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Welcome to ‘**Threads of Legacy**’ the captivating magazine specially crafted to honor the illustrious journey of the esteemed alumni on this momentous occasion of alumni day. The title reflects an enduring fabric that connects Alumni to their Alma mater, weaving the past, present, and future into a powerful narrative of unity and growth. Alumni serve as living bridges between generations, passing on wisdom, experiences, and values that continue to enrich the institution and its community. Every alumnus carries with them the heritage of their alma mater, a rich tapestry of shared memories, challenges overcome and milestones achieved.

As you delve into the pages of ‘Threads of Legacy’ you will find it to be a testament to the enduring value of the education ALUMNI received and the lasting impact they have made, both within our college community and in the broader world. This magazine celebrates milestones together with Alumni gathering-weather reunions, cultural festivals or milestone celebrations-rekindling the bonds between peers and the institution. These events become a celebration of achievements, a moment to reflect on the journey so far, and a reminder of the collective power of the alumni community. Lifelong bonds between Alumni and their Alma Mater is never ending. It evolves with time, yet remains rooted in a deep sense of belonging.

The ‘Threads of Legacy’ ensure that Legacy is more than what we leave behind; it is the enduring thread that weaves through time, connecting generations. It is built not only on grand accomplishments but also on the quiet moments of kindness, resilience, and purpose that shape our lives and those around us. A legacy isn’t confined to wealth or fame but is reflected in the values we instill, the dreams we inspire, and the lives we touch.

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PROF. NARAYANA PRASAD PADHY

**Director
MNIT Jaipur**

Dear Alumni, Readers, and the Entire MNIT Jaipur Family! Greetings and Warm Wishes. I am delighted to share my thoughts as we come together to celebrate Alumni Day 2024, a day that resonates deeply with the heart and soul of our institution. This occasion is not just an annual gathering, but a reaffirmation of the shared experiences, achievements, and dreams that bind us all together as a family of MNIT Jaipur.

It brings me immense joy to extend a warm welcome to the Golden Jubilee and Silver Jubilee batches, whose return to their Alma Mater is a reflection of the enduring bonds that go beyond time. These milestones symbolize the essence of lifelong friendships and the transformative power of education that MNIT Jaipur instills.

Over the decades, MNIT Jaipur has been established as a vibrant hub of innovation, excellence, and resilience. Our alumni have carried the torch of this legacy across continents, impacting diverse domains with their brilliance, creativity, and leadership. From cutting-edge technological advancements to impactful social contributions, they have shown the world what it means to be a part of this great institution.

One of MNIT Jaipur's greatest strengths lies in the resolute spirit of its alumni, who continue to give back generously to their Alma Mater. Their contributions be it through mentorship, scholarships, knowledge sharing, or financial support reflect not just gratitude but also a forward-looking vision. These efforts ensure that the next generation of MNITians has access to even greater opportunities and resources to thrive. I encourage each alumnus to explore ways to engage with the institution. Together, we can amplify MNIT Jaipur's impact on the world stage. Every contribution, big or small, holds the potential to create lasting change. This edition of Alumni Times includes detailed opportunities for engagement.

As we unveil the 11th edition of Alumni Times, thoughtfully titled "Threads of Legacy." This edition weaved the incredible stories of our alumni, whose accomplishments in fields ranging from technology, science, and entrepreneurship to public service, and beyond illustrate the transformative education and values instilled at MNIT Jaipur. Their journeys remind us of the shared aspirations that unite us, reinforcing our commitment to excellence and community.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the ALCOM Team (Alumni Committee) and the MNIT Jaipur Alumni Association. Your dedication to building connections and engaging the alumni network is truly commendable. A special note of thanks goes to the editorial team of Alumni Times for their exceptional creativity and hard work in bringing this edition into our hands. Your efforts have captured the spirit of MNIT Jaipur and the inspiring journeys of its alumni.

Finally, I send my warmest and most heartfelt wishes to each one of you. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2025 that ushers in peace, prosperity, and boundless opportunities. May the coming year be a chapter of growth, fulfilment, and success, filled with moments of celebration and shared triumphs.



PROF. DILIP SHARMA

Dean International and Alumni Affairs
MNIT Jaipur

Warm greetings to all our esteemed alumni, readers, and colleagues. It is a privilege to share my thoughts through the eleventh edition of Alumni Times, titled “Threads of Legacy.” This magazine beautifully weaves together the inspiring stories of our alumni, showcasing their unique journeys, diverse experiences, and remarkable achievements. Together, these tales inherit from the rich tapestry of MNIT Jaipur’s enduring legacy.

This year, as we celebrate Alumni Day 2024, we are delighted to welcome the Golden Jubilee entry batch and the Silver Jubilee passout batch. This special occasion is more than just a reunion. It is a celebration of unbroken bonds, shared memories, and the profound joy of reconnecting with old friends and reliving cherished moments.

As time progresses, we continue to strengthen and advance our efforts in building alumni relations. We have revamped our Alumni Portal on the MNIT Jaipur website, a user-friendly platform designed to keep alumni updated and provide a seamless registration process. We also celebrate our alumni’s remarkable accomplishments across various domains through our LinkedIn page and other social media platforms, ensuring their perseverance and success are acknowledged and celebrated.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the ALCOM Team (Alumni Committee) and the MNIT Jaipur Alumni Association for their relentless dedication to this endeavour. A special appreciation goes to the editorial team for their creativity and hard work in bringing this magazine in front of you, capturing the essence of our alumni’s transformative journeys and their live-through connection to MNIT Jaipur.

As you explore this edition, may it fill you with pride and nostalgia, reminding us all of the vibrant community that continues to grow and thrive.

In the end, I want to share my warmest wishes with each one of you. I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. May the coming year bring abundant joy, success, and happiness to you and your loved ones.



DR. PAWAN KALLA

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नमस्कार साथियों सादर अभिवादन।

मालवीय राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान जयपुर में हम आप सभी का हार्दिक स्वागत करते हैं, अभिनंदन करते हैं। यहां आए सभी शिक्षकों का 1974 गोल्डन जुबली और 1999 सिल्वर जुबली बैच के सभी साथियों का, जो संस्थान के अनुरोध पर आज यहां उपस्थित हैं, आप सभी को धन्यवाद देता हूँ आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ आपका यहां होना संस्थान के प्रति आपके गहरे प्रेम और निष्ठा को दर्शाता है।

बरसों बाद कॉलेज आना दोस्तों से मिलना और पुरानी बातें याद करना साथ उठना – बैठना, हँसना – खेलना, लड़ना – झगड़ना, मन एक बार फिर उन बीती यादों में खो जाता है और बीते प्रत्येक क्षण को जी भर के जी लेता है। संस्थान में बिताया गया समय जीवन का एक महत्वपूर्ण चरण है। यहां पता चलता है कि शिक्षा क्या है? शिक्षित होना क्या है? क्या बड़ी बड़ी डिग्री हासिल करना है? क्या ऊँचे पद पर बैठ जाना है? क्या धनी होना है? शिक्षित वही है जिसने अपने आस पास दूसरे के जीवन को सुगम बनाना सीख लिया हो, जिसने दूसरे के रास्ते के काँटों को साफ करना सीख लिया हो, जिसने परोपकार करना सीख लिया हो। हमेशा की तरह इस बार अपने सन्देश के साथ एक छोटी सी कहानी आपके साथ साझा कर रहा हूँ। किसी घने जंगल में एक फकीर रहता था। एक तूफानी रात किसी व्यक्ति ने फकीर की कुटिया का दरवाजा खटखटाया व अंदर आने के लिए विनती करने लगा। फकीर ने तुरंत दरवाजा खोल दिया। अंदर आकर वह फकीर को धन्यवाद देने लगा। थोड़ी देर बाद किसी दूसरे व्यक्ति ने दरवाजा खटखटाया। कुटिया में पहले से मौजूद व्यक्ति ने फकीर को दरवाजा न खोलने की सलाह दी। लेकिन फकीर ने कहा कि यह कोई राजा का महल नहीं है। जहां के दरवाजे सबके लिए बंद रहते हैं यह गरीब की कुटिया है और इसके दरवाजे सबके लिए खुले हैं। फकीर ने दूसरे व्यक्ति को अंदर आने दिया। दोनों ने अपना समय एक दूसरे से बात करके बिताने की सोची। अभी थोड़ा समय ही बीता था कि फिर किसी ने दरवाजे पर दस्तक दी भीतर पहले आए हुए दोनों लोगों ने कुटिया में जगह कम होने का हवाला देकर दरवाजा न खोलने की सलाह दी फकीर उनसे यह कहता है कि यदि मैंने दरवाजा न खोलने की सलाह मान ली होती तो आप दोनों भी इस समय कुटिया में नहीं होते। और फिर दरवाजे पर कोई और नहीं है वह मेरा गधा शेकों है और गधों से भी इंसानों सा व्यवहार करना हमारी आदत है दरवाजा खुलता है और शेकों को बड़े आदर के साथ कुटिया के अंदर ले लिया जाता है। फकीर कहता है जिंदगी एक रात की ही तो बात है जो है उसे साझा कर लो। कहानी फकीर के शिक्षित होने का सन्देश दे रही है। आप भी अगर कुछ साझा करना चाहते हैं तो संस्थान में पढ़ रहे गरीब छात्रों के लिए छात्रवृत्ति दे सकते हैं किसी प्रयोगशाला को उसकी लागत या उससे अधिक राशि स्पोंसर कर उसे अपना नाम दे सकते हैं खेल कूद की व्यवस्थाएं विकसित कर सकते हैं संस्थान में प्रस्तावित किसी भी प्रोजेक्ट जैसे कि हॉस्टल, प्रयोगशाला आदि को बनाने के लिए सहयोग कर सकते हैं एलुमनाई कार्पस फण्ड में सहयोग कर सकते हैं। इस फण्ड में दी गयी राशि पर इनकम टैक्स के नियम 80 G के तहत छूट भी मिलती है।

संस्थान के पूर्व छात्रों को समर्पित एलुमनाई टाइम्स के ग्यारहवें संस्करण के प्रकाशन पर आप सभी को, मैग्जीन टीम को हार्दिक बधाई देता हूँ। एक बार पुनः आप सभी का यहां आने पर धन्यवाद देता हूँ संस्थान के निदेशक प्रो. नारायण प्रसाद पाढ़ी, डीन प्रो. दिलीप शर्मा, जयपुर एलुमनाई एसोसिएशन के प्रेजिडेंट डॉक्टर आशीष दत्त शर्मा, सेक्रेटरी श्री महेंद्र मीणा, एलुमनाई एसोसिएशन की टीम के सभी सदस्य मेरे युवा साथियों ALCOM की टीम का हृदय से आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ आप सभी के सम्मिलित प्रयासों से ALUMNI DAY 2024 को आयोजित किया जा सका। आप सभी के उज्ज्वल भविष्य के लिए अनंत शुभकामनाओं के साथ क्रिसमिस और नव वर्ष 2025 पर आप सभी को हार्दिक बधाई, धन्यवाद।



DR. ASHISH DUTT SHARMA

**President
MNIT JAA**

Greetings and warm wishes to all members of the MNIT Jaipur family.

I am truly delighted to communicate with you through the 11th edition of AluMNITimes, our Alumni Magazine. This publication serves as a bridge, showcasing the latest developments at MNIT and highlighting the achievements.

MNIT play a pivotal role in shaping India's future by nurturing leaders who are well-equipped to address the nation's challenges. Through the dedication and innovation of its students, faculty, and alumni, MNIT has helped propel India towards progress, while consistently striving for excellence in education and research.

Founded in 1963, MNIT has witnessed a transformative journey, evolving from a Regional Engineering College to an Institute of National Importance. This journey, marked by both subtle and significant changes, reflects the institution's resilience and growth. Yet, the core of MNIT, as with any institution, remains its people—its students, faculty, and alumni.

The evolution of alumni associations has played a crucial role in fostering a strong connection between academic life and professional careers. The alumni network helps recent graduates navigate the challenges of the competitive professional world, while providing a sense of community and support.

One of the most anticipated events is the alumni meet, where we have the opportunity to reconnect with batchmates, seniors, juniors, and faculty. It's a time to share memories, exchange experiences, and celebrate the legacy of our beloved institution. I look forward to seeing alumni from all corners of the world come together, reliving the golden moments of their time at MNIT. It's a chance for nostalgia, a moment to reconnect with the youthful energy of our college days, and a unique opportunity to network with alumni from diverse fields.

The MNIT Jaipur Alumni Association has always been a vibrant platform for fostering mutually beneficial interactions between students and alumni, and for facilitating collaborations with various industries. It continues to be an active force in linking the Institute with the professional world, ensuring that both current and former students benefit from these relationships.

Under the able leadership of our Director, Prof. N.P. Padhy, MNIT has experienced remarkable growth and has emerged as one of the top technical institutions in the country. This achievement is a testament to the vision, commitment, and go-getter attitude of Prof. N.P. Padhy.

As the President of the MNIT Jaipur Alumni Association, I am honored to welcome the batches of 1974 (Golden Jubilee) and 1999/2000 Arch. (Silver Jubilee) as the celebrated alumni of 2024. Your contributions have laid a strong foundation for future generations, and we celebrate your continued success.

I also want to extend my congratulations to the Editorial Team for their outstanding efforts in publishing this 11th edition of AluMNITimes. Your hard work has once again provided us with an excellent platform to stay connected and informed.



MAHENDRA MEENA

General Secretary
MNIT JAA

Dear Alumni and Members of the MNIT Fraternity,

It is with immense pride and joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1974 Entry and the Silver Jubilee Batch of 1999 Passout as we gather to celebrate their remarkable milestones. These occasions are a testament to the rich legacy and enduring spirit of our alma mater, which has shaped countless lives and continues to inspire generations of students.

This 11th edition of our alumni magazine, Alumnitimes, is dedicated to honouring the incredible journeys and achievements of these illustrious batches. Through these pages, we celebrate not only their individual and collective accomplishments but also their unwavering connection to MNIT, which has remained a cornerstone of their lives.

