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Alumni Connect is envisioned as a platform to foster a sustained and meaningful relationship between Dhirubhai Ambani University and its alumni community. The newsletter seeks to celebrate the University's legacy while reflecting its evolution into a multidisciplinary institution, highlighting academic excellence, research initiatives, campus developments, and alumni achievements. By sharing stories, insights, and institutional milestones, Alumni Connect aims to build a sense of pride and belonging, encourage continued engagement through mentorship and collaboration, and invite alumni to play an active role in shaping the University's academic, research, and societal impact in the years ahead.

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Editorial Note

The release of the second issue of Alumni Connect marks not just a continuation, but a strengthening of the bond we share as a community. Building upon the spirit of our inaugural edition, which celebrated DAU's rich legacy and the remarkable journeys of its alumni, this issue takes a step further in deepening engagement, amplifying voices, and highlighting the evolving identity of our institution.

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Alumni Relations @ DAU

DAU (formerly DA-IICT) prides itself on the success of its alumni. Being an ICT Institute that started in 2001, first of its kind in the country, the Institute will soon be celebrating its Silver Jubilee with more than 7500 alumni spread across the globe.

Our alumni have been instrumental in strengthening the brand of DAU by distinguishing themselves as entrepreneurs, researchers, academicians, bureaucrats, Analysts, developers, designers, etc. We are proud of remarkable achievements of our Alums.



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Mentor's Note

Message from Faculty In-charge, Alumni Office

Prof. Bharani Kollipara

In the 25th year of Dhirubhai Ambani University's existence, it is a great honour to acknowledge and celebrate the role our alumni played in establishing our reputation as one of the foremost educational institutions of our country. The footprint of our alumni is spread far and wide across continents. They have been contributing meaningfully across diverse sectors, reflecting the values and academic rigour they acquired during their time on campus.

The recent Silver Jubilee Alumni Meet held on 28th and 29th December, 2025, was a significant milestone in this journey. An alumni reunion is not just a return to a place, but a reconnection with the journeys and people, and a rare moment to relive old memories.

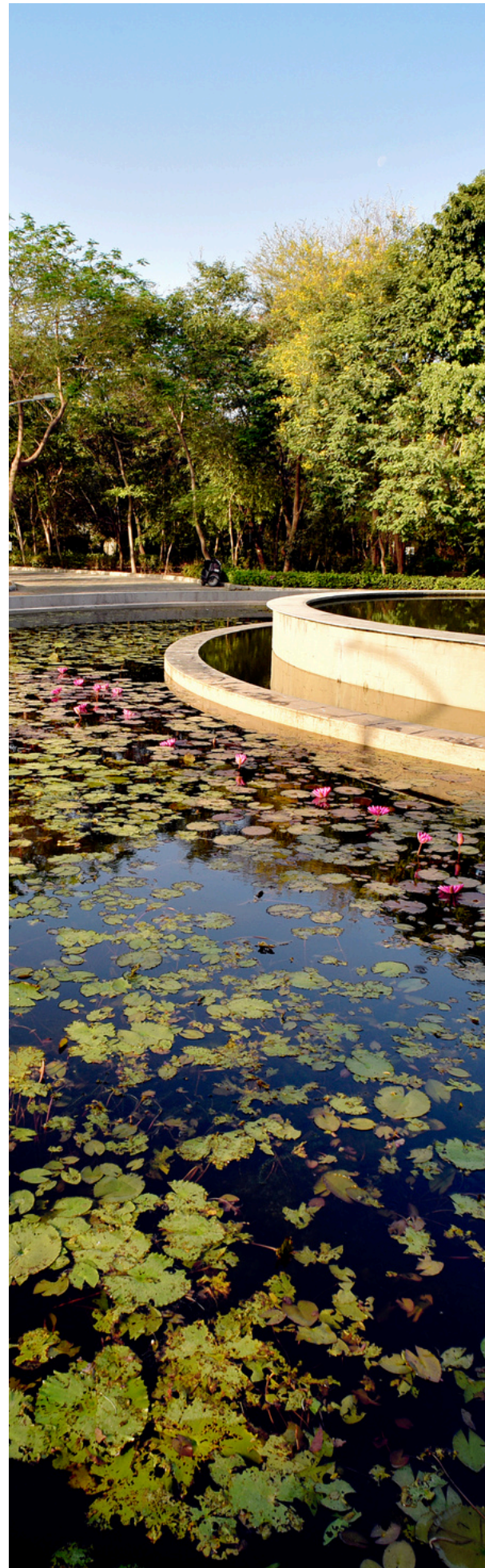
It was thrilling to see you all from different batches come together, going back to the very first batch, and reconnect with faculty and staff members and peers, and recall their shared experiences. Beyond nostalgia, the gathering reaffirmed a deeper sense of belonging and paved the way for an evolving relationship between the institution and its alumni.

This newsletter is envisioned as a platform to celebrate these connections. It brings together stories of achievements, reflections, reminiscences and ongoing contributions of our alumni community. More importantly, it serves as a bridge between the past and the present, and looks toward an expectant future while fostering opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and continued engagement.

As we move forward, we look to further strengthen these ties by creating meaningful avenues for alumni participation in academic, professional, and institutional initiatives. Your journey continues to inspire our current students and adds to the collective legacy of the University.

I encourage and invite all our alumni to remain actively connected, share their milestones, and contribute to this growing network.

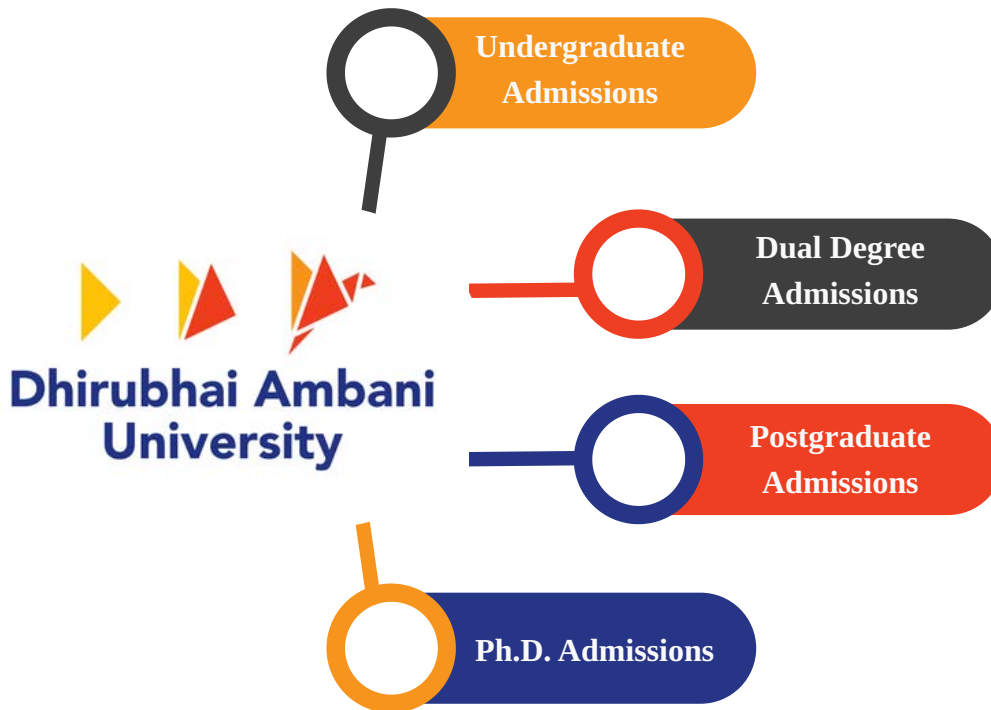
Best Wishes
Bharani Kollipara
Faculty In-charge
Alumni Office





Admissions Open

Admissions to the UG, Dual Degree, PG, & PhD Programs for 2026-27 Announced



Newly Launched Programs

B.Tech. (CS and AI)

DAU's B.Tech. in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence (CS and AI) is a four-year undergraduate program designed for students who want strong foundations in Computer Science together with modern Artificial Intelligence.

[Learn more](#)

B.Tech. (ECE-AI)

The B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering – Artificial Intelligence (ECE-AI) at Dhirubhai Ambani University is designed to address the growing convergence of electronics, communication technologies, and AI

[Learn more](#)

BS–MS in Information Technology

A rigorous five-year integrated program that combines computational foundations with advanced software systems, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies such as distributed systems, cloud computing, and human-computer interaction.

[Learn more](#)

BS–MS in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence

A comprehensive five-year dual degree that integrates mathematics, statistics, machine learning, scalable AI systems, and ethical technology practices, enabling graduates to lead in research, innovation, and data-driven transformation.

