

“BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Awards - 2012”

Purpose

The “BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Award” has been instituted by BITS Pilani to recognize and honour those alumni who have brought laurels to their alma mater by making significant and outstanding contributions to their profession, their businesses, and/or to the society.

Eligibility

Any BITS alumnus who satisfies the following conditions is eligible for the award:

1. He/she has completed a degree programme from any of the campuses of BITS
2. He/she must be living at the time a nomination is made
3. He/she should have made significant and outstanding contribution to one or more of the following fields (or categories):
 - a. Professional management of businesses,
 - b. Entrepreneurship,
 - c. Academic teaching and/or research,
 - d. Public life or social entrepreneurship, and
 - e. Philanthropy.

BITS alumni who belong to the following categories are not eligible for the award:

1. Current members of the BITS’ administration, faculty and non-teaching staff
2. Members of the Board of Governors of BITS, members of the General Body of BITS
3. Members of the BITS’ Senate and members of other statutory bodies of BITS
4. Members of the committee to select or short-list “BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Awards”, and their immediate family members
5. Alumni who are currently doing substantial business either directly or indirectly with BITS

Nomination

Any member of the General Body of BITS, any member of the Board of Governors of BITS, any member of BITS’ Senate, any member of the BITS’ administration or faculty, or any member of BITS Alumni Association may nominate an alumnus who meets the eligibility criteria.

1. The nominations (**in the enclosed format**) must be received by the BITS’ Office of Alumni Affairs no later than 1st of November each year.
2. A nomination will be considered for a maximum of 3 years from the date of the first nomination.

Selection process

1. There will be a maximum of five awards, every year, with at most two in any one category.
2. A selection committee, with the following constitution, will be appointed by the Chancellor to select the awardees. The selection committee shall consist of the following:
 - a. An eminent individual from academia, businesses, public life or an entrepreneur (chairperson),
 - b. One person of eminence outside the BITS system, possibly an entrepreneur, a professional manager from industry, a public servant, or a social entrepreneur,
 - c. One senior faculty member from BITS,
 - d. One BITS Alumnus, and
 - e. Vice Chancellor, BITS (or his nominee).
3. The selection will be on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. He/she should have made significant and outstanding contribution to one or more of the fields (or categories) listed below.
 - i. Professional management of businesses,
 - ii. Entrepreneurship,
 - iii. Academic teaching and/or research,
 - iv. Public life or social entrepreneurship, or
 - v. Philanthropy.
 - b. The contribution should have resulted in a significant impact in terms of (a) dissemination or creation of knowledge, (b) enrichment of lives of people, (c) distribution or creation of wealth, or (d) promotion or establishment of high ethical standards in private or public life. Further, the contribution should be such that it can be adequately documented in the form of national or international awards, national or international patents, publications in journals of international repute, creation of jobs, market share of products/services, growth in company valuation on stock exchanges, volume of donations to social causes, etc.
 - c. He/she should be a person of high integrity and stature, and one whose contributions will not only make his alma mater proud but will inspire BITS' faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Award presentation

There will be a maximum of five (5) awards every year, with at most two in any one category. The Distinguished Alumnus Award will be announced before the middle of December each year. The award will be presented in the form of a Plaque, a certificate and a citation.

Previous Awardees

The first BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Award (2011) was awarded to Prof. Dorairajan Balasubramaniam, Prof. Goverdhan Mehta (both in the area of Teaching and Research), Mr Prithviraj Chavan (Public Life) and Mr Baba Kalyani (Entrepreneurship).

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani
Form for nomination for “BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Awards 2012”

1. Name of **nominee**:

2. **Nominee’s** contact information (email address, phone no. with country/city code):

3. Current position, name and postal address of organization with which **nominee** is associated:

4. Degrees, disciplines, and years, the **nominee** graduated with from BITS Pilani:

5. In which field (or fields) do you think the **nominee** has made significant and outstanding contribution (circle one or more below):

- a. Professional management of businesses,
- b. Entrepreneurship,
- c. Academic teaching and/or research,
- d. Public life or social entrepreneurship,
- e. Philanthropy, and/or
- f. Other (please specify) _____

6. Briefly list **nominee’s** significant & outstanding contribution to fields you have identified above

(you may please note that the contribution should have resulted in a significant impact in terms of (a) creation or dissemination of knowledge, (b) enrichment of lives of other people, (c) distribution or creation of wealth, or (d) promotion or establishment of high ethical standards in private/public life):

7. Kindly document the **nominee’s** contribution in the form of

a. list of national, international awards, honors, recognitions etc.

b. list of national or international patents, etc:

c. list of publications in journals of international repute, etc.:

d. approximate no. of jobs created as a result of his/her efforts, etc.:

e. approximate market share of products/service, designed/developed by him/her, etc.:

f. %age growth in company stock valuation as a result of his/her efforts, etc.:

g. Promotion/establishment of high ethical standards in private/public life, etc.:

h. donations to causes devoted to “public good”, etc.:

a. any other:

(Kindly ensure that the nominee is a person of high integrity and stature, and one whose contributions not only makes BITS Pilani proud but will inspire its faculty, staff, students.)

8. Any other information about the nominee (you may like to include the nominee’s *curricula vitae*):

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Information about the person nominating the alumnus for the award:

Your Name:

Your contact information (email address, phone no. with country/city code):

Your current position, name and postal address of organization with which **you are associated:**

Degrees, disciplines, and years, if **you graduated from BITS Pilani:**

You current/past affiliation with BITS Pilani:

Your signature, with date.

Kindly send the completed nomination form to the following address:

**Chairman, Alumni Affairs Division,
BITS Pilani - K. K. Birla Goa Campus,
Near NH17B, Bypass Road, Zuarinagar – 403 726, GOA, India**

Or e-mail to: bitsaadivision@gmail.com; bitsaadiv@bits-goa.ac.in

Deadline: November 1, 2011