



# Laxminarayan Institute Of Technology Alumni Association



Connecting Global LIT Alumni Community...



## From Chairman's Desk

“ I am privileged to share a few thoughts through this exciting new initiative - LITAA Samvaad. Congratulations and sincere thanks to Sachin Palsokar and team to ideate and implement this delightful newsletter, which will further strengthen the bond of “one LIT family”.

The new Executive Committee of LITAA took charge in January 2018 and I am grateful to all fellow EC members for believing in me to lead this team. I firmly believe that a leader is only a part of, and as good as, the team. So let unbounded spirit of teamwork be the theme of LITAA in the time to come. We all know the solid foundation laid by the previous EC team under the astute leadership of Mr Kamal Narayan Seetha, our Immediate Past Chairman a fellow LITAA EC member. We are experiencing a resurgent and vibrant alumni activity since last two years with higher engagement of various stakeholders. I firmly commit to keep the same pace and raise the bar even higher for the ultimate benefit of our beloved alma mater.

We are on the verge of initiating sustainable contributions to create and nurture excellence through Special Task Teams focussed on their goals and objectives. I am thankful that some of you have volunteered to accept leadership roles for these teams and I look forward to greater participation either as team members or as ideators who can contribute to any of the tasks. Our collective efforts, with the sole aim of giving back to our institute, will help us realize our objectives and the dream of the divine donor, Rao Bahadur D Laxminarayan. ....”



**Ajay K. Deshpande**  
Batch - 1979

## From Patron's Desk

“ In August 1942, our journey began with a mission to fulfill the dream and wishes of Rao Bahadur D. Laxminarayan who donated all his wealth to Nagpur University with a well defined purpose – for the Teaching of Applied Science and Chemistry.

We have celebrated our Platinum Jubilee Year in 2016 -17. LIT Alumni Association (LITAA) has organized Global Alumni Meet in December 2016 to mark the beginning of our Platinum Jubilee Year Celebrations and it also organized a one day Global Alumni Meet in December 2017. Large number of alumni attended both events and our faculty, staff and students had a great opportunity to interact with them.

We are proud of our alumni working all over the world adding value to the brand name LIT with their contributions in industry, academia, administration and management.

LITAA is doing well, and we are growing every year. I am very happy to note that LITTA is coming up with a Quarterly Alumni Newsletter.

I would like to extend my full support, heartiest compliments to team LITAA working hard to bring out the first edition of our Alumni Newsletter. I wish the copy of this Newsletter will reach our alumni all over the world and will be very well received by the Chemical Process Industry as well. ....”



**Professor (Dr.) Raju B. Mankar**  
Director  
Laxminarayan Institute of Technology  
Batch - 1983

## From Editor's Desk

“ It's a great pleasure to interact with you through this First Issue of LITAA Samvaad, quarterly newsletter. The concept evolved when Utkarsh Khopkar (Batch 1993) and I were discussing about the great bonhomie experienced, across generations and batches, during alumni meets of last two years and felt that the gap in communication or interaction between the yearly events is too large, leading to a disconnect amongst alumni and with our alma mater. We brainstormed on how to create a 'always connected' world of LITians so that we know each other's activities, achievements, and general updates throughout the year leading to more cohesive and strong “One LITAA Family”. A newsletter, we concluded, was the best medium to achieve this goal. So the concept was presented to LITAA EC and it was unanimously and whole-heartedly supported. I am glad to share that LITAA Samvaad, apart from being a bridge to connect us, is a commercially self-sustainable and fund-raising activity.

This Newsletter will help in connecting our 2000+ registered alumni across the globe, and will showcase LITAA and LIT alike thereby building fellowship among this family and helping us to unite LIT alumni for generations to come. Each issue will cover Events and Celebrities of the Quarter, few articles on different subjects, Know your LITians and EC Member, Past and Upcoming Activities of LITAA, and many more updates and information. This first issue is dedicated to the Life Time Achievement Awards Function of December 2017.

I appeal to everyone to please come forward and contribute to the Newsletter – share your latest achievements, knowledge, and also support by way of advertisement. Your involvement, contribution, and suggestions are valuable and I look forward to voluntary participation.

