## IIIT Delhi Celebrates 15th Anniversary with a Day of Remarkable Events

New Delhi, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – The Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) marked its momentous 15th-year anniversary with a series of inspiring and impactful events that brought the entire IIITD community together. The day commenced with a noble gesture as the National Service Scheme (NSS) at IIITD organised a blood donation camp, exemplifying the institute's commitment to community welfare.

In addition to this, Dr. Basu Eye Hospital joined hands with IIIT-Delhi to offer free eye check-up camps, benefiting not only the students but also the dedicated employees and support staff, ensuring their health and well-being.

The highlight of the day was when the esteemed Director of IIIT-Delhi planted a tree, symbolising growth, sustainability, and a commitment to the environment. Furthermore, he inaugurated the Alumni Wall, a tribute to the illustrious alumni who have become flagbearers of the Institute across the globe.

The intellectual aspect of the celebration was enriched by the presence of Mr. Apar Gupta, who delivered a thought-provoking public lecture titled "Law as Code." Mr. Gupta emphasised the profound influence of information technologies on shaping humanity and raised fundamental questions about our collective values. He encouraged the IIIT-Delhi community to turn to the Constitution of India for guidance in navigating the intricate landscape of technology, citing examples related to spyware, encryption, and network disruptions.

As the day transitioned into the evening, IIIT-Delhi hosted a vibrant cultural event. The Director and Chairman unveiled the institute's new mission, vision, and purpose, reaffirming their commitment to excellence in education and research. They also released a comprehensive 15-year growth report, outlining the institute's remarkable journey and achievements.

The cultural program commenced with a mesmerising Kathak performance by Shri Ravi Prakash, setting the stage for an evening filled with artistic expression. The Student Music and Singing Club captivated the audience with their melodious tunes, while students from diverse countries showcased the beauty of cultural diversity through captivating dance and music performances.

The celebration also included an awards ceremony, recognising excellence in research, academic achievements, and employee contributions. Awards such as the Research Excellence Awards, Dean's List Awards, and Employee Awards were presented to commendable recipients. The support staff, who play an essential role in the institute's functioning, were also honoured as a token of appreciation for their dedicated services.

The Director congratulated all stakeholders for reaching this significant 15-year milestone. He added that the theme for this year, 'Onwards and Upwards,' signifies the enthusiasm, optimism, and zeal of IIIT-Delhi to set higher standards. On this occasion, the Director reiterated that top Institutes lead and encouraged all to play a proactive role in nurturing leaders of tomorrow with strong character,

competence, and concern for society. He also unveiled the new Vision and Mission statement for the Institute.

The 15th anniversary of IIIT Delhi was not just a commemoration of its history but also a testament to its bright future, guided by a vision of innovation, excellence, and inclusivity.