

Setting foot into its 80th year, Delhi Technological University continues to sustain its manifest eminence and profound fraternity. The university has persevered with the various exponential advancements and has continued to facilitate better furtherance of excellence in scientific and technical education, management and allied areas. The university encourages the development of human potential to its full extent and aims to shape an environment of collaboration, experimentation, imagination and creativity.

With the world experiencing an unabated surge in a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic causing untold sufferings and unraveling of social interactions, innumerable impediments to the conventional functioning of the university became apparent. At the present juncture, giving paramount importance to everyone's safety has been compromised in no way and the mandatory shift to an online infrastructure was hence done quickly and seamlessly.

Nevertheless, education is boundless, and withstanding the scenario of uncertainty, the faculty members, staff and students have cooperated and consented to every unanticipated resolution. As another academic year comes full circle, I commend the resilience of our students, who remain relentlessly dedicated and continue to strive for excellence in their academics and beyond; and I sincerely applaud the efforts of the faculty and staff members, who, through their actionable guidance continue to shape these young minds through these difficult times.

Over the past year, we witnessed the batch of 2021 persist through the pandemic and yet shine through by bagging placements at top companies in India and abroad, as well as receiving admits to some of the most prestigious universities throughout the world. They are testament to what our student community can achieve despite any number of hurdles. I would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2021, and wish them the very best for their future endeavors.

With continual efforts towards improvements in teaching pedagogy, the university acclaimed the launch of the newly constructed building of the Department of Design and a new classroom complex, 'Pragya Bhawan'. These, without a doubt, were substantial inaugurations for the entire varsity. Furthermore, the launch of the 'Lab on Wheels' programme was an exceptional initiative for the expansion of digital literacy to the underserved areas of Delhi and will be taken forward by the students of the university. I extend my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers.

It gives me immense pleasure to see the students excel in various aspects of their lives and also provide their peers with relevant assistance and guidance towards success. In the end, I also offer my warmest congratulations to the team of DTU Times for their resolute efforts in the publication of their 52^{nd} edition.