Under the visionary leadership of our Chairman MNIT JAA and Director MNIT Jaipur, Shri N. P. Padhy ji, our institute is poised to shine even brighter on the global stage. His guidance and commitment to excellence are steering MNIT Jaipur toward new heights, and we are proud to contribute to this shared journey of growth and innovation.

At MNITJAA, we are devoted to fostering meaningful connections among our global alumni network. Our initiatives unite MNITians worldwide, creating platforms for collaboration, mentorship, and support. Whether it is professional guidance, opportunities for networking, or assistance during challenging times, MNITJAA remains steadfast in its mission to empower both alumni and current students.

I am deeply grateful to all our alumni for staying connected, contributing to the betterment of our alma mater, and uplifting the MNIT fraternity. Your unwavering support strengthens the bond between our alumni and the institute, creating a thriving ecosystem of collaboration and growth.

A special note of gratitude goes to the Alumnitimes editorial team for their dedication and hard work in publishing this 10th edition. Your efforts ensure that the stories and achievements of our alumni are preserved and celebrated, further strengthening the ties within our community.

As we celebrate these milestones, let us also recommit ourselves to the shared vision of building a stronger, more united alumni network. Together, we can continue to empower students, advance our institute's standing, and create a legacy that endures for generations to come.

To the Golden and Silver Jubilee batches, this celebration is a reflection of the extraordinary journeys you have undertaken and the inspiration you continue to provide. May this occasion serve as a cherished moment

FACULTY COORDINATOR



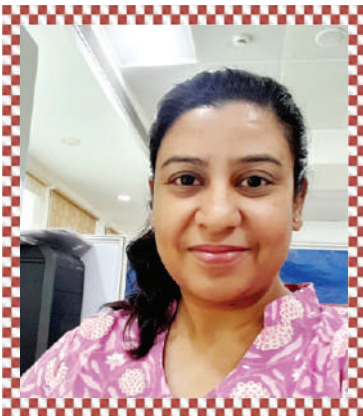
DR. MAKKHAN LAL MEENA

It's an absolute delight to present the 11th edition of Alumni Times! This issue is a testament to passion, perseverance, and the incredible magic that unfolds when visionary minds come together. I extend my deepest thanks to Prof. Narayana Prasad Padhy, BoG Chairman & Director, MNIT Jaipur for his persistent inspiration. I would also like to thank Prof. Dilip Sharma, Dean (IAA) for his invaluable support and remarkable guidance.



DR. AAKANSHA KATARIA

It is my immense pleasure to present the 11th edition of Alumni Times, a testament to the creativity, collaboration, and dedication within our community. Every page reflects inspiring stories and shared accomplishments. I extend heartfelt gratitude to our editorial team, faculty, and the Dean I&AA for their invaluable contributions—special thanks to Prof. Narayana Prasad Padhy and Prof. Dilip Sharma for their guidance and support.



KIRTI PAREEK

Alumni Relation Officer

The journey of creating Alumni Times Threads of Legacy has been one of dedication, Teamwork, and passion. This magazine reflects the collective efforts of many, and its success would not have been possible without the guidance and support of Prof. Narayana Prasad Padhy, BoG Chairman & Director, MNIT Jaipur, and Prof. Dilip Sharma, Dean (IAA).

Alumni Times is more than just a magazine it is a celebration of our legacy and a bridge connecting the past, present, and future of our alumni community.



DR. UPENDRA PANDEL

Professor
Department of Metallurgical and Materials
Engineering

“Hard work, honesty, respect, mutual support, and genuine appreciation for one another are fundamental values. Most importantly, nurturing a mindset of continuous learning and growth should always be the top priority.”

My name is Upendra Pandel, and I am a Professor in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering at MNIT (Malaviya National Institute of Technology). I joined this institute in 1978 when it was known as MREC (Malaviya Regional Engineering College) to pursue a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. I was also selected for Mechanical Engineering at BITS Pilani, but I chose MREC because of its strong legacy. I have never regretted my decision to pursue Metallurgical Engineering, especially as it was a five-year program at that time. During those years, the bond between seniors and juniors was strong, and there was immense respect for the teachers. At that time, the institute had only four branches, but over the years, MNIT has made significant progress, both in terms of infrastructure and academic growth. The number of students has increased from around 200-250 to over 5000, and the institute is now recognized not only in India but also internationally.

Q1. What motivated you to transition from working in Hindustan Zinc Limited to joining your alma mater as a faculty member?

During my time at MREC, I learned many valuable lessons, with discipline being one of the most impactful. After completing my degree in 1983, I began my professional journey at Hindustan Zinc Limited. However, I felt a strong desire to give back to my alma mater and joined as a faculty member in 1993. Over the years, I progressed to the position of professor and witnessed the Metallurgical Engineering Department grow significantly, particularly in terms of infrastructure and resources.

Q2. Besides academics, what life skills should students focus on for long-term success?

In today's highly competitive world, mental strength is crucial for success in placements and interviews. Sports should be a key part of your life, teaching valuable lessons in teamwork, leadership, and

resilience. Practices like meditation can enhance focus and mental clarity. Additionally, staying updated with the latest tools and technologies in your field is essential. Building the stamina for long work hours requires physical fitness, so balance work with health to avoid adverse effects. Prioritizing both professional growth and personal well-being is vital for sustained success.

Q3. What is your success mantra?

Hard work, honesty, respect, mutual support, and appreciation for each other are essential values. Above all, the willingness to continuously learn and grow should always remain a priority. These principles pave the way for both personal and professional success. I bless students to achieve their fullest potential and encourage them to stay updated with the latest advancements and knowledge in their fields.



PROF. RAKESH JAIN

Professor

Department of Mechanical Engineering

“Life is not merely a pursuit of career success; it is the journey of embracing its vast, multifaceted nature. A fulfilling life arises when we balance work with the exploration of art, music, travel, and meaningful experiences. These pursuits breathe depth into our existence, reminding us that without them, life becomes a narrow, monotonous path. To live fully is to weave together work and creativity, joy and discovery, creating a rich tapestry that reflects the true essence of being.”

I began my journey at MREC (now MNIT) in 1981, enrolling in the five-year engineering program, where admissions were based solely on board exam merit. With a 10th rank in Rajasthan, I chose Mechanical Engineering after the first nine opted for Civil. I completed my degree in 1986 with Honors, securing over 70%. After which, I joined MNIT as a Teaching Assistant and while working I cleared the Indian Engineering Services (IES) exam with an all-India rank of 65, and joined the Military Engineering Services, but still chose to stay at MNIT. In 1987, I was promoted to Lecturer, and later pursued postgraduate studies at NITI (now IIM Mumbai) and a PhD from Liverpool Business School, UK. I have served in various roles at MNIT, including Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (2011-2015), IIIT Kota Coordinator, and Dean of Alumni and International Affairs. Currently, I am the Professor-in-Charge for Training and Placement, focusing on shaping students' careers.

Q1. What motivates you to keep going?

Teaching is a noble calling that offers the freedom to inspire, create, and shape the future. Educators carry the profound responsibility of moulding young minds, instilling values, and fostering skills that shape humanity. The power to ignite curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and influence the next generation is deeply motivating. Teaching allows for meaningful impact - one student, one idea, one moment at a time - making it more than a career; it is a lifelong passion.

Q2. Any incident you consider to be a turning point in your life?

Teaching has always been my true calling, but a pivotal moment during my internship at Mahindra and Mahindra solidified my path. Interacting with workers, I realized my managerial approach didn't resonate with them, leading me to question if

corporate life was right for me. Faced with a choice between Indian Engineering Services and teaching, I chose teaching for its alignment with my values integrity, stability, and making a lasting impact. Unlike the corporate world, teaching is free from corruption and frequent transfers, offering a noble way to contribute meaningfully to society.

Q3. What message would you like to give to younger MNITIANS?

Life is about more than just building a career; it's about embracing its many dimensions. While a career is important, a fulfilling life requires exploring music, expressing yourself through art, traveling, and collecting unique experiences. These pursuits add depth and meaning, preventing life from becoming isolated and monotonous. A balanced life combines work with creativity, exploration, and joy.



DR. GUNJAN SONI

Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical Engineering

“Success isn’t about never failing; it’s about learning, growing, and showing up every day. Failures are lessons, not defeats, and each step forward—no matter how small—brings you closer to your goals. Remember, resilience and determination pave the way to greatness. Keep going, keep believing, and never underestimate your strength to rise.”

Q1. Can you share a college experience that took you out of your comfort zone?

One of the most transformative experiences for me during my college days was getting involved in sports activities. Initially, I was a reserved person who preferred to stay within my comfort zone, focusing solely on academics and personal pursuits. However, stepping onto the sports field changed that. The discipline and teamwork inherent in sports taught me how to handle pressure, celebrate collective victories, and gracefully accept defeats. Beyond the physical benefits, it helped me connect with people on a deeper level, making me more approachable and frank in my interactions.

Q2. How was the transition from college to the professional world? What challenges did you face?

As an associate professor, I remain immersed in the campus environment, surrounded by student’s energy and desire for knowledge. I feel like a lifelong learner alongside my students. However, being on the other side of the classroom presents challenges, particularly in engaging students effectively. Each class requires creativity, empathy, and effort to keep everyone motivated and involved. This ongoing challenge drives my growth as both an educator and a learner, making my professional journey an extension of my student life where learning never stops.

Q3. How do you handle workplace stress and anxiety at this stage of your career?

At this stage of my career, I don’t feel workplace stress or anxiety because I truly enjoy what I do. Teaching has always been more than just a job for me—it’s a passion. My interest in teaching began back in my second year of college when I started giving tuition. I discovered how fulfilling it was to help others learn and grow, and that experience ignited a love for teaching. Since then, I’ve made teaching my profession, and it’s something I genuinely look forward to every day. When you do what you love, work doesn’t feel like pressure—it becomes a source of joy and fulfillment.

Q4. What skills should colleges teach to better prepare students for the real world?

Colleges should focus on making education more application-based rather than purely theoretical. While the current structure provides a strong foundation, it often lacks opportunities for students to connect their learning to real-world scenarios. Practical exposure, hands-on projects, and industry-relevant skills are essential to bridge the gap between academia and the professional world. When students learn how to apply their knowledge effectively, they not only understand concepts better but also gain the confidence to tackle real-world challenges with creativity and critical thinking.



DR. VIVEKANAND

Assistant Professor
Center for Energy and Environment,

“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.” – Jim Rohn
This quote emphasizes that discipline is crucial for effectively managing time and achieving success, while good health is foundational to maintaining the energy and focus needed for consistent effort.

I'm Dr. Vivekanand, currently serving as an Assistant Professor at the Center for Energy and Environment, MNIT Jaipur, since 2015. I am also an Associate Dean(digital outreach) in MNIT Jaipur. I hold a Ph.D. in Biotechnology from IIT Roorkee. Before joining MNIT Jaipur, I spent seven years in Europe as a senior scientist and postdoctoral fellow. I returned to India under the prestigious Ramalingaswamy Re-entry Fellowship, a flagship program of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India. This fellowship paved the way for my current role at MNIT Jaipur. Additionally, I have been recognized among the top 2% of scientists worldwide since 2021

Q1. What guiding principles lead to your success?

The core of my success lies in service and gratitude. Despite opportunities to settle abroad, I chose to return to India out of responsibility and gratitude for the support I received through scholarships. My goal is to give back, serve the country, and bring joy to student's learning journeys. Seeing a student smile because of my efforts makes it all worthwhile. I advise students to limit social media use to fixed times, such as 30 minutes in the morning and evening, and focus on meaningful activities, friendships, and skill-building. Success is defined by achievements and contributions, not social media likes. Focus on growth and create a lasting legacy.

Q2. What should college students prioritize to achieve growth and success?

Students should focus on effective time management and maintaining good health to succeed in any field. Organizing activities within limited time is crucial, and staying physically fit through regular exercise is equally important.

Strong communication and leadership skills are also essential achieving a high CGPA is valuable, but without clear communication, much knowledge is wasted. Practice presentations to build confidence, and take initiative in leadership roles. By developing these skills, students can overcome obstacles and achieve significant success in life.

Q3. What advice would you give to students for managing stress?

In my view, workplace stress shouldn't be a major concern in academic environments like NITs and IITs, where students have access to necessary facilities and support. With parents handling financial aspects and institutes providing essential services, students should focus on their studies and careers to avoid stress. Stress often arises from distractions and not concentrating on goals. While personal challenges can occur, students should seek support from available resources like counseling and faculty.



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ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION

Heartfelt Gratitude to the 1973 Batch for Their Generous Contribution.

Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur, is proud and deeply humbled to acknowledge the noble gesture of the 1973 batch, who have collectively donated approximately Rs. 18 lakh to procure a new ambulance. This initiative stands as a testament to their enduring connection with the institute and their unwavering commitment to serving society.

A Heartfelt Contribution from the 1994 Batch: Advancing Sports at MNIT Jaipur.

Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur proudly acknowledges the generous contribution of approximately Rs. 67 lakh by the 1994 batch towards the construction of badminton courts under the Sports Complex initiative.

The MNIT family extends its heartfelt gratitude to the 1994 batch for their unwavering support and vision. This contribution will leave a lasting legacy, inspiring others to join hands in nurturing excellence and well-being on campus.

A Heartfelt Contribution by the 1976 Batch to MNIT Jaipur

MNIT Jaipur extends its deepest gratitude to the 1976 batch for their generous contribution of Rs. 6.50 lakh to the MNIT Alumni Corpus Fund. This noble gesture has been dedicated to establishing a scholarship in the name of their batch, aimed at supporting deserving students in their academic pursuits. On behalf of the MNIT family, we thank the 1976 batch for their thoughtful initiative and for continuing to uphold the legacy of giving back. Their support will undoubtedly make a lasting impact on the lives of many students.

A Generous Contribution Towards Education: Heartfelt Thanks to Prof. APS Rathore

Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur extends its heartfelt gratitude to Prof. APS Rathore, a faculty alumnus, for underprivileged students. MNIT Jaipur





appreciates the thoughtful initiative of Prof. APS Rathore for his unparalleled dedication and contribution to creating a brighter and more inclusive future for the youth.

