

# **Alumni Association Term Report 2008-2010**

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The Members,

It is my pleasure to present before you the Term report 2008-2010 of the Alumni Association IIT Kanpur.

The present term of this Board of Directors (BOD) of Alumni Association IIT Kanpur will be coming to an end today and it is time to thank all the alumni for their participation and contributions to alumni activities. There have been regular meetings of this BOD using teleconferencing; till date, 13 such meetings have taken place and over a number of resolutions passed.

I am happy to inform you of the many new initiatives which have been taken up in the years 2008-10.

## **Major Activities of the Alumni Association IIT Kanpur**

### **Nostalgia:**

'Nostalgia' event jointly organized by AA and the Student's Gymkhana, is held every year for bidding farewell to the students completing their graduation/post graduation/PhD. The Classes-of-2008 and 2009 had their last meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008 and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009 respectively. On both the occasions the Presidents of Student's Gymkhana Mr. Anurag Sugania and Mohit Jolly delivered farewell speeches to their respective classes.

Prof S G Dhande, Director IIT Kanpur, Prof. Sanjeev Agrawal, DRPG and Prof Binayak Rath in the year 2008 and Prof Kripa Shanker in 2009, Secretary, Alumni Association, and Dr. Sameer Khandekar addressed the students explaining the role of the DRPG and Alumni Association as a link between the alumni and the institute and requested the graduating students to leave their contact details with the institute. Prof. Prawal Sinha and Partha Chakravarthy and Prof. S.G. Dhande, Director, IITK, bid a formal adieu to the graduating students and wished them all the best for their future. The evenings concluded with a dinner party.

### **Reunions:**

IIT K alumni from around the globe participated in the reunions. The attendees included alumnus awardees, entrepreneurs, bureaucrats including the Ambassador to Germany Mr. Sudhir Vyas of 1970 batch and a whole bunch of techies.

Six Reunions were held in the campus by Alumni Association during this term. Three reunions held during current financial year were the Silver Jubilee Reunion of the class of 1985 from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December 2009, 35<sup>th</sup> reunion of the class of 1975 from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and the Golden Jubilee reunion of the Pioneer Batch from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The Director, Dy. Director, Deans of IIT Kanpur and President, Secretary, and Treasurer of Alumni association along with faculty members and students welcomed the alumni to the campus and shared their views and opinions and valuable suggestions and feelings. Other attractions of the reunions were interaction session with the DRPG, Lunch at Director's residence, Reunion Group Photograph, Campus tour, Felicitation of Alumni by the Director, Lunch at Students' Hall, Open Session and Grand Reunion Dinners at VH and Kamla Retreat of the class of 1975 and the donation of Rs. 50 lakh by the pioneer batch to Opportunity School.

Three reunions were held in 2007-08. The Silver Jubilee Reunion (SJR) of the Class of 84 was held on the campus during 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2008. The 20<sup>th</sup> year reunion was held by the class of 1988 from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2009. The 35-year Reunion of the Class of 1974 was held on the campus during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009. A TV crew under the guidance of Mr Sunil Shanbagh interviewed many of the 1974 class reunion attendees to get information about the history of IITK for creating a commemorative documentary for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IITK.

### **Distinguished Alumni Awards:**

The Distinguished Alumnus Award (DAA) of the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) is the highest award given by the Institute to its alumni in recognition of their achievements of exceptional merit. The following were the awardees of the year 2009-10:

- 1) Vinay Pal Aneja (BT/CHE/71) for his outstanding contributions and academic achievements in the field of Environmental Science and Technology.

