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# Director's Pen



It's been almost a year since Students' Association for Alumni Relations was established under the able guidance of Associate Dean Resource and PIC Alumni along with the support from a cadre of students who have helped set up the framework for alumni interaction. Alumni are the ambassadors of any institution. Their resources, connection, and support are invaluable for their alma mater.



I am happy to see that we have now moved onwards to bring out our next volume of the newsletter, which would not just help the alumni network to get updated, but will also inspire our student fraternity to aim higher looking at the accomplishments of their passed out seniors. Alumni activities have seen a surge over the past year with live video interactions, talks and alumni meet being the main highlights.

Building closeness between the institute and the alumni base is essential. To carry our Institute to greater heights by dedicated work and fruitful interaction with the outside world is our goal and we shall stay true to it.

Wishing my best to our alumni and the alumni office team of IIT Patna for their continued energy and effectiveness,

विश्व का मुकुटमणि आई आई टी पटना  
सदा तत्पर सदा जाग्रत पीछे ना जाने हटना।

Regards,

**Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharyya, FNAE**

Director, IIT Patna

ex-President Association of Computational Linguistics

ex-Vijay and Sita Vashee Chair Professor, IIT Bombay

Professor Department of Computer Science and Engineering

IIT Patna and IIT Bombay





SAAR activities are going in full swing. As an organization, we decided to pay more attention to social media posts on various platforms elaborating our activities and achievements of our alumni.

A new SAAR website is live! Where an IITP alumni can be a member of our community and reconnect with his/her classmates and keep up to date about alumni events. All the SAAR updates in the social media are available at the below mentioned handles:

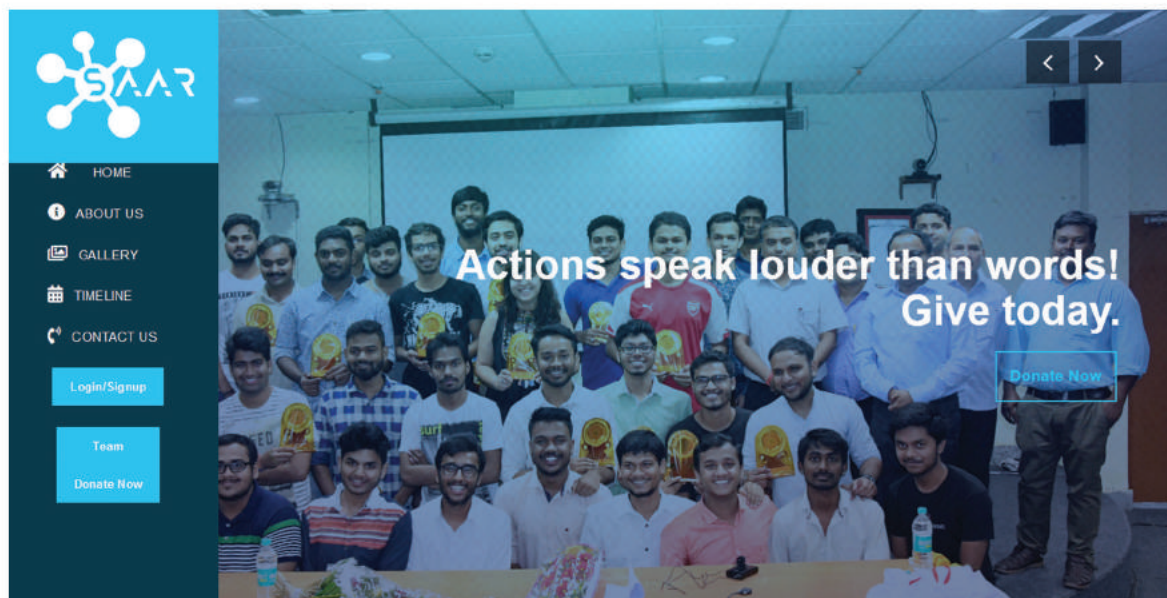
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SAAR IIT Patna

**LinkedIn**  
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# VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE

<https://saar.iitp.ac.in/>

# Construction Updates



Glimpse of Inauguration Ceremony of Boys hostel held on 24th May, 2019



The construction of 501-acre campus of IIT Patna is going at par with the initial vision plan, ranging from the completion of a Girls Hostel equipped with all the basic necessities, a new Boys Hostel (Percentage of Completion, POC, 97%) will be functioning from upcoming academic year, a new quarter for employees (C-type quarter with POC 85%) and Gymkhana (POC 75%) building are also on the verge of completion.

