

Term Report of the Secretary IITKAA
2006-2008
24th February '08

To:
The Members,

I have the pleasure in presenting the Annual Report 2008 and the term ending report of the Secretary, Alumni Association IIT Kanpur for the period 2006-2008.

The present term of this Board of Directors (BOD) of IITKAA will be coming to an end today and it is time to thank all the alumni for their participation and contributions to alumni activities. This is the first global BOD elected under the new constitution of the AA, by a global electorate of alumni. There have been regular meetings of this BOD using teleconferencing; till date, 12 such meetings have taken place and over a hundred resolutions passed. The elections for the new Board of Directors are now being conducted using an election software developed in-house. Ours is the only association among the IITs that has a global election of its Board. The Alumni Association is now fully functional from the Outreach Building donated by the Class-of-69 and the Class-of-80 and inaugurated on December 26, 2006.

I am happy to inform you of the many initiatives which have been taken up in the years 2006-08.

New Activities:

a. **ICICI Online Payment Gateway**

The ICICI Online Payment Gateway has been set up for the purpose of receiving online proceeds of reunion registration fees, sale of souvenir items and online remittance facilities. ICICI has provided the Alumni Association two MIDs (merchant ids) one for accepting payment in INR and other in USD.

b. **Newsletter**

A bimonthly Newsletter is now regularly issued in Feb, April, June, August, October and December, funded by sponsorships provided by alumni of IITK. These sponsorships for the last two years have amounted to Rs 4.25 lakhs.

c. **Alumni Magazine**

The first issue of the alumni magazine was published in the month of August 2007 and dispatched to all alumni. This initiative of IITKAA was fraught with many difficulties, not the least of which was that we had to raise a substantial sum of money to finance it. Rs.15.5 lakhs was raised by means of sponsorship.

d. **Web casting of the reunions**

Events held in the Alumni Association center were web cast live and could be accessed by all desirous of watching the events.

e. **Redesigning of Election Software**

The election software used for online voting has been enhanced from Javascript to Java using Java Crypto API for generating public and private RSA key pairs for Election officer and Administrator. The new version is not only resource efficient more safe and secure but also very user friendly. The votes are completely anonymous and safe. Prof. Karnick (CSE) guided the development of the first version of this software. Prof. Moona of CSE dept. has guided the new version.

f. **Music hobby classes**

Music hobby classes were conducted in the Student Activity Centre for talented students of IITK in classical vocals.

g. **IIT Wiki an online**

The Alumni Association, IIT Kanpur launched IIT Wiki an online forum that allows past and present students of IITK to freely create and edit web page content using any web browser. Users can share their thoughts, discuss, create their home pages and seek guidance from senior alumni through IIT Wiki. Users can customize their own areas, add their own pages, make links to their respective wing and department pages, create chapter websites, host pictures, start blogs, etc. The IIT Wiki is free for all students and alumni of IITK.

h. **Automation of AA Accounts**

We have also moved towards the automation of AA accounts by the use of Tally software.

i. A lecture series called “Being an IITian in the job market” was initiated and a number of alumnus addressed students of IITK on their personal experiences in their respective professions.

Other Activities:

Nostalgia

The ‘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.

The Class-of-2006 had their farewell event on 20 April 2006. Mr. Anirudh Harlalka, President, Student’s Gymkhana inaugurated the evening and delivered a farewell speech.

The Class-of-2007 had their event on 17th April 2007. Arvind Khotari, President, Student’s Gymkhana inaugurated the evening and delivered a farewell speech.

On both the occasions the Director, Secretary, AA, Dean of Students’ Affairs, DRPG addressed the students and wished them all the best for their future. The evenings concluded with a dinner party.

Reunions:

IITK alumni from around the globe participated in these events. The attendees usually included alumnus awardees, entrepreneurs, bureaucrats and professionals from all walks of life.

Six official Reunions were held in the campus by Alumni Association. The reunions were inaugurated by the Director, Dy. Director, Deans and Faculty in the new Outreach building and the occasion was web cast live. The other activities included Lunch at the Director’s residence, Reunion Group Photograph, Campus tour, Felicitation of Alumni by the Director, Lunch at Students’ Hall, Open Session, Grand Reunion Dinner and New Year Celebration.

Reunions held in 2006-07.

The first ever 30th year reunion was held by the class of 1977 from 24th - 25th December 2006 with 35 alumni attending the reunion along with their families.

The 35-year Reunion of the Class – of – 1972 with 91 alumni, was held on the campus during 27th – 28th December 2006.

The Silver Jubilee Reunion of the Class – of – 82 was held during 30th – 31st December 2006 with 88 alumni attending the event.

Reunions held in 2007-08.

The Silver Jubilee Reunion of the Class – of – 83 was held during 27th – 29th December 2007 with 64 alumni attending the event with their families.

