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The VRCE-VNIT Nagpur Alumni-Pune Chapter successfully organized a vibrant and memorable alumni meet at Residency Club, Pune—a decent venue in Pune. The event was graced by Dr. Premlal Patel, honorable Director VNIT Nagpur; Dr. K. M. Bhurchandi, Dean International Affairs & Alumni; and Dr. Diwakar Z. Shende, Alumni Coordinator; who travelled from VNIT Nagpur to join the gathering. VNIT Nagpur Alumni Association was represented by Mr. Uday Kamath and Mr. Joginder Singh Sond.

With the participation of over 145 alumni plus their families, the meet was filled with nostalgia, energy, and meaningful interactions. Highly coveted & positioned Alumni of VRCE-VNIT Nagpur and their Alma-connections in such huge gathering recorded the role and ranks of VNIT Nagpur in the technical fraternity and in the historically rich educational background of Pune in Maharashtra during the chilly night of November 30, 2025 in Pune.

Honorable Director Dr. Premlal Patel shared insightful updates on VNIT's growth, commitments and future vision of the institute. He stressed on the strong association and contribution of Alumni in various fronts like students' internships, training & skill development and placement.

VRCE-VNIT Alumni can contribute their expertise and knowledge by interaction with the students, motivate and train them as and when possible. Prof. K. M. Bhurchandi highlighted the institute's academic, infrastructure and research advancements followed by various roles that can be taken by the alumni for contributing to their alma-matter on issues like internationalization of education and perception and outreach improvement. Mr. Uday Kamath reflected on VNITAA's 15-year journey of trust and collective contribution, and Mr. Joginder Singh Sond emphasized the strength and potential of the alumni network. Distinguished Alumnus Shri M S Unnikrishnan also shared his inspiring journey with global expertise of Industry-Institute connect.

The imminent VRCE-VNIT Nagpur Alumni Mr. M S Unnikrishnan (1982/Mech), Mr. Arun Tripathi (2000/EEE), Mr. Vinay Galande (1965/Civil), Mr. Krishan A. S. Oberoi (1967/Mech) and Mr. Prakash Padiyar (1982/Meta) were felicitated by the Director, Prof. Premlal Patel during the proceedings.

Special appreciation to the organizing team—Mr. Prathamesh Adhikari (2009/Mining), Mr. Narendra Nandekar (1987/ECE), Mr. Satish Chinchalkar (1982/Mech), and Mr. Shashi Anand (2012/Civil) and other actively participated Alumni of Pune Chapter and Dr. Diwakar Shende for coordinating from VNIT side. The meet truly strengthened the alumni-institute bond and celebrated the spirit of the VNIT alumni family.

## **1974 Golden Jubilee Batch Reunion\_13<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

### **Golden Jubilee Meet - A Memorable Journey for the 1974 Batch**

The 13th of December was a momentous day for the 1974 Batch as they celebrated 50 years of graduation—a golden milestone in their lives. For many alumni, it was a reunion after half a century, making it a truly special occasion.

The day began with a warm breakfast at the Guest House, where old friends shared smiles, laughter, and stories of bygone days. Following this, the convoy, led by the VNIT Alumni Association (VNIT AA) team, embarked on a nostalgic campus tour.

The first stop was the Administration Building, a place steeped in memories and significance for the alumni. The group gathered for a commemorative photograph by the statue of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, taking a moment to reflect on their era of the 1970s and the shared legacy of their alma mater.

The convoy then headed to the most eagerly awaited destination—the Hostel. The batch visited Hostel 1, a location that has stood the test of time and still retains much of its original charm from the '70s. As they strolled through the familiar corridors, balconies, and rooms, a flood of memories surfaced. Nostalgic stories and anecdotes were shared, evoking laughter and even a few tears as they reminisced about their student days.

The tour continued to the under-construction Gurudakshina Complex, a visionary project by VNIT alumni. Mr. Uday Kamat and Mr. Shashi Chaudhry eloquently explained the concept behind Gurudakshina—a space designed, executed, and funded entirely by the alumni. The complex aims to be a hub for knowledge sharing among faculty, alumni, and students, embodying the spirit of giving back to the institute.