With every rising sun, to keep up with the growing demands, various other buildings are also under construction, namely Hostels (Boys and Girls), new Academic Blocks, Workshop units, Student Activity Centre (SAC), Quarters for employees, Guest House, Auditorium and Library (along with data/computer center).

# ALUMNI UPDATES



**ESHAN BALSARA**  
**BT/CSE/14**  
Supply Chain Consultant  
Bristlecone



**ADITYA GUPTA**  
**BT/CSE/17**  
Software Engineer  
InMobi Tech. Pvt. Ltd.



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Quant Research Analyst  
JP Morgan



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**BT/ME/18**  
Project Engineer  
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Electrical Engineer  
Indian Railways(IES)



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Project Engineer  
Wipro Ltd.



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**BT/CSE/16**  
Full Stack Developer  
Tencent Games

# ALMA SPEAKS

## Praveenchand GSS (BT/EE/13)

We laud and honor the exceptional performance by our alumnus Praveenchand GSS, currently in Indian Information Service, as Assistant director under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, through this interview. He also secured 64th rank in recently conducted Civil Service Examination and will be joining IAS in August.

**Q:** Did you spend your time in any extra-curricular activities or were you interested in anything that you wanted to try but never could whilst you were in college?

Holistic development of character is only possible if one gives adequate attention to both academics and extra-curricular activities. For me, I was interested in Gymkhana activities as part of various clubs and as Vice President, Student Gymkhana. In real life situations, as a career progresses, one needs to deal with many individuals. I found that leadership and organizational skills that I had acquired during IIT Patna has helped me immensely in navigating tough situations at both private sector job and also as a civil servant.

**Q:** If you could go back in the past and change just one thing about your college life, what would it be?

I always wanted to try my hands at Guitar during college, but I was very inconsistent in learning that. If I were to be in IIT Patna as a B.Tech student, I would have definitely learned it and would have tried to form a band. Nevertheless, I am learning keyboard now :)

**Q:** Are you still in touch with your college friends and are there any moments that you'd like to share with us?

Four years of precious time at IIT Patna has given fantastic friends to me. Not just our batch mates, but Seniors and Juniors too. Luckily, many of us are in touch, thanks to social media and WhatsApp.

**Q:** Was there any go-to spot in Patna where you would visit frequently in your free time?

Infact, there are many such places. Many of us used to hang-out near Gandhi Maidan and Ashok Rajpat road. During my final year, P&M mall became a go-to-spot to spend quality time with friends.

**Q:** While you were in college, did you discover anything new about yourself that you were completely oblivious to, before?

I am a completely changed person after college. It has taught me many things. I found my interests in art and cultural activities during college. I started a pencil sketching and dancing during college. So, our college had helped in ignited the buds of creativity within me.

**Q: Did your academics ever build a pressure on you and if yes, how did you deal with it?**

Obviously, in lieu of studying in one of the premier college in the country, academics build certain pressure. Particularly, during the exams times or when projects deadlines approaches. One should maintain optimum balance of fun, extra-curricular activities and academics. Sitting idle in hostel rooms and just watching games or movies is fun definitely. But one must also understand that, career is important too. Especially, due to technological changes in the era of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, updating one's skill set is crucial. So I suggest our students to maintain optimum balance between fun and academics.

**Q: Many of us start looking for directions where we want to head off after we are finished with our Bachelors degree. When did you find yours and what guided you towards it?**

I had a dilemma of whether going for a Ph.D. or going for civil services. Finally, I found that civil services are what gives me utmost satisfaction as that career gives opportunities to create positive change in the lives of people. So, I went for a career in the private sector for 3 years, after which I wrote the civil services and cleared it. So, career paths after Bachelors degree should be chosen based on your interest. Choose a career in which you can happily and passionately work for the next 25-30 years.

