



Dear IITians,

Hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and had a good break over the holiday period. Welcome back - together we have to achieve a lot this year.

You would have noticed the new-look newsletter that this new committee has designed for you and we hope you like it.we had some very encouraging comments.

Your new executive committee has been busy undertaking a lot many things in the back ground ever since they took charge on 11th December, 2005.

We would welcome articles, stories, view points from you or your family members for publication in our newsletter.together we can make it more interesting.

Hope you like this issue of the newsletter. ...first issue in Year 2006. We look forward to comments and support.

*With best wishes,
IITAA Team*



Padma Bhushan Award to Nandan Nilekani

Nandan Nilekani, CEO & MD of Infosys and an alumnus of IIT Bombay has been awarded the Padma Bhushan !

It's a special moment of joy for the entire IIT community because the values that were inculcated by us in the IIT system – hard work, honesty, problem solving, technology leadership and thought leadership have been demonstrated by him at Infosys and recognized by the Government.

IITAA has sent a congratulation note to Nandan on behalf of all its members and welcomed him to Australia

This news was sent to us by Pradeep Saxena, an IIT Delhi graduate.

Highlights of this issue

- Nandan Nilekani gets Padma Bhushan
- Global Pan IIT Update
- Strategic meeting with Hon. Prabhat Shukla, High Commissioner of India
- Strategic alliance with AIBC
- Meeting with ACS Chairman – Kumar Parkala
- Petition to save IITs
- Vishy, IITD'79 batch passed away
- Our first Life member – Ashok Manglick

Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your membership for next year?

If not, please do so asap.

You can check the status of your membership by calling Vivek Sheel on mob: 0413459253

Your support and co-operation is crucial to us.

Further details at www.iitaa.org.au/iitaa/join_iitaa.htm



Global Pan IIT Update

IITAA has been actively participating in a series of teleconferences and a regional conference in Australia is in the offing !

IITAA is busy forming an advisory board for IITAA Australia and so far the following persons have tentatively agreed to come on IITAA advisory board:

- Hon. Prabhat Shukla – High Commissioner of India
- Hon. Sujan R. Chinoy – Consul General of India
- Mr. Neville Roach – Chairman, AIBC
- Mr. Kumar Parkala, Chairman, ACS and COO, KPMG

If you know of any person suitable for the advisory board, you may suggest us the name so that we can approach to invite them in IITAA advisory board; the board size will be restricted to about 7 members.

Members of the new Board of Directors representing all IIT Alumni stake holders, world-wide are:

CHAIRMAN: Rajat Gupta (IIT-D)

CO-CHAIRS: Umang Gupta (IIT-K) and Arjun Malhotra (IIT-KGP)

WORKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF GLOBAL PAN IIT:

Seven Presidents of IIT Alumni Associations from Australia, Japan, EU, Singapore, India, USA (2) & Canada.

Major PanIIT Conferences, 2006-2007

| Conference | Dates | Place |
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| PanIIT European Union Conference | April 28, 2006 | Hanover, Germany |
| North American Regional Conference 2006, IIT Alumni Canada | June 24-25, 2006 | Toronto, Canada |
| PanIIT Regional Conference 2006, IIT Alumni Association Singapore | August 25-26, 2006 | Singapore |
| IIT 2006 Global IIT Alumni Conference | December 23-25, 2006 | Mumbai, India |
| IIT 2007 Global IIT Alumni Conference | July 6-8, 2007 | San Francisco Bay Area, Santa Clara, California, USA |

IIT KGP video

Are you an alumnus of IIT Kharagpur ?

Yes...in that case you will enjoy watching this video

<http://video.google.com/video/play?docid=4299417943110283378>

It will take you down the memory lane and make you feel very nostalgic....claims the sender Sanjeev Gupta, an IIT Kharagpur graduate.

Did you know that IITians have formed a Political Party?

Yes it's true. IITians are amazing

Visit them at <http://www.paritrana.org>



It's amazing how IITians are dedicating themselves to improve the conditions in India and the image of India globally.



IITAA members Davender Jain and Sunil Raheja along with Hon. Prabhat Shukla, Hon. Sujan Chinoy, Consul General of India

Strategic Meeting with HCI

IITAA EC met the High Commissioner of India Hon. Prabhat Shukla and the new Consul General of India, Hon. Sujan R Chinoy to discuss a range of opportunities that the two organizations would be seeking together.

HC invited IITAA to participate in Sept '06 in CII programme in Sydney. HC desired to invite an eminent IITian for this programme.

Hon. Prabhat Shukla and Hon. Sujan R Chinoy have also agreed to be on the advisory board of IITAA.

Strategic alliance with AIBC

IITAA EC met Mr. Neville Roache, Chairman AIBC to discuss a range of opportunities that the two organizations (IITAA and AIBC) would be seeking together.

