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IMPORTANT EVENTS

*New Year Get Together was
held on
8th Jan 2021.*

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EDITORIAL

Dear Fellow Members,

We wish all the IDST members a Happy New Year 2021. May God bless you and your family with good health, peace and prosperity. We did celebrate the new year on 08 Jan 2021. We are glad to place in your hands the '9th Issue of e-bulletin'. The period covered is from 01st Jan 2021 to 30th Jun 2021. It is unfortunate that in this quarter we were hit by the Corona 2nd wave. I hope you are all in good health. All safety precautions are being observed while working.

Both newly elected IDST Central Council & Regional Council members have taken charge from 01st Jan 2021. We congratulate all the elected members of both the IDST Central and Regional Council for their success and wish them all the best in serving the IDST, to reach greater height in the future.

BRANCH REPORTING MEETINGS

- Regional Council Meeting :** During the period two IDST Pune Region Council Meetings were held on 19-01-2021 and 16-06-2021 and were attended in person. During these meetings discussions were held on status of various IDST contracts and the financial position of the Pune Branch. During these meetings Chairman Dr. DB Sarwade briefed the Regional Council members about project progress, plan for new CAPSI's to be taken up and decisions taken in IDST Central Council meetings.
- Central Council Meeting :** The 1st IDST Central Council Meeting was held on 21st and 22nd Jan 2021 and the 2nd meeting was held on 06th and 07th Jun 2021. Both the meetings were conducted through Video Conferencing. The meetings were chaired by Dr. CL Dhamejani, IDST President.
- New Year Get Together Celebration :** A New Year Get Together was arranged on 8th Jan 2021 on the Lawns of IDST Pune Region Office. The event was arranged at 1100 hrs with Tea, Coffee and Snacks. More than 45 Nos. of IDST Pune Region Members attended the same to exchange the new year greetings.



New Year 2021



IDST- IDSR COLLABORATION

IDST signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Gujarat on 03rd Mar 2020 with a purpose to - Exchange of Knowledge towards enhancing the Capacity and Quality of Students, Faculty Members, and other Stakeholders of the Education and Civil Society Ecosystems for their contribution to the Aerospace & Defence, Homeland security and Allied fields. As an initial partnership to this MoU, the Government of Gujarat facilitated “Institute of Studies and Research (IDSR)” under IDSR Foundation.

Academic courses, at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels, is to be organized at Gujarat University Campus and Institute of Infrastructure Technology Research and Management (IITRAM), with the knowledge support from IDST. MoU was signed by Mrs. Anju Sharma, Principal Secretary Education, Government of Gujarat and Shri. KC Arora, President IDST in the office and in the presence of Dr. Sathish Reddy, Patron IDST and Chairman DRDO along with other dignitaries from both the partners. Administrative, Technical and Commercial terms of the collaboration have been established through a Contract Agreement, signed on 17th and 19th Dec 2020 between IDST and IDSR.

**KC Arora**

INSTITUTE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT (IITRAM)

Course in Defence Technologies : An elective course in Defence Technologies was offered by IITRAM, an autonomous university established by the University of Gujarat, for their Under Graduates. This course was spread over 2 semesters and commenced on 3rd Feb 2021. During 1st semester, 35 Nos. of sessions were conducted. The faculty consisted of 14 Nos. from IDST, along with 4 Nos. of DRDO working scientists. A total of 204 Nos. of students from the 3rd and 4th year opted for this elective subject. All students have reported to have passed the examination. For the 2nd semester, 36 Nos. of sessions have been planned, which will commence from 4th Aug 2021.

M Tech in Technologies : The Institute is in the process of drafting the syllabus, taking reference from the draft given by IDST. Besides a Model Syllabus has been published by AICTE in collaboration with DRDO. This course will be of 4 semesters, comprising of class room lectures, seminars and major project work, and is likely to commence in academic year 2022.

INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND STUDIES (IDRS) (At Gujarat University)

IDSR is an institute supported by the Government of Gujarat and DRDO dedicated to serve the armed forces by conducting academic courses and research activities. 10 Nos. of courses were projected and advertised by IDSR, five courses got some response and a semester organized from 25th Feb 2021 to 4th Apr 2021. The other five courses may be introduced during academic year 2022.

A Module on ‘Introduction & Orientation – Mechanism’ was conducted with all the five courses clubbed together. 19 Nos. of faculty members from IDST including 5 working scientists participated in these courses. A total of 64 Nos. of students enrolled for the five courses, with as many as 31 Nos. attended the lectures for “MBA – Management”. Model Questions were provided for framing final question papers by the Institute. Examinations are planned in July 2021.

The conduct of program has been appreciated by students and the IDSR (GU) management. IDST members and working scientists from the DRDO Laboratories extended excellent support to make this maiden long term assignment in the academic field a success.



