop conducted on the theme, “Enabling Advocacy & Change Through Documentaries”
- ADCPS Policy Dialogue related to aspects of Data Supply Chain was organised by the Centre
- A Conference was organized in collaboration with University of Lausanne, Switzerland and IDS Sussex, UK, on “Deepening Local Governance for Sustainable Management of Solid and Liquid Wastes in Small Towns in India”.
  - A total of 12 papers were presented in this Conference.
- Several Talks were organized after the launch of the Centre in September 2021.
- 3 Talking Policy Blogs published in 2022 Check out the Blogs here
The Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science (C-MInDS) at IIT Bombay has been set up in February 2020 to contribute towards the growing significance of the role of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and related areas in different application domains. Particularly at IIT Bombay, the activities of the centre are expected to leverage the existence of a strong inter-disciplinary academic community and the important research endeavors carried out by various researchers and faculty members. The Centre aims to be engaged actively to nurture the future talent pool in AI and DS primarily through research, teaching, and collaboration with industry/government.

**Academic Updates**
- First Batch of 17 IDDDP students are set to graduate on Convocation Day, August 2022.
- New batch of 22 IDDDP students started in July 2022.
- First batch of M.S. by Research and PhD students started in July 2022.
- Megan Kacholia Fellowship advertised and offered to 2 women candidates.
- CMInDS Fellowships advertised and offered to 2 Ph.D. and 2 M.S. by Research students

**Grand Challenge**

**Public Data Project (PDP)**

The goal of this project is to enhance the access and analysis of public data by decision-makers, researchers, and citizens of the country. This project involves developing technology for extracting information from raw multimodal data, integrating heterogeneous data sources, providing AI-driven models for powering robust analytics spanning diverse noisy sources, and increasing the accessibility of data and analytics to end-users via natural language interfaces.

**Proposed impact:**
- Empowering various stakeholders with easy access to analytics over public data
- Define India specific projects for use by many Data Science research and teaching programs which invariably rely on non-Indian data.

**Research Project Updates**

**Active research projects at the CMInDS**

1. PAN-India Morphology Analyser
2. Bias in Data and Models
3. Natural Language Generation
4. Computational Humour
5. Speech to Speech Machine Translation
8 Publications

17 Research Projects

Engaging 18 IDDP students

8 Publications

**Highlights of Outreach activities**

- AI.Impact Workshop exploring collaborations on Artificial Intelligence for social impact conducted on April 8th and 9th, 2022 with following themes:
  - Defence and Cybersecurity
  - Public Data
  - Indian language & speech technologies
  - Vision & image processing

- The workshop was well attended and witnessed over 100 participants in hybrid mode and 20 speakers from Industry and Academia.
Collaboration Partners

Wadhwani Institute of AI
Google Research
eGovernments Foundation
Gupshup
Mahindra Defence Ltd.
R&DE, DRDO
TCS Research
TCS Research
Sharechat
Attivo Networks

10 Faculty Members of IIT Bombay
KOITA CENTRE FOR DIGITAL HEALTH – KCDH

The Koita Centre for Digital Health (KCDH) set up at IIT Bombay, is the first of its kind in India, focused on driving academic programs, research, and industry collaborations in Digital Health.

Improving the quality, accessibility, and affordability of healthcare is one of the world’s biggest priorities. Digital Health has a profound impact on the quality of care and efficiency of healthcare delivery. Consequently, there is substantial focus globally on enhancing Digital Health and Informatics. In India too, the launch of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission (ABDM) in 2021 is driving Digital Health adoption at a national scale.

KCDH was established with a generous contribution received from its alumni Rekha and Rizwan Koita, under the aegis of the Koita Foundation (www.koitafoundation.org). The centre was approved by the Board of Governors of IIT Bombay on 4th June 2021.

KCDH Vision

To become a globally renowned centre in Digital Health and Health Informatics. The centre will drive research, entrepreneurship and employment in Digital Health to transform healthcare in India, partnering closely with clinical professionals and healthcare organizations.

Research Areas
**Academic Updates**
- Minor and IDDP Programs started in August 2021.
- New batch of 10 IDDP students started in August 2022.
- PhD Programs approved in Senate.
- New batch of 5 PhD students started in July 2022.
- Webinar series launched.
- Vision Plan finalized for the Centre.
- 1st Advisory Board meeting held.

**Research Project Updates**
- First call for Proposals – 15 projects shortlisted
- All projects in partnership with Digital Health partners

**Outreach Highlights**
- KCDH faculty Prof. Amit Sethi (IITB) was invited for deliberations on Operationalizing Principles of Responsible AI by NITI Aayog in July 2021.
- KCDH professor-in-charge, Prof. Ganesh Ramakrishnan spoke at HealthCare 2030 summit
- Koita Centre for Digital Health partnered with Telemedicon 2021 for the 17th International Conference in the Telemedicine Society of India.
- Internships – 5 companies providing Internships to KCDH Students
- Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission – Conducted Training for 90 State Joint Directors across India.
HE-IITB Innovation Lab is a 5-year strategic partnership between HDFC ERGO and IIT Bombay, with an aim to transform the financial services sector, including insurance, to significantly increase penetration in India and create a global center of excellence for innovation in financial services and fintech, including insurance and insurtech. The lab is open to exploring projects in health-tech, med-tech, agri-tech, and other related areas. To achieve these aims, it will be critical to create a deep symbiotic relationship with driven innovators and entrepreneurs in the IIT Bombay ecosystem. Technology-driven innovation and applications leveraging areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data analytics, robotic process automation, blockchain, image processing, natural language processing, data security, and beyond will be critical to achieving this vision.

Focus Areas

HE-IITB envision to foster innovations in the following focus areas:

Insurance and insurance technologies
- Finance and fintech
- Health and medical technologies
- Agriculture
- Climate change and climate extremes

R&D Projects: Funding opportunities for faculty and students

The lab will support high-impact innovation projects by providing funding via grants, enabling engagement with the innovation-entrepreneurship ecosystem, and providing business intelligence which would include access to proprietary data for the development and testing of innovative technology and business solutions. The lab will support a wide variety of innovative projects to enable both incremental and disruptive innovation and achieve thought leadership in this domain. The lab is looking to support high-impact innovation projects by providing funding via grants to faculty-student teams at IIT Bombay. Call for Proposals for round 1 and 2 are completed.

Some of the problems that are getting solved:
- Shockwave driven needle-free device for drug delivery
- Developing low-cost telematics device for motor vehicle usage-based applications
- Insurance terminologies in Hindi and English
- Urban Flood Risk Map: Monitoring to Modeling

Incubation & Acceleration: Funding opportunities for start-ups

The lab is also planning to support start-ups in the insurance, fintech, agritech, health and medical technologies development and commercialization. In this regard, HE-IITB team-initiated discussions with several start-ups incubated at Society for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (SINE), Desai Sethi School of Entrepreneurship (DSSE) at IIT Bombay.
Outreach
Webinar on “India’s General Insurance Industry and role of technology” – 16th September’2021

HDFC ERGO has entered a strategic partnership with IIT Bombay. This alliance is a **first in the insurance sector** and is aimed at operationalising high-impact projects across the insurance value chain and developing solutions to relevant business challenges.

**Mr. Mehmood Mansoori**
President – Shared Services & Online Business, HDFC ERGO

**Mr. Parthasath Ghosh**
President – Motor Business, HDFC ERGO

**Agenda of Webinar:**
1. Overview of the General Insurance industry and Process
2. Achievements through technology & innovation in last 3 years
3. The future challenges that HDFC ERGO and IIT Bombay are trying to resolve

**Date:** 16th September, 2021
**Time:** 12.00 PM to 1:00 PM
The Bank of Baroda has entered a strategic relationship with IIT Bombay and has set up the Innovation Centre in the campus, to evaluate and adopt emerging technologies, develop a culture of innovation, to foster innovation in the hardware space and to contribute to BoB’s digital strategy. Through the Innovation Centre, BoB intends to support 100 ideas/projects at different stages over 5 years. Such Projects are to be taken up by a specific faculty member and his/her team, based on their expertise and mutual approval of the Parties.
**Vision:**
To be the fountain head of Fintech innovation and create an environment that fuels the entrepreneurial spirit of and brings about transformation in the BFSI industry

**Mission:**
Rapid innovation through the 100 Ideas program in 5 Years

**Focus Areas:**
The centre undertakes collaborative projects and programs in focus areas such as FinTech, Open Banking (Sandbox), AV/VR, Robotics, IoT, Rural Economy, Social tech, GovTech, Digital Lending, Payments, Cyber Security, Robo – Advisory, Big Data, AI/NLP/ML/Data Science, Blockchain, Cloud computing and NextGen financial Hardware Devices.

**The 100 IDEAS Programme: Funding opportunities for faculty and students**

**Pre-incubation:**
The Pre-incubation Programme works towards nurturing technology entrepreneurship where students from IIT Bombay get an opportunity to turn their propositions from idea stage to Minimum Viable Product (MVP) stage. Through initiatives such as idea strengthening and emerging ventures programs, the centre provides connections, mentorship, support and seed grants to students, thus encouraging and enabling them to try out their entrepreneurial ideas in the envisioned focus areas. The timelines for these projects generally range from 3 to 6 months where upon successful outcomes students can take the project to the next stage.

**Incubation and Acceleration:**
The incubation programme supports early-stage start-ups by providing a supportive entrepreneurial environment that accelerates the successful development of start-up companies through an array of adequate resources and services such as mentoring, seed funding, infrastructure support, review of ventures, resource network development etc.

**Chair professorships:**
Through the BoBIC, two chair professorship positions in the following areas have been instituted at IIT Bombay:
1. Digital Entrepreneurship
2. Technology Sustainable Finance

**R&D Projects:**
BoBIC will support high-impact innovation and R&D projects by providing funding via project grants, enabling engagement with the innovation-entrepreneurship ecosystem, and providing business intelligence. There is also focus on supporting early-stage researchers and students at IIT Bombay towards entrepreneurship through pre-incubation support.
List of R&D projects supported through BoBIC

The following table lists the R&D projects supported through the grants received from the BoB. The projects were shortlisted by the selection committee based on the expression of interest and the detailed proposal submissions by the faculty members.

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**List of pre-incubation projects**

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About centre:
The Technocraft Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (TCA2I) has been established through the generous donation made by the Institute’s distinguished alumni Dr. Sharad Kumar Saraf (B. Tech, Electrical Engineering, 1969) and Mr. Sudarshan Kumar Saraf (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering and Manufacturing Engineering, 1970) through their publicly-listed company, Technocraft Industries India Limited.

TCA2I aims to help academia and industry anchor the immense power of AI/ML, Data Sciences and Optimisation at IIT Bombay to solve pressing challenges across various sectors, including healthcare, education, automation, and cybersecurity. The centre aims to build strong synergy with the defence sector to provide full-fledged AI/ML-based solutions to improve the operational efficiency of defence forces. The centre will facilitate projects from all the Departments and Centres of IIT Bombay. TCA2I has funded projects in medical imaging, supply chain logistics, cybersecurity, beyond 5G technologies, electricity distribution and biological drug discovery undertaken jointly with industry partners.

The inauguration ceremony of TCA2I was held on April 08, 2022. The event included inaugural function, launch of logo and website, tour of TCA2I facility and keynote address by Dr Anil Kakodkar (Chief guest), Dr Subrata Rakshit (Director of CAIR), Vice Admiral Raman Puri, Dr Sharad Saraf, and Mr Sudarshan Saraf.
Research Projects

1. 3D Medical Image data synthesis for classification and segmentation using deep generative techniques
2. Learning Algorithms for Beam Alignment in 5G
3. Crowdsourcing
4. Automating Threat Detection and Response in Linux Endpoints
5. Assistive AI Technology Development for Tactical and Operational Planning of Supply Chains
6. AI/ML Applications for Enhanced Smart Metering for Residential Electricity Consumption
7. Robust domain adaptation strategies for vibration condition monitoring of machines at the edge
8. Pattern Recognition–AI and NMR aided HOS analysis of biological drugs
9. Categorization of Landfill Mined Residues–coarse fractions using AI and ML techniques

Outreach.

TCA2I + CMinDS workshop – AI.Impact 2022

Two-day workshop was conducted on April 08-09, 2022. The main theme this year was on the impact of AI on society and security. This year more than 20 top industry experts and academics shared insights on new developments in AI and discuss challenging problems that must be addressed so that societies can progress securely in tech enabled future.

The workshop was focussed at some of the cutting-edge advances in the application of AI in the important areas such as defence and cyber security, public information, natural language processing (NLP), and healthcare.
Dr. Pramod Chaudhari has generously donation to establish the Pramod Chaudhari Alumni Continuing Education Centre (PCACEC) for the Alumni Continuing Education program. Through this program, the alumni can keep pace with technological advancements in engineering and science while understanding its implications on the world and specifically their businesses. The center also serves as a forum for cross-pollination of ideas, learnings, and experiences among alumni from varied industries and backgrounds. This program serves as a channel to connect the alumni community to the Institute.

The programs are structured to suit the convenience of alumni as well as faculty of IIT Bombay. The different programs under this initiative include weekend programs, spread over 3–5 weekends, professional programs, specially curated for the alumni in senior leadership positions across industry, and semester-long programs, which will help the alumni community revisit their fundamentals of engineering and science.

**Activities undertaken in the center**

1. Pilot course on Climate Change: Services and Solutions was started on Feb. 2022 and completed successfully. It was 10 hours course, 5 days on weekend. 162 applications received for the pilot course and 22 applicants attended the sessions. The 73% of the attendees were from India, 18% from USA and 9% from other countries.
2. The second course on Urban Water Management for Future: Building Sustainability and Resilience by Prof Pradip Kalbar, Centre for Urban Science and Engineering was started on August 20, 2022 and completed successfully on September 03, 2022. It was 10 hours course spanning over three Saturdays. We received 15 applications, and 10 applicants attended the course with work experience ranging from 2 years to 30 years. Eight participants were from India and two from overseas. We also had 2 participants from Indian Civil Services in the course.

3. The third course of the Centre – Design Thinking by Prof Nishant Sharma of IDC School of Design was held on campus during September 16 – September 18, 2022. The Centre successfully hosted 15 participants on campus. Along with lectures and case studies, the course also had an element of hands-on workshop with real life problem statement. The completion of course was marked by presentation of workshop solutions and design ideas.
It was perfectly designed and managed and conducted. I am able to structure my thought process and seeing a drastic change in approaching a problem.

Thank you
Akanksha Jain, 2013 Batch
M.S., Mathematics

The very initiative of organizing this course was great. Q & A was the best part and I appreciate all the professors patiently answering all the questions.

Parag Kothari, 1997 Batch
B.Tech-Chemical Engineering

The intensely interactive and openness of each and every session - typical IITB DNA anyways... Keep the IITB flag fluttering high FOREVER!! God Bless!!

Prasad Shashikant Rangnekar, 1981 Batch
B.Tech-electrical Engineering

Way Forward
The focus are the following courses:

**Corporate Competitiveness for Energetic Leaders**
Prof. Kirankumar Momaya
Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management

**Digital Transformation**
Prof. Rajendra M. Sonar
Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management

**Block Chain**
Prof. Piyush Pandey
Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management
Established in Feb’22, Sunita Sanghi Centre of Aging & Neurodegenerative Diseases (SCAN) is focused on diagnostics and early detection of aging and neurodegenerative diseases and movement support. The centre has been supported by generous funding from IIT Bombay’s distinguished alumnus, Mr Sharad Sanghi (BTech., Electrical Engineering, 1989) in memory of his late mother Mrs. Sunita Sanghi.

Neurodegenerative diseases affect millions of individuals worldwide and are the primary cause of disability among the elderly section of society. These disorders are mostly characterized by the death of neuronal cells coupled with cognitive impairments and motor disabilities. In India, the contribution of these non-communicable neurological disorders to the overall disease burden has more than doubled during the last two decades. The major obstacle in managing such diseases has been the lack of robust biomarkers and disease modifying therapies that could help in early diagnosis and treatment. The current treatment strategies available for such diseases offer only symptomatic relief as there is no discovered cure yet. Therefore, early detection and intervention are crucial for the better management of neurological disorders, including Parkinson’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease.

The Centre with the existing expertise combined with an interdisciplinary approach, aims to decipher the mechanism of disease progression, understand molecular, cellular, and biochemical pathways using a wide range of disease-relevant in vitro, cell-based and computational studies. The Centre also envisions developing novel tools and biomarkers for the early detection, diagnosis, and prognosis of neurological disorders, including Parkinson’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease. The
outcome from this study can further be extrapolated for innovative diagnostics and therapeutic approaches.

**Objectives**

The centre aims to develop a strong capability in Aging and Neurodegenerative diseases with a key focus on the following core areas:

- Early/detection of diseases caused due to Aging and Neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s (PD), Alzheimer’s (AD) and Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD).
- Creating Biological age profiles (normal ageing versus ageing related disorders such as PD, AD and FTD) using Blood samples.
- Movement support - Assisted support for Aging/neurodegenerative patients - Tools/Product development
- Understanding the molecular mechanisms and development of therapeutics/tools against neurodegenerative disorders such as PD, AD and FTD.

Recent review article published in the Journal of Molecular Biology under affiliation with BSBE SCAN on:

Liquid-liquid phase separation of α-Synuclein: A new mechanistic insight for α-Synuclein aggregation associated with Parkinson’s disease pathogenesis.

A lecture named ‘Spinal Muscular Atrophy: The Genetics and Pathology of a Prototypical Motor Neuron Disease’ was delivered by Umrao R. Monani, PhD on September 7th, 2022. Around 50 students benefited from the talk.
In 2010, IITB envisioned a dedicated centre to offer courses on innovation and entrepreneurship with the relevant content, context, and contacts to aspiring students. This vision took shape in 2014 when an alumnus of IITB, Mr. Bharat Desai and his wife Neerja Sethi donated one million dollars to start the Centre. The Centre was approved on 31 January 2014 by the Board of Governors BoG of IIT Bombay. In 2019, the BoG approved the conversion of the Centre into the School of Entrepreneurship.

“Entrepreneurship has a transformative power. But this is not for everybody. The journey is tough – the path is covered with stones and thorns, not roses. Entrepreneurs need to have passion, self-belief, discipline and perseverance. We need to attract and train the best talent to embark on entrepreneurship.”

- Bharat Desai (Desai Sethi Family Foundation)

**Academic Activities:**

DSSE offers several courses and labs relevant to innovation and entrepreneurship. These are open to undergraduate as well as post-graduate (Masters and PhD) students at the Institute. Students who complete a minimum of 30 credits receive an additional degree of B.Tech. (Minor) in Entrepreneurship.

DSSE organizes various programs related to innovation and entrepreneurship bootcamps and training in association with government, academic and industry partners like the India Innovation Growth Program with the Ministry of Science and Technology. The school has symbiotic relationships with student managed bodies like E-Cell and STAB along with the institute’s business incubator SINE. The school partners with several partner institutes (such as NUS Singapore TUB Germany) and organizations (such as Asian Universities Alliance) for exchange visits of faculty and students and collaborative training programs related to innovation and entrepreneurship. DSSE conducts executive education programs for working professionals to update their knowledge and skillset in critical aspects of innovation and entrepreneurship. The school also offers dedicated programs for teachers, innovation/incubation managers and administrators from academic institutes to learn about entrepreneurship courses and programs and implement them in their institutions.

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<td>• ENT602 Technology Venture Creation</td>
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To improve the overall offering to the students as well as eliminate any issues with registration and tagging by students the school restructured its courses. The Institute (via School Post-Graduate Committee (SPGC), Undergraduate Program Committee UGPC, Postgraduate Programmes Committee (PGPC), Senate Chair) has approved the new ENT courses, and it has started offering them from this academic year Autumn-2021.

**The two new courses introduced are:**

i) Managing Innovation and IP for Entrepreneurs  

ii) Marketing and Finance for Entrepreneurs

**The Proof-of-Concept- PoC Lab**

The Proof-of-Concept- PoC Lab courses are conducted in the POC Lab on the ground floor of IDC School of Design. It has hand tools, power tools, digital and screen-printing facilities, Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines, metal and wood working machines capable of prototyping using various materials suitable for fabricating proof-of-concepts of novel products.

**Pre-Incubation Mentoring**

DSSE facilitated the launch of the IDEAS (Innovation, Development and Entrepreneurship with Alumni Support) program – a legacy project of the Class of 1990 alumni of IIT Bombay in 2018. The program provides accelerated hands-on learning to aspiring entrepreneurs among students, scholars, and faculty. The diverse pool of mentors includes alumni entrepreneurs, industry professionals, investors and faculty members.

**New Projects at DSSE**

DSSE is collaborating with Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission (RGSTC), Government of Maharashtra, for a pilot project to review the projects supported by them in the last ten years, and guide selected investigators in commercializing their technologies. The pilot project will short-list
promising (commercially viable) projects, share the best practices in technology package preparation and connect interested teams to potential licensing partners. The project is scheduled to be executed in two phases of six months each and aims to support at least ten project investigators.

Other Activities in DSSE

A) Women in Entrepreneurship

The Women in Entrepreneurship Program (WiE) is funded by Conseillers en gestion et informatique (CGi) India as a CSR initiative. The program was launched in August 2019, reaching 171 individuals in the first year, who attended at least one of the events/workshops. The program aims to create meaningful impact through a supportive ecosystem for women entrepreneurs.

The program achieves this by enabling access to knowledge, training, offering networking and community building opportunities and extending access to credit. In addition, there is an active WhatsApp group of about 150 members. This group is an eclectic mix of senior and young entrepreneurs from across India, some of their team members, IITB students, & staff.

B) Outreach Activities

Entrepreneurship Survey

Prof. Ravi wrote an article titled "Insights on entrepreneurship education and mentoring programs" published in the May 2021 issue of IEEE Potential. The article is based on a survey conducted at the IIT Bombay of 326 start-up founders, aspiring entrepreneurs, mentors, and other stakeholders.

Article in IEEE, May 2021 Issue

C) External Collaboration

DSSE in collaboration with BETIC organised a 6 day online international entrepreneurship summer school in medical device innovation in collaboration with TU Braunschweig Germany from Sept 6–13, 2021. The school received 172 applications from more than 20 countries from which 152 were admitted. 25 applicants from 7 countries (India, Germany, Ghana, Turkmenistan, Iran, China, and Australia) joined the Medical Device Innovation lecture track.
D) Venture Creation

Venture creation is an important milestone in an entrepreneur’s journey. It is not only the number of ventures but also the quality of ventures in a given entrepreneurial ecosystem that matter. Five DSSE students registered start-ups during 2020–21.

- **Acadpal** (2020) Pratyush Sharma and Vikramaditya Patil: Platform for students to learn and practice concepts in a fun and engaging way.
- **Languify** (2021) Lokap Sahu: Best speech and error-free writing free of cost

E) DSSE Start-ups Battling COVID-19

More than 25 start-ups including Augle, Adapt, CareNx, Faclon Labs, HelpNow, JanYu, Phabio, R2MI and others, started by IIT-B students who were inspired and empowered through DSSE courses and mentoring programmes, rose to meet the COVID challenges with fresh thinking and effective solutions.

F) New Building

The proposed building will have 7.5 levels comprising the half-basement, ground floor and six floors. It will have a built-up area of 1,15,000 sq.ft. and usable area of 63,000 sq.ft. replaced with The proposed building will have Lower Ground & Upper Floor +Ground Floor + 6 Floors. It will have a Total Built up area is 11,300 sq.m. with designed to achieve a GRIHA rating of 3 Star.
Success stories of DSSE Alums:

a. **Rephrase.ai Raises $1.5 million**

   Bangalore-based start-up rephrase.ai has an ambitious vision for reshaping how movies and videos are made. According to CEO Ashray Malhotra (DSSE alumni), they want to build an engine that can take any script as input and create a professional movie obviating the requirement to film. They have short-term, monetizable goal offering technology that makes it easy to create personalized sales videos. Their technology could expand fairly quickly into areas like chat-bots and education.

   The start-up was part of the Techstars Bangalore program in 2019 and has recently announced that it has raised $1.5 million in seed funding led by Lightspeed Venture Partners and AV8 Ventures.

b. **Faclon Raises Pre-Series A Round**

   Mumbai based Internet-of-things (IoT) and data management start-up Faclon Labs announced it has raised an undisclosed pre-series A from LetsVenture led by Group Satellite managing director Sarjan Shah. Faclon will use the proceedings towards product development, team building and international customer acquisitions in Malaysia, UAE and Bahrain as well as set up an office in Dubai. Over the years Faclon has invested heavily in R&D and product innovation to build comprehensive IoT infrastructure, ranging from Cloud to Gateways to challenge global players in IoT. Faclon helps in making infrastructure smart, responsive and self-learning.

c. **Airth Develops First-of-its kind Antimicrobial Air Purifier**

   Airth, a start-up by DSSE student Ravi Kaushik is first of its kind antimicrobial air purifier. It uses patent filed & tested technology for protection against airborne diseases such as COVID-19. The device goes a step ahead of surface sanitizers and protects people within a closed space, such as an office. Airth antimicrobial air purifiers stand by their words to help organisations provide clean and pathogen-free air to their customers and employees.

**Way Forward– DSSE**

This is a fascinating time to be at the Desai Sethi School of Entrepreneurship. IIT Bombay was designed around a model of education that has remained fairly constant for several decades. But today many educators are looking at this model with fresh eyes. The potential disruption posed by the pandemic allows us to question how time, space, expertise, accreditation and student agency may also change within higher education. Many aspects of pedagogy in entrepreneurship are ripe for reinvention and DSSE is getting ready to lead this change.

