



**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU**  
**TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD**  
**GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**  
**FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**JNTUH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (USA)**  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

November 13, 2021: Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTUH) - Golden Jubilee Celebrations and JNTUH Alumni Association - First Annual Convention in the USA.

**History and Background:**

The Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) was established in Hyderabad on 2nd October 1972 as the first-ever Technological University in INDIA. After 37 years of relentless service to the society at large, JNTU was restructured into four different universities namely JNTU Hyderabad (JNTUH), JNTU Anantapur (JNTUA), JNTU Kakinada (JNTUK) and Jawaharlal Nehru Fine Arts University by the Government of Andhra Pradesh on September 24, 2008.

JNTUH has a total of 8 constituent colleges and academic institutions: four constituent engineering colleges and four academic units/schools in addition to other administrative functional units.

- JNTUH College of Engineering Hyderabad (Autonomous), Kukatpally, Hyderabad (1965)
- JNTUH College of Engineering Jagityal, Karimnagar Dist. (2007)
- JNTUH College of Engineering Manthani, Karimnagar Dist. (2010)
- JNTUH College of Engineering Sultanpur, Medak Dist. (2012)
- Institute of Science & Technology, Kukatpally, Hyderabad (1989)
- School of Information Technology, Kukatpally, Hyderabad (1989)
- School of Management Studies, Kukatpally, Hyderabad (1989)
- School of Continuing and Distance Education, Kukatpally, Hyderabad (1983)

In addition to the above 8 institutions, there are close to 270 colleges affiliated to JNTUH in the State of Telangana. Close to 2 Million students graduated with JNTU Degrees so far. A significant number of them are well settled overseas holding prominent positions. So far, there are no formal JNTUH Alumni Associations established overseas including in the USA.

**Formation of JNTUH Alumni Association (USA):**

During the COVID-19 in 2020, a core team of JNTUH Alumni from USA under the chairmanship of Dr. Hari Eppanapally took the initiative to establish JNTUH Alumni Association in the USA with clearly defined objectives and goals. Worked closely with the JNTUH Administration to create the constitution, framework and organization structure following the host country (USA) rules and regulations. The four founding members are: Dr. Hari Eppanapally, Swamy Sriperumbudur, Sudhakar Uppala and Praveen Nidumolu.

The first overseas JNTUH Alumni Association was registered in the USA on August 31, 2020, and officially inaugurated on November 15, 2020 by the Chancellor of JNTUH Hon'ble Governor of Telangana Dr. Tamlisai Soundara Rajan and In-charge Vice Chancellor Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, Rector Prof. A. Govardhan, Registrar Prof. Manzoor Hussain along with the principals and directors of all the constituent colleges graced the occasion.

### **First Annual Convention:**

On November 13, 2021, the JNTUH Alumni Association (USA) organized First Annual Convention in Princeton, New Jersey, USA and celebrated the Golden Jubilee. Several dignitaries from JNTU Hyderabad graced the occasion including the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Katta Narsimha Reddy as chief guest, Dr. A. Govardhan (Rector), Dr. Manzoor Hussain (Registrar), Dr. NC Shivaprakash (Chairman BOG, CEH), and Dr. A Prabhu Kumar (Principal, CEH) as guests of honor along with Dr. G. Vijaya Kumari (Director, JNTUH Innovation HUB). Also, Dr. M. Madhavi Latha (Coordinator, JNTUH Alumni Association), Dr. Bhramara Panitapu (Coordinator, JNTUH, CEH Alumni Association) and Dr. S. Vijay Mohan Rao (President, JNTUH Alumni Association) graced the occasion from India as distinguished guests. Over 50 JNTUH alumni to attended the event in person following the COVID-19 guidelines and hundreds of alumni joined virtually on zoom.

### **Convention Inaugural Session:**

The annual convention inaugural session began at 11am EST [9:30pm IST] with the US National Anthem rendered by Ms. Bhaavitha Nekkalaupudi from North Carolina, followed by the Indian National Anthem rendered by Ms. Aimee Elizabeth George from Kuwait.

