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Report on Alumni Meet held on 25th December 2016 at BITS edu campus

BITS Alumni Association organized its 5th official Alumni Meet on 25th Dec 2016 in the campus with the enduring vision of **Honorable Founder President and Chairman Sir, Shri J. D. Patel** to provide a great platform and to facilitate the interaction amongst alumni, students and teachers. To strengthen the bondage between the staff members and the alumni further, all the staff members of the institute have been registered as a life member of an Alumni Association.

The event started at 5:00 pm with registrations and refreshments followed by the interaction of Alumni with students of current batch and the teachers.

The formal session started by welcoming dignitaries, **Shri. Dhruv J. Patel (CMD), Shri. Ketan Patel (Director, Administration), Dr. Pallavi Agarwal (Principal, Institute of Technology), Dr. Santosh Shah (Director, Innovation), Dr. R. C. Desai Sir, Dr. Poongundram Paranthaman (Principal, BITS Institute of Physiotherapy), Dr. Sarfraznawaz F. Shah (Vice Principal- BITS Institute of Physiotherapy), Dr. Saurabh Shah (Convener, BITS Alumni Association & Dean, Institute of Technology), , Dr. Heli Shah (Dean, R&D), Dr. Jaymin Bhalani (BoG member), Prof. Nipa Desai (BoG member), All Head of Departments, Assistant Registrar, Administrative Officer, Office Superintendent, Head – Training and Placement, alumni with family members and all the staff members.**

The event proceeded further with the welcome address delivered by **Dr. Pallavi Agarwal**, Principal, Institute of Technology where she discussed about the progress of the institute, initiatives taken by the institute like Institute Magazine, Innovation Center, HR Meet and other multifaceted development activities.



Shri. Ketan Patel, Director (Administration) addressed the gathering by emphasizing upon the importance of alumni coming back to their ALMA MATER. He shared his rich experience of running the Alumni Association, motivated to participate actively and also discussed the hidden benefits one could derive by actively connecting with the association.

Contribution given by alumni in institute development activities were presented like support extended for Placement, Project Development, Career Counseling, Guest Lectures delivered and many more.

Achievements of Alumni, video messages conveyed by alumni who could not remain present were presented. Alumni were invited to share their success stories and experience which turned out to be most wonderful and nostalgic experience for all.

Prominent alumni with significant achievements were felicitated with the certificates and the awards in the category of **Distinguished Alumni Award and Appreciation Award** as per the attached list. It is a great initiative of the institute to encourage alumni to

perform even better in their respective professional career. It is a matter of pride not only for alumni but also for their alma mater that their ambassadors have been recognized globally with their outstanding achievements .



Event was made entertaining by a series of Cultural Programmes and Performances given by alumni and current batch students. Alumni were amused with the splendid performances.



Dr. Saurabh Shah (Convener, BITS edu campus Alumni Association) presented report on activities of Alumni Association like contribution of alumni and their regular visits in the campus, sponsorship of prizes offered by office bearers in Ratri Before Navratri, briefing of activities planned throughout the year etc. He took special note of Alumni Members who had travelled all the way from outside Gujarat and India to attend the event. Also, introduced distinguished alumni members present in the event, pursuing/completed Masters and PhD from reputed institute like **NITs, IITRAM, IISc (Banglore), Symbiosis, Vellore Institute of Technology, Nirma University and universities at abroad like USA, Canada and Germany.**

Prof. Nipa Desai presented a vote of thanks and appreciated support extended by the Management and contribution of everybody in organizing the event.

Event was concluded with Sumptuous Network Dinner.

Major objectives discussed:

- Invited suggestions to enhance the bondage and connectivity with alumni and plans for Pay-back to alma matter
- Strengthening network with all alumni members

- Developing Alumni Association Forum where everybody can collaborate and update their status
- Inviting Alumni for development of institute and extending support in any way
- Success stories
- To create BITS as one brand globally with the help of alumni as ambassadors
- To open more chapters across cities, states, country and globe

Outcome of Alumni Meet:

- 1. Alumni shown willingness to extend their support to render any kind of service to the institute like Placement, Internship, Guest Lecture, Project Development, Career Counseling and many more. Feedback forms collected to receive their interest and consent to contribute in the mentioned activities.**
- 2. Based on the consent given to initiate activities, alumni will be invited in the campus. Details of the same have been shared with HoDs.**
- 3. Alumni members shared their success stories and exchanged innovative ideas. Also, suggested how to align towards industry needs.**

Committee members of Alumni Association:

1. Dr. Saurabh A. Shah, Convener, BITS Alumni Association
2. Dr. Hetal Pathak, Department Representative, EC
3. Prof. Dinal Panchal, Department Representative, EE
4. Prof. Mukund Pandya, Department Representative, ME
5. Prof. Alok Dwiwedi, Department Representative, ME
6. Prof. Ravi Patel, Department Representative, Civil
7. Prof. Apoorva Shah, Department Representative, CE

Student Coordinators:

- Karan, Kartik and team

Special support extended by:

- Ms. Nirali Rathod, Assistant Registrar – Food and Transport
- Administrative Officer, Yogeshbhai, Miral bhai and Gambhirbhai – Necessary arrangements at venue

- Mr. Ravindra Gade – Designing of banner, certificates and trophies



Participation received from all the passed out batches starting from 2008 batch to 2015 batch.

Alumni and staff members appreciated initiative taken by Management and looking forward to have many activities jointly to build bridges between Industries and Institute.

Long term vision of Management and valuable support extended by Honorable Founder President and Chairman Sir, CMD Sir, Campus Director Sir, Director(Administration) Sir and the Principal(Institute of Technology) in ensuring the best facilities to organize the event is highly appreciated.

Also, support extended by faculty and student coordinators is remarkable.

Thanking you,

Dr. Saurabh Shah,

Convener, BITS Alumni Association