



Chitthi Aye Hai

Stanford is one of the best schools in the country, and the admission is very competitive. Representation of BITSians at Stanford has always been meagre. However, since recent years, number of people have been getting admits here. Every year, at least 5+ people get admits. Last year, the number went as high as 10. However, less than 50% finally make it here because of financial constraints. Still, it is heartening to see a healthy apping scene. BITSians are now making it to all the top schools like Stanford, Cornell, CMU

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Hello, I just read Dilip's article about 'the best connected university in India' and the nostalgic memories it brought back to me of the excellent times I had with you all from 1965 to 1988. Naturally I am very proud of it. Congratulations and greetings to all of you from me and my wife, for conducting an alumni-meet on February 21. God bless you. My website on Science and Spirituality is <http://www.geocities.com/profvk/>. You can access my book on Gems from the Ocean of Hindu Thought Vision and Practice, and my father R. Visvanatha Sastri's manuscripts from the site. Yours, if you remember,

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Really a classic one. It covers almost all aspects of information which any Alumni wants to know. I am of 83 batch and currently being managing director of Infinera India Private Limited (R&D center for Infinera, USA, and optical networking company). Also i had released a book in Hindi from Delhi, which is a collection of short stories on NRIs socio-economic situations. I am looking for the right contacts to get the TV-serial or movie made from this stories of my book. Any contacts/email address which you can provide will be of great help. Keep it up the great work.

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I couldn't resist congratulating the team on a Wonderful SanP edition. It was too good...from formatting to types of articles ..everything was the BEST. I am sure that we will prove our excellence in all further editions as well.

Manish Baphna

I was a regular contributor to Sandpaper in 1988 or 89 and remember spending a lot of time in the typesetting press (near the Guest House). We actually used to put printing blocks together to compose a page, as if we were printing the Gutenberg bible for the first time. A full color pdf version? Wow, who would have thought! Accept my congratulations in bringing out the Sandpaper issue. It is very exciting to see the names of BITS alumuni doing so well. Many names are very fresh in my memory. Wishing you and all other alumni very best.

Prof Ram Ganeshan ('86)

Good to see your requests for abstracts about ongoing research. I am sure that this will help Alumni and current BITSians in knowing more about ongoing research projects that we are involved in. This will help attract students as also help potential investors aware of projects that have a certain market value. I would also like to add that at the University of Georgia, our group is always keen on translating results obtained from the laboratory bench into start-up companies. My boss (Steve Stice) and I have founded a company, Aruna Biomedical Inc. At this time, we are in the process of expanding our IP portfolios, based on our ongoing research. If you are aware of potential investors who might be interested in investing in stem cell research and development, we would appreciate it. Kudos again on the good job you and your group are doing with SandPaper and BITSAA International.

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I am the batch rep for the 97 batch. First of all let me congratulate you on the fabulous job that the alumni are doing. Actually the reason for this mail is that some of my batchmates from the 97 batch have started a business venture called PennyWise Solutions and I wanted to let you know about it so that you can update the BITSAA website and spread the word about this among the alumni community so that they could derive some mileage from it. Regards

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