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Alumni Get-together 2017



Alumni get together of silver jubilee batch along with 1987 to 1991 batches was organized at R.I.T., Rajaramnagar on 12th August 2017. More than 120 alumni were present for this meet. After registration, all the alumni gathered in the video conference hall. Hon. Bhagatsingh Patil, Chairman, Board of Governors (B.O.G.) of the institute and Hon. Jayant Patil, Ex. Finance and Planning Minister, Maharashtra State graced this august gathering. Get-together started with the welcome of all alumni and faculty members. They have shown a video clip "Glorious Moments in RIT" to recall the memories of their 'RIT Days'. All the alumni enjoyed this video clip. Mr. Nazir Shaikh, Chairman, RIT Alumni Association, welcomed Hon. Bhagatsingh Patil and Hon. Jayant Patil by presenting them a sapling. The chief guests has inaugurated the function by 'watering the plant'. Inauguration was followed by address of Mr. Nazir Shaikh. He highlighted the growth of RIT Alumni Association and how it has played a vital role in the development of the institute. He also discussed how the alumni of RIT have been successfully placed at important and high positions in the society. He appealed the alumni to remain present for the get together and contribute voluntarily for the further development of the institute by formation of an endowment trust. Dr. Sushma Kulkarni, Director, RIT, then addressed the gathering. She highlighted about the development of the institute since its inception in 1983. She also added about the recent achievements of RIT in different rankings by various agencies and magazines.

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She then discussed about the new curriculum which has been implemented in RIT from the current academic year. Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) as it is called is a new initiative by RIT wherein a student can choose courses of his/her choice right from the first year of his/her studies in the institute. This gives flexibility to the students select courses according to his/her choice and also helps the student to set a carrier path. She also explained the development of research culture at RIT over the past few years and now RIT has increasing number of filed patents.

She also added that how the gender ratio of students applying to take admission in RIT has changed over the years. She shared that at present about 35-40 % of the students in RIT are girl students. At the end of her address, Dr. Mrs. Kulkarni appealed to the alumni to help the institute in any way possible to further raise the brand image of RIT in the society.

After all addresses the forum was kept open for alumni members to share their views. The first alumnus to speak was Mr. Unmesh Malase, Scientist, BARC, Mumbai. He shared his views about the institute and the golden days he spent in RIT. He also assured all faculty members about his support for providing internship for final year students at BARC to carry out their project work. He also added that the institute to target CSR funds of various industries for infrastructure development in RIT.

Next alumnus to speak was Mr. Prasad Rajappam. He was one of the first students to pass out from RIT in the year 1987. He spoke about the need to establish city wise RIT alumni chapters to promote the gatherings of alumni of different batches in their own cities. This will lead to more interaction among the alumni members. This might also help the junior students for placement or references in various companies for jobs.

After this, Mr. Abhijeet Chowdhari (presently working in Germany) expressed his views. He shared how happy he felt to come back to RIT after such a long time. He appreciated the development of the facilities at the central workshop. He also suggested how setting up of a Product Design center in RIT would help the students and also the institute to get consultancy projects from the industry. He suggested to increase industry sponsored projects at RIT. He also assured of providing whatever help is required by RIT to start a dialogue with German Universities like Fraunhofer Institutes and various industries via DAAD and the German embassy in Mumbai, India. He added that such kind of interactions would help the institute to raise its awareness in the whole world.

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This talk was followed by Mr. Umesh Kalhans, General Manager, Reliance Industries Limited. He has completed his B.E. in Automobile Engineering. He spoke about the hardship faced by the students of the first few batches to complete the course. He also shared how delighted he was to see various Jio hotspots in RIT. He assured of helping the institute in any way possible to raise the standards of RIT.

Next to speak was Mr. Abhay Desai, Director, Regional Marketing, Asia, Middle East, Africa and Turkey, Sealed Air. He spoke about how he met his batch mate Mr. Unmesh Malase after 15 years? He told how they were best friends during their stay in Islampur. He also added that although they were located only 15 kms apart they never met each other in Mumbai. He also spoke as to how after such a long time his role has now drifted away from engineering towards management. He thought due to this he might be able to contribute more to the MBA department in RIT. He promised that he would conduct expert/guest lectures and talks for the students of MBA department.

Mr Sushilkumar, who is working as AGM in Nagpur Metro, Nagpur, expressed his feelings as how professors have given shape to his life and helped him at every critical stage of his life. Here he specially mentioned the role of Dr. Mrs. Sushma Kulkarni in his life. He had to struggle hard and face a lot of hardships to reach the current position in his life. Dr. Sushma Kulkarni was a constant source of inspiration for him throughout this journey. She guided him and also made sure that he always stayed positive and motivated to achieve higher goals in his life. He also mentioned the importance of various competitive exams in the life of budding students. He assured that he will do his best to help students from RIT for securing internship and projects in Nagpur Metro.

