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# THE IISU REWIND

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Entrepreneurial Ventures

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Being in the IIS University and having access to excellent mentorship, gave me the kickstart I needed to begin the journey of my startup NHX.

NHX is a food delivery company which aims to offer their customers a wide range of homemade snacks by the best chef in

your local area who loves to cook and serve. The food is prepared in their very own house and they put in every effort to make it healthy, hygienic and fresh.

NHX began a year ago, with my co- partner, Riya Bansal. Due to the support of university we won several inter college competitions on our way here, giving us a sense of validation for our dreams.

## Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2020

Ms. Aditi Atre was awarded Enterprising Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2020 By Shri Nitin Gadkari at Nari Shakti conclave which was held in Delhi on March 6th, 2020 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan to felicitate outstanding achievements of Women Entrepreneurs in various fields.

She was also a speaker in the session - Breaking the Glass Ceiling. I was honoured to meet Shri Prahlad Kakkar and converse with him for a while.

Earlier I was a panelist in Guwahati conclave, where I was called to share my success story on November 24th, 2019.

It was a great experience . Startups do pay off well.

We won a cash prize of 10k in i5 international B-plan competition at IIM Indore and incubation worth Rs 1 lakh at Google Techstar Startup Weekend Jaipur at Manipal University, Jaipur.

These achievements were not just about certificates or funding, but also about morale and providing us with a foundation for our project. We learned so much on our way and none of it was easy.

In my experience, I realised that sitting back, waiting and cursing the lack of chances gets you nothing. We need to get up, work and grab the opportunities that present before us. Otherwise, we're just being blind and letting the world pass us by.

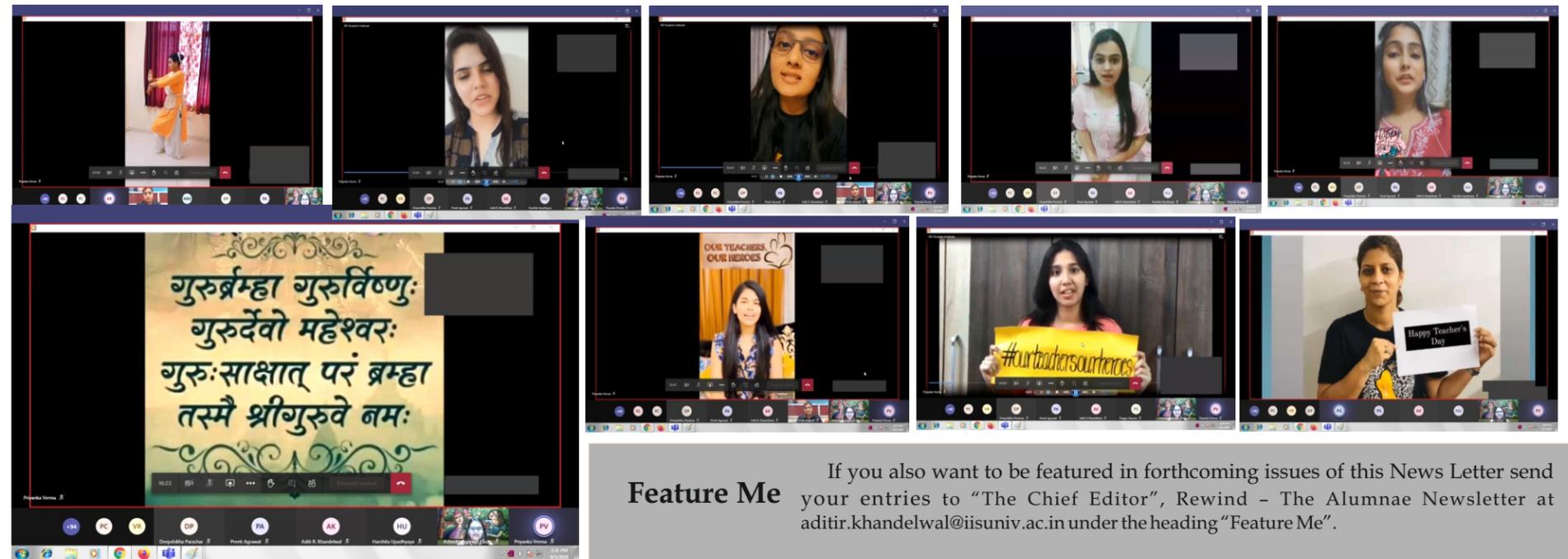
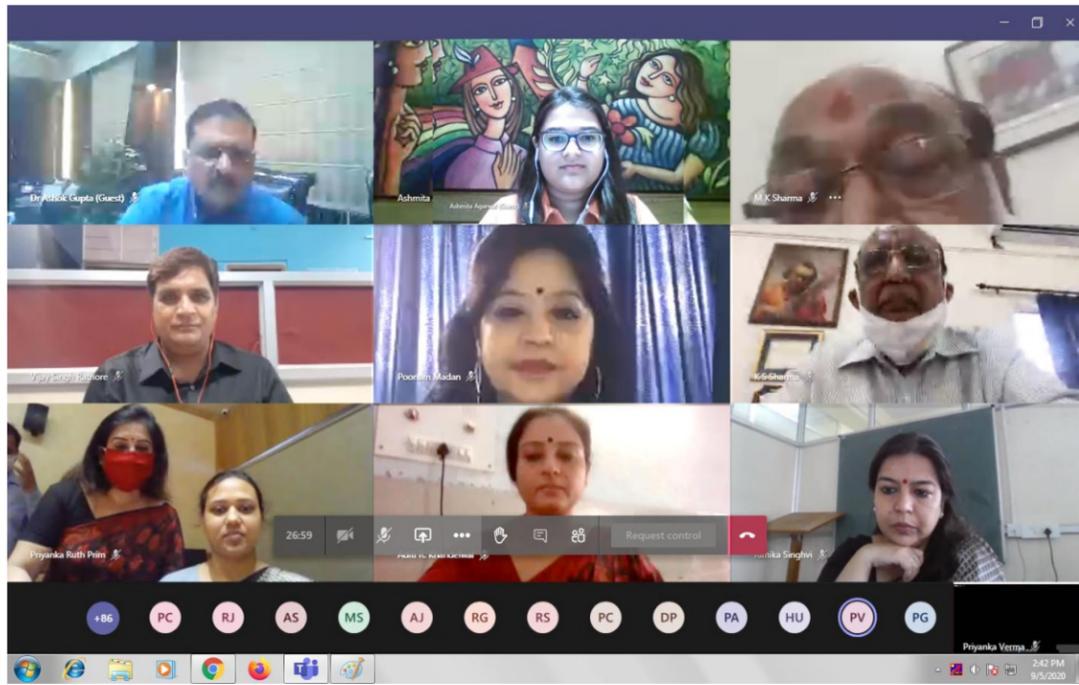
I also learnt the ultimate importance of a guiding hand. Often, in our ventures we are led astray and we need a crozier to put us back in the path of success. The IIS University was my crozier. It wouldn't have been easy for us to be where we are, if not for the support and guidance we received from them.





