



From the Editor...

Welcome to the spring with all the newness this season brings, its daffodils, sunshine, warmth, color and breath of fresh air. It's time to crawl out of hibernation and revitalize ourselves thru the "Connection", 2nd issue of NITROAA newsletter (Spring Edison).

In this issue, we captured the Golden & Silver Jubilee celebration of our members at our Alma meter, local Alumni events, introduced the new board members and welcomed our new members. We are also very excited to share the news of 2017 NITROAA Convention, to be held on Aug4-6 in greater New York Area.

Please do not forget to watch "REC to NIT - A Nostalgic Journey" to revive the SpringFest (now NITRUsav) memories during this season. Finally, I thank Mr Susil Panda, Briendra Jena & Sachi Pati for their support in bringing this newsletter to you. Sincerely, *Latatendu Mohanty ('87 MCA)*

2017 NITROAA CONVENTION

Registration now open

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AUG 4-6 2017

NITROAA
At Sheraton Parsippany, NJ
(25 miles from New York City)

NITROAA 2017 CONVENTION

Meet & Greet
Picnic near Statue of Liberty
New York City Tour
Visit to NYU/Princeton/Columbia
Liberty Science Center
Broadway Shows & late night walk
at New York City
Top Notch Speakers from NYU Stern

WELCOME TO NEW JERSEY
THE GARDEN STATE

FREE TO INNOVATE

Message from the Convenor

President's Message

Dear Friends, it is my pleasure to present you the 2nd issue of NITROAA Connection. I take this opportunity to highlight few NITROAA activities:

Convention: We had a successful Convention at Long Beach, California from Sep 2-4, 2016. The preparation for the next convention in New Jersey from Aug 4-6, 2017 has started in full swing. The convention team led by Mr. Sribatsa Das is trying very hard to make this a memorable event. Past conventions had attendees left with many fond memories. The convention will give you an opportunity to meet old classmates, know alumni of other batches, network with them and above all, visit New York City. Please mark your calendar and register for the event.

Membership: We now have 319 members and soon we will reach 500th member mark with the un-

tiring efforts of Mr. Sandip Dasverma. But to achieve that goal, we need your help. Please persuade your batch mates and friends to become members. With increased membership, a stronger NITROAA will accomplish it's mission of helping our alma mater, the students and alumni.

Webinars: In continuation of our webinar series, Dr. Om Agrawal, 1968 EE, delivered a webinar on "Solar Energy Revolution and Potential Implications on NIT Rourkela" on Jan 14, 2017. Our next webinar is on March 25, 2017 by Dr. Sukant Mohapatra, 1981 EE, on "5G-A Hyper Connected World and Society".

Fund Raising: You will be happy to know that a paper written by two current students of NITR has been accepted for the 2017 IEEE-ICNS Conference in San Francisco. In order to provide financial help to these students, NITROAA

raised \$2477 in a very short time. Thanks to your generosity and effort of Mr. Susil Panda for coordinating. An amount of \$2000 will be sent to those two students and the remaining amount will be kept in NITROAA account for similar activities in the future.

New Chapter: I am also happy to inform you that members of Bay area are planning to form a local chapter. Their request is being processed and the formation of first NITROAA chapter will be announced very shortly. We look forward to formation of local chapters in other areas. Alumni at various locations such as Philadelphia and Washington DC had their local get together recently and alumni in Chicago are planning to have their get together in March. I am hopeful that such get together will culminate in formation of a local chapter.