The last alumnus to share his views was Mr. Balasubramaniam. He is presently working in the area of production management. He expressed his views about increasing the competency of the students so that they are industry ready when they appear for interviews. He also added that RIT students are at par with the best of students from various institutes around the country.

After the alumni members expressed their views, Hon, Jayant Patil shared his views about the get-together and also the future plans to develop RIT. He said that RIT is an institute which is constantly improving and striving hard to raise its standard continuously. He assured all the alumni gathered that whatever suggestion have been given by the alumni members will be taken into consideration for implementation at the earliest. He also appealed the alumni to contribute towards the development of the institute in any way possible. He stressed that the help need not be only in the form of monetary contributions, but it can also be in the form of providing internship opportunities to the students. He also discussed the importance of continuous interaction between the alumni and the institute. He said that every year such alumni get-togethers will be organized. He assured that city-wise alumni chapters will soon be formed to facilitate easy meeting of the alumni members as per their ease and comfort.

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After the address of Hon. Jayant Patil, it was the turn of Hon. Shamrao Patil Anna to express his thoughts. He spoke about the hardships faced at the beginning when RIT was to be established in 1983. He also shared how the students had to face numerous problems to complete their graduation. He spoke how faculty members from WCE, Sangli used to visit RIT to conduct lectures. At the end of his address he appealed to all the alumni members gathered to continue this kind of support they provide and the interaction with the institute.

Mr. Rajesh Patil, Vice President, RIT Alumni Association also shared his views. He spoke in detail about the activities of RIT Alumni Association. He also said that it is the duty of all alumni members to contribute in the development of its alma mater.

After this, Hon. Bhagatsingh Patil, Chairman, BOG, RIT shared his thoughts. He welcomed all the gathered alumni members to RIT. He shared how the institute has developed since its inception in 1983. He spoke how RIT has developed by leaps and bounds in the past 34 years. He also shared about his own experience to contribute towards the development of his Alma mater, Sainik School, Satara. At the end of his address, he requested all the alumni members gathered for the get-together to enjoy their stay in the college and re-live the moments they have spent in the college.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. S. M. Sawant, Dean, Students' Development, RIT. He expressed his sincere thanks to all the alumni members, faculty members, non-teaching staff, hostel staff and administrative staff and all other members who were directly or indirectly involved for the success of this event.

The inaugural function was anchored by Prof. Shirish Subhash Mane, Assistant Professor, Automobile Engineering Department, RIT.

After the end of inaugural function all the alumni members, faculty and guests gathered for a group photo at the entrance of the main building. Then everyone proceeded toward mess for lunch. After lunch, all the alumni members offered a gift as a token of love.

Later on all the alumni members visited their respective departments. They discussed about the development of the department with the respective Heads of departments and the faculty members. The alumni members then dispersed off marking the end of a wonderful and memorable silver jubilee get-together function of the 1992 pass-out batch along with all the previous pass-out batches right from the first batch of 1987.

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Dr. S. S. Gawade alumni chief officer along with his committee members Prof. Y M Patil, Prof. Mrs. Shailaja Patil, Prof. Dadaso Mane, Prof. Bamane, Prof. Shirish Mane, Prof. Shrikant Karanjakar, Prof. Ajit Mali, Prof. P V Gunjvate, Prof. Swapnil Patil had taken lot of efforts for making such successful alumni get-together first of its kind at RIT, Rajaramnagar, Sakharale.

After lunch, all the alumni members and alumni co-ordinators visited the central library. The librarian, Mr. Vishwas Hase and his team welcomed the alumni and gave them a brief introduction about the facilities available. They highlighted that the library is open on every day throughout the year from 8 am in the morning till 12 midnight. Mr. Hase also explained about the library's state-of-the-art building, hardware, software and other allied resources is fast developing into one of the best institutional libraries in the Western Maharashtra.

All the alumni members appreciated the library's inviting architecture and how it provides an ambience that is relaxed but modern; and space that is large yet intimate. Then the alumni and library team visited different sections of the library starting with the journal section, followed by stacks section and the patent section. After the patent section, everyone moved on towards the reading hall and the reference section which is located on the second and third floor. Later on everybody moved to CIIED (Center for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development). All the alumni members appreciated this initiative by the management of RIT. Then everyone moved towards digital library. Mr. Hase explained all the online subscriptions that library has subscribed to and also explained other internet related facilities available at the library.

Finally, everybody gathered in front the librarian's office. Dr. S. M. Sawant, Dr. S. S. Gawade, the respective heads of the department and departmental alumni co-ordinators handed over a small memento as a token of remembrance to all the alumni. All the alumni members appreciated and praised the world class facilities provided by the college in the central library.

A few of the alumni also visited the 'Urja Prakalp' activity which was being carried out for first year under soft skills development. They guided the students in various aspects. The alumni shared with the first year students the difference in the facilities provided to them and the present scenario. They shared their own experiences and also motivated students to perform their best. The alumni also appealed to the students to enhance their skills so that they can grab any opportunity which might come in their life. All the alumni assured the students that they will always be there to support. The distinguished alumni shared their contact details with the students present for the activity. Finally the alumni bid farewell to the students after wishing them for a better and promising future.