I am thankful to Mr. Ajay Deshpande, Mr. K.N. Seetha, Mr. Amallesh Purohit, and the entire EC team for showing faith in this concept and entrusting me to spearhead the initiative. Special thanks to Mr. Utkarsh Khopkar for contributing in conceptualising. Also I am thankful to all Advertisers for their support in publishing LITAA Samvaad. Happy reading. ....”



**Sachin Palsokar**  
Batch - 1995

## Immediate Past Chairman's Message

“ The year 2017 may be called an year of “Renaissance” for LIT Alumni Association. Filled with self confidence and encouragement received from all corners due to success of Global Alumni Meet 1 in December 2016 , morale of all members of the Association was high. To conduct day to day work efficiently and to expand the membership base, the LITAA office had the fortune of getting the services of Mr. Haridas Sonarkar and Mr.Tushar Komalwar, ex-LITians. The office bearers completed the task of filing revised bye laws of the Association to the Charity Commissioner’s Office and also applied for getting exemptions under Section 12AA to the Income Tax authorities. I am happy to share the information that the Association could expand the base of Ordinary and Life Members from just about 1000 to nearly 1500 during the year 2016-17.

To celebrate Global Alumni Meet 2, it was decided to honour distinguished LITians from the batches prior to 1982 for their excellence in various fields of education, research, business, corporate leadership and other areas. Although, our great institution has the honour of having scores of such eminent achievers, for many reasons it was decided to keep the number of such award winners restricted to 9. The GAM2 was celebrated on 25th December 2017, at The Hotel Raddison Blu with Life Time Achievement Award function as the main event. The Mayor of Nagpur Smt. Nanda Jichkar was the Chief Guest and Shri P C Meshram , Registrar of Nagpur University was the Guest of Honour. The Award winners , with their inspirational life and experiences had also shared and interacted with the young students and gave valuable advice to them as to how to succeed in life. To make this function successful, some of our Association members worked very hard and for this I would like to thank Mr Pradeep Khandelwal , Mr Kapil Charan Sahoo ,Mr Sachin Palsokar and Mr Ajay Deshpande . The entire event was compered by our well recognized and talented anchors namely Dr Sugandha Garway and Mr Amalesh Purohit . The success achieved for this function on various aspects of the Association’s objectives has motivated all of us to celebrate this Lifetime Achievement Award function as an annual event from next year so that our own fraternity, our own members are recognized thereby making the relationships between the Association and its members meaningful and with a strong bond.

On 26 th of Dec 2017, a new team of LIT Alumni Association office bearers has been elected. I wish the new team under the leadership of Mr. Ajay K. Deshpande a great time ahead and wish them success.....”



**Kamal Narayan Seetha**  
Batch - 1964

## Best wishes from Global LIT Alumni

Great initiative  
by **LITAA**.  
All the best to  
**LITAA Samvaad**.

**Anant Kamthikar**  
Great Grandson of  
Late Rao Bahadur  
D. Laxminarayan

I am very happy to  
observe such commitment and  
dedication by alumni and feel  
proud to have been one of the  
founder members of this alumni  
activity, LITOSA in those times.  
My best wishes to Team  
LITAA for all the endeavours.

**Dr. Sudhir Bhagade, 1967**

LITAA is bringing  
alumni and institution  
closer and strengthen  
their bond. Alumni enjoy this  
bond, new students are inspired and  
LIT also benefits. I am proud to be  
an alumnus and assure my  
support to LITAA.

**Shyam Bang, 1971**

LITAA has evolved  
through the years into  
a strong cohesive organization  
focused on its cherished goal.  
This newsletter is another  
feather in LITAA's cap and  
I am delighted to witness  
such candid efforts

**Jagdish Thakral, 1980**

This effort to  
hold together and further  
the cause of LIT through  
LITAA Samvaad deserves  
special accolades.  
Let the momentum be with  
Team LITAA..

**Mukesh Mehta, 1984**

**LITAA Samvaad**  
is the key to realizing  
**LITAA** dream  
articulated by these lines -  
मैं अकेला ही चला था जानिब-ए-मंजिल मगर  
लोग साथ आते गये और कारवां बनता गया..

**Shirish Dhamnekar, 1993**

My complements to the  
editorial team for coming out  
with newsletter for LITAA.  
I am sure it would be a  
great source of information and  
networking amongst members.  
Here's wishing  
all the best for the same

**Milind Patel, 1997**

LITAA assimilates and  
integrates LITians of all ages.  
After the super successful  
GAM-2016 which brought us  
together, LITAA Samvaad is  
a great idea to keep us  
connected.