**Q: Which do you think was the best year for you amongst the 4 years of your life at IIT Patna and why?**

The final year of my stay at IIT Patna was the best time I had during college. Mainly because of two things. First academically, I was able to execute my final project in which Arrhythmia in ECG was to be detected. I have used Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in this. I was also able to publish a paper in the reputed journal ( Elsevier ) Secondly, I was the Vice President of Student Gymkhana during my final year. During my tenure, I was able to execute many of my ideas. I was close to students and voiced their concerns to the administration. Tenure as VP made me more organized, confident person.

**Q: How was your interaction with your seniors and juniors at the time?**

My interactions with seniors and juniors were pretty good. Being from initial batches of the college, we got the opportunity to work on many initiatives together. This helped us to share common bonding among all. In fact, I used to know all of my seniors and juniors by name. Due to such great interactions, many of us are still in touch with each other. I suggest to current students to maintain very healthy bonds between students and juniors. It really helps in many ways.

**Q: Also congratulations for such a commendable feat of getting an AIR 64 in UPSC Examination 2018. Would you like to pass on a message to our IIT Patna fraternity to inspire them?**

To those who are interested in becoming civil servants, best wishes to all of you. Civil services give an opportunity to serve the country in one of the best possible ways. At the same time, we also need to strengthen our country in many other aspects apart from governance.

Our country is in the admit of demographic transition. 65% of our population is less than 35 years of age. By harnessing this demographic dividend, we can position our country in much-improved position in social, economic and political aspects. In this regard contributions of IITs as part of strengthening the technical arm of our development is crucial.

You guys are very young with creative ideas and enthusiasm, this must be properly channelized into research, innovations, and entrepreneurship.

Believe me, being a job provider gives a sense of pride.

# ANWESHA



The three-day annual fest, 'Anwasha 2k19' was celebrated with overwhelming zest and vigor to commemorate the Decennial year of the fest and was fully packed with entertaining events with appropriate rewards.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by our honorable Director, Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharyya followed by a mesmerizing performance (of Indian classical music) by renowned musical gurus. Stand-up comedian Sundeep Sharma threw the audiences into fits of laughter while DJ Carnival concluded the night with heart-thumping music beats and his electrifying energy!

The second day was marked with various cultural events and competitions. Ms. Christeena Biju, 'Miss India Odisha 17', was our special guest for the night along with RJ Shruti from Radio Mirchi. The other competitive events, e.g., 'Satanz Tantrum', 'Heel Turn' and 'Verve' saw a neck-to-neck fight between the top fighting contenders.

The final day was taken over by the two bands. 'Acoustics' entranced the audience with their melodious voices and harmony, while, the famous contemporary folk band of Raghu Dixit made the audience dance and jump to their pitch perfect tunes. The night came to an end as the two bands stepped on the stage together to bring the fest to its biggest ever conclusion!

The journey of 'Anwasha' continues to reach greater heights with each year passing by.



# SAMNIVESHA



The Association of Civil Engineers organized the first ever Technical fest of the Civil and Environmental Engineering department, Samnivesha from 9th-10th February which garnered enthusiastic response from engineering students all over Patna.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by the presence of our guest of honour Director Pushpak Bhattacharyya and honourable Prof. Devdas Menon from IIT Madaras. The fest flagged off covering a plethora of events namely Richter 9.0, Blueprint, Civiq, House of Cards and Research Conclave over these two days of splendour and excitement.

It marked the first chapter in one of many others to come as ACE continues its long journey along with IIT Patna.