- 2) Prof. Arun Kumar Ghosh (MSC2/CHM/81), for his outstanding contributions academic achievements in the field of discovery of drugs for AIDS.
- 3) Prof. J K Jain (MSC2/PHY/81) for his outstanding contributions and academic achievements in the field of composite fermions.
- 4) Dr. Rathin Datta (BT/CHE/70) for his outstanding contributions in development and implementation of various facets of bio-technology.
- 5) Mr. Sudhir Vyas (BT/EE/75) for his outstanding achievements in managing the diplomatic relations of India with several countries.
- 6) Mr. Muktesh Pant (BT/CHE/77) for his outstanding professional achievements in several facets of company management.
- 7) Mr. Sudhakar Kesavan (BT/CHE/77) for his outstanding professional achievements in the field of environment and climate change consultancy.
- 8) Mr. Anupam Khanna (BT/EE/74) for his outstanding professional achievements in the fields of public policy and infrastructure management.
- 9) Mr. Vishnu Chandra Varshney (BT/EE/69) for his outstanding pioneering entrepreneurial contributions in establishment of Venture Capitalism in India.
- 10) Ms. Neera Tandon (BT/CHE/81) for her outstanding entrepreneurial contributions in the field of wireless network technologies.
- 11) Mr. Anil Kumar Chopra (BT/CHE/77) for his outstanding entrepreneurial contributions in the field of petroleum, software and energy, as well as service to society in promoting education.
- 12) Mr. B K Thomas David (BT/ME/77) for his outstanding contributions and selfless service towards empowerment of women.

For the year 2008-2009 there were seven awardees.

### **Satyendra K. Dubey Memorial Award :**

The Satyendra K Dubey Memorial Award for honoring outstanding alumni of the IIT system i.e. all existing Indian Institutes of Technology, who have shown professional integrity and have been upholding human values.

Mr. Shailesh Ramkumar Gandhi (IITB) had been awarded the Satyendra K Dubey memorial award in recognition to the exemplary dedication in spreading communal harmony and leading of Right to Information (RTI) campaign in India.

#### **For the year 2008-2009**

Late Mr. Lalit Kishore Chaudhary (BT/ME/83/IITK) awarded posthumously for his courage and upright behavior and Mr. Vijay Saluja (BT/CE/68/IITD) Ex-Chief Engineer (Civil), New Delhi Municipal Council, New Delhi in recognition of his honesty, integrity and for his efforts in fighting corruption.

### **Alumni Database:**

Since 1 April 2009, AA has made significant progress in enhancing the coverage of Alumni Database.

During these two years the involvement of the PG alumni have been motivated to a great extent.

Efforts are on to upgrade this database from its present figures, through department contact programme, chapters, classes and other such efforts.

Database Statistics, as on Thursday, March 26, 2010

| Degree           | Total Alumni | Registered members | Unregistered members | Email Addresses available | Postal Addresses available |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Graduate degrees | 11280        | 7467               | 3813                 | 9657                      | 9121                       |
| MT (Dual)        | 173          | 173                | 0                    | 165                       | 136                        |
| M Tech           | 8666         | 2977               | 5689                 | 4807                      | 4264                       |
| MSC2             | 1648         | 644                | 1004                 | 934                       | 908                        |

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| MBA                | 233          | 200          | 33           | 216          | 170          |
| MDES               | 55           | 53           | 2            | 53           | 45           |
| PHD                | 2133         | 670          | 1463         | 1289         | 1243         |
| Others             | 72           | 2            | 70           | 18           | 38           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>24260</b> | <b>12186</b> | <b>12074</b> | <b>17139</b> | <b>15925</b> |

### **Alumni Newsletters:**

Alumni Newsletter, a Newsletter, published in house by the Alumni Association office has released 8 issues of the Newsletter in the year 2008-2010, two issues are in pipeline and will be released soon.

### **Staff:**

Currently, AA office has 4 employees

Ms Nidhi Verma Chauhan, Manager, Alumni Association was reappointed for a period of two years w.e.f 1 January 2009.

Ms. Lalitha S, is reappointed as Assistant manager for a period of two year, w. e. f. from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Ms. Indu Sharma was appointed as Accountant for a period of two year, w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Mr. Praveen Sharma - Office boy, was appointed for a period of two year w.e.f 1 Feb. 2009

Ms. Archana Jaiswal, had been recruited as webmaster, w. e. f. from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 and she resigned last month.

