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NEWSLETTER

Alumni Association HBTI Kanpur



My Dear Harcourtians,

November is now round the corner, so we have geared up for the Annual International Alumni Meet. Given these pandemic times the challenges are also of a unique kind. But we are going to use technology and leverage it to achieve a larger participation of alumni from across the world than ever before.

Besides this 2021 is the centenary year of our alma mater and there is a lot of work that we have to do for the same.

I want to take this opportunity to request you to come forward in large numbers to join in the effort to make the next year celebrations a memorable one

Warm regards,

Balram Upadhyay
President – Alumni Association - HBTI

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History of HBTI
(Since 1921)-

Sports at HBTI

Way back in 1932, HBTI was a prominent name in Sports Circles. Teams in various sports were formed, and these teams participated in Inter-College tournaments in Kanpur, winning many of them.

Till 1963-64, the HBTI teams used to have players from both HBTI and National Sugar Institute students since NSI was operating in the same building along with HBTI. Both the institutes shared hostels too. They had a common Council of Student's Activities which organized all the sports, scientific and extra-curricular activities jointly till then. Even the annual sports meet and cultural functions were common.

Till 1963-64, HBTI also organized two inter college tournaments one, **Moolchand Khanna Badminton Tournament** and **Jaipuria Table Tennis Tournament**.

Few prominent sportsmen during those early days were -

Vijay Kumar Garg (Chemical Engg. 1966) for **Badminton**. He represented Agra University in Inter University Sports in 1964-65.

Umesh Kumar Misra (M.Tech. Applied Microbiology, 1965) for **Gymnastics**. He went on to be the winner of the All India Inter University Gymnastics Championship in 1964-65.

Vijay Kumar Gupta (B.Sc. Electrical Engg. 1973) for **Volleyball**. He played for State and Inter University Volleyball teams and also got a position in the State Athletics team too

The list could go on and on. The point here is that the tradition of extracurricular activities being an integral part of a Harcourtian's life is a legacy our seniors left for us and to whom we should ever be grateful.

(Compiled by Prashant Alekar Mechanical, 1979)

Obituary

Digvijay Singh (Civil Engineering 1997) expired due to COVID-19.

He was working as Executive Engineer in U.P. Govt.

We pray that his family get the strength to bear this untimely loss



Sakshatkaar – a New Initiative

In keeping with the long term objectives of the alumni association a new initiative called “Sakshatkaar” has been launched in the month of October 2020. The objective of this initiative is to share the achievements, learning and wisdom of accomplished alumni with the wider world of professionals.

Sakshatkaar

..... a series of conversation with illustrious Harcourtians

Episode 1

The inaugural edition of the initiative was a conversation with **Mr. Dwijendra Mathur (Oil Technology, 1977) Founder Director of Farelabs** on **11th October Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** 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 initiative has been received very well and we have had record engagement on the facebook page too. If you have missed the conversation we strongly recommend that you catch up with the recording on the facebook page.

These conversations would be livestreamed on the HBTI Alumni Association Facebook page. **Select Sundays 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (IST)** Keep following the page to get regular updates

Episode II

The second episode is a conversation with **Dr. Pulak Mohan Pandey (Mechanical, 1993) Professor at IIT Delhi** and a pioneer of 3D printing technology. The episode is scheduled between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Sunday 1st November 2020. Please mark the day on your calendars for another interesting experience

Chapter Formation Update

The association is fast expanding its footprint. In spite of the difficult situations over the past few months, chapters have consistently been added.

Approved Chapters

Gurugram, Pune, Lucknow, Bengaluru, Faridabad, Mumbai Chandigarh, Kanpur, Sikkim, Delhi, Hyderabad

Chapters yet to be approved

Jaipur, Uttarakhand, Jhansi, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Ghaziabad

Any one from these cities or any other city who would want to take a lead may please get in touch with **Rajeev Singhal (Civil, 1992) EC Member** (In charge of New Chapter Formation) at **86009 98070**

Chapter Updates

Delhi

The first online meeting of HBTI Alumni Association of Delhi Chapter was held on 19th September 2020.

