



CELEBRATING CENTENARY



STUDENT ALUMNI INTERACTION CELL, IIT (BHU), VARANASI

# ALMA COMMUNIQUÉ

## Alumni Newsletter (Nov '25)



### Institute Updates



1. The 14th edition of IIT (BHU) Model United Nations (MUN) was conducted successfully from 31 October to 2 November 2025 with the Chief Guest, Executive Board and delegates at the inaugural ceremony. The conference achieved its goal of fostering diplomacy and youth leadership and concluded on 2 November 2025 with a graceful Closing Ceremony graced by Ms. Smriti Bhardwaj (ECE '18) and Dr. Akhilendra Pratap Singh, Cultural Counsellor.



2. IIT (BHU), Varanasi proudly celebrated the 150th anniversary of the national song Vande Mataram in the esteemed presence of our Hon'ble Director, Prof. Amit Patra. The event honoured the song's enduring legacy, which continues to inspire devotion, unity, and national pride across generations.



3. IIT (BHU), Varanasi inaugurated a dedicated e-Golf Cart service on 10 November 2025 to improve campus accessibility for Students with Disabilities. It has been launched by Hon'ble Director Prof. Amit Patra at P. C. Ray Hostel. The six-seater vehicle will run daily until 6:30 PM, connecting hostels and academic zones. The initiative was coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs in collaboration with the Student Gymkhana. The launch reaffirmed IIT (BHU)'s dedication to fostering an inclusive, accessible campus environment.



4. IIT (BHU), Varanasi has signed a tripartite MoU with SRK Techtronics LLP and Matter Motor Works Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad to advance joint research, innovation, and skill development in Electronics, Materials, EMS, Automotive Digital Ecosystems, and other emerging areas. The collaboration will provide students with over 20 paid internships each year, industrial visits, live projects, thesis guidance, opportunities for pre placement offers, and a series of workshops, seminars, and technical events. It also includes the potential setup of an incubation center at IIT (BHU), making this a truly meaningful step towards fostering a future ready innovation ecosystem on campus.



5. Constitution Day was observed on 28 November 2025 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi with a collective reading of the Preamble on the lawn in front of the Administrative Block. The event witnessed the participation of Deans, officers, and staff of IIT (BHU), demonstrating their continued commitment to upholding constitutional values. Institute officials noted that the observance underscored the significance of civic responsibility and the shared national ethos. The Preamble was also read across various departments, sections, and units of the Institute, further reinforcing the Institute's strong dedication to unity, collective responsibility, and the foundational principles enshrined in the Constitution of India.

## Internship/Placement Updates

The Training and Placement Cell at IIT (BHU), Varanasi, continues to successfully facilitate the placement process for the academic year 2025–26. As of 5 December 2025, a total of 1005 placement offers (including PPOs) and 443 internship offers have been secured, reflecting strong industry engagement. The highest internship stipend reached Rs. 11,00,000 per month, with the average stipend standing at Rs. 1,18,783 per month. The highest offered PPO stood at Rs. 1,67,00,000 per annum, while the average package attained Rs. 32,89,865 per annum.

The top internship recruiters included Google, Microsoft, Uber, Goldman Sachs, JPMC, Texas Instruments, Cisco, Deutsche Bank, Wells Fargo, Samsung Delhi, Zscaler, Razorpay, Atria, ICICI, UBS, Adobe, Oracle, Ola, Tata Steel, GE Vernova, Sciforn, Clean Electric, Stealth EdTech, and more. PPOs were extended by leading firms such as Goldman Sachs, DE Shaw, Uber, Visa, Mastercard, Qualcomm, Salesforce, Oracle, American Express, Deutsche Bank, Walmart, Adobe, Atria, PhonePe, Nvidia, BNY Mellon, Tech Mahindra, HUL, Ola Electric, Standard Chartered, and others.

## Research and Development

With its ongoing R&D efforts, IIT (BHU) is playing a pivotal role in driving impactful contributions to the global research landscape. Between 1 November 2025 and 30 November 2025, a total of 3 patents were filed, and 2 patents were successfully granted. Progress in research continues to drive new developments.