The group then visited the Swimming Pool, followed by a stop at the Alumni Office, where they were warmly received and briefed about ongoing initiatives.

The grand celebration concluded at the VLSC, where the batch enjoyed a delightful dinner accompanied by music performed by the talented students of the Octave Club. The melodies created a perfect ambiance for the evening, wrapping up a day filled with nostalgia, camaraderie, and a renewed connection to their alma mater.

This Golden Jubilee Meet was not just a celebration of the past but also a reaffirmation of the unbreakable bond shared by the 1974 Batch and their beloved VNIT.



### **1999 Batch Silver Jubilee Celebration\_27<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

A memorable gathering of the 1999 batch marked their Silver Jubilee celebration, with 142 alumni returning to their alma mater from across the globe. This occasion brought together batchmates, now with a touch of grey and a hint of maturity, along with their spouses. Yet, the camaraderie remained unchanged as they greeted each other in the nostalgic local language of VRCE: "अबे,तूबे और साले," reminiscent of their vibrant 1995-1999 days.

The program began with the felicitation of teachers, expressing heartfelt gratitude for their guidance. This was followed by lunch and high tea, and the celebration concluded at Hotel Centre Point with music, dance, and a gala dinner.



## 1984 Batch Reunion\_10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

ReunionMela@1984#40years

The year 2025 began with a remarkable celebration for the 1984 batch, marking 40 years since their graduation. The reunion was filled with nostalgia, laughter, and gratitude. Many attendees, now retired from their professional lives, gathered in their alma mater to relive the cherished memories of their youth.

The day began with a vibrant display of unity and spirit as batchmates donned elegant purple blazers, while their spouses complemented them in graceful pink blazers, as part of the designated dress code. This colorful ensemble added a festive touch to the occasion. The highlight of the event was a tour of the campus, where they revisited old classrooms, favorite hangouts, and shared stories from their student days. During the tour, the batch was introduced to impactful projects undertaken by the Alumni Association. They were deeply impressed by the initiatives and the dedication shown by fellow alumni.

Moved by the efforts, the batch collectively resolved to contribute to the **\*\*Gurudakshina Project\*\*** as a token of their gratitude towards their institution. This commitment reflected their enduring connection to their alma mater and their desire to give back to the place that shaped their lives.

The reunion was not just a celebration of milestones but also a reaffirmation of the lifelong bonds of friendship and a shared commitment to making a difference.



## 2014 Batch Reunion\_11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2025

Reunion Mela@2014#10th years

Today, January 11, 2025, marked a significant milestone for the youngest alumni of the institution—the 2014 batch—as they celebrated their 10th anniversary of graduation. Months of meticulous planning and coordination by the batch culminated in a memorable reunion, brimming with enthusiasm and nostalgia.

The event kicked off with a vibrant campus tour, where the attendees explored their beloved institution aboard a kafila of E-rickshaws, reliving the memories of their student days. A memorable photo shoot was organized on the iconic AD Building Steps, capturing the joyous spirit of the batch. The group then visited key landmarks, including the VLSC, the Swimming Pool, and finally, the inspiring Gurudakshina Project, reflecting on the growth and contributions made by the alumni community.

The official program began in Lecture Hall 2 (LH2) with a heartfelt opening note by the event organizers, setting the tone for the day. This was followed by an engaging address by Joginder Singh Sond, the Executive Director, who highlighted the pivotal role of the Alumni Association in fostering connections and driving impactful initiatives.

The event reached its zenith with an inspiring speech by Shashi Chaudhry, the Founder Chairman, who emphasized the transformative power of networking. He shared valuable insights on how leveraging the alumni network can propel professional growth and open doors to new opportunities.

The reunion was a perfect blend of nostalgia, camaraderie, and inspiration, as the batch celebrated their journey, rekindled friendships, and reaffirmed their bond with the institution and each other.

