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Message from Dean, AER

The new year began with new promises of creativity and connections. We kick-started the year, participating in the PanIIT Global Conference held in the JIO World Convention Centre, Mumbai during January 17-19, 2025. PanIIT World of Technology or PIWOT 2025 saw a footfall of over 3000 enthusiastic IIT Alumna from across the globe. This unique meet showcased panel discussions and fireside chats, a tech exhibition, hackathons, and a series of moderated closed-door sessions and interactive forums that brought together IIT Directors, Deans and Alumni Association Presidents, Incubation Centre Heads, enabling meaningful exchange of ideas and experiences, and promises of joining hands to grow together, enable our alumni to flourish and have a more impactful presence in the national and social ecosystem. This mega event was followed by the satellite event at our institute.

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INSTITUTE AT A GLANCE

• Alumni Awards Ceremony 2024

Mr. Saurabh Nangia Co-founder & CEO Mesh.ai & Mr. Aayush Thakur CEO & Co-founder FR8relay have been awarded the **"Young Alumni Achiever Award"** and Prof. Prateek Mittal, Professor in Princeton University has been awarded the **"Distinguished Alumni Award"**.



Mr. Saurabh Nangia
2008, BTech, CSE



Mr. Aayush Thakur
2010, BTech, Civil
Engineering



Prof. Prateek Mittal
2006, BTech, CSE



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On 21st January 2025, IIT Guwahati hosted PIWOT 2025: "Visions for a Promising Tomorrow", a first-of-its-kind meet in North East India, uniting a diverse group of alumni, researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders from academia, industry, and government. With visionary speakers, engaging panel discussions, and a grand exposition, PIWOT 2025 presented a unique opportunity to connect with leaders across academia, industry, government, and social organizations. The event showcased a Tech Expo with participation from IITG research groups, students, and entrepreneurs, who enthralled the audience with their amazing innovations. There was also an engaging academic agenda, including keynote speeches, fireside chats, and panel discussions on sustainability, social entrepreneurship, and healthcare technology. The enthusiastic participation of leaders from the WHEELS Global Foundation, and social entrepreneurs of the region and highest administrative officials of the State Government, ensured that all strata of the society joined hands to pledge for working towards a sustainable and Viksit Bharat.

This day also saw the celebrations of the achievements of IIT Guwahati's alumni through the prestigious alumni awards. Three directors, our founding Director Prof. D. N. Buragohain, the next director Prof. Gautam Barua, and our current director, Prof. Devendra Jalihal, graced the occasion, along with the Chief Secretary of Assam Government, Dr Ravi Kota. Prof. Prateek Mittal was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award, while Mr. Saurabh Nangiya and Mr. Aayush Thakur were awarded the Young Alumni Achiever Award. It was a moment of pride for the IITG family, when they walked up on the dais to receive their prizes and share the story of their journey with us.

These three months were indeed eventful. With several alumni meets across the globe, academic achievements, research innovations, new international collaborations, prizes and accolades for our students, faculty and alum, we have made our presence felt across the globe, while reinvigorating existing ties.

We are now actively planning for the Silver Jubilee meet of the Class of 2000. We hope that this year we will have a grander homecoming of our own.

Alumni Awards Ceremony 2024



- **PIWOT, 2025**

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati hosted the PanIIT World of Technology (PIWOT) Meet 2025, a premier event showcasing innovative solutions addressing real-world challenges, with a special emphasis on uplifting rural communities. This prestigious gathering, a satellite event of the recently concluded Global PanIIT Conference 2025 in Mumbai, highlighted IIT Guwahati's leadership in advancing technological excellence and fostering entrepreneurship.

PIWOT 2025 brought together a distinguished assembly of alumni, researchers, entrepreneurs, industry leaders, and policymakers from across the globe. Organised in collaboration with the WHEELS Global Foundation—a philanthropic initiative of IIT alumni focused on Water, Health, Energy, Education, Livelihood, and Sustainability—the event underscored the pivotal role of technology in driving rural development.