The JNTUH Alumni Association President Mr. Swamy Sriperumbudur welcomed the guests and the alumni, and Mr. Krishna Kumar Rani, Executive Vice President & Convener for the first annual convention provided an overview and schedule of the planned activities for the day long program. Mr. Swamy Sriperumbudur as host for the inaugural session introduced the founding Chairman Dr. Hari Eppanapally to deliver the inaugural address.

The JNTUH Alumni Association (USA) chairman Dr. Hari Eppanapally, during his inaugural address shared the objectives and the strategic vision & mission of the organization which is to connect and engage the alumni of all the constituent colleges, academic institutions, and affiliated colleges under JNTUH to support the growth of the institutions and to also promote the JNTUH brand globally. The initial focus will be to establish the operations in the USA and gradually extend to other regions of the world. Also, talked about the future plans and modernization of the education system to provide the employable skills to meet the needs of Industry4.0 needs.

Dr. Eppanapally proudly introduced and appreciated the contributions of the founding members and the executive team of the JNTUH Alumni Association Lead by, President Mr. Swamy Sriperumbudur, executive vice president & convener Mr. Krishna Kumar Rani, Secretary & Treasurer Sudhakar Uppala, International Vice President Praveen Nidumolu, convention team members: Praveen Guduru (co-convener), Mahender Narala, Nagesh Aita and many more volunteers who made this event possible. He conveyed that all the attendees of convention will receive the commemorative citations.



Dr. Eppanapally, shared the various events conducted since the inception of the organization:

1. JNTUH Alumni Association (USA) - Inauguration by Hon'ble Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan on November 15, 2020 along with In-Charge Vice Chancellor Shri Jayesh Ranjan, Rector Dr. A. Govardhan, Registrar Dr. Manzoor Hussain and Directors & Principals of constituent colleges graced the occasion.
2. Hon'ble Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan unveiled the JNTUH Alumni Association Building plans for 50,000 SFT 5 floors structure.
3. Hosted monthly webinars on every 2nd Saturday of the month with world renowned expert speakers on diverse topics ranging from innovation, entrepreneurship, management & healthy living etc.
4. Raised funds and provided PPE kits to front line workers and 2 Ambulances to support the COVID-19 relief efforts in India. Ambulances were delivered by Hon'ble Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan to the receiving organizations.
5. Conducted many webinars with healthcare experts to increase the awareness to be safe from COVID-19.
6. Launched J-VEN [JNTUH Ventures] series on August 21, 2021 on the World Entrepreneurs Day. J-VEN is an initiative of JNTUH Alumni Association (USA) to Empower Innovation by connecting the Entrepreneurs and the Investors/Venture Capitalists for the seed and growth capital.
7. Celebration of JNTUH Alumni Association (USA) first annual convention and Golden Jubilee Celebrations on November 13, 2021 in Princeton, New Jersey, USA.

#### **Invited Guests and Distinguished Alumni:**

Followed by the inaugural address of the Chairman, Mr. Praveen Nidumolu, International Vice President, invited Honorable Vice-chancellor Dr. Katta Narsimha Reddy to inaugurate the convention and deliver the address as chief guest.

Honorable Vice-Chancellor Dr. Katta Narsimha Reddy addressed the gathering, applauded the activities of JNTUH Alumni Association (USA), and assured the support of the construction of the alumni building at the Kukatpally campus.

Mr. Swamy Sriperumbudur as host of the convention, invited the guests of honor and distinguished guests to share their remarks.

Chairman Dr. Hari Eppanapally, recognized the chief guest, guests of honor and the distinguished guests Dr. A Govardhan (Rector), Dr. Manzoor Hussain (Registrar), Dr. NC Shiva Prakash (Chairman BOG of CEH), Dr. Prabhu Kumar (Principal, CEH) recognized them with a commemorative citation for their contributions.

#### **Felicitations of Guests and Distinguished Alumni:**

Chairman Dr. Eppanapally recognized the distinguished alumni Mr. Jayanth Challa, Mr. Roshan Gudapati and Mr. Uday Singh for their entrepreneurial success and Dr. Mohan Reddy Patalolla for his philanthropy. And also appreciated and recognized the supporting organizations represented by Ms.