**Shubham Joshi, 2015**



### Lifetime Achievement Award Concept

2017 wound up on an enthralling note as the city and the world of LIT witnessed a glittering LITAA Lifetime Achievement Awards ceremony. An epic event where the alumni felicitated the chosen nine jewels for their outstanding professional achievements and exemplary service to society.

The idea originated during one of the meetings of Executive Committee while deliberating on possible ways to commemorate LITian achievers. LITAA Chairman, Mr Kamal Seetha, led from the front in converting this idea into reality with meticulous planning and research. An inclusive and transparent approach to nominations and final selection, key to ultimate success of such a process, ensured unanimous all-round support. Nominations were invited from all LITAA chapters meeting cut-off graduation year guidelines so as to cover the entire fraternity of LITians. The concept and process used astute evaluation and true spirit of LIT as rock solid foundation.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was finally conferred on nine jewels of LIT who, through their dedication, discipline, and undeterred pursuit of excellence in their chosen field of work, have practised the magnanimity and benevolence of Late Rao Bahadur D Laxminarayan.

The cycle of conferring such an award will continue every year as LIT has produced many more illustrious individuals.

### Shri Prakash D Mujumdar



**Shri. Prakash D. Mujumdar**, born in 1937 in Nagpur, did his B. Sc from the then College of Science and later B. Tech in Chemical Engineering from the Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur in 1962. After a brief stint in IOFS he joined Space Science and Technology Centre in 1967 at Trivandrum. While in ISRO, he obtained MS by research\* (Prof. Satish Dhawan & Powell Prof. Hans W. Liepmann) from Caltech (JPL) in 1982.

He worked under the leadership of Dr Vasant Gowarikar on development of solid propellants for Indian Rockets. He was responsible for setting up of Solid Propellant Space Booster plant at Sriharikota, the Indian Rocket Launching site, now called the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, ISRO. Engineering and commissioning, totally on one's own efforts, of a propellant plant (highly classified multi-disciplinary technology) in the 70s was then considered as technological challenge which saved the Nation over multiple Crores of in foreign exchange.

He worked very closely with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on India's first Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV3) program. In early 1980s he took yet another multidisciplinary responsibility for setting up of Test and Evaluation Complex of large solid motors required for ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) program.

Government of Maharashtra, in the year 2007, appointed him as Advisor to Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission, an innovative approach for propagation of S&T Applications for betterment of society.

He has been honoured with S. S. Bhatnagar Prize (1978), VASWIK Award (1981), and FIE Foundation Award (1990) for excellence in Engineering, among several other recognitions for his outstanding contributions. He has widely travelled, had specialized training abroad and represented India in many national and international bodies and conferences. He has also authored a book in Marathi "Isrotale Maze Te Diwas" published by Rajhans.



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**Shri Prakash Mohan Mehta**



**Shri. Prakash Mohan Mehta** was born at Sukkur, Sindh, a province of the undivided India on 20th March of 1939. He did his schooling from Government High School Kota, Rajasthan and later did his B. Tech and M. Tech in the Chemical Engineering from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology in 1964 and 1967 respectively.

Shri. Prakash Mohan Mehta through his hard works secured a job in IDPL Hyderabad, just after completing his post-graduation degree. Subsequently he served the country as Deputy Director and Director for Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) New Delhi. He was associated with various cost prices studies carried out by BICP, mainly working in the areas of Bulk Drugs, Formulations, Paper and Newsprint, Aluminium, pesticides, involving fixing and working out the selling prices. Keeping in the trend of serving the nation, he also served as Project Officer and adviser (Drugs) for the Department of Chemicals & Fertilizer, New Delhi and returned back to BICP as Director, achieving milestones of successful government ventures. He was the member of Government of India five-man expert committee to conduct a techno-feasibility study for rehabilitation of IDPL in 2005.

This is a faint outline of Mr Mehta's life through his achievements and greatness in life. Many stories go untold, that's why we are glad to hear and witness a story starting from the Sindh province of undivided India to the dice of LITAA, being honoured as a jewel of LIT.