The event was graced by Dr. Ravi Kota, IAS, Chief Secretary of Assam, as Chief Guest. Other esteemed attendees included Mr. Suresh V. Shenoy, Vice President of WHEELS Global Foundation; Prof. D. N. Buragohain, Founding Director, IIT Guwahati; and Prof. Gautam Barua, Former Director, IIT Guwahati. Their presence emphasised the institute's journey toward academic and technological excellence.



It was a unique initiative of IITG in collaboration with organizations like PanIIT, WHEELS foundation, CII, and Iycap Ventures, to deliberate on topics of global importance, like sustainability, translational science, social entrepreneurship and technology for healthcare, through keynote speeches, fireside chats, and panel discussions. The Tech Expo was a dynamic exhibition showcasing ground breaking innovations across four distinct pavilions - the Research Pavilion highlighting advancements by IITG researchers, the Student Pavilion that celebrates the ingenuity of young innovators of IITG, the Visitor Pavilion which featured interactive displays from Northeast institutions and social organizations, and the Startup Pavilion which showcased ventures supported by IITG's technology incubation centers.

Dr. Ravi Kota IAS, Chief Secretary of Assam, as Chief Guest emphasised the importance of collaboration in nation-building. Mr. Suresh V. Shenoy, Vice President of WHEELS Global Foundation, encouraged the IIT Guwahati community to be job creators rather than job seekers, emphasising the moral imperative of giving back to society through nation-building and philanthropy.



The Tech Exhibition featured over 100 cutting-edge innovations by IIT Guwahati's faculty and students, and also other participating institutions and organizations. Notable exhibits included AI assisted prosthetic arms, Electronic Bandages for enhanced and accelerated healing, Ultra-Cooling Technology for fruit preservation, Cochlear implant without a battery, deeptech innovations, sensors and sustainable devices. Prizes were declared at the end of the day, the best projects adjudicated by a panel of experts and additional visitors' choice awards.



Prominent speakers in the event included:

Dr Lakshmanan S, IAS, Secretary, Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprise Departments, CMD National Health Mission

Siddhartha Choudhary, industrialist in defense and aerospace, who inspired students with his entrepreneurial journey.

Ambassador Pradeep Kapur, former foreign service officer and author, who advocated for addressing rural challenges through optimised solutions.

Dr. Raj Shah, eminent cardiologist, and **Dr. Lakshmanan**, IAS, MD NHM, who discussed leveraging technology for accessible and affordable healthcare in Assam.

PIWOT 2025 concluded as a resounding success, epitomising the spirit of innovation, collaboration, and societal transformation, and setting the stage for advancements that will shape the future of everyday lives.



- **76th Republic Day Celebration**

76th Republic Day 2025 was celebrated in IIT Guwahati. Prof. Devendra Jaliha, Director IIT Guwahati, hoisted the flag and delivered a speech. A speech in Assamese was delivered by Prof. Diganta Goswami, Registrar In-Charge IIT Guwahati. There was a march past of groups of students and cultural function performed by KV students and campus residents. Students, faculty, staff and their family took part in the event enthusiastically.



- **Manekshaw Centre of Excellence for National Security**

IIT Guwahati, IIT Kanpur, IIIT Delhi Lead Establishment of Manekshaw Centre of Excellence for National Security. Named after Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, the Manekshaw Centre of Excellence for National Security Studies and Research (MCOENSSR) will serve as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for fostering collaboration among academia, government, and industry to address critical national security challenges.



INNOVATIONS & DISCOVERIES

- **Innovative Injectable Hydrogel for Targeted Breast Cancer Therapy**

Prof. Debapratim Das, along with his research scholars Ms. Tanushree Das and Ms. Ritvika Kushwaha from IIT Guwahati and collaborators Dr. Kuldip Jana, Mr. Satyajit Halder, and Mr. Anup Kumar Misra from Bose Institute Kolkata have developed an innovative injectable hydrogel for targeted breast cancer therapy. This breakthrough enables precise drug delivery to tumours, minimising side effects and enhancing treatment efficacy. The research is still at lab level and will require many levels of testing before it can be administered as a viable therapy.