The 30th year reunion of the Class – of - 1978 was held from 2nd – 4th January 2008 with 15 alumni attending the reunion.

The 35th -year Reunion of the Class – of – 1973 was held during 30th December 2007 – 1st January 2008, with 45 alumni participating in the event.

Off-campus reunions

Thirty four Alumni of the 1986 batch got together at Khandala, India on 15th September 2007.

Distinguished Alumni Awards:

The following were recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards in 2007:

(1) Mr. Ravinder Nath Akhoury (BT/EE/68) (2) Mr. Narendra Kumar Harihar Kale (MT/CSE/76) (3) Prof. Ashutosh Sharma (BT/CHE/82) (4) Dr. Rajiv Desai (BT/ME/82) (5) Mr. Rajeev Chawla (BT/EE/84).

The following are recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards in 2008 (to be given today):

Prof. Ashok Misra (BT/CHE/1968) Director, IIT Bombay

Dr Ravi Seth (BT/ME/1968) President Avaya Laboratory.

Mr. Harsh Manglik (BT/ME/1970) Chairman & Managing Director Accenture India **Prof. Ashok**

Sinha (BT/EE/1973) Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited.

Prof. Jitendra Malik (BT/EE/1980) Arthur J. Chick Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, University of California at Berkeley.

Prof. Arup K. Chakraborty (BT/CHE/1983) Robert T. Haslam, Professor of Chemistry and Biological Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Satyendra K. Dubey Memorial Award :

The Satyendra K. Dubey Memorial Award was instituted in 2005 by IITK in the memory of the late Mr. Satyendra K. Dubey (BT/CE/1994/IITK) and his exemplary life.

Arvind Kejriwal (BT/ME/89/IITKGP) was the first awardee.

For the year 2006, Prof. Ganesh P. was given the award.

Mr. Anubrotto Kumar Roy/ Dunu Roy (BT/MT/CHE/67/69/IITB) is the recipient of this award for the year 2007.

Distinguished Lectures:

23rd Kelkar Alumni Lecture

The 23rd Kelkar Alumni Lecture ‘Right To Information - A Tool For Holding Government Accountable’ was delivered on 25th March 2006 by Mr. Arvind Kejriwal (BT/ME/89/IITKGP) Founder of ‘Parivartan’.

The 24th Kelkar Alumni Lecture was delivered on 17th March 07 by Mr Gurcharan Das, on "India's Future". This lecture had a record attendance of over 1200 students and faculty.

Lectures on ‘Be an IITian in the Job Market’ series

This lecture series aims at updating IITK students on current job scenarios and inform students of the various job opportunities available to them, the pros and cons of these options, and what they need to do at IITK to prepare themselves for the option of their choice. Speakers are encouraged to relate their personal experiences in the work place and provide tips on dealing with the “real” world.

- a. The first lecture of this series was delivered by Siddharth Sikdar (BT/ME/94) Associate Vice President Aditya Birla Groups.
- b. The second lecture of this series was delivered by Sanjiv Rangrass (BT/MME/82) General Manager Operations ITC Ltd., on August 26, 2006
- c. The third lecture of the series was delivered by Manoj Tandon (BT/MME/83) Head, Corporate Strategy and Business Planning of Nucleus Software on November 18, 2006.

Souvenir Sale

The sale of souvenirs has increased manifold times in the last two years, with souvenirs now becoming a regular source of income for the AA. We have also started an online payment gateway for souvenir sales and credit-card payments and this has helped us to increase our souvenir sale by a further 25%.

Alumni Newsletter

The IIT Kanpur Alumni Association publishes its Newsletter every two months. Alumni Newsletter is a means to build bridges between IITK and its alumni and to cater to the various generations of alumni in India and abroad. Soft copies of the Newsletter are sent to 15,000 alumni, all current & former faculty and current students of IIT Kanpur. Each issue carries a single advertisement and due acknowledgement is given to the alumni who help in getting the sponsorship for the Newsletter. AA has received a good response from sponsors and will strive to further enhance the sponsorships. The total money raised during 2006-8 from sponsorships of the Newsletter was Rs. 4,25,000/-.

Alumni Database:

The database of alumni has been continuously updated and maintained and we hope Batch Coordinators will help us further update it. We have email addresses of 15323 alumni, and postal addresses of 14757 out of a total of 22907 alumni. Of these, 9984 alumni are registered on the website.

Database Statistics, as on Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Degree	Total Alumni	Registered members	Unregistered members	Email Addresses available	Postal Addresses available
Graduate degrees	10690	6360	4330	8762	8520
MT (Dual)	97	97	0	96	77
M Tech	8276	2373	5903	4287	3960
MSC2	1547	496	1051	815	830
MBA	171	136	35	152	139
MDES	43	40	3	40	37
PHD	2011	480	1531	1158	1138
Others	72	2	70	13	44
Grand Total	22907	9984	12923	15323	14745

Staff:

Recruitments:

Currently, AA office has 6 employees.