[Learn more](#)



Scholarships

B.Tech. Institute Fellowships

M.Sc. (DS) Scholarships

B.Tech. Merit and Merit-cum-Means Scholarships

M.Sc. (AA) Scholarships

B.Tech. DAFS Merit Scholarships

UG/PG Cybage Khushboo Scholarships

M.Sc. (IT) Scholarships

Jai Jhulelal Scholarships for B.Tech. Students

M.Des. Scholarships

The Satnaam WaheGuruji Scholarships for B.Tech. Students

Financial Assistant by Govt. of Gujarat

To apply, one can register at
<https://admission.dau.ac.in/>



Detailed information regarding
eligibility criteria, application
deadlines, and program structures

<https://www.dau.ac.in/admissions>



Scholarships

<https://www.daiict.ac.in/scholarships-admission-programs-of-study>



As esteemed members of the Dhirubhai Ambani University community, you are our greatest ambassadors. We encourage you to share this exciting news and the relevant links with your professional networks, prospective students, and anyone who might be interested in joining our vibrant academic community.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the university's growth and success.

Silver Jubilee Celebration & Alumni Reunion 2025

27th and 28th December 2025

Alumni Reunion 2025 was organized as a part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration to commemorate 25 years of academic excellence and the institute's journey. The event was designed to strengthen alumni relations, celebrate professional milestones, and enhance engagement with current students and faculty, thereby reinforcing long-term alma mater connections.

Objectives of the Event

- To reconnect Alumni with their alma mater
- To encourage interaction between Alumni, current students, faculty, and staff
- To strengthen Alumni involvement in student mentoring and career guidance
- To explore future collaborations and networking opportunities

Day -1

Dignitaries delivered inspiring addresses to the gathering. The Alumni Office logo was unveiled and a nostalgic video titled "DAU – The Memory Lane" was screened to reconnect Alumni with their Alma mater.



Visit to Resource Centre

The resource Centre organized an exhibition of theses and dissertations, faculty publications, and archival materials to connect alumni with the campus, memorabilia, and their days at DAU (formerly DA-IICT). RC also sealed their visits through a signature bookmark as a memory to preserve in their archive for future reference. RC also displayed old photographs touching on the convocation, student activities, faculty interactions, buildings in construction, visits by dignitaries under the name of "Rewind Your Memories" which ignited an element of excitement among the Alumni.



Mock Session by Prof. R.N. Biswas

A classroom mock session was conducted by Prof. R. N. Biswas for alumni at CEP. Prof. Biswas played a crucial role in the founding years of DAU. Several faculty members also took part in this session. One notable highlight was the presence of former faculty member, Prof. Sanjay Chaudhury, who was with DAU till 2013. After the class ended, the alumni revisited their student days and campus life through discussions and interactions with both current and former faculty members. The session helped in bridging the past and present.



Special Coverage

Alumni Career Council Session

The session and rapid fire chat discussions organised at the Placement Cell, offered career insights and future opportunities. The event was planned for valuable alumni–student networking opportunities through interactive fireside chat sessions, informal discussions and structured engagement activities. Close to 30 alumni participated in this interaction session in the Placement Office. While several issues related to the current placement scenario came up for discussion, the alumni principally shared and highlighted the career shifts several of them took up by way of calculated risks. They encouraged our students to remain adaptable and future-ready.



Movie Screening @ OAT

The programme concluded with a movie screening, followed by a bonfire and music, creating a vibrant atmosphere of connection and celebration. The Student Cell also recorded alumni testimonials and messages, contributing to institutional promotion and supporting future alumni outreach initiatives.



Day # 2 (28th Dec 2025, Sunday)

Bird Watching

The second day began with bird watching, where a good number of alumni along with their families participated in the activity. The session includes photography, explaining of interesting facts about the campus birds by the team and zoom-in view of some particular birds using the binoculars.



Sports Activity

Following the bird watching activity, a spirited sports matches, including alumni–faculty cricket, and volleyball, were organized. Around 20 Alumni participated in the sports activities and enriched the campus vibe.



Memory Capture

A nostalgic campus walk featuring photo booths, memory displays, and a merchandise stall enhanced the celebratory mood. Alumni, students and staff engaged in informal interactions, energetic discussions and video testimonials. These were documented by the Student Cell for outreach and promotional initiatives that strengthened the camaraderie and mutual connection. Photo booth and selfie spots inspired the alumni to capture photographs with their Batchmates.

The reunion concluded with the Farewell Glow ceremony, where heartfelt messages and photographs created a warm, reflective and memorable finale.



Photo

Gallery





Global Presence / Impact - Representing DAU across borders

by Anand Gupta

Batch: M.Sc. (IT), 2004-2006

Current Occupation: RBC Toronto, Director, Architecture- Payments; **Location:** Toronto, Canada

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From the classrooms of Dhirubhai Ambani University to boardrooms and technology forums across North America, my journey has been shaped by a strong foundation in systems thinking, rigor, and curiosity that DAU instilled early on. As a Gold Medalist from DAU, I have carried that mindset into nearly two decades of building large-scale, mission-critical platforms in global financial institutions.



Today, I work in Canada as a Director of Architecture in the payments domain, leading the design and modernization of real-time, cross-border payment systems spanning the US and Canada. My work has contributed to the evolution of payment rails such as FedWire, SWIFT, RTP, and Canada's Real-Time Rail, impacting how businesses and individuals move money at scale. Along the way, I've represented organizations in industry forums, collaborated with regulators and clearing houses, and helped shape platforms used by hundreds of financial institutions.

What this really means is that DAU's influence travels far beyond campus. The problem-solving discipline, academic depth, and confidence to operate on global stages continue to guide my work. Wherever complex systems meet real-world impact, DAU is already there, through its alumni.

Free Expression - If I could go back in time to my DAU days...

by Anit Bhandari

Batch: B.Tech. (ICT), 2008-12

Current Occupation: Director - Product / Delhivery; **Location:** India

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If I could go back to my DAU days, I would invest far more consciously in people and shared experiences. While academics mattered, the real value of those years lay in the ecosystems around me—whether it was working with IEEE, contributing to cultural festivals, or participating in research and social internships.



I would immerse myself deeper in collaboration across tech and non-tech spaces.

Being part of IEEE or organizing events wasn't just about execution—it was an opportunity to understand how diverse teams think, communicate, and solve problems together. I would make a stronger effort to learn from people outside my immediate circle—designers, organizers, artists, and social impact leaders—because those intersections shape more holistic thinking.

I'd also focus on building genuine, long-term relationships. Not just networking, but showing up consistently, contributing meaningfully, and staying curious about others' journeys. Many of these peers go on to do incredible things, and those early bonds often become lifelong collaborations.

Through research and social internships, I would push myself to engage more deeply with real-world problems—listening better, asking sharper questions, and understanding impact beyond surface-level outcomes.

Looking back, DAU wasn't just a place to learn skills—it was a space to learn how to work with people. And that, more than anything, is what I would choose to do better.



Free Expression - If I could go back in time to my DAU days...

by **Nikunj Thakkar**

Batch: M.Sc. (IT), 2012-14

Current Occupation: Co-founder, Snezzi

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If I could go back to my DAU days, I would tell myself to stay a little more patient and a lot more curious.

When I joined, I did not have everything figured out. Like most people, I was trying to make sense of what to focus on and where things would lead. DAU gave me the space to explore. Opportunities like Google Summer of Code helped me see what was possible beyond the classroom. At the same time, there were phases of uncertainty, rejections, and moments where things did not go as planned.



Looking back, those ups and downs were necessary. They taught me to keep going, adapt, and trust the process. Over time, things start making sense, but only if you keep showing up.

One thing I would strongly emphasize is relationships. The people you meet during these years become a big part of your journey later. Do not treat interactions as transactions. Invest in people, learn from them, and stay connected. That compounds in ways you cannot predict.

There are far more possibilities out there than you can see right now. You do not need to have everything figured out. Stay curious, stay grounded, and keep building. The rest will follow.

Professional Growth -How my DAU experience shaped my career

by **NiyamSan Divyang Chhaya**

Batch: M.Sc. (IT), 2013-15

Current Occupation: Co-founder & Vice President, Orbrick Consulting

I feel like I've lived 9 lives at DA since I used to be part of every club and committee and I was actually oversubscribed to courses. I was asked to REDUCE my course load and I turned them into audit courses.



I feel DAU has connected so many dots for me going forward. Just to give two examples, I used to Audit Dr. Dasgupta's AI course along with taking a few other AI/NLP/Semantic Web courses as electives which has shaped my lifelong curiosity in this field. I now turn that curiosity into products.