In exploring a shifting landscape in the macro entrepreneurial ecosystem, team DSSE is carefully investing significant energy and resources in experimenting and pioneering the online learning space in entrepreneurship. The team is also considering many lenses – from how students identify an opportunity for entrepreneurship for the first time to what supporting infrastructure do they need to realize their revolutionary ideas. Like a journey through a jungle at night, we need not prepare entrepreneurship students of the future to see the entire path they are to trade but only instil a humble confidence in them – they can do it. Ours is to put the chemicals together, crystallization comes of itself. That is nature.
The Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Oil, Gas and Energy is an interdisciplinary Centre of Excellence between Indian PSUs (IOCL, ONGC, HPCL, BPCL, GAIL, OIL & EIL) and IIT Bombay initiated by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG). It has been founded to provide a competitive advantage to India’s Oil and Gas sector PSUs and its energy sector in the emerging business ecosystem driven by climate challenges, stressed resources and disrupting technologies globally.

I. Current Research Verticals
a) Gas Hydrate
b) Water Resource
c) Upstream: Reservoir Characterisation
e) Refineries: Digitalisation, Desalter, Pitch Combustion
f) Biomass: CBG, Biofuels
g) Renewables & Storage: Hydrogen, Geothermal, Perovskites, Nano composites, Supercapacitor Materials, Battery
h) Process Modelling, Software, CFD

II. Activity Matrix
A dashboard of the activities of CoEOGE summarizing the number of projects, training courses conducted, faculty members involved, etc has been shown in table below

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Total Number of IITB Faculty Involved: 54; Number of IITB Depts. Involved: 11, No of PSUs Involved: All 7
III. Research Projects

a) Mission Mode Projects
There are four mission mode projects at the centre going on currently

1. **Design and Development of IoT solution for underwater pipeline inspection**
   PIC and member: Prof. Leena Vacchani, Prof. Hemendra Arya
   Collaborating PSU: HPCL, IOCL

2. **Portable membrane technology based unit for drilling site wastewater treatment**
   PIC and members: Prof. Swatantra, Prof. Tabish Nawaz, Mr. Pramod Kumar
   Collaborating PSU: ONGC, OIL

3. **Integrated reservoir characterization of Eocene Hydrocarbon-bearing carbonates of Mukta Field of HPB sector, Bombay Offshore Basin**
   PIC and members: Prof. Hemant Kumar Singh, Prof. Sudipta Dasgupta, Prof. Santanu Banerjee, Mr. Sanjay Pandit
   Collaborating PSU: ONGC, OIL

4. **Simultaneous Nitrification and Denitrification for Nitrogen Removal from Refinery Wastewater**
   PIC and members: Prof. Suparna Mukherji, Prof. Anurag Garg, Mr. Himanshu Sati
   Collaborating PSU: HPCL, IOCL, EIL

b) Seed Projects
There are two ongoing seed projects –

1. **Assessment of biomass availability in India for utilization in transportation, chemicals, and power sectors**
   PIC and members: Prof. Yogendra Shastri, S. Srinivas

2. **Determination of percentage proportion of end members in the oil mixture in a basin: Alternating Least Squares based Matrix Factorization**
   PIC and members: Prof. Hemant Kumar Singh
   Collaborating PSU: OIL

c) PhD Fellowship Projects
There are six ongoing PhD fellowship projects. The review of projects is conducted every six months with guide and co-guide, student, and PSU member/co-guide.
The conclave was conducted in Nov’21 with the theme — “Towards Smarter and Greener Energy Sector in Socially Responsible Way”.

**The Objectives of the Conclave were:**

1. To bring experts from industry and academia together, brainstorm, identify the research problems in the focused areas of CoE-OGE

2. To examine the detailed pathways available for attaining the zero-emission target, developments happening globally, and identify a roadmap which is specific to Indian conditions

3. As a platform to present the research projects undertaken by CoE-OGE

The following sessions were conducted as part of the conclave:

- Enhancing the sustainable oil & gas production from Indian reserves
- Refineries of Tomorrow: Smart, Green, Integrated, and Efficient
- Biofuels and bio-refineries
- Sustainable Wastewater Management
- Monitoring and Surveillance of Oil and Gas transportation and storage infrastructure
- Climate change: Transformation of Energy Sector
In order to address the unmet needs of resource-constrained communities in India and around the world, the Tata Centre for Technology and Design at IIT Bombay was formed in the year 2014. With a focus on end-to-end innovation, TCTD, IITB serves as a virtual hub for research and academics that attracts graduate students and faculty members from across IIT Bombay and assists them in their efforts to create and translate suitable solutions.

The Centre has funded 110 projects of which 21 have received translational level funding. There have been seven startups and six technology transfers achieved so far. 12 of our projects have gone on to receive large external grants. Out of 39 patents applied, 8 have been granted so far and the remainder are under review. A hundred and twenty Masters and Ph.D. students have received fellowships as Tata Fellows, and have worked on various Centre projects. 7 projects teams have formed start-ups; in the 2020–21 period, this includes 3 private limited companies and a section 8 company. Brief descriptions of some of our recent translation efforts and operations through the Coronavirus pandemic are listed below.

A Spoken Language assessment tool has been developed towards providing an accessible and scalable technological solution that can provide students with rapid feedback on their pronunciation and fluency of speech. A speech recognition algorithm running on a mobile device analyzes a recording of a child reading out passages of text and estimates metrics of accuracy and fluency. The analytical engine developed has been tested by partners including Pratham and WPP who have been using this to evaluate speech proficiency in over 1500 children.

Over 1000 cottage industries manufacturing artisanal jaggery have shut down in the Kolhapur region in the last decade due to non-availability of technology and skilled manpower, and an unorganized supply chain of sugarcane. A project team has come up with a mobile unit capable of continuous manufacture of jaggery. The unit is easy to use, energy efficient, and produces a product of consistent quality. The team has now created a startup (Revotech Industries Pvt Ltd.) towards marketing this innovative process in the various sugarcane cultivating regions of the country.

Another team has looked into the reclamation of waste sand from foundries, also in the Kolhapur region. This region has a large cluster of ~400 foundries (~5000 in India) servicing various engineering applications, including the casting of automotive parts. Waste sand can be regenerated using mechanical attrition and chemical treatment processes which remove dead clay and generate sand that can be reused for low grade casting needs. A startup (Deccan Crest Engineering Pvt. Ltd.) has been incorporated towards piloting this technology at large scale, and is currently serving 8-10 foundries.
Our translation project on the creation of low-cost bone and near-net-shape grafts for dental and orthopedic bone reconstruction has resulted in a startup (Effectmed Pvt. Ltd). In order to solve the issue of bone tissue degradation, the team has developed rapid ways of designing and printing 3-D bone scaffolds. Clinical trials at AIIMS Delhi have been completed and dental and orthopaedic surgeons have started recommending the use of such bone grafts.

Learn English Through Stories is an education project aimed at promoting peer collaboration and self-learning in isolated rural settings with poor infrastructure. School kids are encouraged to develop content, and to then convert their storyboards into books and interactive videos. In addition to capturing local stories of cultural importance, the students end up collectively learning aspects of production and design: they write and illustrate their stories themselves. The students and teachers of rural schools have been further benefited as the approach involved facilitates English learning, with the mentor team facilitating translations from the local vernacular. This methodology has increasingly been executed using a workshop model, and towards scaling up this rollout, the team has created a Section 8 Company (Learn Through Stories (LeTS) Foundation) being formed.

During the pandemic, the Centre undertook certain challenge driven projects in response to urgent clinical requests. CoviDialysis has been a patient coordination service undertaken during the first two waves of the pandemic, on behalf of MCGM, for the management of all Covid-19 patients in need of hemodialysis care. Such patients need bi or tri-weekly dialysis sessions and were some of the individuals at highest risk of contracting Covid and had low survival odds. More than 200 dialysis clinics across Greater Mumbai were on-boarded onto a portal rapidly put together by the Centre. As dialysis patients across the city became confirmed or suspected Covid cases, the portal allowed for their rapid redirection to dedicated Covid dialysis clinics. ~2000 Covid positive patients were redirected in the first 9 months of the pandemic (Mumbai has an estimated 10000 dialysis patients) and with timely intervention, case fatality rates were brought down from 25% at the outset of the pandemic to below 5%. BMC has labeled this effort Project Victory and created a documentary on it. Based on the success of this effort the BMC has involved us in the implementation of further public health initiatives.

Towards better utilizing the oxygen cylinders that were in relative short supply during the second wave, a team worked on redesigning oxygen masks facilitating the recirculation of exhaled air. Our calculations implied that >95% of oxygen inhaled when on pure oxygen cylinders was exhaled out; a redesign of a mask was carried out to facilitate removal of carbon dioxide allowing for the exhalation to be recycled, extending the life of a cylinder by at least 5–fold. The blueprints for the solution (called reBreather) were subsequently open sourced and disseminated, towards allowing other groups across the country to replicate and fabricate locally. We believe, anecdotally, that this
was adopted in smaller towns where oxygen bottling capabilities were limited, towards stretching available supplies to the maximum extent possible.

The non-covid wards at the major hospitals in Mumbai continued to receive patients in their OPDs exposing themselves and hospital staff to the Covid virus. Towards decongesting these wards, a helpline platform called WWH (World Wide Helpline) was set up to allow a team of volunteers to respond to patient queries in asynchronous mode. This platform was deployed at 6 hospitals and covid centres including KEM, Mumbai. The MCGM has indicated its interest in using this to assist with delivery of public health services, post-Covid.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, TCTD also conducted its Pro-seminar coursework (a set of 3 courses) in an online mode. External speakers were invited to address the students about their organizations and to explain their work. Students conducted a COVID awareness survey telephonically in remote areas based on their respective projects. Students also conducted customer discovery interviews telephonically and came up with some important insights. The TCTD team couriered mechatronics kits to students at their homes; these were used during classes to perform experiments and subsequently to complete assignments. Presentations and exams were implemented online with active participation from students individually as well as in groups.

**COVIDIALYSIS / PROJECT VICTORY**

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**CENTER DETAILS**
- Covid Care Center
- Dedicated Covid Health Center
- Dedicated Covid Hospital
- Covid Suspect Dialysis Facility
- Non Covid Dialysis Facility
- Non Covid Hospital with Covid Dialysis
REBREATHER

WORLD WIDE HELPLINE
LEARN ENGLISH THROUGH STORIES

SPOKEN LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT TOOL
CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING
JAGGERY

SAND RECLAMATION
Wadhwani Research centre for Bioengineering (WRCB) is in its second year of phase-II. In the past year, WRCB has taken up major transformative activities to help meet its objectives around commercialization of technologies, building a professional operations team and matching funds.

1. **New leadership:** Prof. Debjani Paul joined as a Professor-in-charge in Nov 2022 and Dr. Abdur Rub joined as a Chief Executive Officer since Dec 2022.

2. **Supporting translational research projects** with a strong potential for commercialization. The 9th call for project proposals announced in February 2022 received a good response from investigators. WRCB supported 14 projects under 9th call. We announced 10th call for project proposals in September 2022 and the review process is ongoing.

3. **External Fundraising Support (EFS) Service:** The EFS service is a new addition to the bioengineering research support provided by WRCB to PIs from IIT Bombay towards raising external funds for bioengineering research. WRCB EFS team plans to provide various services at “pre-award” stages, such as sharing curated grant calendars with faculty, support for non-technical components of grant application packages for external proposals being submitted by WRCB faculty etc. We have shared 3 editions of the EFS calendar with relevant funding opportunities with faculty. In addition, the curate database is hosted on WRCB website.

4. **Newsletter:** 1st edition of newsletter was released on 30th September 2022. The next version is to be released on 31st December 2022

5. **Commercialization Pipeline:**

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6. **Revamping Corporate Affiliate Program (CAP):** The Corporate Affiliate Program of WRCB has been redesigned and renamed as **Industry research Partnership Program (IRPP)** to highlight its main goal of promoting Industry-supported R&D projects in WRCB. The IRPP deliverables have been revised to make the program more attractive to industry. We have added HumanEdge as the newest IRPP member in 2022.

7. **Engagement with external entities:** WRCB team has strategically devised its outreach and external engagement plan to increase interactions with industry, venture capital firms, not-for-profits, biotech parks, etc. The goal is to find as many avenues as possible to garner external funding.

   a. **Consultants and mentors:** WRCB has appointed two commercialization experts (Dr. Sudhakar Bangera and Dr. G. S. Bhuvaneshwar) with complementary expertise to provide overall guidance to WRCB and its funded projects. In 2022, we added two more experts. Dr. Savita Ayyar is helping us set up the EFS service and Dr. Nishant Tikekar is supporting commercialization activities in the medical device development domain.

   b. **Ecosystem partners:** We are developing a network of ecosystem partners to provide additional support to our faculty at advanced stages of their product development. We now have Ankur Capital, Golden Jubilee Biotech Park, Axilor, KoFounderz and TiE Foundation as our ecosystem partners.

8. **Events hosted or co-hosted by WRCB:**

   a. **Event on Low Cost Diagnostics for Affordable Healthcare – 3rd June 2022**

   WRCB organised a one-day summit on "Low-cost diagnostics for affordable healthcare on 3rd June 2022. The goal of the event was to create opportunities to brainstorm with different stakeholders involved in the development of low-cost diagnostics solutions. The event was co-sponsored by Wadhwani Electronics Lab (WEL) and Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE). Event saw participation of more than 150 people including innovators, industry experts, entrepreneurs, academicians, representatives from government and non-profit organizations.
a. IIT Bombay’s Annual CSR Conclave – 6th July 2022

WRCB co-sponsored the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) conclave organized by IIT Bombay on July 6, 2022. The objective of the conclave was to provide a platform for socially conscious corporates to partner with the institute to address various national and global challenges such as healthcare, sustainability, and more, and create a tangible societal impact by way of technological innovations and solutions. The event provided an opportunity for WRCB to showcase its projects, meet and interact with corporate representatives, and build contacts to explore research collaborations.

c. Webinar on ‘Ethics and Statutory Compliance in Bioengineering Research

WRCB organised an interactive webinar on "Ethics and Statutory Compliance in Bioengineering Research” on Saturday, 22nd October 2022. The objectives of the webinar were two-fold: (a) familiarising faculty, staff and students with various statutory compliance requirements for research involving clinical samples and human subjects, and (b) giving an overview on how to apply for ethics approval at IIT Bombay.

WRCB invited Dr. Urmila Thatte (former chair of IIT Bombay’s Institute Ethics Committee) to discuss the importance of ethics requirements and the guidelines from the Indian Council for Medical Research. WRCB also invited Dr. Sreelekha Gopinathan (Member Secretary, Institute Ethics Committee of IIT Bombay) to discuss IIT Bombay’s ethics approval procedure. The webinar was attended by more than 40 people and led to an interesting discussion afterwards.

d. Upcoming events planned in 2022

WRCB is planning two more events in 2022. The first is a workshop on ‘Next-generation therapeutics’ on 18th November 2022. The second is two half-day workshops on patents for IIT Bombay community by Dr Raj Hirwani, the former head of CSIR’s intellectual property division,
MAJOR EVENTS ORGANISED BY DEAN ACR OFFICE
The Institute launched the ‘Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies’ on 21st September, 2021 during a Hybrid event. The launch was presided by Prof. Kaushik Basu (Professor of Economics and the Carl Marks Professor of International Studies at Cornell University), Dr. Naushad Forbes (Co-Chairman, Forbes Marshall), Ms. Yamini Aiyar (President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research), and Mr. Ashank Desai (Founder, Vice-Chairman & MD, Mastek Limited). Mr. Desai’s generous donation to the Centre for Policy Studies at IIT Bombay has provided a much-needed boost to this nascent field.

The Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies aims to collaborate with and contribute to these various disciplines, borrowing their strengths and offering policy expertise.

The flagship event of SARC, was organized virtually from October 22- October 24, 2021. The most opportune and the much-coveted three-day fest serves as a suitable medium for promoting conducive student-alumni interactions and providing deep foresight into your malleable future. The event witnessed participation of the following Alumni – Mr. Shubham Kumar – AIR 1 UPSC CSE 2020, Mr. Lalit Keshre – CEO Groww, Mr. Raj Mashruwala – Partner (Emeritus), Mr. Vinod K Meena – Lead – Business Finance & Strategy – OYO LATAM, Mr. Sagar Sambrani – Vice President, FX Options Trading Barclays Investment Bank, Mr. Ramandeep Singh – Consultant McKinsey & Company and Mr. Ashwini Jain – Founder & CEO of ForeignAdmits. Moreover, students could get enlightened on a spectrum of topics spanning Career guidance, corporate exposure, Life Learning, and Motivational Talks.
INSTITUTE ALUMNI DAY

Institute Alumni Day’ was held on December 26, 2021 in a hybrid mode. As a part of the event, Distinguished Service Awards 2021 (DSA) were bestowed on five of our alumni this year, who besides being achievers in their own chosen domains, have contributed in a notable and sustained manner to the progress of the Institute.

Chapter Service Awards 2021 (CSA) were also conferred upon nine of IIT Bombay alumni who have contributed in a very notable and sustained manner to the progress of the Chapter and also to the progress of the Institute.

On the Alumni day, the Silver Jubilee Batch (class of 1996) came together to pledge a sum of Rs. 17 Crores towards their legacy project, as a way of giving back to the alma mater and to leave behind a lasting legacy and remembrance of their silver jubilee reunion.

The event witnessed the launch of IIT Bombay’s fundraising campaign ‘GO IIT Bombay’ for the year 2021–2022. The campaign aims to raise funds for various campus initiatives.

CLASS OF 1996 SILVER JUBILEE REUNION

Class of 1996 celebrated its silver jubilee reunion between 24th – 26th December, 2021. The reunion was attended by over 135 participants. An invigorating discussion with the Director and Dean ACR was held on various matters related to the Institute.
The 63rd Annual Foundation Day celebrations were held on March 10, 2022 at IIT Bombay’s campus. The Chief Guest at the event was Dr. Anil Kakodkar, a renowned nuclear physicist (Chancellor, Homi Bhabha National Institute; Chairman, Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission; and Member, Atomic Energy Commission). The Institute recognized distinguished alumni members who have excelled in their professional fields with the Distinguished Alumnus Awards (DAA) as well as the Young Alumni Achiever Awards (YAAA), which were given to young outstanding alumni members who are below 40 years of age. It was extremely heart-warming to see our alumni members and awardees accompanied by their parents. The happiness our alumni felt was nothing compared to the pride and smiles on their parents’ faces when they saw their children being honored and receiving their awards amid their peers, senior Institute officials and other dignitaries who graced the occasion.

The Foundation Day celebrations also celebrated the awards instituted by two distinguished IITB alumni, Mr. Rakesh Mathur, who has funded two Research Excellence Awards titled Prof. H.H. Mathur award and the Prof. S. C. Bhattacharya awards over the years. The awards for this year’s recipients were presented during the Foundation Day celebrations on:

- Prof. Jayesh Bellare, Department of Chemical Engineering, was conferred the ‘Prof. H. H. Mathur Award for Excellence in Applied Sciences’
- Prof. Jugal K. Verma, Department of Mathematics, was conferred the ‘Prof. S. C. Bhattacharya Award for Excellence in Pure Sciences’.

Inauguration of TCA21 by Chief Guest Dr. Anil Kakodkar
Address by Mr. Sudarshan Saraf (left) and Dr. Sharad Saraf
The Technocraft Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (TCA2I) at IIT Bombay, established through the generous donation by the Institute’s distinguished alumni Dr. Sharad Kumar Saraf (B. Tech, Electrical Engineering, 1969) and Mr. Sudarshan Kumar Saraf (B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering and Manufacturing Engineering, 1970) further elevates the Institute’s position. The Centre’s vision is to create a platform that can enable academia and industry sectors to leverage the benefits of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning techniques in various domains with a focus on working for the defence sector to build AI enabled military equipment.

This Centre was formally inaugurated on April 8, 2022 by the Chief Guest for the event Padma Vibhushan, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, a renowned nuclear physicist (Chancellor, Homi Bhabha National Institute; Chairman, Rajiv Gandhi Science and Technology Commission; and Member, Atomic Energy Commission) in presence of IIT Bombay’s Director Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri and the Saraf brothers.

CSR CONCLAVE

IIT Bombay’s Annual Corporate Social Responsibility Conclave 2022, Tech for Sustainable Development, held on July 6, 2022, was a resounding success. A large number of India’s biggest corporates who attended the conclave were hugely impressed at the Institute’s formidable forays into critical areas of research to develop actionable, cost-effective, sustainable, and scalable solutions that can solve pressing challenges of national and global importance. These include education, healthcare, rural development and agriculture, sustainability, skills and entrepreneurship, women empowerment, social and policy development. Prof. Ravindra D. Gudi, Dean, Alumni and Corporate Relations, IIT Bombay, gave an enlightening insight to corporates present on the Institute’s R&D projects in these core areas. Mr. Amarjeet Sinha, Former Advisor in the Prime Minister’s Office and Retired IAS officer presided over the event as the Chief Guest in virtual mode.” Ms. Sujata Saunik (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Government of Maharashtra (India), and Takemi Fellow, Harvard University, graced the conclave as the Guest of Honour. Ms. Saunik was also a panellist in 'Climate Change Mitigation through Technology and Innovation'.

The presentations were followed by panel discussions with industry experts and faculty members on issues related to its core themes.
August 2022 brought with it the annual 60th convocation ceremony which was held on August 20, 2022. Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group, was the chief guest and delivered the convocation address. During the main convocation session, a total of 2551 degrees were awarded to 2324 students. We achieved a major milestone as an Institute when we awarded a total of 449 Ph.D. degrees this year (the first time that any Indian academic institute has produced more than 400 Ph.D. graduates in a year).

Since the pandemic played havoc with our lives, the students from the 2020 and 2021 batches did not get to enjoy one of the best days of their college lives – their convocation ceremony in person. To make good, IIT Bombay hosted a special reunion convocation on August 6, 2022, exclusively for them. It was rewarding to see the excitement and pride on their faces as they returned to their alma mater to have a photo-op of them receiving their degrees in person, while also celebrating the event with their friends and peers.
IIT Bombay launched the ‘IIT Bombay Trust Lab’ on September 15, 2022. The Lab is a foundational initiative that envisions strengthening the country’s digital environment and making it more trustworthy, and also working towards a secure and responsible Digital India. Established through the generous contribution made by the Institute’s alumnus Dr. Shridhar Shukla (B. Tech, EE, 1983), the lab is a huge step forward in IIT Bombay’s mission of creating world-class research ecosystems in key technology areas. The Lab, to be set up in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Bombay, will be headed by Prof. Manoj Prabhakaran, Vijay and Sita Vashee Chair Professor at the Institute.

The lab was inaugurated with a special ceremony held on campus. Prof. Tal Rabin (Rachleff Family Professor of Computer Science at the University of Pennsylvania) delivered the keynote address. The vibrant event witnessed the launch of the logo and the website for the ‘IIT Bombay Trust Lab’ and included two panel discussions on the “Digital trust ecosystem in India” and “Technology challenges in digital trust”. The moderator for the first panel discussion was Prof. G. Sivakumar (Professor at Dept. of CSE, IIT Bombay and Co-Principal Investigator, IITB Trust Lab) and the panelists were Mr. Sameer Ratolikar, Mr. Nandkumar Saravade and Ms. Rama Vedashree. The moderator for the second panel was Prof. Umesh Bellur and the panelists included Mr. Dilip Asbe, Mr. Sanjay Jain and Prof. Sandeep Shukla (IEEE Fellow and ACM Distinguished Scientist, Professor, CSE, IIT Kanpur).
IIT Bombay is grateful to Dr. Shukla for his generosity and for helping accelerate IIT Bombay’s endeavour to develop innovative solutions to challenges of national and global importance.

**WOMEN GEN ZERO**

IIT Bombay honored and celebrated the exceptional achievements of 30 of its women alumni with a special event, the ‘IIT Bombay Gen Zero Women Initiative’, held at the IIT Bombay campus on Friday, September 23, 2022. The Institute felicitated its women alumni who represent the initial years of IIT Bombay since its establishment in 1958. A coffee table book, ‘Her Story– IIT Bombay Gen Zero Women’ and a podcast series, highlighting the inspiring journeys of these accomplished women from diverse fields such as research, business, academia, technology, public service and more were launched during this inspiring occasion. Padma Shri awardee and former captain of the Indian Women’s Cricket Team Ms. Diana Edulji, and Founder & CEO, Nykaa, Ms. FalguniNayar, presided over the event.

The Institute is indebted to its alumnus, Mr.D.C. Agrawal (B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering, 1969), his late wife, Ms. Renu Agrawal and the IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation for their generous contribution to this initiative.
N.R. Kamath Distinguished Lecture was held on August 16, 2022 in a Hybrid mode. The title of the lecture was “Recent Progress in the Design of PID Controllers”. The speaker for the lecture was Prof. Shankar P. Bhattacharyya (Professor of Electrical Engineering, Robert M. Kennedy Professor at Texas A & M University)
LEGACY PROJECTS
The institute celebrates its Alumni Day in December every year. Batch reunions held during this period have included a tradition of contributing back to IITB through a Legacy Project to support various initiatives.

The Contribution is viewed by students as:

- A token of their appreciation for the role that their years at IITB played in their professional and personal development.
- A way of helping the institute to advance its goals by supporting the institute in critical areas which are underserved by institute funding.

