



## Jeet Bindra Distinguished Lecture 2023

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Shri Hemant Jalan</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Relevance of IITK Ch.E education in future life</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>6:00 PM, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>L16, LHC</b>
	<i>High-Tea at 5:45 PM</i>



### Abstract

The relevance of IITK Ch.E education in your future life depends upon what career path you intend to follow. The relevance could be very direct, or somewhat indirect, but there is a strong relevance in both cases. I will give examples of both kinds of relevance, tracing my career path through multiple roles I have performed over the last 50 years.

### About the Distinguished Speaker

Shri. Hemant Jalan, a Distinguished Alumnus Awardee of IITK, received his bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur in 1977. During his tenure at IITK, he was the General Secretary (Cultural) from 1976-77 and represented IITK in inter-collegiate debate competitions throughout his stay at the Institute. After his graduation from the Institute, Mr. Hemant Jalan completed his master's degree in Chemical Engineering at Stanford University and earned his MBA Degree from Chicago Booth (University of Chicago). He returned to India in 1980 and was a Management Consultant with A F Ferguson & Co., Mumbai for two years before starting his entrepreneurial journey at Patna. After setting up and running some chemical companies at Patna for many years, he moved to corporate life, heading the Copper business of Vedanta Ltd at Tuticorin (TN) between 1996-99. In 1999 he located to Pune, re-starting his entrepreneurial career. He founded Indigo Paints in 2000, which has grown multi-fold over the years, culminating in a successful IPO of the company in early 2021. Indigo Paints Ltd. is today the fourth largest paint manufacturer in India, with an annual sales of over Rs 1500 crores.

### About Mr. Jagjeet Singh Bindra and the Jeet Bindra Distinguished Lecture Series:

Mr. Jagjeet Singh Bindra did his B.Tech in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur in 1969. He earned his master's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Washington in Seattle, WA in 1970. Mr. Bindra also has an M.B.A. (honors) from St. Mary's College in Moraga, California. He is a "Distinguished Alumnus" of the University of Washington, College of Engineering, as well as of Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. He was awarded Institute Fellow of IIT Kanpur in the year 2021.

Mr. Jagjeet Singh Bindra is on the board of Lyondell Basell Industries NV and HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd. He is also the director of Edison International and Southern California Edison- one of the United States' largest electric utilities.



Before joining Edison, Mr. Bindra served as president of Chevron Global Manufacturing from 2004 - 2009, where he was instrumental in leading the company's worldwide manufacturing operations, including those of 19 refineries. His entire career at Chevron spanned more than three decades, and he started with his work there as a research engineer and attained a series of promotions with increasing levels of leadership. Apart from his positions with Edison, Mr. Bindra is on the board of directors of Larsen & Toubro Limited, India; Transfield Services Limited, Australia and Sriya Innovations Inc., Kennesaw, Georgia; and has chaired the board of directors at the IIT Kanpur Foundation.

Mr. Bindra is among the top donors. Some of his past initiatives at IIT Kanpur are:

- Mr. & Mrs. Gian Singh Bindra Chair.
- Chevron Corporation Chair.
- Foundation for Chemical Eng. Department towards departmental excellence.
- Centre for Development of Soft Skills.
- Department of Chemical Engineering Modernization of the Unit Operations Laboratory (UOL) and the Workshop Facility.
- Graduate student lounge at the Department of chemical engineering and
- Jeet Bindra Distinguished lecture series.