### **Staff Housing:**

AA had arranged for housing accommodation for Ms. Archana Jaiswal, Webmaster and Ms. Nidhi V. Chauhan, Manager, from IITK with effect from their respective dates of appointment.

### **New Initiatives for the Alumni Association:**

As we are all aware that the Institute is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year in 2009-2010, a number of activities are being organized by the Alumni Association as a part of this celebration.

#### **i) Golden Jubilee Alumni Convention at IIT Kanpur**

Golden Jubilee Alumni Convention was held from January 2-4, 2010 to celebrate and honour the alumni achievements in the last fifty years. This event was primarily to fulfill Alumni Association's aim namely: to establish good network amongst alumni themselves, staff and students of the Institute; to enable the alumni to participate in activities which would contribute to the general development of the Institute; to keep the alumni abreast of scientific and technological developments at IITK. Thus the alumni had a truly memorable weekend and were a part of the historic Golden Jubilee Celebrations

Invitations for the Convention were sent to all IITK alumni. For the alumni who had intimated us their travel plans, all boarding and lodging arrangements were made for the three days in the campus. Nearly 150 IITK Alumni and many current and former faculty, many of them with their families, from across the globe attended the Convention. Many lectures, talks, IITK Research presentations by faculty, other presentations, panel discussions were organized. It had also offered cultural programs such as Fastest Feet in Rhythm starring Pt. Chitresh Das and Emmy award winner Jason Samuel Smith and Sangeet Sandhya by campus residents. Finally to facilitating illustrious alumni IITK@50, Distinguished Alumnus and Satyendra K Dubey Memorial Award ceremonies were also scheduled during these three days.

#### **ii) Forthcoming Conventions:**

The Alumni Association cordially invites you to attend the following Golden Jubilee Alumni Conventions in 2010 in Bangalore on June 19-20, in Washington D.C. on July 9-10, and in Santa Clara, California, on July 16-18.

- a. **The Bangalore event on June 19-20, 2010** will focus on “Igniting Innovation” at IITs and in the country and “Building Bridges” between the alumni and their alma mater to create a vibrant innovation ecosystem. For more information, and to register for the Bangalore Event, please visit: <http://iitk50-bangalore.com/50/>
- b. **The US East Coast Convention in Washington D.C. on July 9-10, 2010** will focus on Kanpur Indo-American Program (KIAP), and Academics and Research, in addition to connecting the alumni. More information on conference and registration will be available within a month.
- c. **The US West Coast Convention in Santa Clara, California, on July 16-18, 2010** will focus on YOU, part of a 26,000 strong alumni community to Reconnect, Rejuvenate, Rejoice. We will be launching alumni mentoring programs at the event. Information and registration will commence by end of the month, and first200 registrants will get deeply discounted pricing, so stay tuned.

### **iii) Profiling alumni**

Since a year and half we have been profiling a lot of alumni and their achievements and mailing them to at the all mailing list. All news pertaining to any alumni that the AA becomes aware of is profiled and sent promptly.

### **iv) IIT Kanpur @ 50 Award**

To honour the spirit of excellence of IIT Kanpur, IITK @ 50 award was initiated by the Board of the Alumni Association. IITK @ 50 is about honouring 50 years of excellence at IITK. An overwhelming support was received for the nomination process and for arriving at the final selection of 50 Alumni. After the short-listing of 180 nominations received including national awardees like Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Shree, pre-nominated winners of Distinguished Alumnus Award and Satyendra K Dubey Memorial Award. The committee had a difficult time deciding which ones to exclude, so it recommended that all the nominees be put for voting. The list of nominations were put up for alumni-wide voting and the top 50 alumni were elected using electronic voting. While selecting the final 50 from a long list of prominent alumni was a daunting task, the board was struck by the vast range of areas in which the IIT Kanpur alumni have excelled. The compilation of Alumni achievements was quite remarkable.