- **Advances in Cholesterol and Triglyceride Detection with Advanced Nanotechnology**

Researchers at IIT Guwahati, led by Prof. Dipankar Bandyopadhyay, Centre for Nanotechnology and Department of Chemical Engineering, have developed an innovative approach to improve the detection of cholesterol and triglycerides by integrating Surface-Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS) on the nanoscale objects. The work utilises bimetallic nanostructures that are 10,000 times thinner than the width of a human hair for the high-fidelity detection of the biomarkers in the human blood.



- **Fruit Waste to Treat Polluted Wastewater**

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati researchers have developed a sustainable and cost effective method to remove toxic pollutants from industrial wastewater using biochar made from fruit waste. Prof. Gopal Das, Department of Chemistry, along with the team comprising of Ms. Neha Gautam and Dr. Deepmoni Deka, Sr. Technical Officer, has shown how biochar can absorb nitro aromatic compounds.

- **Traditional Assamese Fermented Food for Sustainable Industrial Applications**

IIT Guwahati researchers explore traditional Assamese fermented food for sustainable industrial applications. The research team at IIT Guwahati, led by Prof. Lalit Mohan Pandey, Associate Professor, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, identified *Bacillus subtilis* SMP-2, as a significant bacterial strain present in Panitenga. This strain has the unique ability to produce biosurfactants, which are natural compounds with diverse industrial and environmental applications.

- **Self-Cleaning, Flexible Heating Fabric for Cold Climates**

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati researchers have developed a water-repellent, conductive textile that converts electricity and sunlight into heat. The findings of this research have been published in the journal, *Nano-Micro-Small*, in a paper co-authored by Prof. Uttam Manna, Department of Chemistry, IIT Guwahati, along with his research team, Ms. Debasmita Sarkar, Mr. Haydar Ali, Mr. Rajan Singh, Mr. Anirban Phukan, Mr. Chittaranjan Mishra, and Prof. Roy P. Paily from Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, IIT Guwahati.



- **State-of-the-Art Nanomaterial for Mercury Detection in Cells and Environment**

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati researchers led by Prof. Saikat Bhaumik, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, in collaboration with Prof. Chandan Goswami, Associate Professor, NISER Bhubaneswar have developed an innovative and cost-effective method to detect the presence of harmful metals in living cells and the environment. The innovation could revolutionise disease diagnostics and environmental monitoring by improving the detection and management of metal toxicity in biological systems.

WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/CONFERENCES

- **GAIN Phase-IV**

The Government of India's Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) is a one-of-a-kind program that aims to tap into the expertise of renowned foreign scientists and academics while encouraging active collaboration with Indian universities. The program intends to improve the country's academic and research infrastructure, accelerate quality improvements, and establish India as a global leader in scientific and technical excellence. IIT Guwahati has launched several GIAN courses.



"Product Service System Design: Methods and Tools with a Design and Technology Management Perspective" Jointly organised by the Centre for Educational Technology (CET) and the Department of Design, IIT Guwahati. Duration of this intensive course is from 27th to 31st January, 2025.

"Optimizing transport networks: Recent advancements and R&D needs for network operations and control" Jointly organised by the Centre for Educational Technology (CET) and the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Guwahati. Duration of this intensive course is from 27th to 31st January, 2025.

"Explainable AI for Cybersecurity" Jointly organised by the Centre for Educational Technology (CET) and the Department of Computer Science Engineering. Duration of this intensive course is from 10 March 2025 to 21 March 2025.

"Advances in Solar Collector Technologies" Jointly organised by the Centre for Educational Technology (CET) and the School of Energy Science and Engineering. Duration of this intensive course is from 3rd -7th March, 2025.

IIT Guwahati launched the prestigious GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) Phase- IV course on **"Modeling Linguistic Diversity and Prosodic Typology with Machine Learning"** Jointly organised by the Centre for Educational Technology (CET) and the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Duration of this intensive course is from 20th to 24th January, 2025.

