



# **IIT ALUMNI CENTRE, BENGALURU (IITACB)**

**Leveraging the IITs, IIT Alumni and  
Industry for the Largest Public Good**

# WHAT IS THE IIT ALUMNI CENTRE, BENGALURU (IITACB)?

- The core value of the IITACB is a **QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE** reflecting the spirit of the IITs
  - Fostering shared values and committed to the betterment of our society
- **Goals of IITACB**
  - **Create a community** to promote social and professional networking among the members *and their networks*
  - **Act as a nodal agency** for interaction between the various IITs and industry in and around Bangalore
  - **Provide a platform for partnering** among industry leaders, IIT alumni, staff and students, and various departments of government in furthering *projects of local and national interest*

# A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

- **Why in Bengaluru?**
  - Rich mix of industry and IITians in Bangalore
    - Looking for ways and means to engage effectively and constructively with the IIT system
  - Extend reach of all IITs to Bangalore without setting up an IIT – through IITACB
- **Backed by both industry and academia**
  - **Distinguished IIT alumni** – NR Narayana Murthy, Nandan Nilekeni, Manohar Parrikar, , Kanwal Rekhi and Pradeep Jaipuria among others are Centre’s members.
  - Drivers of the scientific temper and industry in India – Prof. CNR Rao, Prof. MGK Menon Prof. A. Ramachandran, Mr. Vijay Kirloskar & Mr. R.K. Tyagi (Chairman HAL) – are our **Distinguished Members**
  - **Directors of all 16 IITs** are our *Honorary* Members
  - Prof Balaram (former Director, IISc), Prof. M.S. Ananth (former Director, IIT Madras), Prof. A Paulraj (Stanford University) and numerous other stalwarts are our members.
  - Our President is an alumnus of IIT Kanpur and former Director of IIT Bombay.
- **We are an Institutional Member of the Bangalore International Centre**
- **We have conducted programmes covering diverse topics**

# UNIQUE STRENGTHS OF THIS INITIATIVE

- **Symbiotic relationship**
  - Win-win for all stakeholders through creative synergy
- **Strong core** with volunteer IIT Alumni committing quality time and driving IITACB
- **Neutral and open**
  - Not aligned to one specific company, works with all
- Has **strong endorsement** from IIT Directors (past & current) and key members of the country's science and technology establishment
- **Very timely** with new and old IITs working together to establish new IITs

# LARGE INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA INTERACTION OPPORTUNITY

- Understand each other better through the broad IITACB platform
- Infrastructure platform to work together in Bengaluru with talent from around the world
- Identify specific common areas of initiative and follow-through to implementation
- Fulfil each other's needs using IITACB
- Drive and fulfil aspirations of both academe and industry
- Segment specific alignment with wide range of industries and institutions in Bengaluru

# NEXT...

- IITs to commit to the IITACB and make an investment
  - IITs have expressed an interest in the idea of IITACB in early conversations
- Industry around Bengaluru to commit to the IITACB and become institutional members
  - Many companies interested in engaging with centres of excellence in the IITs via the IITACB
- IITACB to locate land and build Centre
  - Early efforts on to locate
- Build strong alumni membership of IITACB – Bengaluru
  - Currently we have over 150 members and growing