I also used to never miss a debate at debate club which has been great in my consulting career in both communicating and thinking critically to solve problems. The debating skills I honed at DA have helped shaped my career a lot.

“Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.”

— *Lou Holtz*



Free Expression - Letter to my younger self at DAU

by Upadhyaya Chirayu Piyushbhai

Batch: B.Tech. (ICT), 2008-11

Current Occupation: Samvardhana Motherson, Head, Investor Relations

My time at DAU was instrumental in instilling in me the values of discipline, curiosity, and continuous learning. The academic environment and the guidance of faculty members helped build the analytical thinking and work ethic that have remained invaluable throughout my career. Following my graduation, I pursued an MBA to deepen my understanding of business strategy and financial management, which further strengthened the foundation for my professional journey.



Early in my career, I had the opportunity to work closely as part of the CEO's team in an organization where I was involved in leading a merger with a bank. That experience was transformative, providing first-hand exposure to complex strategic decision-making, stakeholder management, and large-scale corporate transactions.

Subsequently, I moved into Investor Relations and had the privilege of serving as Head – Investor Relations at Polycab India. During my tenure, the company witnessed a significant transformation, with its market capitalization increasing more than three times over a period of three years. The experience of engaging with global investors and analysts, while helping articulate the company's long-term strategy and value creation journey, was extremely rewarding. Our IR function was also honored to receive the "Excellence in IR Practices" award from BW CFO World, which I consider a recognition of the collective efforts of the entire organization.

Most recently, I have taken on the role of Head – Investor Relations at Samvardhana Motherson International Ltd., where I look forward to contributing to the company's engagement with the global investment community and supporting its long-term growth journey.

For students at DAU, I would like to share one simple thought: success is rarely linear. It requires persistence, adaptability, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Focus on building strong fundamentals, remain intellectually curious, and be open to opportunities that challenge you to grow. Equally important is maintaining integrity and humility while striving for excellence.

I hope my journey serves as a reminder that with dedication, continuous learning, and the right mindset, the opportunities ahead are limitless. I wish all DAU students the very best as they pursue their ambitions and shape their own paths.

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Email at: alumni_office@dau.ac.in

Alumni Spotlight

Govind Kaushal



Batch: B.Tech. (ICT), 2005

Current Occupation:

Director, Google

Govind Kaushal is the Director of Product Management for Applied AI at Google Cloud, where he is building the next generation of agentic AI systems for Fortune 500 enterprises.

Specializing in 0-1 innovation, he launches products that reach millions of users and scale to significant revenue. From pioneering Smart Reply in Gmail to building Gemini for Enterprise, his career is defined by translating cutting-edge technology into tools that solve real-world problems. A prolific innovator with multiple patents in search and transaction technologies, he combines deep-seated curiosity with technical rigor to stay at the forefront of the AI revolution

Pallav Vyas



Batch: B.Tech. (ICT), 2006-10

Current Occupation: Group

Manager, Machine Learning,

Adobe

Pallav Vyas is a Machine Learning leader at Adobe, where he leads Generative AI and Machine Learning initiatives for Document Cloud products used by over 650 million monthly active users. He has played a key role in building products such as Acrobat AI Assistant and Liquid Mode, both recognized among TIME's Best Inventions. With over a decade of experience leading cross-functional teams, his work has driven significant business impact, including launching AI products that reached tens of millions of users and generated multi-million-dollar annual recurring revenue within months of release. Pallav also serves as a judge for UC Berkeley's SkyDeck, one of the world's leading university accelerators — and Arch Grants, a highly selective start up accelerator. He holds an MBA from UC Berkeley, an MS in Information Technology with a specialization in Mobile Computing from Carnegie Mellon University and has filed multiple patents in machine learning.

Rigveda Kadam



Batch: B.Tech. (ICT), 2003-07

Current Occupation: Independent

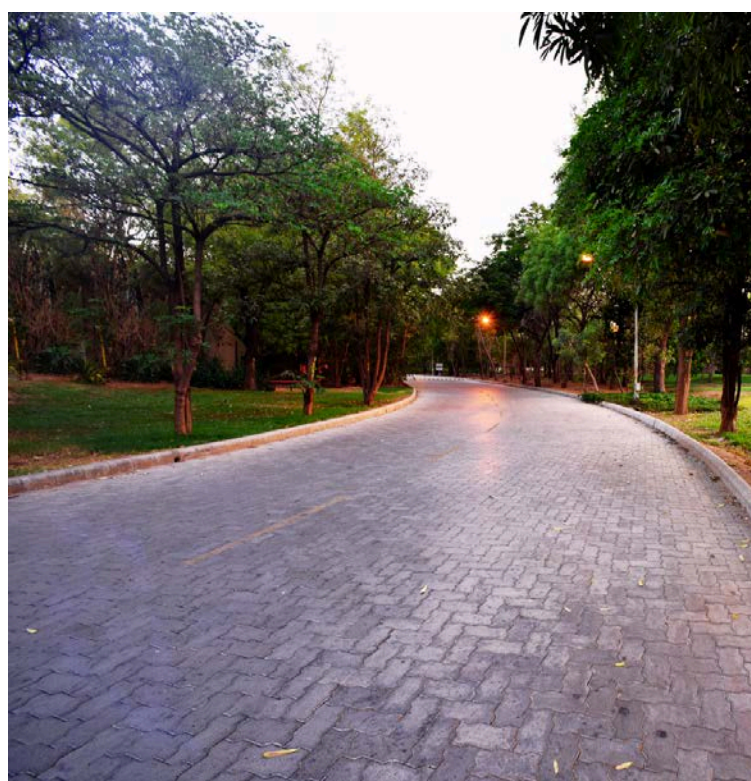
Consultant, Technology Strategy &

Global Health, London, UK

Rigveda Kadam works at the intersection of technology, public health and policy, translating complex institutional challenges into strategies and programs that deliver impact at scale. After graduating from DA-IICT in 2007, she built a career spanning software engineering, consulting, public health and digital innovation across multiple geographies.

Over more than a decade, she has led social impact work, built evidence-informed programs, structured access-oriented partnerships and guided cross-functional teams spanning product development, regulatory navigation, commercialisation and health system implementation.

Her work has involved close collaboration with governments, multilateral organisations, funders and technology partners, particularly in low-resource settings. She also holds a postgraduate diploma from IIM Ahmedabad, where she was named, Best PGP Woman All Rounder.



Alumni Spotlight

Bhavesh Kishor Manglani



Program: B.Tech. (ICT)
Batch: 2002-06
Current Occupation: Founder,
Delhivery
Location: India

After DAIICT, I pursued my MBA from IIM Calcutta. I started my career at Reliance Communications in a pan-India Product and Revenue role where I learnt how large companies function thru systems and processes. Post R Com I attempted to build software and hardware products. I joined Idea Cellular where I was able to drive revenue growth in Postpaid and experienced leading a P&L working closely with the Sales team. Unable to get rid of the startup bug, I took the plunge again to build Delhivery, as e-commerce was just taking shape in India. After a decade of building new departments, teams, products across technology and operations and having scaled Delhivery to India's largest e-commerce logistics company, I decided to focus on personal goals of family and health. I now invest in startups and spend time tinkering in my lab.

Having joined DAIICT as part of the second batch, I saw the birth of a great institution in real time. The Director, all faculty, support staff, students - everyone wanted to make it a better place. Most importantly, there was no baggage - so we could be whatever we wanted to be - as a student body, as an academic curriculum. This led to a very Socratic search for identity and helped us explore the breadth and depth of technology - software, hardware, computer science. Back then, social sciences were not part of standard engineering curriculum. These courses empowered us with methods to question the status quo meaningfully. Thus, it was a magical place and led to many students from the batch pursuing diverse careers across geographies. It also gave us a sense of brotherhood and even today, many folks wear the DAIICT badge proudly and respond to calls from alumni at short notice.

Dharmendra Gupta



Program: M.Tech. (ICT)
Batch: 2003-05
Current Occupation: Nokia,
Head of NDAC Delivery

Dharmendra Gupta currently serves as the Head of NDAC Delivery at Nokia, a global technology leader driving innovation in networks, cloud and digital infrastructure. With more than two decades of professional experience, he has developed strong expertise in delivery leadership, program management and managing large-scale technology transformation programs across global markets.

Over the past 14+ years at Nokia, Dharmendra has held several key leadership roles, including Technical Program Manager and Head of Project Management. Earlier in his career, he also contributed to leading technology organizations such as Ericsson, L&T Technology Services, and ATC Labs. Known for his strong execution focus, stakeholder management and ability to deliver complex programs at scale, he brings both strategic vision and operational discipline to his leadership responsibilities.