Following is the list of the various Class projects maintained by the Dean ACR office.

Please note that the below summary for class projects only contains projects funded by the classes as a whole and have excluded projects funded by individual large contributions.

Since these projects are funded through a common collection pool, without making a distinction between where the donations have been collected from, we have proportioned the total cost in proportion of funds received via HF as compared to the total funds received to give a more accurate picture of the contributions made via the HF funds utilization.

**CLASS OF 1969**

Due to the increase in the intake of students and doubling of room occupancy, most students preferred to study in study rooms instead of their own rooms. But hostels especially the old legacy ones did not have a dedicated study room. Hence with the generous funding from class of 1969 has supported the creation of study rooms in hostel 3 & 6, which were in requirement of study rooms.

The batch also has supported the conversion of lighting into campus to LED which will not only increase the quality of lighting in the institute, but also save a significant amount of cost for the institute. These lightings will also help reduce the carbon footprint of the institute and help it towards its aim towards sustainability.

Along with these the batch also generously supported the Financial Aid Program which is used to provide aid to economically needy students.

Hostel 6 study room after furnishing.
CLASS OF 1971

The Class of 1971 will be visiting the campus in December 2022 to celebrate their golden jubilee reunion. We are in discussion with the batch leaders to figure out what is the best use of the legacy funds collected.

CLASS OF 1972

The Class of 1972 will be visiting the campus in November 2022 to celebrate their golden jubilee reunion. We are discussing with the batch leaders to identify the best use of the legacy funds collected.

CLASS OF 1980

The Class of 1980 had their Ruby Reunion in 2020. They decided to support the creation of the Design & Making Lab in DESE 108.

Design & Making Lab: The proposed Design and Making Lab will be utilized to conduct the Engineering Drawing Workshop for all the Undergraduate 1st year students. Every year, more than 1400 students enroll for the workshop and this number keeps growing. The lab will allow students to gain access to top-of-the-class equipment for mechanical and electronic work including 3D printers, laser cutters, the latest workstations with CAD (Computer-aided Design software), and a complete electronics setup.

The lab will introduce students to the latest design and making practices akin to industry standards and will generate a sense of excitement among first year students. This will invigorate the inner engineer among students and encourage them to find innovative solutions to problems. This lab will immensely benefit generations of students to come, thanks to the generosity of the Class of 1980.
Along with that the batch also provided significant support for student aid in the form of student Scholarships and financial aid program. Some of the alums also donated towards improvement of hostel infrastructure which will be used towards the maintenance and upkeep of hostels. The batch also provided funding for COVID assistance during the peak of the pandemic thus helping the institute cope with the pandemic.

**CLASS OF 1981**

The Financial Aid Programme (FAP) originated in July 2007 with a generous endowment by the Class of 1981. The objective was to provide educational funding to IIT Bombay students with social and economic disadvantages. Since its inception in 2007, FAP has supported hundreds IITB students with donors spread across geographies and generations spanning batches between 1967 and 2020.

The class also supported Mess Workers Incentive Fund which was used for the benefit of mess workers working in hostel mess. The batch also provided Fellowships to promote research in the Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA).

**CLASS OF 1982**

IIT Bombay is undergoing this rapid growth phase even as other institutions in India and abroad are planning to expand too. This creates significant challenges in attracting faculty to IIT Bombay. The Young Faculty award (YFA) was established by Class of 1982 to attract outstanding young faculty and augment current faculty to support IIT Bombay’s pursuit of excellence in research and academics. The YFA has been awarded from 2010 onwards and has now been supported by all batches. It has become one of the most successful alumni-funded projects at IIT Bombay with each subsequent batch contributing to the YFA fund. Till now upward of 404 talented faculty have been awarded with the YFA. The list of this years YFA recipients has been shared below in the YFA section.

**CLASS OF 1984**

The Retired Faculty Wellness Fund (RFWF) is a supplementary medical insurance program, initiated by the Class of 1984 as gurudakshina for their retired teachers. Faculty who retired prior to 2003 had no medical coverage offered from the Institute. Many of the teachers were well into their 70s and lacked adequate medical coverage at a time when they needed it the most. Thus, the corpus for Retired Faculty Wellness Fund was created with over 150 faculty members as beneficiaries. The initiative provides supplementary medical insurance from ICICI Lombard to all retired faculty members (and spouses) who retired prior to 2003. The entire annual premium for this closed group
policy is paid out of the Retired Faculty Wellness Fund. The initiative began as a legacy project by the class of 1984 and was supported by other successive batches. Over the 6 years, this initiative has also witnessed a landmark expansion in terms of the scope of its impact. The program has been instrumental in providing support in terms of health insurance for hundreds of faculty who have now retired from IIT Bombay.

**CLASS OF 1985**

The generous funding from class of 1985 has supported Chair Professorship in Technology and Sustainable Development. Prof. Parag Bhargava (2021-2024) from Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Material Science currently presides the chair.

The Class of 1985 has also supported Entrepreneurship Cell: Eureka, Retired Faculty Wellness Fund and Young Faculty Award. Details of the projects have been given in separate sections below.

IIT Bombay’s Class of 1985 supported Eureka through sponsoring events, awarding prizes, helping create a seed fund and supporting outreach activities. In 2010, THOMSON REUTERS declared ‘Eureka!’ as “Asia’s Largest Business Model Competition.”

**CLASS OF 1986**

Class of 1986 is the first batch to initiate a project for students’ mental wellbeing. The objective was to create awareness, augment life and productivity skills amongst the IITB students. They gregariously promoted the importance of Preventive and Positive Mental Health Work through mentor trainings, professional counselling, workshops, exhibitions and films, parents’ orientation programs and other outreach activities. Narcotics Control Board complimented IITB on the initiative of involving students in spreading awareness against substance abuse.

Positive self-affirmation exercise with students.
The Class of 1990 had their silver jubilee Reunion in December 2015. The batch initiated various projects with the funds collected as part of their Legacy Project over and above the regular projects covered by the Legacy batches. These projects are listed below:

1. **IIT Bombay Vaccination Drive**: In the institute’s effort to secure the campus by vaccinating all campus residents, IIT Bombay had to raise funds for staff that could not afford the vaccines. Class of 90 responded immediately to the call and funded the vaccination of more than 100 of the staff on a very urgent basis.

2. **IDEAS**: Innovation, Development & Entrepreneurship Program with Alumni Support was initiated to provide resources and to foster innovation at IIT Bombay for furthering entrepreneurship.

   The IDEAS program has come into full force since August 2018. Students have benefitted in finding their entrepreneurial drive, learned to choose an idea to pursue and figured out the right steps to create the venture. 19 teams have participated in two cohorts of Level 1 program and 10 teams were selected in the first cohort of Level 2. 10 teams out of these are still actively pursuing their ideas. In total, the teams have so far raised more than Rs. 12 Crore in grants, prizes, or equity financing beyond the IDEAS program. We see that there are many noteworthy startups out of IDEAS that decipher a real problem and have become even more germane in the post-COVID world. For example, ‘HelpNow’ which is a med cab/ambulance provider reducing the exigency response time, ‘Apli.AI’ which provides a platform for companies to appoint from nationwide campuses digitally, ‘AiRTH’ which has prospered a quirky and highly coherent filter to purify the air and many more. The work done by IDEAS is extremely commendable and is like a beacon of light that clears the vision and path of IITB students.

3. **Clean Green Campus Program**: The objectives of the Clean Green Campus Program are – to facilitate creation of a Model Clean, Green Campus at IIT Bombay that will be the Benchmark of every other academic institute in India, and to institutionalize a legacy project that is inspiring and sustainable for every future batch to contribute.

   **Bio-Gas Plant**: As part of the Clean Green Campus Program a 2-tonne Bio-Gas plant was set up to utilize food waste from a set of hostels and to increase the green energy footprint of the campus.
The plant will reduce energy costs and drive sustainability. As IITB had one precedent of a poorly functioning earlier bio-gas plant and the Class of 1990 had to work twice as hard with the Dean – IPS to ensure that this plant was in the right place, had affordable setup and running costs, and had the appropriate resourcing and systems to ensure that it functioned to capacity. The site is just off H-12/13/14. It is fed food waste from five to six hostels and the energy generated is piped to the 12/13/14 kitchen; With over two tons of organic waste fed to the plant each day, the plant generates around 144 Cubic Meters of Biogas daily which is enough to supplement 3 - 4 industrial scale LPG cylinders daily. Apart from repurposing the waste, the project saves more than 15 Lakh Rupees in LPG cost every year, effectively paying for itself over the span of four to five years.
Energy Efficient Bulbs and Fans: Apart from the biogas plant, energy efficient LED Bulbs and BLDC fans were fitted into Hostels 12, 13 & 14. The bulbs consume 30% less electricity compared to normal bulbs while the fans save up to 40% energy compared to normal fans for the same output. This has significantly worked towards reducing the energy consumptions of these hostels and reducing their carbon footprint.

We hope the other batches and hostels will follow suit, and this will be the norm in all buildings across the campus.

With the precedent set up by the class of 1990, such bio-gas plants and energy efficient light bulbs will become a part of every new hostel that comes up at IITB.

4. ARTS@IIT Bombay: As part of the class project various art projects were installed at some of the most prominent locations in the campus. These will serve as a reminder of the contributions of our alumni to the institute.

Hands Reaching out Structure made from steel rods extracted from the demolition of the infinity corridor

Terracotta Horses created by traditional potters from Pudukkottai outside of IDC; Donated by the Class of 1990.
The Class of 1991 had their silver jubilee Reunion in December 2016. The class has generously supported the retired faculty wellness fund which is being used for the benefit of IITB faculty which retired without health insurance.

We are in discussions with the batch to figure out the best use of the remaining funds collected as part of the legacy project.

Along with the usual projects the 1992 batch undertook a number of novel initiatives as part of their Legacy Project focusing on a wide variety of issues.

1. **Café 92**: Some of the fondest moments in any student’s life in IIT Bombay are the ones spent socializing with friends at the various cafes around the campus. More than tutorials and exams, students after graduating, remember the Maggie and chai they shared at such hangout spots. To facilitate the same, the batch of 1992 has started the initiative of building a café called Café 92. It will serve as a center for students to hang out between and after their lectures. We are certain that this café will be fondly remembered by the students even years after they graduate. The café has become the center of attraction for students, once the campus reopens.
2. **PROJECT BANDHU:** IIT Bombay has one of the most high-pressure environments among institutes in India in terms of the expectations from students. With ambitious and top performing students coming from all over India, the competition in IIT Bombay is ferocious and expectations to excel are tremendous. This constant pressure can lead to mental illnesses ranging from mild disorders to serious issues like depression and anxiety. According to a survey conducted by the project, more than 60% students suffered from mental ailments with no recourse. As a result, the batch of 92 has started the project BANDHU, an aid for students who need help. As part of the program, various initiatives like 24*7 online counselling, a self-help website, socio-emotional workshops etc., have been started. With more than 7.5k users till now and more than 12 workshops conducted with 100+ students, the program has been immensely successful and beneficial for students from all fields.

2. **Hostel Study Rooms:** Most of the students prefer to study in study rooms as opposed to hostel rooms that can be cramped and distracting. Until now, only the study rooms in the departments or the library were available. This was a matter of inconvenience for students given the long commute from their hostels. In addition, the number of study rooms was proving to be insufficient given the increase in the student capacity on campus. Therefore, the batch of 1992 created air-conditioned study rooms for hostels 3, 9 and 11 which will be highly beneficial for the students in these hostels. It is envisaged that study rooms will become an inherent feature of all hostels in the future.
Renovated Study rooms in Hostel 3 & 9
The class of 1993 continued the tradition of support to the young faculty award and the retired faculty wellness fund by donating generously to those projects.

Along with this, the class of 93 also wished to focus on the building and maintenance of infrastructure. Hence, they agreed to fund the maintenance of a 240 seater lecture hall which has been named the “class of 1993 Lecture Hall” to honor the donation.

We are in discussion with the batch leaders to determine utilization of balance funds.
The projects undertaken by the class of 94 are as follows:

1. **IIT Bombay Covid Vaccination Drive**: In the institute’s effort to secure the campus by vaccinating all campus residents, IIT Bombay had to raise funds for staff that could not afford the vaccines. Class of 94 responded immediately to the call and funded the vaccination of more than 200 of the staff on a very urgent basis.

2. **Growth India Telescope**: GROWTH-India is part of the “Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen” – an international collaboration spanning sixteen institutes across nine countries. The focus of the interdisciplinary project is to undertake continuous studies of cosmic sources that have rapidly varying properties, like emission from gravitational wave events, young supernovae, and near-earth asteroids. The Growth India Telescope is a robotic telescope set up in collaboration with Indian Institute of Astrophysics, in Ladakh and is one of the few such facilities in outside of Europe and US. It has helped in interdisciplinary research work at UG and PG level and is instrumental in the research carried on by IIT Bombay as part of the Growth India Project. Most recently IITB students discovered 2020 QG, the closest asteroid that flew past Earth without impacting it by the use of this telescope.

   The project was in immediate need of funding in order to retain access to the telescope. The Batch of 1994 generously agreed to use part of the donations collected as part of the Silver Jubilee Legacy Project which has allowed us to maintain access to the telescope and ensure continuation of ongoing research.

3. **IT Hardware Scholarship (Covid – 19 support)**: Due to the pandemic, the classes at IIT Bombay had to be shifted online thus necessitating the use of laptops/computers. A lot of students faced financial issues due to the pandemic and were not in a position to procure a laptop. Towards helping these students this batch has generously donated towards IT Hardware Support which has benefitted upward of 200 students. UG and PG Students were provided with a laptop and broadband connection which is helping them immensely in seamlessly attending online classes, virtual projects, and their coursework.
CLASS OF 1995

The class of 1995 continued the tradition of support to the young faculty award and the retired faculty wellness fund by donating generously to those projects.

The class of 1995 also donated to IIT Bombay Covid Vaccination Drive. In the institute’s effort to secure the campus by vaccinating all campus residents, IIT Bombay had to raise funds for staff that could not afford the vaccines. Class of 95 responded immediately to the call and funded the vaccination of more than 200 of the staff on a very urgent basis.

CLASS OF 1996

The Class of 1996 met in December of 2021 for silver jubilee reunion this year. Along with funding the young faculty awards and retired faculty wellness fund, thus continuing the tradition of support to these alumni led initiatives, the class of 1996 has also decided to introduce two novel initiatives:

a. **Funding Student Tech Teams:** Over the years the number of tech teams in IIT Bombay has increased significantly with most of them creating spectacular submissions for competitions both local and abroad. The quality of their work and the competitions they can participate in are currently restricted by the funding available to them. Hence the class of 1996 has decided to create an endowment which will be used to fund such student tech teams and help them shine both at home and abroad.

b. **Endowment for Entrepreneurship:** Over the years the institute has also seen an increase in the number of startups incubated as part SINE which is the IIT Bombay Incubator for tech-based startups. To help SINE in its journey to attract the best startups and promote newer and innovative technology, the batch will set up a fund which will be used for the benefit of SINE.

CLASS OF 1997

The Class of 1997 is meeting for silver jubilee reunion this year in December. The batch is collectively working on raising fund and post reunion we will be in discussion with the batch leaders for fund utilization.

CLASS OF 1998

The generous funding from class of 1998 has supported Chair Professorship in Quantum Computing. Prof. R. B. Sunoj (2020-2023) from Department of Chemistry currently presides the chair.
The class of 1998 as part of their reunion set up a travel fund for students to be able to travel abroad to publish and present their research. This initiative has been undertaken in an attempt to incentivize quality research and provide international exposure to our students while at the same time improving the IITB brand name. The batch set up travel fund in 2019. But unfortunately, due to the pandemic and subsequent travel lockdown, the fund is largely unutilized.

OTHER BATCHES

We are in discussion with class of 1978, 1989 and 1996 of how best to allocate the funds collected as part of their legacy project.

OTHER INITIATIVES BY LEGACY BATCHES/REGULAR GIVING

A. RISE– Student Rural Immersion Program:

One of the goals of IIT Bombay is to create talent that will solve societal problems and change the society for the better. To be able to solve these problems, it is necessary that our students are exposed to them first, so that they get an understanding and appreciation of the problems and issues faced by people.

With this in mind, the Student Rural Immersion Program (RISE) was started. As part of this program UG students are embedded in rural areas so that they are exposed and sensitized to the problems being faced by rural India. Anchored by CTARA this program has been widely popular and successful.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic outbreak, the activities of the program had to be stopped. But we hope that we are able to restart the program soon and continue to develop talent to solve the problems of rural India.

B. Retired Faculty Wellness Fund:

The Retired Faculty Wellness Fund (RFWF) is a supplementary medical insurance program initiated by Class of 1984 as ‘GURUDAKSHINA’ for their teachers who had retired prior to 2004. The program was initiated as regular medical coverage was not available to those IITB faculty who had retired prior to 2003. The RFWF provides supplementary medical insurance from ICICI Lombard to all retired faculty members (and their spouses) who retired prior to 2004. Every year each Silver Jubilee Batch provides funding which goes into paying the premiums of the insurance program.
C. Young Faculty Awards:

IIT Bombay is undergoing this rapid growth phase even as other institutions in India and abroad are planning to expand too. This creates significant challenges in attracting faculty to IIT Bombay. The project focuses on attracting outstanding young faculty to replace retiring faculty and to augment current faculty to support IIT Bombay’s pursuit of excellence in research and academics. The “Young Faculty Joining Bonus”, initially a Class of ‘82 Legacy Project, has been awarded from 2010 onwards and has now been supported by all batches. The YFA award beneficiaries in the year 2021-22 are:

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A. HATS:
The cooks and mess workers who work hard every day in hostel messes to ensure that the students are well fed are often underappreciated. Hence to appreciate their crucial contributions towards the development of the students, every year the mess employees who have completed 10 years and 25 years of service are given a monetary bonus of around Rs. 50,000 as a token of appreciation. This fund comes through the generous contribution of the Alumni, who have themselves benefited from the hard work of these workers.

For HATS, In FY 21–22, $10000 have been committed and will be disbursed in due course of time.

B. Financial Aid Program (FAP):
The Financial Aid Program (FAP) was started in 2007 by the Class of 1981 to provide educational funding students with social and economic disadvantages.

The FAP scholarship is a peer-to-peer scholarship with the students expected to pay back the scholarship when they are financially stable in the future once they graduate, which will then go to funding other needy students. All students across all programs and disciplines are eligible for support.

FAP covers the entire registration fee of students including tuition fees, mess bills, etc. Other value additions added in recent years include mentoring opportunities, industrial visits, etc. Most students donate back the money in timelines suited to their individual situations once they secure a job, thus keeping the endowment perpetual and growing.

Almost each legacy batch adds some amount of money to the endowment pool thus ensuring that the endowment continues to grow and help students in need.
CHAIR
PROFESSORSHIPS
We are grateful to the Halepete family for their recognition and generous support of our research program. Our group has already benefited from generous GPU gifts from Nvidia since 2016. We expect such continued support to make it easier for us to attract talent and deliver publishable and useful research in the domain of natural language understanding, knowledge representation and inference.

— Prof. Soumen Chakrabarti
During the previous year (the third and final year of the chair professorship pending renewal), Prof. Soumen and his team focused on the following problems.

**Question answering**
Knowledge graphs (KGs) like Wikidata provide a wealth of structured knowledge about the world. Many KG facts (e.g., person president-of nation) are associated with periods of validity. Question answering (QA) over such KGs involve temporal reasoning, e.g., “who was the prime minister of Japan when the first moon landing happened?” Challenging temporal KGQA datasets are still few. In collaboration with Google, Prof. Soumen and his team released the CronQuestions dataset, and a promising baseline QA system called CronKGQA. A topic of much recent interest is multi-modal QA, involving not only text but also KGs, tables, images, audio, and video. In collaboration with IBM Research, they released the AITQA table QA data set.

In contrast to earlier open-domain but relatively homogeneous tables from Wikipedia, AITQA includes challenging domain-specific scientific and business documents, encountered in industrial settings, which exhibit some unique characteristics:
(a) they contain tables with a much more complex layout than Wikipedia tables (including hierarchical row and column headers),
(b) they contain domain-specific terms, and
(c) they are typically not accompanied by domain-specific labeled data that can be used to train Table QA models.

An accompanying paper was presented at NAACL 2022. In related work, they found some of the reasons why systems attuned to simpler settings falter when challenged with such domain-specific complexity, and proposed a method called T3QA (topic transferable table QA) that mitigates some of the limitations. Another area of interest is QA spanning text and images. E.g., we may be shown an image of poachers standing on a murdered elephant, and asked “what are these animals poached for?”; use image recognition to extract objects from the image {gun, people, elephant, trees, rocks} and rewrite the query to “what are elephants poached for?” and solve this using conventional QA methods. In collaboration with IBM, they released S3VQA, a data set that tests the ability for such object recognition and effective query rewrites.

**Multilingual knowledge transfer**
NLP research has lurched at diverse speeds in different languages. Large labeled and unlabeled resources are easy to come by in “high resource languages” (HRLs) but not in “low resource languages” (LRLs). Even the best cloud-based NLP services offered by Google, IBM and AWS falter in many Indian LRLs. Among prominent NLP tasks that are seriously limited by LRL data availability is open information extraction or OpenIE, which seeks to extract (subject, relation, object) textual triples from free text sources. Prof. Soumen and his team have designed AACTrans, a system that effectively transfers labeled OpenIE data in a HRL to LRLs, so new OpenIE systems can be trained for LRLs. They have also worked on canonical relation classification in LRLs, and how to transfer labeled
relation classification datasets from a HRL to LRLs. They have released an accompanying dataset, IndoRE, for Indian language relation extraction. Multilingual KGs like Wikidata have similar language skew: most entity nodes and relation edges have aliases specified in HRLs, but few have LRL annotations. Transfer of knowledge between KGs in different languages can help augment all of them. They have built a multi-task KG alignment system that jointly infers missing KG triples and infers entity and relation alignments.

Neural graph representation and search

Modern search systems convert multimodal inputs such as queries, text, tables, and images to a uniform graph format. This means classic relevance ranking, which evolved in the information retrieval community, must be generalized from vector-space document relevance to measures of graph matching. Many discrete notions of graph matching, such as isomorphism, are computationally intractable. Therefore, neural graph representations and trainable relevance ranking algorithms are needed to go with them. Graph neural networks (GNNs) aggregate a node’s neighbourhood information through symmetric functions like sum or average and lose valuable spatial signals. On the other hand, recurrent aggregators are sensitive to the order in which nodes of a graph are presented, which is undesirable. Prof. Soumen and his team designed PermGNN, a method to train recurrent aggregators with adversarial reordering’s of nodes which makes graph representations order-invariant but gives better predictive power than typical GNNs. Given training instances, each having a query graph, a few relevant graphs, and some sampled irrelevant graphs from a large corpus, can a system learn graph relevance ranking related to subgraph isomorphism? They answered this in the positive through our IsoNet graph search system.

Social network analysis

Prof. Soumen and his team also worked on two problems related to social networks. One goal was to predict the behavior of an “information cascade” such as an initial tweeting of a news article, followed by a cascade of responses, replies and retweets. Predicting the intensity of a cascade in its early stages is valuable for advertising and misinformation control. They detected some shortcomings in state-of-the-art cascade prediction algorithms based on point processes, and two potential signals to exploit. First, the popularity of the cascade root influences cascade size; but the effect falls off rapidly with time. Second, there is a measurable positive correlation between the novelty of the root content (with respect to a streaming external corpus) and the relative size of the resulting cascade. Responding to these observations, Prof. Soumen and his team propose GammaCas, which outperforms seven recent and diverse baselines significantly on a large-scale dataset of retweet cascades coupled with time-aligned online news. The other goal was to detect and label stance in social media text, strongly motivated by hate speech detection, poll prediction, engagement forecasting, and concerted propaganda detection. They designed a system called SANDS, a new semi-supervised stance detector, along with two new tweet datasets comprising over 236,000 politically tinted tweets from two demographics (US and India) posted by over 87,000 users, their follower-follower graph, and over 8,000 tweets annotated by linguists.
SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AFFILIATIONS

- Systems provisioning and planning committee, CSE, IITB.
- Building and space committee, CSE, IITB.

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- Alignment-Augmented Consistent Translation for Multilingual Open Information Extraction With Keshav Kolluru, Muqeeth M, Shubham Mittal, and Mausam. ACL 2022.
- Interpretable Neural Subgraph Matching for Graph Retrieval With Indradyumna Roy, Venkata Sai Velugoti and Abir De. AAAI 2022.

- A Data Bootstrapping Recipe for Low-Resource Multilingual Relation Classification With Arijit Nag, Bidisha Samanta, Animesh Mukherjee and Niloy Ganguly. CoNLL 2021. data

- T3QA: Topic Transferable Table Question Answering With Saneem Chemmengath, Vishwajeet Kumar, Samarth Bharadwaj, Jaydeep Sen, Mustafa Canim, Alfio Gliozzo and Karthik Sankaranarayanan. EMNLP 2021.

- Multilingual Knowledge Graph Completion With Joint Relation and Entity Alignment With Harkanwar Singh, Prachi Jain, Sharod Roy Choudhury, and Mausam. AKBC 2021.

- Integrating Transductive and Inductive Embeddings Improves Link Prediction Accuracy With Chitranyak Gupta, Yash Jain, and Abir De. CIKM 2021.


- Joint Autoregressive and Graph Models for Software and Developer Social Networks With Rima Hazra, Hardik Aggarwal, Pawan Goyal, and Animesh Mukherjee. ECIR 2021. (Data.)