## Teachers' Day Virtual Celebrations

This year has been unique in many ways. Even though work in many spheres came to a standstill, it has given people time to think and reflect on their lives and most importantly it has bought the families together and closer again. Here at IISU also, we have a strong family called ICG/IISU Alumnae Association - Bandhan, which recently became a Registered Society. During the pandemic when the current students went home, our alumnae came back to Jaipur to reunite with their Alma Mater and in the most amazing surprise the alumnae of all streams came together and through a video wished the faculties on their special day-Teachers' Day 2020.



### Feature Me

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No matter how tall a tree has grown, it always stays connected to its roots. Likewise no matter where ever I go and whatever I may achieve in my life, the IIS University will always be a part of me. Time flies like an arrow and my days at IISU were exactly like this proverb; I owe some of my most amazing memories to this place. It has provided me with a lot of opportunities to excel not only in academics but also in co-curricular activities.

The more I write the less it will be but one reason amongst many for which I am extremely thankful and grateful to IISU is that it encouraged me and supported me to pursue both my passion and my course at the same time. I love the fact that I never had to sacrifice my love for literature and theatrics, just to attain knowledge. Along with Education I have also

received the gift of confidence, discipline and much needed experiences that will always be my greatest assets and will lead me to success. With the blessings of God, my parents and my beloved teachers I believe that now I am capable enough to cross any hurdle that I come across in my journey because they have provided me with the lamp of wisdom that will always stay ignited and keep guiding me forevermore. Every good thing in life has to end and so have my university days. I have bittersweet feelings about the same but I will definitely miss the long queues outside the stationary, visiting Srijan with friends without any reason, the college fest Cosmos, those last minute theatre rehearsals, preparing for events and contests, free gossip sessions with friends and teachers, attending thank you and freshers parties, bunking lectures at times and the most favorite thing of us all to ask the teachers "Ma'am my DL has not been marked"; nostalgia at it's best. Last but not the least a big shout out and thank you to all the wonderful teachers who are more like friends and helped me become what I am today.

My whole life I will be proud that I am a graduate from the prestigious IIS UNIVERSITY and am an alumna of the IIS family.

Sagarika Agarwal  
2017-2020

## Congratulations



Pragya Naulakha & Kapil Banthia  
B.Com. (H) 2011



Manila Sonawat & Prashant with Reyansh & Samyak  
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