Dharmendra's academic journey at Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (DA-IICT) played a significant role in shaping his professional foundation. The institute's strong emphasis on technology, analytical thinking and innovation helped him develop the problem-solving mindset and technical depth required in the rapidly evolving telecommunications industry. The rigorous academic environment and exposure to emerging technologies at DA-IICT equipped him with the skills and confidence to take on challenging roles and steadily progress into leadership positions in the global telecom sector.

Today, as Head of NDAC Delivery, Dharmendra focuses on strengthening delivery excellence, improving operational efficiency and supporting Nokia's long-term growth and innovation agenda across its global programs.

Achievements

Ashish Agrawal (B.Tech. (ICT), 2001-05)

Current Occupation: Sr Director - Cloud, SaaS, Cybersecurity, Incedo Inc.

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Ashish specializes in leading teams for enterprise product development across both startups and large organizations. He has pioneered the definition and implementation of processes from scratch, successfully scaling teams from just 1–2 members to over 100.

He has directed technology planning, strategy development, and implementation, along with overseeing business and operational execution, solution delivery, and end-to-end product development.

Ashish's responsibilities include strategic technology investments, budgeting, organizational design, hiring top talent, defining technical direction, and ensuring engineering excellence and delivery. He is a hands-on technologist, his core interests lie in scalable distributed systems, data science, predictive analytics, search relevance, and optimizing mobile and web performance.

Currently he is working as Sr Director - Cloud, SaaS, Cybersecurity at Incedo Inc, Pune District, Maharashtra, India. His work spans Cloud, SaaS, Mobility, Observability, Data Protection, and Network Security products and infrastructure, all driven by an AI-at-scale mindset.



Ankit Jain (B.Tech. (ICT), 2001-05)

Current Occupation: Lead Platform Architect at Mastercard II Infrastructure Design & Middleware Expert II Founder of 'Pune Ganesh Utsav'

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Ankit Jain is a software professional with deep technical experience in enterprise technologies, including IBM BPM, IBM WebSphere Suite, Oracle WebLogic, Apache, Tomcat, MQ, Oracle DB, Internet Security, F5 Load Balancers, system design, architectural patterns, authentication & authorization, UNIX scripting, and PL/SQL programming. He also brings domain expertise in Telecom and Payments Business Support Systems.

Currently serving as a Lead Platform Architect at Mastercard, Ankit specializes in infrastructure design and middleware systems, with system design and middleware components forming his core strengths.

He strongly believes that in today's fast-moving and competitive world, soft skills are as important as technical expertise, and presentation is as important as substance. His skills in storytelling, data visualization, writing, and presentation complement his technical foundation.

Ankit is also the founder of 'Pune Ganesh Utsav'.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela

Alumni Spotlight

Shashwat Singh (B.Tech. (ICT), 2001-05)

Current Occupation: Chief Information Officer, boAt

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Shashwat Singh is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) at boAt (Imagine Marketing Ltd.), joining on May 14, 2021, to lead digital transformation, IT infrastructure, and data strategy. A DAU (formerly DA-IICT) alumnus with over 18 years of experience, he previously held key roles at Kimberly-Clark, Unilever, and Asian Paints. As CIO at boAt, he is responsible for the digital backbone, IT team expansion, and building a secure, scalable IT landscape.



Shashwat Singh, CIO at boAt, has been widely recognized for his leadership and contributions to technology and business transformation. He is a recipient of the Young Alumni Achiever Award 2022 from Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur and was named among Asia's 100 Power Leaders in Technology by White Page International. He was honored as Young CIO of the Year 2021 by Transformance Forums and received the CXO Excellence Award 2021 from TechCircle.

His achievements also include winning the SCALE Awards in 2020 and securing two SCALE (Supply Chain & Logistics Excellence) Awards in 2019, along with being recognized as Best Presenter, awarded by Confederation of Indian Industry. Additionally, he earned the Business Transformation Leader Award in two categories alongside senior leaders from Hindustan Unilever Limited, presented by TechCircle. Beyond awards, he has contributed as a jury member for initiatives by NASSCOM and tGELF, and is a frequent speaker at multiple external forums.

Atishay Kumar (B.Tech. (ICT), 2001-05)

Current Occupation: Co-Founder, Zylabs

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Atishay Kumar is building Zylabs, an AI-powered sales engine designed to supercharge win rates. He is an award-winning executive technology leader with over 15 years of experience in building scalable and impactful products. His career includes six years at Microsoft (Redmond, WA), where he contributed to features for Windows and Outlook, followed by five years as the founding member, CTO, and CPO of a fintech startup. There, he built the technology platform from scratch and scaled the business from zero to over \$200 million in disbursements.



Atishay is passionate about developing robust, scalable solutions aligned with business goals and is known for his strong learning ability. He also serves on the advisory boards of two startups, contributing his expertise to emerging ventures. He is a recipient of the prestigious Erasmus Mundus Scholarship in Network and e-Business Centered Computing, where he was among 30 students selected worldwide and one of only two from India.

Patel Nirmal Jayantilal (B.Tech. (ICT), 2010-14)

Current Occupation: Co-Founder, Zylabs


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Nirmal Patel is the CEO of EdOptimize and Chief Data Scientist at Playpower Labs, with over 15 years of experience spanning computer science, data science, digital learning, and AI. He has led the development of multiple edtech products and works with a skilled team to deliver impactful solutions in AI-driven education. His latest venture, Smart Paper, enables cost-effective and eco-friendly assessment at scale, impacting nearly 5 million learners across India by unlocking insights from handwritten learning data. Through Playpower Labs, he has also delivered over 50 projects, including collaborations with major global education organizations and India's Ministry of Education.







Recent Faculty Hires



Dr. Arunava Chakravarty
PhD (Computer Science and Engineering), IIIT Hyderabad. Post-doc exp. at Medical University of Vienna, Austria.
Joined University (SOT) as Assistant Professor w.e.f 9th Jan 2026
Research Area: Medical Image Analysis, Machine Learning for Healthcare, Computer Vision


Dr. Jayanth Varma
Doctorate in Management, IIM Ahmedabad, Retired professor, IIMA.
Joined University (SOT) as Distinguished Professor w.e.f 9th Jan 2026
Research Area: Financial Markets and Pricing Models, The Financial Sector, International Finance, and Quantitative Modeling





Dr. Arnab Bhabak
PhD (Mathematics), IIT Guwahati. Post-doc exp. at IIT Bombay.
Joined University (SOT) as Assistant Professor w.e.f 19th Jan 2026
Research Area: Stochastic Control, Stochastic Game Theory, Probability Theory

Know more
about all the faculty members of DAU and their research areas





DAU Pride in Hiring Qualified Faculty

DAU has emphasized and encouraged research since its founding in 2001, and the potential for quality research has always been an important criterion in faculty selection. A fundamental principle followed at DAU from the day one is that teaching and research must remain equally vital in shaping an academic institution.

Resource Centre @ DAU

▶ Resource Centre Extends Membership

To Alumni

The Resource Centre (RC) is extending its resources and services to its alumni community. The revised Alumni Membership Policy defines eligibility, terms, conditions, and privileges associated with the membership, while also ensuring the responsible use of RC resources.

To know more visit: [Alumni membership policy and application form](#)

To External Community

The Resource Centre (Library) of Dhirubhai Ambani University (DAU) extends limited access to its collections and facilities through External Membership for students, faculty, researchers, and professionals from outside the University.

To know more visit: [External membership policy and application form](#)

▶ Resource Centre Services

RC Reckoner (RCR): Weekly Update

RC Reckoner is the weekly update from the Resource Centre, featuring highlights and activities from the past week. It is circulated every Monday and includes information on resource additions, reference services, research support activities, RC statistics, events, general reading content, and much more.



RC Post: Quarterly Newsletter

As the RC engages with its community through diverse information resources and services, it continues to build a meaningful repository of experiences, insights, and learning. RC Post, our quarterly newsletter, serves as a window into this growing treasure—capturing moments, milestones, and memories for years to come.



To know more about the memberships, exclusive privileges & to get the RCR, RC Post directly in your inbox, write to us at librarian@dau.ac.in or scan the below QR Code

We Look Forward to your Engagement with RC

- Give a book talk
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Campus Highlights

Resource Centre @ DAU

▶ A unique opportunity to contribute to the University's Archive as an esteemed alumnus!

Dhirubhai Ambani University (Formerly DAIICT) celebrates its silver jubilee (August 2025 to July 2026) with several worthy initiatives to mark the occasion. Setting up a Digital Archive to preserve the university's history and telling the story of its journey of academic excellence is one such initiative that has triggered a lot of enthusiasm for many of the stakeholders, including the alumni!