- Differentially Private Link Prediction With Protected Connections With Abir De. AAAI 2021.
The AI & ML chair professorship at IIT Bombay has been a great step to intensify research efforts in this emerging area and identify collaborative opportunities to solve large scale industrial problems. I feel privileged to be the first occupant of this chair position. It has enabled me and my co-researchers to substantially enhance the state-of-the-art technology in AI & ML by integrating knowledge about the physics as well as the wealth of information in the data. We plan to bring in some paradigm shifts in the way the AI & ML algorithms are applied to leverage higher integrity-based decision making. A big thank you to Mr. Adil Zainulbhai for instituting this chair professorship.”

—Prof. Ravindra Gudi
Prof. Ravindra Gudi has focused broadly in the areas of distilling data to generate knowledge and use the latter for performance enhancement in manufacturing systems. The key difference in his research has been to incorporate first-principles /physics-based knowledge into the AI & ML approaches. His research has sought to make a modest contribution to recoin AI as Augmented Intelligence.

Prof. Gudi’s research has resulted in several improvements in the paradigms of neural networks, fuzzy logic, advanced classification algorithms and statistical data processing. His research has been translated into important industry-oriented applications and has also been patented.

The key applications resulting from the research are as follows:

**Teaching Highlights:**

In addition to contributing to teaching at the graduate level, the following industry courses and webinars were presented:

- **Invited talks & Continuing Education Programs**
  - Professional Bodies: (i) Institution of Engineers (India) – Acharya PC Ray Invited Lecture on “Exciting Opportunities in AI & ML for the Industry” (2021), (ii) Award Lecture “Performance Assessment of process systems”, International Society of Automation meeting, October (2015).
  - Industry Platform: Talk on “Digitalization and AI &ML opportunities in the Oil & Gas”, Invited talk under the aegis of Centre of Excellence in Oil & Gas, delivered to the PSU employees (2021).

- **Continuing Education Programs in AI & ML**
  - In-house CEP programs at Aditya Birla Science and Technology Centre
  - In-house CEP program at Reliance Industries (Upstream Business)
  - In-house CEP program for Yokogawa Technology Industries, Bangalore
  - In-house CEP program for DCM (Sugar Business)

**Research Highlights:**

The following sponsored research projects were initiated during this chair professorship:

1. **Engine performance monitoring and integrity analysis in fighter aircrafts** (Funding agency: DRDO) (Project funding 45 Lakhs) (2017–2019)
2. **Low-Cost Innovative Technology for Water Quality Monitoring and Water resources management for urban and rural water systems in India**, (Funding agency DST, under the EU-India water co-operation program Horizon 2020) (https://www.lotus-india.eu/) (Project Funding: 8 Crores with IIT Guwahati as Co-PI institute)
The following industry projects were initiated during this chair professorship:

i. Advanced Intelligence for Demand Forecasting using AI & ML Approaches, (Project with Yokogawa Technology India Limited), Project funding Rs 18 lakhs – Ongoing since 2022

ii. AI & ML based Development of Predictive model and advanced decision support for quality control and optimization of Heavy fuel oil consumption in Alumina Calciner, (Project Funding from Aditya Birla Metals Business; Funding Rs 8 Lakhs – Ongoing since 2021)

iii. Advanced Intelligence for Demand Forecasting using AI & ML Approaches, (Project Funding from Linde Air Products; Funding Rs 4.5 lakhs – Ongoing since 2021)

iv. Soft sensors for high performance integrity of locomotive engines, (Ongoing), (Project Funding from General Electric, Bangalore; Funding Rs 36 lakhs – Completed 2019)

v. Progress Cavity Pump Failure Analysis in large coal bed methane fields”, (Project Funding from Reliance Industries Limited, Rs 12 Lakhs (Ongoing since 2018)

vi. Closed loop model refinement”, (Project Funding from Honeywell Technology Solutions, Bangalore, (Rs 8 lakhs), (completed 2018)

Service and Public Engagement/ Affiliations:

(At IIT Bombay)

● Dean (Alumni & Corporate Relations), IIT Bombay, (Feb 2022 to current)
● Professor-in-Charge, IIT Research Park (May 2020 to Feb 2022)
● Professor and Head (Chemical Engineering) (March 2017 to May 2020)
● Institute GIAN coordinator (2016 to current)
● Member of Advisory Committee to Dean (R&D), Dean (IPS), Research park (at various time since 2016)
● Other departmental level positions held: Convenor (faculty search committee), Member of DPC, DPGC, DUGC, Secretary DFM, Co-ordinator of M-Tech Admissions, Faculty co-ordinator for DAMP (weak student mentorship)

(At National level)

● Executive Council Member, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineering, (2020–ongoing)
● Member, DST–SERB–PAC for Chemical and Environmental Engineering, 2018 – 2021
● President, Advanced Control and Dynamic Optimization Society (ACDOS, India), (2018 – 2020)
● Member, Evaluation Committee, Rashtriya Ucchatar Shikhsa Abhiyaan, (2017)
● Member of Apex Body, Ucchatar Avishkar Yojana, (2017)
● Principal Co-ordinator and NQCC Chair (QIP) under AICTE appointment (2015 – 2017)
● Advisor–SAP for Jadavpur University (Chemical Engineering) under (UGC appointment) (2015 – 2018)
● Expert Member, DRDO committee on Gas Turbine Enabling Technologies, (since October 2010 – 2017)
● Member of Faculty Selection Committees (IIT-Madras, IIT-Hyderabad, IIT-Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIT Tirupati, IIT Jammu, JKL, GITAM & others)
● Member of Board of Studies (NIT–K, NIT–T, SVNIT, Sastra, Banasthali)
(International level appointments as Chairperson and Journal Editorships)

- Elected to the Executive Council, International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), (2020-2023)
- International Reviewer for Strategic Project Grants of National Science Foundation (NSF, USA) (Since 2016). International Reviewer for Strategic Project Grants of National Science and Engineering Research Council, Canada (2008 onwards)
- International Reviewer for Strategic Project Grants of National Qatar Research Foundation, Qatar (2012 – current).
- Associate Editor, IFAC Journal of Process Control, (January 2010 onwards).
- Associate Editor, Frontiers in Control Engineering, (August 2021 onwards).
- Member, IFAC Awards Committee, (2011 – 2013)
- Member, IFAC Industrial Achievement Award selection committee
- Member, EU-India Expert Group for EUCLID (European Union collaboration initiative with India) – support action for collaboration in networked monitoring and control systems technologies (January 2010 – 2013).
- International Reviewer for Strategic Project Grants of National Science and Engineering Research Council, Canada (2008 onwards).
- International Reviewer for Strategic Project Grants of National Qatar Research Foundation, Qatar (2012 – current).
- Organizing Secretary (IFAC conferences DYCOPS 2013 and CAB 2013)
- Conference Administrator (IFAC ACODS – 2016) and Associate Editor for 10 other IFAC conferences

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PhD student guidance in AI & ML area

- Rahul Patel, PMRF, “Physics Inspired Approaches in AI & ML”, (On-going)
- Nimish Pankhedkar, “Looping combustion based CO2 valorization” (On-going)
- Aadil Bharoocha, “Optimization & Control methods in large scale water distribution networks” (On-going)

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**Publications**


**AI & ML related Patents (During last 3years)**

**Granted**

1) SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR REAL TIME CLASSIFICATION AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING OF BATCH PROCESSES, US Patent 8090676 (2021) Filed

2) System and method facilitating decision making for disinfectant dosing in water in Water Distribution Network”, (PCT/IN2019/050427, Filed, 2018).

“Instituting a chair professorship position in interdisciplinary domains is a reflection of current trends. I have been working at the interface of chemical science and machine intelligence over the last few years where the complementary advantages are being harnessed for accelerated discovery of reaction of high contemporary value. The support through this scheme is very much appreciated in furthering our research efforts in the Institute.”

— Prof. R B Sunoj
Teaching Highlight 2022:
For Prof. Sunoj, it has been a different and challenging experience to learn and teach in the online mode. He had to evolve various methods to engage a class size of 350+ B.Tech. first year students from the CS and EE departments. He organized informal interactions where he cleared doubts and held problem solving sessions. All this was in addition to the live ‘virtual class room’ where he resorted to a conventional method of teaching via a black board, all while in front of a camera. I look forward to the next batch in a real class settings.

Research Highlight 2022:
Prof. Sunoj and his team forayed into the world of machine intelligence as applied to chemical catalysis and pursued a decade-long effort in the transition state modelling for organic reactions. Various representation learning methods built on the concept of transfer learning using nature language processing were customized to discover new catalysts. If his team is able to generate ML-based reaction discovery it could have a transformative impact in the chemical space.

Service and Public Engagement/Affiliations:
Prof. Sunoj has been an elected member of leading scholarly academies (WATOC, APATCC, IUPAC) as well as on the editorial board of various journals published by the American Chemical Society as well as the Royal Society of Chemistry. Active participation in the board meetings have helped in conveying the need for wider representation and equity in the constitution of scientific bodies. At the national level, he has been on the national high powered technical committee of the ministry of earth science for their vision of high performance computing projects. He has delivered science popularization lectures to school and college students as well as teachers. In addition, Prof. Sunoj has served as a member of the panel of experts in recruitment for various IITs.

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Publications


● Sunoj, R. B. ‘Coming of Age of Computational Chemistry from a Resilient Past to a Promising Future’ Isr. J. Chem. 2022, 62, e202100106. [Invited contribution to ‘Rosarium Philosophorum on Computational Chemistry’]


Presentations

- Online mode 3 presentations were given (IIT Delhi, Ben Gurion university Israel, Alphonso college, Kottayam)
Erach and Meheroo Mehta Advanced Education Technology Chair Professor

Prof. Kannan M. Moudgalya
Email: kannan@iitb.ac.in
Department of Chemical Engineering

“The pandemic has made us realise the importance of technology-based education. The National Education Policy 2020 has articulated its importance. In light of these, the value of the Chair has increased. Thanks, Ruyintan, for visualising such a requirement and establishing this Chair”.

– Prof. Kannan Moudgalya
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Moudgalya and his team worked on conducting different types of workshops. They initially organized several one-day workshops on multiple topics and trained around 100 people or more each time. This was later modified to a three-day workshop for better efficacy. For CBSE teachers they designed a five-day workshop of three-hour duration every day and used the online discussion forum effectively. Prof. Moudgalya has also written a paper on the same for a conference organised at McMaster university. The paper was later accepted in a prestigious journal – “Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice”.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

During the early part of the pandemic, 8,000 colleges from 200 affiliated universities used Spoken Tutorial-based training in a big way, training lakhs of students and teachers.

The Spoken Tutorial team joined hands with the FOSSEE project and conducted four hackathons:

- Making available Open-Source Software as Scilab Toolboxes – 750 students participated in it
- QGIS based mapathon to produce maps that cover different aspects of life such as agriculture, climate change, transportation, natural resources, child care, medical, education, and rural and urban development – 10,000 students participated in it
- eSim circuit simulation marathon – 3,000 students participated in it
- Synfig Studio 2-D animation hackathon to create a three-minute animation of the Panchatantra tales – 1,000 people participated in it

All of these events were extremely successful and Prof. Moudgalya has written LinkedIn Articles on all of them.

The health and nutrition part of the workshops have been very successful, which photos below of mothers and babies attest.
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Made countless presentations during the last one year, as all the meetings were online, and many people wanted to know about our method of training in the open-source software, and using Spoken Tutorials.

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The Major Bhagat Singh Rekhi Chair Professorship is a highly coveted position and I am delighted to be an occupant of the same. The award has facilitated my research and development significantly. Major Bhagat Singh Rekhi was a dynamic and inspiring personality and one who motivated others to excel. His worthy son Mr. Kanwal Rekhi has contributed so much to his alma mater IIT Bombay. My chair professorship is another example of this noble gesture.”

Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharyya
Email: pb@cse.iitb.ac.in
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Teaching Highlight 2021 (April 2021 to March 2022):

Prof. Pushpak is teaching two highly sought after, timely and popular courses:

1. **CS626: Semester-1**: Speech, Natural Language Processing and the Web (enrolment 100)
2. **CS772: Semester-2**: Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing (enrolment more than 100)

His teaching is contributing to creation of the AI talent pool that India and the world needs so crucially. The global natural language processing market size is expected to experience exponential growth by reaching USD 127.26 billion by 2028. There are many theoretical and practical challenges to be solved in this area which are highly machine learning driven.

Prof. Bhattacharyya’s students are industry captains and professors in top educational places and researchers in top AI-ML research labs.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT 2021

Prof. Pushpak, arguably, led the most visible and one of the best NLP and Machine Learning groups in the country. His team published papers in top journals and conferences. He has made the tools and resources freely downloadable from his lab website “Computation for Indian Language Technology (http://www.cfilt.iitb.ac.in) and is contributing immensely to the NLP eco-system (especially with a focus on Indian Language Processing). He hopes to maintain this momentum of contribution to NLP’s R&D. The Bhagat Singh Rekhi Chair Professorship has proven to be of significant help in their endeavours.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AFFILIATIONS

Positions of Responsibility and Honor

- Professor Incharge, IIT Bombay-Monash Australia Academy, 2021-2024. (https://www.iitbmonash.org/)
- General Chair, Int’l Conf. on NLP (ICON 2021), NIT Silchar, Dec 21.
- President, NLP Association of India. 2021-22.
- General co-Chair AIMLSys Conference, 23-25 October, 2021, Bangalore, India.
- Member of the Governing Council (GC) of Centre of Advance Financial Research and Learning (CAFRAL), Reserve Bank of India.
B. Sponsored/Consultancy Projects:

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Publications (April 2021 to March 2022, reverse chronological):


PRESENTATIONS
(APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022, REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL)


10. Keynote, AI For Society: the Role of Natural Language Processing (with case studies in automatic essay grading, sentiment analysis, machine translation and Information Extraction), International Conference on Emerging Technologies, Mahindra University, 27th August, 2021,

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“Occupying the Subrao M. Nilekani chair continues to be a privilege and a recognition that I cherish deeply.”

Prof. S. Sudarshan
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Sudarshan has focused on four major areas of research.

● One area of focus has been the XData system, which is the only system of its kind to help automatically detect errors in SQL queries, and also grade student queries by assigning partial marks.

● A second area of focus was on holistic optimization of database applications. Prof. Sudarshan and his team are exploring automatic rewriting of Python programs to optimize data access. There is significant scope for optimizing programs used for ML pipelines. A paper on this topic was published at the DBPL workshop in Sep 2021, and another is in preparation currently. A PhD student (external) and an MTech student are building a system for this task which they believe will have significant impact.

● The third area of focus is on query optimization for streaming data, and a PhD student has been working on this topic. The focus is on queries that have deadlines, and how to schedule them to meet deadlines while minimizing cost compared to continuous streaming query evaluation. A paper on this topic was submitted for publication.

● The fourth area is on fake news detection. They have been developing a system called Kauwa Kaate, which is designed to help users factcheck forwards that they receive on WhatsApp or similar platforms (a common means of spreading fake news in India. The continuing focus is on answering queries that include images and videos, which is not supported by existing search engines.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AFFILIATIONS

Prof. Sudarshan has been serving as Deputy Director (Academic and Infrastructural Affairs) at IIT Bombay, since July 2020. Along with the usual responsibilities, he has been in charge of the Covid Taskforce, which has managed to successfully navigate the perils of Covid, taking a number of actions to minimize covid spread, while also ensuring research and academic activities continued with as little disruption as possible.

Among other service roles:

● Chaired the Jury of the ACM India Early Career Research Award
● On the program committee of ACM SIGMOD and Procs. VLDB
● On the Senate of IIIT Sri City, and
● chaired two committees related to software applications for Ministry of Defence.
● Is PC Chair of the prestigious ACM SIGMOD conference 2024

He has also been acting as Public Interest Director on the Board of the National Stock Exchange of India, one of the leading stock exchanges in the world, where he also chairs the Standing Committee on Technology.
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"I am extremely grateful to Shri Himanshu Patel who has the vision for an Aatman Nirbhar Bharat in funding this Chair for Applied Biosciences in the Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering. This Chair position will encourage many of our Dept faculty to work in translational technologies and I am extremely delighted to be the first recipient of this prestigious Chair in the Institute. I look forward to continuing the development and commercialization of affordable medical devices to cater to the rural population of India."

— Prof. Rohit Srivastava

— Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering
**TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

**Teaching Highlight 2022:**
Prof. Rohit Srivastava teaches two electives in the Department of BSBE, both of which see huge enrolment from students every year.

- The Biomedical Microsystems course teaches students the basics of microfabrication before moving on to the applications in Biomedical Engineering. Every year the enrolment exceeds 250 students and there is considerable excitement when the course is offered.
- Bio-Nanotechnology discusses the application of Nanotechnology in Biomedical Engineering and has encouraged students to pursue a future path in this field.

He has also taught BB101 course 2 years in a row with over 800 students taking the course where he discusses the Introduction and Applications of Biomedical Engineering to first year students. He hopes to be able to continue teaching these relevant courses to incoming students every year so that more and more students get excited to take up Bioengineering as a career option!

**RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT 2021**

Prof. Srivastava has been able to establish his own successful research program pursuing micro and nano-scale devices such as biosensors, bio-nanotechnology and finally mapping out to Point-of-care diagnostic devices. His team has already commercialized four point-of-care diagnostic devices such as SYNC – Bluetooth integrated glucometer for diabetes management, UChek – routine urine analysis system, CareMother – a smartphone-based platform to integrate doctors and pregnant women to screen and identify risk-prone pregnancies for maternal and neonatal healthcare in the rural areas.

His team has also clinically validated and transferred numerous healthcare technologies to the companies such as Smartsense™ – affordable and portable blood electrolyte analyzer with integrated blood plasma centrifuge; Uridsa – a low-cost, portable colorimetric device to diagnose kidney-related disorders; ElectroFinder – Portable and rapid detection device to sodium and potassium level in critical care patients.

Prof. Rohit and his team have clinically validated several technologies like PorFloR – Fluorescence strips and device for detection of orthopedic implant-associated infection such as C-reactive protein (CRP) and interleukin-6 (IL-6); Cholcheck – Affordable LFA-based complete cholesterol panel and detection device; Insulin Infusion Pump – Continuous insulin infusion pump, along with hollow silicon microneedle patch and the flexible reservoir for diabetes management. His group has also developed many affordable, novel, biodegradable plasmonic nanoparticles for minimally-invasive cancer theranostic application. The group has also indigenously developed economical, novel, resorbable bone screw and drug loaded chitosan sponges for orthopedic applications.

They have secured several prestigious grants to support our ongoing work in affordable healthcare, and the rural, maternal and neonatal healthcare research areas are likely to yield continued support because of high social and economic impact. Their lab has filed more than 130 Indian and US patent applications with more than 25 granted patents. This is representative of their grasp of the
importance of their work as well as the importance of knowledge protection to increase the likelihood that it will eventually be of use to commercial entities.

Prof. Rohit believes that the key indicators of his team’s success are the awards and recognitions that they receive. Prof. Rohit has been awarded the highest scientific honor, the **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2021** in **Medical Sciences**, the Abdul Kalam Technology Innovation National Fellowship, Shri Om Prakash Bhasin Award for Excellence in Health and Medical Sciences, DBT National Bioscience Award, DBT Tata Innovation Fellowship Award, the DBT Process and Product Commercialization Award, NASI Reliance Industries Platinum Jubilee Award, Stars in Global Health- GCC Canada, Stanford MedTech Award, Lockheed Martin Corporation, US DBT IYBA Award, INAE Young Engineer Award and Gandhian Young Technological Innovation awards in last ten years. The awards are examples that he and his team have reached a level of accomplishment and visibility that is desirable for all faculty members.

He has been instrumental in encouraging more than 10 of his students to setup Companies either through a Technology Business Incubator (TBI) or otherwise. He is also on the panel of several companies where he mentors them through start-up grants. His efforts have been recognized nationally and internationally and he has been elected **Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering (FNAE)**, **Fellow of National Academy of Sciences, India (FNASC)**, **Royal Society of Chemistry (FRSC), London** and **Fellow of Royal Society of Biology (FRSB), London**. His Nanobios Laboratory at IIT Bombay is focusing on developing technologies that can be commercialized and brought to use for the common man in India.

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**SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AFFILIATIONS**

Within 10 years of joining IIT Bombay, Prof. Rohit was handed charge of Department of BSBE as the Head of the Dept and he believes that he has led from the front by hiring faculty, getting Centre grants, involving all faculty in several interdisciplinary work, nominating more faculty for awards and fellowships. He is a part of all expert BIRAC panels for last 12 years and is on more than 30 several expert panels of BIRAC, DBT, ICMR and DST.

He is an Academic Mentor to NIPER Ahmedabad, SAC Member of CBMR Lucknow and several other institutes proving mentorship at the National level.

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It’s an honor to be the first recipient of the chair named after Prof. TRR Mohan – an excellent academician, and a friend.”

— Prof. Indradev Samajdar

(Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science)
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Academic Background
MS: University of Texas at El Paso, USA, 1991.

Research Interests
Crystallographic Texture
Microstructural Engineering
Thermomechanical Processing

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS
2. Institute Chair Professor (2014–2017, 2017–2020), Prof. TRR Mohan Chair Prof. (2021–Cont.).
3. Adjunct Professor: Monash University.
4. Fellow of INAE (Indian National Academy of Engineers) and EMSI (Electron Microscopy Society of India).
6. MRSI (Materials Research Society of India) Medal Lecture

PATENTS
MAJOR SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS (ONGOING & RECENTLY COMPLETED)

- Tata Steel (Reduction of Iron Ore) – 50 Lakhs. Ongoing. As PI.
- Tata Steel + SERB-IRRD (Hole Expansion Ratio in Dual Phase Steel) – 1 crore. Ongoing. As PI.
- Tata Steel + JSW (Residual Stresses in Hot Rolling): 70 lakhs. Ongoing. As PI.
- DAE (Deformation Processing of Titanium) – 70 Lakhs. Ongoing. As PI.
- ISRO (Maraging Stainless Steel) – 40 Lakhs. As PI.
- DRDO (Bulb Bar Rolling) – 70 Lakhs. As Co-PI.

Projects below 40 lakhs are not mentioned.

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Under his supervision 30 PhD students graduated, 3 are going to defend their thesis, 11 students are ongoing and of these 11, 6 are co-supervised.
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“I am honoured to be the first occupant of this named Chair Professor position – Prof. Tarun Kant Chair Professor, for the research contributions made in the area of Computational Mechanics. Sincere thanks to the Institute and the donors to start this named Chair Professor position after our respected former colleague at IIT Bombay, Prof. Tarun Kant, who is a well renowned expert in the domain of Computation Mechanics through his own outstanding research contributions to the field. He is probably the first Civil Engineer in India to become fellow of all national science and engineering academies of India. After being selected as the first recipient of Prof. Tarun Kant Chair Professor position, I’m humbled and will continue with more research in the domain of Computational Geomechanics with emphasis on Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Foundation Engineering. Thanks, and best regards,”

— Prof. Deepankar Choudhury.
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Choudhury joined IIT Bombay after finishing his PhD at IISc Bangalore in 2002. He completed his post-PhD work experience as a Lecturer at IIT Kanpur. He has since been a teacher/researcher in the Civil Engineering department and has been focused in the domain of Geotechnical Engineering since July 2003.

Teaching:

Prof. Choudhury has taught all of the Geotechnical Engineering core courses in both the Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels. He also taught the fundamental core UG 1st year Engineering Mechanics course at IIT Bombay and later mentored other IITs – IIT Gandhinagar in 2009 and at IIT Dharwad in 2017.

At IIT Bombay, he developed and started two new theory courses at the UG and PG level in his area of expertise “Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering”. He also developed web-based courses under the NPTEL – Govt. of India distance education initiative. In phase-1 he developed “Foundation Engineering” and in Phase-2 he developed video-based courses on “Soil Dynamics” and “Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering” – both of which are very popular all over the world and broadcast frequently in the Swayam Prabha channel launched by the Govt. of India.

He also wrote a text book on “Foundation systems for high-rise structures” with his German collaborators which was published by CRC Press UK, and is in great demand worldwide. Prof. Choudhury received the “Prof. S. P. Sukhatme Excellence in Teaching Award” at IIT Bombay in 2017. This award was given to him based on the evaluation he received at the Institute-level for over a decade of outstanding teaching record and students’ feedback.

Research:

Prof. Choudhury established a new research laboratory called the Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering Laboratory (GEEL) at IIT Bombay where he and his research students continue to carry out scholarly research in the areas of Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering, Foundation Engineering, Soil–Structure Interaction, Computational Geomechanics, Disaster Management, Soil Dynamics, Railway Geotechnics, Seismic Hazards etc.

His research team introduced new “pseudo-dynamic method of analysis” which is now popular worldwide as a robust technique for obtaining closed-form design solutions for earthquake resistant designs of various geotechnical structures.

Prof. Choudhury’s research group and his collaborators introduced the seismic analysis and design for the recently developed “Combined Pile–Raft Foundation” and this is being applied in various mega projects worldwide. One of these projects is the most important nuclear power plant foundation design for the upcoming new NPP which is uniquely founded on soil strata unlike other NPP where rock strata were used. International design manuals and newly proposed Indian standards on CPRF are also using some of the research outcomes of Prof. Choudhury’s team.
The fundamental research work on earthquake resistant closed-from design solutions obtained both analytically and verified numerically is the biggest strength of his research in terms of field data and validation. Other national mega prestigious projects like the longest sea bridge of India – MTHL of Mumbai used his research findings for practical application of seismic design of foundations considering site-specific studies.