Mr. Roache has also agreed to be on the advisory board of IITAA.

Meeting with ACS Chairman

IITAA EC met Mr. Kumar Parkala, Chairman ACS and COO KPMG to discuss a range of opportunities that the two organizations (IITAA and ACS) would be seeking together.

We are planning a series of networking seminars jointly with ACS. Mr. Kumar has also agreed to be on the advisory board of IITAA.

Petition to save IITs

A new Public petition to save IITs has been created recently by a team of IIT alumni who are concerned that there could be seven more IITs announced in a couple of months, by HRD Minister Arjun Singh.

It is time for public to say "No more IITs" in the interests of the institutions and the nation. The URL for this petition is <http://www.petitiononline.com/SavellITs/petition.html>

Please express your views freely. Suggest that all IITians include IIT and year of graduation in the comments to add emphasis. This has been sent by Ram Krishnaswamy (Rambo), IIT Global Moderator (www.iitglobal.org)

Life Membership

We have created a new category of Life membership.

And we had our first life member – **Ashok Manglick.**

IITAA welcomes Ashok and appreciate his commitment !

More details about life membership at www.iitaa.org.au/iitaa/join_iitaa.htm



HSC Results

Children of IITians have done it again....scoring 100 UAI at HSC.

Neeru Agarwal, who has scored a perfect UAI of 100, is the daughter of Anil Agarwal and Renu Agarwal, both alumni of IIT Kanpur. Like parents, like daughter!

Rakhi Birla, daughter of Arun Birla, an alumna of IIT Delhi has topped in Hindi, though she is only a year 11 student.

We, at IITAA, wish Neeru and Rakhi a bright future ahead.

Have you read the list of Prominent IITians?

It's an exciting list that will make you proud of being an IITian...and of course remind you of your own potential.

Read the complete list @ www.iitaa.org.au/Prominent_IITians.pdf

Do you have any services to sell to fellow IITians?

If you or your family members provide any service that could be used by other IITians e.g. travel agency etc and if you would like advertise that in this Newsletter ...please let us know.

Sad Demise

Vishy (K Viswanathan, 79 batch, IIT Delhi) passed away in a road accident near Tirunelveli.

He had won the President's award for textile design and weaving. He has been the heart and soul of RmKV, a saree and textile brand in the south. He made RmKV a household name in Chennai dwarfing the famous Nalli silks, Kumaran Silks and Pothy's. RmKV Entered the Guinness Book of World records by producing the world's longest sari.

Vishy had also become District Governor for Rotary Tirunelveli District and his "Young Talent Programme" in Tirunelveli has been a mega-hit.

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Feedback

We have had many encouraging comments from our members...
Shubha Kumar comments...

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your Team in establishing IITAA as a professional organization in Sydney, for enhancing IITians profile locally and abroad, for organizing quality functions and spreading its wings to network globally.

Under your vision and high quality leadership, with able support of the Executive Team and members, IITAA has certainly made its mark this year.

Did you miss the conferences around Arjun Malhotra last year?

Well, you need not get disappointed...

He is likely to come this year again!










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Connecting IITians Downunder

Executive Committee Members of IITAA

| President | Vice-President | Secretary | Treasurer | Member |
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| Davender Jain Mob: 0402074839 | Vinay Singh Mob: 0433221124 | Sushil Chaddha Mob: 0414630457 | Vivek Sheel Mob: 0413459253 | Sunil Raheja Mob: 0433152377 |
| Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | |
| Julius Sud Mob: 0405952056 | Devendra Verma Mob: 0410678446 | Pramod Singh Mob: 0411780259 | Ashok Manglick Mob: 0407258891 | |

IIT Campuses

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| Bombay Institute Alumni | Delhi Institute Alumni | Kanpur Institute Alumni | Madras Institute Alumni | Kharagpur Institute Alumni | Roorkee Institute Alumni | Guwahati Institute Alumni |

IIT Alumni Associations in other countries

....generating momentum to build a global brand

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| IIT Alumni Association Singapore Website - www.iit-alumni.org.sg | Canada Website - www.iitalumnicanada.org |
| Japan Yahoo Group - groups.yahoo.com/group/iitjapan/ Contact - Sanjeev Sinha - SanjeevSinha@SanjeevSinha.Com | India Website - www.paniit2004.org Contact - Pawan vmoksha.com |
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| USA - IIT Midwest Region - Midwestern United States Website - www.iitmidwest.org | USA - IIT Alumni Association of North Texas Region - North Texas, including Dallas Website - www.iitnt.org |
| USA - San Francisco Bay Area Region - San Francisco Bay Area, California including Silicon Valley Website - www.iit.org/sfbay | IIT Southeast Region - Southeast Yahoo group - ITansInCharlotte |