*Birendra Jena (1973 Met.)
President, NITROAA*

Introducing NITROAA New Members



President
Dr. Birendra Jena
'73 Metallurgy



Vice President
Mr. Prem Gandhi
'67 Mechanical



Secretary
Alina Mishra
'02 Ceramic



Treasurer
Mr. Sachi Pati
'96 AEIE



Sandip Dasverma
1965 Mechanical



Sudam sahoo
1978 Chemical



Dr Ashutosh Dutta
1985 Electrical



Lalatendu Mohanty
1987 MCA



Moushumi Roy
1994 Electrical



Rohit Seam
1997 Metallurgy



Bishwanath Sahoo
1998 Mechanical

Upcoming Webinar

5G – A Hyper Connected
World & Society



By Dr. Sukanta Mohapatra
CTO Ericsson
1PM EST/10AM PST,
25th March (Sat), 2017

Mobile data traffic has grown in an unprecedented way over past years coupled with consumer appetite for data, streaming video to media intensive social applications. Emerging Internet of Things (IoT) expected to connect billions of smart devices/things leading to a Hyper connected world of people and things. This future network - 5G is envisioned as a comprehensive ecosystem that enables a fully mobile and connected society supporting a hyper connected world. In this talk we will discuss 5G and myth vs. reality.

Past Webinar

Solar Energy Revolution and Potential implications
Sat, 14th January 2017
10am PST/1pm EST
Speaker: Dr. Om Agrawal,



Golden Jubilee Celebration From Gary Krishnan (1972 Mechanical)

On January 4-6, 2017, the 1972 batch of REC celebrated 50 years of entering REC in 1967 as a Golden Jubilee celebration in Rourkela. A total of 153 including 96 class mates, 53 spouses and 4 guests cele-



brated for three days in ways unimaginable before by all. Guests arriving at Rourkela railway station were received by event management team members and escorted to their respective hotels. Ground transportation for all events were provided by arranging an army of approximately 40 taxis available on demand. Care packages provided to attendees included name badges, monogrammed caps, tee shirts for men and vests for women, program details and a copy of commemorative directory. First day morning started off with visit to back post and hostels followed by lunch in the mess hall. Afternoon tea and snacks was arranged during registration. Evening

program at Mayfair Hotel was kicked off with cocktail, finger food, entertainment and dinner. Second day morning included an official meeting with NIT at Bhubaneswar Behera auditorium, where we were graced by several teachers living in Rourkela, who were escorted from their homes by class mates, recognized and felicitated. Following a photo session, 10 members from 72 alumni conducted seminar sessions on various topics of interest to final year students. The evening



was capped off at Indo German club with cocktail, entertainment by DJ, alumni and spouses and a sumptuous dinner.

Final day was spent on the banks of Koyal river enjoying a picnic that included party games filled with food and drinks.

Most importantly, we established an endowment scholarship for financially needy students. Rs. 35 Lakhs has already been funded and handed



over to NIT to award 3 scholarships starting July 2017.

The Directory includes contact details for 176, life journeys of 146 including old and new photographs, listing of birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Also included are 11 obituaries out of 30 departed class mates. Unfortunately, we have not been able to contact 53 class mates.



Class mates attending the celebrations felt they were blessed to be part of this once in a lifetime event and have reinforced their newly found and long lasting friendships.

Gary Krishnan (1972 Mechanical)

Replaying NITROAA Convention 2016

From Convener Deba Mohapatra's Pen

While attending the first convention, so nicely arranged by the Charlotte team, I was strongly reminded of the kinship while a student at the then REC and felt an yearning to see my friends that I had not for over 40 years. I got inspired then and offered to arrange one in California in 2016. Hard to believe that has come to pass as the third convention.

This successful convention could not have been possible without the attendees that vigorously

pre-noon program was a lot of fun. Right after the introductory speeches by the executive committee alumni from each batch took to the stage and recalled fun incidents during their stay at NIT. In fact this got such ground swell of interest that Mousumi Ray took upon herself to control and manage so that we could stick to the schedule. Thank you

cess through concentration and went on to elaborate how we can channel our thoughts in every aspect of our life including raising children through power of concentration. We are hoping that the video quality might be of good quality so that we can post in YouTube.

The evening dinner dance program began with a skit "Boy to

Chhupa Rustom talents within Nitrans.

Sunday we took the bus to the Seal Beach and the activities there included swimming, beach volleyball and long walk along the pier. The evening dinner dance was held at the Little Dhaka Restaurant and included a medley of old and new songs and a 9 item scrumptious dinner. The final profit and loss statement shows that



2016 NITROAA CONVENTION
September 2-4, 2016
Sheraton Cerritos Hotel
Cerritos, CA

Coming Soon!