India’s largest petroleum terminal at Motihari adopted Prof. Choudhury’s design methods with field tests of DMT and CPT in order to make the site stable with respect to earthquake hazards for oil tank foundations, especially considering the high seismicity of the region.

IIT Bombay honoured Prof. Choudhury with the institute research award in 2009 and, again, in 2017. Prof. Choudhury has received various young scientist awards for his outstanding research from various science and engineering academies of India. Additionally, he has received multiple international awards of repute like the Humboldt Fellowship (experienced category) of Germany, JSPS Fellowship of Japan, TWAS–VS Fellowship of Italy, BOYSCAST Fellowship of India for his acclaimed research.

Many of his former PhD scholars from IIT Bombay have also received the Best PhD thesis awards from the Institute and from other societies, both in India and abroad.

Prof. Choudhury is the only geotechnical engineer of India who is the fellow (FNASc) of the oldest science academy, i.e. the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI). He is also an elected fellow (FASCE) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), USA and received the Prof. C. S. Desai Medal from IACMAG, USA and APACM Award from Australia and Shamsher Prakash Award from India and USA. As a member of IBC of USA and IS code committee of India, Prof. Choudhury updates many provisions in design codes with recent research findings for practical implementation. Details of his research works and publications are available at: www.civil.iitb.ac.in/~dc/

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**SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AFFILIATIONS**

- Head, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India. Since March 2021 to till date.
- Prof. T. Kant Chair Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Bombay, India. 2021–2024.
- Advisory Board Member, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Jodhpur. Since Feb. 2021 to till date.
- Member of Board of Studies (BoS), Goa Engineering College (GEC), Goa University, India. Since 2021 to till date.
- National Organising Chairperson of GATE 2021 (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering).
- Chairperson of GATE 2020 (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering) at IIT Bombay.
- Institute Chair Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Bombay, India. 2017–2020.
- Visiting Professor, Incheon National University, South Korea. May–June 2017
Mentor and Professor, IIT Dharwad, Karnataka, India (on deputation). Jan–April 2017.

Academic Council Member, Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI), Mumbai, India. Since January 2016 to till date.

National Organising Vice-Chairman of IIT-JEE (Advanced) 2015 (Joint Entrance Exam – Adv.).

Founding Member of National Joint Seat Allocation Authority, JoSAA 2015.

Adjunct Professor, Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), India, affiliated to CSIR-CBRI Roorkee, Roorkee, India. 2013 to 2020.


Mentor and Associate Professor, IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat, (on deputation). Jan–April 2009.

JSPS Fellow, Kagoshima University, Japan. May–July 2009.

Associate Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Bombay, India. April 2007 to May 2012.

BOYSCAST Fellow, University of California Berkeley, USA. April–October 2006.

Visiting Fellow, University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia. May–June 2005.


Lecturer, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur, Kanpur, India. November 2002 to June 2002.

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Prof. Deepankar Choudhury with some of his former and present PhD students of Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering laboratory
IIT Bombay has established the N R Kamath Chair Professorship for Institutional Excellence. This is the most prestigious chair of the Institute and was established in the memory of Prof. N R Kamath, who served IIT Bombay as a faculty member. The late Prof. N R Kamath was an outstanding teacher and technologist and had a profound influence on his students. Prof. Kamath played a decisive role as an academician and administrator during the formative years of not just the Chemical Engineering Department but also the Institute. He played a visionary role in setting up the teaching and research agenda for the department and was a motivating force for both the faculty and students of the department. During his era, he was a role model and mentor to many young faculty and students.

As a fitting tribute to the pioneering role he played in shaping the destiny of the Institute, the alumni of IIT Bombay have established this chair to honor his immense contribution to the Institute. The chair has been occupied by many eminent personalities in academia.

**Prof. Kaushik Basu**

*C. Marks Professor of International Studies  
Professor of Economics at Cornell University (USA).*

He is the former Chief Economic Adviser (2009 to 2012) to the Govt. of India and former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist (2012 to 2016) to the World Bank. In 2008, he was conferred the Padma Bhushan by the President of India and in June 2017 he began a three-year term as President of the International Economic Association.
Prof. Samir Mitragotri

Hiller Professor of Bioengineering  
Hansjorg Wyss Professor of Biologically Inspired Engineering  
Core Faculty Member at Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering.

He is the first recipient of the N. R. Kamath Chair Professorship for Institutional Excellence at IIT Bombay. Prof. Mitragotri’s research has impacted areas of Bioengineering such as transdermal drug delivery, oral drug delivery, bio-inspired nanoparticles for drug delivery and bio-synthetic hybrid systems for drug delivery and immunotherapy.

Prof. Manjul Bhargava

R. Brandon Fradd Professor of Mathematics at Princeton University  
Adjunct Professor at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai  
Stieltjes Chair at Leiden University in the Netherlands.

He is recognized worldwide as one of the foremost mathematicians and leading experts in Number Theory. An accomplished classical Indian musician he is also deeply interested in Indian languages. Prof. Bhargava was awarded the Padma Bhushan (2015) and the Rajasthan Ratna (2016).

Prof. Madhu Sudan

Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science (Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences)


Prof. Bruce Hajek

Center for Advanced Study Professor of electrical and Computer Engineering  
Professor in the Coordinated Science Laboratory  
Hoeft Chair in Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He was elected into the National Academy of Engineering in 1999 for drug delivery and bio-synthetic hybrid systems for drug delivery and Immunotherapy.
Dr. Rakesh Agarwal
President and Founder, Data Insights Laboratories, San Jose, USA
He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, both USA and India, a Fellow of ACM, and a Fellow of IEEE. He has been both an IBM Fellow and a Microsoft Fellow. He has also been the Rukmini Visiting Chair Professor at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, a Visiting Professor at EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland, and a Visiting Professor and JSPS Fellow at the Kyoto University, Japan. ACM SIGKDD awarded him its inaugural Innovations Award and ACM SIGMOD the Edgar F. Codd Award. He was named to the Scientific American’s First list of top 50 Scientists.

Prof. Herbert Huppert
Professor of Theoretical Geophysics, University of Cambridge
At various times visiting scientist at the Australian National University, University of California at San Diego, Canterbury University, Caltech, MIT, University of New South Wales, University of Sydney, Tata Institute at Mumbai, University of Western Australia, the Weizmann Institute and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.

Birth anniversary celebration of Prof. N. R. Kamath – September 2021
Details of the mega-event on the birth anniversary of Prof. N. R. Kamath were discussed. A webinar titled ‘Chemical Engineering: Chemistry to Computers’, was held on the birth anniversary of Prof. N. R. Kamath on September 8, 2021, highlighting the thoughts and perspectives of esteemed thinkers and experts on chemical engineering, tracing the path of the discipline from chemistry to computers.

The speakers at the webinar included:
- Prof. M. M. Sharma, Emeritus Professor of Eminence, Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) shared his perspective on the evolution of Chemical Engineering.
- Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Chairman, National Innovation Foundation, Reliance Innovation Council, KPIT Technologies Innovation Council who discussed the Future of Chemical Engineering and Engineering of our Future.
- Prof. Devang Khakhar, Professor (Dept of Chemical Engineering), (Former Director IIT Bombay) explained the role of Computation in Chemical Engineering.

This event received an overwhelming response, from over 300 participants who attended this webinar from across the globe. The celebrations were very well received and there were interesting takeaways from the question-and-answer session held during this event.

The committee thanked Mr. Himatsingka for conceptualizing this unique initiative, and Prof. Ravindra Gudi who helped develop this concept and design the event.
Dr. Anand Garde delivered a virtual lecture on “Evolution of Zirconium Alloys for LWR Nuclear Power during the past more than 60 years” on February 15, 2022.

Dr. Anand Garde graduated with a B. Tech. in Metallurgical Engineering from IIT Bombay in 1967 and followed by M. S. in Metallurgical Engineering from Syracuse University in 1970 and finally finished his Ph. D. in Materials Science, University of Florida in 1973. He had an illustrious career in the area of Zirconium and was awarded the 2019 Kroll Zirconium Medal for Lifetime Achievement at the 20th ASTM International Symposium on Zirconium in Nuclear Industry.

Prof. Indradev Samajdar was the coordinating professor for conducting this lecture.
“Thank you for your support in fostering excellence at IIT Bombay. The chair professorship is indeed a recognition and incentive, and the no-strings attached funding it brings with it a valuable resource.”

Prof. Manoj Prabhakaran
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Prabhakaran moved to IIT Bombay from UIUC in late 2016. His main focus is on advanced theoretical cryptography tools (e.g., “secure multi-party computation (MPC)”) and translating them to practical applications. On the theoretical end, he and his team have made advances in characterizing multi-party computations that admit highly secure protocols. He and his team have also discovered surprising positive and negative results with secure computation in a minimalistic model of “One-way communication.” Prof. Prabhakaran and his team has also developed a theoretical model of secure computation (called “Zero-Communication Reduction”) with applications to questions in computational complexity theory, as well as cryptography. In a different line of work, they have extended the foundations of “Differential Privacy,” a highly influential framework for obtaining privacy guarantees in statistical databases. Other recent and ongoing work focus on emerging theoretical concepts like “Witness Encryption” and “Obfuscation.” On the practical side, they are developing a programming language for implementing MPC protocols. Prof. Prabhakaran and his team have also designed a “Functionally Encrypted Database” offering provable security guarantees, and efficiency that is adequate for many applications. Finally, they have proposed a paradigm called “CellTrees” for distributed data repositories, as an alternative to blockchains, offering scalability and functionality guarantees not available in Blockchains.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Prof. Prabhakaran serves as a member on steering committees at the reputed Theoretical Cryptography Conference (TCC), as well as a new premier conference on Information Theoretic Cryptography (ITC). He also serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Cryptology, the leading journal in the field. He has served as General Chair for TCC 2018, and as a Program Committee Chair for Indocrypt 2020.

Prof. Prabhakaran has contributed lectures to various instructional workshops in India, most recently to two workshops held at IISc and TIFR Bangalore, and given invited keynote talks at conferences in India.

He has also been engaging with the public on topics related to cryptography and security. He has served on a panel for school children, given a public lecture, submitted an affidavit on a court case in the Madras High Court (since then transferred to the Supreme Court) on security aspects of WhatsApp, and written an article on the security aspects of India’s “Aadhaar” scheme.
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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications since occupying the chair:
(Author names sorted alphabetically, as is the convention in this research community)


♦ Navneet Agarwal, Sanat Anand, Manoj Prabhakaran, "Uncovering Algebraic Structures in the MPC Landscape", EUROCRIPT 2019


♦ Anasuya Acharya, Manoj Prabhakaran, Akash Trehan, "An Introduction to the CellTree Paradigm (Invited Paper)", ICISS 2019


Selected Talks:

"Correlations in Cryptography," CSA50 – Pratiksha Trust Workshop on Theoretical Computer Science, IISc Bangalore, January 2019


"On the CellTree Paradigm," ICISS (Keynote), Hyderabad, December 2019.


As I have expressed many times to you during your visits to IIT Bombay, creation of this chair at the Department of Chemistry goes to show your love and commitment to the department. I am happy to be the second occupant of this chair after Professor H B Singh. The department and I once again thank you for this kind gesture and look forward to your continued interaction with the department in the coming years. A Big Thank You.

Prof. Ramaswamy Murugavel
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Murugavel’s laboratory employs an organic-soluble organophosphates as the building block to assemble polyhedral molecules that resemble many of the secondary building units (SBUs) of zeolite materials. Reaction of this phosphate with a divalent metal such as Zn²⁺ in a donor solvent (L) leads to the isolation of tetranuclear metal phosphates [(RO)PO₃Zn(L)]₄ whose inorganic core resembles the zeolitic D₄R SBU. Recently, Prof. Murugavel and his team found out that it is possible to isolate even larger SBUs through small variations in the reaction conditions. Thus, hitherto unknown discrete clusters with D₆R and D₈R SBU like cores (Zn₆O₁₈P₆ and Zn₈O₂₄P₈ cores, respectively) have been isolated by switching the solvent from methanol to acetonitrile and the co-ligand from DMSO to either 4-formylpyridine or 4-cyanopyridine. A rationalization of these building principles will be presented in this lecture, apart from highlighting the use of this class of compounds as molecular magnets, and phosphorus-based perovskites, and energy related applications.

To carry out major research grants have been obtained from SERB, DST, CSIR, and MHRD. The current outlay of the sponsored projects is roughly Rs. 4.5 Crores.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Prof. Murugavel has been the Vice-President of Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI), where he played an important role in getting PhD students engaged in CRSI activities and then becoming life-members of the society. He continues to work with small colleges and less endowed research institutions by not only visiting these places and talking to the students and teachers (through Combined Academies Workshops, INSPIRE camps, etc.) but also hosts research interns in his laboratory for students originating from such institutions. He also serves in several national committees related to funding and policy, recruitment, etc.
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9) Bimetallic nanoparticles anchored on core–shell support as an easily recoverable and reusable catalytic system for efficient nitroarene reduction, R. Antony, R. Marimuthu, and R. Murugavel, ACS Omega, 2019, 4, 9241–9250. https://doi.org/10.1021/acsomega.9b01023


Presentations:


17) “Organophosphates as Precursors for New Materials for Energy Applications”, Invited lecture at NCU@10 Mini Symposium (10th Anniversary Of New Chemistry Unit), JNCASR, Bangalore, January 10, 2020.
Dr. P. K. Kelkar
Chair of Excellence in Nanotechnology

Prof. Souvik Mahapatra
Email: souvik@ee.iitb.ac.in
Department of Electrical Engineering

“It is indeed an honour to be selected as the P K Kelkar chair professor of IIT Bombay. I look forward to continue making contribution towards teaching undergraduate and advanced graduate courses and research in semiconductor devices”

Prof. Souvik Mahapatra
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Teaching Highlight 2021:
Prof. Mahapatra introduced a new graduate level course on advanced CMOS and flash memory devices, which gives the students an exposure to latest industry practices. Also taught a course on advanced transistors.

Research Highlight 2021:
Prof. Mahaptra works on CMOS and flash memory reliability, close interaction with several leading semiconductor industries in the fab–tool, EDA, IDM, memory, and fabless ecosystem.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AFFILIATIONS

Chair of the Reliability Physics (Sub-committee of IEEE Electron devices society).

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- Modelling of HKMG Stack Process Impact on Gate Leakage, SILC and PBTI
  DimpleKochar; Tarun Samadder; SubhadeepMukhopadhyay; Souvik Mahapatra
  2021 IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium (IRPS)
  Year: 2021 | Conference Paper | Publisher: IEEE
- Stochastic and Deterministic Modelling Frameworks for Time Kinetics of Gate Insulator Traps During and After Hot Carrier Stress in MOSFETs
  Satyam Kumar; Tarun Samadder; Karansingh Thakor; Uma Sharma; Souvik Mahapatra
  2021 IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium (IRPS)
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- A Theoretical Framework for Trap Generation and Passivation in NAND Flash Tunnel Oxide During Distributed Cycling and Retention Bake
  Tarun Samadder; Satyam Kumar; Karansingh Thakor; Souvik Mahapatra
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- Analysis of Sheet Dimension (W, L) Dependence of NBTI in GAA–SNS FETs
  Nilotpal Choudhury; Tarun Samadder; Ravi Tiwari; Huimei Zhou; Richard G. Southwick; Miaomiao Wang; Souvik Mahapatra
  2021 IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium (IRPS)
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- A Physical Model for Bulk Gate Insulator Trap Generation During Bias–Temperature Stress in Differently Processed p–Channel FETs
  Tarun Samadder; Nilotpal Choudhury; Satyam Kumar; Dimple Kochar; Narendra Parihar; Souvik Mahapatra
  IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices
  Year: 2021 | Volume: 68, Issue: 2 | Journal Article | Publisher: IEEE

- Benchmarking Charge Trapping Models with NBTI, TDDS and RTN Experiments
  Sharang Bhagdikar; Souvik Mahapatra
  2020 International Conference on Simulation of Semiconductor Processes and Devices (SISPAD)
  Year: 2020 | Conference Paper | Publisher: IEEE

- TCAD Incorporation of Physical Framework to Model N and P BTI in MOSFETs
  Ravi Tiwari; Nilotpal Choudhury; Tarun Samadder; Subhadeep Mukhopadhyay; Narendra Parihar; Souvik Mahapatra
  2020 International Conference on Simulation of Semiconductor Processes and Devices (SISPAD)
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- A TCAD Framework for Assessing NBTI Impact Under Drain Bias and Self-Heating Effects in Replacement Metal Gate (RMG) p–FinFETs
  Uma Sharma; Souvik Mahapatra
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- Modelling of HCD Kinetics Under Full VG – VD Space, Different Experimental Conditions and Across Different Device Architectures
  UmaSharma; SouvikMahapatra
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- A Stochastic Framework for the Time Kinetics of Interface and Bulk Oxide Traps for BTI, SILC, and TDDB in MOSFETs
  SatyamKumar; R.Anandkrishnan; NarendraParihar; Souvik Mahapatra
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- TCAD Framework for HCD Kinetics in Low VD Devices Spanning Full VG/VD Space
  UmaSharma; MengDuan; HimanshuDiwakar; KaransinghThakor; HiuYungWong; SteveMotzny; DenisDolgos; SouvikMahapatra
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- Modeling of DC – AC NBTI Stress – Recovery Time Kinetics in P-Channel Planar Bulk and FDSOI MOSFETs and FinFETs
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- Hot Carrier Degradation in Cryo-CMOS
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● Analysis of The Hole Trapping Detrapping Component of NBTI Over Extended Temperature Range
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● A Cycle-by-Cycle HCD and BTI Compact Model to Calculate FinFET Based RO Ageing Using SPICE
   Uma Sharma; Chaitanya Pasupuleti; Narendra Gangwar; A. Thirunavukkarasu; Souvik Mahapatra
   2020 4th IEEE Electron Devices Technology & Manufacturing Conference (EDTM)
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● A Model for Hole Trapping–Detrapping Kinetics During NBTI in p–Channel FETs: (Invited paper)
   Nilotpal Choudhury; Narendra Parihar; Nilesh Goel; A. Thirunavukkarasu; Souvik Mahapatra
   2020 4th IEEE Electron Devices Technology & Manufacturing Conference (EDTM)
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● A Review of Hot Carrier Degradation in n–Channel MOSFETs Part I: Physical Mechanism
   Souvik Mahapatra; Uma Sharma
   IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices
   Year: 2020 | Volume: 67, Issue: 7 | Journal Article | Publisher: IEEE

● A Review of Hot Carrier Degradation in n–Channel MOSFETs—Part II: Technology Scaling
   Souvik Mahapatra; Uma Sharma
   IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices
   Year: 2020 | Volume: 67, Issue: 7 | Journal Article | Publisher: IEEE

   Souvik Mahapatra; Narendra Parihar
   IEEE Transactions on Device and Materials Reliability
   Year: 2020 | Volume: 20 Issue: 1 | Journal Article | Publisher: IEEE

Presentations:
● Invited tutorial speaker, IEEE International Reliability Physics Symposium, Dallas, TX, USA (online mode).

● Different talks (online mode) as per IEEE EDS events.
  Different talks (online mode) to Industry (Intel, Micron, Western Digital, Applied Materials, Synopsys).
“The theme of the chair, “Technology and Sustainable Development” is inspirational. It seemed like a coincidence that while I became an occupant of the chair, I seemed to be headed naturally towards the theme. I have been cultivating interest in areas such as nutrition, apps to support efforts towards tackling malnutrition, development of conductive pastes for metallization of solar cells, materials recycling / upcycling, materials recovery from end-of-life solar cells. On a different note, I have been emphasizing to students, semester after semester that greater efforts must be made in identifying unsolved problems / unaddressed needs / improvements needed in what we see around, encounter, or use. The solutions can follow! This can help break the more prevalent attitude of being satisfied with everything as it is (Chalta Hai)”

– Prof. Parag Bhargava
Teaching Highlight 2021:

Prof. Bharagava’s teaching philosophy primarily has been to motivate students on a path of discovery and learning by self. To achieve this in his departmental introductory course (Materials & Technology) he always begins with discussion on engineering, its role in shaping the society and economy, the role of innovation etc.

Besides the formal curriculum he has always included projects which require some hands–on thinking within the constraints of a large class and this year there was an additional challenge of teaching in an online mode. He conducted short quizzes of low weightage at the beginning of each class based on the content covered in previous class to keep the students a bit focussed on the content. This year he also gave students a project on identification of a new need/ unsolved problem / improvement needed. The identification of the above was to be supported by interviews of at least 15 – 20 stakeholders.

This was done by the whole class in teams of two. Each student was asked to disassemble chosen machines, devices etc that they could find at home to make the students realize the interdisciplinary nature of engineering (non–compartmentalized), the challenge and excitement of manufacturing and the fact that devices, machines always use a range of materials including metals, ceramics, polymers, semiconductors, composites etc.

The students were required to study the function of each part, the materials that the parts are made of and the methods by which these parts are manufactured and whether they are produced in India. The students showed the disassembled components and made presentations in the class on their project findings. In view of the limitations of a written exam, the students were also evaluated through a viva in small groups.

Prof. Bhargava has also been emphasizing on thinking over gathering information as well as applications of the knowledge. Most questions in the exams were designed such that they do not need reproduction of content from lectures or memorization but require on-the-spot thinking about resolving the problems related to application of knowledge. Students found these exams challenging as it was a novel idea. He showed them some exotic components / materials in the online mode towards the end of the course. They got to see a transparent bullet proof ceramic material, an automotive clutch, a MIG aircraft engine turbine blade, a reticulated ceramic foam filter, vibration damping phenomenon, ceramic foam filter used in foundries, soft ferrite based mini transformer and other materials.

The other course that Prof. Bharagava taught was Colloid and Interfacial Science. The classroom discussions started with a wide range of applications related to the course theme to build excitement among the students. Besides the regular course content, they were asked to do several small projects. The students were asked to find a video related to colloid science and technology,
play it for the class explaining what they found interesting and why. In another project, they were asked to identify a product that is based on colloidal science and technology and to justify through a presentation, how colloidal principles help or play role in the application/product and the material system in use. Lastly, they had to make a presentation based on a research article.

**Research Highlight 2021:**

![Picture of tube filled with silver paste for making circuits on paper for educational purposes](image)

Most of Prof. Bhargava’s work is centred around particulate materials. His group, while working on basic research, has always maintained a keen interest in application oriented or product development research. He and his group has also been undertaking research on scaling up of previously developed processes in our lab. One of the themes in their lab has been the development of materials need for printed electronics, sensors etc. This year saw continued development of process of producing shape and size-controlled silver powders, silver pastes and inks for use in pens to be able to make conducting patterns on paper, textiles for educational purposes, development of screen printable silver pastes for circuitry, sensors etc. Work was also carried out on developing screen printable electroactive carbon pastes for use in electrochemical sensors. Screen printed electrodes and H2O2 (electrochemical) sensors were developed.
To work towards commercialization of silver-based products, Prof. Bhargava and his team have started work towards scaling up the synthesis of silver powders, nanowires. One of the key bottlenecks in wet chemical synthesis of the silver powders and nanomaterials is the step of washing and filtration to remove ionic impurities and organic additives. To overcome the challenges, they have started evaluating the use of cross flow filtration technique which has shown promise in preliminary trials of reducing process time from days to just a few hours.

They are helping a company in developing WC/Ag (Silver) based contact materials with low silver content for industrial applications. Initial efforts have shown results which have not been reported anywhere else in the world.

They are also working on developing the silver paste for solar Photo Voltaic applications which has gained tremendous importance in view of the increasing interest and solar cell production capacity in the country. Currently there is no manufacturer of these pastes in India. Recently, a company has shown interest in licensing this technology from them.

Some amount of work is also being done on dental materials. In the recent times intra oral scanners have become popular with dentists and widespread use of this technology also requires development of lower cost photo-polymerizable resins for the dental labs to be able to print dental models of the patients while keeping the overall cost of the prostheses affordable. In view of this, work was carried out on examining various resin material formulations for use with (Digital Light Processing) DLP machines to 3D print the dental models. Further work is required to see its acceptability by dental labs. We have also been developing glass-ceramics for dental crowns. A lithium-based glass-ceramic composition has been developed and is now being examined for its suitability for use by dental labs. At the same time newer glass-ceramic compositions are being examined from the viewpoint of enhanced strength for use as layering or veneering materials for dental crowns.

Besides the above areas of research, one of the undergraduate students has taken up an interesting theme of work based on class projects on upcycling of plastic waste that Prof. Bhargava had assigned to students (pictures below). The goal was to be able to make a simple machine which is low cost, portable and can be used at the level of housing societies to upcycle the plastic waste generated in the societies. This machine holds the promise of minimizing plastic waste ending up in landfills. The student is working on designing the machine to be able to “weld” or fuse plastics to make larger sheets which could then be used as a feed material for making various objects of common use.
Service and Public Engagement

Prof. Parag Bhargava was invited to be a guest speaker at the UNESCO Centre for peace virtual summer camp 2021 to address children and youth delegates from over ninety different countries. He spoke on renewable energy and ways in which young people could contribute to help address environmental issues.

He conducted a session for the youth on finding inspiration for a higher purpose such that they discover their passion and ideas for self-growth and to contribute meaningfully to the society (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_FAAnT7w-BA)

He was the chair for organizing the Annual Technical Meeting of the Indian Institute of Metals which had participants from academia and industry from all over the country. He also organized and moderated a panel discussion on “Entrepreneurship in Metallurgy & Materials Domain: Opportunities, Challenges and Journeys.”