### Patents filed in November

Title	Faculty	Filing Date
A Direct Current (DC) Charging Architecture for Reduced Power Processing in High Power Charging System	Prof. Rajeev Kumar Singh, Varda Maini Khan, Prof. Ranjit Mahanty	03/11/2025
A Gene Silencing Agent for Translational Modulation	Prof. Pradip Paik, Kirti Wasnik, Pratik Chattopadhyay	14/11/2025
Battery-Supercapacitor Integrated Power Processor Unit for Hybrid Energy Storage Applications	Prof. Rajeev Kumar Singh, Dr. Vivek Nandan Lal, Ankil Kumar Pratihasta, Sudeep Kumar Mohanay, Rakesh Kumar Misra	19/11/2025

### Patents granted in November

Title	Faculty	Patent Number
An Anti-Parasitic Composition for the Management of Lishmaniasis	Prof. Vikash Kumar Dubey, Mr. Kunal Bora	573209
A Composite Backbone Network Based System with Enhanced and Suppressed Filter for 3D Visual Fidelity	Prof. Rajeev Srivastava, Surya Kant Singh	573230

Additionally, 4 projects were officially sanctioned, with a cumulative funding amounting to Rs. 2,54,34,948.

### Projects Sanctioned in November

Title of Project	Name of Funding agency	Period of the Project Sanction	Total cost of Project in Rs.
Environmental Flow Assessment for Kosi, Gandak and Mahananda Rivers	NMCG	03 years	81,13,820
Hydrogen Explosions - Developing Phenomenological Models from Fundamental Experiments	MNRE	03 years	39,18,542
Spontaneous Combustion Behaviour of Pressurized Hydrogen Leaks	MNRE	03 years	48,38,400
Development of Innovative Diagnostics of Fungal Diseases in India: Addressing a Neglected Public Health Concern	ICMR	03 years	85,64,186

## Media Section



IIT (BHU), Japan university strengthen academic ties



IIT-BHU climbs to 237th spot in QS Asia Rankings

## Innovation

### Ideation Innovation & Incubation Foundation (I-3F)

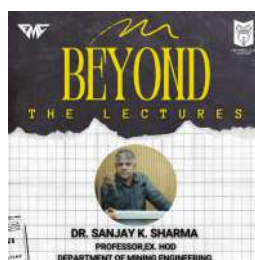


The RKVY-RAFTAAR Incubation Committee (RIC) of IIT (BHU) conducted its Cohort-8 meeting virtually on 7–8 November 2025, where 59 startups presented their proposals across the PRASFUTAN, ANKURAN, and SRIJAN categories. The review panel included Prof. Rajnesh Tyagi, Prof. Satish Kumar

Singh, Dr. Manisha Mani, Mr. Sidhartha Jalan, Mr. Abhishek Singh, and Dr. Abhishek Singh. Following the presentations, 34 startups were shortlisted for the upcoming Selection & Investment Committee (SIC) meeting, scheduled for 15–16 December 2025 at IARI, PUSA, New Delhi. The committee also evaluated six startups from previous cohorts, assessing their progress for the next tranche of continued support. Based on satisfactory performance, a collective release of Rs. 27,00,000 was recommended.

## Student Updates

E-Cell, IIT (BHU) launched Venture Capital Scout on 29 November 2025, a 15-day online bootcamp designed to introduce participants to the venture capital landscape while equipping them with foundational knowledge of the VC ecosystem and practical skills to evaluate and support early-stage startups. Conceived as a first of its kind VC career launchpad, the initiative offers real exposure, meaningful incentives, and direct industry access for students and young professionals aspiring to enter the investment space.



The Film and Media Council had an eventful November, with all clubs contributing to a dynamic month. The announcement of the FMC Weekend winners stood out as a key highlight. The Media Club continued its Beyond the Lecture series with Dr. Sanjay K. Sharma and shared the IFP results, where Ishika Gupta earned a

Short Story nomination. The Cine Club showcased *Dev Deepawali* through two cinematic posts, while the Outreach Club released a polished recap of the Model United Nations held earlier this month.