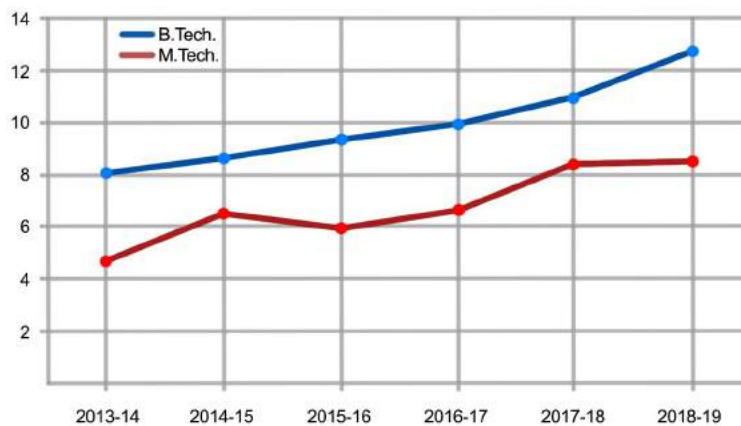
## E-WEEK

E-Cell (Entrepreneurship Cell) associated with Josh Talks initiative "StartAb" and conducted a workshop on "Using business tools of Instagram and Facebook as an entrepreneur". We also had a talk on "Demystifying Stock Markets" by Ms Urvi Babla, Global Head of TrakInvest.

E Cell recently conducted its annual entrepreneurial summit E-Week'19. Mr Atul Rai, CEO of Staqu, a startup working on problems in Homeland security with its AI technologies, told us about his work with 8 State Police and the Indian army. Mr Amit Mehra, Principal of Unicorn India Ventures shared with us some of the common mistakes that the startups do while looking for funding and about the methods to grab attention of the investors.

# PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Average Package (LPA\*)



(\*LPA - Lakhs per Annum)

## Recruiting Companies:

- Microsoft
- Amazon
- Samsung
- Goldman Sachs
- Intel
- Arista Network
- Bosch
- Mathworks
- Cognizant
- Make My Trip
- Cadence
- eZDi
- Accenture
- & many others

This year, one international offer was received from FujiFilm Software Company Ltd., a Japanese Firm.

No. of Companies visited and Total offer received



## Package Highlights:

- 33.5 Lakh p.a.
- 32.5 Lakh p.a.
- 31.5 Lakh p.a.

The average package far has been nearly 12.75 Lakhs as compared to 10.92 Lakhs last year.

## Words from PIC, TPC

“

...IIT Patna is having a great placement season so far this year. We saw a steady increment in number offers and the average package. More than 80% of the students have already been placed. Thanks are due to our alumni who have proved to be a great asset to all the companies/organisations they joined.

...I request you to stay connected with us through email and social networking sites and by visiting us whenever possible.

- DR. AMARNATH HEDGE

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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



Universita  
Ca'Foscari  
Venezia



Instituto  
Superior Técnico  
Universidade de  
Lisboa



New Leaf  
Dynamic  
Technologies  
(P) Ltd.



Tektronix



National  
Informatics  
Center (NIC)



TUSUR  
University



Dublin City  
University



Denver  
University



Kyoto  
University



Innopolis  
University



WRIGHT STATE  
UNIVERSITY

Wright State  
University

# AN APPEAL FOR ALMS

*To enable the institute to pursue its goal of maintaining high standards of teaching, research and co-curricular, contribute to the following priority areas:*

## **Medals for best achievers**

*To provide an endowment for awarding medals to best academic achievers that may include (but not limited by) best performing student in their category (e.g., top-rankers in different disciplines).*

## **Student Scholarships**

*To nurture excellence amongst students by awarding scholarships to deserving candidate. Some scholarships may be aimed at helping economically weak students.*

## **Student Travel Grand Program**

*To provide financial assistance to students and faculty for participation in international technical conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops and exchange programs.*

## **Institute Development Fund**

*To fund new facilities on campus based on the "Master Plan", with the facility to be named after the donor.*

*New Buildings in Academic Zone, New Hostels, New Facilities in Residential Zones, New Facilities to Promote "Green Campus", Research Park.*

## **College Fests and Clubs**

*To succour for the development and maintain the exuberance of different clubs running through out the year by fulfilling their needs and for their development at their peak.*

## **National Service Scheme (NSS)**

*To aid for projecting a better NSS Society in IIT Patna. Giving support for initiating various programs and building contacts with various non-profitable organisations.*

**Requesting your generous contribution to the Alumni Cell by mentioning the specific area through the payment portal link provided below.**

<https://saar.iitp.ac.in/don.html>



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