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# NEWSLETTER

Alumni Association HBTI Kanpur



*My Dear Harcourtians,*

It's been almost one year that this pandemic has been writing new rules in our lives especially for social gatherings.

In the wake of that challenge, we have also adapted to new norms like digital platforms for interacting and reaching out to the people. This year's Alumni meet was therefore no exception. We conducted our annual alumni meet in the online mode. But no problem comes without a gift in its hand. I am happy that because of this we were able to reach out to thousands of Harcourtians spread all across the globe. We were able to continue the 16 years old tradition of an annual meet in the last weekend of November.

This alumni meet was more significant as it marked the launch of centenary celebrations as our Alma mater entered the 100th year of its foundation on 25th November 2020. The response and the co-operation of the Harcourtians has emboldened us to plan a grander celebration for the 17th alumni meet (22<sup>nd</sup> -28th November 2021). In this event a larger scale participation of alumni all across the globe would be needed. Hence I request all of you to reach out to your classmates, batch-mates, roommates, etc. so that nobody is missed out from this lifetime event. I wish all of you a wonderful year ahead .

*Warm regards,*

**Balram Upadhyay**

**President – Alumni Association - HBTI**

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### **Distinguished Alumni**

**BP Bhargava** – Diploma Oil Technology, 1924

Deputy Director General, Ministry of Food & Agriculture, Government of India.

**Om Prakash Gupta** – Diploma Oil Technology, 1926

Head of Oil Section & Oil Expert to Government of UP. Known for his networking skill in the Oil Industry.

**KD Malviya** – Oil Technology, 1926

Minister of Industries, UP and later Petroleum Minister, Central Government.

**NC Varma** – Sugar Technology, 1933

Professor at National Sugar Institute (NSI), Deputed as at Sugar Expert to UN Economic Commission for Africa during 1966-69.

**SN Gundurao** – Sugar Technology, 1934

Director, National Sugar Institute (NSI), 1956-63. Professor Emeritus, NSI, Technical Advisor to British India Corporation 1963-65.

**SP Chandra** - Sugar Technology, 1934

Director (Sugar Technology), Ministry of Food & Agriculture, Central Government.

**RBL Mathur** - Sugar Technology, 1934

Deputed to UN Industrial Development Organization, Vienna, Austria. Worked as an Advisor to Fiji Island.

**SV Nilkantham** – General Research, 1936

Army officer joined in 1938. Chief Inspector Textile & Clothing, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

**Kripa Shankar** - Sugar Technology, 1934

Chief Technologist and Professor of Sugar Technology, NSI since 1964, Deputy Director of Technical Education, Government of UP, 1954 – 1964

**SL Garg** - Sugar Technology, 1938, Oil Technology, 1940

MD Technico Enterprise, Calcutta, MD Kanpur Pesticides & Chemicals, Kanpur. Chairman Greases & Lubricants. Pioneer in the field of paint driers.

**(Compiled by Prashant Alekar Mechanical, 1979)**

## Sakshatkaar – 2, 3 & 4 rolled out

“Sakshatkaar” which was launched in the month of October 2020 continued with its tradition of conversations with illustrious alumni. In November, we had **Dr. Pulak Mohan Pandey (Mechanical, 1993)**, Professor at IIT Delhi and a pioneer of 3D printing technology speaking to us. The conversation was an extremely enriching for listeners and it was peppered with the distilled knowledge and wisdom of a seasoned professional and leader. The conversation was a peek into the fine person and professional that Dr. Pandey is. The entire conversation had pearls of wisdom for everyone – students, working professionals, academics .... Everyone.

### Episode III

On **6<sup>th</sup> December 2020**, **Mr. Ashish Gupta (Mechanical, 1992)** currently Corporate Vice President, Head Europe and Africa (Diversified Industries), at HCL Technologies was the guest of honour. Under his leadership HCL has grown to become one of the fastest growing IT Services Providers in Europe. The conversation with him was all about personal passion, grit and zest to learn as the way to success

### Episode IV

On **24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**, two days prior to the Republic Day we had **Retd. Lieut General Suresh Sharma, PVSM, AVSM (Electrical, 1980)** as the guest of honour. The conversation started with a peek into the mind and making of a leader of such eminence. He spoke about the 5Cs of leadership (Confidence, Competence, Courage, Commitment & Communication) and many more interesting frameworks and anecdotes from his days at the institute and then in the army.

For those of you who could not catch the conversation live, can visit the Facebook page and watch the recording. It will definitely be worth your time.

