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Subject: **Annual Gift Programme** at IIT Kanpur

Dear Alumni and Friends of IITK:

IITK has been actively seeking the participation and support of its illustrious alumni and friends to scale even greater heights in academic excellence. Alumni have been more than forthcoming. They have responded to the institute's call for support with enthusiasm and warmth, making generous contributions in both cash and kind, reinforcing IITK's confidence in the strong bonds of affection that exist between the institute and the alumni. In this last one year, the support and generosity of our alumni made it possible for us to set up a record number of new student scholarships and faculty chairs. The number of alumni donors the last year was twice compared to that in the previous year.

Just about a year back, we launched the *Annual Gift Programme* with the objective to connect the maximum possible number of alumni with IITK through donations, small or large. Through this programme, alumni can have an ongoing connection with the institute that does not end with a single large donation. It allows alumni to make a commitment for support that they can sustain over the years. Funds raised from the Annual Gift Programme are used for a number of new initiatives towards excellence. During the financial year 2005-06, 120 alumni donated under this programme; donations were both small and large, ranging from Rs 500 / \$ 20 to Rs 100,000 / \$ 3,000. This amount was utilized to extend travel support to students in the form of Partial Travel Grants, filing of patents, and supporting the *Summer Undergraduate Research Grant for Excellence (SURGE)* Programme.

Encouraged with the response last year, and looking forward to an even greater participation from alumni this year, IITK has now added further initiatives.

May I therefore take the liberty to suggest that you consider making a donation to the *Annual Gift Programme* this year? Your donation will be deeply appreciated and will be of great help to your alma mater. Details for making the donation by cheque or by credit card are provided in the enclosed donation form.

Please feel free to share your ideas, and I will be more than happy to address any questions or concerns that you may have. I look forward to hearing from you and a support to your alma mater.

Thanking you, with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Annual Gift Programme

NURTURING EXCELLENCE

Ever since its inception, IIT Kanpur has excelled in education and research. To maintain its leadership, the Institute strives to nurture, encourage and reward excellence by supporting its outstanding faculty and students, over and above the routine. IITK enjoys financial support from the Government of India. But the government grants must be augmented through private funding if the institute were to fulfill its aspirations to be a top school worldwide. Donations meant for specific projects have improved substantially in recent years and the funds so raised are spent only for the purposes specified by the donor, for instance a scholarship.

Unlike huge donations from a few individuals which vary from year to year, small but steady contributions from a large number of donors guarantees continuous support. This has led IIT Kanpur to initiate the **Annual Gift Programme** from October 2005, through which alumni and friends of the Institute can make contributions small or large. It enables the Institute to pool a large number of relatively small donations into a substantial sum that can make a meaningful impact on its agenda towards excellence. Proceeds of the Annual Gift Programme are earmarked solely for activities aimed at furthering excellence and not for overhead costs or salaries. Moreover, activities supported are such that these cannot be covered by the government money.

PURPOSE OF ANNUAL GIFT PROGRAMME

The activities presently being supported by the funds raised through Annual Gift Programme include:

International Travel Support to Students

Starting 2005-06, partial financial support in the range of Rs 20,000 to Rs 40,000 is being extended to students for participation in international conferences. During 2005-06, 43 students were able to participate in conferences abroad through this support. For details, please visit <http://www.iitk.ac.in/drpg/studentwelfare.htm>

Travel Support to New Faculty

To facilitate participation in international conferences, effective 2006-07, new faculty members are being provided partial travel support up to Rs 50,000 during the first three years of their tenure at IIT Kanpur.

Encouragement to Patent Filing

Since last year, IITK has decided to encourage filing of patents by covering the costs associated with patent filing (even US patents) through donations.

SURGE

In order to promote undergraduate research, IITK has launched Summer Undergraduate Research Grant for Excellence (SURGE) with the assistance of California Institute of Technology (Caltech), USA. During summer of 2006, 10 students from IITK and 11 students from various NITs carried out independent research in the campus under the mentorship of IITK faculty members. For details, please visit <http://www.iitk.ac.in/surge/surge2006.htm>.

SURF

Under a MoU with Caltech, USA, during summer of 2006, 3 students from IITK participated in the very prestigious Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) programme at Caltech. Similarly, 3 Caltech students joined IITK for 10 weeks to pursue research work.

Rewarding Technical Writing through Cash Award to Students

Any IITK student publishing paper in a journal listed by the ISI Web of Science receives a **cash award of Rs 10,000**, with effect from April 2006.

In addition, IITK envisages several more such programmes in the near future. These initiatives require considerable financial inputs for which we look forward to alumni support.

HOW TO DONATE

All donations from within India are 100% deductible under section 80G of Indian Income Tax Act. Donors in the US can avail 100% tax deduction by routing the donations through IIT Kanpur Foundation in the United States.

You may use the enclosed proforma for sending your donation. Donations can also be made online using credit cards at the following links:

Donors from USA:

http://www.indolink.com/iitk/annual_gift/

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<http://www.iitk.ac.in/drpg/donation/annualgift.htm>

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DONATION FORM

Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

In case of IITK Alumni: Degree _____ Branch _____ Year of graduation _____

Intention and Purpose of Donation: **Annual Gift Programme**

Yes! I would like to make a gift to IITK

- ☐ Rs 100,000 ☐ Rs 25,000 ☐ Rs 10,000 ☐ Rs 5,000 ☐ Others Rs _____
☐ US\$ 2,500 ☐ US\$ 500 ☐ US\$ 200 ☐ US\$ 100 ☐ Other US\$ _____

I enclose cheque / draft no. _____ dated _____

Please utilize this gift for

- ☐ Student Excellence (UG students) ☐ Student Excellence (PG students)
☐ Faculty Support ☐ Research Excellence
☐ Undesignated (Area of greatest need)

Comments: _____

Mailing Addresses for sending Cheque/Demand Draft

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Date _____

Signature _____