

Gujarat Technological University



Alumni Association (GTUAA)



Report of *3rd Annual Alumni Meet*

Organized
on
15th March 2015
at



Gujarat Technological University

Chandkheda Campus, Ahmedabad



Gujarat Technological University Alumni Association (GTUAA) has organized its 3rd Annual Alumni Meet on 15th March 2015 at Chandkheda campus, GTU. This is the third year of its journey since the establishment. With the motto of “Together – Forever”, GTUAA was founded on 8th February 2013 under the visionary leadership of Dr Akshai Aggarwal (Vice Chancellor, GTU) and Dr K N Sheth (Dean, Alumni Affairs, GTU) with a vision to keep the alumni connected with each other in a network for their own development and betterment of the Alma mater.

The 3rd Annual Alumni Meet was held at GTU Chandkheda campus under the leadership of Dr. K.N.Sheth and GTUAA coordinator Mr Hitesh Gujarati. This year to enhance the alumni network, the function was jointly organized with GTU PG School – CDAC-ACTS-BISAG.



The Dignitaries on the dais were,

- Dr Akshai Aggarwal Vice Chancellor GTU
- Shri T. P. Singh, Director, BISAG
- Dr. K. N. Sheth, The Dean of GTU, Alumni Affairs
- Shri J. C. Lilani Registrar (I/c), GTU



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The host of the function, Ms Darshana Chauhan, invited the dignitaries for lighting the lamp and invocation then the function started with the blessings of goddess "Saraswati"



Lamp Lighting and Invocation

After Lam lighting and Invocation, all the dignitaries were formally welcomed by Alumni Association with Motivational Book. Prof. P.C. Vasani (Principal, L.E.College, Morbi) welcomed shri T.P.Singh, Dr. K.N.Sheth welcomed Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Dr Rajesh Khajuria (Director, CKSVIM) welcomed In-charge Registrar Shri J C Lilani, Dr Khajuria welcomed Dr K N Sheth, Hitesh Gujarati welcomed soft skill trainer and Rajkot chapter coordinator Shri Lalit Chande and last but not the least Dr Rajesh Khajuria welcomed free lancer trainer Shri Chetan Shah.



Shri T.P.Singh & Prof. P.C.Vasani



Dr Akshai Aggarwal & Dr K N Sheth



Shri J C Lilani & Dr Rajesh Khajuria



Dr K N Sheth & Dr Rajesh Khajuria



Shri Lalit Chande & Shri Hitesh Gujarati



Shri Chetan Shah & Dr Rajesh Khajuria

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Being the first member of the association and Dean of Alumni affairs, Dr Sheth was invited to give opening and welcome address. He introduced The Chief Guest and other dignitaries to the audience. Dr. Sheth also welcomed alumni who gathered from all over the state. To motivate GTU Alumni, renowned guest and senior faculties were also present.



Dr K N Sheth

Dr. Sheth, elaborately presented the achievements of GTU Alumni Association in front of the audience. He also shared the moments which laid down the idea of GTUAA. He stated that the today GTUAA has a family of 1615 alumni as on 14th March 2015. Within the short time period of just 25 months GTUAA has reached this figure. The regional, national and international chapters which were established last year have been activated and are slowly getting momentum. Today GTUAA has got 16 such chapters including Ahmedabad chapter. Dr Sheth mentioned that the alumnus force in most of the Indian Universities yet to be organized. It is disconnected, lying idle, unutilized and stance wasted. But he said that, he is confident that GTUAA will be able to ensure GTUAA buildings across the world like ISCON. Dr K N Sheth, informed the association that this year two more chapters have been established. One at Toronto and another at Hyderabad. Further GTUAA launched GTU Gold club and the members are Gold Medallist of GTU. The members of GTUAA Gold Club are expected to give their inputs and suggestions for development of various academic activities and research at the University. It is also expected that they will organize intellectual forum and invite renowned people and share their views for taking various initiatives in the University. Dr Sheth also stated that, few gold club members who are present will be awarded the Gold Club Membership Certificate.



Dr. K N Sheth, during his address



In order to enhance further awareness among the students of GTU as regards Alumni Association following few initiatives have been added from this year.



1. Each affiliated Institute to GTU must declare Alumni Coordinator details. He will be college coordinator for GTU Alumni Affairs.
2. The institute must specify the title like "< college name > GTU Alumni Association", for example, SPCE-GTU Alumni Association.
3. The Chapter coordinators henceforth shall celebrate the annual alumni meet at the chapters' respective locations. For example Rajkot Chapter shall celebrate at Rajkot and Washington Chapter at Washington.
4. Foreign membership and new international chapters can be introduced through our Centre for Global Business Studies, International Student Cells and IEP. Mr Keyur Darji, Mr Mitesh Dadhania and Mr Hiren Thaker must coordinate with GTUAA.
5. 20% Discount shall be given to Alumni in all seminars/ conferences / workshops organized by GTU or affiliated colleges.



Shri T.P.Singh while addressing audience



Shri T.P.Singh and Prof P.C.Vasani

The Chief Guest of the function Shri T. P. Singh was invited to address the audience. He is Director of BISAG which imparts knowledge to engineering students of GTU PG School. BISAG is a very reputed institution in the area of satellite and communication. Being a scientist and academician, he advocated the power of youth in India. According to him, if India want to go ahead 25 years, then we must follow our youth. He also shared his views on improvement in higher education. He really impressed alumni present in the function with his visionary ideas and views. He shared many important information about his organization and its activities in the area of education. Sharing one example from his own life, he highlighted the importance and role of the alumni and strength of such association. Prof. P.C.Vasani honour Shri T. P. Singh for his presence and motivational speech.