- **Entrepreneurship event**

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati BioNEST and BRICS Youth Council, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Government of India) and the Global Counter-Terrorism Council, hosted a Pre-Consultation Event on Entrepreneurship on February 7, 2025. A key feature of the event was a grand startup exhibition, curated by IIT Guwahati-BioNEST, in which more than 80 startups showcased their innovations and ideas to the participants.



Mini Jackathon on HPC C-DAC Conducts Mini Hackathon on High Performance Computing under National Supercomputing Mission. Computer and Communication Centre, IIT Guwahati in collaboration with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), is organizing a Mini Hackathon at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati. The 3 days hackathon, from 5th to 7th February 2025 is an intensive hands-on program designed to Optimize Indigenous Modeling & Simulation Application Codes. It helps computational scientists and researchers to port, accelerate and optimize their applications on CPUs and GPUs of PARAM series of supercomputing systems deployed under NSM.

Two-day Management Development Program

The School of Business at IIT Guwahati successfully conducted a two-day Management Development Program on "General Management" for the officers and executives of India Post, North East Circle. A total of 21 officials from 14 different circles participated in this immersive program, covering key areas such as management, marketing, capacity building, infrastructure planning, leadership, and ethics in public services.

BRAHMA workshop

NEHARI, in association with IIT Guwahati successfully organised an intensive 3day BRAHMA workshop. Engineers, scientists and water resource professionals deepened their understanding of river behaviour analysis through expert led sessions.

Japan-NER Sustainable Technologies Cooperation Symposium 2025

Gifu University and the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG, India) co-hosted the "Japan-NER Sustainable Technologies Cooperation Symposium 2025" at IITG.



This symposium was conducted as part of the activities of the "Inter-University Exchange Project Gifu University: Support for Creation of Inter-University Exchanges in the Indo-Pacific Region" approved by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. The project is currently promoted by Gifu University and IITG (one of Gifu University's Joint Degree Program (JDP) partner universities overseas).

The symposium aimed to discuss international collaborative education represented by JDP, as well as research development necessary for social transformation, including acceleration of regional development in India and development in the North Eastern Region (NER) of India through Japan-India collaboration. The symposium was held in a hybrid format in the IITG campus. Over two days, the symposium was attended by a total of 176 participants, including participants from all leading higher education institutions in the North Eastern part of India.

NEW COLLABORATIONS

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Miraclus Orthotech**, to collaborate on innovative research, development, and testing of advanced orthopedic implants and instruments. The partnership aims to address critical challenges in the medical device sector and deliver high-quality, efficient solutions to improve patient care. This partnership marks a significant milestone in advancing biomedical engineering by combining IIT Guwahati's expertise in cutting-edge research with Miraclus Orthotech's industry leadership.

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Numaligarh Refinery Limited** to collaborate on pioneering R&D in sustainable technologies, automation and clean energy solutions. The MoU was signed by MD, NRL, Mr. Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan and Director, IIT Guwahati Prof. Devendra Jalihal. The partnership seeks to leverage cutting-edge research to address complex challenges in the energy and petroleum industry, promoting cleaner and more efficient solutions.

Indian Army signs MoU with IIT Guwahati for cutting-edge bunker materials. The MoU was signed for research, design, & fabrication of epoxy bamboo-based composites as a replacement for traditional building materials used in the construction of bunkers in high-altitude areas.

In a major step towards bringing sustainable biotechnology solutions from lab to market. IIT Guwahati signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **K.N. Bioscience (India) Pvt. Ltd.** on 18th February 2025, for the large-scale commercialisation of C-Phycocyanin production from Spirulina biomass. The cost-effective technology will make a significant impact on the food, cosmetics, healthcare, and pharmaceutical industries.

IIT Guwahati signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Danfoss Industries Private Limited** on 27th February 2025, during InvenTiv 2025, the Global Innovation Showcase hosted at IIT Madras. The MoU was signed in the august presence of Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education and Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), Government of India, along with senior officials, academic leaders, and industry representatives.