The Research Cell of IIT (BHU), Varanasi has been inducted into the Office of the Dean Research and Development, becoming an integral part of the Institute's research ecosystem. It will support major Research and Development events, strengthen faculty student engagement, and promote a culture of scientific enquiry. Established as a student initiative in 2020 and recognized as a Cell in 2023, this induction formalizes years of effort and enables the Cell to further enhance interdisciplinary collaboration and mentorship across the Institute.







At the Social Service Council, the Kashi Utkarsh Club organized Gram Sabha 2025 on 2 November 2025 at Kakarmatta Basti with active participation from parents, students, volunteers, and invited speakers. The event highlighted education, health, intoxication, and social awareness, featuring science experiment

demonstrations by students and a moving volunteer-led skit on child labour. SSC was delighted to host Mr. Anshuman Singh (MIN '15), who shared his experiences and career learnings with club members, offering students renewed motivation and practical guidance.

## Student Achievements

Akash Kumar Srivastava, a research scholar in the Department of Humanistic Studies under Prof. Vinita Chandra, received the ICSSR International Travel Grant to present his work at the 28th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS) held at Heidelberg University, Germany. His research, based on extensive fieldwork across tribal regions of Central India and focused on Past Foodways, highlighted the Institute's growing academic and ethnographic contributions.



## Faculty Achievements



Dr. Anubhav Sinha, Assistant Professor at IIT (BHU), delivered a lecture on Hydrogen Explosions at the India-Norway Hydrogen Safety Workshop on 21 November and 22 November 2025 organized by NISE and the Norwegian Ocean Industry Authority. His explosion model, now accepted in Indian and EU safety

standards (EN-14994), was highly appreciated, and he was felicitated by the NISE Director General. Dr. Somak Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor at IIT (BHU), Varanasi, has been appointed Associate Editor of Wireless Personal Communications, marking a significant recognition of his academic contributions and further strengthening the global academic presence of the Institute on leading scholarly platforms.

## Institute Updates

IIT (BHU), Varanasi has achieved a notable milestone in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2026, climbing 36 places to reach the 237th position. Prof. Vikash Kumar Dubey, vice-chairman of the Institute Rankings Committee, highlighted the Institute's steady progress across key performance indicators. Hon'ble Director, Prof. Amit Patra noted that despite intensified competition, IIT (BHU) has strengthened its standing and remains committed to fostering innovation, high-impact research, and global collaboration.



## Alumni Updates

### Student Alumni Interaction Cell



SAIC successfully organized the Alumni-Guided Mock Interviews Placement Drive, conducting over 450 mock interviews and providing students with valuable practice and constructive feedback from experienced alumni to enhance placement readiness. In collaboration with E-Cell, SAIC also hosted a session

on 3 November 2025, titled 'Breaking In: Stanford, VC, and Entrepreneurship' by Ms. Chanchal Bhoorani, Vice President at WestBridge Capital and an esteemed alumna of IIT (BHU) and Stanford GSB, offering invaluable and practical guidance to students eagerly aspiring for top graduate schools, product management, venture capital, and entrepreneurship. Additionally, the end-semester examinations for MME-306 (Media Environment) and MME-308 (Finance and Economics for Engineers) were conducted successfully under the Alumni Visiting Faculty (AVF) Program for the Even Semester 2025-26.

### Silver Jubilee Reunion - The Batch of 2000

IIT (BHU), Varanasi welcomed the Batch of 2000 to campus from 26 to 29 November 2025 for their Silver Jubilee Reunion, marking 25 years of shared memories. A total of 120 alumni returned from across India and abroad, reconnecting with the Institute and their formative experiences. The formal gathering on 29 November 2025 was graced by the Hon'ble Director Prof. Amit Patra, Prof. Hiralal Pramanik, Dean (Resource & Alumni) and representatives from Alumni Associations, IIT (BHU).