Heartfelt Gratitude for Lifelong Commitment: A Remarkable Initiative

MNIT Jaipur extends its deepest gratitude to the esteemed faculty members and well-wishers who have committed to making a lifelong monthly contribution towards the betterment of our institution and its community. This noble initiative reflects a profound sense of responsibility and a spirit of giving back, aiming to impact countless lives. On behalf of the entire MNIT Jaipur community, we applaud your generosity and dedication. Together, we are building a legacy of compassion and service that will inspire future generations. Thank you for making a difference and upholding the true spirit of MNIT Jaipur.

A heartfelt thank you to our alumni, whose contributions ranging from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 11,000 have significantly supported. The generosity of 6-10 alumni in coming together for this noble cause reflects the spirit of compassion and responsibility that defines the MNIT Jaipur community. Alumni like you set an inspiring example of giving back and bringing positive change. We deeply appreciate your contributions and your continued connection with MNIT Jaipur.

MNIT Jaipur extends its heartfelt appreciation to our esteemed faculty alumni who have consistently contributed every month to support various initiatives. With more than 10 faculty alumni coming forward to make regular contributions, We are deeply grateful for your continued support and for setting an exemplary standard of giving back to MNIT Jaipur. If you wish to contribute, please find the details on the magazine's last page. Your generous support will help us continue our efforts to improve and serve the community, enabling us to undertake more impactful initiatives. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for considering supporting MNIT Jaipur and participating in our mission to create positive change.

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GLIMPSES OF ALUMNI DAY 2023

The Alumni Day 2023 was organized by MNIT Jaipur and MNITJAA on 25th December 2023 at Central lawn, to felicitate the institute's Golden jubilee (1973-1978) and Silver jubilee (1994-1998) batch.





Prof. N.P. Padhy, Director and Chairman (I/C) of MNIT Jaipur, Prof. Rakesh Jain, Dean International and Alumni affairs MNIT Jaipur, Er. Devraj Solanki, President MNITJAA, Dr. Ashish Dutt Sharma, along with Batch Co-ordinator of the Golden jubilee batch Mr. Mahendra Khurana, Batch Co-ordinator of the Silver jubilee batch Atul Godghate, and Dr. Nand Kumar, Associate dean Alumni affairs, gave a heart-warming welcome to the Alumni's and their families. The retired faculty of the institute was also felicitated and honoured with a shawl in recognition of their years of dedicated service to an academic institution.

ALUMNI AWARDS 2023 REPORT

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony 2023 was organized by MNIT Jaipur on December 24, 2023, at Neeti Sabhagar, MNIT Jaipur to felicitate the inspiring alumni of the institute.

Director and Chairman Prof. N.P. Padhy, MNIT Jaipur, Prof. Rakesh Jain, Dean International and Alumni Affairs, MNIT Jaipur, Sh. Vishwas Jain and Prof. Upender Pandel HoD Metallurgy and Engineering welcomed the esteemed alumni present. MNIT Jaipur felicitated 16 awardees out of 19 nominees. The Alumni Award 2023 were classified into five different categories.



MNIT Lifetime Achievement Award: Nanua Singh (1971 batch), Chandra Sekhar (1983 batch), Mahendra Kumar Banthia (1974), Jagadish Mishra (1973), Heeralal Samariya (1982). Distinguished Alumni Award: Sanjay Sharma (1988), Ravindra Jain (1985), Yash Lala (1988), Snjeev Seth (1987), Naresh Thadhani (1979), Praveen Kumar (1987) Om Prakash Yadav (1986), Seema Agarwal (1987), Ravinder Bhakar (1998) Natarajan Raman (2003). Prof. V Srinivasan Memorial Award: Subhash C. Gupta (1986), Young Achiever's Award: Bharat Gwalani (2010), Anish Modi (2008), Abhishek Mishra (2009).

CONVOCATION 2024



The Eighteenth Convocation of Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur was held on 18th September 2024 at the Open Air Theatre. A total of 79 Doctoral degrees, 805 Bachelor's degrees, 477 Master's degrees, and 20 Gold Medals were awarded, with 29% of degrees going to female students.

The ceremony was attended by Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji, Hon'ble President of India, who delivered the Convocation Address, alongside Shri. Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde Ji, Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan, and Shri. Bhajan Lal Sharma Ji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

A historic 915 placements were achieved last year, with a highest package of ₹64 LPA offered to a female UG student. The Director's Outstanding Gold Medal was awarded for the first time to a female student for excellence in academics, extracurriculars, and sports.





GOLDEN MEMORIES

“The golden memories of college are like chapters in a beautifully written book—filled with laughter, dreams, and moments that defined who we are. They remind us of the sleepless nights chasing deadlines, the endless laughter shared with friends, the first taste of independence, and the bonds that time and distance can never break. These memories are the heartbeats of our youth, a treasure trove we carry forever, reminding us of the joy, growth, and unshakable friendships that shaped our journey.”



ARUN BEHAL

1974-1979 Batch

“A strong foundation is essential, but true growth comes from a deep understanding of concepts—not just for exams, but for life. Let challenges be your teachers, and remain committed to your work. Compete not with others, but with yourself, striving for continuous improvement. When driven by purpose, success becomes a natural byproduct of your evolution.”

I am Arun Behal, an alumnus of MNIT Jaipur, class of 1979. During my final year in 1978, I was selected for the Indian Navy under the University Entry Scheme, which was a significant turning point in my life. Back then, engineering courses lasted five years, so I completed my degree in 1979 and joined the Navy formally in February 1980. My career in the Indian Navy spanned 38.5 years, where I served as a technical officer. Four years into my service, I pursued my MTech in radar communication from IIT Delhi, further advancing my technical expertise. Over the years, I ascended through the ranks, ultimately retiring as a Vice Admiral in August 2018. Reaching the rank of Vice Admiral, especially in a highly structured and competitive hierarchy like the Navy, is a matter of great pride. The higher you climb, the narrower the pyramid becomes, and I was fortunate to serve at the pinnacle of my profession.

Q1. What role did MNIT play in shaping your career and personality?

MNIT played a foundational role in shaping my life and career. It provided me with a strong academic foundation, which proved instrumental in navigating the challenges of my professional journey. The education at MNIT emphasized a deep understanding of concepts, rather than rote learning, which has stayed with me even after 40 years. This strong base made it easier to tackle new challenges and excel in diverse roles throughout my career. I often tell students that if you truly understand what you learn, it becomes a lifelong asset.

Q2. What motivated you to stay dedicated and achieve such heights in your career?

The greatest motivation was the sense of service to the nation. In the Navy, every task, no matter how big or small, contributes to the larger goal of

protecting and serving the country. Knowing that my work made a difference to the nation's security and progress inspired me every single day. Beyond that, I was driven by a desire to excel in my role, be it maintaining complex radar systems, managing weapons, or leading teams. This combination of personal dedication and a sense of national duty kept me motivated throughout my career.

Q3. Any final message for MNIT students?

MNIT provides a strong foundation—make the most of it. Focus on building a deep understanding of concepts, not just for exams but for life. Stay true to your work, and don't let short-term challenges discourage you. Compete with yourself, aim for continuous improvement, and always keep a sense of purpose in whatever you do. Success will naturally follow.



MANISHA SHAH

1974-1979 Batch

“Let your work speak for itself. Face challenges with a positive attitude, explore passions beyond academics and develop strong hobbies. Approach problems with honesty, clear vision, and confidence. Focus on solutions, avoid distractions, and prioritize personal growth over peer pressure. Practical implementation of knowledge is key to success.”

Q1. Can you share a college experience that took you out of your comfort zone?

During college, there was a moment when companies came for interviews. I was selected for the interview process three times, but each time I was told that women engineers could not be employed on the shop floor. This experience made me realize the importance of broadening my vision and developing myself as an all-rounder. I decided to pivot away from traditional shop floor roles and focus on technical-economic fields like planning and management, where my strengths would be recognized.

Q2. How was the transition from college to the professional world? What challenges did you face?

In the professional world, your work speaks for itself. Instead of being disappointed by challenges, I chose to move forward with a positive attitude. Initially, it was tough as a woman in a male-dominated industry, but with time and perseverance, it became easier.

Q3. If you could, what college memories would you relive?

I cherish memories of participating in technical seminars, discussions, essay competitions, and vocational training. Living on campus with my father, who was the Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, added a unique dimension

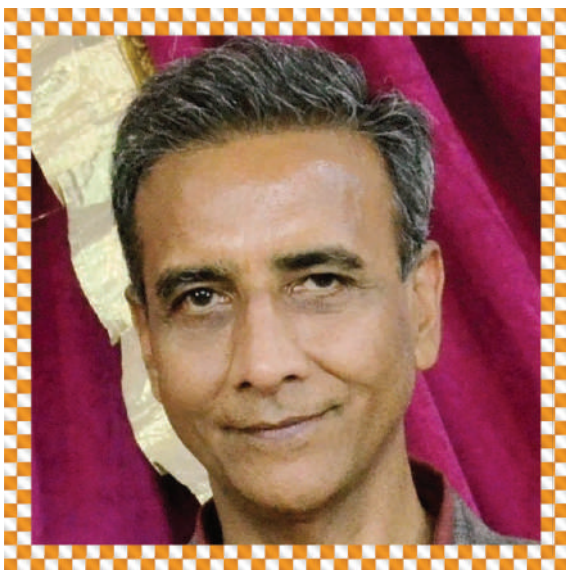
to my college life. Looking back, I sometimes wonder how it would have been if my father had not been the HOD of the same department where my boyfriend (now husband) was studying. As the only girl among 800 male students, the experience was both unique and formative. I am also proud to have been recognized as a “Glass Ceiling Breaker” for women in technical education by MNIT, the Chairman BOG, and the Secretary of Education.

Q4. What should college students focus on for growth and worry about less?

Students should focus on the practical application of their knowledge and building their unique strengths. They should worry less about peer pressure and instead aim for personal growth.

Q5. What message do you have for students about grades versus the value of real knowledge?

If you had asked me during college, I would have said grades and bookish knowledge were most important. However, with years of professional experience, I now believe life skills, practical experience, and self-belief are far more critical in building a successful career.



HP SHARMA

1974-1979 Batch

“True fulfilment comes from pursuing work you love, where passion exceeds monetary gain. As we grow, motivations shift from survival to significance. A meaningful career evolves through stages: stability, recognition, and joy in the work itself. The journey is about balancing purpose and contribution, where creation and service become their reward.”

Graduating with a mechanical engineering degree from MREC in 1978, I launched my career at DCM Shriram, gaining expertise in operations, projects, and business management. I then joined an American brewery, leading the establishment of India’s first canned beverage facility—a milestone for the industry. Shifting to the electronics sector, I played a pivotal role with the Samtel Group, setting up multiple facilities across India and spearheading flagship projects in Kota. My career also included international stints in electronics and process industry projects in the U.S., Germany, and Qatar. Back in India, I co-founded Saurya Enertech, a solar project firm, and Boon, which develops eco-friendly IoT-based water systems for underserved rural areas. These ventures focus on sustainability, clean water access, and healthy living in remote regions.

Q1. What is the role of MREC in your life?

MREC played a pivotal role in shaping my career by providing a strong foundation in technical knowledge, analytical skills, and problem-solving. The college’s emphasis on leadership development through activities like the Advani Memorial Tournament and its focus on English language proficiency, including a phonetics-based spoken English lab, greatly improved my communication skills. This blend of technical education, language training, and extracurricular opportunities built my confidence and prepared me for the corporate world, serving as an invaluable foundation throughout my career.

Q2. What were the motivational forces that kept you pushing?

In college, motivation stemmed from a passion for learning and mastering subjects, rather than grades or marks. Among top-performing peers, the focus was on practical knowledge and

applying engineering skills. As my career evolved, motivation shifted to achieving business targets, creating impactful solutions, and embracing challenges. At senior levels, it became about responsibility—supporting my team, organization, and community—rather than personal gains like salary or titles. Now, my focus is on mentoring the next generation and giving back to society, driven by gratitude and a sense of self-actualization.

Q3. Any message would you like to give to the younger MNITians?

My message to younger MNITians is to pursue a field you genuinely enjoy, academic or otherwise. Focus on loving your work rather than chasing money, as passion often leads to financial rewards—and if it doesn’t, the joy of the work itself will sustain you. Over time, motivations evolve from family responsibilities to finding fulfilment in the work itself, making a difference, and contributing to society.



ASHOK KHANDELWAL

1974-1979 Batch

“Patience, honesty, determination, support for each other, and respect are the cornerstones of success, fostering strong relationships and paving the way for meaningful achievements.”

My name is Ashok Kumar Khandelwal, and I graduated in Electrical Engineering from MREC (now MNIT) in 1979. My professional journey began with RSEB (Rajasthan State Electricity Board, which was later divided into five parts, one major part being JVVNL), where I advanced from Junior Engineer to Chief Engineer. Over the years, I worked at various locations, primarily focusing on the operational maintenance of Jaipur City’s power system. I have also had the privilege of serving as the General Secretary of Power GEAR (Graduate Engineering Association of Rajasthan). I also contributed to MNIT JAA by holding the positions of General Secretary for two years, Vice President for four years, and other important positions.

Q1. How do you deal with difficulties in your life?

Patience is the key to overcoming challenges. Solutions naturally emerge by actively listening and reflecting thoughtfully rather than reacting with impatience. Always trust that God is with you, and every problem will find its resolution.

Regular practice improves clarity, decision-making, and composure in facing challenges. By balancing roles, seeking support, and prioritizing inner peace through meditation, students can lead more fulfilling and productive lives—valuable lessons for navigating modern life’s complexities.

Q2. How can understanding your role, learning to seek help, and practicing meditation benefit students in managing academic stress and achieving personal growth?

In life, understanding our unique roles and recognizing that we don’t have to handle everything alone can make solving challenges easier. Delegating tasks and seeking help often leads to better outcomes. Self-care and mindfulness, especially meditation, play a crucial role in student life. Academic pressures and personal growth can feel overwhelming, but meditation offers a chance to pause, reflect, and center ourselves. It enhances focus, reduces stress, and builds emotional resilience.

Q3. What message would you like to give to Younger MNITians?

