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My dear VJTI alumni,

I feel very happy and privileged to address this letter to you all.

My assuming of office as the Director of this legendary institute since 2005 and incidentally VJTI alumni association getting vibrantly active recently, has been a very welcome coincidence. I must say that our alumni association has been supporting the urgent needs of the Institute so pro-actively! Having spent more than three decades at the high profile research oriented I.I.T., Bombay, Powai, Mumbai; I joined VJTI with specific dreams to contribute significantly to enhance the academic standards of this most prestigious Institute of international repute. VJTI has, indeed, completed 122 years of glorious heritage.

My faculty members, staff as well as students join me to congratulate alumni association for helping us substantially in realizing our aspirations. My special thanks are due to the present alumni association Chairman, Shri Satish Kazi to have laid a foundation for bringing in closer interaction, sharing industrial experience and expertise as well as international exposure. The current acting Chairman has furthered the cause by his dedicated efforts. His team of dedicated committee and invited alumni members deserve special praise from the Institute.

If I may mention, this present period is proving to be a beginning of a new era for all of us. To enumerate shortly, we felicitated our distinguished alumnus Dr. Anil Kakodkar (Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission). We could get Dr. A.P.J.Abdul Kalam (Ex-President, Govt. of India) to address our students on the campus. Jointly, we initiated international inter-university academic projects with some US universities. We were fortunate to have an elaborate educative session in Chicago with Dr. Sam Pitroda, Chairman-Knowledge Commission of India and a Cabinet Ranker now. I must congratulate our Alumni Association without whose support, the above mentioned successful events would not have been possible

Further Alumni Association has been instrumental for renovation of the Seminar Room of 110 seats capacity where 1984 Silver Jubilee batch of Mechanical Engg. have played key donation role for this dream come true. Many of you may not be fully aware that VJTI has presently about 800 girl students out of total 3500 students' strength. A good 20% plus. Here also 1984 Silver Jubilee batch of Civil Engg. are providing closets for our existing girls' hostel of 90 seats capacity with their group donations. Thus Alumni Association is actively doing very exemplary service to the mother institute.

Our main project of a new girls' hostel building needs a special mention. The State Government has earmarked Rs. 2.3 crores as initial funds. However the project cost as it stands today requires Rs.8 crores approximately.

Finally my fervent appeal to you all distinguished alumni is:

1. Swell Life Membership much vigorously to at least 10,000 during next 5 years.
2. Donate generously as 80G I.T. exemption is actively pursued and will be on the way shortly.

I need not say: A STRONG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEANS THE STRONGER V.J.T. I. I understand your logo reads "**vidya danam param danam**" meaning "**propagating knowledge and special skills selflessly is the most coveted philanthropy**". I say : it is most appropriate expression which defines the need of the hour to take this great institute to greater heights.

Wishing you all the best with warm regards,

Sincerely Yours,

(K. G. Narayankhedkar)