The meeting was attended by Pramod Rajput, Kumar Pal Singh, Sunil Tiwari, Sanjay Rajoria, Anurag (Civil, 88), Rajendra Prasad (CS 89) Rakesh Goel (CS 90), Vivek Verma (ECE 91), Akash Agarwal (Chem 2014)

Mr. Vivek Verma proposed the launch and coordination for 100 years of HBTI commemorative postal stamp by India Post

Pune

The 13th meeting of Alumni-HBTI, Pune chapter was held on 27th Sep 2020. Neeraj Kumar briefed all about the different activities.

The Alumni association is sponsoring 9 students in FY 2021-22. One of the sponsorship is by Pune chapter and others by different batches of students and individuals. Anurag Gupta gave a snapshot on the development and growth in the HR outsourcing space.

Mr. Ravi Murthy – President emphasized on the importance of alumni connect and shared the efforts done for motivating alumni to become Life members Mr. Ashutosh Saxena gave interesting talk on the water quality management at Industrial level.

Bengaluru

Harcourtians in Bengaluru continue their work in supporting fellow Harcourtians for COVID support.

Update @ ASCPC

The ASCPC under the able aegis of **Mr. Radha Kant Jaiswal (Electronics, 1991)** is on a roll. The student's council has been hosting webinars on a range of issues by alumni and all sessions have been well taken, Here's a small report for the month of September.

The Role of Psychometric Tools & Career Coaching in one's Career

September 6, 2020. Mr. Radha Kant Jaiswal (ET, 1991)

The subject was the art & science of choosing one's career path. Radha Kant sir spoke about the role of psychometric test in making this choice scientific. He cited the Harrison's assessments to explain how psychometric tests take into account an individual's interests, work preferences and behavioral tendencies. He also focused on the importance of career coaching for the students to take the right path.

Personality & Grooming

September 20, 2020. Ms Swapnalekha Basak (EE, 1993)

The webinar, was in the form of a conversation between Respected Mr. Radha Kant Jaiswal sir and our renowned Alumnus, Ms. Swapnalekha Basak, Founder of HCS Wellness & Computer Shiksha. Not only did she enlighten the attendees with the theoretical knowledge of the topic, but also shared her personal experiences with them. She tackled some general perceptions on personality, and also discussed about passion, interests, challenges, attitude, openness to experience, capabilities, failures etc. She stated that, "It's okay to fail, but not okay to stop; and if you are uncertain, then just give it a shot!"

Planning of Higher Education

September 27, 2020. Mr. Anuraag Gupta (Leather Tech, 1993)

Planning higher education is not an easy task. It requires an immense amount of thinking to choose a suitable career path, and an equal amount of research to choose the appropriate University, course, and sometimes, even the country. In the webinar, Mr. Anuraag Gupta, CEO of Technology Staffing First Meridian Business Service revealed the strategy one should adopt while preparing for examinations like GMAT, GRE, CAT etc. He also briefed on how to get into one of the Ivy League schools. He resolved the queries put up by the students regarding other career options as well.

Reported by Pawan Sharma - 3rd Year FT, Student Secretary ASCPC, Alumni Connct

FARE Labs breaks Swiss monopoly

FARE Labs Private Limited is a leading laboratory institution of India. It is based in Gurgaon, and is promoted by Harcourtians Dwijendra Mathur (Oil Tech., 1977) and Chandra Shekhar Joshi. FARE Labs and CSIR-NPL inks a landmark agreement today for know- how licencing (technology transfer) in a ceremony at NPL Delhi today for manufacturing of "Human Tissue Equivalent Liquids" in accordance with IEEE 1528 , for SAR compliance testing of complete spectrum of telecom products and an array of IT Equipment. Human Tissue Equivalent Liquids technology and its manufacturing till date is the monopoly of only one single Swiss company in the whole world. Now, FARE Labs would be second such company which has acquired the validated and ISO approved technology for manufacturing of the Human Tissue Equivalent Liquids.

This is a joint initiative of FARE Labs and CSIR- NPL towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat journey envisioned by our

Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi. FARE Labs plans to launch the product in first week of January 2021. To facilitate its international marketing the product is already being registered with COMAR (a liaison partner with ISO) which is an international database for certified reference materials to provide Internet based information service to the customers to assist in finding the material they need.

Mr. C.S. Joshi (Chemical, 88) is seen (3rd from left) signing the MOU with the NPL



Appointments



Arun K. Singh (Electrical, 1988) joined as CEO of Ilantus Technologies, a cybersecurity company headquartered in Chicago and a leader in Identity and Access management domain. He is settled in USA and currently lives in Dallas, Texas with his wife, son & daughter. In his free time he volunteers at the Community Impact Grants Panel, United Way, advises companies and practices Yoga & Meditation.