The MoU was signed by Prof. Devendra Jalihal, Director, IIT Guwahati, and Mr. Ravichandran Purushothaman, Regional President - Danfoss Industries Private Limited, India, marking a significant step towards strengthening collaboration between academia and industry in the fields of sustainable technologies and advanced engineering solutions.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- **Meeting of the Directors of NITs and IIITs of North-East India**

IIT Guwahati hosted a meeting of Directors from all NITs and IIITs in Northeast India, on February 1, 2025. The focus was to strengthen partnerships and foster academic and research collaborations among the premier technical institutions in the region.

Key details:

Date & Location: 1 February 2025, IIT Guwahati campus.

Participants: Directors of IIT Guwahati, and other regional NITs and IIITs.

Objective: To set frameworks for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and joint initiatives in academia and research.

Output:

An MOU has already been signed between IIT Guwahati and NIT Agartala, on Student exchange and joint degree programs.

Dialogue is underway for new collaborations and MOUs with some other NITs.



- **Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp (MOTC)**



Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp (MOTC): Outreach Education Programme was organized an MOTC at IITG during 30 December 2024- 3 Jan 2025 in association with Assam Academy of Mathematics (AAM) held. 35 students from all the states of the North Eastern India attended the programme, which was sponsored by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), Mumbai.

- **Exposure Visits**

IITG hosted visits of students from 18 schools and colleges for exposure and academic interaction during the period from January 2025 to March 2025. As many as 1328 students and 109 teachers visited IIT Guwahati under this program.



ACCOLADES



Prof. Hemangee Kapoor, Professor in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT Guwahati has received the ACM India Outstanding Contributions in Computing by a Woman (OCCW) 2024 Award. ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) is a prestigious global professional body.



Dr. Tanmay Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics & Electrical Engineering, IIT Guwahati has receiving the Young Scientist Award 2024. The award is declared by The Science, Technology and Climate Change Department of Assam, in collaboration with the Assam Science Technology and Environment Council.

GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS

100 Years of DAAD

DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service, the world's largest funding organisation for the international exchange of students and researchers celebrated its 100 years and 65 years of its presence in India, on 20 March 2025 at New Delhi. Prof. Sumana Dutta was invited and attended the same on behalf of IIT Guwahati. A high-profile panel discussion took place on 'The Future of International Research Collaboration: Frameworks, Partnerships, and Impact'

Austria-India collaborations



Prof Sumana Dutta, Dean AER was invited to attend OeAD event at the Embassy in the Cultural Forum at Embassy of Austria to attend the meeting between Austrian and Indian Universities. This event was held on 20th march 2025. Discussions were made on how cooperation (mobility) projects may enhance trust and excellence between India and Austria. As an agency of the Republic of Austria the OeAD contributes to inclusive, equal and high-quality education.

CiC dialogues with Tsukuba University



IIT Guwahati had the privilege of hosting Prof. Osamu Ohneda, Director of the Bureau

of Global Initiatives, and Dr. Naoya Fukushige, from the University of Tsukuba, Japan in March 2025, as part of our collaborations for Campus-in-Campus initiative between the two institutions. The delegation also visited the Jyoti and Bhupat Mehta School of Health Sciences and Technology and meeting with Faculty colleagues of JBMSHST was held.

Japan-India Industry-Academia initiative

On 16th January 2025, a team of four Japanese delegates visited the Alumni & External Relations (AER) office at IIT Guwahati to discuss potential long-term academic and research collaborations. The delegation was led by Mr. Hideaki Kitajima, Director General of the Industrial Department of Hamamatsu City. The delegation held discussions with Prof. Deepak Sharma, Associate Dean of the AER office, regarding avenues for collaboration. They expressed appreciation for IIT Guwahati's active Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with several Japanese universities and conveyed their interest in establishing similar agreements.



International Students' Day

The Alumni and External Relations section, IIT Guwahati, celebrated International Students' Day. A get-together was organised in the Alumni and External Relations office celebrating the various cultures and ideologies that tread the campus. The new international students were felicitated with gamochas on the occasion. For the students who are far away from home, the International Students' Day is a time for bonding amongst themselves and with the AER team.