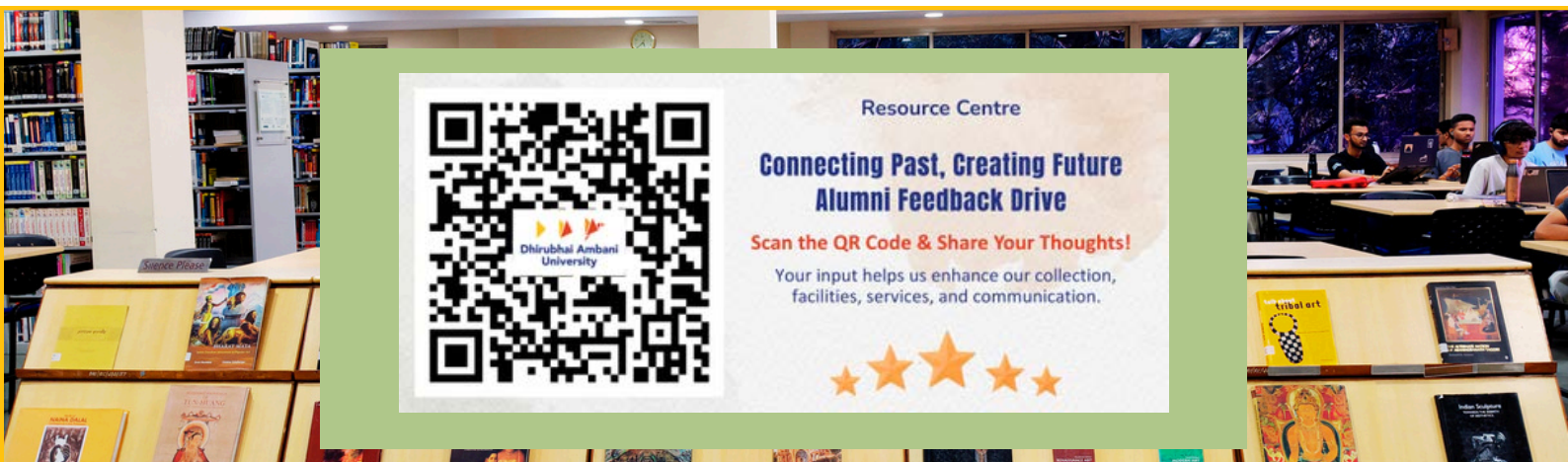
Currently, we are focusing on the first one and a half decades of the university's journey, the evolution of the academic programs, the people who were instrumental in building the university, the development of the campus and the student activities. We have been able to put together a modest collection and hope to scale up in the coming months.

In this context, we seek your contributions in any of the following forms: documents, photos, audio/visual content, or memorabilia associated with your stay on the campus or with your academic pursuit at DAIICT (now DAU). Since the digital archive is a work in progress, alumni of all batches can send in their memorabilia to the RC either by personally visiting the RC or to the email ID: librarian@dau.ac.in

A small exhibition will be put up at the RC on 18th April '26 (during the Alumni chapter meetup), which we hope will rekindle memories through some of the items. If these items can lead to any material, either digital or analogue, that can add to the story of DAU in the making, which you may have personally or if you can lead us to the source, we would be happy to collect it. A few activities to engage you with the books and the RC as a place are in the offing, a treasure hunt being one of them!

We also look forward to enrolling you as an alumni member of the RC! Do check with the RC staff or the alumni staff for further details.

RC Team



Research Breakthroughs

Research @ DAU

▶ **InnovAItion: Shape the Future Hackathon- December 14, 2025**

DAU, in collaboration with Intuitive.ai, hosted the InnovAItion Hackathon encouraging students to develop innovative AI-driven solutions. The event offered participants opportunities to compete for prizes and engage with industry mentors, promoting creativity, technical excellence, and career opportunities in emerging technologies.

▶ **AI & Data Analytics Training Programme for GAIL- December 15, 2025**

DAU conducted a two-day executive training programme for GAIL (India) Limited focusing on Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics. The programme covered AI evolution, machine learning applications, generative AI, and practical data analytics using Power BI and R, enabling participants to gain hands-on exposure to data-driven decision making.



▶ **Technology Adoption in the Power Sector – Industry Panel- December 18, 2025**

The Smart Energy Learning Centre (SELC) at DAU hosted a high-level panel discussion on technology adoption in the power sector, bringing together leaders from BSES, Torrent Power, Accenture, and Adani Electricity. The event explored how digital transformation, data analytics, and smart technologies are reshaping India's energy ecosystem while highlighting research initiatives at SELC.



▶ **Research Excellence at IEEE ANTS 2025- December 24, 2025**

Prof. Yash Vasavada and Dr. Bibin Baby John have been honoured with the Best Paper Award (Long Papers category) at IEEE ANTS 2025, one of the premier international conferences on advanced networks and telecommunications.

The award-winning paper, "Sparse Matrix Precoded MIMO: A Computationally-Efficient Approach for High Throughput Wireless Links," proposes an innovative method for improving the spectral efficiency in next-generation wireless communication systems without increasing implementation complexity. It successfully applies a novel theoretical advancement to practically viable systems.

This achievement is the result of an impactful collaboration with an eminent group of researchers, specifically Mr. Prabhanshu Yadav and Dr. Suraj Srivastava, Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, and Mr. Joel Fernandez, Tampere University, Finland.

We congratulate Prof. Vasavada, Dr. John, and the entire research team on this well-deserved international recognition. The achievement highlights DAU's strong emphasis on high-impact research, global collaboration, and thought leadership in emerging technologies.

Research Breakthroughs

▶ AISE 2026 – Winter School on AI-Infused Software Engineering- January 7-10, 2026

DAU hosted the 1st Winter School on AI-Infused Software Engineering (AISE 2026), bringing together researchers, students, and professionals for four days of expert talks, technical sessions, and hands-on labs. The programme explored topics such as generative AI, automated testing, software intelligence, and sustainable AI practices, fostering deeper understanding of the evolving software engineering landscape.



▶ InnovAItion Hackathon 2026- January 9-11, 2026

As part of AISE 2026, DAU organised a three-day hackathon featuring 750+ participants from 50+ institutions. Teams developed AI-based solutions addressing real-world challenges. The event concluded with winning projects demonstrating innovation in domains such as automation, fraud detection, and AI-powered tools.



▶ Design Thinking for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Workshop- January 30-31, 2026

The SSIP Gujarat Nodal Centre at DAU hosted a two-day workshop on Design Thinking led by Dr. Snigdha Majumder. The interactive programme introduced participants to human-centred problem solving, including empathy mapping, ideation, prototyping, and entrepreneurial pitching, strengthening innovation and startup culture among students.



▶ AISE 2026 – Panel Discussion- February 2, 2026

As part of AISE 2026, DAU hosted a panel titled “2027 and Beyond: Will AI Partner With, Replace, or Reinvent Software Engineering?”. Experts from academia and industry discussed the evolving role of developers, ethical AI practices, and how intelligent systems will reshape future software engineering workflows.



▶ Deep Learning & Artificial Intelligence: Principles & Practice (DLAI 2026)- March 09-13, 2026

The School of Technology, DAU, in collaboration with ISI Kolkata, organised a five-day intensive workshop on Deep Learning and Artificial Intelligence. The programme covered topics such as machine learning, reinforcement learning, computer vision, LLMs, and real-world AI applications through expert lectures and practical demonstrations.



Research Breakthroughs

▶ Visit to Smart Energy Learning Centre (SELC)- March 24, 2026

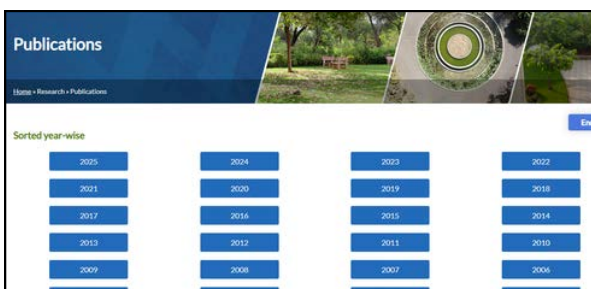
DAU organised an interactive visit to the Smart Energy Learning Centre (SELC), providing students and researchers an opportunity to explore live demonstrations, interact with research teams, and learn about internship and collaboration opportunities in the field of smart energy technologies.



