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Dear Alumni and Friends of IITK:

Greetings from the Institute.

As you may be aware, the *Annual Gift Programme* was started a couple of years ago wherein alumni make a contribution to their alma mater annually. From 120 alumni donations in 2005-2006 to 441 alumni donations in 2006-2007 the *Annual Gift Programme* has grown a lot. During 2006-07 Rs. 49 lakhs was contributed towards the Annual Gift Programme.

The amount collected has enabled us to support a number of initiatives towards excellence by students and faculty at IIT Kanpur including a new Cash Award to students for Journal Publications. In addition we support the Partial Travel Grants (to students, faculty, and visiting faculty), and filing of patents in India and USA. The *Summer Undergraduate Research Grants for Excellence* (SURGE) Programme supported by these gifts enables undergraduate students of IITK, NITs, Caltech and Ecole Centrale Paris (ECP) to conduct 10 weeks of research at IIT Kanpur, and IITK students to work at Caltech and ECP.

May I take the liberty of suggesting that you consider making a donation to the *Annual Gift Programme*. Your donation will be deeply appreciated and will assist your alma mater introduce new initiatives. No amount is too small or too large.

Should you like to support any specific activity please feel free to share your ideas. I look forward to hearing from you and to your support to the Institute.

Thanking you, with best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Annual Gift Programme

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NURTURING EXCELLENCE

IIT Kanpur has successfully established itself in science and engineering education globally. The Institute supports its brilliant faculty and students, in all possible ways towards scaling ever greater heights in academic excellence. IITK enjoys liberal financial support from the Government of India. However, in order to fulfill its aspirations to become a top school world wide, the Institute needs private funding over and above the government grants.

Annual Gift Programme was launched in October 2005, through which alumni and friends of the Institute can contribute any amount, small or large, annually. This programme pools a large number of relatively small donations into a substantial sum that supports a number of new initiatives for excellence. Proceeds of the Annual Gift Programme are allocated and used exclusively for activities that are not covered by government grants and are aimed at promoting excellence and not for overhead costs or salaries.

PURPOSE OF ANNUAL GIFT PROGRAMME

The activities presently being supported through Annual Gift Programme include:

International Travel Support to Students

Partial financial support in the range of Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 40,000 is being extended to students for participating in international conferences. During 2006-07, seventy one students travelled overseas to participate in conferences. For details, please visit:

http://www.iitk.ac.in/drpg/studentswelfare.htm

Travel Support to New Faculty

To encourage and 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.

Travel Support for International Visiting Faculty

Starting 2006-07, partial support is provided to encourage more International Visiting Faculty in the Institute.

Impetus to Patent Filing

IITK encourages filing of patents by covering the costs associated with patent filing (even US patents) using the Annual Gift Programme donations.

SURGE

To promote undergraduate research, IITK has launched Summer Undergraduate Research Grant for Excellence (SURGE) with the assistance of California Institute of Technology (Caltech), USA. Under this programme, students of IIT Kanpur and of different NITs conduct 10 weeks of summer research under the mentorship of IIT Kanpur faculty. Also, an exchange programme enables students from Caltech and Ecole Centrale Paris to conduct summer research at IIT Kanpur and vice versa. For details, please visit:

http://www.iitk.ac.in/surge/

Cash Awards for Technical Writing

Through this initiative, any IITK student publishing a paper in any journal listed by the ISI Web of Science receives a cash award of Rs. 10,000. During 2006-07, 204 students received a total of Rs. 26.11 lakhs under this programme.

Alumni Merit-Cum-Means Scholarships

The Annual Gift Programme also enables the Institute to provide scholarships to deserving students who are not able to receive support through the limited number of government-funded or endowed scholarships.

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

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