Prof. Parag Bhargava has been working with children for many years to support their holistic growth. A few years ago, he and his team started five libraries for the underprivileged communities in the nearby settlements outside IIT (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44LOYnmq0OE).

Each library was reaching out to an average of around 30 – 40 families. He also used to teach spoken English to a few children and engage with them in meaningful discussions at the libraries. The number of functioning libraries got reduced to two in number during the pandemic. He has also been advising a company (OMOTec) that is in the domain of teaching Robotics and Mechatronics.
to children and youth. He has been reviewing the projects that children have been doing on addressing real-world problems.

Besides being a co-founder of small manufacturing ventures with his own students (ANTS Ceramics, Digident, Metwiz Materials) he has been mentoring a few companies the recent ones being Languify and Manastu Space.

During the month of August 2021, Prof. Bhargava conducted a session on “Innovation through Collaborative thinking”: Exploring the power of exhaustive thinking together for IIT Bombay students. The session involved a few interactive exercises which covered the art of asking questions as an engineer and how even seemingly difficult problems can be solved by thinking together. The session was organized by “The Curious Community”, a Facebook group launched by EnPoWER (Engineering Oriented Promotion of Work Experience and Research) which is a student body within IIT Bombay.

At the institute level, Prof. Parag Bhargava is an IIT B Research Park Executive Committee member, Tata Centre for Technology and Design Executive Committee member, IRCC Advisory Committee member and DSSE Post-Graduate committee member.

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5. Natural solvent facilitated high-shear exfoliated graphene nanoplatelets enabled economically efficient and stable DSSC, SS Nemala, S Ravulapalli, P Kartikay, R Banavath, S Mallick, P Bhargava, Mayank Bhushan, Debananda Mohapatra, Materials Letters 287, 129263 (2021)

**Presentations**

1. Wet chemical synthesis of nano powders and associated challenges in their large-scale production, CIPET, Jan 2021

2. Role of engineers in socio-economic transformation of the country, PICT, Pune May 2021

3. Finding Inspiration for Learning, Career and Life through Identification of a Higher Purpose, Zep Nagpur, June 2021

4. Powder Injection Molding, Powder Metallurgy Short Course, Organized by Powder Metallurgy Association of India, College of Engineering, Pune (COEP), Sept 2021
Prof. K. Narayanan
Email: knn@iitb.ac.in
Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

“The IVF Chair focusses on linking HSS with the engineering and technology disciplines and I have always aimed to Strengthen the interface between science, technology and social sciences, through my own research work as well as organising seminars, conferences and workshops.”

– Prof. K. Narayanan
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Teaching Highlight 2022:

Associated Faculty: Climate Studies, CUSE, CPS, and Education Technology

Teaching during the last Five Years:

- No of courses participated in teaching: 23
- No of theory courses taught: 14.
- Courses at BS [economics], BTech, MPhil, MTech and PhD. Core courses as well as Elective courses consisting of theoretical as well as contemporary relevant courses like Applied Economics and Indian Economy.
- Recipient of (Departmental) Excellence in Teaching Award 2021

Research Highlight 2022: Projects undertaken currently

- Prof. Naryanan is working on a collaborative project among 20 institutions spread over India and UK, led by University of Cambridge, funded by UK government [159,000 UK Pounds], since April 2018 on finding Technological Solutions for Sustainable Food Supplies.
- He led a team of 8 faculty members and 14 research scholars to prepare the State Action Plan on Climate Change [SAPCC] for Rajasthan. This project was undertaken at the Inter-Disciplinary Program in Climate Studies. Report submitted and received well recognition. The full report can be downloaded from: https://environment.rajasthan.gov.in/content/dam/environment/Env/Pdf_Files/Draft%20of%20State%20Action%20Plan%20on%20Climate%20Change%202022.pdf
- Prof. Narayanan is working on Low-cost Innovative Technology for water quality monitoring and water resources management for urban and rural water systems in India. This project is jointly conducted with Prof. Ravi Gudi of Chemical Engineering as Project In charge and funded by DST, Government of India.
- He is also working on Customer Selection for Demand Response in SMART energy: Customer Attitude Survey Algorithms for Selecting Customers and the Effectivity. This project is jointly conducted with Prof. Krithi Ramamritham of Computer Science and Engineering as Co-PI and is funded by Tata Consultancy Services.
- Prof. Narayanan has helped UNDP in the year 2021–22 to prepare the ICT Policy for Lesotho. This project was undertaken as a consultancy work funded by UNDP, Lesotho.

These are over and above other projects in the field of industrial and development economics.
SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT/ AFFILIATIONS

● Prof. Narayanan has guest edited Special Issues of journals: Innovation and Development [Taylor & Francis] and Science, Technology and Society [Sage].

● He is a Member of Editorial Board of Journal of Industrial Statistics, Sarvekshana [published by CSO, Government of India], Springer Nature Business and Economics, and Asia Pacific Journal of Regional Science.

● He has been invited for various lectures / talks during the last 5 years:
  o University of Tokyo [3 times],
  o Nagoya University,
  o KU Leuven –Belgium,
  o University of Maastricht,
  o Institute of Social Studies –The Hague,
  o Freie University –Berlin,
  o University of Kassel,
  o Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change –Berlin,
  o University of Sydney,
  o University of East Anglia – Norwich,
  o Kingston University – London and
  o University of Cambridge along with a long list of Institutions/ Universities in India as well.

● He was nominated by Government of India to represent the country at the (a) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] special meeting [held in March 2009 at Oslo, Norway], and (b) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC] special meeting [held in April 2009 at Cairo, Egypt].

● He is an honorary member secretary, Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing [Knowledge Forum], http://fgks.in since November 2018.

● He is the external referee for faculty selection and promotions in University of Cambridge, New York University, University of Jaffna and University of Malaya apart from several other IITs and Universities in India.
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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications


**Presentations**

1. Delivered a Special Talk on the occasion of “Clean Air and Blue Skies” on 7th September 2022, organised by the State Pollution Control Board, Government of Rajasthan in Jaipur.

2. Invited to deliver a talk on Regional Diversity of Development in India, Goa University, on 27th August 2022.


4. 2. Kasthala, S., and Narayanan, K. "Agriculture Vulnerability to Climate Change in Arid and Semi-arid Regions: A study of Rajasthan, India". Oral presentation in the session: Emerging Agroecosystem Adaptation, Mitigation, Monitoring, and Assessment Trends, at the American Geophysical Union’s (AGU) Fall meeting. 13–17 December 2021.


*A brief news story on the on-going Anthropogenic Vulnerability work was published in the science news magazine - Eos, published by AGU. https://eos.org/articles/human-activity-makes-indias-coastlines-more-vulnerable


The HAL R&D Chair Professorship has significantly raised my profile within IIT Bombay and in the larger academic community, and I would like to thank the HAL and the IIT Bombay administration for conferring this honour on me. I believe that I have been able to deliver on the expectations of the Chair Professorship.

— Prof. Anil K.
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Anil’s research has focussed on solar photovoltaics, including the development of high efficiency silicon solar cells, reliability of photovoltaic modules, recycling of end-of-life photovoltaic panels, and mitigation of soiling on photovoltaic panels. Presently his research group is developing PERC solar cells with efficiencies exceeding 20%. The focus is on joint research with equipment vendors and material research groups to fill significant gaps in the manufacturing landscape in the country. The group has been working with Sahajanand Laser Technology Limited to develop a laser system for ablation of thin dielectric films for solar cell fabrication, academic research groups in the country working on silicon crystal growth and silver paste to evaluate the materials they develop in solar cells. These are expected to help the country develop indigenous technologies and highly skilled manpower in this sector. On the reliability front, they have investigated the optimum method for translation of field measured performance of photovoltaic panels to standard test conditions for benchmarking. These investigations are expected to pave the way for robust on-field assessment of the performance of photovoltaic panels and secure the financial viability of solar asset owners. Prof. Anil has chaired a committee appointed by the Secretary of MNRE to develop a report on various technology options for “Circular Economy on Solar Panel Waste” and gathered a panel of experts from the industry and academia. The report of the committee was submitted to MNRE in September 2021. Soiling of PV panels reduce the energy yield of PV powerplants. His groups have been working on characterizing the reliability of anti-soiling coatings with the aim to develop a test standard for such coatings. Recently they have started working to develop algorithms for assessing the soiling losses from energy generation data of powerplants with a startup company. He has developed an online course on silicon solar cells, and IIT Bombay has given in-principle approval for delivering this course through the continuing education program of the institute.

PUBLICATIONS SINCE MARCH 2021

8 journal publications and 3 granted Indian patents. h-index: 32, i-10 index: 83.
Graduated: 6 PhD students (total 21 till date), 3 M. Tech students

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

During 2021-22, Prof. Anil delivered an IEEE distinguished lecture in Bangladesh (online mode), delivered a PV tutorial at a faculty development program in KL University, delivered a talk at an Indo-Japanese workshop (online) on solar cell technologies. He organized a joint workshop on “Diagnostic Technologies for PV Powerplants” with the National Thermal Power Corporation, organized an Indo-UK Soiling workshop with Loughborough University, and organized an Indo-Norwegian workshop on “Silicon Crystal Growth” with SINTEF, Norway. Prof. Anil has been a member of project progress review committees for the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, and the Department of Science and Technology and has reviewed several proposals for the Ministry
of New and Renewable Energy. He has also been a member of panel of experts for the selection of INSPIRE faculty for DST, recruitment of faculty members at the Central University of Rajasthan, and NIT Kozhikode. He has been a reviewer for the journals titled Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells, IEEE Electron Device Letters, IEEE Journal of Photovoltaics, Sustainable Energy Technologies and Assessment, Solar Energy, and Surfaces and Interfaces. Prof. Anil has also been an examiner for 3 PhD thesis from institutions other than IIT Bombay.

He has been a visiting faculty at the St. Thomas College, Thrissur, Kerala, and developed and delivered an online certificate course on Silicon Solar Cells to the students of MSc Physics. He has also been the Head of the Centre for Research in Nanotechnology and Science, and the Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facility at IIT Bombay during June 2018 to Jan 2022, and served on various institute level committees as part of the assignment.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Journal publications:


**Indian Patents Granted:**

1. Method for deposition of metal oxide on a substrate (2022), Kalaivani S., and Anil Kottantharayil, Indian patent number 391027 granted on 2 March 2022.


3. Method providing functionalization of graphene (2021), Robin Singla, and Anil Kottantharayil, Indian patent number 368329 granted on 01 June 2021.

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Thanks a lot for introducing me to the legendary philanthropist Mr. D. L. Shah. It’s very motivating to realize his vision and philosophy over-all QUALITY of life in India. Fortunately, my professional activities also fall in line with this philosophy and occupying the chair sponsored by the Trust has boosted my confidence to move ahead with more energy and enthusiasm to pursue my mission Quality of Life in manmade environment.

— Prof. D N Singh
TEACHING HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. D. N. Singh teaches “Geotechnical Engineering-I” and “Geotechnical Engineering-II” courses to undergraduates of IIT Bombay. He is offering an unconventional course “Environmental Geomechanics” for Postgraduates of IIT Bombay to encourage the research acumen. These courses are subsequently offered through online platforms such as NPTEL and CDEEP. These courses are benefiting professionals and students all over the world.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Singh has successfully innovated, developed, and publicized Geoenvironmental Engineering in the realm of Civil Engineering education and practice. Through trans-disciplinary research, he has demonstrated the importance, relevance, and urgency of revising the classical concepts and theories, and a need to imbibe the influence of various environmental factors that govern the durability and performance of natural and anthropogenic geomaterials. His research is primarily focused on addressing the challenges and providing solutions to the problems (viz., waste disposal, energy requirements, development of sustainable infrastructure etc.) that the society and industry are facing by large. Some of his most innovative contributions are geomaterial characterization by employing various Energy Fields, and development of needs-based, affordable, and in-house instrumentation for establishing biological, chemical, thermal, electrical, and magnetic properties of the multi-phase and multi-component geomaterials and mechanisms prevailing in them. He has established a unique state-of-the-art Environmental Geotechnology Laboratory, which is attracting several national and international collaborations. He has recently launched a virtual Center for Geoenvironmental Research and Innovation (CeGReIn) to foster applied R&D, worldwide. He is also leading the Mission IBPs to develop executable roadmap and policies for valorisation of industrial by-products (IBPs) with an aim to create waste to wealth to welfare.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Prof. Singh is actively involved in guiding several local and national organizations in dealing with the issues and development of new strategies. At present, he is guiding MCGM and GHMC in assessing the decomposition status of municipal solid waste in Capped Landfills. Further, guiding M/s. MSRDC, M/s. MahaGenco, M/s. Tata Projects Ltd, M/s. Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd., and M/s. MMB in development of new structures and also helping in the retrofitting of the existing infrastructure in different parts of the nation. Further, guiding M/s. MMB, M/s. MbPT, and other major ports in India in valorisation of dredged sediments through the project funded by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). Moreover, he is chairing a National wide mission (W2W Mission, PSA, New Delhi) in assessing and development of strategies for Plastic waste and construction and demolition (C&D) waste management.
Prof. Singh has been elected as a Vice-president of South Asia, International Society of Environmental Geotechnology, which has facilitated putting my focus on the importance of the Environmental Geotechnology in fulfilling the sustainable development goals (SDGs). In this direction to help the scientific community and new generations who are keen to learn this subject, a book on “Environmental Geotechnology: Meeting Challenges through needs-based instrumentation” was authored by myself and published by World Scientific Publishing Company, Singapore. Furthermore, guiding the industries such as M/s. Hindalco Industries Ltd. in the efficient management of industrial by-products and spearheading the concept of CCUS in industrial setups on a global scale.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS


   https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-64518-2_108.

   https://doi.org/10.1520/MPC20190240.


   https://doi.org/10.1680/jenge.19.00177.

   https://doi.org/10.1680/jenge.21.00072.


INVITED EXPERT LECTURES

2. Sustainable development through Environmental Geotechnology, ATAL Academy, online FDP, NIT Goa, June 21, 2021.
7. 4th Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) Youth Conclave, Pandemic and Engineering Intervention, Organized by Prof. D.N. Singh (Organizer, IITB), NITIE and ICT, September 24, 2021.
10. Indo US scoping workshop on carbon utilization and conversion, Organized by DST India and DoE USA, February 18, 2022.

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I would like to thank the funders of the L&T chair professorship for their support of my research and outreach activities. The funding has enabled my students to travel to research meetings and international conferences. The funding has also provided flexibility in the purchase of consumables and small equipment, which is often not possible from traditional funding sources. The support has contributed significantly to generating preliminary research results that has led to research collaboration with several industries.

– Prof. Mahesh Tirumkudulu

Mahesh S Tirumkudulu
Email: mahesh@che.iitb.ac.in
Department of Chemical Engineering
The research contributions of Prof. Mahesh have been primarily in fluid mechanics and colloids & interfaces. In the area of colloids of interfaces, the focus was on understanding the phenomena of drying and consolidation of colloidal dispersions with applications in diverse industries related to semiconductor, paints and coatings, and ceramics. The recent work of his group was on the physics of cracking and buckling in drying colloidal dispersions has investigated several aspects such as dynamics of fracture with possible extensions to hydraulic fracture and conditions of buckling of drying colloidal drops. They have also investigated failure of drying polymer films with applications in pharmaceutical and consumer goods industry. This has led to several collaborations with the industry such as Pfizer Inc (US) and Unilever India Ltd and ongoing discussions with at least two other multinational companies.

In the area of fluid mechanics, he and his research group investigate the physics of atomization, which find applications in diverse processes such as combustion, spray drying, spray painting and nebulizers.

Besides fundamental research, they have also been working on technological solutions for resource constrained settings. In this respect, his team has developed a novel tire sealant that seals tire punctures instantly without the need for tire repair. They recently received a US patent for the same. In the area of biomedical devices, they are developing low-cost blood smear machines and blood cell counters for measuring complete blood counts. Patents have been filed for both technologies and they are being licensed for commercialization.

Prof. Mahesh and his research group have been teaching the course on Solid Mechanics to chemical undergraduate students along with conducting labs for them for the last 2–3 years. To increase interaction with the industry, he initiated a new course in 2021 titled, “Introduction to Chemical Engineering Applications in Industry”, where experts from the pharmaceutical industry gave a semester long lecture on the unit operations in the manufacture of pharmaceutical products. In the coming semester, he, and his colleague (Prof Venkat Gundabala) have initiated a two-semester course for the 3rd and 4th semester students in the new Tinkerer’s lab, where the students will design and build chemical engineering and biomedical devices/instruments.

In the last couple of years, Prof. Mahesh gave research seminars to students and faculty of IIT Madras and American University of Sharjah. Our research group presented their work in international conferences such as the annual AIChE meeting (US), Institute of Physics conference (UK) and Complex fluids symposium (India).
LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. MA Mir and MS Tirumkudulu*, “A low-cost flow cell for flow cytometry”, Biosensors and Bioelectronics, 211, 114334 (2022)


4. MS Tirumkudulu* and VS Punati, “Solventborne Polymer Coatings: Drying, Film Formation, Stress Evolution, and Failure”, Langmuir, 38, 2409?2414 (2022)


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Om Prakash Bamboriya, Sesan Nayak, Vatika Jhanjee, Mahrulkh Mir, Bhawana Tomar, Krishnayan Haldar, Mahesh Tirumkudulu and Venugopal Punati.
(Missing students: Megha Agrawal, Farha Naaz, Atiya Badar, Anwesha Mohanty, Venugopal Punati, Mayur Khogade, Faiz Ahmed, Kushak Dhinoja)
For any professional and at every stage, being supported and being supportive mutually co-exist. The support from TATA Trust and honor of being recognized as TATA Trust Chair Professor in Frugal Engineering and financial support have been strong encouragement in two aspects:

1. Driving the projects in the two domains of affordable healthcare and agriculture technologies to the translation level including my TCTD IIT-Bombay (TATA Center for Technology and Design) project
2. Supporting Ph.D. scholars and translation level projects with the financial support under TATA Trust Chair Professor in Frugal Engineering

In my all invited talks and social media such as TIH-IoT IIT-Bombay (Technology Innovation Hub) and LinkedIn page, TATA Trust Chair Professorship is the label which attracts attention. Particularly my product-oriented research projects get linked to frugal engineering too.
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

1. Affordable Tinnitus detection device and tinnitus treatment with E-medicine
   ● One of the selected projects of TCTD IIT-Bombay, which has secured 3 rounds of funding for the product development.
   ● The device and application software are protected by Indian patent.
   ● The prototype has reached to clinical investigation stage. MoU between IIT-Bombay and Hinduja Hospital is being finalized.

2. Recent book publication
   Flexible Bioelectronics with Power Autonomous Sensing and Data Analytics
   by S. Sonkusale, M. Shojaei Baghini, S. Aeron (with contributions from Laxmeesha S., S. Malik, M. Ahmad, G. Saini)
   Publisher: Springer International Publishing, ISBN/EAN3030985377 9783030985370, 2022

3. The World’s First Quantum Tunneling Enabled Spiking Neural Network Chip on 45nm SOI Technology from India
   ● This AI Chip Hits New Ultralow Power Lows”, IEEE Spectrum News, June 2022
     (DOI: https://doi.org/10.1109/TCSI.2022.3172176)

I would like to thanks TATA Trust for supporting IIT-Bombay and hence, supporting us to prove how recognition and support create a difference. I will provide more detailed information in the next sections for the teaching and research highlights, considering a part of it was completely managed and carried out during pandemic lockdown.

– Prof. Maryam
4 Texas Instruments (TI) partial funded research on wearable pulse oximeters

5 Several novel test chips (ASIC’s) designed, fabricated, tested with the application board demonstration for the healthcare applications
   ● The most recent test chip: “Continuous-Time Hybrid ΔΣ Modulators for Sub-μW Power Multichannel Biomedical Applications”, Laxmeesha S. and M. Shojaei Baghini, IEEE Transactions on VLSI Systems, April 2022 (One of the popular papers of April 2022 and selected paper by IEEE Transactions on VLSI Systems, April 2022. (DOI: https://doi.org/10.1109/TVLSI.2022.3140222)

   (https://www.linkedin.com/company/ieeetvlsi/posts/?feedView=all)

6 Executive member of TIH-IoT IIT-Bombay and PI of two projects recently selected for agriculture technologies by TIH IIT-Bombay (https://www.tih.iitb.ac.in/team/)

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

1) Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering
2) Editor, Transactions of INAE from March 2022
3) 63 Invited talks till date
4) Distinguished lecturer IEEE Sensor Council (2022–2024)
5) Member of International Advisory Committee for IEEE Sensor Application Conference 2023
6) One of the 3 TPC chairs International VLSI Design Conference 2022 (Sister Conf. of IEEE DAC) (https://www.vlsid.org/)
8) Track Chair, Analog/Mixed-Signal/RF/5G and invited speaker
9) International VLSI Design Conference 2020 (Sister Conf. of IEEE DAC) (https://embeddedandvlsidesignconference.org/)
11) Track Chair, Sensor Networks, IEEE Sensors Conference 2019
(http://ieee-sensors2019.org/)

12) Co-organizer (Organizer: Prof. Ashwin A. Seshia, Cambridge Univ.): DST-UKIERI workshop:“Emerging Sensor Technologies and Data Analytics for Air Quality Monitoring”, November 2018, IIT-Delhi

13) Track Chair, Sensor Networks, IEEE Sensors Conference 2018
(http://ieee-sensors2018.org/)

14) Research collaborations with faculty members of Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Biosciences & Bioengineering, IIT-Bombay

15) Research collaboration with faculty from Monash University, Australia (IIT-Bombay Monash Research Academy)

16) Research collaboration with faculty from NYCU Taiwan

Industry collaborations in the last 5 years (Texas Instruments, Qualcomm, Intel, Global Foundries)

**LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS 2022**

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PHOTOS / IMAGES

The World’s First Quantum Tunneling Enabled Spiking Neural Network Chip on 45nm SOI Technology from India (Please refer to item 3 of research highlights section for the detailed information and publications/news).
The ASIC designed and then fabricated in SCL Chandigar (Fully indigenous mixed-signal IC) as a part of NNetRA project, Agriculture Technologies

**Right side**: Chip Micrograph of ASIC-AGRI 10.1
Ramakrishna Bajaj Chair Professorship

Prof Nishant Sharma
Email: nishantsharma@iitb.ac.in
Industrial Design Center

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Bajaj family and IIT Bombay for the Ramakrishna Bajaj Chair professorship. This prestigious chair means a lot to me and has led me to explore the areas that impact human lives. Through the courses, research, outreach activities and projects, I have been able to contribute with innovative design solutions for real world problems. This award has brought new purpose in my work, and I would like to strengthen it further. Thanks again.

— Prof. Nishant Sharma

TEACHING HIGHLIGHTS

Since the support was awarded, Prof. Nishant have been teaching four courses per semester. As design pedagogy involves hands-on assignments and projects and for last 1.5 years, Prof. Nishant have been developing assignments that are based on real world problems. He particularly
mentions about the courses Mobility Design 1 and Mobility Design 2, where we explored the mobility problems faced by disabled and elderly. He is glad to share that some of the innovative solutions developed by students under my guidance, have gone ahead for patents and some are in the process.

**RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

This year has been very rewarding for Prof. Nishant, ever since the grant was given. Along with his colleagues, research scholars and masters students, he was able to publish one book charter, one journal paper, two patents and six conference papers. Their research has been very user centric and from the spectrum of our publications, one will notice the diverse areas like trucking in India, mobility for disabled & elderly, women & public transport, adoption of natural farming etc. The common thread in all these areas is designing for the real context that matters to the real user.

**SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

Prof. Nishant has secured CSR funds to develop Electric version of Tricycle for Paraplegics and other assistive mobility devices for differently abled. He and his team will be manufacturing and distributing around 100 units of manual version of Tricycle for Paraplegics for an NGO based in Pune. Talks are on, the project to start soon. These tricycles will be used by the poor people with mobility disability for them to start a small mobile shop selling items like pickles, papads, perishable goods, fruits, vegetables, grocery etc. User evaluation and testing of tricycles was done in Pune. Around 12 people with special needs came forward and used the tricycle. They were happy with the product. His team is also working on the feedback received from them.

The team has had a few meetings with Additional Secretary and team, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Maharashtra. Tremendous interest has been shown in their work for the disabled. They are also discussing the possibility of giving access to these tricycles to the needy across the state.

Prof. Nishant has developed online and offline ‘Design Thinking’ courses for industry professionals, scientists, college teachers and students. In these 1.5 years, Prof. Nishant have conducted two long term (5–6 months, class once a week) courses and 4 short term (3–5 days, full time).

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**Book Chapter:**

Journal Paper

Patents Filed
1. PAT/ID/206390010-1/21-22
   LPG cylinder Lifting Device
   Submitted on- 02-01-2022
2. PAT/ID/206390010-2/21-22
   Walking cane with seating arrangement
   Submitted on 02-01-2022

Conference papers:
Dhriti Dhaundiyal, Nishant Sharma “Unpacking tacit needs of women in Mumbai local trains” Paper to be presented “9th International Conference on Research Into Design: Design in the Era of Industry 4.0” IISc Bangalore, India. 9 - 11 January 2023

Dhriti Dhaundiyal, Nishant Sharma “Situating Personal Possessions in Public Transport” Paper to be presented at “9th International Conference on Research Into Design: Design in the Era of Industry 4.0” IISc Bangalore, India. 9 - 11 January 2023

Dhriti Dhaundiyal, Nishant Sharma “Tacit need capture through participatory research to increase female access to public transport in new Indian cities” Conference Paper to be presented at “RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2022: Participatory methods for recovery and transformation”, Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers). August, 2022

Agnivesh Sharma, Nishant Sharma “Participatory research with marginal Indian farmers; Identifying post–harvesting challenges and developing affordable storage space. conference paper "Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference 2022.” 30 August– 2 September 2022 at Newcastle University, United Kingdom.