## Alumni Association gets 80 G Certificate

We are pleased to announce that approval of 80G (5)(vi) under Income Tax has been granted to our alumni association. This approval will go long way in achieving objective and goals of our association. It provides 50% deduction in respect of donations made to the Alumni association for education related activities etc. The recipient of money or the donee gives a receipt of donation, based on which the donor is entitled to claim 50% deduction.



## Harcourtians on Telegram

Executive Committee member of the Alumni Association Vivek Verma (EC, 1991) has committed himself to building a fraternity of 15000 Harcourtians across the world on telegram a Social media platform . Here is a request to every Harcourtian to add at least 30 Harcourtians in this group to bring maximum number of Harcourtians This group has a limit of 200000 members. Download telegram from Google Play Store /Apple IoS. The link for joining the telegram group is [https://t.me/joinchat/FQg\\_FBRg2jFH3vEbkUD8Tw](https://t.me/joinchat/FQg_FBRg2jFH3vEbkUD8Tw)

## BEST COMPLIMENTS FROM



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**SHRI SANJEEV BANSAL**  
**(MECHANICAL ENGINEERING 1989)**  
**MOBILE : 98390 32516**

## दीवार क्यों गिरी ?

चलिए समय हो अगर तो एक छोटी सी सच्ची सी कहानी सुनाता हूँ। एक रोज़, भरी दोपहर को, अपने आप में मस्त और सरगर्मी से भरे बाज़ार में, एकाएक धमाका होता है और कुछ ही पलों में एक नेस्त नाबूद दीवार के आगे भीड़ जुट जाती है। चारों तरफ़ एक अपारदर्शी धूल का गुबार था। किसी को भी काफी देर तक कुछ भी साफ़ साफ़ नहीं दिख पा रहा था। हर कोई इस हैरत में था कि दीवार तो अभी नई ही बनी थी, आखिर गिर कैसे गई। दीवार के मालिक भी देश की जानी मानी हस्तियों में से हैं और इसको बनाने के लिए तो यकीनन बड़े बड़े आर्किटेक्ट, अच्छे सिमेंट और बेहतरीन सरिए का इस्तेमाल हुआ होगा। चर्चा तो ये भी थी कि इसपर तो लगा पेंट भी इंपोर्टेड था, जो इसकी खूबसूरती में चार चांद लगाता था। सब को याद आने लगा इस दीवार के बनते वक़्त कितना ही हल्ला हुआ था। क्या अखबार, क्या टी॰वी॰, हर नुक्कड़ चौराहे पर इस ही दीवार के चर्चे थे। सोशल मीडिया पर तो हंगामा ऐसा था कि जैसे देश का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण आर्थिक, सामाजिक और राजनैतिक मुद्दा ये ही हो। खैर! हंगामा भला होता भी क्यों ना, ऐसे कद्दावर लोगों की दीवार थी जो कि ना जाने कितने नई दीवार बनाने वालों में एड्रेनेलिन संचार कर रहे थे। कितनो ने तो ऐसी दीवार बनाना ही उद्देश्य मान लिया था और राम जाने कितने तो रंज खाते खाते ही मर गए इस दीवार की शान देख कर।

सब लोग दंग तो थे ही इस दीवार के गिरने से, साथ ही साथ गिरने के कारणों पर वाद विवाद होने लगा। एक चचा ज्ञान दे रहे थे, "आस पास तो ना जाने बरसों की किन्नी दीवालें खड़ी हैंगी, भले ही बल्ली पे टिकी हैं वे, पर पुरानी नयी सबई लगभग ठीकठाक हैं, हैं ना, अल्लाह जाने ये कैसे गिर गई।" बगल में बैठी अम्मा बोल पड़ी, "अरे आज कल की दीवाए होए कमजोर गई हैं... ज्यादाई गिर रई हैं, हमारे जमाने में तो मज़बूत होए कईएँ रहीं।" तमाशा बढ़ता ही जा रहा था, पुलिस व मीडिया भी आ चुकी थी, मामला बड़ा बनता देख और संजीदगी भाँपते हुए, प्रशासन द्वारा, सोशल मीडिया पे एक उच्च स्तरीय जाँच कमेटी बिठाने का त्वरित निर्णय लिया गया। फ़ेसबुक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सांस्कृतिक संस्थान, ट्विटर सर्वांगीण विकास महाविद्यालय और सर्वविदित वाट्सैप यूनिवर्सिटी पे ज्ञान उमड़ने लगा। सभी रायचंद, राय बहादुर और राय सिंह विश्लेषण करके अलग अलग कारण बताने में लग गए। अंततः घंटो चले अद्भुत विचार विमर्श और छीचा लेदर को कमेटी ने कुछ इन बिंदुओं में समेटा:

- शायद दीवार पे समय के साथ अपेक्षा से अधिक बोझ आ गया था और उसके ऊपर काफ़ी सारे, बिना काम के गमले व दिखावे की रेलिंग इत्यादि भी लगे हुए थे।
- या शायद दीवार जल्दबाज़ी में बनाई गयी थी, और बस बनाने के लिए बना दी गयी थी।
- दीवार के डिज़ाइन में भी कमी थी, सीधी ना होकर उसका एक तरफ़ झुकाव ज़्यादा था।
- या कोई बाहरी व्यक्ति या फ़ोर्स जैसे की भूकम्प आदि का प्रभाव रहा हो।
- कुछ दार्शनिक एक्स्पर्टों का तो सीधे सीधे मात्र ये मानना ये था कि ये केवल एक ऐक्ट ऑफ़ गॉड था और इससे ज़्यादा कुछ भी नहीं।

मौजूद तो मैं भी था वहां, दोपहर में भी और सोशल मीडिया पर भी सब देख - सुन - पढ़ रहा था.. सब कुछ.. चुपचाप। सिविल से हूँ तो रोक नहीं पाया खुद को, दो दिन बाद वापिस गया उस खंडहर के पास, उस खाक के पास, उस तबाही के पास। मिर्च मसाला खत्म होने के कारण भीड़ तो पहले ही छोड़ के जा चुकी थी, एक अजीब सी मनहूस शांति बची थी वहाँ। मैं थोड़ी देर बैठा, कुछ सोच ही रहा था कि अचानक मेरी नज़र एक चीज़ पे पड़ी, सब कहानी मेरे सामने साफ़ हो गई। मेरे सारे सवाल हल हो गए थे। लेकिन मैं हैरान था कि इतनी बड़ी चीज़ सबकी नज़रों से कैसे छूट सकती है, शायद नज़रंदाज़ की गयी या जान बूझ के छोड़ी गई। नज़रें एकटक वहीं पर टिकी हुई थी, मुझे कारण मिल गया था, एक बेहद खूबसूरत, नायाब, पाक और अद्भुत दीवार के गिरने का। मैं चुपचाप उठा और मन में सोचा कि, अगर मालिक द्वारा ये पहले ही देख लिया गया होता तो शायद आज ऐसा ना होता।

मैं हाथ जोड़ कर कहना चाहता हूँ कि इस कहानी की एक एक पंक्ति का आजकल के टूटते बनते रिश्तों से कोई सरोकार नहीं है। ना ही ये कहानी या इसकी एक भी पंक्ति, किसी हाल फ़िलहाल की खास घटना या खास जोड़े के विघटन को लेकर लिखा गई है।

और हाँ.. जल्दी जल्दी में कारण बताना तो भूल ही गया मैं.. नींव में नमी थी और एक आध परत नीचे कुछ टूटे सूखे गुलाब ना जाने क्या कर रहे थे वहाँ, पक्का तो नहीं पर शायद गवाही दे रहे थे कि.. **दीवार क्यों गिरी?**

- रोहित कुमार राजपूत

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## International Alumni Meet 2020

The 16th International Alumni Meet of Alumni Association, HBTI, Kanpur was held on 29th November 2020. Being the first virtual alumni meet, the event was a grand success.

The program consisted of centenary celebrations and alumni interactions. The event began at 8 am with journey of the foundation of the alumni association and spanned for half a day. Our renowned alumni Dr. R P Singh, Dr. J S P Rai, Mr. P K Rajput, Mr. Vivek Mishra, Dr. Onkar Singh, Mr. Balram Upadhyay shared their views on the same.

This was followed by the video of activities that took place in the Alumni Office. Also, the virtual meet had a glimpse of the previous year's alumni meets. On the occasion of completion of 99 years of HBTI (now HBTU), the Hawan Puja was organized. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.B. Singh, Mr. R K Jalan and Mr. Vivek Mishra then addressed the Alumni meet. The inauguration ceremony commenced by welcoming the guests by Organizing Secretary Mr. Rajnish Dixit followed by the Presidential Address by President Mr. Balram Upadhyay. The Chief Guest of the virtual meet was Hon VC Prof. N.B. Singh. Mr. Jeevan Lal Khanna (Class of 1947) and currently 95 years of age was the 'Guest of Honour' Listening to him left all a little misty eyed. They were felicitated by Dr. R. P Singh, Ex-Director HBTI; Dr. Onkar Singh, Imminent Past President; Mr. R K Jalan, VP Centenary Organizing Committee. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. Vivek Mishra.