Rajat Gupta (CS, 1997) caught up with him over a small chat with him and here is their conversation.

Please walk us through your career?

I graduated from HBTI in 1988 and ours was the first batch in Electronics Engineering. I was topper of my batch and my first company, EMA India Ltd. sponsored my Gold Medal where I joined as a Research Engineer. During those days, personal computers were catching up in a big way in India. Within 8 months, I switched to HCL Technologies as a Computer Network Engineer. I returned to HBTI in 1991 as Faculty of Engineering in the Electronics Engineering Department and got an opportunity to participate in project IMPACT sponsored Govt of India, World Bank and Swiss Development Corporation to provide technical consulting to many local industries. I also had a short stint of entrepreneurship during this period.

In 1996, I got the opportunity to join IIT Kanpur for M.Tech. program with specialization in Telecom Networks. At IITK, I took a few courses on cryptography that inspired me very much. At that time, I never knew that it would go on to be my career focus! After completing post-graduation, I joined Infosys and started a focused group on cybersecurity as part of the eCommerce division. I worked with their Education & Research department and published many research papers on cybersecurity in national & international forums. That was the time when many regulations like SOX, HIPAA, PCI etc were coming up in the world and security was becoming a hot topic for clients globally. Wipro was able to spot this trend and offered me the opportunity to lead their security practice which was a small group of only 30 - 40 professionals at that time.

I worked at Wipro for about 10 years and grew that team to 4000+ cybersecurity professionals globally and established Wipro as a strong global player in the security space. My success at Wipro, got attention of many global companies and I was picked up by Accenture in 2011 to join their Global leadership team as Managing Director. At Accenture, I built a new line of business on Managed Security Services and grew it from scratch to \$350M+ in a short span of time

As the business at Accenture gained maturity, I started looking for more exciting and entrepreneurial experience which came in the form of a Partnership role at Ernst & Young LLP. I joined EY in 2016 as America's Risk Advisory leader and a Principal/ Partner to build and lead their "Cybersecurity-as-a-Service" business. After working for about 4 years in this highly recognized company in a very stable role, I decided to get out of my comfort zone and take the next level of challenge in my life. This prompted me to join ILANTUS Technologies as their global CEO and Board Member. I am currently leading this global cybersecurity company with full passion and taking them through an accelerated growth journey.

Tell us about your days HBTI

It was a unique situation with me to have the opportunity to experience HBTI as a student and also as a faculty member. During my student life, I was a day scholar so did not get a chance to enjoy hostel life. That gap was partially filled in later when I played the role of Warden for Lake View Hostels when I joined HBTI as faculty. I got a chance to observe it closely and created many stories at that time.

Most of the students at HBTI, including myself, come from a middle class, humble background and I was highly impressed by their hunger to learn and passion to achieve higher goals in life. As a faculty, I always admired how much respect each student at HBTI offered to the teachers. Even after 25 years of leaving HBTI, I receive heartfelt messages from my former students and am in several of their WhatsApp groups. The culture and value of Harcourtian is truly admirable and I think it is the best in the world!!

What would be your advice to younger alumni?

Every day I wake up with a passion to relentlessly pursue excellence so that we can create a difference in the world. I got this passion from my days in India and especially during my formative years at HBTI. By living my purpose every day, I actively build the world I imagine - a world in which people are encouraged to reframe their mindset to navigate higher expectations. I would encourage each of my fellow Harcourtian to join me in the pursuit of excellence in whatever you do in your daily life.

Applying for Life Membership

From Alumni Portal

1. Go to Alumni Portal
<https://www.alumnihbti.com>
2. Register yourself if not done earlier
3. Login with your email Id / password. It will pop-up a page to become life member. (You can also see life member status from profile section)
4. Make life membership payment through debit card / credit card / UPI
5. You will receive Life membership receipt within 7-12 working days, once payment is received from bank

From Mobile App

1. Download HBTI Alumni Connect Mobile App from Google Play / Apple Store
2. Register yourself if not already done.
3. Login with your email ID / password. On login, from main menu, choose Life Membership option.
4. Make life membership payment through debit card / credit card / UPI
5. You will receive Life membership receipt within 7-12 working days, once payment is received from bank.

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