Agnivesh Sharma, Nishant Sharma "Design Challenges in Permaculture Adoption in India- case Study of wheat and Soyabean." conference paper "9th International Conference on Research Into Design" 9 - 11 January 2023 at IISc Bangalore, India.

Darshan Chavhan, Vivek Kant, Nishant Sharma "Mobility and Vehicle Design challenges for delivery executives in the online food delivery industry: Insights from a field study", 9th International Conference on Research Into Design, 9 – 11 January 2023 at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India.
### TRAINING OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE
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### Photos / Images
It has been an honour and privilege to hold the Bajaj Group Chair Professor position in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Bombay. I am immensely thankful to the Bajaj Group for instituting and generously supporting this position. In addition to the prestige and visibility that Bajaj Group’s name brings to this position, the contingency grant that comes along with this Chair Professorship has been extremely helpful for supporting conference travel, for supporting students and in general for helping my group’s research activities. This has indeed made arranging for travel support or for student support, sometimes on short notice, so much easier, thereby allowing me to devote more time to research, teaching, and outreach activities. I hope to do justice to the faith reposed in me by offering me this Chair Position.

– Prof. Supratik Chakraborty
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS 2021 – 22

Over the past year, Prof. Supratik designed and offered a new course titled “Formal Methods in Machine Learning” for advanced undergraduate and post-graduate students. Machine learning is increasingly pervading our lives, and the technology is being deployed in applications where the cost of an error or bias can be very high. Examples of such applications include autonomous or semi-autonomous vehicles, screening of applications for admission, employment, bail etc. Unfortunately, state-of-the-art machine learning algorithms provide very weak guarantees about corner-case situations. The purpose of this course is to use formal methods to help prove guarantees about machine learning components used in real-life systems. This is a very nascent area, and the course is primarily based around research papers published over the last few years.

On the research front, Prof. Supratik and his collaborators have broken new ground in automated Boolean functional synthesis. They are now recognized as one of the topmost groups in the world in this area, and he (along with my collaborators) have recently given two tutorials on this topic in AAAI 2022 and IJCAI 2022 (among the topmost conferences in artificial intelligence). In addition, Prof. Supratik was invited to give a series of invited talks on this topic at the Simons Institute for Theoretical Computer Science (USA) and Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences (UK). They have also designed new algorithms for proving properties of parametric programs with loops manipulating arrays. This work has been recognized by an invitation to submit a detailed paper in the STTT journal, and by invitations to speak on this topic at several places including at the Isaac Newton Institute for Math Sciences (UK). Prof. Supratik has also bagged a new NSF-DST project on explaining black-box machine learning models for autonomous and semi-autonomous vehicles, and he and his group have already shown how ideas from control theory, machine learning and formal methods can be harnessed to elucidate the nuanced landscape of explanations of black box models.

SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Prof. Supratik has been elected Vice President of the India Council of Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), which is the topmost professional body worldwide for computing professionals. His elected term is from July 2022 to June 2024.

In addition to this, Prof. Supratik continues to serve as a member of the ACM India Council for the past several years. In his role as a Council member, he continues to nurture and coordinate the ACM India Doctoral Dissertation Award, which is the topmost award for a Computer Science doctoral dissertation coming from an Indian institute/university.

From 2022, Prof. Supratik is serving as an Associate Editor of Transactions of the Indian National Academy of Engineering.
Prof. Supratik has also been serving as a Research Advisor to the Foundations of Computing group at Tata Consultancy Services, helping the group come up with solutions to several industrial problems for deployment in the real world.

In addition, he has continued my interactions with the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, that administers close to 1300 Kendriya Vidyalayas around the country, helping them with their online admission process. I also continue to help Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Bombay in my role as an Ex-Nominee Chairperson, on matters related to academics and infrastructure.

**LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS 2021 – 22**

**Book chapter**

**Referred papers**

**Journal papers:**

**Conference papers:**
3. J. Yang, S. Chakraborty and K. S. Meel, ”Projected Model Counting: Beyond Independent Support”, accepted for publication in Proceedings of International Symposium on Automated Technology for Verification and Analysis (ATVA), October 2022


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From L to R: Shubham Goel, S. Akshay, Supratik Chakraborty, Shetal Shah and Sumith Kulal – the team that developed BFSS (Blazingly Fast Skolem Synthesizer) at IIT Bombay
“It is a great honor for me to hold the G K Devarajulu Chair, which had been previously held by the illustrious educator late Prof. S. K. Maiti. IIT Bombay alumni have been extremely generous in supporting their alma mater in a variety of spheres. Recognizing the contributions of their teachers and mentors by establishing new chairs and sustaining the existing ones is an excellent way to give back to the Institute. It will go a long way in nurturing IIT Bombay’s pursuit of academic excellence. We appreciate your continued engagement with IITB. Wishing you all the very best. Many Thanks!”

— Prof. Ramesh Singh
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

As a teacher, Prof. Ramesh actively supports the students’ endeavour to create new knowledge by pushing their limits of thinking and analysis in every academic activity they engage. He is a great believer in “learning by doing” and was instrumental in establishing and nurturing the Tinkerers’ Lab (TL) at IIT Bombay. He envisions TL as a safe space for students to experience the pure joy of figuring out how to make things and, more importantly, how to make them work. He extends the same philosophy in the undergraduate Design and Manufacturing courses he teaches. The academic rigor must be complemented by substantial experiential learning.

He and his research group work in various emerging manufacturing technologies and systems development. The key distinguishing feature of their work is an emphasis on the translational aspect so that the scientific research carried out in the lab gets deployed in real-world applications. A huge technology gap exists between Indian industries and their international counterparts. One of the key research activities of their lab is to engage with the Indian Industries to bridge this gap by fostering industry-academia collaboration to strengthen the manufacturing ecosystem in India for Atmanirbhar Bharat. Prof. Ramesh has mentored two start-ups by former students based on the translational research conducted in the lab.

TEACHING HIGHLIGHT 2022

This year IIT Bombay transitioned from two years of online instruction to off-line instruction. The lack of exposure to experiential learning in the lab and hands-on projects had adversely affected the learning outcomes and skill development. Prof. Ramesh took remedial steps to enhance the experiential learning by enhancing the project component in the manufacturing course, which was appreciated by the students. This semester, Prof. Ramesh is teaching Machine design where the major component will be experiential learning via design projects. These projects will expose the students to the complete design process: market need, conceptual design, physical embodiment, components analysis/synthesis and prototype fabrication.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHT 2022

Prof. Ramesh, with his team, started a new area of research in dynamic stability of high-speed micromachining via real-time monitoring and machine control. This work will deploy signal processing and artificial intelligence to build smart machines. Another active area of his lab’s research is additive manufacturing. This year they developed novel metal matrix composites for engineered thermophysical response. In addition, they are developing the process and machine for ultra-hard thick coatings for Reico Industries. He along with his lab members were invited to speak at different international and national fora to present the cutting-edge research carried out in our lab. They are also closely working with Tata Power, Jay Chemicals, Bharat Forge, and Aditya Birla Science and Technology Company and providing solutions to the problems they are facing.
SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Prof. Ramesh is an Executive Committee member of the International Institute of Micromanufacturing and the International Forum on Micromanufacturing. He serves on the academic advisory council for Sardar Patel College of Engineering, Mumbai. He is actively involved in curriculum development and faculty recruitment at Plaksha University, a new technical university supported by collective philanthropy. He is a member of the Independent Expert Committee for DRDO’s flagship public outreach program, “Dare to Dream”, where innovative solutions in areas of national security were sought from start-ups and individuals.

At the institute level, he currently serves as the Associate Dean, Infrastructure Planning and Support-II. He served on many Institute and Department committees, such as the Faculty Search Committee and Department Policy Committee.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Journal Papers:


Conference Papers:


10. Sahoo, P., Kumar, S., Mittal, R. K., Singh R., Barshilia H., “Influence of Hydrogen–Free DLC Coated Micro Ball Endmills on Machining Response and Tool Wear in High-Speed Micromilling of Ti6Al4V,” 5th World Congress on Micro and Nano Manufacturing, KU Leuven, Belgium (Accepted)


Presentations:

1. Keynote lecture at 10 years celebration of Engineering Development at CEAT Tyres, April 2022
2. Invited lecture on Industry-Academia Interaction at CMTI, Bengaluru, Jan. 2022
4. Invited lecture on Laser based Manufacturing and Precision Engineering, IIT Indore, June 2021

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Our research group at Machine Tools Lab, IIT Bombay.
Sanjay Mahajani

Email: sanjaym@che.iitb.ac.in
Department of Chemical Engineering

Tata Chair Professorship was awarded to me based on my work that I did for Tata Centre of Technology and Design at IIT Bombay, which was also funded by Tata Trusts. My association with the Centre and my involvement in the socially relevant projects have helped me immensely to learn how market-driven and socially oriented projects are different. Working on these projects is challenging but enjoyable. It changed my perspective and gave new directions to my research and professional life. My sincere thanks to Tata Trusts for introducing this chair professorship!

— Prof. Sanjay Mahajani
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS 2021

1. Process and Product development in Jaggery making: Prof. Mahajani and his team are working on a multi-institute project which involves field research in sugarcane belt. New prototypes based on our patented jaggery powder plants are in place and close to commercialization.

2. Waste foundry sand reclamation: The mechanical attrition-based technology developed by IITB is transferred to a start-up. Chemical reclamation process is developed and being tested in the field.

3. Biomass and RDF gasification: They have tested our patented downdraft gasifier for the blend of RDF in biomass.

4. He has also been engaged in the research on catalysis, reaction engineering and process intensification. The work involves catalyst and process development for bulk and fine chemicals. The concept of reactive distillation and reactive chromatography are applied to several chemicals such as phenyl ethyl acetate, ethyl chloroacetate, triacetin etc.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Please provide list of all publications and presentations during the last one year

1. Haseen Siddiqui, Ankita Gupta, Sanjay M. Mahajani, Non-equimolar transient grain model for CO2-gasification of single biomass char pellet, 293, Fuel, 2021


A. Fazil, Sandeep Kumar, Sanjay M. Mahajani, Downdraft co-gasification of high ash biomass and plastics, Energy, 123055, 2022

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The mobile and stationery jaggery powder plants based on IITB technology installed in Kolhapur

**Sand Reclamation**

Plant for sand reclamation based on IITB Technology- transferred to Deccan Crest Pvt Ltd.
Praj Industries Chair Professorship for Energy Science and Engineering

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Department of Energy Science and Engineering

TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS 2021

- Energy Systems Modelling and Analysis (EN 618)
- Power Generation and System Planning (EN 302 and EN 642)

EDITOR/EDITORIAL BOARD

- Associate Editor, Journal of Cleaner Production, Elsevier.
- Associate Editor, Clean Technologies and Environmental Policy, Springer Nature.
- Associate Editor, South African Journal of Chemical Engineering, Elsevier.
• Member–Editorial Board, Chemical Engineering Transactions, Italian Association of Chemical Engineering.

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Publications

**Journal (10)**


S. Jain and S. Bandyopadhyay, Targeting Segregated Problems with Common Resources through Pinch Analysis, Journal of Cleaner Production, 301, #126996, 2021.


**BOOK CHAPTER (1)**


**EDITORIAL (3)**

S. Bandyopadhyay, All forms of energy are equal, but some forms of energy are more equal than others (Editorial), Clean Technologies and Environmental Policy, 23(10), 2021.


**Presentations**

**CONFERENCE PAPERS (7)**


**KEYNOTE LECTURES IN CONFERENCES (5)**


I sincerely thank to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for the Chair Professorship position in Environmental Science and Engineering Department at IIT Bombay. The support from MPCB is extremely helpful for conducting applied research in the priority areas requiring significant attention in the state of Maharashtra. The findings of the ongoing research should be helpful in finding sustainable and efficient solutions in the field of solid waste management, wastewater treatment and remedial measures for the contaminated rivers. The associated contingency funding is sufficient to initiate more research studies. As Chair Professor, I have plans to reach out to some major institutions in the state to enhance collaborative activities and capacity building. I am already working with industries, municipal corporations and MPCB on different problems in the state. I again thank the Pollution Control Board for the Chair Professor position, and all the support to perform research and other allied activities.

— Prof. Anurag Garg
TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

For past 9 months (since December 2021), Prof. Anurag has taught many courses on various aspects of environmental engineering (such as solid waste management, hazardous waste management, industrial wastewater treatment and reuse, biological treatment processes, environmental hydraulics) in which fundamental and application were discussed with students. The courses primarily covered characteristics of different kinds of waste, their remedial measures and recycling potential.

MAJOR ONGOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

- Development of community scale forced aeration composting system for household wet biodegradable waste with a provision for odour removal – field trials are in progress
- Development of efficient hydrothermal pretreatment for cooked food or restaurant waste and sewage sludge with higher resource recovery
- Resource recovery from biomethanated spent wash (from distilleries) after catalytic wet oxidation process
- Working on various pretreatment methods for sugarcane bagasse to find better opportunities for its valorisation with lower environmental impacts
- Hydrothermal pretreatment of pressmud from sugar industry with an aim for improved resource recovery
- Study on the recovery of salt and destruction of sulphides and phenolics from spent caustic stream generated from petroleum refineries
- Prediction of gas generation from old municipal solid waste dumpsites
- Working on simultaneous nitrification and denitrification process for nitrogen rich wastewater and wastewater from oil refinery – work is in collaboration with a Professor in Environmental Science and Engineering Department
- Research on various advanced oxidation processes for the removal of toxic and persistent organic pollutants found in industrial wastewaters
- Investigation on the utilisation of sewage and industrial sludge as adsorbent and catalysts for wastewater treatment processes
SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT  
(SINCE DECEMBER 2021–TILL DATE)

- Coordinator of a half-day Session on “Sustainable Wastewater Management in Oil and Gas Sector” which was a part of Conclave organized by Centre of Excellence in Oil, Gas and Energy, IIT Bombay on 15th December 2021
- Member on the Technical Committee (formed by MPCB) for scrutinizing applications for change in product-mix with “no increase in pollution load” since 2017
- Member, Deonar dumping ground Monitoring Committee formed by BMC on the direction of Honorable High Court, Mumbai
- Co-PI, Project on Kasardi River restoration funded by MPCB
- Working with Oil Refineries for developing sustainable treatment technologies for the valorisation of highly polluted wastewater streams
- Currently engaged in discussions with few municipal corporations for municipal solid waste dumpsite closure plan, operation of existing biogas plants (for wet household waste), and sewage sludge management
- At IIT Bombay, encouraging campus community to promote waste reduction (the top most priority in waste hierarchy) with the help of volunteers
- Planning to reach out the alcohol distilleries and sugar industries for in-kind support to test our technologies for respective waste streams
- Member of few Joint Committees constituted on the direction of Honourable National Green Tribunal
- Visiting Professor at School of Water, Energy and Environment, Cranfield University, UK since 2019
- Expert member, E3OW theme of CSIR–NEERI

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS  
(SINCE DECEMBER 2021–TILL DATE)

Patent:
**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**


**CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**


Apart from the above, four abstracts have been submitted to conferences and symposium in India as well as abroad. Prof. Anurag’s students presented our work in various conferences.
PRESENTATIONS/TALKS


2) A talk on “Food-processing effluent characteristics and treatment” in a symposium on “Sustainable Developments in Local Land and Food Systems: Socioeconomic, Technological, and Environmental Aspects” funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) on March 22, 2022.

3) A Guest lecture on “Importance of Swachata, Sustainability, Clean & green Environment” for the Inaugural function of Swachata Pakhwada celebrated by Directorate (Directorate of Construction Services & Estate management, Department of Atomic Energy) on 16th February 2022.


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Pramod Chaudhari Chair Professorship for Green Chemistry and Biotechnology.

I would like to extend my deep sense of gratitude for offering me the prestigious Chair Professorship which indeed encourages me further to achieve greater heights in terms of our research and other academic activities.

Prof. Gautam K Lahiri
Email: lahiri@chem.iitb.ac.in
Department of Chemistry

TEACHING AND RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Gautam has been involved in teaching a wide variety of courses covering both undergraduate/postgraduate students and PhD scholars.
His research group at IIT Bombay is actively involved in pursuing research work primarily in the directions of establishing delicate electronic structural features of redox non-innocence assemblies via experimental/theoretical investigations as well as looking into the role of redox towards molecular functionalization and catalysis under environmentally benign condition.

**SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

I have also been actively involved in supervising PhD degree of many research scholars and to deliver our research outputs both at the National and International platforms.

**LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Publications:**
1. Bidirectional Noninnocence of Hinge-like Deprotonated Bis-lawsone on Selective Ruthenium Platform: a Function of Varying Ancillary Ligands
   Y. Arya, S. K. Bera, J. L. Priego, R. Jimenez-Aparicio and G. K. Lahiri

2. Recent Developments in First-row Transition metal complex-catalyzed CO2hydrogenation
   *Dalton Trans., 2022*, 51, 8160

3. Diruthenium and Triruthenium Compounds of the Potential Redox active Non-chelated $\eta^1$-N$_2\eta^1$-N-Benzothiadiazole Bridge
   S. Dey, A. S. Hazari, S. M. Mobin and G. K. Lahiri
   *Dalton Trans., 2022*, 51, 8657

4. Directing Group Assisted Rhodium Catalyzed meta-C–H Alkynylation of Arenes
   S. Sasmal, G. Prakash, U. Dutta, R. Laskar, G. K. Lahiri and D. Maiti
   *Chem. Sci.*, 2022, 13, 5616

5. Redox-Induced Intramolecular C–C Coupling of Acyclic Bis(2-pyridylmethylene)ethylene diamine on a Ru(acac)$_2$Platform
   M. Biswas, S. Dey, S. Panda, A. Dutta and G. K. Lahiri
   *Inorg. Chem.*, 2022, 61, 6347

6. Diosmium Compounds Bridged by Bis(imidazole)p-quinone Ligands
   S. Dhara, M. A. Ansari, B. Schwederski, V. Fillippou, W. Kaim and G. K. Lahiri
   *Dalton Trans., 2022*, 51, 4058
7. Inner-Sphere Electron Transfer at the Ruthenium–Azo Interface
S. Panda, A. Singh, S. Dey, K. W. Huang and G. K. Lahiri
Dalton Trans., 2022, 51, 2547

8. Group 6 Transition Metal-based Molecular Complexes for Sustainable Catalytic CO2 Activation

9. Metal-to–Ligand Charge Transfer Induced Valence Tautonomic Forms of Non–Innocent 2,2’-Azobis(benzothiazole) in Ruthenium Frameworks
A. Singh, S. Dey, S. Panda and G. K. Lahiri
Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 2021, 60, 11206

10. The Indigo Isomer Epindolidione as Redox–Active Bridging Ligand for Diruthenium Complexes
M. Kumari, S. K. Bera, S. Blickle, W. Kaim and G. K. Lahiri

11. Radical versus Nonradical States of Azobis(benzothiazole) as a Function of Ancillary Ligands on Selective Ruthenium Platforms
A. Singh, S. Dey, S. Panda and G. K. Lahiri
Inorg. Chem., 2021, 60, 18260

12. Osmium(II)–Coordination Induced C–C Bond Functionalization of Bis–lawsone
Y. Arya, S. K. Bera, S. Panda and G. K. Lahiri
Inorg. Chem., 2021, 60, 11883

13. Ruthenium–Benzothiadiazole Building Block Derived Dynamic Heterometallic Ru–Ag Coordination Polymer and Its Enhanced Water Splitting Feature
S. Dey, B. Singh, S. Dasgupta, A. Dutta, A. Indra and G. K. Lahiri
Inorg. Chem., 2021, 60, 9607

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15. Structural and Electronic Forms of Doubly Oxido/Pz and Triply Oxido/(Pz)2 Bridged Mixed Valent and Isovalent Diruthenium Complexes (Pz = pyrazolate)
S. K. Bera and G. K. Lahiri
Dalton Trans., 2021, 50, 17653

16. Redox Induced Oxidative C–C Coupling of Noninnocent bis(heterocyclo)methanides
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*Dalton Trans.*, 2021, 50, 12408

18. Noninnocence of Deprotonated 1, 2-bis((1H-pyrrol-2-yl)methylene) Hydrazine Bridge in Diruthenium Frameworks – A Function of Co-ligands
M. Kumari, S. K. Bera and G. K. Lahiri
*Dalton Trans.*, 2021, 50, 9891

19. Variable electronic structure and spin distribution in bis(2, 2′-bipyridine)–metal Complexes (M = Ru or Os) of 4,5-dioxido- and 4,5-diimido-pyrene
*Dalton Trans.*, 2021, 50, 4191

20. Redox Induced Tunable Functionalization of Picolylamines on Selective Ru-Platform
A. Singh, S. Dey, S. Panda and G. K. Lahiri

21. Copper Mediated Chemo-and Stereoselective Cyanation Reactions
S. M. Mobin, P. Chandra, N. Choudhary, G. K. Lahiri, D. Maiti
*Asian J. Org. Chem.*, 2021, 10, 1897

22. Organopalladium Intermediates in Coordination Directed C(sp3) –H Functionalizations
A. S. Suseelan, A. Dutta, G. K. Lahiri and D. Maiti
*Trends in Chemistry.*, 2021, 3, 188 (Invited Article)

Presentations
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2. *FS–CHM 2022*, IISER Thiruvananthapuram (8th April 2022)
3. IIT Bhubaneswar (7th February 2022)
4. *Advance Research in Molecular and Material Science (ARM2S–2022)*, Indian Chemical Society (1st January 2022)
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NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIR PROFESSORSHIPS IN 2022
Prof. Siddhartha Ghosh
Email: sghosh@civil.iitb.ac.in
Department of Civil Engineering

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- PhD in Civil Engineering from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA. (1999–2003)
- Master of Technology (Structural Engineering) from the Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India. (1997–99)
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the Department of Civil Engineering, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. (1993–97)
RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Structural Reliability and Risk Analysis
- Uncertainty Quantification in Civil/Structural Engineering
- Resilience of Critical Infrastructure Systems
- Life-Cycle Maintenance and Ageing Management
- Topology, Shape and Size Optimisation of Structures
- Structural and Cold-Formed Steel
- Structural Shells and Membranes

BRIEF PROFILE

After completing my Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 2003, I joined IIT Bombay, where I have held various academic positions in the last two decades. My research interests are primarily in the application of probabilistic methodologies in civil infrastructure risk reduction. In recent years, I have supervised postgraduate students working in the areas of value of information in structural health monitoring, analysis and design of tensile membranes, risk analysis in earthquake engineering, uncertainty quantification, and the use of topology optimization in structural design; besides managing the ‘Structural Safety, Risk and Reliability (SSRR) Lab’. I teach graduate and undergraduate courses in structural engineering and probabilistic methods. I have conducted consultancy works in the areas related to structural dynamics, structural reliability, bridge safety, and design, NDT & retrofit of steel and RC structures. Currently, I am the convenor of Bureau of Indian Standards’ working groups on ‘tensile membrane structures’ and ‘structural health monitoring’.

Madhuri Sinha
Chair Professor

Prof. Soumyo Mukherji
E-mail: mukherji@iitb.ac.in
Professor, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- B.Tech. Instrumentation Engineering, IIT-Kharagpur
- M.S. Colorado State University (Fort Collins, USA)
- PhD. University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, USA)
RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Biosensors and Bioinstrumentation: This includes physical, chemical, and biological sensing systems (macro and micro) for medical / biological applications in the fields of health, environment and national security.
- Cardiac Electrophysiology

HONORS

- Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineers (INAE)
Prof. Venkata Santosh Kumar
Email: venkatad@civil.iitb.ac.in
Department of Civil Engineering

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- B. Tech in Civil Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- PhD in Building Technology and Construction Management Division of Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras.
**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Information Management in Construction, BIM and ML applications in Construction Management, Contracts and disputes in Construction, Infrastructure Management and governance, Project Delivery models for mega infrastructure projects

**AWARDS / HONORS / RECOGNITION**

- Highly Commended Paper Award (2022), 22nd CIB World Building Congress, Australia
- Department Excellence in Teaching Award (2021), Civil Engineering Department, I.I.T. Bombay
- Best Paper Award, Indian Lean Construction Conference (2019), ILCC 2019 held at Pune
- Second Best Paper Award, PMI RAC (2019), Project Management Institute
- Fulbright Nehru Doctoral and Professional Research Fellowship (2012), Global Projects Center, Stanford University
- Best Original Research Article Award (2012), Engineering Projects Organizations Society, USA
- L&T Endowment Prize for Academic Achievement (2006), Civil Engineering Department, I.I.T. Madras

**BRIEF PROFILE**

Venkata Santosh Kumar Delhi is an Associate Professor at Civil Engineering Department at IIT Bombay. He has obtained his PhD in Construction Management from Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras. He is also an alumni of IIT Madras having graduated with a Bachelor's of Technology in Civil Engineering as topper of the batch. He was also a Fulbright Nehru Doctoral and Professional Research Fellow at Global Projects Center, Stanford University, USA in 2012.

