The New-look MEA/DTEA Alumni Website

Dear alumnus,

Welcome to the revamped alumni website.

In the works for quite a while, we have finally managed to get it off the ground. If you were already registered in the earlier avatar of the website, and you had provided your mobile number therein, you would have received an SMS alert from IM-DTEAAT to that effect with a request to log in. If you had mistakenly registered in the erstwhile website multiple times, you would have received that many repeat SMSs, but please respond to only one of them. This is one way by which we will try and filter out the multiple entries.

Once one level of filtration is done through the mobile numbers in the data base, we will go through the exercise once again through the email IDs provided in the database. In this manner, either through the mobile numbers or through the email IDs, we hope to reach most of the registered alumni. But in cases both have changed, it is unfortunate that they would remain unreached. We will wait for a reasonable cooling off period and eventually weed out unresponsive entries, which, we think should include the fake entries – and these, you may be surprised to know, are actually quite a few – as well.

If you remember your log-in ID and Password, please log in when the website will ask you to verify the information contained in your profile in the existing database. If there are changes please update the information. Once verified or updated, press 'Done' for the information to be saved in the database. Only if all the mandatory fields are filled in will you be able to move on. The proforma will show in red if you have missed filling in any mandatory field. The next time you log in, you will be led to your user homepage directly and if you wish to edit the submitted information at any point of time later, click on 'Edit Profile' and just go through the above procedure again.

If you are a new registrant, please click on the link 'Register' on the main homepage and fill in all the mandatory fields in the proforma. Just as in the case of a registered user, here too only if all the mandatory fields are filled in will you be

able to proceed further. The proforma will similarly display in red if you have failed to fill any mandatory field.

Once registered, from the dashboard on your user homepage itself you will be able to access all the relevant pages, such as pipelined/ongoing/executed projects initiated by the alumni, on the website. While any one, including unregistered persons, can search the database from the main home page for alumni names, batches and their school affiliations, only a registered alumnus will be able to access the profiles of all the registered alumni. A registered user can view the profile any other registered alumnus on one's own home page. You can also send a private message to any alumnus that will not be reflected in the Message Board and, therefore, not visible to others. By sending Friend Requests from your homepage, you can create your own circle of friends.

An interesting feature that has been introduced is to post your need (in a particular category, if it is possible to specify) – such as a music teacher or a builder or financial expertise -- to the alumni network and, given that our alumni across the world span diverse professions, you may get help from unexpected quarters.

A special section has been set apart to highlight information related to Banyan, an informal platform created – currently in Bengaluru and Delhi only -- for alumni to come together periodically and discuss issues relevant to the schools so that alumni resources can be pooled together for the betterment of the schools through projects, both academic and infrastructural, that can be implemented by the DTEA Alumni Trust.

You can also be an active participant in the network by posting news and information relevant to the schools and the alumni network, about events such as batch get-togethers, public recognition of alumni for some significant achievement that you come to know of. If you have a story to tell or any significant incident concerning alumni or the schools to share or narrate, please send it to us. If it is interesting, we will host it as the Story of the Month.

Bulk e-mailing is a facility that will soon get into operation once the database is reasonably verified, authenticated and filtered. You will then be able to disseminate information even selectively to alumni of a single school branch or a

single batch or a single batch of a particular branch or alumni of a particular city/town.

On a rough guess, the filtered database – sans multiple and fake entries – should be around 5000 of a total of over 8000 entries in the existing database, which is only a little over 14% of an estimated total number of 35,000 alumni worldwide. So we need to increase our reach and expand the database greatly. Your initiative and help is earnestly solicited for urging your circle of alumni friends, siblings and relatives so that, as we approach the centenary year of the schools in 2023, the number of nodes in the alumni network is a significant fraction of the pool of alumni out there.

Of course, the website is still under construction and we would try to incorporate ideas that can be implemented on the website as we go along. Your feedback in the form of your experience with the new website and suggestions for improvement would be most welcome. Constant improvement of the website by including new features that are feasible will be our endeavour.

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