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### **East Coast Alumni Meet, USA – A Trip Down Memory Lane**

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Today, whenever one turns on the Television, opens the daily newspapers, or surfs the Internet, one is greeted by the success stories of the distinguished NIT-T Alumni, carrying the legacy of the institute forward through their splendid achievements in a myriad of fields and industries.

Ours is a Bond Forever, and the Director Dr.Mini Shaji Thomas, took a milestone step to further nurture the alumni relations by meeting the alumni in the East Coast, USA, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2018 at the Mykonos Restaurant, New York.

The spectacular meeting was organised by the illustrious alumni - Ms.Rama Ramesh, Senior Client Partner at Cognizant (1990 Batch), Mr.Mansoor Basha - CEO, Plumdrop, NYC (1993 Batch), Mr.Gurpreet Singh, Director, Omega Inc. (1991 Batch) and Mr.Krishna Sai, RECAL President (1990 Batch). It turned out to be a huge success with over 70 alumni and guests in attendance, with a wide range of representation from various batches, including Mr.VirGopalan (1969 batch - First Batch Alumni, REC-T) as well as the recent 2017 pass-outs.



Dr. Mini Thomas gave an overview of the milestones that NIT-T has achieved recently, attaining the status of a Top Notch Research University. She spoke about the various infrastructural advancements in the campus, the construction of several new facilities and buildings, efforts taken to make the campus more greener, etc. With a strong emphasis on improving the visibility of NIT Tiruchirappalli on the global platform, she urged each of the alumni to be a brand ambassador in his/her domain by assisting student recruitment, and investing more time and efforts to take the institution's brand to greater heights.

Dr. Jayshree Seth, Corporate Scientist and Chief Science Advocate, 3M, USA (1989 Batch) was conferred with the "Distinguished Alumni Award" by Dr. Mini Thomas. After the formal presentations, the alumni had a chance to get to know each other. There was excitement and nostalgia in the air as the college mates indulged in merrymaking and reminisced about their days at the institute. Many recalled the fun they had at Festember, and enthusiastically enquired about current happenings in the campus.



*Photo: Dr. Jayshree Seth receiving the DAA from Dr. Mini Thomas, Director, NIT Trichy*

The alumni came up with measures to improve Alumni Interaction across the world and made plans to visit the campus soon. Dr. Mini Thomas was presented with a beautiful memento for her excellence in Leadership. Meeting was adjourned with cheers, and a promise to meet in another 2 months, with a resolve to formally create an Alumni chapter for the East Coast USA.



*Photo: Mr.Gurpreet Singh, Ms.Rama Ramesh, Dr. Mini Thomas and Mr.Mansoor Basha*

All in all, the evening came to a wonderful end as the loving alumni bid their adieu. Without doubt, this historic meeting would go on to be the first among many such alumni meets aimed at increasing the global presence of the institute.