I would like to express my heartfelt love and unwavering support for MNIT and its students. Embrace your responsibilities with honesty and determination. Helping one another, working hard, and valuing respect and relationships hold unparalleled significance. Treat everyone with respect, foster strong relationships, and ensure equal opportunities for all—these principles are the foundation of true success.



NARESH THADANI

1974-1979 Batch

"A strong foundation is essential, but true growth comes from a deep understanding of concepts—not just for exams, but for life. Let challenges be your teachers, and remain committed to your work. Compete not with others, but with yourself, striving for continuous improvement. When driven by purpose, success becomes a natural byproduct of your evolution."

I'm Naresh Thadhani, and my journey has been shaped by opportunities and challenges. After earning my BTech, I pursued a master's degree in the U.S. with a teaching assistant, a pivotal step that led to a PhD and postdoctoral research. For 32 years, I've been a professor, including serving as department chair at Georgia Tech, focusing on teaching, mentoring, and research. My career reflects the value of embracing opportunities and making intentional choices, with lasting joy in collaborating with students and colleagues.

Q1. How was the transition from college to the professional world? What challenges did you face?

My educational journey was not easy. While studying at MNIT, we were enrolled in a five-year program; however, it extended to five and a half years due to the political turmoil during the Emergency period under Indira Gandhi. After graduation, I felt uncertain and underprepared, lacking confidence in my abilities. I went on to pursue further studies, earning both a master's degree and a PhD, but none of my degrees came from prestigious institutions like the IITs or MIT. This absence of a strong network put me at a disadvantage, making it more challenging to establish myself professionally. Over time, with persistence and effort, I worked to overcome these obstacles and carve out my path in the academic world.

Q2. How did your personality evolve over the five years of college?

Over time, I realized that I'm not the best at everything; many people excel in areas where I fall short. However, I also have my strengths. This awareness has shaped my personality and

my approach to success. To thrive, it's essential to stay true to my values while appreciating the strengths of others. I've learned that we can all grow by learning from one another. For instance, while I might specialize in cooking one type of food, it's wonderful to learn about and enjoy someone else's expertise, whether it's South Indian or North Indian cuisine. Embracing these differences, without compromising my values, helps me carve my path and move forward.

Q3. What is your message to younger MNITians?

My message to younger MNITians would be: never take success for granted. When I first arrived at MNIT, I was confident in my abilities, but a wake-up call came when I didn't perform well in a scholarship exam. It taught me that being at a prestigious institution doesn't make you the best—it's the constant effort and resilience that counts. Always push beyond your comfort zone, stay humble, and remember that to succeed, you'll need to give more than what others are willing to give. Keep learning and striving, because there will always be someone better, and you have to outwork them.



SHIV KUMAR GUPTA

1974-1979 Batch

“With hard work, big dreams, and unwavering determination, success in both your personal and professional life becomes achievable. Stay focused, persevere, and watch your aspirations turn into reality.”

My name is Shiv Gupta, and I graduated from MNIT in 1979 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. After completing my studies, I began my professional journey at Engineers India Limited. Around that time, I was also selected for a postgraduate program at IIM Mumbai. I faced the dilemma of whether to continue with my job or pursue higher studies. Still, after some deliberation, I decided to go ahead with the two-year program at IIM Mumbai. Following my graduation, I joined CMC Limited, a Government of India undertaking specializing in computer maintenance. (The company has since been acquired by TCS.) I worked there until 1992 when I received an opportunity to move to the United States. Since then, I have been settled in the US, working with various companies and taking on diverse roles.

Q1. What's the role of MREC in your life?

I can confidently say that whatever I am today, I owe it entirely to MNIT. The education I received there laid the foundation for my growth. My five years at the college were truly memorable. I thoroughly enjoyed the facilities, and I am proud to say we had excellent faculty and strong institutional support. The education I gained there broadened my outlook and played a pivotal role in shaping my personality.

Q2. Major difficulties and setbacks?

Life in India was smooth, but moving to the US came with challenges. At the time, I was married with two young children and had no family support in the new country. Immigration issues were a major hurdle, I arrived on a business visa, this process was complicated by layoffs, as losing a job meant potentially returning to India. These challenges marked the first 7–8 years of my time in the US. There was also constant pressure from my family in India urging me to return. I kept postponing

the decision year after year, and eventually, as my children grew up, I settled in the US and became a citizen. Despite these early struggles, I am grateful for how life turned out. Professionally, I have achieved all my goals. I currently serve as a Director at Fidelity Investments, where I have worked since 2006. Over 18 years, I've launched over 10 products, and under my leadership, the company's assets have grown from \$30 billion to \$700 billion. Looking back, I feel fortunate for my journey and proud to represent MNIT as an alumnus.

Q3. Any message you want to give to the younger Mnitiants?

MNIT provides an excellent platform to launch your career. My mantra has always been: work hard, dream big, and stay determined. With dedication and focus, you can achieve success in both your personal and professional life. Whatever your aspirations may be, with hard work and perseverance, they will come true.



RAKESH GUPTA

1974-1979 Batch

“Getting into an institution may involve some fate, but it’s your ability and effort that truly matter. Never doubt your potential—focus on self-improvement and learning, and avoid comparing yourself to others.”

My name is Rakesh Gupta. After graduating, I joined the Indian Revenue Service in 1983 and served in various capacities within the Income Tax Department. One of my most significant contributions was in the area of reducing litigation while working in the Directorate of Legal and Research under the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). Currently, I am a legal consultant specializing in income tax matters.

Q1. What challenges did you face during your college life?

College life was not exceptionally challenging, but there were some hurdles. Ragging was prevalent in our first year, but we were mentally prepared for it as it was considered part of life at that time. Hostel life was also an adjustment since four to five students had to share a single room. Despite these difficulties, we embraced everything as a new experience. One significant challenge was the lack of resources for competitive examinations. Our college library had technical books, but we did not have access to books helpful for competitive exams. Additionally, there was a lack of awareness about how to approach these exams. Over time, as seniors succeeded in various exams, they provided guidance on acquiring study materials and preparing effectively. This peer support and motivation were invaluable.

Q2. Can you talk about your experience in college?

In my college, there was only one girl in a batch of around 600 students, and she was in the electrical branch, like me. She was the daughter of the head of the mechanical department, but her confidence

stood out. Despite the challenges, she managed to blend in and was as confident as any of us. It was a remarkable experience and a sign of how important confidence is.

Q3. What principle did you learn from life’s experiences?

Whatever happens is not in your control. The only thing in your hands is the effort you put in. When difficulties come your way, you may feel stress, but it’s important to adjust and move forward. Life is a series of experiences that help you grow.

Q4. What advice would you give to younger MNIT students?

The students at MNIT are no less capable than students at any other institution. Getting into a particular institution is partly fate, but after that, your individual ability and efforts are what truly matter. Never doubt your potential—focus on improving yourself and learning, and don’t compare yourself with others.



LEELA PURSHOTTAM

1974-1979 Batch

“In a world of rapid change, awareness and vigilance are your greatest allies. Stay rooted in learning, but keep your mind open to the infinite possibilities around you. True success is not a matter of chance but the result of sincere effort and thoughtful choices. Dedication to your path, guided by wisdom and adaptability, will lead you to meaningful accomplishments.”

I am Leela Purshottam Sharma, a 1974 MREC batch graduate. After engineering, I worked for 10 years in the education department, including roles with the Baghdad Vast Management Board, JDA, and Rajasthan Canal. Later, I passed administrative exams and joined Cooperative Services. Despite not having a legal background, I drafted the Cooperative Act, its rules, and bylaws, as well as Rajasthan’s first Sports Act. I have authored two books on cooperative law. Developing an interest in Sanskrit, I earned a PhD from Rajasthan University and Jagat Guru Ramanand Acharya Sanskrit University, cleared UGC NET, and wrote several books in Sanskrit and law. I received a Rajasthan government award and retired in 2017. Currently, I serve as Managing Director of the Rajasthan Urban Cooperative Bank in Jaipur.

Q1. What is the role of MREC in your life?

It has been bedrock of carrier and a proud moment. At that time there were three colleges in Rajasthan which were MREC, MBM Jodhpur, BITS Pilani getting selected in MREC was pride at time and at that time it was the best possible career one could follow in engineering. Graduation has to be necessary for all competitive examinations. But now it is a different field. I worked for 10 years in engineering field, but now it is a rather administrative service.

Q2. What is the turning point of your life ?

There was some litigation on the engineering side at that time. So due to not being interested in this field for a long time due to promotions and some other reasons I thought to appear in administration services I have passed from there and diverted to this position.

Q3. What aspects did you consider while taking your crucial decisions ?

You have to see the pros and cons of the problem that you are facing and then think calmly on that and make a decision don’t jump on just limbs, just a proper decision after considering both aspects of it.

Q4. What message would you like to give to the younger MNITIANS ?

Presently they must concentrate on their studies and be aware about the other fields developing because the things are changing fast so new areas are also opening up they have to be careful all around and then take the proper decision. Besides, there are so many exams now and there were little chances at that time, but now so many areas are open so they have to be more vigilant and careful. If we work seriously in our field then we definitely get success in it.



DK JAIN

1974-1979 Batch

“Integrity and honesty are the foundation upon which focus and success are built. When we remain true to ourselves and align our actions with our values, we pave the way for meaningful achievements. Success is not just about reaching goals, but about maintaining unwavering integrity and staying focused on the journey ahead.”

I am a proud alumnus of the 1979 batch of MREC, where I had the honor of graduating as the Gold Medalist in Mechanical Engineering. In 1984, I returned to MREC to serve as a faculty member, dedicating 28 years to the institution, including a tenure as the Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. While I chose to leave MREC 12 years before my official retirement, my commitment to innovation and problem-solving remained unwavering. I specialize in system design to foster “trouble-free living,” working across personal, family, and institutional domains to create practical and sustainable solutions.

Q1. How did your personality evolve over the years of college?

The transition from being a simple student to becoming a professional was a profoundly transformative experience for me. Earning the distinction of a Gold Medalist made this journey even more rewarding, instilling a deep sense of pride and shaping my personality in meaningful ways.

Q2. Could you share some insight about your journey and how you chose your career aspiration?

Ans. Life was full of struggles in the beginning, as I had no external support to rely on. However, through unwavering commitment, transparency in my actions, and a clear focus on my goals, I was able to overcome these challenges. I took charge of my life, shaped it with determination, and ultimately built a fulfilling and meaningful journey.

Q3. if you could which college memory you will relive?

I have countless cherished memories from my

college days, but one stands out as particularly transformative. During college, I was known as a studious, sincere, and somewhat reserved student. Many of my batchmates saw me as innocent and solely focused on academics. However, when I was elected as a student representative in the student union elections—winning against some of the most dynamic and outgoing students—it completely transformed my identity. This experience shifted my image from that of a diligent student to a responsible leader, both in the eyes of my peers and myself. It was a pivotal moment that boosted my confidence and reaffirmed my belief in my abilities.

Q4. What message do you want to give to younger MNITians?

We must uphold integrity, which means being true to ourselves and staying consistent with our actions and words. It’s essential to be authentic and honor our commitments. Additionally, we should cultivate curiosity about the world around us, paying attention to even the smallest details and seeking answers to the questions that arise.



PRADEEP SANGHAI

1974-1979 Batch

“Success is achieved through the synergy of hard work and determination, driven by the clarity of one’s aspirations. It is the relentless pursuit of goals that transforms dreams into reality.”

I graduated in 1979, with our batch officially completing in January 1980. After graduation, I worked as a teaching assistant for nine months before joining the State Public Works Department (PWD) for a year and a half. I then joined Indian Railways, where I contributed significantly to several projects, including overseeing new lines and gauge conversions as the head of the nodal directorate. I served 12 years in the Railway Ministry, the longest tenure for an officer, and held the position of Executive Director. I also worked closely with ministers like Nitish Kumar, Lalu Prasad Yadav, and Mamata Banerjee. I served as Divisional Railway Manager in Ambala for three years and as Principal Chief Engineer of North Western Railway in Jaipur from 2014 to 2016. After retirement, I joined the Bullet Train Corporation as an advisor and continue in this role.

Q1. How did your personality evolve over the 4 years of your college?

I joined college ranked second in the admissions process and secured a spot in the Civil Engineering branch, consistently ranking as the top student in my batch. The experience was both rewarding and challenging, requiring constant effort to maintain high standards. I owe much of my success to the excellent faculty, whose guidance prepared us academically and professionally. This rigorous training helped many of us excel in competitive exams like the UPSC, with several students from my batch and juniors entering prestigious Central Services. A notable mention is Ajit Pandit, a gold medalist from the next batch, who was part of our academic circle.

Q2. What insights have you gained from your professional journey?

In my professional experience, especially in a government role, there were times I disagreed with

senior decisions. However, I believe it’s important to respect the hierarchy and follow directives. At the same time, when necessary, it’s valuable to express concerns in a respectful manner, ideally through private discussions, rather than challenging decisions openly. Constructive feedback is often appreciated. The key is balancing respect for authority with honest communication to maintain professionalism and contribute positively to the organization.

Q3. What message would you like to give to younger MNITians?

Joining a prestigious institution like an NIT is a valuable opportunity. Choose a branch based on your own interests and passions, not others’ suggestions. Once chosen, dedicate yourself fully to your studies while engaging in extracurricular activities for holistic development. Success requires hard work, determination, and a balanced approach to academics and personal growth.

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THE OATH-TAKING CEREMONY

Date: 14th October 2024



The oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected executive committee of the MNIT Jaipur Alumni Association (MNITJAA) took place on 14th October 2024 at Deeksha Sabhagar. The event witnessed the gracious presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Prof. N.P. Padhy, Director, MNIT Jaipur & Chairman MNITJAA; Prof. Dilip Sharma, Dean of International & Alumni Affairs; and Er. Devraj Solanki, former President of MNITJAA.

Dr. Ashish Dutt Sharma, President, and Er. Mahendra Meena, Secretary of MNITJAA, along with other newly elected executive members, distinguished alumni, and faculty members, also attended.

The ceremony began with a floral welcome and inspiring speeches by the dignitaries. Prof. N.P. Padhy administered the oath to the newly elected committee members. The event concluded on a warm note with a high tea gathering, fostering camaraderie and engagement among the attendees.