Winter school with students of Hanyang University, South Korea

IIT Guwahati proudly celebrated the successful completion of Winter School 2025, with 42 students from diverse fields, participating from Hanyang University, South Korea. The Valedictory Function was held on 21st February 2025 at the Mini Auditorium of the Institute. Completion certificates were presented by Prof. Sumana Dutta (Dean, Alumni and External Relations), Prof. A. Perumal (Dean of Students' Affairs), Prof. Deepak Sharma (Associate Dean, Alumni and External Relations), and Prof. Ankush Bag (Coordinator, Winter School 2025).



NER-Japan academic dialogues

A closed-door meeting was held between several Japanese institutions and institutions from NE region. Facilitated by IIT Guwahati, there were dialogues and deliberations on future academic and research collaborations and setting up of a consortium.



ALUMNI CONNECT

From IITG to Google: Manish Agrawal's Inspiring Campus Interaction

Mr. Manish Agrawal (IITG Alumnus: B.Tech in Biotechnology, Year of Graduation: 2006) ex-Director of Engineering at Google, USA visited the IIT Guwahati campus on 16th to 18th march 2025. He interacted with the students on 17th where he shared insights about his professional journey. Manish Agrawal is a technology executive and advisor based in Silicon Valley.



Nostalgia and Networking: IITG Alumni Meet Shines in Mumbai

The IIT Guwahati Alumni Association (IITGAA) Mumbai Chapter recently held an alumni meet in Mumbai. The event, which took place in January 2025 was graced by Prof. Devendra Jalihal, Director, IIT Guwahati, Prof. Sumana Dutta, Dean of Alumni & External Relations at IIT Guwahati, and Mr. Prakash Sansare, President of the Mumbai Chapter of IITGAA. Prof. Jalihal shared insights on IIT Guwahati's activities and collaborations with the IITGAA. The event fostered social and professional connections among alumni, with discussions and reminiscing about their time at IIT Guwahati, gathering included inspiring institute updates, warm camaraderie, light hearted moments, and vibrant nostalgia. One alum summarized it best: **"It felt like meeting an extended family!"**



Alumni Conclave 2025

Alumni Conclave has been organized on 20th Jan. 2025 by the Student Alumni Interaction Linkage (SAIL) and the Office of Alumni and External Relations, featuring two impactful panel discussions: "Campus to Career" and "Startup Secrets". This event brought together a diverse group of accomplished alumni who shared their incredible

journeys, challenges, and successes, providing invaluable insights to inspire the next generation. Their stories highlighted the importance of perseverance, innovation, and leadership in shaping impactful careers and ventures.



Holistic Wellbeing

A Special Relaxation Therapy Room has been inaugurated at the Centre for Holistic Wellbeing in the New SAC building. The event, held on 21st February 2025, was graced by our Honourable Director, Prof. Devendra Jalihal, and witnessed the collective support of our campus community.

This initiative, inspired by the kind remembrance of Mr. Kota Onoda from GIFU University, Japan, marks a significant step in fostering a mentally strong and supportive environment for all.

A dedicated cycle stand for the exchange students of IITG has been inaugurated, named in honour of Mr. Kota Onoda from GIFU University, Japan. The stand was inaugurated by our Honourable Director, IIT Guwahati, Prof. Devendra Jalihal, marking a step towards a more inclusive and Sustainable Campus.



ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Alumni Awardees 2024

IIT Guwahati Alumni awards 2024 were conferred during the opening ceremony of PIWOT 2025. Three alumnus of IITG were presented with the awards of Young Alumni Achiever Awards and Distinguished Alumni Award.

Prof. Prateek Mittal, an alumni of Computer Science Department (BTech 2006) and currently a Professor at Princeton University was recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award – for his outstanding contributions in research and academia. A celebrated academic, he is a recipient of the prestigious Grace Murray Hopper Award in June 2024 for his seminal contributions to computer science, and academic mentorship. He shared his inspiring journey with the gathering and urged the students of IITG to persist through failure on the path to innovation.

