

*Round Table on  
Evolving a fresh approach to learning of Vision, Wisdom and Values*

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**Background Note**

A group of IIT Delhi Alumni have been meeting regularly under the ambit of "Social Outreach Committee" of IITDAA over the last 6 months to discuss and understand the possibility of creating a new brand of engineers empowered not only with technical and analytical skills but also with wisdom and values. The group has been discussing amongst itself and has also begun interacting with the NRCVVEE's efforts in this direction.

NRCVVEE and the Alumni Group share a conviction that at the core of successful individuals, societies and institutions is a framework of Vision, Wisdom and Values which is anchored in experiential learning.

To reinforce the process of creative learning which is the hallmark of the IIT System, it was felt that all stakeholders could come together to strengthen existing components and co-create new experiential learning components in the IIT curriculum.

It is expected that such an experiential curriculum component would enable students to:

- *Identify* their own values, leadership strengths and areas to improve
- *Communicate* their fundamental values and beliefs
- *Harmonize* and focus people's efforts on key values through their own actions
- *Express* their life map of the future (Plan their life goals/ aims)
- *Inspire* others to share a common vision (Impersonal Vision)
- *Search* for opportunities to take the risks needed for growth
- *Build* collaboration, teamwork and trust
- *Strengthen* the ability of self and others to excel
- *Recognize* accomplishments of others and learn by sharing it
- *Apply* Wisdom principles to a current institutional/business/life challenge
- *Enjoy* the Process, have fun while working smarter

One of the Mission Statements of IIT Delhi is "to develop human potential to its fullest extent so that intellectually capable and imaginatively gifted leaders can emerge in a range of professions".

The first outcome expected out of this engagement is discovery of shared universal values/wisdom, that inspire us, for giving a systematic learning opportunity to all stake holders of IIT Delhi (students, faculty, staff, alumni) and discovery of limiting beliefs that can systematically unleash full potential.

Subject to interest, this first engagement could be carried forward by formation of a Special Interest Group with representation of Alumni, Faculty and Students.