AMBULANCE DONATION CEREMONY

Date: 15th May 2024



MNIT Jaipur marked a momentous occasion with the Ambulance Donation Ceremony held on 15th May 2024 at Prabha Bhawan.

The event celebrated the generous contribution of the alumni from the 1973 batch, symbolizing their enduring commitment to their alma mater and society at large.

The ceremony began with a formal handover of the ambulance keys by distinguished alumni, including Prakash Bagga, Sudhir Pancholi, Rajendra Gupta, Mohan Lal Mathur, Awadhesh Sharma, SK Varyani, Yogender Singhal, and Soam Shekhar. The keys were presented to Prof. Narayana Prasad Padhy, Director of MNIT Jaipur, in the presence of Prof. Rakesh Jain, Dean of International and Alumni Affairs, Prof. Madhu Agarwal, Associate Dean of National and International Affairs, along with all deans and faculty members.

The event concluded with the presentation of souvenirs to the attending alumni as a gesture of gratitude and respect. This heartfelt act of giving back by the alumni of the 1973 batch exemplifies their dedication to supporting the institution's development and contributing positively to societal welfare. MNIT Jaipur proudly acknowledges and appreciates their remarkable contribution.

CLOSING CEREMONY OF DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Date: 16th March 2024



MNIT Jaipur celebrated the grand closing ceremony of its Diamond Jubilee on 16th March 2024. The occasion was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including Chief Guest Prof. M. Raisinghani, Guest of Honor Sh. S.K.

Kalra (a distinguished alumnus from the first batch), and Prof. S.C. Agarwal (Former Principal of MREC and Former Director of MNIT Jaipur). The ceremony was presided over by Prof. N.P. Padhy, Director of MNIT Jaipur, alongside Prof. Rakesh Jain (Convenor of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and Dean of International & Alumni Affairs), Prof. Upender Pandel, and Prof. Dilip Sharma (both Co-Convenors of the celebrations). The event highlighted the felicitation of over 70 former faculty and staff members in recognition of their exemplary contributions to the institution. The celebration also featured the unveiling of a commemorative magazine and the screening of a short film showcasing MNIT Jaipur's rich legacy.

The evening concluded with vibrant cultural performances, followed by a festive dinner, leaving attendees with cherished memories of the institute's remarkable journey over the decades. The Diamond Jubilee celebrations symbolized MNIT Jaipur's illustrious history and its commitment to excellence in education and community building.



GUEST LECTURE

Date: 23rd February 2024



MNIT Jaipur had the privilege of hosting a guest lecture by Prof. Avinash Kumar Agarwal, a distinguished 1994 alumnus and a Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.

Tailored for undergraduate students in their 3rd and 4th years, Prof. Agarwal's lecture focused on sharing insights from his extensive experience in mechanical engineering. He provided guidance on navigating academic challenges and making informed career choices, inspiring students to explore diverse opportunities in their fields of interest.

The lecture was graced by the presence of Prof. Rakesh Jain, Dean of International and Alumni Affairs, along with faculty members Dr. Nikhil Sharma, Dr. Naresh Raghuwanshi, Dr. Manjinder Singh, Dr. Manish Kumar, and Dr. Gulab Pamnani.

Prof. Agarwal's session offered students a unique opportunity to gain clarity about their career paths while learning from an accomplished alumnus whose achievements exemplify the values and potential nurtured at MNIT Jaipur.

ALCOM ORIENTATION

Date: 14 September 2024



The Alumni Committee Orientation Program at MNIT Jaipur, held on 14th September 2024 at Neeti Sabhagar, introduced 165 attendees to Alcom's objectives, focusing on alumni engagement for career growth. Guest speaker Saurabh Devnani (Mechanical, 2016) shared insights on leveraging alumni networks, while Prof. Dilip Sharma, Dr. Purna Jain, and Dr. Pawan Kalla highlighted alumni contributions and international collaborations. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony honoring the speakers.



HIGHLIGHTS OF ALUMNI MEETS

ALUMNI MEET AT SAN FRANCISCO

Date: 6th October 2024



MNIT Jaipur alumni in America held a vibrant meet on October 6, 2024, in Fremont, CA, uniting 75 attendees for nostalgia, networking, cultural performances, and cherished camaraderie.



ALUMNI MEET AT NEW JERSEY, USA

Date: 28 SEPTEMBER 2024

The MNIT Reunion Gala 2024 in New Jersey celebrated nostalgia and camaraderie, reuniting alumni across batches with lively music, heartfelt memories, and inspiring messages, creating an unforgettable evening of joy and connection.

ALUMNI CONFERENCE & NETWORKING EVENT

Date: 10th February 2024

The event was sponsored by MNIT Jaipur Alumni Ankit mittal (2007 , CSE) and organised By Mukesh Maheswari (2002, BE) at Hotel Hayat Regency Gurgaon .The event was graced by the presence of Dean of international and Alumni affairs, Dilip Sharma ,In-charge training & placement Prof. Rakesh Jain , and Associate Dean Alumni affairs Dr. Pawan Kalla



The MNIT Alumni Conference 2024 on AI, held in Gurgaon, united alumni for expert discussions, networking, and celebrating MNIT's Diamond Jubilee, fostering connections and insights into AI's transformative impact.

ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORKING EVENT

Date: 6th September 2024

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ACTIVITIES



1. The “SEED STEM Masters Conclave” was held on September 20, 2024, at Neeti Sabhagaar, MNIT Jaipur, featuring senior delegates from top US Engineering and Sciences schools. The seminar explored higher education and scholarship opportunities in the USA.



2. An Information session was organized on 10th September 2024 at Neeti Sabhagaar, MNIT Jaipur for UG/PG students and faculty members to highlight various higher education opportunities available in USA and to make them aware of U.S. admission process. This was done in collaboration with Public Diplomacy section of the U.S. Embassy and Education, USA.





3. A seminar organized on “Higher studies opportunities in the Canada” for the students of MNIT Jaipur on 05th April 2024 at Neeti Sabhagar, MNIT Jaipur. Mr. Piyush Jha, a distinguished Alumnus 2019 batch (ECE) with an MS from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, joined online as a guest speaker, providing valuable guidance to students aspiring for higher education in Canada.



4. A seminar organized on “Higher studies opportunities in the UK” for the students of MNIT Jaipur on 19th Jan 2024 at Neeti Sabhagar, MNIT Jaipur. Mr. Rohan Badigar, a distinguished alumnus 2020 batch (Mechanical), MSC in Motorsports Engineering from Cranfield University UK, joined online as a guest speaker.

VISIT OF INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES IN MNIT JAIPUR



1. Delegates from the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Moscow, Russia, visited MNIT Jaipur on 22nd November 2024. The visit aimed at exploring a variety of collaborative initiatives, such as joint research projects, and the organization of academic and scientific programs including lectures, conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia, and training sessions.



2. Delegate Prof. Dalmo Mandelli, International Affairs Director of the Federal University of ABC (UFABC) from Brazil, visited MNIT Jaipur (International Affairs Office) on 12th July 2024 to explore opportunities in enhancing research collaboration and facilitating student-faculty exchanges between UFABC and MNIT Jaipur.



3. Delegates from KMEDI Hub, South Korea, visited MNIT Jaipur on May 3, 2024, led by President Jinyoung Yang and other senior officials. They discussed potential collaborations with MNIT Jaipur in the field of medical devices.



4. Prof. Diganta Bhusan Das, Delegate of Loughborough University UK, visited MNIT Jaipur on 22nd March 2024, for a pre-MoU signing meeting, focused on enhancing research collaboration and enabling student-faculty exchanges.



5. Delegates Prof. Takayuki Ichikawa, Prof. Hiroki Miyaoka, and Dr. Feng-qin Guo from Hiroshima University, Japan visited MNIT Jaipur on 06-09 March 2024. The purpose of their visit existing MoU (Since 2018) between MNIT Jaipur and Hiroshima University, Japan for research collaboration and student/faculty exchange.



6. Delegates Dr. Annabelle Wolff, Dr. Raphael Lechner Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Environmental Engineering Department and other faculty member from Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Amberg-Weiden Germany visited MNIT Jaipur on 6th March 2024. The purpose of their visit to explore opportunities for faculty/students exchange, joint supervision of M.Tech/Ph.D students, research projects/publications/patents.



7. A team of foreign delegates visited MNIT Jaipur on February 16, 2024, led by Mr. Sabu Alexander, Finance & Public Relations Officer, & Ms. Mahmuda Aldeen, Program & Member Relations Officer from Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, University of Calgary Alberta, Canada. The purpose of their visit was to facilitate internships for Canadian students from Alberta Province.





SILVER MEMORIES

“College memories are a beautiful mix of scribbled lecture notes, hurriedly borrowed before exams, and spontaneous hangouts that turned into unforgettable adventures. They’re made of moments spent pretending to study while planning the next escape, the endless debates over nothing, and the late-night talks that bonded hearts. It’s a time when classrooms taught lessons, but life outside the lecture halls shaped who we became, leaving us with stories to cherish forever.”



PRATEEK MAHADEV

1995-1999 Batch

“Emphasizing assistive technology, entrepreneurship, soft skills, and real-world projects, with a vision for fostering startups and innovation at MNIT through active alumni engagement and practical learning experiences.”

He is co-founder and CEO of Assistech Foundation. In brief, ATR, they are a startup innovation ecosystem for anybody who's building solutions for people with disabilities. Anybody who's building technology innovation solutions for visual impairments, speech and hearing impairment, physical disability, neurodiversity, and neurodevelopment issues is for whom they have now built the world's fastest growing and largest ecosystem of assistive technology innovators ATF, which is the company he founded along with four other people. And he is already helping around 9.1 lakh people with disabilities, so already reaching an impact of 1 million people with disabilities, and as the company grows in the next three years, they are going to increase this impact through various programs. Their mission is to reach 5 million people with disabilities.

Q1. How does college life compare to professional life in terms of freedoms and restrictions?

After college, and graduating from MNIT, we used to call it MREC that time, after that, I spent 20 years in a corporate organization. That was like a first life, right. I worked for various organizations, including Entity Data. I went to do my MBA from IIM Calcutta. After that, I worked for Accenture, I was also responsible for building new offerings there. I've lived in different countries. The longest time I spent living in the US, but in 2009 I came back to India, and that's where I started volunteering, working for different organizations and disabilities, along with my corporate role.

Q2. What skills should colleges teach to better prepare students for the real world?

More entrepreneurship courses are needed, but live projects matter. I'm sure if we all put together, alums will be working in some, 500-600 companies. I mean, that's probably an understatement, if not all.

Students can engage in live projects from their first to fourth year, fostering early practical experience. Startups can receive support, and students can visit companies to learn about businesses. Juniors from IIM Calcutta volunteer and contribute to projects, helping create an ecosystem that educates and promotes student prosperity.

Q3. How should people focus on soft skills and why soft skills are important?

Surviving in business requires not only technical skills but also social, networking, negotiation, and communication skills, highlighting the necessity of a diverse skill set for entrepreneurship. College facilitates skills development by training students in technology and offering courses led by industry experts, including alumni. A focused program boosts alumni engagement, allowing students to attend evening and weekend classes alongside their studies. Incorporating hackathons and workshops by industry experts fosters a hustle culture.



ANIL

1995-1999 Batch

“College is not just a phase of academic growth but a crucible where resilience, adaptability, and life’s true lessons are forged, shaping the foundation for enduring success.”

He pursued his B.Tech in mechanical engineering from MREC (Now MNIT) from 1995 to 1999. After which he pursued M.Tech in Design Engineering from IIT Delhi from 2000 to 2001. In the following year, he cracked UPSC ESE, ranking 8th throughout India and has continued to work hard and serve the nation while also maintaining personal growth. He has done his PhD from IIM Shillong and Masters in Management studies from IIM Bangalore.

Q1. Can you share a college experience and how it shaped you, contributing to the evolution of your personality over the four years?

College life was hectic- full of class lectures, practicals, labs, assignments, and tough deadlines, which shaped my personality to multitask and also helped me to understand the importance of teamwork. My personality evolved from an introvert, studious Hindi medium boy to an extrovert and confident person which helped me crack the UPSC exams and study at IIT Delhi and IIM Bangalore later on.

Q2. What challenges did you face?

In the real world an individual is not just an engineer, he is a human being first who has to deal with a dynamic world. So Colleges should teach students the technical skills required for professional life, soft skills for any way of life, and practical experience. Technical skills are like bridging the gap between pure academic and industry, interdisciplinary knowledge, software proficiency, and system thinking. Soft skills are communication skills, Leadership and project management, critical

thinking, and problem-solving. Practical experiences like industry collaboration, internship and capstone projects, and entrepreneurial mindset. Emerging areas like sustainability, green engineering, ethics, and societal impact. Lifelong learning like networking, adaptability, self-learning, and research.

Q3. Which college memories would you relive?

If I could relive my college memories, certain experiences remain unforgettable and invaluable. Attending interdisciplinary lectures, solving machine design problems, and spending long hours making drawings late at night in the first year were significant moments. Other highlights include drinking tea at Tilak ki thadi, visiting Chaura Rasta to buy books, watching movies at Laxmi Mandir (now closed), and enjoying fun and group study sessions in hostel rooms as a day scholar. Riding bus no. 7, famous among students, for just Rs 1—thanks to the subsidized fare for any distance—was a unique part of college life. These memories shaped my character, built resilience, and laid the foundation for real-life success.



LAXMI MITTAL

1995-1999 Batch

“Entrepreneurship is a journey of growth, where setbacks are lessons and change is an opportunity. Embrace challenges, innovate with purpose, and seek mentorship. Success may be uncertain, but with perseverance, learning, and a strong network, the journey becomes its own reward. Believe in your vision, for it will guide you through the unknown.”

My professional odyssey began in 1999 when I earned my BE degree & began my career with distribution roles at global FMCG companies, and later ventured into real estate. Moving forward, I diversified my business by establishing a public Ltd. Electronics company, Initially, we began with LCD TVs, but due to the highly volatile nature of the LCD TV market, I decided to start distribution for LEGRAND, the world’s leading company of electrical wiring accessories, which has enabled me to build an extensive network with numerous prominent electrical companies. I compare the distribution system with a vehicle, the brand is a lubricant and the distributors are the fuel. A vehicle runs on fuel, not lubricants. But together, they will make the vehicle run effortlessly and efficiently.