**Shri Pawan Kumar Jain**



**Shri. Pawan Kumar Jain**, born in 1946 in Sonipat, in the then undivided Punjab. After schooling, he joined Laxminarayan Institute of Technology in the year 1966. During his time at LIT, he was very active in extracurricular activities, especially photography. After graduation in 1970, he served with the Government of Haryana. He later worked with Kanoria Chemicals, Haryana Agro, Indian Sulphacid, Hindustan National Glass, Empire Industries, Fortune International and Nuchem Ltd. His scintillating performance in all these companies is a testimony of his dedication and out of the box approach.

During 1997, Shri. Pawan Kumar Jain a visionary, started his own venture – Mankastu Impex Pvt. Ltd. At a time when many did not even consider the requirement and an upgrade in water filtration system, his company pioneered to introduce in India, the reverse osmosis water purifying system for domestic usage. Today the reverse osmosis system has become almost a necessity for all homes.

Shri. Pawan Kumar Jain has never been the one to sit back. In the year 2006, suffering from pneumonia in a hospital bed, he decided on his next launch – air purifiers in the Indian market; at a time when air pollution was an academic discourse. Today M/S ATLANTA HEALTHCARE his brain child; an air quality management company is a leader providing customized air purification solutions for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes.

At an age when most people choose a retired life, Shri. Pawan Kumar Jain is a man on the move. His sharp mind and business acumen coupled with hard work is a source of inspiration for one and all.



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**Dr. Bhaskar Dattatraya Kulkarni**



**Dr. Bhaskar Dattatraya Kulkarni** was born on 5th May, 1949. He is a home grown professional and has had early education leading to B. Tech in Chemical Engineering in 1970 and M. Tech in 1972 from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur. Dr. Kulkarni joined the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune to work for PhD with Dr. L. K. Doraiswamy, the then director of NCL and later in 1979 worked as a regular scientist at NCL.

Mathematical modelling, Chemical Reaction Engineering, fluidisation, Chemical and Biochemical Process Design, development scale up and commercialisation are his areas of specialisation.

His salient contributions can be summarised in the form of 3 books, 4 edited books and over 500 peer reviewed and invited papers. A number of his patents have found commercial applications. He has guided more than 65 students for their PhD degree, over a dozen post-doctoral and several hundred undergraduates for their research.

Dr. Kulkarni has won numerous scientific awards and honors. A few important ones include the prestigious SS Bhatnagar Prize in Engineering and technology (1988), INSA medal for Young Scientist (1981), and fellowship of the Indian academies (INSA, IASc, INAE, TWAS, MACS etc.). He served as a member on the International Advisory Board of prestigious science & Engineering Journals and as a member of Organizing Committees of international conferences (ISCRE, APCRE etc.). He also served as a member on Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) and as Chairman of Project Advisory Committee (DST) on Chemical Engineering and task force on Bioenergy (DBT) directing the evolution of research in these frontier areas in the country. He was a consultant to Unilever research at Port Sunlight UK for several years while working at NCL.

**Ashok Vithaldas Rath**



**Shri. Ashok Vithaldas Rath** was born in 1953, in a family of Entrepreneurs, where formal education was considered extremely important. He was the youngest of 6 siblings in the family. He did his schooling in Nagpur from 1957 to 1969 in S.F.S. School and was fortunate to get admission to Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, from where he graduated in 1974 and completed his Post Graduate studies in Chemical Engineering in 1976.


His father Late Vithaldasji Rath was a Post Graduate in Industrial Chemistry from BHU and had profound influence in the moulding of his career and personality.

He started work as R&D Executive in a company producing Explosives and moved through QC, Production, Marketing and exports activities and then up to General Administration as Executive and later as Managing Director.

The period of 1976 to 1990 was of intense training under Late S. Sanyal and his father V.D. Rath who lead the company Commercial Explosives from front, and shared their skills to impart the early training to Shri. Ashok Rath, to work in stressed business condition and cope with requirement of Management bandwidth.

During in 1998 came an opportunity to go into a high technology activity of Detonator Production which had to be taken up as an independent entity. The nascent enterprise of CDET received invaluable support from all quarters – family, friends, professional associates – and the company grew rapidly and is now considered a significant player in the field of Mining Explosives.

The journey of entrepreneurial experimentation has passed through joint ventures in brown field activity in Explosives, Sugar, Paper, Electrical Panels, etc. – some successful, some unsuccessful by financial measure, but all of them being memorable opportunity of learning and self training.