Young Alumni Achiever Awardees this year were Mr Aayush Thakur & Mr Saurabh Nangia. **Aayush Thakur** (B.Tech. Civil engineering, 2010) is the CEO & Co-founder of FR8relay and has also co-founded Connect Dynamics, showcasing outstanding leadership and early-stage entrepreneurial achievement. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Thakur received the award on his behalf. A message from Aayush was read out to the audience. **Saurabh Nangia**, a BTech in CSE (Class of 2008) is the Founder & CEO of Mesh.ai, and has previously co-founded multiple ventures (DataMonk, TargetingMantra), recognized for innovation and significant impact in tech-led ventures. He addressed the gathering and talked about his experiences at IITG, and how his alma mater had helped shape his future.



Singapore based AI Startup of Himanshu Upreti, IIT Guwahati class of 2015 (B.Tech, Mathematics and Computing) and Forbes 30 under 30 honouree, has been acquired by GlobalData, marking a significant milestone in AI-driven consumer insights for the Consumer Packaged Goods industry.



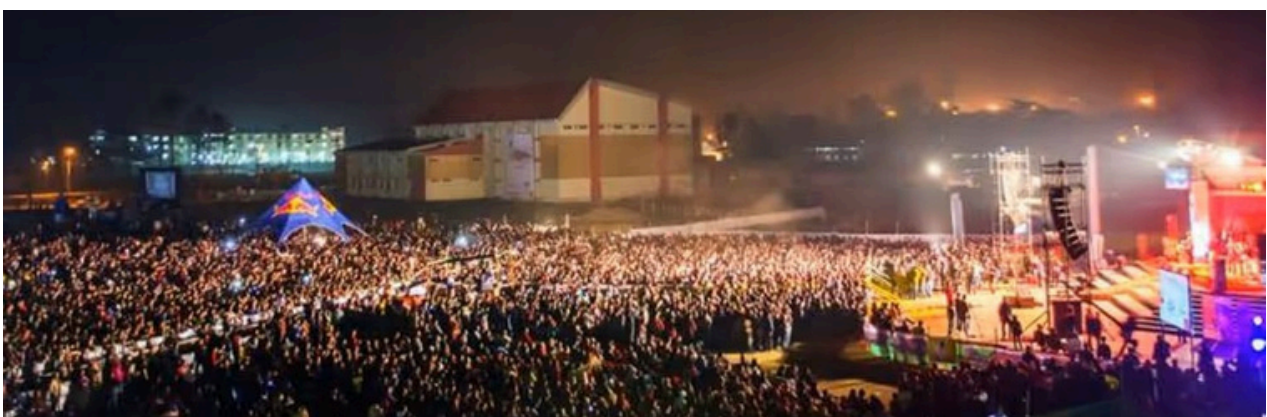
Hansraj Patel, Co founder & CTO of Flyzy (B.Tech CSE 2021) and Deepak Meena, Co founder & CTO of Flyzy (B.Tech CST 2021) made it to Forbes 30 under 30 Asia – 2025.

STUDENTS' EVENTS

Spardha 2025 the annual inter-hostel sports extravaganza at IITG, celebrating athleticism, teamwork, and hostel pride across multiple disciplines kicked off in late January with a roaring call for hostel rivalries to spark camaraderie and sporting excellence. Major Events & Competitions included Cricket (Men's & Women's), Athletics & Pentathlon, Bodybuilding, Chess Team Championship.



Alcheringa 2025, the 29th edition of IIT Guwahati's cultural fest, took place from January 30 to February 2 under the vibrant theme "Arcade Core". The festival opened with a soulful concert by flautist Rakesh Chaurasia and featured over 100 competitions across music, dance, arts, and more, attracting participants from 550+ colleges and over 150,000 attendees. Highlights included Pro-Nights with Amit Trivedi, Jaggernaut, and an EDM finale Blitzkrieg. New additions like the Business Hurdle startup pitch, Reign of Titans esports tournament, and workshops on AI and UX design added fresh dimensions, making it one of the most inclusive and high-energy editions yet.