10 Spot Lifemembership and Uday Kale become the first Silver Sponsor on the wall of honor from 2014 batch





## **1975 Golden Jubilee Batch Reunion\_19<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**

Golden Jubilee Celebration @ 1975 Batch

Reunion Mela 2025: A Memorable Evening with the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1975

On 19th January 2025, the Reunion Mela concluded with joy and nostalgia as the Golden Jubilee Batch of 1975 gathered to celebrate their cherished milestone. The evening program was held in the Auditorium of VNIT and witnessed the gracious presence of stalwarts from the batch, including Dr. Dinesh Keskar (USA), Dilip Kamdar, Mr. Suresh Junghare, and Santosh Jain, a key figure in organizing the event.

Over 100 alumni, along with their spouses, came together to commemorate this special occasion. The program beTidke

The evening transitioned into a delightful musical session, featuring old Bollywood classics that brought back fond memories. The energy and excitement were palpable as the alumni and their spouses, defying all age barriers, took to the dance floor, creating an atmosphere of pure joy and camaraderie.

The celebrations concluded with sumptuous food and a treasure trove of beautiful memories, leaving everyone with smiles and a renewed connection to their VNIT family. The event was a perfect blend of nostalgia, joy, and togetherness, marking another golden chapter in VNIT's legacy.



### **Distinguished Alumni Award\_19<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

### **VNITAA Campus Tour: Reliving the Golden Days\_18<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**

VNITAA has always been eager to offer its alumni an opportunity to reconnect with their roots through a campus tour. Recently, during the Distinguished Alumni Award event, we organized a Nostalgic Campus Tour that included lunch in the hostel mess—a setting filled with memories for generations of alumni.

As we stepped into the hostel area, it felt as if a black-and-white movie of the bygone era started playing in the minds of alumni across all age groups. Every corner of the campus brought back stories of friendships, rivalries, pranks, and love.

The iconic staircase near the ADM building—an emblem of VNIT's legacy for over 60 years—evoked vivid memories. Alumni recalled moments of hostel life: the passionate speeches during election campaigns, the humorous tales of ragging, and the countless love stories that blossomed there.

Walking through Block One brought an energetic spark among the alumni as they revisited their old rooms. They reminisced about decorating walls with posters, shared laughs over tight pocket money days, and cherished the camaraderie of those times.

Lunch at the mess was another highlight of the tour. Sitting together with their spouses, the alumni compared the traditional mess food they once loved with today's modern variations, exchanging stories that spanned decades.

Perhaps the most heartwarming moment was riding on the school bus like children, laughing and singing, filling the air with nostalgia and joy.

As they say, "Hostel days are the golden days of life." This journey back in time was a reminder of the bonds, memories, and experiences that make VNIT more than just an institution—it's a family. A Proud Moment for VNIT Nagpur and its Alumni

Yesterday marked a significant milestone in the journey of VNIT Nagpur and the VNIT Nagpur Alumni Association, as the campus came alive with pride and celebration. The Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony 2024 was a grand success, with awardees holding their trophies high, their achievements endorsed by their alma mater on a global scale.

The event recognized excellence across all age groups:

Young Achiever Award (ages 30-40)

Distinguished Alumni Award (ages 40-60)

Lifetime Achievement Award (ages 60 and above)



This memorable event was the culmination of two months of dedicated effort by a VNIT Nagpur and VNIT AA office and distinguished jury. The one unifying trait among all the awardees was their heartfelt gratitude towards VNIT, their Mother Alma Mater.

Out of 125 exceptional nominees, 41 were selected for the prestigious awards. This recognition, even at the nomination stage, is a remarkable achievement in itself. During the ceremony, 32 of the awardees were present to witness this proud moment in person, filling the campus with joy and inspiration.

A special mention to the talented VNIT students who conducted the event as Masters of Ceremony with professionalism and excellence. Their dedication added a touch of brilliance to the occasion.

The VNIT Nagpur Alumni Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the nominees, awardees, and everyone who witnessed this extraordinary event. Together, we celebrated a legacy of excellence, gratitude, and achievement!



VNIT & VNIT-AA cordially invite you for an event dedicated to honoring our exceptional alumni who have brought laurels to themselves and the alma mater!

## Distinguished Alumni Awards

2024-25

Venue: **VNIT Campus, Nagpur**  
Date: **January 19, 2025 (Sunday)**