▶ Research Areas @ DAU

- AI, ML and Data Science
- Algorithms and Theory of Computation
- Communications and Signal Processing
- Humanities, Social Sciences and Design
- Physics and Mathematical Science
- Software Systems and Networking
- VLSI & Embedded Systems

▶ Research Publications @ DAU



<https://www.daiict.ac.in/faculty-publications>

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Research Publications @ DAU

Call for Research Submissions from DAU Alumni

Alumni Connect invites contributions highlighting the research output or ongoing research of our esteemed alumni for inclusion in “Research Breakthroughs” in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

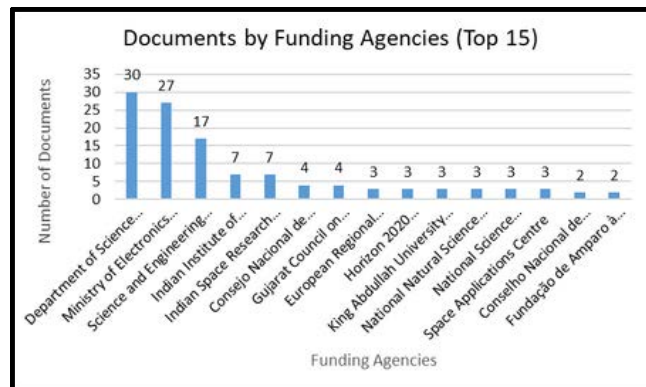
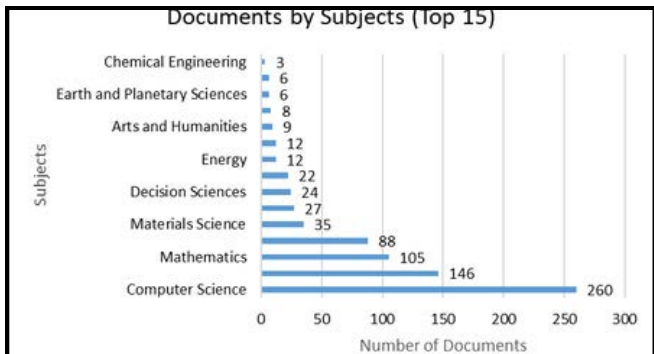
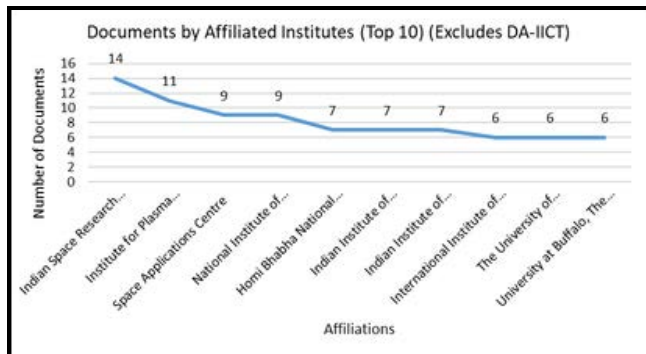
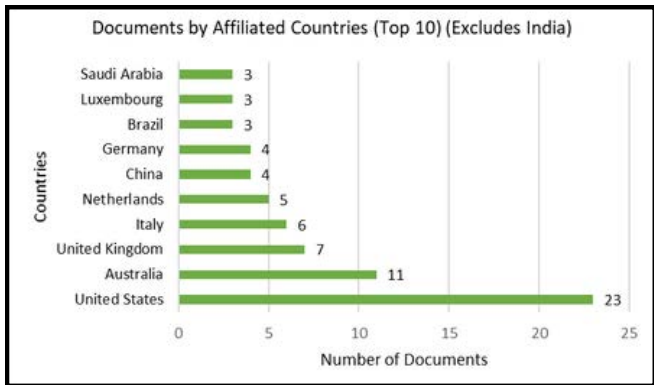
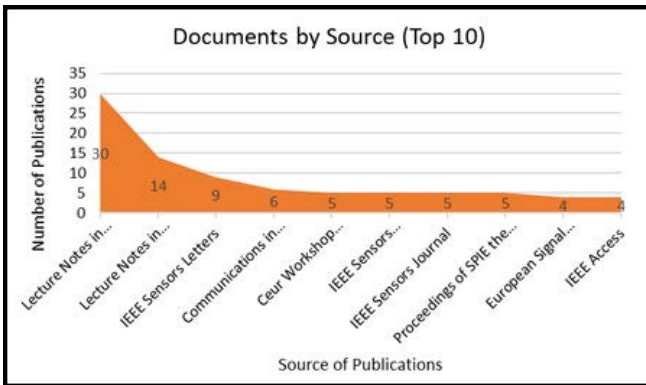
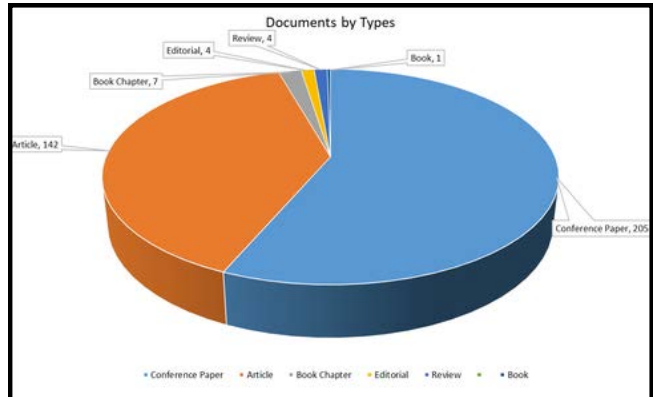
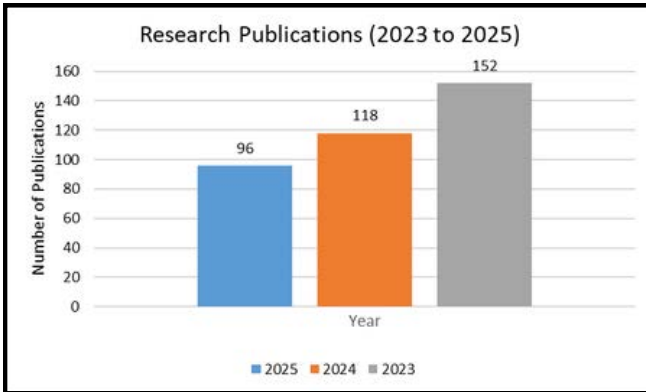
If you wish to have your work featured, please scan the QR code and complete the Google Form provided. Alternatively, you may write to us at alumnioffice@dau.ac.in.



We look forward to showcasing your valuable contributions to the academic and research community.

Research Breakthroughs

DAU's Research Output at a Glance (2023, 2024 & 2025)



Total Publication - 366

Documents Received Citations - 300

Total Citation Received - 924

H-Index - 15

*As of 5th April 2026

Source: Scopus



Past Events

DAU Silver Jubilee Celebrations & Alumni Reunion 2025- December 27-28, 2025

Dhirubhai Ambani University celebrated its Silver Jubilee with a special Alumni Reunion for the founding batches of 2001–2004. The two-day event brought alumni, faculty, and leadership together through interactive sessions, a nostalgic campus walk, cultural programmes, sports activities, and alumni–faculty engagements. The celebration highlighted 25 years of academic excellence, innovation, and enduring alumni connections.



20th Convocation Ceremony- January 17, 2026

DAU celebrated its 20th Convocation Ceremony, awarding degrees to 649 graduates across undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes. The ceremony featured Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi (Former Director, IIT Madras) as Chief Guest and highlighted the university’s growth as a multidisciplinary institution shaping future leaders in technology, design, and data science.



Engagement Corner



▶ Republic Day Celebration- January 26, 2026

The university celebrated the 77th Republic Day with patriotic enthusiasm at the campus sports ground. The National Flag was unfurled by Prof. G. Venkatesh, Director of the School of Technology, with students, faculty, and staff coming together to honour the values of unity, democracy, and national pride.



▶ Kathak Performance by Sushri Vidha Lal- February 2, 2026

In association with SPIC MACAY Gujarat, DAU hosted a cultural evening featuring renowned Kathak artist Sushri Vidha Lal, recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Yuva Puraskar. The performance at the Open Air Theatre celebrated the richness of Indian classical arts with accompaniment from accomplished musicians.