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Then the visionary leader who took GTU at new heights in the field of education and given recognition at world level, Dr Akshai Aggarwal (Vice Chancellor) was invited to address the audience. He is the think tank behind the success of GTU. Gujarat Technological University Alumni Association (GTUAA) is the brain child of Dr Akshai Aggarwal. He is the man who thought to establish GTUAA and after its establishment he is constantly thinking and directing to strengthen GTUAA. Dr Aggarwal welcomed all the alumni and shared his views about the Alumni Association. According to him, Alumni of any Institute/organization has a great role to play for the growth and development of the Alma mater.



Dr Akshai Aggarwal, VC, GTU



During his address Dr Akshai Aggarwal, Vice Chancellor, GTU

Giving example of IITs, he explained how an alumni can help the institute in excelling in education and creating brand name. He also highlighted the strength of such association which can help new students who are about to join industry. Alumni Network has power to build a better image of university by their performance and helping each other as well as their junior students. He emphasised on this point and said that such association will help them to build better network which will ultimately improve the quality of education and will enhance the growth of alumni and university. He ended his speech with the blessing to grow in all the areas of life and also asked alumni to contribute to make this university as one of the best universities of the world.

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Shri J.C.Lilani, In-charge registrar of GTU was invited by Ms Darshana to address the audience. Shri Lilani informed alumni about the successes that GTU has achieved within just 8 years of its establishment. He also highlighted on the awards which were received by GTU and for that he gave credit to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr Akshai Aggarwal. He also insisted alumni to join GTU so that university can excel in the area of education and can become one of the top most universities of the world.



Shri J C Lilani, In-Charge Registrar



As soft skills are very much essential in today's world, to enhance the employability and help its alumni to groom in their professional career, GTUAA organized two soft skill training sessions for its members. GTUAA has invited very eminent professional trainers for these sessions.

The first session was taken by Mr Lalit Chande who is Assistant Director of T N Rao College of Management Studies, Rajkot. He is also a coordinator of Rajkot Chapter. Apart from teaching he is engaged in the area of soft skill training. The session which was taken by him was on "Significance of Skills in Professional Career". He was honoured by Dr K N Sheth for his valuable training session.



Shri Lalit Chande while Soft Skill Training Session



Shri Lalit Chande & Dr K N Sheth



Another eminent professional trainer who took the 2nd session of soft skill was Mr Chetan Shah. He is corporate trainer specialised in soft skills and English language. He is a freelancer trainer and engage in providing trainings to various corporates. His was on “Getting Competitive Edge with Corporate Etiquettes”. He was honour by Ms Darshana Chauhan for his valuable session.



Shri Chetan Shah during his session on Corporate Etiquettes



Ms Darshana Chauhan and Shri Chetan Shah

After the learning session it was time to relax and enjoy. To make this occasion of 3rd annual alumni meet, GTUAA has also planned for amusement programmes for its members. This programme was sponsored by Shri Janak Khandwala, he is a core member of GTUAA. Though he could not attend the function due to unavoidable reason, he made the function pleasant and joyful by inviting a singing group to the programme. Because of his support, GTUAA members enjoyed the singing and mimicry performed by Shri Rajubhai Parekh and group. Apart from this group, hidden talented people Dr K N Sheth, Shri Lalit Chande and Shri Hiteshkumar Devmurari sang a song which really entertained the audience.



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After the joyful programme, it was time for recognizing the performance of alumni and people who made this function a grand success. The valedictory function was chaired by Prof P.C.Vacani and Dr K N Sheth. Both the chaired person awarded certificates to Gold Club Members. Gold Club is group of alumni who secured Gold Medal during their academic career.



Prof P C Vasani & Dr K N Sheth in Valedictory function



Dr K N Sheth awarding certificates to "Gold Club Members"



Prof P C Vasani awarding certificates to "Gold Club Members"



After the awarding of certificates to Gold Club Members, Prof P C Vasani was honour for chairing Valedictory function by Ms Darshana Chauhan by memento. Prof Vasani is a core member of GTUAA and always supported GTUAA at every stage. Dr K N Sheth was honour with memento for his overall contribution toward GTUAA and organizing this function.



Ms Darshana Chauhan honouring Prof. P C Vasani



Ms Darshana Chauhan honouring Dr K N Sheth

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Mr Hitesh Gujarati, coordinator of GTUAA and Ahmedabad chapter was awarded a memento for his dedicated and excellent contribution towards GTUAA. Because of his initiatives, new website is developed which has made registration process completely digitalize and also developed a social networking portal for the registered members. The new portal facilitates a member to join particular community like engineering, pharmacy, management etc. and message can be posted to all the members of that community. For his significant contribution in last two years he has been awarded a memento by Shri Chetan Shah.

Ms Darshana Chauhan, was honour with memento for his outstanding contribution as Master of Ceremony on the occasion of 3rd annual alumni meet.



Mr Hitesh Gujarati receiving memento from Shri Chetan Shah



Ms Darshana Chauhan as Master of Ceremony

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