The inauguration ceremony was followed by the launch of the centenary program. The Letters of Hon'ble Vice President of India and Hon'ble Governor of UP were displayed. This was then followed by the Inauguration by Senior Harcourtian Mr. J K Khanna (1947 batch). Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor officially declared the formation of the Organizing Committee on Centenary Celebration followed by launch of Centenary Flag by Hon'ble VC Sir, Dr. R P Singh, Mr. Manoj Shukla (Registrar, HBTU),—Mr. R K Jalan and others present in HBTU Campus during inauguration. The centenary flag was designed by Mr. Prasoon Verma.

Later, Mr. Balram released the video of programs planned for the Centenary. The celebration was taken forward with the Felicitation by Mr. Munish Jain and Mr. K.M. Agrawal. The centenary celebration was then followed by the Seminar conducted by Mr. Sushil GM GAIL, Mr. Jiledar ExMD Green Gas, Mr. Hirdesh Kumar, MD CUGL. The Alumni award function aimed at felicitating our successful alumni. The categories of awards were: Lifetime Awards (3), Distinguished Awards (5) and Young Achievers Awards (2) which were then presented to the nominated alumni. As alumni association is dedicated to making students' quality education as affordable as possible by providing academic scholarships for our students, 13 students from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and final years were honoured with scholarship. Our special scholarship opportunities were sponsored by the reputed alumnus. Mr. SP Dhar, who explained the process of selecting students for these scholarships.

A Panel discussion "Leveraging the Alumni Connect" was webcasted – the eminent panellists were Mr. Rajiv Sikka, Mr. Madhup Agrawal, Dr. Neeta awasthy, Mr. Ashish Gupta, Mr. Anurag Gupta, Ms. Swapnalekha Basak and moderated by Mr. Radha Kant Jaiswal. This discussion ignited the zeal to connect and contribute towards our Almamater.

Then it was followed by Virtual tour to departments, "Trip down memory lane..." Although the visit was virtual but it was the most awaited moment for the alumni. Golden moments: Alumni shared their golden stories of college days during a short session hosted by Mr. Manoj Sahu and Prasoon Verma.

Later all 11 Chapter Presidents / Secretaries shared their thoughts, ideas and future plans for the upcoming events. The secretary chalked out the program and noted the agenda of the alumni association; which was then carried out with the alumni report.

Later in the evening, Cultural program was executed by Mr. Piyush Shukla & Ms. Neelam Lohiya and alumni across the globe also joined us. Programs line dance, singing and poem-recitation were performed .

Event was captured by 10s of thousand alumni across the globe. We appreciate the work done by the Social Media led by Prasoon Verma 07 BCE, Anurag Dwivedi CS 1996, Anshul Dixit Electrical 1997, Shashank Gupta Chem Engg, 2009 and Utkarsh Bajpai Civil 2019 for the flawless webcast on different Social media channels of Alumni Association.

# Alumni Association announces Scholarships for students

Following is the list of students who were finalized for the award of the scholarship

| S. No. | Name                 | Year     | Branch                           |
|--------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 1      | Prashant Kumar Yadav | 4th Year | Biochemical Engineering          |
| 2      | Priyanshi Omer       | 3rd Year | Electronics Engineering          |
| 3      | Ragini Mishra        | 3rd Year | Electrical Engineering           |
| 4      | Divyang Pant         | 3rd Year | Plastic Technology               |
| 5      | HIMANSHU SONKAR      | 3rd Year | Plastic Technology               |
| 6      | SHUBHAM SHUKLA       | 2nd Year | Computer Science and Engineering |
| 7      | Monali Chakraborty   | 2nd Year | Electronics Engineering          |
| 8      | Utkarsh Awasthi      | 2nd Year | Mechanical Engineering           |
| 9      | AKSHITA GUPTA        | 2nd Year | Computer Science and Engineering |
| 10     | Akrati Pal           | 2nd Year | Information Technology           |
| 11     | Garima Gulati        | 2nd Year | Plastic Technology               |
| 12     | Hrithik Seth         | 2nd Year | Chemical Engineering             |
| 13     | Sudhanshu Tiwari     | 2nd Year | Mechanical Engineering           |

For the Alumni Association: Scholarships for year 2020 students of HBTU were invited to apply through a google form on the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020. Applications from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students were received in good number and the recipients were finalized through a well-laid SOP.