2016 Annual Convention Souvenir
Available in Coffee Table version or eBook

enlivened every episode of the event. My heartfelt thanks to the attendees for their support. Those of you for whatever that could not make it, we missed you. The convention began with the camp fire on Friday evening and ended with Song and dinner dance at Little Dhaka restaurant on Sunday evening. The Saturday

Mousumi. All together in excess of thirty batch mates attended the convention.

Swami Sarvapriyananda of Ramakrishna Mission was the Keynote speaker. He presented a well thought out and timely talk on the "Power of concentration". Swamiji began how great people historically have achieved suc-

cess through concentration and went on to elaborate how we can channel our thoughts in every aspect of our life including raising children through power of concentration. We are hoping that the video quality might be of good quality so that we can post in YouTube. The evening dinner dance program began with a skit "Boy to

we made a profit in excess of 20 (twenty) dollars.

Someone has said "Vacation is that time of the year when the tired get exhausted". I am told that spells success. What do you think?

Sincerely,

Deba Prasad Mohapatra
Convener

NITR Alumni Events

NITR Students pursuing Masters

Sonam Agrawal ('11 Mech.) at San Jose State

Arijit Mitra ('13 CS) at Carnegie Mellon

Anshu Raina ('13 CS) at Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison

Shaikh Ismail ('13 CS) at UC, Davis

Subhas Nerella ('13 Mech.) University of Florida

Biswajit Dalai ('15 Met.) at University of Cincinnati

Sriharsha Mangu ('16 Met.) at University of Cincinnati

Harsha Vardhan Vykuntha ('16 Met.) at UT, Dallas

NITR Students pursuing PhD

Abhijit Barua ('11 Elec) at University of Cincinnati

Sagar Sourav ('12 Chem) at Lehigh University

NITROAA raised \$2477 in 8 days supporting two current NITR students, Anoop & Sindhu, presenting papers at IEEE WCNC Conference at San Francisco on Mar 19-22, '17. Thanks to all the donor members.

A grand reunion was organized by alumni of 1991 batch on 25th and 26th December 2016 at Rourkela, to celebrate their silver jubilee year. With the visionary and dynamic leadership of Subrat Pani (1991 Electrical), 252 two people gathered together for a 2-day event which included 131 alumni, 54 of them

morning of 25th was organized at Brahmani club for meet and greet with ample time for catching up, followed by elaborate group lunch and unveiling of the souvenirs. The colorful evening was organized at Mayfair hotel, which started with remembering the 1991 batch mates who are

On the 2nd day, the events started with a group breakfast at Student Activity Center (SAC) of NIT, followed by formal event at the AV Hall. Thirty one faculty members were facilitated with flowers and gift in memory of their valuable contributions which shaped lives of alumni. Dr.

appreciation of their contribution shaping alumni's lives. During the afternoon, alumni along with family members visited the backpost, campus and interacted with students and faculty members. The good-bye evening was organized with talent shows from many family members and children. Nostal-

Greater Philadelphia NITR Alumni First Meet and Greet

Alumni of NIT, Rourkela had their 1st meet and greet event in Greater Philadelphia region on Jan 29th, 2017. The event was held at Nala Indian & Thai Cuisine restaurant in Exton, PA and was attended by 12 alumni residing in and around Philadelphia. The attendees were Abhishek Jain ('05 Mech.), Amar Agrawal ('00 CSE), Amit Padhi ('07 MCA), Anjan Etha ('04 Chem.), John Korah ('66 Mech.), Manav Maheshwari ('93 Mech.), Pranati



Mohanty ('01 Meta.), Prasanna Kannappan ('10 Mech.), Ranjan Dash ('98 Cera.), Rashmi Ranjan Sarangi ('98 Meta.), Rashu Garg ('98 Chem.) and Sanat Nayak ('03 CSE). The lunch event started with brief introductions of alumni followed by an overview of NI-

TROAA by John. The event was packed with intimate conversations filled with laughter and fond memories as fellow alumni shared their favorite experiences during their years in NITR. The event was organized by Abhishek, Amar, Rashu and Ranjan.