Lt. Col R.P.S. Multani (Retd.) has joined the service of AA as Administrative Head, w.e.f. from 5 December 2006.

Ms Nidhi Verma Chauhan Manager was reappointed for a period of two years w.e.f 1st January 2007.

Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava-Webmaster, was reappointed for a period of two years w.e.f 1st September 2006

Mr. Praveen Sharma – Office boy, was appointed for a period of one year w.e.f 1st Feb. 2008

Ms. Lalitha S, has been appointed as Assistant systems manager for a period of one year, w. e. f. 27th November 2007.

Ms. Indu Sharma was appointed as Accountant for a period of one year, w.e.f. 14th Nov. 2007

Staff Housing:

AA has arranged for housing accommodation for Lt. Col R.P.S. Multani (Retd.) Administrative Head, and Ms. Nidhi V. Chauhan, Manager, from IITK with effect from their respective dates of appointment.

Activities of Alumni Chapters:

Alumni Chapters are fairly active in India and abroad. Chapters are active in Delhi, Bangalore, Bombay, US West Coast and East Coast. However, we need more chapters to be created and/or become active.

Some of the activities during 2006-7:

- Alumni Association IIT Kanpur-Outer Delhi Chapter had organized an event on 15th April 2006 to see state of the art picture tube manufacturing facilities of Samtel Colour Ltd. at Ghaziabad.
- Bangalore Chapters of Alumni Association of IIT Kanpur with support from Sequoia Capital, had organizing a full day event – Entrepreneur’s Forum - on 23rd September, 2006 at The Oberoi Hotel, Bangalore.
- West Coast Alumni Chapter celebrated annual IITK Alumni Picnic on 24th September, 2006.
- In association with Indian Business Academy, Greater NOIDA Alumni Association IIT Kanpur - Outer Delhi Chapter organized an IIT Alumni family get together and picnic on 26th November 2006
- The Kanpur chapter organised the get-together on 10th December 2006 at the residence of Avinash Gupta, an alumni of IITK.

Some of the activities during 2007-8:

- The Annual Get-together of IIT Kanpur Alumni – Mumbai Chapter was held on February 10, 2007 at BPCL Sports Club, Mahul, Mumbai.
- IITK Bangalore chapter held a get-together on 23rd June 2007. Almost 60 IITK alumni, along with their families, came together at “Aashirwad”, ITC Infotech campus for the alumni meet. Khem Aithani (MT/IME/83), President of the Bangalore Chapter and Pawan Kumar (BT/CE/69) spoke on the occasion.
- The first off-campus Distinguished Alumni Awards was held on June 24th 2007 in the grounds of the Indian Consulate in New York City. The recipients were Ambuj Goyal BT/EE/1978 and Ravi Akhoury BT/EE/1968. The awards were presented by Her Excellency the Consulate General Neelam Deo and Prof. S.G. Dhande, IITK director. The ceremony was hosted by the IITK East coast Alumni Association
- IIT 2007 - Global Alumni Conference was held in Silicon Valley, California, from July 6th - 8th. Over 3,500 people including Directors, faculty members and alumni of all IITs participated in this conference. Keynote speakers included Jeff Immelt, Chairman of General Electric, Arun Sarin, CEO of Vodafone, and Senator Hillary Clinton. Besides the keynotes and panel discussions, there were excellent entertainment programs that featured prominent

artistes from India including Javed Akhtar, Hariprasad Chaurasia and Pandit Jasraj. There were also special programs for the more than 600 alumni spouses attending the Conference. IITK was represented at the event by Prof. S.G. Dhande, Director, and about 450 IITK alumni attending, making this the largest gathering of IITK alumni ever held outside India.

- The Delhi Chapter of IIT Kanpur organized an interaction session with the students joining IIT Kanpur on July 21st 2007. Over 100 alumni and their family members were present.
- IIT Alumni Japan Conference: India-Japan Partnership - New Global and Strategic Perspectives on 15th -17th November 2007
- The Pan IIT picnic was held on September 8th, 2007 at the Woodlands Park in Sunnyvale. About 700 alumni from all IITs attended the event, IITK's alumni attendance was about 150.
- Reunion of Class-of-82 was organized by Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi of IITK during 12th – 13th of January 2008

To end, I wish to thank all alumni and the members of the present Board of Directors of IITK AA, and DRPG & his staff for their contribution to IITK Alumni Association and other alumni issues.

For and on behalf of the Alumni Association, IIT
Kanpur

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Secretary

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