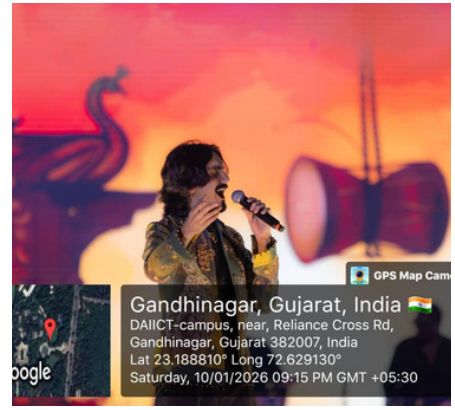
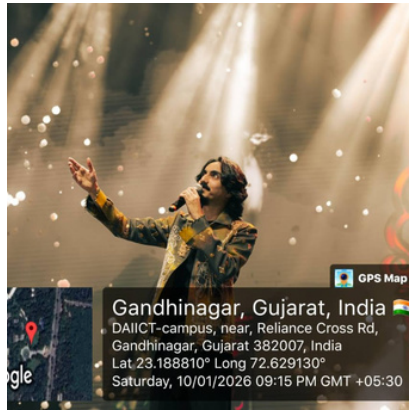
▶ From Good to Great – Leadership Workshop- February 21, 2026

DAU organised an experiential leadership workshop aimed at strengthening team collaboration and workplace leadership among administrative staff. Facilitated by Mr. Neeraj Bhardwaj, the session used simulations and interactive exercises to encourage strategic thinking, teamwork, and organisational effectiveness.



Engagement Corner

Synapse Nexus Night- January 10, 2026



Nexus Night, a grand pre-fest event of Synapse '26, was successfully organized to commemorate the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the institute, marking 25 years of academic excellence. The night featured a spectacular live performance by the legendary Gujarati folk singer Aditya Gadhvi, whose soulful renditions created an electrifying atmosphere.

Synapse'26 Mosaic Construction- February 26, 2026

The Cubing Club, DAU created a vibrant Rubik's Cube mosaic for Synapse '26, inspired by the fest theme "Joker's Realm." Built cube by cube by dedicated members, the mosaic brought the Joker's chaotic essence to life and became a striking visual highlight of the event, showcasing the club's creativity, teamwork, and passion for cubing art.



Synapse 2026- February 26 - March 01, 2026



Inaguration



Faculty & Staff Walk



Stage Play

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Engagement Corner



Rampage



Car Show



Coscon



Hunger Hike



MonoActe



Music Club



Picture Perfect



Rap Battle



Battle of Bands



Battle Drome



Engagement Corner



DJ Night



Footlose



Nukkad Natak



Mime out Loud



Raga & Rhapsody



Code Mutants



Quizpetition



Battle Drome



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Engagement Corner



Synapse Got Talent



Synocubix



Samwaad



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Samwaad



Strokes of Genius



Symphony



Tales & Trails



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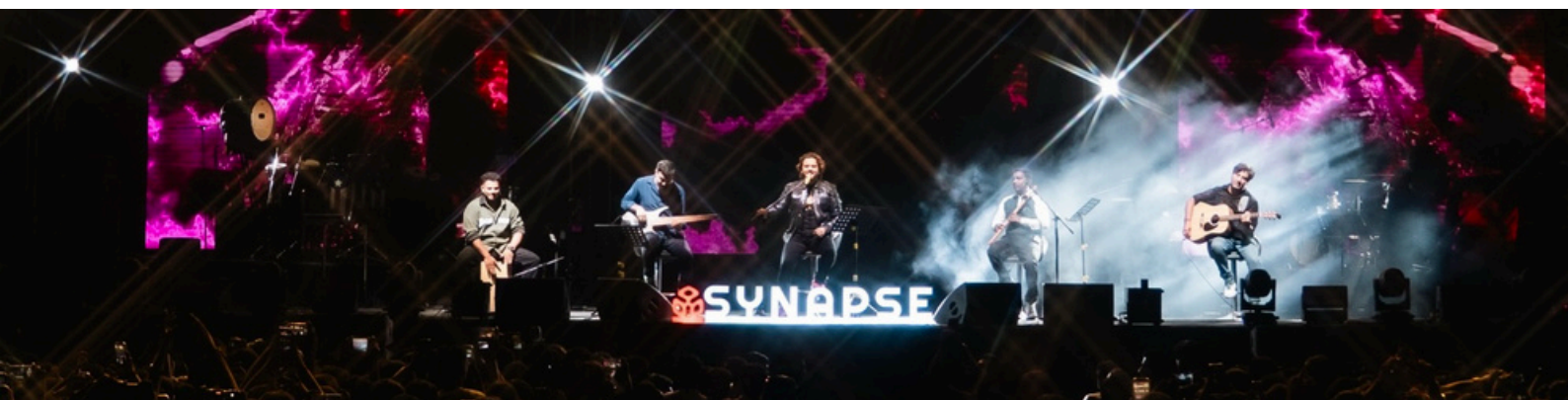
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Engagement Corner

DAU Employees Annual Sports Meet 2026 – March 14-15, 2026

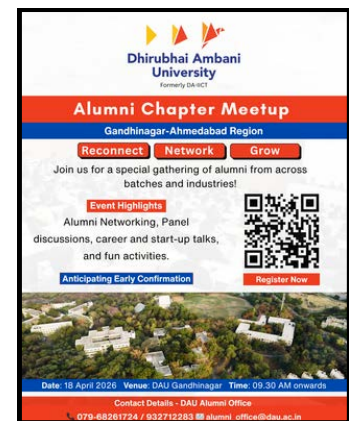
DAU hosted its Employees Annual Sports Meet 2026 at the Gandhinagar campus, bringing together over 55 faculty and staff members for two days of sports and camaraderie. Participants competed in cricket, badminton, chess, carrom, and other games, celebrating teamwork, fitness, and the vibrant community spirit of the university.



Alumni Chapter Meetup (Gandhinagar-Ahmedabad) – April 18, 2026

Dhirubhai Ambani University is pleased to announce the Alumni Meet 2026 for the Gandhinagar-Ahmedabad Chapter on 18 April 2026. This is an opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni, relive cherished memories and strengthen your professional and personal network.

The event will feature alumni networking, panel discussions, career and start-up talks and engaging activities. It also offers a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing and contributing to institutional growth.



Purpose of this Chapter:

- Organizes reunions, networking events and social gatherings for alumni in a specific region or profession.
- Offers mentorship programs, career panels and job opportunities through alumni connections.
- Supports scholarships and promotes the university's reputation globally.
- Provides guidance to current students, sometimes through internships or career advice. students, sometimes through internships or career advice.
- Governance Executive Committee

Exclusive Chapter Activities:

Alumni Meet-up, Sport Activities or Tournament, Brainstorming chapter-specific initiatives, Industry-based knowledge exchange, Networking formats and digital engagement strategies, Monthly updates & Alumni Newsletters and Alumni Achievement/SpotLights shout-outs

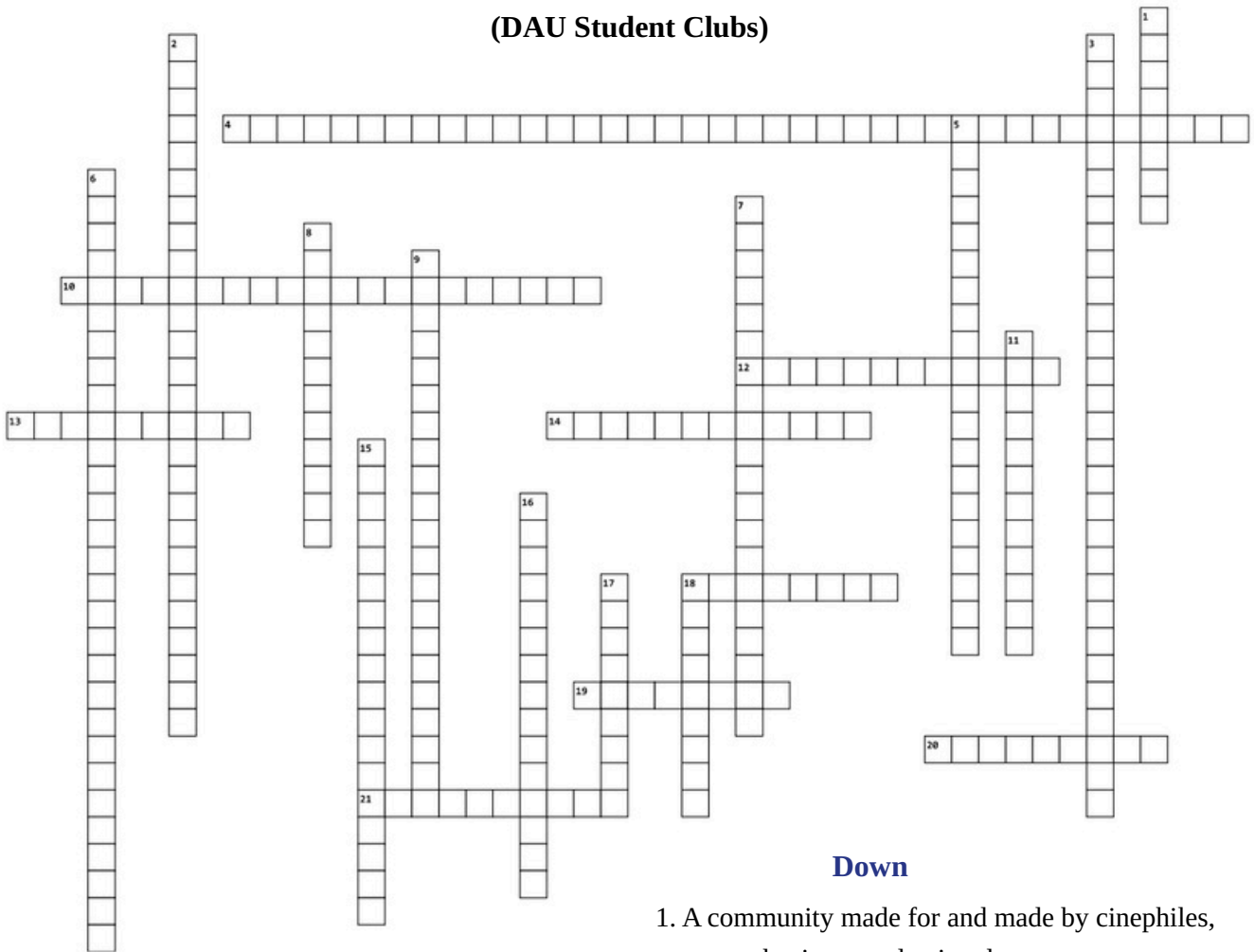
Collaboration: Placement Cell, Student Cell and Clubs