IITK@50 award ceremony was held on January 3, 2010. The event started with the lighting of the lamp by Mr. Abhay Bhushan, the President of Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur, Prof. Kripa Shankar, Dr. Sameer Khandekar, Prof. Sanjeev Aggrawal, DRPG of IIT Kanpur. The 14 awardees were present in the function and they were felicitated along with citations and a Golden Jubilee Plaque. The other awardees will be honoured during IITK Golden Jubilee Alumni Conventions in Bangalore, Washington D.C., and Santa Clara, CA

### **v) IITK Anthem being worked on by Alumni**

IITK Anthem which is being worked out by Saikat, Shanker, Amit and Saket are working on it. Mr. Praseon Joshi the leading lyricist of India has been signed-up. Sonu Nigam and Shreya Ghosal would likely be singing with professional musicians.

### **vi) IITK Postage Stamp in US**

Commemorative stamp sheet has been registered with the US postal department celebrating the golden jubilee. These stamps were available during the PAN IIT 2009 in Chicago and are also help in fund raising

### **vii) Publications - IITK Alumni @ 50 and Reminiscence**

Two publications are planned in the Golden Jubilee Year:

#### **IITK@50 Publication:**

The top 50 voted alumni recognized during the Alumni Convention and their profile will be published in book to be released during the Bangalore event.

## **Reminiscence:**

It will have the Reminiscences material collected earlier and will also have additional material/anecdotes, etc.

## **viii) Financial Appeals:**

- a) An appeal was sent to the entire IIT Kanpur campus community and alumni requesting financial support for the treatment of Mr. Anand K. Pandey, a Ph. D. student in the Department of Mathematics. He was critically ill and diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML, also known as Blood Cancer) in late April 2008. We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our alumni to have shown generosity in contributing over Rs.15 lakhs and without which Anand's treatment could have been impossible.
- b) Sidh Agrawal Memorial Fund  
To honor late Sidh Kumar Agrawal (IITK BT 1974), the IITK Alumni Association and the Class of 1974 has established the Sidh Agrawal Memorial Fund in his memory. The fund will be used to provide UG scholarships, an award for entrepreneurship, and programs to promote entrepreneurship at IITK. The online donation link for Sid Agrawal Memorial Fund can be accessed directly at the indolink or from IITK Foundation page.
- c) Alumni association sent out another appeal to the alumni when one of our members, Mr Haritash Gulshan (BT/ME/2000) passed away on 15 January 2010. He met a major car accident near Moradabad sustaining multiple head and chest injuries on 12th January 2010. He got through IAS with Rank 6. He joined IAS and got Uttarakhand cadre in year 2004. Gulshan was only son of his parents. He passed away at such young age of 31 leaving behind his parents, wife and two sisters. Although its not possible to fill that vacuum but alumni, especially his batchmates have shown their solidarity with his family and have proposed that they come together and contribute to offer monetary help to the family. Again we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our alumni to have shown generosity in contributing over seven lakhs rupees till now.

## **ix) Souvenir Sales:**

Looking at the overwhelming response received for the Alumni Association souvenir shop in the last three years and in order to meet the growing customer demands during the Golden Jubilee year, Alumni Association has outsourced the souvenir sales to Kansas Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai which also has established souvenir shop at IIT Bombay campus.

## **x) Ultra Marathon at IIT Kanpur**

First Ever 50 KM Ultra-marathon in North India to Celebrate IIT Kanpur's Golden Jubilee was held at IIT Kanpur Campus on February 21, 2010. The event also had other distances, from 2 km (for children below 10 years), 5 km, 10 km, 21 km half-marathon, 42 km marathon, as well as a 50 km relay (up to five participants running 10 km per leg). Around 800 people participated, it brought out many volunteers, saw 65+ old completing the 50 Km run and the winner of 50 KM Ultra-marathon was Mr. Vishwanathan Jayaraman (BT/EE/85). Reebok T-Shirts were courtesy of Micky Pant (BT/CHE/77) CMO of YUM and President of Taco Bell, helped IIT Kanpur to get Rs. 5 Lakh sponsorship for the Ultra-Marathon.