STUDENTS' MOBILITY

- **Inbound**

Total number of international students registered in different programs at IITG during this quarter is Sixty-One out of which there was one Exchange Student, one Full Time PhD student and the rest were carrying out Internship and short term courses.

- **Outbound**

In this quarter January to March, 2025, total 7 students have visited different Institutes abroad for Research, Internship or Exchange programs.

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Silver Jubilee Reunion**

IIT Guwahati will be welcoming the Class of 1999-2000 for their Silver Jubilee Reunion during 1st to 3rd August, 2025. Celebrating 25 years of camaraderie, achievements, and lasting connections, this milestone marks a special homecoming for our esteemed alumni.

- **Alumni Conclave**

The IIT Guwahati Alumni Conclave is scheduled during 2nd to 4th January 2026. The event would be featuring a series of engagements to foster connection between alumni, current students and faculty members. [Details : https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/conclave2026](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/conclave2026)

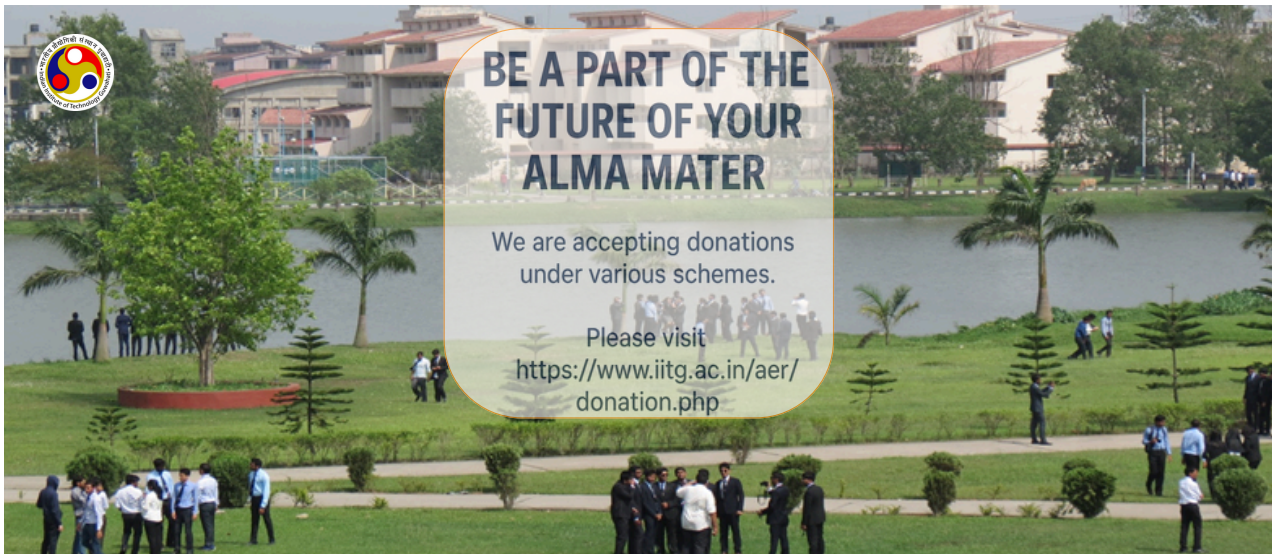
- **Convocation**

The 27th Convocation of IIT Guwahati is scheduled to be held on 13th July, 2025. This milestone event will see over 2,000 students graduate with honour and pride.

AER TEAM



JOY OF GIVING



How to Contribute

You can participate in IIT Guwahati's development by donating through one of the following schemes or more:

- **General Donations:** Support equipment, infrastructure, student programs, research, and alumni interactions.
- **Gurudakshina:** Alumni and final-year students can pledge a month's salary or 1% of business profits.
- **Institute Development: Endowment Fund** - scholarships, research, and campus renovations.
- **Student Aid:** Assist financially constrained meritorious students.
- **Batch Legacy:** Collaborate with batchmates to fund special projects.
- **Emergency Fund:** Support medical emergencies for the IITG community.
- **Hostel Amenities:** Improve hostel facilities and build spaces for a nurturing environment.

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