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Chairman's Report – 2021-2022

The year 2021-2022 was another very eventful one in terms of supporting the Alma Mater in India and raising funds for IIT Roorkee, IIT Bombay and IIT Madras. In total, over £62,465/- was raised during the year.

The year continued a drive to increase awareness of the IIT AA UK and to increase the engagement of IIT Alumni in the UK. For the accounting year 2021/22, we had 62 new Paid members joining the Association. We had a campaign to encourage members to take up Life membership. This resulted in 28 members converting their annual membership to a life membership. During this period, we continued to have new registrations on our website and into our Alumni Directory. More than 500 new Alumni registered on our website, making the total to be more than 1200 to date.

Online events continued into this year. These included:

- Open showcase, where various IITians shared their knowledge
- Wine appreciation and tasting session
- Monthly Drop in and Chat sessions
- Evolving Geo-political dynamics
- State of Macroeconomics
- #break the bias – in connection with International Women's day

In addition, IIT AA UK worked with Pan IIT Association globally to conduct a worldwide Pan IIT World of Technology conference. As part of that, IIT AA UK showcased a number of speakers and group discussions.

Recordings of almost all of the events are available at our website.

With the relaxation of COVID, we were able to restart in-person events. These included:

- Picnic in August 2021
- Year end Lunch and Dance in Dec 2021
- Cruise on the Thames in July 2022

In addition, this year saw the co-ordination of events outside London to bring further engagement with the community across the UK.

We held our first multi-city drinks evening, where Alumni gathered at different locations – Glasgow, Manchester, Milton Keynes, London, Reading, Harrow and Orpington to get to know each other. There have been follow up events in Milton Keynes and Scotland. And it is expected that there will be more to come.

We also relaunched our Mentoring program this year with over 20 Mentors and Mentees matched.

iituk.org continues to be the platform for IITians to find each other and collaborate. With over 1200 registered members on the website, it is the single channel for IITians to reach out to each other. All posts on the discussion board have been getting quick responses.