After this activity, all the alumni dispersed off to visit their respective departments. The interactions and visit details of Automotive, Civil and Mechanical engineering department are as below:



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AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT INTERACTION AND LAB VISIT

The head of the department, Dr. S. R. Desai and the alumni co-ordinator Prof. S. S. Mane welcomed all the alumni (pass-out batches 1986 to 1992) who visited Automobile Engineering Department.

1. Mr. Subhash M. Temak
2. Mr. Suhas P. Deshpande
3. Mr. Nitinchandra I. Dalvai
4. Mr. Kiran Bommakanti
5. Mr. Pravin Mahadik
6. Mr. Umesh Kalhans
7. Dr. Kumar D. Sapate
8. Mr. Vitthal D. Chavan

The Alumni and faculty members started with a visit to the workshop; they saw lathe machines, universal milling machine, shaping machine, and surface grinder, centre less grinder, turret lathe, etc. Alumni appreciated the commercial products (Benches, Stools, Tables, Battery Stand, Models, Grills and other furniture) made by First Year B. Tech. students. After this they visited vibration laboratory, where they seen advanced FFT analyzer and other testing facility of vibration engineering. Then they visited Welding shop, which is equipped with TIG, MIG, Submerged arc welding, and Plasma arc welding.

They also visited I.C. Engine lab, Vehicle Body Engineering lab, Transmission lab and ARDC lab. All the visiting alumni members appreciated all the new facilities which have been developed in the department



since they passed out of the institute. They suggested a few more additional equipments to be purchased to enhance the lab setups and also equip students with knowledge about the latest trends in automotive sector. Mr. V. D. Chavan also visited 'Quad Bike Design Challenge' team in the department. He enquired about the design of the bike and also interacted with the team members.

At the end of the visit, all the alumni and faculty members gathered in the ARDC lab and had a short discussion about ways to promote Automobile Engineering department. This was followed with high tea and then all alumni members dispersed.

Photo 1. Alumni and faculty members' visit to ARDC lab

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CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT INTERACTION AND LAB VISIT

All alumni from Civil Engineering Department attended departmental alumni interaction at 3.00 pm in departmental meeting after central library visit. Total 11 alumni present were present for alumni interaction. Dr. P. D. Kumbhar, Head, Civil Engineering Department welcome all alumni. He also introduced alumni and faculty during departmental interaction.

During interaction Er. B.S. Nadage (Batch-1989), Executive Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation, Ratnagiri discussed importance of railway engineering for Civil engineering program. He explained assessment procedure of health monitoring of railway bridges for alumni, faculty and staff. He also explained procedure for repair and rehabilitation of steel and R.C.C. bridges.

Er. J. S. Jadhav (Batch-1988), Executive Engineer MIDC, Thane explained the role and duties of Project Management Consultant (PMC) in development of MIDC sector. He also explained function of PMC in MIDC development.

Dr. A. C. Attar, Dean, Q & A and alumni also interacted with all alumni. During his interaction he gave information about project choices offered by RIT in CBCS curriculum to all alumni. He also collected feedback of all alumni about CBCS curriculum offered by civil engineering department.

Prof. P.M. Mohite asked about the help of alumni in industrial training and visit to all alumni. All alumni gave positive support for industrial training and visit.



Introduction of Alumni and faculty in CED



Alumni B.S. Nadage Executive Engineer, Kokan Railway Corporation



Alumni J. S. Jadhav, Executive Engineer, MIDC, Thane



Alumni and faculty photo in Civil Engineering Department

All alumni visited all civil engineering laboratories with civil engineering faculty.

Prof P. S. Patil, Prof. A. C. Attar, Dr H. S. Jadhav and Y. M. Patil requested all alumni to give support for sponsored project, Testing and consultancy activiteis and Industrial training.

Mr. Y. M. Patil proposed vote of thank for departmental alumni visit.

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT INTERACTION AND LAB VISIT

Following Alumni (batch 1986 to 1992) visited to Mechanical Engineering Department on 12th August 2017

1. Mr. Umesh Jadhav
 2. Mr. Vikram Pathak
 3. Mr. Subhash Ishwara Bhosale
 4. Mr. Nrayan Herlekar
 5. Mr. Abhay Desai
 6. Mr. Unmesh D Malshe
 7. Mr. Abhijit Sursh Shinde
 8. Mr. Ravikant Verma
 9. Mr. Sanjeev Balkrishna Patil
 10. Mr. K. Balasubramanian
 11. Mr. Ganesh Vaman Kulkarni
 12. Mr. Sanjay S Sawant
 13. Mr. Syed Hasan Ehiya
 14. Mr. Hemant M. Rajarapurkar
 15. Mr. Prasad Rajappan
- Mr. Rizwan Ahmed Abbas Shaikh

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