GREETINGS TO MEMBERS

Our members who celebrate their birthdays during this period (Jan to June) are as follows :

- A. Jan : Mr. A Verghese, Dr. H S Yadav, Mr. P M Bhat, Mr. P Ramachandran, Mr. V K Sahare, Mr. U S Pandit, Mr. R B Sale, Mr. G C Adhikari, Mr. R K Chouhan, Smt. Kirtikar Namrata, Prof. Jayant V Ghate.
- B. Feb : Mr. R Shankar Narayan, Mr. V K Ramakrishnan, Mr. Suresh S Markale, Mr. G K Sarkar, Ms. C P Mahajan
- C. March : Dr. B R Gandhe, Dr. Asit Baran Samui, Mr. R Bhattacharya, Dr. Bikash Chandra Chakraborty, Mr. YJD Prasad, Capt. A. V. Bahl, Mr. P J Berry, Mr. C R Mani, Mr. P G Shrotri, Mr. A M Barve, GP. Capt. G S Sandhu, Maj. Gen. D Kapil (AVSM), Dr. Prof. Murlidhar Rao Patkar, Mr. M D Sahu, Mr. M Ramamurthy, Mr. S S Pol, Mr. B K Datta, Mr. T G Joy, Mr. S C Ray, Mr. D Sarkar.
- D. April : Air Cmde Raghubir Singh, Mr. K K Radhakrishnan, Mr. Kishan Singh, Cdr. Bharat P Thatte, Mr. V S Gaydhankar, Maj. Gen. S S Sharma KC VSM, Prof. B L Somani, Mr. S S Kulkarni, Mr. D K Dattagupta, Dr. Suresh G Kulkarni, Mr. R Vijappan, Mr. R V Katare, Mr. Sudhir Gajanan Avachat, Mr. A K Mondal.
- E. May : Mr. V S Sugur, Mr. K P Joshi, Mr. K R Sivan, Dr K V Prabhakaran, Mr. P K Nanavaty, Maj. Gen. Kamala Singh, Prof S Y Bhavne, Mr. S R Shinde, Mr. B S Mohan, Brig S B Ghorpade, Mr. N K Chopra, Mr. H R Khadilkar, Mr. S P Mane, Dr KSS Iyer, Maj Gen P K Govila.
- F. June : Mr. S D Bankhele, Mr. A A Ghosh, Mr. V S Ghadge, Mr. S M Danali, Mr. M S Labade, Mr. BG Polke, Mr. S P Shaha, Mr. R P Waykar, Mr. M M Lavalekar, Brig R G Wastrad, Mr. K K De, Mr. Uday Nanal, Mr. S Subramanyam, Mr. K C Jacob, Mr. R R Gosavi, Mr. R M Dhodia, Dr J P Agarwal, Mr. R K Syal, Mr. K T Kulkarni.

WE ALL WISH THEM - "GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN A LONG PEACEFUL LIFE".

SAD DEMISE

We regret to inform all our readers that our two IDST, Pune Region members, namely Suresh Chandra, Sc 'G' (Retd) and Brig. HSN Sastry (Retd) have left for heavenly adobe.

Name & IDST Membership No.	Expired On	Lab./ Institute Retd. from
(i) Suresh Chandra, Sc 'G' (Retd) - P – 377	16 Feb 2021	Retired from ARDE
(ii) Brig. HSN Sastry (Retd.) - P - 308	23 Apr 2021	Retired from DIAT Pune



**Suresh
Chandra**

Suresh Chandra, retired as an Associate Director and was the Head of Division (HOD) for the Ballistic Division of Armament Research & Development Establishment, from where he made a lot of contribution to Armament Ballistics

Brig. HSN Sastry, retired as one of the members of the top management from DIAT Pune. He was a RC Member, Pune Branch 2013-14. He led the Armament Engineering Faculty and made a lot of contributions towards teaching the Armaments and related Weapon Systems to the DRDO Scientists and Service Officers.



**Brig HSN
Sastry**



SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

A Summer Internship Programme, for the MBA Students of “BK School of Professional and Management Studies”, of Gujarat University at DRDO Laboratories in Pune and Ahmednagar. The internship is for period of 6 weeks from 01st Jun 2021 to 15th Jul 2021. The contact person from BK School of Professional and Management Studies Of Gujarat University is Person at Gujarat University Prof. (Dr.) Nilam Panchal, while the Co-Ordinator from IDST was the IDST President, Dr. CL Dhamejani.



Dr CL Dhamejani

The summer internship is being conducted for 31 Nos. of students. Four groups of students were formed with eight students each in three groups and one group with seven students. The four DRDO laboratories identified for the Summer Internship Programme are

Groups	Laboratories	Guides / Mentor	Topic
☐ Group 1,	HEMRL, Pune	Shri NPN Rao, Sc ‘G’	- Material Management
☐ Group 2,	VRDE, Ahmednagar	Colonel Atul Apte	- DPP and ToT
☐ Group 3,	RDEE, Pune	Dr Anil Upadhyay, Sc ‘F’,	- Defence Acquisitions
☐ Group 4,	ARDE, Pune	Shri Prateek Patel Sc ‘G’ and Shri Alok A Ghosh, Sc ‘G’ (Retd.) And IDST Member	- Stages in Defence R&D Procurement.

The students were assigned tasks of working from Home by the Guide due to this pandemic situation. As ARDE could not spare a guide for this internship, Shri Alok A Ghosh, Associate Director & Sc ‘G’, (Retd.) ARDE, currently on an IDST contract is conducting the internship programme for Group 4 on ‘Major Stages in Defence R&R Procurement’.



AA Ghosh

SAD DEMISE

We regret to inform all our readers that three of our IDST CC Members namely, Dr RM Singh, Chairman Finance, IDST Central Council from New Delhi, Dr Harihar Singh, Ex-IDST Hyderabad RC Chairman and Shri Suryanarayana Singh, Ex-IDST, Central Council member from Bangalore Region, passed away. Our deepest condolences to their family and near and dear ones.

THANKS

The editors take the opportunity to thank Shri CM Kulkarni, our previous editor and now an IDST Central Council member for his contributions in having the previous IDST Bulletin issues edited and published. Shri BS Gugale and Dr CP Achuthan have newly joined as editors from this current IDST Bulletin issue. Shri Alok A Ghosh remains as an editor from the previous editorial board.



CM Kulkarni

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