NITROAA Members Celebrated Silver Jubilee



with family, 25 from overseas. Fifteen alumni, many NITROAA members, traveled from all over US to be at the celebrations.

The grand event started with friendly greetings at the railway station and informal gatherings at the hotels & NIT guest house on evening of December 24th. The

no more. The evening was full of cheer, an instant on-stage skit depicting NIT days, DJ, songs from 80s and group dance. Throughout the evening, alumni remembered their student days and socialized over drinks and a grand dinner in open Rourkela sky and crisp December air.

Somnath Misra, retired Principal from 1974-1996, was the chief guest, who also later led tree planting ceremony in name of those who have passed away from the 91 graduating batch. Hostel employees, who served the alumni during their time from 87-91, were also facilitated with flowers and cash gifts in

gic songs from 80s were sung by alumni and family members, which followed group dances and dinner.

One hundred forty one alumni relived their REC student lives once again after 25 years and celebrated the togetherness in a very well organized event like no other.

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NITROAA MEMBER RECOGNIZED



Dr Ashutosh Dutta (1985 Elec) has been selected as Distinguished Lecturer by IEEE Communications Society for the year 2017 and 2018. As part of this opportunity. He will be travelling different parts of the world as an ambassador for IEEE Communications Society and give technical talks to Academia, Industry and Regulators. His first opportunity is to visit India and give his Distinguished Lecture Talks in 8 cities between March 14 and March 24, 2018. These cities include, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bangalore, Chennai, Trivandrum, Jaipur, and Delhi. NITROAA wishes him the best. Visit www.ashutoshdutta.org for details.

Top NITROAA Members by Batch

29		14	
'98		'89-'06	
27		12	
'97		'90-'94	
16		9	
'92		'87-'93	
15		8	
'91		'13	

NITROAA New Members

Life Members

Surendra Singh, Medford NJ (1967 Mech)
Pranab Chatterjee, Woodbury MN (1967 Mech)
Durga P Panda, White Bear Lake MN (1968 Elec)
Anil Wassan, Framingham MA (1972 Met.)
Ranganath Mishra (1975)
Kiron Senapati, Tampa, FL (1978 Chem)
Upendra Sahu, Sugar Land TX (1980 Mech)
Gurudath Kamath, Cumming mGA (1987 Mining)
Shankar Jagadeesaiyer, Naperville IL (1987 Elec)
Ajay Sabhlok, San Ramon CA (1989 Elec)
Ziaul Karim, Paterson NJ (1989 Civil)
Munish Sood, Oviedo FL (1989 Mining)
Sunil Mathew, Mason OH (1989 Chem)
Kalu Sahu, Middletown DE (1989 Met.)
Uma Pariti, San Jose CA (1990 Mining)
Hemanta Panda, Edison NJ (1990 Elec)
Rajib Rath, Brunswick OH (1990 Mech)
Sivaraman Mattipalli, Cumming GA (1990 Met.)
Prakash Pattnaik, Roseville CA (1990 CSE)
Swapnakant Mohanty, Rosemount MN (199 MCA)
Pattabhiraman Krishna, Westborough MA (1990 EE)
Arun Pant, Olathe KS (1991 Civil)
Satwinder Singh, Woodbury NY (1991 CSE)
Seema Pande Sundara, Nashua NH (1991 CSE)
Samhita Dash, San Jose CA (1992 MCA)
Benolin Thomas, San Jose CA (1992 CSE)
Cherian Thomas, San Jose CA (1992 Mech)
Bharati Berigei, San Jose CA (1992 Elect)
Ali Batliwala, Somerset NJ (1993 CSE)
Manav Maheshwari, Chadds Ford PA (1993 Mech)
Pragati Pattnaik, Roseville CA (1994)
Suman Sarkar, Ashburn VA (1994 AE&IE)
Rabendra Patel, Redwood City CA (1995 CSE)
Somyajit Jena, San Jose CA (1995 CSE)
Sandeep Panigrahi, Moorpark CA (1995 Met.)
Raju Garg, Suwanee GA (1995 CSE)
Biswajit Nayak, Dublin CA (1996 Elec)
Jitendra Sethi, Hickory NC (1997 Mining)
Amit Agarwalla, Fremont CA (1999 Mech)
Vineet Agarwal, Andover MA (2000 CSE)
Amar Agrawal, West Chester PA (2000 CSE)
Sridhar Ravula, Elkridge MD (2000 Elec)
Ajay Dubey, Grafton MA (2001 Mech)
Sandeep N, Farmington MI (2001 Elec)

