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# **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARDS 2024**

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# “BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Awards”

## Purpose:

The “BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Award” was instituted by BITS Pilani to recognize and honor those alumni who have brought laurels to their alma mater by making significant and outstanding contributions to their profession, their businesses, and/or to the society.

## Eligibility:

Any BITS alumni who satisfies the following conditions is eligible for the award:

1. S/he has completed a degree programme from any of the campuses of BITS,
2. S/he must be living at the time a nomination is made,
3. S/he should have made significant and outstanding contribution to one or more of the following fields (or categories):
  - a. Academia and Research
  - b. Corporate Leadership
  - c. Entrepreneurship, Public Life and Philanthropy

BITS alumni who belong to the following categories are not eligible for the award:

1. Current members of the BITS’ administration, faculty and non-teaching staff,
2. Members of the Board of Governors of BITS, members of the General Body of BITS,
3. Members of the BITS’ Senate, and members of other statutory bodies of BITS,
4. Members of the committee to select or short-list “BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Awards”, and their immediate family members,
5. Alumni who are currently doing substantial business either directly or indirectly with BITS.

## Nomination:

Any member of the General Body of BITS, any member of the Board of Governors of BITS, any member of BITS’ Senate, any member of the BITS’ administration or faculty, any member of BITS Alumni Association Chapters, or any alumni in India or abroad may nominate an alumnus who meets the eligibility criteria.

1. The nominations (**in the enclosed format**) must be received by the BITS Alumni Relations Office no later than **15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

2. A nomination will be considered for a maximum of 3 years from the date of the first nomination.

### **Selection process:**

1. There will be a maximum of ten (10) awards, every year, with at most four (4) in any one category. However, BITS Pilani reserves the right to change the number of awards to be conferred on its discretion.
2. A selection committee, with the following constitution, will be appointed by the Chancellor to select the awardees. The selection committee shall consist of the following:
  - a. An eminent individual from academia, businesses, public life or an entrepreneur
  - b. (chairperson),
  - c. One person of eminence outside the BITS system, possibly an entrepreneur, a professional manager from industry, a public servant, or a social entrepreneur,
  - d. One senior faculty member from BITS,
  - e. One BITS Alumnus, and
  - f. Vice Chancellor, BITS (or his nominee).
3. The selection of the BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Award will be on the basis of the following criteria:
  - A. He/she should have made significant and outstanding contributions to one or more of the fields (or categories) listed below.
    - a. Academia and Research
    - b. Corporate Leadership
    - c. Entrepreneurship, Public Life and Philanthropy
  - B. The contribution should have resulted in a significant impact in terms of
    - a. dissemination or creation of knowledge,
    - b. enrichment in people's lives,
    - c. distribution or wealth creation, or
    - d. promotion or establishment of high ethical standards in private or public life.
  - C. Further, the contribution should be such that it can be adequately documented in the form of:
    - a. national or international awards,



- b. national or international patents,
  - c. publications in journals of international repute,
  - d. creation of jobs,
  - e. market share of products/services,
  - f. growth in company valuation on stock exchanges,
  - g. the volume of donations to social causes, etc.
  - h. Heading or Leading high private or public offices
  - i. Measurable impact on people's lives
- D. S/he should be a person of high integrity and stature, and one whose contributions will make her / his Alma Mater proud and inspire BITS' faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

### **Award Presentation:**

The Distinguished Alumnus Award will be announced each year before the middle of June. The award will be presented in the form of a Plaque, a certificate and a citation.