The ceremony, supported by SAIC volunteers, began with tributes and the *kulgeet*, followed by remarks acknowledging the batch's generous contributions and recent Institute initiatives. Alumni also revisited their departments, had a nostalgic lunch in the Rajputana Hostel and participated in a friendly cricket

match that revived the spirit of their student years. The reunion concluded as a warm celebration of enduring friendships and a strong bond with their alma mater.

## Alumni Registrations



The alumni can now connect with their fellow batchmates by simply registering themselves on the official alumni portal created by the office of Dean (Resource & Alumni Affairs).

Registering on the portal will allow the alumni to stay connected with their alma mater through updates about the various developments at their beloved Institute.



# The 14th Convocation Ceremony

As the sun rose over the ancient ghats of Varanasi on 16 October 2025, a sense of pride and quiet anticipation filled the IIT (BHU), Varanasi campus. Another chapter in the Institute's century-long journey was about to be written. More than 1,979 students stood on the threshold of a new beginning, ready to carry forward the legacy of an institution that has shaped thinkers, builders, and visionaries across generations.

The 14th Convocation began on a note of reverence: sacred *shlokas* echoed through the auditorium, grounding the ceremony in tradition and reminding every attendee of the timelessness of learning. The Director's address followed, an inspiring account of the Institute's strides in research, innovation, and academic excellence. It was a moment that made alumni everywhere reflect on their own time within these halls, and the way IIT (BHU) continues to actively evolve while holding steadfast to its roots.



The Institute was privileged to welcome two distinguished guests whose presence added immense significance to the occasion. Dr. V. Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space, GoI and Chairman, ISRO, graced the ceremony as Guest of Honour. A heartfelt virtual message from Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Education, extended warm congratulations to the graduands. His words reminded everyone of the powerful role young graduates play in shaping the nation's future.

SAIC strived to make this occasion special for the graduands by tugging at their heartstrings through various activities. The 'Wall of 2025' was one which quickly became a colourful display of treasured moments filled with advice, *shayaris*, personal shout-outs, and deep thoughts. Moreover, interactive, post-it based activities added a personal touch, including a Reddit-style wall themed "Tell me you're from IIT (BHU) without telling me you're from IIT (BHU)" and a F.R.I.E.N.D.S.-inspired board filling the lobby area with reflections on friendship, shared journeys, and the moments that quietly defined life at IIT (BHU). Movie and sitcom-themed photo booths were installed. These areas became fun spots where students gathered in groups, using college-themed props. They captured their joy, laughter, and love in memorable photographs.



## Milestone Achievement



Ms. Ananya Singh  
(CHE '25)  
President's Gold Medal

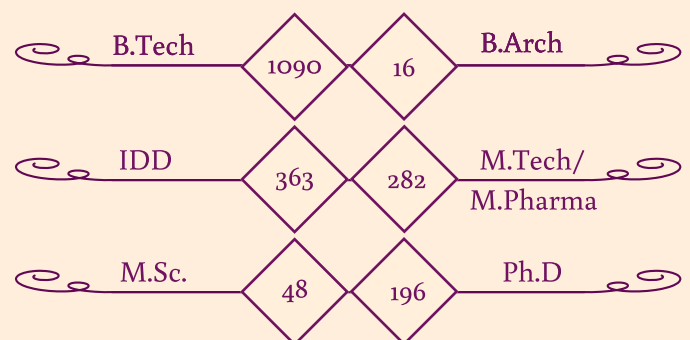


Shri. Suyash Vijay  
(CIV '25)  
Director's Gold Medalists



Shri. Aditya Kulkarni  
(MAT '25)

## Class of 2025 1,995 Graduands



As the day drew to a close, the atmosphere was filled with gratitude, hope, and nostalgia. For the graduates, it was a moment they will carry forever; for the alumni community, a reminder of the enduring spirit of IIT (BHU), a place where new doors open, possibilities take shape, and generations continue to strive for excellence.

SAIC is grateful to the Director, Dean (Resource & Alumni), Alumni Associations, and the entire IIT (BHU) fraternity for their constant support and blessings. We look forward to your valuable feedback. To share information for future editions, reach us at [alumnice11@iitbhu.ac.in](mailto:alumnice11@iitbhu.ac.in).

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