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### Dr. Suresh Kashinath Haware



**Dr. Suresh Kashinath Haware** was born to a humble farming family in a small village Pathrot on 1st March 1956. He earned his B. Sc. degree in 1975 and his B. Sc. Tech. Degree in 1978 from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology with a gold medal from Nagpur University. He later enrolled in Bhabha Atomic Research Centre's Training School for his post-graduation in Mumbai from 1978-79 and also has a M. A. in History from Mumbai University. Dr Haware has published 37 Scientific Research Papers in national and international journals including presentations at international conferences. He was recently awarded Ph. D. in affordable Nano Housing by coveted Mumbai University. These tremendous and stellar academic achievements with his dedication and passion forged Dr. Haware for the greatness in industrial, nuclear, business, social and political fields. He also had two TV shows on different channels about business and start-ups with great ratings.

Dr. Haware served the nation for 27 years as senior nuclear scientist with DAE(Department of Atomic Research). He led an Indian delegation to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria in 1996 and in his long career has worked alongside great personalities such as Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Dr. Raja Ramanna and Dr. R. K. Sinha. Subsequently, Dr. Haware stepped into the construction business aiming to provide affordable housing for all. He pioneered the innovative technique of Nano Housing during the recession period in Mumbai. His techniques re-established the trust of people in realty and provided the commoners their dream, of a home. Haware Group has undertaken and completed around 25 redevelopment projects, more than 40,000 homes constructed and delivered.

Dr. Suresh Kashinath Haware has been awarded for his great works like 'BIZZ 2013 Excellence Award for Business Excellence', world confederation of business, Huston, USA, 'Glory of India' award, Institute of Economics Studies, New Delhi and many more.

### Shri Loksarang Dinkar Hardas



**Shri Loksarang Dinkar Hardas**, fondly known as "LD" and "Sarang", was born on 16th July 1960 at Nagpur. After completing his formal school education from the popular Hadas High School, Nagpur, he pursued his B.Tech in Chemical Engineering at Laxminarayan Institute of Technology and completed his M.S. (Chemical Engineering ) from City University of New York City College.

Shri Sarang was the General Secretary of LIT Students Association, which helped him hone leadership skills. Being risk-taking in nature, naturally ambitious and highly passionate person, Shri Sarang chose to start his enterprise from scratch in highly competitive US market in 1983.

Shri Sarang always believes that "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and what matters is today. Try to do good deeds every day and help as many people that come to your life." Gradually he transformed to a towering and illustrious figure, a brand, a legend and a renowned icon. He has dedicated all his blue ribbons and crowns to the fond memories of his parents. He says they have the biggest contribution towards his mission and also helped him to accomplish his dreams.

Determined to accomplish the dreams he once saw, Shri Sarang very mathematically, with perseverance and tenacity, with wisdom and humility, with dedication and astuteness, created Awesome Products into hundreds of millions US Dollar Corporation with its own brand "LA's Totally Awesome", - now the largest privately held household Chemical Products manufacturing company in North America.

Awesome Products currently manufactures and distributes over 400 products and about 40 more are in Pipeline. Some of the major retail outlets are Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, Walmart, Sears, Big Lots and Rite, Aid, Pharmacy. His inspiring advice for young entrepreneurs: "Be a creator, make small goals and achieve them. Learn to accept your mistakes because it makes success more sustainable."

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### Shri Arun Lakhani



**Shri. Arun Lakhani** was born on 4th August 1962 and completed his schooling from Nagpur, he completed his B.Sc Tech ( Petro ) in 1982 and M. Tech from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology in 1984.

Shri. Arun Lakhani is a technocrat, a Social Entrepreneur and pioneer in 24x7 water distribution program for 2.7 million population city of Nagpur. This project was acknowledged as best practice by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. He is also promoter of first of its kind PPP in sewage treatment and reuse project of 200 MLD on 100% private funding. Both these unique projects are acknowledged widely at international and national forums and are being emulated by many towns and in the govt policies.