Lakshmi Moparthi from New York Life, Mr. Nagesh Aita from AITA Consulting Services, Inc. and Venkat SR Mantripragada from MRR Associates, Inc.

### **Alumni Introductions and Feedback:**

After the inaugural session, during the lunch, Mr. Krishna Kumar Rani, and Praveen Guduru, the convention convener and co-convener entertained the attendees with melodious songs.

Mr. Krishna Kumar Rani, Convener requested the attendees to introduce themselves and share their suggestions for the growth of the organization. It was very interesting to learn about each member's accomplishments. He provided the updates regarding Alumni contributions in support of the COVID-19, providing two Ambulances and PPE kits for local charities involved in COVID-19 relief efforts in India. The Ambulances were delivered officially by Hon'ble Governor Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan to the receiving organizations. Mr. Rani also spoke about First J-Ven (JNTU ventures), which was conducted on August 21, 2021 on the occasion World Entrepreneurs Day, bringing Venture Capitalists and Entrepreneurs together to encourage start-ups by alumni.

Mr. Rani also announced, there are several leadership positions to expand the organization to serve our alumni community of JNTUH which made us all proud and requested alumni to visit JNTUH.org and signup to volunteer and serve. Mr. Rani recognized the alumni with the first annual convention commemorative citation for their participation.

### **Objectives**

JNTUH Alumni Association secretary & treasure, Mr. Sudhakar Uppala shared the JNTUH Alumni Association (USA) constitution, by-laws, organization structure, and the Objectives:

1. To promote exchange programs for students, scientists, and distinguished scholars of JNTUH between the United States of America and India as well as other countries.
2. To provide support and guidance to elevate the brand image of JNTUH and to raise endowment fund
3. To provide Effective and seamless communication & networking for the JNTUH Alumni.
4. To provide common services to JNTUH Alumni to achieve their professional and personal goals.
5. To organize periodic JNTUH Alumni educational and professional webinars and conferences either independently or in cooperation with the other organizations.
6. To provide access to capital to foster research, innovation and entrepreneurship.
7. To embrace Diversity & Inclusion in serving the JNTUH Alumni across the nation, addressing mainly the issues faced by them in mainstream society.
8. To organize Annual conferences national and regional level to promote JNTUH Culture and empower the Alumni to accomplish the objectives of the JNTUHAA.
9. To recognize distinguished Alumni, administrators, faculty, and students of JNTUH for their accomplishments and services.
10. To provide humanitarian support during natural calamities and pandemics.

Mr. Sudhakar Uppala also requested the alumni to support the various initiatives of the association and to donate generously for the construction of the alumni building in Hyderabad.

### **Monthly Webinars:**

International vice president Mr. Praveen Nidumolu shared about the monthly webinars with world renowned speakers on diverse topics ranging from innovation, entrepreneurship, management & healthy living, etc. He also shared how these webinars engaged and benefitted the alumni since the inception of the organization.

Mr. Nidumolu announced the plans for the Golden Jubilee celebrations and requested the alumni to take active role in planning monthly events in different parts of USA and requested the alumni to take up few initiatives to benefit the Alumni, faculty and staff and also contribute to the growth of the University including raising funds for the JNTUH Alumni Association Building.

### **Vote of Thanks:**

Mr. Krishna Kumar Rani (convener) and Praveen Guduru (Co-Convener) concluded the convention by thanking the Chief Guest, Guests of honor, distinguished Guests from India and all the alumni who attended in person and virtually and for making the first annual convention of a grand success. Also, thanked the convention team, executive committee and sponsors and supporting organizations. Finally, requested the JNTUH alumni to take active role during the coming months and years to build a world class alumni organization globally.





## Event Flyer:



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1972-2021**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021**  
**USA: 11:00AM EST (INDIA: 9:30PM IST)**  
VENUE: 5 INDEPENDENCE WAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLR, PRINCETON, NJ 08540  
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**PROF. KATTA NARASIMHA REDDY**  
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Rector, JNTUH



**Dr. Manzoor Hussain**  
Registrar, JNTUH



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Chairman BOG, JNTUH CEH



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