Q1. what is the role of MREC in your life?

MNIT has profoundly shaped my life, providing a community that values academic excellence and personal growth. Its strong academic foundation has improved my critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and broadened my perspective. The supportive environment, with dedicated professors and collaborative peers, fosters creativity and lasting friendships. Beyond academics, opportunities in clubs, cultural events, and sports like chess and badminton have enhanced my leadership and time management skills. MNIT is more than an institution—it’s a family and a home filled with cherished memories.

Q2. what is your success mantra?

I believe the foundation of success rests on three key pillars: **Discipline, Sincerity, and Patience.**

Discipline is the backbone of success, ensuring consistency in our actions even when motivation fades. It keeps us on track, whether we’re meeting

deadlines, honing skills, or maintaining healthy habits. **Sincerity** drives genuine effort. By acting with honesty and integrity, we build trust and make meaningful contributions, ensuring our decisions are thoughtful and impactful. **Patience** gives us the strength to endure challenges and trust the process. With these pillars, success becomes more than a destination—it becomes a way of life.

Q3. Any message would you like to give to the younger MNITians?

If you have a business idea, don’t be afraid to take the leap. Entrepreneurship is a journey of growth, learning, and challenges. Embrace setbacks, adapt, and innovate, as each obstacle builds resilience and character. Seek mentorship for invaluable guidance to navigate uncertainties and avoid pitfalls. The path to success may not be smooth, but with determination, learning, and support, it becomes rewarding. Believe in your vision, stay committed, and keep moving forward.



YOGESH KUMAR TONK

1995-1999 Batch

“True success is not found in grades, but in the pursuit of knowledge and growth. Don’t confine yourself to what is expected –explore beyond your field, embrace your curiosity, and nurture the passions that fuel your soul. The world is boundless, and by expanding your horizons, you unlock endless possibilities. Life’s journey is about continuous learning, pushing your limits, and embracing the unknown with an open heart and mind.”

My name is Yogesh Kumar Tonk, and I graduated in Chemical Engineering from MNIT in 1999. After completing my degree, I began my career with Starlite Industries. I then moved on to GAIL India Limited and later took up an international assignment in Kuwait with Kuwait Oil Company. Currently, I am working with ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company) in Abu Dhabi.

Q1. What is the role of MREC in your life?

Whatever I am today, whatever I have achieved, and the opportunities I’ve had in my life are all because of the Chemical Engineering degree I earned from MREC. Everything I do, everything I have, and everything I will accomplish in the future will be rooted in the foundation that MREC provided me with. That degree has been the stepping stone to my success, and I will always be grateful for the education and experiences I gained there.

Q2. What should college students focus on for growth, and what should they worry less about?

My advice to students is to prioritize acquiring valuable skills over worrying about grades. College provides access to abundant resources, often free or low-cost, which can be expensive to pursue after graduation. Make the most of these opportunities—learn new skills, explore certifications, and utilize facilities to build a strong foundation for your career.

Q3. How did your personality evolve during four years of your college?

Before joining MREC, my exposure to the outside

world was quite limited, and I was very hesitant when it came to interacting with people. However, through various extracurricular and course-related activities at MREC, I started engaging more with others. This not only helped me overcome my inhibitions but also played a significant role in my personal development. MREC helped me become more extroverted and contributed positively to my growth in other areas as well.

Q4. What message do you want to give to younger MNITins?

Ans. My message to students is simple: focus on developing skills rather than chasing grades. Cultivate abilities in areas that genuinely interest you. It’s not essential to restrict yourself solely to your field of study—if you’re a chemical engineering student, for instance, you don’t have to confine yourself to just chemical engineering.

The world is vast, and opportunities are limitless. Explore beyond boundaries, embrace creativity, and pursue your passion with enthusiasm. Expand your wings and soar in the infinite sky with hope, confidence, and an open mind. Success lies in continuous learning and pushing your limits.



SANTOSH JAIN

1995-1999 Batch

“Life’s possibilities are limitless, and true success comes from the opportunities you create, not from grades. If you feel off course, it’s never too late to start anew. Trust yourself—every new beginning is a chance for growth.”

Myself Santosh Jain. I did my chemical engineering from MREC and the time it was MREC . In 1999 I completed my graduation then I got the job in Infosys but I prefer to join for masters at IIT Bombay and I completed my master’s at IIT Bombay and there I got an internship at Technical University Berlin. So I did my project at Technical University Berlin and after masters I went for PhD and I did my doctorate from University of Manchester, UK in chemical engineering with specialization in optimization. So I completed PhD in 2004 and then worked in the university as a postdoctoral associate for about a year then moved back to India. I worked with the General Electric at Bangalore for about a year and then at Aspen Tech in Pune for about a year after that I worked at Dow chemicals for five years and then in 2012, I joined Reliance Industries, there I worked till March ‘24 and after that I switched my career from chemical engineering or petroleum oil refinery to finance and now I’m working in J.P. Morgan Chase in Mumbai.

Q1. What is the role of MREC in your life ?

My education and exposure at MREC, along with the guidance of great faculty, have shaped who I am today. The HOD of the Chemical Engineering department at tha time was a major inspiration and has been my long-term mentor, with whom I remain in touch. MREC instilled valuable skills like analytical thinking and the ability to meet deadlines, whether for a surprise test, assignment, or project due the next morning. The collaborative atmosphere taught me the importance of teamwork- working with friends to accomplish tasks when going solo wasn’t enough.

Q2. An incident would be the turning point in your life?

I think the decision to join the MREC or decision to a career in engineering that has been a turning point. And based on the score I got admission in the

MREC through the engineering entrance test. I’m from Jaipur, so it’s Rajasthan Engineering test. We called it PET at that time. That’s the turning point otherwise I could have been in the finance, which I am what I am doing today.

Q3. What message you give to the younger MNITIANS ?

I firmly believe that the possibilities are endless. There’s no limit to what you can achieve. This is a lesson I’ve learned through my own experience, and it’s something I’ve seen in my batchmates as well. Success isn’t defined by grades or marks -it’s about the opportunities you create for yourself. If you feel like you’ve been on the wrong path, it’s never too late to start anew. Believe in yourself and embrace the chance to begin again.



VIKAS JAIN

1995-2000 Batch

“Pursue your passion and harness your unique strengths. Rather than only seeking jobs, consider entrepreneurship to create opportunities, achieve personal growth, and contribute to society and the economy.”

My name is Vikas Jain, and I joined college in 1995, pursuing a degree in architecture, which I completed in 2000. After working for a few months, I decided to further my education and pursued a master's in urban design at the National University of Singapore. After finishing my master's, I started my professional career as an architect in Singapore. I was fortunate to work with Ong and Ong Architects, a firm led by the principal architect, who was the first president of Singapore. During my time there, I had the privilege of working on prestigious buildings in Singapore, as well as various projects across China. This experience was invaluable, exposing me to knowledge and skills that would have been hard to acquire elsewhere. I feel fortunate to have worked in such dynamic environments, which contributed to my professional and personal growth, boosting my confidence and expanding my expertise.

Q1. How did your personality evolve over the five years of college?

When we entered architecture, it was less popular, and many were unaware of its potential. The first year was about exploration and adjustment, as we felt uncertain about our future and explored various career options. In the second year, our confidence grew as we worked with seniors and interacted with established architects, gaining valuable insights and a clearer vision for our careers. As we became more confident, we refined our skills and focused on preparing to be successful architects in the years ahead.

Q2. How do you handle workplace stress and anxiety at this stage of your career?

As I mentioned, my roles as an architect, real estate developer, and hotelier come with many responsibilities that can lead to tension and anxiety. To manage this, I practice Vipassana meditation,

which I have done consistently for the past 25 years. This practice is my main tool for staying calm and relaxed during stressful times, allowing me to maintain focus and composure while effectively handling challenges.

Q3. Besides academics, what life skills should students focus on for long-term success?

Students should pursue their passions and manage their time effectively. As an architect, I stress the importance of strong networking skills. After graduation, the ability to build meaningful connections, understand people's behavior, and adapt to various personalities and environments is crucial. These skills are essential for professional growth and play a significant role in becoming a successful architect. Networking and interpersonal skills are just as important as technical knowledge in this field.



KRANTI DEEP

1995-1999 Batch

“Enjoy life in a balanced and organized way by prioritizing, breaking tasks into steps, balancing personal and professional life, and complementing academics with practical experiences, networking, and internships.”

My name is Kranti Deep, and I graduated in 1999 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Shortly after completing my studies, I began my teaching journey at Career Point in 1999, where I worked until 2005. I then joined Daswani Classes, Kota, and served there until 2009. Subsequently, I transitioned to Allen Career Institute, Kota, before returning to Career Point, and later rejoining Allen Career Institute. Throughout my career, I have specialized in teaching Physics to medical aspirants. With almost 25 years of experience in the field, I have had the privilege of mentoring over 75,000 students, guiding them on their academic journey, and helping them achieve their goals.

Q1. How did your personality evolve in four years of college?

Before entering college, I was more reserved and hesitant in my interactions. However, facing new challenges and stepping out of my comfort zone helped me develop more confidence and a more open-minded approach to life. This transformation enabled me to focus on both personal and professional growth efficiently. During my college years, I also took on leadership responsibilities, serving as the Joint Secretary of Hostel Number 6, which further honed my organizational and interpersonal skills.

Q2. What Should college students focus on for growth, and what should they worry less about?

Don't focus solely on grades; many with low grades achieve great success, while some with high grades do only average. Practical experience through projects or internships is just as important as academic knowledge. Invest in your overall well-being—physical health, emotional intelligence, and

personal growth are essential for success. Time management is crucial for balancing work and personal life. Treat internships seriously, as they provide valuable real-world experience and help build professional connections.

Q3. What message would you like to give to younger MNITians?

I want to emphasize the importance of enjoying life and being happy in a balanced and organized way. Life involves managing various aspects, and while everything is important, some areas require more attention. When faced with a large task, break it into smaller, manageable pieces to make it more achievable. Striking a balance between personal and professional life is crucial to ensure they don't hinder each other. In addition to academics, we should focus on gaining practical experience, networking, and pursuing internships, as these opportunities provide valuable real-world insights that complement our studies.



ABHISHEK SHARMA

1995-1999 Batch

“Always strive to grow and adapt to the ever-changing world. The rapid pace of technology and turbulent times demand continuous upskilling and alignment with market needs. Don’t forget the power of networking with diverse individuals. Just as cockroaches survived by adapting while dinosaurs didn’t, those who embrace change will thrive professionally.”

I pursued metallurgical engineering in 1995 and graduated in 1999, after which for an year I was working in Hindalco as Graduate Engineer Trainee but I aspired to go higher. In the year 2000, I was selected and started pursuing MBA in marketing from Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies and graduated in 2002. After which for the forthcoming years, I worked in the field of sales, marketing and business strategies across different companies like Coca Cola, Asian Paints PPG, ICI Dulux, TV18 and some more. After which in 2020 I got associated with an educational startup.

Q1. What is the role of MREC in your life?

Four Years is a long time for anybody and the time in college is very crucial as it acts as a bridge between your school time and your professional career. Through various activities, whether academic or extra-curricular, I changed a lot. If I had to say, MREC helped me to transition from a boy to a man. Our branch and professors were quite demanding and though, things would get hectic, they taught us to aspire higher, to work harder and excel in your field. These teachings have substantially helped me in my professional life and personal life both.

Q2. What are the difficulties that you have faced in your career?

Throughout my career, I have faced various difficulties. Working with multiple companies required me to consider the unique cultures of each organization, as they can differ significantly. In my field, it’s essential to continually prove your worth and adapt to different environments. Frequent relocations and transitions between cities bring constant change, and I had to be prepared to adapt

to changes in my position as well.

Q3. How do you manage your professional life and personal life?

I try to constantly make efforts for both my personal and work life. It is quite difficult because many times, work can be very demanding but I try my best to make time for my family and atleast once or twice in an year, according to the availability, I try to make time for myself.

Q4. Any message you would like to give to the future MNITIANS?

My message to the upcoming MNITIANS is to focus on continuous growth and adaptability. It’s crucial to upskill yourself, as technology is advancing rapidly and times are turbulent. Stay attuned to the current market needs and conditions. Additionally, don’t forget to network and connect with diverse individuals. A long time ago, both dinosaurs and cockroaches existed, but cockroaches survived due to their ability to adapt, while dinosaurs did not.



RITU JAIN

1995-1999 Batch

“Life happens for you, not to you. Even in moments of difficulty, there is often unseen good waiting to be discovered. Embrace every situation with your best effort, for growth often lies hidden within the challenge.”

My name is Ritu Jain. I did my undergrad (BE) from MNIT in Civil Engineering and MS from UC Davis in Structural Engineering. I now work in software engineering with Amazon. I live in Seattle with my husband, Chinmay Nagarkar, and 2 kids Arya and Arhant.

Q1. What has been the role of MREC in your life?

Reflecting on my MREC experience, it profoundly shaped not only my career but also my personal growth and relationships. I made some great lifelong friendships. It was a home away from my home. Meeting and interacting with people from different backgrounds and cultures truly broadened my perspective and prepared me for life after college, traveling and living in multiple countries, and interacting with people from all over the world. Academically, I haven't stayed in the same field, but I think the skills that I developed in college have continued to help me even now.

Q2. How was the mess of food back then?

In the first three months of staying in the hostel, I gained 10 kg due to all the Bhujia and bread replacing my regular meals. However, there were some fun moments, like the Nestle dhamaka event, where we enjoyed various Maggi recipes, and in my final year, a teacher supervised the mess on weekends, providing us with delicious food. Despite the frequent disappointments, this experience helped prepare me for staying in Australia and Taiwan, where being a vegetarian was challenging, teaching me resilience during college life.

Q3. Can you share What were the motivational forces that kept you going?

My biggest motivation is to continually improve myself. Although I've always been competitive, I've learned that everyone has a different path, and the goal should be to be better today than I was yesterday. Whether as a wife, mother, or professional, I seek opportunities to learn, solve new problems, and help others grow. I don't chase promotions; I believe that if you pursue what you are passionate about, career growth will naturally follow.