Prasanti Bisi, Belmont CA (2002 Elect)
Jayanta Das, Portsmouth NH (2002 CSE)
Sanata Nayak, Exton PA (2003 CSE)
Anjan Etha, Mount Laurel NJ (2004 Chem)
Abhishek Jain, West Chester PA (2005 Mech)
Nitin Laddha, Salt Lake City UT (2005 Mining)
Satish Sahoo, Los Angeles CA (2005 Elec)
Debidatta Pradhan, Woodland Hills CA (2006 AEIE)
Haro Paul, Folsom CA (2006 Met.)
Swaroop Rath, Sunnyvale CA (2006 CSE)
Ajit Behera, San Diego CA (2006 Elec)
Gaurav Dash, Joppa MD (2006 Chem)
Manas Ranjan Sahoo, San Jose CA (2007 Mech)
Nikhil Kumar, Albuquerque NM (2011 Mech)
Raviteja Bhavirisetty, Secaucus NJ (2013 Biomed)

Student Member

Lucy Nandy, Minneapolis MN (2006 Chem)
Amlan Kusum, Riverside CA (2008 CSE)
Biswaranjan Mohanty, Minneapolis MN (2009 Mech)
Debasish Das, La Jolla CA (2009 Mech)
Parth Pradhan, Bethlehem PA (2009 AEIE)
Susheel Singh, Baton rouge LA (2010 Mech)
Prasanna Kannappan, Newark DE (2010 Mech)
Biswajit Maharathi, Chicago IL (2011 Biotech)
Pritish Sahu, New Brunswick NJ (2011 CS)
Himanshu Rajput, Stony Brook CA (2011 CS)
Abhijeet Sahu, Bryan TX (2011 E&C)
Soubhagya Sutar, West Lafayette IN (2011 AEIE)
Sonam Agrawal, San Jose CA (2011 Industrial)
Akash Sahoo, Sunnyvale CA (2012 E&I)
Mrutyunjaya Lenka, Tempe AZ (2012 CSE)
Priyaranjan Behera, Raleigh NC (2012 CSE)
Deepankar Purniya, Columbus OH (2012 CSE)
Kranthi Pamarthi, Cincinnati OH (2013 AEIE)
Shreeram Dash, Cincinnati OH (2013 Ceramic)
Apurva Pathak, La Jolla CA (2013 CSE)
Rohith V
Krishnamachary, Dekalb IL (2013 Civil)
Chinmaya Gautam, Los Angeles CA (2013 CSE)
Bharath K Reddy Anandigari, Albuquerque NM (2013 E&I)
Barada Acharya, Irvine CA (2014 CSE)

REGISTER FOR NITROAA 2017 CONVENTION AT NEW JERSEY



August 4th

Meet and Greet. Dinner and Drinks at Melange

August 5th

NITROAA Convention

Family visit to Manhattan (New York City)

Young Einsteins - Kids showcase their inventions

Evening Cultural program, dance and dinner

NITR Got Talent

August 6th,

Picnic will be held in Liberty State Park

●Introductory price till 3/31/2017 ●No cancellation fee for within 48 hours of registration ●Up to \$20 savings in hotel room due to NJ Sales Tax waiver ●Up to \$60 savings in return cab fare ● Professional Family portraits ●Rooms include Hot breakfast and complimentary Wi-Fi ●Free Parking

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