Shri. Arun Lakhani, a thought leader in water sector, is invited in various global forums to share his experience. He believes in taking PPP to 4P model – the 4th P being People as citizens, without whose active participation, social projects like water are difficult to succeed. Vishwaraj Infrastructure Limited, the brain child of Shri. Arun Lakhani also works in PPP sector of roads and highways. Shri. Arun Lakhani is a member of National body of Bharat Rural livelihood foundation (BRLF), he is President of Maharashtra Badminton Association which, in his leadership, recently organized the 82nd Sr. National Badminton Championship at Nagpur. Shri. Arun Lakhani is President of Runadhar Trust – an organisation working in skilling the suicide affected farmer families in Vidarbha, President of Laxmanrao Mankar Trust - an organisation operating 500+ single teacher schools in remote adivasi areas. He is also the founder of SEA Foundation – promoting - Sustainability, efficiency and accountability. Shri. Arun Lakhani has been awarded as one of 50 Most impactful leaders in water and water management internationally by World CSR Day. He has been recently awarded as Economic Times “The Most Promising Business Leader in Asia” at Asian Business Conclave 2017 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

### Shri Rajesh Omprakash Malpani



**Shri. Rajesh Omprakash Malpani**, was born in an entrepreneur family in the peaceful town of Sangamner in Ahmednagar district on 23rd February 1961. He completed his schooling from Sir D. M. Petit High School. He continued his meritorious performance while earning B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology in 1982. He then went on to earn an M.S. in Industrial / Systems Engineering in 1984 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (U.S.A.).

After his post-graduation he joined his family managed Malpani Group of Industries. His brilliance brought modern technology and diversification to this group taking it to a greater height of success. The combination of his intelligence and hard work resulted in the establishment of Wind and Solar projects in 8 states. After establishing the Malpani group as one of the biggest players in the field of FMCG products and gaining foothold in the amusement and hospitality sectors, Malpani Group also ventured into the Real Estate sector.

Shri Rajesh Malpani, a notable figure in the tobacco industry has been presented with many different honours and designations throughout his professional excellence, like the Udyog Ratna Award for his outstanding contribution by the Institute of Economic Studies, India. His influence and prominence in the renewable energy sector earned him a place in the 100 most powerful leaders in solar industry by the Solar Quarter Power 100 Magazine.

Shri Rajesh Malpani is also a gallant social worker. Healthcare being his paramount concern, facilitated with cardiac ambulances, Malpani Hospital consists of over 50 beds in the service of common man.

With the motto “I will align myself to higher work ethics”, he is a person inculcated with values of utmost importance not only towards his work but also towards the society.

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Glittering Annual Gathering Function, ELITE 2K18



Mr. Sushil Sharma (Batch - 1987) has arranged "A Talk by - Dr. A. Velumani (CMD, Thyrocare)" it was a great inspirational guidance to the students of LIT.

**Mr. Amitabh Saxena** (Batch-1990) shared his success story and valuable life experiences with final year students of LIT at College auditorium.



## CAMPUS Season 2017-18

This year campus placement going well & still on. Happy to announce that highest package offered is Rs. 15 Lacs per annum & the average package offered is Rs. 5.5 Lacs per annum



Chirag Chandaliya and Ravina Sonone are final-year chemical engineering students of LIT

### THE DISCOVERY

**NAME** | Extraction of ingredients from chilli, curry leaves, ginger rhizomes & turmeric

**PRODUCTS** | Liquid extract of curry leaves, chilli, ginger rhizomes and turmeric

**BENEFITS** | Ease of application, better shelf life, medical properties and original ingredients

### CHIRAG CHANDALIYA'S PROJECT

**NAME** | Synthesis and Characterization of nutraceutical from stevia and fenugreek

**PRODUCT** | Mixture of stevia and fenugreek

**BENEFITS** | Boon to diabetics or health conscious people, improves nutritional value of stevia and reduces bitterness in fenugreek



This project is well guided and mentored by **Prof. Shekhar Pandharipande**. His enthusiasm, passion, entrepreneurial acumen are really admirable and fetching good results in developing new products at LIT.



**Rathi Sir** will be remembered by all LITians for his special style of teaching Engineering Drawing, Mechanics and Strength of Materials. You will be always in our heart.