The Bay Chapter also had the bay area IIT runners, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 evening, to coincide with 50K at IITK at the same time. They clocked 110 km + combined from 82-86 batch, 250+Km total. Overall they had over 25 runners, from 72, 86, 85, and 96 batches, most doing 10K, running in parallel with the team '86 at IITK.

## **xi) Open House**

IIT Kanpur had organized Open House on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. It is only for the second time in the history of IIT K that such a community outreach event had been planned. The first event took place during the Silver Jubilee celebrations, 25 years ago! IIT had invited approximately 4500 school children (class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) from 45 Schools in Kanpur city to visit our campus along with their teachers. The whole institute was involved in setting up stalls giving valuable information to the visitors. The staff of Alumni association had

played a vital role in extending all help. It had partially sponsored the souvenir bags which were distributed to all children and teachers. These bags were prepared by Shiksha Sopan on the advice / design of Alumni Association. Many other souvenir items were given to all volunteers of the institute.

## **xii) 80G and 12A**

AA is now registered with Income Tax for 80 G. This will enable donors donating to Alumni Association IIT Kanpur get income tax exemption from the taxable income under section 80G of Income Tax.

## **Other activities:**

### **Off-campus reunions / Chapter get-togethers during 2009-10**

- The Mumbai Chapter of IIT Kanpur Alumni had its annual get together on 28th February 2009, Saturday at MIG Cricket Club, Bandra East, Mumbai.
- ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IIT/KANPUR-DELHI CHAPTER had the annual Chaat On Saturday, 25th April 2009 at Chandra Arya Vidya Mandir - Lawns, East of Kailash, New Delhi
- West Coast Alumni Leadership Award  
The IITK West Coast Alumni Leadership Award was presented at the IITK Alumni Association Northern California Chapter Annual Gala Dinner 2009 on Saturday May 30, 2009 at Mountain View, CA, USA  
The following awards were conferred during the  
Lifetime Achievement Award: Rajeev Motwani, (Late)  
Academic Excellence Award: Pradeep Khosla,  
Corporate Excellence Award: Padmasree Warrior,  
Entrepreneurial Achievement Award: Suhas Patil,  
Technology Leadership Award: Ravi Sethi
- The Hyderabad chapter had get-together on 8th July at Fusion/Deli-9, Road #1, Banjara Hills.
- On October 3, 2009, the PanIIT group in SF bay Area held their 8th Annual Diwali Dhamaka. One of the hallmarks of this night the seven IIT's presenting a skit on a common theme. This year's theme was "Credit Crunch." IIT Kanpur won the prize for relevance to theme. A highlight of the IIT Kanpur presentation was their Ode to IIT song on stage.
- PanIIT 2009 Global Conference was held from October 9 to11, 2009 at Chicago, USA. It focused on Entrepreneurship and Innovation in a Global Economy. The conference brought together a diverse group of thought leaders from industry, academia and government, including alumni of the prestigious IITs. The Secretary, Prof. Kripa Shanker gave a presentation of Alumni Association, IITK about its aims and objectives, activities etc.
- IITKAA Outer Delhi Chapter had a family get together & picnic on Sunday 1st November 2009 at Indian Business Academy (IBA) Greater Noida.
- IIT K AA Mumbai Chapter had the annual get together on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Bandra-E MIG Club.
- On the occasion of Golden Jubilee Year of IITK and Holy festival celebrations the Hyderabad Chapter had a get-together on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at Police officers' Mess, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

For and on behalf of the Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur

(Kripa Shankar)  
Secretary

Kanpur, 28 March 2010