Currently, he is part of the Construction Technology and Management Specialization in Civil Engineering Department, IIT Bombay. His research interests include Information Management on Large Engineering Projects. Particularly, he works on Building Information Modelling (BIM), AI/ML applications in Construction Management, Construction Contract Management, AR/VR/MR applications to Construction Safety and Planning. He is also actively involved in a number of projects that aim at providing policy and strategy guidance to various governmental agencies and private companies.
Dr. P.V. Sukhatme
Chair in Biostatistics

Prof. Ranjith Padinhateeri
Email: ranjithp@iitb.ac.in
Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Ph.D in Biological Physics at IIT Madras
- Post-doctoral research at University of Illinois, Chicago in USA and Institute Curie, France
AWARDS / HONORS / RECOGNITION

● IIT Bombay Research Publication Award in 2020
● National Bioscience Award, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), India, 2018
● Senior Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award, DBT, 2013-14
● Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA) DBT, 2009-10

BRIEF PROFILE

Prof. Ranjith joined IIT Bombay as an Assistant Professor in 2009. He teaches courses on Mathematical Modeling and Simulation of Biological processes, Biostatistics, Biological Thermodynamics, and Biophysics.

Prof. Ranjith’s research interest is to understand biology by analysing data using ideas from statistics and making models based on physical principles. He and his team developed computational models to discover how genetic information is organized inside living cells. Their research explained the statistical nature of the organization of the genetic information into a folded polymer structure called chromatin.

Prof. Ranjith’s research has been published in reputed international journals like PNAS, Nucleic Acids Research, JACS, PLOS Computational Biology, and Biophysical Journal.
Prof. Atul Sharma
Email: atulsharma@iitb.ac.in
Department of Mechanical Engineering

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computational Fluid Dynamics and Heat Transfer, and Computational Multi-Phase Dynamics (CMPD) involving (a) Computational Multi-Fluid Dynamics (CMFD) and (b) Computational Fluid-Structure Interactions (CFSI).

AWARDS

- IIT Bombay “Departmental Award for Excellence in Teaching 2019” in recognition of significant contributions to the teaching activities of the institute.

BRIEF PROFILE

Dr. Atul Sharma contributions are on development of a range of novel and efficient computational tools, their applications to numerous time-consuming simulations, and analysis of the resulting big-data for various problems in Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). For Computational Multi-Fluid Dynamics and Computational Fluid-Structure Interactions, he demonstrated numerous innovative applications and provided scientific understanding of various types of problems: fish-like swimming, energy harvesting from flow-induced vibrations, sustaining nucleate boiling at zero gravity, and for self-cleaning surfaces. He also demonstrated simulations for industrial problems on circuit breaker, power transformer, and printed circuit heat-exchangers. He proposed a physical, insightful, and comprehensive approach for CFD, in his well-received textbook, to enable his vision of MAKE CFD-SOFTWARE IN INDIA!

Prof. Sharma is a Fellow of Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE). His wide-variety of research is published as 96 articles in 37 different well-recognized international-journals, 82 conference-proceedings, and 14 chapters in 5 edited-books; and appeared in cover page of top-class journals (JFM, POF and Langmuir). He contributed as a CFD consultant at Global R&D, Crompton Greaves Limited, Mumbai, served as Secretary, National Society of Fluid Mechanics and Fluid Power, and presently, an associate-editor for “Sadhana” from the Indian Academy of Sciences.
Sumati and Atmaram Kotwal Sanskrit Acharya Chair

Prof. Malhar Kulkarni
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Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Ph.D. in Sanskrit, University of Pune
AWARDS / HONORS / RECOGNITION

- Maharshi Badarayana Vyas award from the President of India - 2009
- Excellence in Teaching Award at IIT Bombay in 2017

BRIEF PROFILE

Prof. Kulkarni has a long and illustrious career in the Sanskrit language. He trained in traditional and modern methods of Sanskrit learning. After joining IIT Bombay, he collaborated with Professor Pushpak Bhattacharyya, Department of CSE, IIT Bombay, and developed the Sanskrit Wordnet.

Prof. Kulkarni has also created the Corpora and Dependency Tree Bank of Marathi which can be applied in the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Computational Linguistics. He is a member of the Centre for Indian Language Technology (CFILT), CSE, IIT Bombay. As part of CFILT, he worked towards developing a language teaching/learning aid called Shabdamitra.

His other accomplishments in Sanskrit include contributing to the development of the Textual History Tool (THT) which uses phylogenetic methods to track down the history of texts. He is currently collaborating with Eivind Kahrs, University of Cambridge, UK, on a critical edition of the Kasikavrtti (7th Century CE). He is also editing the 16th century commentary, Suktiratnakara, on the Vyakarana Mahabhasya of Patanjali, for publication.

Over the years he has published his creative writing extensively in Sanskrit, as well. These include short stories, verse poems, plays, and translations. He also provides cricket commentary in Sanskrit. Prof. Malhar Kulkarni teaches Paninian grammar and Philosophy of Language at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay.
Shaliesh Mehta
Chair Professor

Dr. Vinish Kumar Kathuria
Professor (Economics)
Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management
PIC – IITB-BoBIC

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- P.G. Diploma (International Marketing) – Dept. of Commerce, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi, India (1992–93).

RESEARCH INTEREST

● Economics of Regulation
● Productivity Measurement
● FDI and Technology Transfer
● Renewable Energy

AWARDS / HONORS

● Outstanding Reviewer Award (2020) by Emerald Publisher for their “International Journal of Developing Issues”.
● Visiting Chair Professor (Contemporary India) at the International Business division, University of Sydney, Sydney (Australia) from Sep 3, 2017 to Dec. 1, 2017.
● Top Researcher in Economics among all Business school researchers of the country and featured in the top 5% researchers of the business schools (Omega, 2016) (http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0305048316000359).
● Adjunct Professor in Jiangsu University, PR China (2014).
● Mahalanobis Memorial Medal-National Award 2010 in Quantitative Economics (given by The Indian Econometric Society, TIES).
In the year, 2000, Mr. Vincent Fernandes, (B.Tech EE, 1975) has donated to endow a Chair professorship for attracting and retaining gifted young faculty in the area of computer science and engineering through IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation.
Mr. Fernandes had requested that the Chair be named as James R. Isaac Chair in honour of Prof. J. R. Isaac, who had played a crucial role in shaping his career in Computer Science and Engineering and subsequent successes as a professional.
Prof. Rohit Gurjar, occupied this Chair for a period of 3 years, 2018 – 2021. The Chair is presently vacant.

In 2008, Dr. Naushad Forbes, kindly instituted the Forbes Marshall Chair Professorship in Energy Science and Engineering. This Chair Professorship was established to elevate research and development activities in the Energy Science and Engineering Department.
Prof. Rangan Banerjee presided over this Chair Professorship for a period of 3 years from 2019 – 2022 before he was appointed as Director of IIT Delhi in February 2022. The Chair is vacant and advertised. The advertisement was released on September 15, 2022 and the last date to apply is October 31, 2022.
Newly established Chairs

These Chairs are presently advertised and the last date for receiving faculty applications is October 31, 2022.

**INOX Chair in Cryogenics**: The vision of this Chair is to conduct advanced research in the niche area of Cryogenics.

**The Kelkar Family Chair in Quantitative Finance by Mr. Ram Kelkar**: The objective of this Chair is to support education and research in Quantitative Finance, an interdisciplinary field at the intersection of finance, statistics, and technology.

**Vinaya and Samir Kapoor Chair in Climate Studies**: This is the first-ever Chair Professorship in Climate Studies. This initiative directly supports the mission of the Institute in being a thought-leader in Climate Studies.

**Bank of Baroda Sustainable Technology Chair**: The vision of this Chair is to help create new project assessment methodology using emerging technologies for financing new projects, especially in sectors like energy, construction, transportation, and infrastructure, among others.
OTHER INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS
The H5 Enhancement Project was initiated to improve living conditions in the hostel by adding common study rooms and toilet facilities. A joint initiative between IIT Bombay, IIT Bombay Alumni Association, and IIT Bombay Heritage Foundation, the project has been spearheaded by our alumni Dhananjay Saheba (B.Tech. '77 EE), Ajit Jawle (B.Tech. '77 Civil Engg. H5), Suhas Mehta (B.Tech. '83 Civil Engg. H5), Nitin Doshi (B.Tech. '79 Civil Engg. H5) and Nandkishore Nemade (B.Tech. '82 Chem. Engg. H5). Under their stewardship, around 170 alumni from H5 (batches 1964 to 2018) successfully raised INR 5.5 crores and implemented the hostel’s refurbishment in June, 2021. Today Hostel 5 boasts of freshly painted walls, air-conditioned study rooms, and additional restroom facilities among other provisions to ensure a holistic living environment for present and future students.
The Rahul Bajaj Technology Innovation Centre (RBTIC) at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was inaugurated on Friday, June 10, 2022 by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, former Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in presence of Bajaj family members.

The Centre was a long-cherished dream by Padmabhushan late Shri. Rahul Bajaj, Former Chairman of Bajaj Group, to promote innovative ideas and research activities and realize them into ventures and support existing industries.

RBTIC will house the Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), Industrial Research and Consultancy Centre (IRCC) and Industrial Design Centre (IDC) School of Design. It is a 7-floor multi-department academic building that includes a welcoming lobby, two exhibition halls, a few academic and conference spaces, classrooms and office spaces. This Centre will help pursue excellence in innovation and help to achieve the goals of the Institute in years to come.
On 25-Aug-21, IIT Bombay signed a pioneering partnership agreement with its alumni organizations — IITB Alumni Association (IITBAA) and IITB Heritage Foundation (IITBHF) pertaining to funding, designing and building a new world-class hostel complex. The new hostel complex will boast of 3 towers. Two of these, H7 and H8, will replace the erstwhile H7 and H8. The third, H21, will house the growing numbers of women students at IIT Bombay. It will be close to Powai Lake, which has been one of the key features of H7. The fund-raising, design and construction of this new hostel complex is being spearheaded by the alumni community with project management support from IITBAA. The INR 150 crores-worth project (approx. $20M) will be implemented in two phases. Phase 1, which largely coincided with FY 2021–22 and the opening months of the current financial year, has been limited to design development and statutory permissions for the construction of the hostel complex. The scope encompassed developing designs and cost estimates for construction, determining the possibility of raising the amount required for construction, and obtaining BMC and other statutory and regulatory permissions for the construction of the hostel complex. From an outreach and fund-raising perspective, Phase 1 included a communication campaign to raise awareness about this project among alumni. In addition, pledges were collected for funding the construction in Phase 2.
IIT Bombay held the groundbreaking ceremony of its new Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Annex Building, on August 24, 2022. The Institute’s alumnus Mr. Abhay Pandey (B.Tech., Computer Science, 1993), Co-founder and General Partner at A91 Partners (a late-stage venture capital firm) as well as Dr. Sharad Saraf (B.Tech, EE, ’69), Chairperson, Board of Governors and a Distinguished Alumnus and his brother Distinguished Alumnus Mr. Sudarshan Saraf (B.Tech., Mech. Engg. and Manuf. Engg, 1970), also owners of Technocraft Industries India Ltd., have generously contributed to the HSS Annex Building Project.

The HSS Annex Building, as envisioned by Mr. Abhay Pandey, will strengthen the B.S. Economics Programme at IIT Bombay. In addition, the facility will conduct classes in the Humanities, and Social and Behavioural Sciences. Upon its completion, the HSS Annex Building will also be the future home of the Technocraft Centre for Applied Artificial Intelligence (TCA2I), supported by Technocraft Industries.

IIT Bombay is thankful to its alumni for their generosity towards their alma mater’s continued progress.
Mr. Raj Nair, (B.Tech, Metallurgical and Material Science Engineering, 1971) has generously donated for construction of a sophisticated and very capital-intensive BSL3 GMP Lab at the Department of Biosciences & Bioengineering (BSBE) at the Institute. The proposed facility located at BSBE Department is expected to facilitate the progression of breakthrough translational research from the laboratory stage to the market by manufacturing materials required for human clinical trials.

Mr. Raj Nair is also program-managing the project along with a fellow alumnus Mr Ajit Jawle. This facility will be used by the researchers in BSBE and other Departments on campus to manufacture nanomaterials, tissue-engineered grafts, CAR-T constructs, drug nanoparticles, etc. for conducting clinical trials. Several faculty members specialise in these areas and the GMP lab can help shorten the time it takes to get their life-saving solutions to the market. Mr. Nair’s vision for this initiative is that India and IIT Bombay become a place where the output of research will result in bold and impactful solutions for the masses that facilitate a 10X improvement – better, cheaper, or faster – than the existing solutions anywhere in the world so that thousands of patients suffering from difficult-to-treat diseases will benefit.

Invention Factory India was a six-week summer program in which IIT students from across India, working in teams of two, Prototype, Pitch and Patent inventions that each team has conceived of in the program’s first intensive week. Teams competed for substantial prize money for the “Best Inventions” as determined by an illustrious panel of judges who select the inventions, with functioning prototypes, that successfully meet an important societal or consumer need.

A total of 10 inventions were developed by the student teams during this period. For each of these inventions, a provisional patent application will be filed, one in the US and one in India.

Three teams were declared the winners of the programme on the basis of their unique and solution-oriented inventions.
● Sripriya Konda and Shaan Sapru from IIT Kharagpur were placed first and took home a cash prize of Rs. 2 Lakhs for successfully developing a ‘Smart Clubfoot Brace.’ This device is a smart corrective brace for kids with an objective to ensure a higher compliance rate, enabling every baby with clubfoot to sleep comfortably.

● The second position was bagged by Arpit Upadhyay and Mohit Jajoriya, IIT Bombay who won a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh for inventing a ‘Hand Pump with an Integrated Water Purification System.’ The objective of this product is to provide citizens with easy access to clean drinking water, especially those in rural areas. The specialty of this product is that it performs reverse osmosis without electricity.

● Rahul Bansal, IIT Ropar and Phalgun Vyas, IIT Madras came third and won a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 for developing an ‘Active Thermoregulatory Vest’. It is a lightweight, power-efficient and user-friendly vest that allows the consumer to set the temperature of the vest as per their comfort. The specialty of this vest is that it provides a cooling effect to the body during summers and keeps the body warm during winters.
Dr. Hemant Kanakia, an IIT Bombay alumnus (B.Tech, Electrical Engineering, 1975) and founder of Maker Bhavan Foundation, inaugurated the Collaborative Classroom (CC) and Experiential Learning Laboratory (ELL) at the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE) at IIT Bombay. These facilities will help instructors design and execute active and hands-on learning exercises, which have been shown to improve learning outcomes for students.

The CC will facilitate active learning in the courses at the Department of EE and has a capacity of 60 students. The ELL will facilitate hands-on learning and has a capacity of 50 students. The ELL has a maker-area with double-paned glass walls, that houses equipment such as 3D printers, laser cutter, vacuum forming, desktop CNC milling machine, 3D scanner, lathe and hand-operated power tools for machining and making fixtures for projects.

Both the facilities have been funded by the Maker Bhavan Foundation, which partners with science and engineering colleges of India to provide access to world-class facilities, resources and expertise towards designing and supporting programs that integrate new methods of teaching and learning into their existing curriculum.

The Institute’s collaboration with Maker Bhavan contributes to IIT Bombay’s continued mission of providing state-of-the-art facilities to its students to augment their learning and growth. IIT Bombay is deeply grateful to Dr. Hemant Kanakia for his generous donation.
The main objective of this project is to facilitate ‘pilot scale–up’ of various rural technologies that are ready for dissemination. The pilot scale–ups will facilitate in identifying the gap areas or minor shortcomings in the technologies at field level. This will provide an opportunity for the technology institutes to make suitable modifications/changes in the technology prior to its large–scale dissemination. Another important objective of the pilot scale–up is generation of awareness about the technology among stakeholders.

A GIS mapping tool was developed for the monitoring of CSR projects of CIL. The tool provides spatial visualization of CSR projects of CIL. The tool displays the year wise, district wise and domain wise data of CSR projects. The tool also provides additional project details in excel, JPG and PDF formats. URL: https://mygeoinfo.in/.

### 2.1. Conduct three trainings of Market Mirchi e–marketing portal

Dissemination of ‘marketmirchi.com’, an open access e–marketing platform designed for farmers, artisans and entrepreneurs in rural areas undertaken under CIL project. In–person training programs for rural farmers, artisans, entrepreneurs, Farmers Producer Organizations, women SHG and SHG federations are conducted for the dissemination. The training programs mainly focus on hand–holding the end–users regarding how to use the e–marketing platform for buying and selling their products. During this quarter, 10 training programs were conducted in five CIL districts in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. The districts include Betul, Jharsuguda (MP), Angul, Sambalpur and Sundargarh (Odisha). Total 484 participants including members of FPOs and SHGs attended the trainings.

### 2.2. Disseminate two units of Chironji decorticator

Dissemination of Chironji decorticator is undertaken for reducing drudgery (of women) and breakage percent (of Chironji nut) and increasing efficiency (of decortication) and income (for producer group). During this quarter, one unit was installed in Waghdara village of Yavatmal district in Maharashtra. The tribal community in the village belongs to Kolam, one of the Primitive and Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) in India. Total 2.5 quintals of raw Chironji was decorticated and 50 Kgs of Chironji nuts were sold. Location for another unit is identified as Ekamba village in Yavatmal district. The unit will be installed in Sep 2022 when harvesting season begins. A baseline survey was also conducted to assess marketable surplus of Chironji available in 8 villages of Yavatmal.
2.3. Develop a CSR monitoring tool for CIL

A GIS mapping tool was developed for the monitoring of CSR projects of CIL. The tool provides spatial visualization of CSR projects of CIL. The tool displays the year wise, district wise and domain wise data of CSR projects. The tool also provides additional project details in excel, JPG and PDF formats. URL: https://mygeoinfo.in/

2.4. Identify new locations and technologies ready for dissemination

RuTAG has identified some new technologies ready for dissemination in CIL districts mentioned below.

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<td>Sustainable water supply system with a hydraulic isolation structure (shaft)</td>
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<td>PHE Department, Gram Panchayats, NGOs, Farmers</td>
<td>Low-cost installation for equitable distribution of water with equal pressure to all beneficiaries</td>
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<td>Gasifier-based community cooking system</td>
<td>Energy</td>
<td>Ashram Schools, Canteens</td>
<td>Complete replacement of LPG and wood for cooking in remote areas</td>
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<td>Taraltech</td>
<td>Water</td>
<td>Rural households</td>
<td>A low-cost device for 99% microbe-free safe water</td>
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<td>Vegetable vending cart</td>
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<td>Improved and user-friendly vegetable cart prototypes by IITB</td>
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<td>Solar Chai ka Thelaa</td>
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FACULTY AWARDS

Prof. H. H. Mathur and Prof. S. C. Bhattacharya

IIT Bombay every year gives ‘Prof. H. H. Mathur Award for Excellence in Applied Sciences’ and ‘Prof. S. C. Bhattacharya Award for Excellence in Pure Sciences’. These awards were instituted through generous contribution of Mr. Rakesh Mathur.

This year—Prof. Jayesh Bellare, Department of Chemical Engineering, was conferred the ‘Prof. H. H. Mathur Award for Excellence in Applied Sciences’ and Prof. Jugal K. Verma, Department of Mathematics, the ‘Prof. S. C. Bhattacharya Award for Excellence in Pure Sciences’.

The awards were conferred on the Foundation Day. The Talk Sessions sharing informative and enlightening insights into their research work were held on 16th March, 2022, at VMCC, Lecture Hall, IIT Bombay.

Prof. Jayesh Bellare’s discourse on “Resorbable Nanomaterials and Nanomedicines for Healthcare” and Prof. Jugal K. Verma’s discussion on his research on “Multivariate Polynomial Equations and Mixed Volumes of Newton Polytopes” were truly enthralling.

The talk sessions generated a lot of interest, followed by vibrant interactive question-answer sessions. About 80–100 people attended the talk sessions.

Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe Lifetime Achievement

IIT Bombay recently renamed the Institute’s ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ to ‘The Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe Lifetime Achievement Award’ to honour the memory of the legendary Prof. Sahasrabudhe and his contributions to the Institute. This prestigious award is given to a dedicated faculty member of IIT Bombay to recognise their distinguished career in the institute’s service. Alumni have played a pivotal role in this endeavour.

We are happy to announce that Prof. Kriti Ramamirtham, Department of Computer Science was the recipient of the first Prof. S. C. Sahasrabudhe, Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2020–21. Prof. A.K.Suresh, Department of Computer Science was the recipient of the award for the year 2021–22.
Prof Jaganmohan was a Faculty member at IITB from June 1, 1958 to August 31, 1992. His brother Dr. Shivram Murty (Alumnus of IITB) has set up this award in memory of his elder brother. The criteria for this award is excellence in teaching. The award has been set-up for Faculty members in Mechanical Engineering. The awardees will be decided by Final year students of B.Tech, Dual Degree & M.Tech. There will be no more than two awards each year. Each awardee will receive Rs.1,00,000/- along with a certificate of appreciation. An Awardee will not be considered for the award for the next three years. The award for 2021 was conferred on Prof. Avinash Bhardwaj.

D.P. JOSHI EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

This award was set up from the generous donation of one of our Distinguished Alum Mr. Narendra Joshi in memory of his late Father Shri. D. P. Joshi. The award has been set-up for Faculty members in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. The awardees will be decided by student survey of the respective Departments. The awardee will receive Rs. 25,000/- each along with a certificate of appreciation. The award for 2021 was conferred on Prof. Prabhu Ramachandran and Prof. Krishnendu Haldar.

HOTCHAND LALA AND JAMUNABAI LALA AWARD

This award is set up from the generous contribution by one of our Alums Dr. Jay Lala. The award is in memory of his Father and Mother Shri. Hotchand Lala and Smt.Jamunabai Lala. The award has been set-up for Faculty members in Aerospace Engineering. The awardee will receive Rs. 25,000/- each along with a certificate of appreciation. The award for 2021 was conferred on Prof. Anirudha Sinha and Prof.R.S.Pant.
IIT Bombay celebrated Teachers’ Day virtually with Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan, the Principal Scientific Advisor and a distinguished scientist, being the Chief Guest of the program. On the same day, 15 of our faculty members were conferred the Prof. S.P. Sukhatme Excellence in Teaching Award, whereas 2 of our faculty members were conferred with Dr. PK Patwardhan Award. For the first time, we also recognized class toppers of the undergraduate programs in this event.

IIT Bombay is undergoing this rapid growth phase even as other institutions in India and abroad are planning to expand too. This creates significant challenges in attracting faculty to IIT Bombay. Given the current hiring spurt, the Young Faculty Award program was designed to have a substantial long-lasting impact on IIT Bombay and its faculty profile. YFA awards can ensure that IIT Bombay offers a more attractive package to achieve better results in recruitment. The “Young Faculty Joining Bonus”, initially a Class of ‘82 Legacy Project, has been awarded from 2010 onwards. Class of ’78, ’83, ’84, ’85, ’88, ’89, ’90, ’91, ’92 and ’93 have also joined this project. The project focuses on supporting young faculty in their academic pursuits in order to attract outstanding young faculty to replace retiring faculty and to augment current faculty as a key element for IITB to maintain its long-term competitiveness. Numbers of YFA award beneficiaries in the year 2021-22 were 95.

The Young Alumni Achiever Awards are for alumni who have made outstanding achievements in their chosen field of work and are below 40 years of age. These awards were instituted in the year 2011. This award is also given during the Foundation Day celebrations of IIT Bombay every year. Two alumni have received the award during 2022.
Chapter Service Awards instituted during the Diamond Jubilee year of IIT Bombay, in 2018. It is awarded to alumni who have contributed in a very notable and sustained manner to the progress of the Chapter. The award consisting of a certificate, memento and an Uttaria is presented on Alumni Day, celebrated every year in December. Nine alumni will receive the award this year. They have been chosen from among the nominations received from various stakeholders such as Chapter Leaders, Chapter Members and alumni of IIT Bombay. Nine alumni have received the award during 2021.

Distinguished Service Awards have been instituted at IIT Bombay in the year 1999. These awards recognize alumni who have contributed in a very notable and sustained manner to the progress of the premier Institute. The award consisting of a certificate memento and an Uttaria is presented on Alumni Day, celebrated every year in the month of December. Five of our alumni will receive the award this year. They have been chosen from among the nominations received from various stakeholders such as alumni and faculty of IIT Bombay. Five alumni have received the award during 2021.

IIT Bombay is recognized as one of the centers of academic excellence. The students graduating from the Institute are of the highest caliber, who have reached positions of eminence in industry, business, public sector, academic and research institutions or as entrepreneurs. The Institute had long felt the need to recognize the alumni of IIT Bombay, who have excelled in their field of work and made the Institute proud. With this intention, the Distinguished Alumnus Awards (DAA) have been instituted. The first DAA were presented on the occasion of Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Institute in 1983. In 1996, the awards were made an annual feature and have been bestowed on a few distinguished alumni every year since then. The award is given during the Foundation Day celebrations of IIT Bombay every year. Thirteen alumni have received the award during 2022.
Convocation awards are prestigious awards presented to graduating students during the institute convocation in the month of August every year. These awards reflect the highest academic distinction and research contribution earned by a student in an academic and/or research program. The following table lists the convocation awards presented to the graduating students on the 60th convocation held in the month of August 2022.

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# NAIK AND RASTOGI EXCELLENCE IN PHD THESIS AWARD

A total of 35 students received this Award for excellence in Ph.D. research and thesis. These students span across 20 departments.

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