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## CELEBRITIES OF THE QUARTER (JAN-MARCH 2018)



**Mr. Ramesh Budwani ( Batch -1965 ) has been selected for America's very prestigious award Marquels Who's Who: Albert Nelson Marquels Lifetime Achievement Award 2018. Wow !!! Proud moment for all !!! Heartiest Congratulations !!!**

**Mr. Pradeep Khandelwal ( Batch – 1980 ) and his company , Vinee Enginnering Enterprises Private Limited has received a received Certificate of Appreciation from Hindustan Unilever Limited . He has done really a good work of Design , Engineering and Fabrication of Sodal of HUL at Chindawara, MP. Well done !!! Keep it up !!!**



**Mr. Rajesh Malpani ( Batch -1982 ) and his family members demonstrates its commitment to PURA (PROVIDE URBAN FACILITIES IN RURAL AREA). Hon. Maharashtra State Finance Minlster Inaugurated Shri Madhavlal Malpani Yoga and Naturopathy Centre on 24th March 2018. Heartiest Congratulations to Rajesh malpani and his family for this noble gesture towards society !!!**

**Mr. Arun Lakhanl (Batch - 1982) has been elected as Vice President of Badminton Federation of India, Congratulations !!! Wish many more feathers to come !**



**Dr. Sugandha Garway ( Batch – 1983 ) has been awarded with Women's achlever Award on 8th March 2018 (International Women's day ). This award Is conferred by Women's TV Channel & Super Elite club. Great Achievement !!! Hearty Congratulations !!!**

**Organic Wellness company has received very prestigious award for being Into top 50 Best Wellness Companies of India. Our own LITian , Mr. Krishan Gupta ( Batch 1988 ) Is founder of this company. Congrats !!!! We all are proud of you !!!**



**Our very own LITian ,Dr Surjit Saha ( Batch – 1989 ) assumed elevated office of Dy. Commissioner of Income Tax on 31st March 2018. LITAA Chairman Ajay Deshpande congratulated him on behalf of LITAA members on this achievement. Congratulations !!!**

### ***Building Global Unity for a Stronger & Brighter Future***

December 2016 witnessed a never-before confluence of LITians at the Global Alumni Meet. Enriched with knowledge and grandeur, this reunion of over 600 LITians from 1960 to 2016 not only had nostalgia and memories, but also showcased knowledge and capabilities through International Conference on “Chemical Engineering and Technology in the 21st Century and Beyond” and a unique Exhibition of Products and Technologies of LITian entrepreneurs. This event set the ball rolling for networking amongst hitherto distant LITians and also brought them back to their alma mater.

Throughout the year, LITAA continued to support micro needs of students by sponsoring events, sports facilities, etc. and also engaged in growth oriented dialog with the institute management and faculty. Many ideas have sprung up and 2018 should witness their conversion into implementation.

Riding on the success of December 2016, a unique event was held in December 2017 to felicitate 9 jewels of LIT with Lifetime Achievement Award, further cementing the bond between alumni, institute and students.

Mr. Shyam Bang, an illustrious and proud LITian, aptly summarized, “Several institutions in the world have benefitted by association with their alumni. Alumni can contribute financially, technically, and professionally and by doing so recognise the contribution of their alma mater in building their careers. LITAA is bringing alumni and institute closer thereby strengthening the bond and inspiring students.”

LITAA requests LITians to contribute papers / articles on Chemical Engineering & Technology, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Management for forthcoming issues of this quarterly newsletter. Each issue will include one paper / article from each area and will be duly selected by a committee of domain experts. The paper should be one A4 page with not more than 750 words and may reflect your research or experiences in any of the above domains. Kindly e-mail on [sachinpalsokar1@gmail.com](mailto:sachinpalsokar1@gmail.com)

**Ramesh Tarale (Batch - 1978)** has sponsored 4 Needy students for the tuition fees of Rs. 30,000/- for each student. Thanks for your support to LIT & LITAA

### ***An Appeal to Give Back to Our Alma Mater***

Being an alumnus of Laxminarayan Institute of Technology is a matter of utmost pride and reverence to all of us. No matter where each of us is in this world, we owe a lot to our glorious alma mater. There is always a special place for LIT in every LITian's heart. And a strong urge to give back.

LITAA appeals to every LITian to contribute, by time and money, in any of the following ways:

#### **Donate to LITAA General Corpus as a Token of Life Membership**

Most of us are members of LITAA (erstwhile LITOSA) and this membership. Each of us needs to reiterate the commitment by donating minimum Rs. 5000/- as a token of life membership to General Corpus Fund of LITAA. This support will help undertake micro institute-support activities on regular basis.

