Dear Student,

I offer to you my hearty congratulations on joining the IIT Delhi family. I also welcome you to the lovely campus of IIT Delhi, a place where we celebrate youth and excellence and attempt to inculcate in our students, a sense of social responsibility, human values and concern for environment. We not only strive to train the students to become excellent scientists, technologists, thinkers and leaders of the society, but also help them mold themselves into better human beings.

At IIT Delhi, we hope to offer you an environment which will empower you to realize your full potential as a scholar and become a valued citizen of the country and the globe. We do this through a rigorous curriculum which will challenge your intellect; a classroom and laboratory experience which will be both competitive and cooperative on the one hand and comprehensive on the other; and a campus ambience where bright young people shape each other’s minds and thinking even as they shape their own. The vibrant hostel life will offer you an opportunity to learn to do things together with a sense of collective responsibility, even as you work together as a team to bring glory to your hostel and to your Institute through sports and extra-curricular activities. The campus festivals not only bring fun, frolic and colour to the campus, but also provide the students a platform to compete, entertain and become a well-rounded person.

We hope that you would use this opportunity well and use it to develop your full potential and bring out the best in you in whatever field of endeavour you wish to excel. The choice is yours. You will have enormous freedom, but the responsibility to make the appropriate use of this freedom will lie with you. Whatever else you may do, you are primarily here for academics and that is something you should never forget.

I believe that your education in IIT Delhi will be a fulfilling experience. There would, of course, be times when you might feel lonely and stressed, especially during the initial phase of your stay here. During these times, I will strongly suggest that you should not hesitate in seeking help from your Programme Coordinator, Hostel Warden, any other faculty member or the student counsellors of the Institute. We will make a genuine attempt in assisting you during the times of your trials and tribulations. In case of special needs, you are welcome to seek the help of the Dean, Student Affairs or the Dean, Academics.

I sincerely hope that your academic pursuits at IIT Delhi will be fruitful and enjoyable in every respect, as it has been to the past batches, and the experience you gain here and the moments you spend here will be cherished by you throughout your life.

Wishing you the very best,

(V. Ramgopal Rao)