Venue: DAU, Gandhinagar





Crossword - The Memory Challenge (DAU Student Clubs)



Across

- 4. Passionate individuals exploring the world of cybersecurity together
- 10. Aims at keeping the development culture alive at DA-IICT
- 12. Brings creativity to life through engaging podcasts
- 13. Central hub for all chess activities on campus
- 14. Brings together students passionate about exploring
- 18. A pool of designers wherein there is innovation
- 19. To promote student awareness on the opportunities that exist in the field of engineering
- 20. Acts as the journalism cell of DAICT
- 21. Organizes activities such as creating mosaics using Rubik's cubes

Down

- 1. A community made for and made by cinephiles, sports enthusiasts, and anime lovers
- 2. A hub for hands-on learning of AI Tools
- 3. A vibrant community of passionate individuals who share a love for capturing the beauty of life through photography and videography
- 5. Helps students explore and enjoy the world of electronics
- 6. Putting our ideas into existence in order to contribute to the Open Source Community
- 7. a group for students who love acting and performing
- 8. A vibrant Garba performance club
- 9. Dedicated to fostering a love for knowledge and intellectual curiosity
- 11. Dedicated to fostering entrepreneurial spirit and business acumen among students
- 15. Dedicated to enhancing students' vocational skills
- 16. Working to help people explore their hidden passion for programming
- 17. A platform for creative expression
- 18. A platform for students to explore diverse musical genres



Answer

Placement and Opportunities

Recruiters



Why Recruit from Us

DAU is a premier university offering cutting-edge undergraduate programs in various disciplines such as Information and Communication Technology (ICT), ICT with Minor in Computational Science (Honours), Mathematics and Computing, and Electronics and VLSI Design and postgraduate programs in the fields of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Information Technology, Agriculture Analytics, Data Science, and Design.

Our interdisciplinary curriculum seamlessly integrates technology with design, humanities, and social sciences—producing graduates, who are not only technically sound but also agile thinkers and effective communicators. The university proudly secured the 1st Rank in “Good for B.Tech. and M.Tech.” for the West Zone in the IIRF Ranking 2025.

Students undergo continuous hands-on learning through summer, winter, and rural internships, as well as industry-relevant projects. This real-world exposure equips them with strong problemsolving skills and a deep understanding of emerging industry needs. Our graduates are innovation-driven, research-oriented, and ready to contribute from day one.



Contact: placement@dau.ac.in



Placement and Opportunities

Empower, Mentor & Elevate

At DAU, we believe that learning never stops—and our alumni community plays a vital role in nurturing the next generation of leaders. This section is your gateway to give back, engage, and grow together.

- **Be a Mentor** – Share your expertise by joining our mentorship programs. Whether it's guiding a student through career choices or helping a young alum navigate industry challenges, your experience can make a lasting impact.
- **Guest Lectures & Panels** – Inspire minds by speaking at DAU events, jury panels, or capstone project reviews. Your real-world insights bring academic lessons to life.
- **Help Another Alum** – Our “Help Board” is a space to post and explore job opportunities, internships, collaborations, or startup partnerships. Sometimes, the best opportunities come from within our own network.

Your journey, experiences, and lessons learned are a treasure for our students who are just beginning to chart their own paths. We invite you to be a mentor and guide the next generation of leaders.

Whether it's sharing career advice, offering insights into your industry, or simply being a sounding board, your mentorship can make a lasting impact.

Join our Alumni Mentorship Program and help students gain the confidence, direction, and skills they need to succeed.

Together, let's build a culture of learning, guidance, and lifelong connection.

Invest in talent you trust—connect our students with opportunities at your workplace

Your journey from our university to your professional success inspires our students every day. Now, you can play a vital role in shaping their future.

If your company is hiring or offering internships, we invite you to share these opportunities with us. By doing so, you not only give our students a chance to learn and grow but also bring skilled, motivated talent into your organization.

Share job or internship openings with us at [insert email/contact link] and we'll circulate them among our students.

Together, let's bridge education with real-world opportunities and strengthen our alumni-student community.

Share Your Thoughts!

Want to connect with our students?

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Your connection with our university doesn't end at graduation – it evolves!

Today, you have the power to create opportunities that can shape the careers of our students. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

- **Offer Internships** – Provide students with hands-on industry exposure in your company.
- **Job Referrals & Openings** – Share vacancies within your organization and help students get a head start.
- **Mentorship** – Guide students by sharing your expertise, career journey, and real-world insights.
- **Guest Lectures & Webinars** – Inspire students by speaking on industry trends and professional skills.
- **Capstone/Live Projects** – Collaborate with students on research, projects, or case studies relevant to your field.
- **Networking Opportunities** – Connect students to professionals, events, or communities that can help them grow.

Connect with Community

Alumni Document Service

From the academic year 2024-25, we have introduced a webpage, "Alumni Document Service," on our website for required academic documents, including Transcripts, CPI to Percentage Conversion certificates, No Objection Certificates/Migration Certificates, Duplicate Degree Certificates/Grade Sheets, sending verified academic records in sealed envelopes to the specific universities for admissions/further studies, and more.

An alumnus is no longer required to send an email request to the institute, wasting time on back-and-forth queries, the payment process, etc. Instead, they can apply and pay the prescribed fees online from anywhere through the university's website, ensuring faster processing.

To obtain documents issued by the institute, Alumni typically need to follow a prescribed process outlined here. This process usually involves submitting a formal request through online portal. The request may require specific details such as the type of document needed, student identification information, and any additional documentation or fees if applicable. Once the request is received, the institute verifies the student's eligibility and processes the request accordingly. Upon approval, the requested document is prepared and issued to the student within a specified timeframe, adhering to the institute's policies and procedures.



Alumni Document Service

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Alumni Office



Human Resource



Placement Cell



Resource Centre





Connect with Community

Update your Alumni Profile with Alma Mater

Welcome back, DAU (formerly DA-IICT) Alumni!

We're thrilled to reconnect with you. This quick form helps us update your profile, celebrate your journey and keep you in the loop for future alumni events and opportunities.



Alumni E-card Request Form

Welcome back, DAU Alumni!

We're excited to offer you an official Alumni E-card—your badge of pride and connection. Please fill out this short form to help us process your request.

Let's keep the legacy alive!



Campus Visit Request – Alumni Edition

We're excited to welcome you back to DAU!

Whether you're visiting to relive memories, meet faculty, or explore new developments, we'd love to make your visit special. Please fill out this short form so we can prepare for your arrival and ensure a warm welcome.



Stay Connected. Stay Involved.

Dhirubhai Ambani University has always grown through the strength of its people and its alumni remain an integral part of that journey. Your experiences, ideas, mentorship, and support for academic and research initiatives help shape opportunities for current and future students.

We invite you to share how you would like to stay engaged with the University and contribute to its continued growth. Whether through mentorship, collaboration, sharing opportunities, or supporting institutional initiatives, your association matters.

Together, let us strengthen DAU's legacy and build its future.



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