The following are the list of scholarships decided: -

- 4<sup>th</sup> year - 1 Scholarship
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year – 4 Scholarships
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year - 8 Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee was constituted of following 5 members: -

1. Mr. S. P. Dehar (Ex- Vice President, Alumni Association)
2. Prof. P.K. Kamani (Dean, Planning & Resource Mobilization, HBTU Kanpur)
3. Dr. Neeta Awasthy (Ex-Executive Member, Alumni Association)
4. Mr. Radha Kant Jaiswal (Executive-Member, Alumni Association)
5. Ms. Swapnalekha Basak (Executive-Member, Alumni Association)

These 13 Scholarships are being sponsored by :

- Mr. Brij Sharma (1 scholarship for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)
- Mr. R K Jalan (3 scholarships for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)
- Mr. Lalit Nijhawan (1 scholarship for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)
- Pune chapter (1 scholarship for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)
- Alumni Association (2 scholarships for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)
- Batch of 1993 passed-out (4 scholarships in memory of their 4 batch mates for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year)
- Alumni Association (1 scholarship for 4<sup>th</sup> Year)



These scholarships were presented during the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Alumni Meet on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020. After the documents verifications, the 1<sup>st</sup> installment of scholarships were disbursed to all the students.

## IMPORTANT

This has come to our notice that a Twitter handle @hbtualumni is using unconstitutional language on Twitter and maligning the name of our prestigious Alma Mater & Alumni Association. We have no association with this twitter account.

Also, we would like to inform you that a police complaint has been raised against fake twitter handle @hbtualumni at Police Station, Nawabganj Kanpur.

AA/HBTU will take this matter very seriously till closure. We urge every Harcourtian not to interact with above twitter handle for any reason and mass report this handle. Kindly keep yourself away from those elements who are spreading abusive content about our Alma Mater.

Jt Secy, Alumni Association



# Congratulations

TO ALL THESE RESPECTED ALUMNI



**Dr. J.S.P. Rai (1974)**  
Life Time Award



**Dr. R.P. Singh (1975)**  
Life Time Award



**Sh. V. Udaya Bhaskar (1981)**  
Life Time Award



**Sh. Arun Kumar Singh (1988)**  
Distinguished Award



**Dr. Pulak Mohan Pandey (1993)**  
Distinguished Award



**Dr. Shishir Sinha (1993)**  
Distinguished Award



**Dr. Prakash Singh (1993)**  
Distinguished Award



**Sh. Shailendra Singh (1996)**  
Distinguished Award



**Sh. Rajnish Khare (1994)**  
Young Achiever Award



**Sh. Piyush Shukla (2006)**  
Young Achiever Award

## Prof.(Dr.) J.S.P.Rai

Branch : Plastic technology

Passing Year : 1974

Present Designation : Vice chancellor of Jaypee University of Engineering & Technology

## Mr. Varanasi Udaya Bhaskar

Branch : Plastic technology

Passing Year : 1981

Details - Former CMD of Bharath Dynamics Limited (Defense PSU) & Currently IEM at KIOCL(Steel PSU), Kundermukh Iron ore Limited, Hyderabad

## Prof. Shishir Sinha

Branch : Oil technology

Passing Year : 1993

Details : Professor and Head of Department at IIT Roorkee

## Mr Rajnish Khare

Branch : Electrical Engineering

Passing Year : 1994

Details : Head - Digital Transformation, Social Business & New Media and Mobility Banking at HDFC Bank

## Mr. Shailendra Singh

Branch : Paint technology

Passing Year : 1996

Details : Vice President at Maruti Suzuki India limited

## Dr. Rajinder Pal Singh

Branch : Oil technology

Passing Year : 1975

Details : MD of M/s RLRC Ltd Bareilly, Independent Director of M/S Rohit Surfactants, Chairman of Research committee of UP council of science and technology Lucknow

## Mr. Arun Kumar Singh

Branch : Electrical Engineering

Passing Year : 1988

Details : Chief Executive Officer, Ilantus Technologies

## Dr. Pulak Mohan Pandey

Branch : Mechanical engineering

Passing Year : 1993

Details : Professor IIT Delhi

## Dr. Prakash Singh

Branch : Mechanical Engineering

Passing Year : 1993

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