

It is my proud privilege to share with you the happy news that BITS Pilani, has decided to bestow the "**BITS Pilani Distinguished Alumnus Award**" in its inaugural year, 2011, to

- **MR. BABA KALYANI** (Chairman, Kalyani Group and CMD, Bharath Forge),
- **MR. PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN**(Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Former Minister of State GoI),
- **PROF. DORAIRAJAN BALASUBRAMANIAN**(Director, L.V. Prasad Eye Hospital, Hyderabad and former Director, CCMB, Hyderabad), and
- **PROF. GOVERDHAN MEHTA** (National Research Professor, Hyderabad and Former Director, IISc, Bangalore)

in recognition of their significant and outstanding contributions to their respective professions.

The Chancellor, Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, joins us at BITS Pilani and its alumni in congratulating them.

The awardees have been selected by the panel consisting of Mr. K.V. Kamath, Chairman, ICICI bank, Prof. Ashok Misra, Chairman (India) of Intellectual Ventures and Former Director, IIT Bombay, Mr. Kris Ramachandran, Advisor (Higher Ed.) to Mr. K.M. Birla and Former Vice Chairman and MD, Phillips Electronics, India, Prof. K.E. Raman Director BITS Pilani, Goa Campus and Director–in-Charge, Alumni Affairs, Prof. Bijendra Nath Jain, Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani.

The selection was based on the measurable impact one's contribution has made to (a) dissemination or creation of knowledge, (b) enrichment of lives of people, (c) distribution or creation of wealth, or ,(d) promotion or establishment of high ethical standards in private or public life, as also upon the person's integrity and stature, and thereby makes his alma mater proud.

The awards will be presented during the Convocation 2011 at Pilani, on August 28, 2011 commencing at 11 am. The very distinguished Chief Guest Dr. Anil Kakodkar, former Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission has graciously consented to present the awards.

Bijendra Nath Jain, Vice Chancellor, BITS Pilani

K.E. Raman, Director BITS Pilani, Goa Campus and Director–in-Charge, Alumni Affairs