1. **Awards and honors for BITS faculty**

**Department: Biological Sciences**

1. Dr. Srikanth Mutnuri and Dr. Anasuya Ganguly’s start up Bactreat Environmental Solutions LLP was awarded DBT BIRAC Sparsh grant for the project titled “Resource recovery from septage”

2. Dr. Judith Braganca was awarded the DBT-CTEP Travel Grant to attend the 11th International meeting of Halophiles 2016, San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA in May 2016

3. Dr. Vijayashree Nayak Best poster-Faculty at “Gut Microbiome 2016-An international perspective. Kasturba Medical college, Manipal.

4. Dr. Angshuman Sarkar was awarded a fellow by the ‘All India Cell Biology Society’.

**Department: Chemistry**

1. Prof. Sunil Bhand has been presented “Joseph Wang Award 2015”, by Cognizure publishing in recognition of his research excellence in the area of Analytical Chemistry (Announced in 2016).

2. Dr. N.N. Ghosh received Visiting Scholar award for teaching in Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree programme EACH - Excellence in Analytical Chemistry in University of Tartu, Estonia.

3. Dr. N.N. Ghosh received Visiting Professor position from University of Leeds, UK.

4. Prof Sunil Bhand was invited as expert in the area of Biosensors for evaluation of Indo French Project proposals in Sept 2016 jointly funded by BIRAC and CEFIPRA


6. Dr. Ranjan Dey received Visiting Associate Professorship from National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (NTUST), Taipei, Taiwan.


8. Dr. Halan Prakash was Selected as Guest Editor for the publishing the special issue “AOP-2016 at BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus” in the reputed journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering.
**Department: Physics**

1. Dr. Prasanta Kumar Das, has been nominated as the member of the central committee of Square Kilometer Array(SKA)-India consortium from BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa campus in July, 2016.
2. Dr. Prasanta Kumar Das, has become the reviewer in the European Physical Journal C (Area: High Energy Physics, Astrophysics).

**Department: Mathematics**

1. Dr. Mayank Goel received Ahlfors award for the best seminar presentation in the Department of Mathematics.
2. Dr. G. C. Samanta received International Travel Support from SERB-DST, Govt. of India, 2016
3. Dr. G. C. Samanta awarded Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics (APCTP) grant for attending conference at the University of Sydney, Australia, Nov. 28-Dec. 02, 2016.
4. Dr. Prasanna Kumar visited Auburn University, Auburn, USA as Visiting Associate Professor for Fall-2016.

**Department: Chemical Engineering**

1. Mr. G. Surendran and Prof. Saroj Sundar Baral have won 'Best Poster Award' for "Kinetics, Isotherm and Mechanism Study for Treatment of Cr(VI) Contaminated waste water using Sorghastrum Nutans(L) Nash- Natural grass" at 11th SDEWES Conference, Lisbon Portugal September 4-9, 2016.
2. Dr. Jegatha Nambi Krishnan has been awarded International Travel Support for attending NanoTech 2016 TechConnect World Innovation Conference from INSA/CICS
3. Dr. Asima Shaukat has been awarded ‘Early Career Research Award 2016’, DST-SERB, Govt. of India
4. Dr. Jegatha Nambi Krishnan has been awarded ‘Early Career Research Award 2016’, DST-SERB, Govt. of India
6. Mr. G. Surendran and Prof. Saroj Sundar Baral - Awarded 1st place in paper presentation in the category ‘Adsorption’ for ‘process technology for removal of
Chromium by using sludge from pig iron industry ‘ at 69th Annual Session of IIChE, CHEMCON 2016, Chennai December 27-30 2016

Department: CS& IS
Prof. Bharat Deshpande, Invited by Microsoft Research to attend Microsoft Annual Summit at Seattle, USA.

Department: EEE and E & I
Dr. Shashidhara Mecha Kotian-POSOCO Power System Award (PPSA) 2016

Department: Economics & Finance
Nil

Department: Humanities & Social Sciences
1. Basavadatta Mitra---Since July, 2016, appointed Team Leader, for one of the verticals-Project-based Evaluation, under Education Committee, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries, responsible for auditing Internship Programmes of State Engineering Curriculum.

2. Meenakshi Raman has been appointed for the second term (2016-2019) as a member of Board of Studies, Goa University, for English.

3. Rayson K Alex was invited to organize tINai Ecofilm Festival (Edition 3) at Dr. K.N. Modi University, Newai, Jaipur, Rajasthan on 17, 18 March 2016 (Coordinator: Mr. Saikat Banerjee).

Department: Mechanical Engineering

2. Ranjit S Patil has been invited as Session Co-Chair in the ASME POWER & ENERGY CONFERENCE 2016 held during 26-30th June, 2016 at Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.