



BRIEF PROFILES – DSA 2019 AWARDEES

1. BINOD KUMAR DAS [1980/BTech/ME/PH]

With humble beginning in 1980 as a freshman to rising to the level of Vice President, Iron Making in Tata Steel, journey of Mr B K Das has been nothing less than phenomenal. He is well known and respected figure in metal and mining sector. He has worked extensively in the operations and maintenance functions in the company and has 25 papers in national and international journals. He is closely attached to his alma mater and has been instrumental in restarting the alumni chapter in Jamshedpur. He played key role in success of process safety initiative with IIT Kharagpur, enhancing industry institute partnership. He is also very active for the social cause and serves as Chairman, Centre for Hearing Impaired Children (CHIC) and Chairman, Bal Vihar in Jamshedpur.

2. KABINDRA DAGA [1985/BTech/EC/LLR]

Mr Kabindra Daga has played instrumental role over the last 28 years in connecting and helping KGP alumni all over India, and particularly in Kolkata. He has involved with Kolkata Chapter for last 28 years, served 24 years in Executive Committee, 2 years as Secretary and 2 years as President of the Chapter. He has been one of the key members of alumni directory (TAA Kolkata) published in 1998 and has successfully collected sizeable sponsorships for various alumni functions of Kolkata Chapter. Mr Daga has also contributed funds for the 1985 Batch Endowment and has supported Final year students of IIT Kharagpur for Summer Training/Internship at his company.

3. KIRTTAN BIHARI BEHERA [1965/BTech/ME/NH]

Mr Kirttan Bihari Behera is a retired management consultant and entrepreneur based in California. He retired in 2001 as the Chairman and CEO of Regent Jack Mfg Real Estate Co. He set up an endowment at the Institute for student scholarships - The Kirttan B Behera best all rounder (BAR) student award for 2nd, 3rd, 4th year best student on the all round performance. Mr Behera played an instrumental role in organizing the first Los Angeles IIT Alumni Chapter. He has also contributed towards the 1965 Batch Endowment Program of IIT Kharagpur.

4. NIRMAL KUMAR AGARWALA [1985/BTech/CS/LLR]

After serving TATA Electric Company R&D Lab as Computer Software Consultant, Mr Nirmal Kumar Agarwala returned to his home town Calcutta to start his own InfoTech Consultancy Company HCS Information Technologies Pvt Ltd. He is associated with Kolkata Chapter since 1989 and serving as executive committee member for more than 25 years. Motivated by IIT Kharagpur motto "Dedicated to the Service of the Nation", he is associated with the Institute to work in tribal villages for rain water harvesting and 'All round development of tribal villages' in West Medinipore and Jhargram District. Mr Agarwala has also contributed funds for the 1985 Batch Endowment and is involved in the Student Alumni Mentorship program of IIT Kharagpur.

5. PARTHA PRATIM MITRA [1982/MSc/GG/RK]

Dr. Partha Pratim Mitra has been providing services over three decades for promotional activities of IIT KGP in the field of education as a mentor to undergraduate IITians and various social services such as disaster management (since Uttarkashi Earthquake 1991), Swatch Bharat campaign etc. He has an illustrious career in Oil & Gas and is the recipient of many awards that include National Award by Gol. His contribution towards reviving the Departmental Journal GEOS of Geology & Geophysics as an Editor and a fund raiser is very well recognised. He has served as the Adjunct Professor and conducted a number of workshops / delivered talks by inducting KGP students for internship & hiring through campus recruitments. Dr Mitra is extremely active in Alumni Chapters of Dehradun, Mumbai, Delhi NCR and its Gurgaon Section and served in various positions since 1987 over three decades. He is presently the Jt. Secretary & Founding Member, IITians4Nation Foundation (A PAN IIT body).

6. RAMIT GHOSH [1985/BTech/EE/LLR]

Mr Ramit Ghosh is the corporate process consultant and pricing lead at the Electrosoft Services Inc and the President and Founder, Solteq Solutions LLC. Mr Ghosh has served on the Board of Capital IIT Alumni Association for 14 years and continues to serve as the Secretary of this non-profit organization at Washington DC Metro area. Mr Ghosh has provided hosting services to the visiting IIT Kharagpur dignitaries, starting with the visit of Prof G S Sanyal in early nineties to current date. He has been effective and consistent event manager for IITKGP events in Tri-state areas of Greater Washington DC.

7. SAYANTA BASU [1988/BTech/EC/RK]

Mr Sayanta Basu after spending two decades in investment management both in Public and Private Markets decided to work with start-ups and became an entrepreneur. He is the former president and a life member of the IIT Alumni Association Singapore. He is involved for almost 9 years with Singapore IIT Alumni Association, which is also a Pan IIT Alumni Association from its inception since 1985. He also engaged the Indian Government through the High Commission's office and raised the prominence of the IIT brand through various India-Singapore Government events. Mr Basu has been working with IIT Kharagpur on several areas. He teaches Alternative Investments to B Tech students as adjunct faculty. He has been instrumental in helping the Institute sign MoU with Singapore Management University and arranged the first ever overseas immersive program for Final Year MBA students at VGSOM.

8. SHYAMAL GHOSH [1960/BTech/ME/RP]

Mr Shyamal Ghosh pursued a career in mechanical engineering for 30 years in the field of Material Handling Machine Design. After opting for an early retirement, he joined American Express and owned a very successful financial planning business for 22 years. Mr Ghosh set up endowment for student scholarships and faculty chair at the Institute. He funded for 4 student scholarships and 1 Mechanical Engineering Faculty Chair – Shyamal and Sunanda Ghosh Chair Professorship. He also organized fundraising event during Director Ghosh, Professor Bhaskaran and Prof Sanyal New Jersey Visit. Mr Ghosh has been actively involved as trustee with Ananda Mandir, NJ, Rotary Club and Boys Scouts Council of Wayne, NJ.

9. VIJAY KIYAWAT [1967/BTech/ME/NH]

Mr Vijay Kiyawat retired in 2008 after holding the position of managing director of Duraline Corporation India, is now a renowned water-colourist. Mr Kiyawat has been a benefactor of the Institute since 2007, when he helped set up the Vijay Kiyawat Endowment Fund that provides financial support for the medical treatment of both teaching and non-teaching staff. He also contributed funds to help students of Nehru Hall and the Mechanical Engineering Department get a reading room and digital repository respectively. To encourage new donations to IIT, he initiated Arty Charity Scheme to sell his art at 50% discount to KGPIans contributing towards the Institute.