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June 28, 2019

We are happy to share with you that BITS Pilani has decided to confer the **Distinguished Alumnus Award 2019** to the following alumni for their significant and outstanding contributions:

S. No.	Name and Affiliation	Category
1.	Prof. Bir Bhanu , Bourns Presidential Chair in Engineering; Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at University of California, Riverside, USA	Academia and Research
2.	Prof. Ramanan Laxminarayan , Founder and Director of the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy (CDDEP), Washington DC, USA	Academia and Research
3.	Prof. Arun Abraham Ross , Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Director, i-PRoBe Lab, Michigan State University, USA	Academia and Research
4.	Prof. Umesh Garg , Professor, Experimental Nuclear Physics, University of Notre Dame, USA	Academia and Research
5.	Prof Arun Kumar Sharma , Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President (Research and Innovation), Queensland University of Technology, Australia	Academia and Research
6.	Mr. Manu Sawhney , CEO, International Cricket Council (ICC) and Independent Director, Manchester United PIC, UK	Corporate Leadership
7.	Mr. Sanjay Jalona , Chief Executive Officer, L&T Infotech, India	Corporate Leadership
8.	Ms. Akila Krishnakumar , Chairperson, Social Venture Partners, Bangalore and former President, Global Solution Centers, SunGard	Corporate Leadership
9.	Mr. Amitabh Chaudhry , Managing Director and CEO, Axis Bank, India	Corporate Leadership
10.	Mr. Veerendra Raj Mehta , Trustee, Sir Dorabji Tata Trustee, World Trade Centre and Executive President, Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti	Entrepreneurship
11.	Dr. Bhagwati P. Agarwal , Founder and President, Sustainable Innovations Inc, USA	Entrepreneurship

The awardees have been selected by a panel consisting of:

1. **Mr. Uday Kotak**, Exec. Vice Chairman & MD, Kotak Mahindra Bank (Chairman)
2. **Mr. Debu Bhattacharya**, Vice-Chairman, Hindalco Industries and Novelis, Chairman of the Business Review Council (Manufacturing) of Aditya Birla Group (Member)
3. **Prof Suhas Joshi**, Dean - Alumni & Corporate Relations & Rahul Bajaj Chair Professor, Department of Mechanical Engg, IIT Bombay (Member)





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4. **Mr Harish Bhat** (previous DAA winner), Chairman, Tata Coffee and Brand Custodian at Tata Sons; Director of several Tata companies (Member)
5. **Prof. Karuna Jain**, Director, National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai (Member)
6. **Prof Souvik Bhattacharyya**, Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani (Member)
7. **Prof Arya Kumar**, Dean, Alumni Relations, BITS Pilani (Member-Secretary)

and approved by the Chancellor. The selection was based on the impact of one's contribution to (a) dissemination or creation of knowledge, (b) enrichment of lives of people, (c) distribution or creation of wealth, (d) promotion or establishment of high ethical standards in private or public life, as also on the person's integrity and stature, and who thereby makes his Alma Mater proud.

The awards will be presented during the **Convocation 2019**. Please join us in congratulating them on their success.