#### **Project or Cause -specific Donation**

LITAA will, from time-to-time share different projects that will be taken up for advancement and modernization of technology and facilities at LIT. Such projects will need large patronage, in terms of financial support and knowledge sharing, which will be sought as and when projects are planned.

#### **Support Training & Placement**

Industry exposure is invaluable in students' grooming. It opens up a new horizon to them, giving them insight into the real world, polishing their academic learning with “how and what really happens”. Most of the alumni have a lot to offer by way of hosting quality Summer Internship Programs or Campus Placement for students. Even the alumni can benefit as they stand to gain rightly trained engineers to work in their enterprises. All are requested to whole-heartedly support our alma mater in this activity.



## LITAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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## SPECIAL TASK TEAM

Special Task Teams of LITAA are teams focused on a particular activity or domain from concept to implementation. Each team listed below functions through a leader who primarily collects ideas in his/her team's domain from the entire world of LITians, validates the need and feasibility in consultation with LIT management and faculty, propagates the concept to his associate members, pools in more members willing to actively participate, prepares a project plan to present to LITAA EC, and on approval implements the project till its logical conclusion.

All these efforts and engagement is aimed at one achievement – holistic development at LIT. LITAA appeals to all its constituent members to extend support to any of the areas of their liking and get in touch with the team leader. Let's give back to our alma mater and enrich the whole experience.

### A Institute Focused

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### B Students Focused

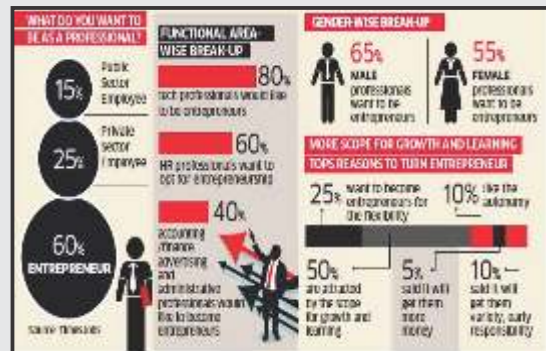
TASK TEAM	TEAM LEADER	CONTACT DETAILS
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### C Association Focused

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**LITAA Incubation Centre :** The Times of India Survey shows most of young professionals would like to turn entrepreneurs than going for jobs. So our own LITian, Mr. Vinod Kaloktwar of 1982 batch, thinks that why not to nurture and create entrepreneurs from LIT. The concept is still in the pipeline of brainstorming and ideation stage, based on his association and experience of similar activity at IIT Chennai. Being an investment consultant for young start-ups, he has the pulse of the subject and is currently working on blue-printing the project. The primary objective being to fuel and harness entrepreneurship through enabling knowledge, technology, mentoring, and finance, this project may soon become a reality. Voluntary participation by all LITians is welcome and those willing to get on board this venture can contact at vinod@kalozal.com or +91 98450 69008.



**LIT Canteen To Get A Facelift :** Thousands of LIT alumni as well as faculty and staff hold the strategically located and designed canteen very dear to their hearts. Many reasons, one sentiment. Age takes its toll on everything and the canteen is no exception. Seeing the current 'not so exciting' state of LIT canteen, LITAA has decided to modernize the same. The project involves facelift to the ground as well as first floor with new interior, flooring, furniture, kitchen, plumbing, drinking water, and other micro amenities. LITAA North spearheaded the funds generation for this project and have contributed INR 500,000 already with more funds committed. The total cost of canteen modernization is approximately INR 900,000 and will be fully met through project specific contribution by LITians. The work will begin in the last week of April and completed during the institute vacation ensuring least disturbance to students and staff alike. Once complete, the new look canteen will put this aspect of the institute at par with the so called more advanced colleges. It will certainly be a place where not just students, faculty, and staff but even visiting dignitaries such as campus recruitment company professionals will be excited to spend some time to catch the refreshing aroma and spirit of a college canteen. We appeal to all that please come forward for financial contribution for the same project.



Pictures of Current State of the Canteen.

**Other Activities :** LITAA is currently evaluating, in close association with LIT, the feasibility of establishing modern equipment and facilities in a research centre to be carved out in the institute premises. These include setting up of process instrumentation skid, detergent pilot plant, and other assets. The special task team led by Mr. Deepak Vyawahare (deepak.vyawahare@gmail.com) is actively exploring and detailing different opportunities and needs and will soon initiate implementation.



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