Q4. What message you would like to give to your juniors?

One principle I live by and teach my kids is, “Life happens for you, not to you.” Even if something feels bad in the moment, there's likely a hidden benefit that you can't see yet. Therefore, always give your best effort, regardless of the situation. This mindset has transformed my perspective, making me feel less stressed; work has become easier as a result. I know Amazon can be quite stressful for many, but this way of thinking has helped me manage it.



NIRMAL KHANDELWAL

1995-1999 Batch

“Success begins with self-awareness and acceptance. It grows through collaboration and unity, finding strength in shared purpose. Lifelong learning keeps us adaptable, reminding us that growth is a continuous journey in an ever-changing world.”

I am currently working with Hero Motor Corp as Head of Operational Excellence for R&D. Prior to that, I was in Dubai for almost 10 years, with Michelin in multiple global roles. I have also worked in Mumbai with L&T, PwC, and Tata Strategic Management Group. After my engineering, I did my MBA from IIM Lucknow.

Personally, what excites me is the things I can transform and improve, not only in myself but in the organization I'm working in.

Q1. How did your personality evolve over the 4 years of the college?

Reflecting on my transition from school to college about 25-30 years ago, I found it easier as a day scholar. MREC provided many opportunities to explore my interests, work with faculty on both academic and non-academic topics, and engage in organizing events and public speaking. These experiences helped me identify my strengths and build lasting bonds with classmates. Although I faced difficulties and made mistakes, they contributed to my maturity and shaped my life direction. Overall, my four-year journey, which began with excitement and some insecurity, ultimately led to increased confidence and helped me become an independent individual and professional.

Q2. What insights have you gained from your professional journey?

It's important to reflect on where we started in life and how different paths lead to growth in the corporate world. We need to consider where we are today and where we want to go, defining success for ourselves rather than relying on external societal

benchmarks. These benchmarks often focus on earnings, lifestyle, position, and company affiliation, but we should create our own definitions of success. With our limited time and energy, we should pursue this personal definition.

Q3. What message would you like to give to younger MNITians?

Young MNITians will transition into professional life either directly or through further education. It's important to reflect on what life means to you, which requires introspection. Professionally, gaining hands-on experience is essential. In the first few years, focus on understanding the basics of your field, whether in manufacturing, R&D, or software. For instance, those entering a manufacturing plant should spend time on the production line to grasp processes, efficiency, and teamwork. This foundational understanding is crucial for future growth. Sir Ratan Tata exemplified this by spending time in operations at Tata Motors, which helped him effectively manage the entire group. Don't shy away from getting your hands dirty, as these early experiences will strengthen your foundation.



KALPANA SRIVASTAVA

1995-1999 Batch

“Avoid following the crowd purely for financial reasons. Instead, focus on what genuinely interests you. During college, develop your personality, excel in your passions, and stay updated on new developments and trends. Behavioral skills are crucial for building confidence, and meaningful networking can broaden your horizons and advance your career.”

After completing my post-graduation from IIT Delhi in 2000, I began my career in the chemical engineering field, accumulating 23 years of professional experience. In the initial years, I worked in the Processing Technology Department for various companies, gaining valuable expertise in the industry. Currently, I serve as the Senior General Manager at AM Green India, overseeing the business development and commercial functions. I am also responsible for managing the energy business at AM Green, where I leverage my extensive experience to drive growth and innovation

Q.2)How was your college life?

My experience in the chemical engineering department was truly great. The department provided excellent learning opportunities, and I gained a strong foundation in core chemical engineering. I also made lasting friendships and enjoyed the good infrastructure the college offered. While there were no dedicated clubs for extracurricular activities, the college organized several fests featuring various events, including debate competitions and insightful seminars. As a day scholar, I didn't participate much in extracurricular activities, but I still enjoyed attending these events. One of my favorite spots on campus was the central canteen, where I spent a lot of time socializing with friends.

Q2. What were the problems faced as you shifted from college to professional life?

At that time, opportunities in chemical engineering were mainly in operations, and there was bias against hiring women for such roles. I faced pressure to enter the IT sector, which many found tempting,

but I was determined not to follow that path. As a woman, the options in chemical engineering often seemed limited to fieldwork in areas like fertilizer operations, which I wasn't mentally prepared for at 20 or 21. Instead, I chose to pursue a post-graduation degree, which opened up design-related jobs and opportunities that aligned better with my interests and aspirations.

Q3. Any message for students like us?

My advice is to avoid following the crowd, especially in pursuing high-paying IT jobs for financial reasons. Instead, focus on your genuine interests. During college, work on developing your personality and excelling in areas you are passionate about. Explore your field, stay updated on new developments, and understand emerging industry trends. Don't underestimate the importance of behavioral skills, as they boost confidence. Building a strong personality and networking with others will help you gain valuable knowledge. The connections you make can significantly expand your horizons and advance your career.



SHEETAL AGRAWAL

1995-1999 Batch

“Every generation of engineers transforms the world, and yours stands on the brink of revolutionary advancements in AI, robotics, and technology. Define success on your own terms, celebrate every milestone, and never stop growing. Play to your strengths, stay curious, and fearlessly explore new ideas. The future is yours to shape.”

Hi, I'm Sheetal Agrawal, a proud graduate of the 2nd batch of Computer Science at MREC, Class of 1999. I began my career at **C-DOT** in Delhi, where I worked for 2.5 years before moving to Seattle, USA in early 2002 after getting married. My first role in the US was at **Microsoft**, where I developed software for **Windows Mobile phones**—well before the iPhone era. I also had the exciting opportunity to work on Microsoft's Speech Recognition team, contributing to speech-to-text and text-to-speech technologies long before they became mainstream. In 2010, I joined **Amazon**, where I launched the **Amazon Pay** product to enable seamless shopping on third-party websites and introduced Amazon's first Video Ads products. In 2016, my family moved to the **Bay Area**, and since then, I've had the privilege of contributing to innovative organizations like **Zillow**, **Facebook/Meta**, **Stripe**, and most recently, worked on building self-driving robots at **Zoox**.

Q1. What is the role of MREC in your life?

I attribute a significant part of my success to MREC. The college not only equipped me with a strong foundation in Computer Science but also instilled essential life skills, like navigating challenges with confidence and perseverance. My first job came through campus recruitment, and it was the solid foundation in algorithms taught by Vijaylaxmi Ma'am that enabled me to land my role at Microsoft with ease. MREC gave me the freedom to dream big, explore without fear, and embrace challenges. As a graduate student, I learned to take risks and developed resilience—skills that have been invaluable throughout my life and career.

Q2. What mistake should students avoid making while in college?

Skipping Networking: Build relationships with peers, professors, and alumni. A strong network can help you immensely in your career.

Neglecting Soft Skills: Technical skills alone won't take you far—focus on communication, leadership, and teamwork.

Q3. What message would you like to give to the younger MNITians?

Every generation of engineers has found ways to improve the world, and yours is at an exciting point in history with advancements in AI, robotics, and groundbreaking technologies. Here's my advice: **Set clear goals**- short-term and long-term- and work persistently to achieve them. Celebrate milestones but continue to set new goals. If you encounter setbacks, reassess and move forward with renewed focus.

Define success on your own terms- Your journey is unique, and so are your outcomes. Avoid comparisons and measure success by your own standards.



ALOK GOYAL

1995-1999 Batch

“You’re not making mistakes; in fact, you’re smarter and more informed than we were. While applying yourself fully and being more realistic at times can help, your sharpness and intelligence are truly impressive. I learn a lot from you—your fresh perspectives and insights continue to inspire and teach me.”

Alok Goyal, a 1999 graduate of NIT Jaipur, began his career with Hindalco through campus placement. After two years at Hindalco, he pursued an MBA from Nirma Institute of Management. Post-MBA, Alok joined Pidilite and worked there for two years before moving to Mars Inc., where he served as an Area Sales Manager for four years. In 2011, Alok transitioned to Cargill India as Zonal Sales Manager, overseeing refined oils and wheat flour categories. His next move took him to Michelin, where he held the role of North Regional Sales Manager, managing tires across various categories. Following that, he worked as National Sales Manager for Bajaj Electricals’ premium brand and later served as Divisional Sales Manager at JK Cement. Currently, Alok is the Business Head for Modern Building Materials at Novoco. Outside of work, his wife, who hails from Jaipur, works with Cadman Technologies. Alok’s daughter is pursuing an MBA in Mass Communication at Symbiosis, Pune, and his son is in Class 11. The family resides in Mumbai, though Alok is originally from Jaipur.

Q1. What has been the role of MNIT in your life?

My time at MNIT was truly a career-changing and path-defining experience. I was relatively late in getting into engineering; after completing my 12th, I wasn’t able to crack entrance exams like IIT or PT. After pursuing a BSc, I eventually got the opportunity to join MNIT. Engineering at MNIT provided me with both the focus and exposure I needed, which played a crucial role in shaping my growth and defining my career.

Q2. What challenges and motivations shaped your journey over time?

The desire to achieve and create has always been a driving force for me. It brings me immense pride to look back and say, “This is what I have created and achieved.” While my journey took longer than expected at certain stages—whether it was getting

into engineering or advancing in my career—the key challenge I’ve faced has been continuously working on improving my effectiveness. This includes presenting myself in a more impactful way and becoming more detail-oriented. I believe that being a detailed person allows me to press the right buttons more efficiently and faster.

Q3. What common mistakes do graduates make, and solutions?

I don’t believe the younger generation is making mistakes; in fact, I find them to be very smart and informed. While they could benefit from applying themselves more and being more realistic at times, overall, they are sharper and more intelligent than we were. I learn a great deal from the younger generation, including my own kids and employees. Their fresh perspectives and insights continue to inspire and teach me.



MANGAL CHAND

1995-2000 Batch

“Life’s true fulfillment lies in nurturing the mind and spirit, free from harmful distractions. Choose a path of growth—focus on your aspirations and surround yourself with positivity. Celebrate the joy of friendships and shared moments, but remain anchored in purpose. Encourage one another to stay true to your goals, for collective growth and support illuminate the way to a meaningful life.”

My name is Mangal Chand Kumawat, architect for Urban Plan and Home. I graduated in 2000 from MREC, where I completed my degree in architecture. After graduation, I moved to Bombay and worked as a Site architect for two years. During this time, I was involved in a significant residential project, a township development, where I was responsible for overseeing the architectural aspects of construction on-site. After that, I joined the Jaipur Development Authority (JDA) on a contractual basis as an Assistant architect. I spent a year in this role, gaining valuable experience in public sector projects. Following my tenure at JDA, I transitioned into the field of Survey Planning and Urban Consultancy. My work primarily focused on projects within Rajasthan, where I provided consultancy services to local bodies and organizations under the Urban Development and Housing Department. Additionally, I collaborated with private organizations and developers on various urban planning projects.

Q1. How did your personality evolve over the five years of college?

During college, teachers significantly impacted our development by challenging us with regular submission deadlines, which fostered resilience and patience. These experiences improved our research and analysis skills, vital for my career. Teamwork was also essential, as we collaborated with seniors and juniors, which was crucial for managing larger projects. Connections with peers created lasting friendships and a strong professional network for ongoing support. Overall, these experiences have profoundly shaped my approach to professional challenges and decision-making.

Q2. How did you choose architecture as your field of study, and what challenges or opportunities did you face in this profession over the years?

My low rank limited my options to branches like

architecture, mining, and civil engineering. With my family in the building industry, I choose architecture despite its low demand at the time, which led to doubts about my decision. Back then, architecture was not well-recognized, and the sector was struggling. However, perceptions have changed. People now appreciate the crucial role of architects in shaping spaces. Making my choice of architecture increasingly worthwhile.

Q3. What message would you like to give to younger MNITians?

My message is to avoid harmful habits like smoking and intoxication, and to prioritize your career. Surround yourself with positive influences, enjoy time with friends, and engage in extracurricular activities while keeping your studies a priority. Support and motivate each other to stay focused on your goals.



SHEETAL BAMALWA

1995-1999 Batch

"You have a right to perform your prescribed duties, but you are not entitled to the fruits of your actions. Never consider yourself the cause of the results of your activities, nor be attached to inaction."

I'm Sheeta Bamalwa. Right, now I am in the jewelry business. I've been working for the last 22 years. I was in the 1999 Computer Science batch of the college. I married Vinod, in a big joint family. I have a daughter and a son. This is on the personal side, on the professional side, rather than being a jeweler I am a public speaker also. Demystifying myths about the jewelry industry and diamonds as a whole. That's my passion and my other front."

Q1. Can you share your journey and development process? How were you created, and what steps led to your current capabilities?

I have always been driven to make a mark in my career, and I was fortunate to join a progressive business family. My father-in-law, the founder of Nemichand Bamalwa and Sons, mentored me as I became involved in the esteemed jewelry brand, which is now one of the largest in Eastern India. The brand revolutionized the jewelry market by adopting 22-carat gold standards and ending unethical practices, inspiring me to dedicate my efforts to the family business. Over 25 years, I've contributed to its growth while balancing family life. Additionally, I've written a column for a leading newspaper in Eastern India for the past 15 years, sharing insights and strengthening my professional voice. Being part of an influential family in Kolkata has enriched my career through valuable connections.

Q2. How did your personality evolve over the 4 years of college?

My college years were transformative and pivotal in shaping my identity. The vibrant, diverse

environment and the regional tech market provided unique learning opportunities. Interacting with individuals from various backgrounds, including friends from Africa and Malaysia, broadened my global perspective and cultural understanding. This experience fostered confidence and trust among my peers, as they recognized my ability to lead and make decisions. The connections I built during this time instilled a strong sense of accountability, preparing me for the responsibilities I would face in my future career and life.

Q3. What message do you have for a student for building a great career like you?

I want to give just one message to students "KARM KIYE JA FAL KI CHINTA MAT KAR". Every day, we should rise and tackle what's in front of us with dedication. I recently received an award from the Governor of Bengal for being a female entrepreneur, which came as a complete surprise to me. This experience taught me that if you consistently put in your best effort, people will recognize your contributions, and the results will follow naturally.



AK MAHAWAR

1995-1999 Batch

“Focus on your target, dedicate yourself to it and continue to work hard for it and you are ready to make great achievements and gain success. Don’t be scared of defeat. Even if you face defeat once or twice, don’t get disheartened and don’t focus on hurdles. Focus on your goals and work on them, till you achieve them.”

I am Anil Kumar Mahawar, son of Bala Sahai Mahawar. I am from Jaipur and I pursued my B.E. in mechanical engineering from MREC (Now MNIT) from the year 1995 to 1999. After which I joined Aravin Stone Machines Marketing Ltd. Jodhpur, as a marketing engineer, I worked there from 1999 to 2003 after which I switched from Industries to Education and joined Shekhawati Engineering College as lecturer from 2003 to 2005 and then joined AITE Jaipur as a lecturer again. I worked from 2005 to 2007 before pursuing an M.Tech. in Manufacturing Technology and Automation from Y.M.C.A University, Faridabad (2008-2009). I then served as Assistant Professor at MRCE, Faridabad until 2011 and at Alwar Institute of Engineering and Technology until 2016. From 2017 to 2021, I worked as a Manager at Amplifier Products PVT. LTD., Alwar, followed by a role at Kisan Bhai Agri Tech PVT. LTD., Bundi. Currently, I am Marketing Regional Head at KRN Heat Exchangers while pursuing a Ph.D. from J.C. Bose University. Numerous research papers have been published under my guidance, and in 2021, one of my works, titled “An Autonomous Blockchain-Based IOT Node Communication for Smart Lighting System,” was certified and patented by the Australian Government.

Q1. What is the role of MREC in your life?

If I had to say, MREC is the foundation of my career and my professional life. Today, whatever I have and what I am right now, is credited to MREC. My life has bloomed till now because of MREC. My identity as a graduate of MREC has helped me in various situations and points of my life. It is the launching pad from where I took my flight. The fact that I have studied from MREC has given me nothing but joy and still fills me with pride.

Q2. What are the fondest memories of your college life?

The fondest memories of my college are associated with the fun moments spent with my friends and the times of classes with my batchmates. I can proudly say that the best friends that I could have made,

the friendship which could last lifelong, I made in MREC. Through every experience we shared together, we got closer and we still are. Even now, we are connected with each other and helping out one another.

Q3. Any message that you would like to give to the younger MNITians?

As MNIT students, nothing is impossible for you. Take the first step, stay persistent, and never give up midway. Where there’s a will, there’s a way. Believe in your abilities, just as a lion believes he is the king of the jungle, and others acknowledge it. Focus on your goals, dedicate yourself, and work hard to achieve success. Don’t fear defeat, even if it happens, stay determined, overcome hurdles, and keep striving until you reach your target.

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INAUGURATION OF THE ARAVALI HOSTEL

The inauguration of the Aravali Hostel at MNIT Jaipur took place on September 18, 2024, during the institute 18th convocation ceremony. The event was presided over by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, who was the chief guest for the convocation. The hostel, a 600-bed facility designed for male students, enhances the residential capacity of the institute significantly and aligns with its goal to provide modern infrastructure for its students.

This inauguration was part of a broader ceremony where degrees for various programs, including B.Tech., M.Tech., MBA, and Ph.D., were also awarded. The President's presence underscored the importance of quality education and infrastructure for fostering innovation and academic excellence.



INAUGURATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & DATA ENGINEERING

The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering (AIDE) at Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) was established recently in the year 2023. The department, with the Joint faculty of different disciplines, promotes academic and research in AI, Data engineering and related technology to equip students with the knowledge and skills to thrive in this rapidly evolving landscape. The Department presently offers an academic program at the Undergraduate level- B.Tech. in AIDE with an intake of forty students. The department will soon offer Postgraduate, Doctoral, and other cutting-edge programs that combine AI principles with data engineering practices, preparing graduates to address real- world challenges. To create enabling environment for excellent teaching, learning and research in order to produce leading entrepreneurs and innovators in the field for sustainable development and the betterment of the nation.



INAUGURATION OF RENOVATED BASKETBALL COMPLEX

On January 25, 2024, MNIT Jaipur celebrated a remarkable milestone as the Honourable Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Kalraj Mishra, inaugurated the newly renovated, state-of-the-art basketball complex on the Institute campus. The grand event was attended by the distinguished Prof. N.P. Padhy, Director of MNIT Jaipur, alongside a host of faculty, students, and staff members who witnessed the occasion in great numbers. During the ceremony, Shri Kalraj Mishra commended Prof. Padhy for his leadership and expressed his enthusiasm for the enhanced sports infrastructure. He also encouraged the students to strive for excellence, both in academics and athletics. As a gesture of commitment to environmental sustainability, the event culminated with a tree plantation ceremony led by Shri Kalraj Mishra and Prof. Padhy, held near the newly inaugurated sports ground. This memorable occasion underscored the Institute's dedication to fostering a holistic and sustainable campus environment.



SARASWATI IDOL CONSECRATION CEREMONY

MNIT Jaipur organized the Saraswati Puja on 13th February 2024, The puja commenced with the inauguration of the Saraswati idol at the Vivekanand Lecture Theatre Complex. The event showed great reverence and enthusiasm among faculty and students. The event was graced by the presence of the Honourable Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, as the Chief Guest—distinguished personalities, including Shri N.P. Padhy (Director, MNIT), Professor Sanjay Mathur (Dean, Planning and Development), and Dr. Pawan Kalla (Associate Dean, Alumni Affairs), facilitated the ceremony alongside the Honourable Chief Minister.



FOUNDATION STONE LAYING OF NEW CHANDRASEKHER HOSTEL

On November 3rd, the foundation stone for Chandrasekher Hostel, a new boys' accommodation facility at MNIT, was ceremoniously laid by the institute's Director, N.P. Padhy. Designed to address the growing need for student housing, the hostel will feature modern amenities and a capacity to house 300 students, reflecting the institute's commitment to enhancing student welfare and campus infrastructure.

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Rs.200



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Rs.250



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9inch



Rs.820



The Souvenir Shop serves as a time capsule, capturing echoes of lectures, friendships, and milestones that define a memorable journey. Each item, from a cozy hoodie evoking warm memories to a notebook sparking college creativity or a personalized cup recalling past conversations, is rich in meaning. Tracksuits bring back youthful energy, turning every keepsake into a metaphor of the past.

This shop is more than a collection of mementos; it's a portal to the institution's spirit. Alumni are reminded of the vibrant experiences that shaped them and the bonds forged within its walls. These souvenirs anchor memories, ensuring alumni carry a piece of their college journey wherever they go.

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Vision & Mission

Our vision is to make MNIT Jaipur a self-reliant institute by 2050 with the help of our strong Institute- Alumni relationship. The mission of MNIT Alumni corpus fund is to connect the global alumni with their Alma mater & to create a financial support system for overall development of the institute. The alumni have tremendous love for MNIT Jaipur and it is our purpose to facilitate and enhance connection and devotion to their alma mater.

Committee Responsible For Utilization Of Funds

Alumni Advisory Committee

It is proposed to utilize the 80% interest part of MNIT Alumni Corpus Fund for various activities which is approved by Alumni Advisory Committee (AAC). The AAC approved by competent authority (Board of governors, MNIT Jaipur) will approve Utilization of this fund for various activities.

Support To The MNIT Jaipur Alumni Corpus Fund

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FUND

The contribution of MNIT Jaipur to research is immensely recognized. However, there is lot to improve and enhance the quality of research to provide MNITians a better platform. An alumuns may contribute a minimum amount of INR 25 lakhs and for a specific batch, minimum amount of contribution is IN R 3 crores. There are certain areas in research & development where alumni may contribute:

- I. New Labs
- II. Renovation of old Laboratories
- III. Advance equipments

SCHOLARSHIPS FUND

Alumni are welcome to contribute to provide scholarships on various bases through MNIT Alumni Corpus Fund . Our motive is to make MNIT financially accessible to everyone. The bases on which MNIT provides scholarships are as follows:

- I. Merit
- II. Project and Research
- III. Need
- IV. Higher Studies

Alumni can choose to fund named scholarships, which may honor an individual, a specific batch, or a cause. Contributions can be customized to match the scholarship amount they wish to provide. 80% of the annual interest earned on the donated amount will be used to fund scholarships. Accordingly, alumni may contribute towards scholarships.

An alumnus may donate a minimum amount to start and sustain a scholarship of at least INR 50,000 per annum per student. Alumni or a batch may choose to fully sponsor a needy student, covering tuition fees and personal expenses, with an annual scholarship of INR 2.5 lakhs. Additionally, a batch or group of alumni can contribute to establish a fund capable of sustaining 10 or more scholarships for a lifetime.

By contributing, you can play a vital role in shaping the future of deserving students and strengthening the MNIT community.

WELLNESS & MEDICAL FUND

Advance equipments at dispensary are required. We have a well working staff team but the number should increase. An alumnus may contribute a minimum amount of INR 10 lakhs and for a specific batch, minimum amount of contribution is INR 1 crore. Our vision is to make medical facilities 24x7. There are certain areas where Alumni may contribute :

- I. Advance Medical Equipments
- II. Ambulance
- III. Clinical Laboratories

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) FUND

Alumni may help in raising corpus fund using their wide network with industry.

GIVE BACK MNIT JAIPUR

This fund is set up to raise donations from the alumni of specific batches as a way to give back to MNIT Jaipur. These funds will be utilized for projects at institute as specified by the particular batch. Your contribution will help to make MNIT a world-class institution of higher learning.

LEARN-EARN-RETURN

The “Learn-Earn-Return” Fund aims to create a financial support system for students and imbibe the culture of giving back among them to sustain the initiative.

PROJECT BASED DONATION FUND

Alumni can donate in this fund for any specific project based on their interest and expertise in a particular field.

BATCH ENDOWMENT FUND

This fund is used for the support of a batch. For a specific batch, minimum amount of contribution is INR 5 crore. If you are making donation for specific batch, please specify.

NAMED CHAIRS/ PROFESSORSHIP FUND

Alumni can create an endowed chair or professor chair on their name by donating an amount of INR 1 crore for highly qualified & exceptional scholars and researchers.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Alumni can honor the legacy of their loved ones or to mark for themselves in their alma mater by naming a laboratory, hostel wing or a lecture hall in their loved one's name. This will positively impact the lives of thousands of students, staff & faculty who call the institute their home. An alumuns may contribute a minimum amount of INR 1 crore and for a specific batch, minimum amount of contribution is INR 5 crore.

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTRE

Alumnus/ Alumni batch may Lead a fundraiser to build a student activity center for productive and informal after-class experience in their department.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Our motive is to provide state of the art infrastructure to the students. An alumuns may contribute a minimum amount of INR 50 lakhs and for a specific batch, minimum amount of contribution is INR 5 crore. These are certain areas in infrastructure where Alumni may contribute :

- I. New Main Gate
- II. New Cafeteria
- III. Sports facilities (Swimming Pool, Gymnasium etc.)
- IV. Auditorium
- V. Student development centre

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Note: Donations to Malayiva National Institute of Technology Jaipur are exempted under section 80G(5)(vi) of Income Tax Act 1961.

Yours Truly

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Prof. N.P. Padhy
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A warm greeting to all our Alumni,

As we all know, since its inception, this college's alumni have consistently contributed generously, fostering the institution's global leadership by providing vital support in all positive dimensions. Not only financial assistance by the alumni but also contributions in providing jobs and internships, sharing values and skills, industrial visits, etc., are highly acknowledged by the institution and the administration.

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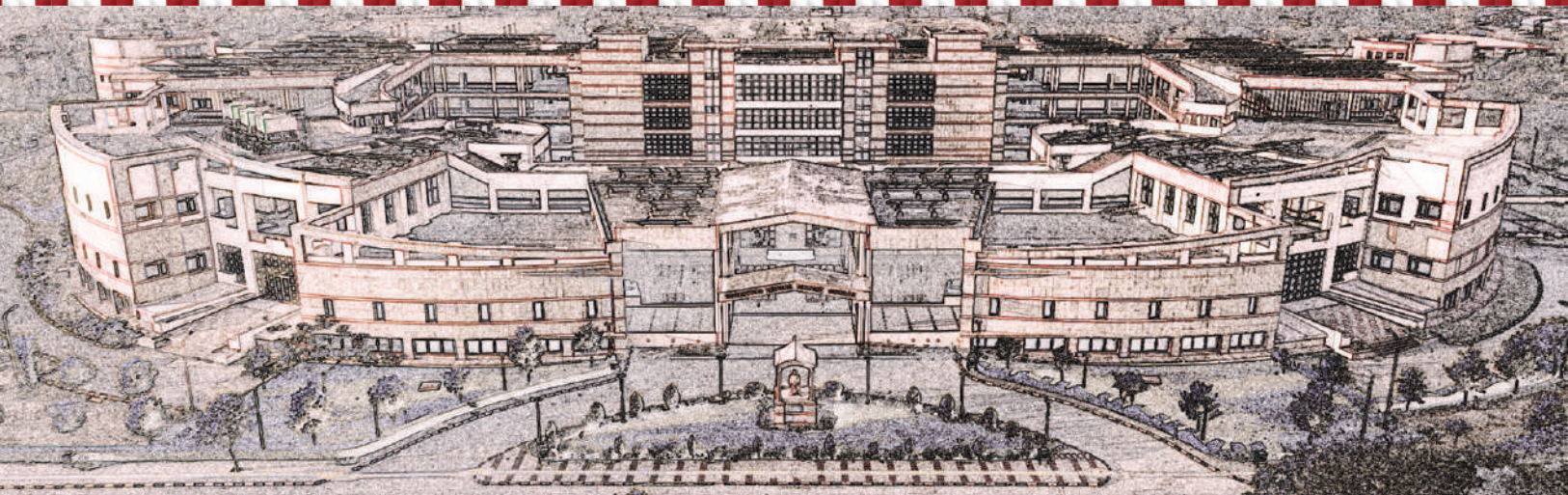
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The contributions can be made by scanning the QR code below or using the account details below. Contributions are also welcome through the link on our website, www.mnit.ac.in.

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