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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The strength of IIT Kanpur has always come from the people who shape its journey - our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters across the world. It is a pleasure to share the April 2026 issue of our newsletter, reflecting the many ways this collective community continues to advance excellence, create impact, and strengthen our institution.



Over the past quarter, the institute has witnessed meaningful progress across academics, research, innovation, and campus life. Our faculty members continue to earn recognition for their contributions. These achievements reaffirm IIT Kanpur's commitment to leadership in education and nation-building. Our alumni community remains one of our greatest sources of pride. Whether through excellence in entrepreneurship, research, public service, or academia, our graduates consistently demonstrate leadership and serve as an inspiration to our current students. Through various engagements, including reunions and interactions, our alumni continue to stay connected. These further highlight the lifelong connection that unites us with IIT Kanpur.

I am especially grateful for the generosity of our alumni and well-wishers, whose support continues to make a lasting difference. Contributions toward scholarships, faculty support, infrastructure, and strategic initiatives are helping us create opportunities for deserving students and strengthen the institute's future. It was truly a pleasure to meet many of our alumni during my recent visit to the USA and hear their stories, ideas and continued affection for IIT Kanpur. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months as we continue to connect with our alumni community across the world.

I am pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Alumni Awards. I encourage you to nominate outstanding alumni whose achievements, leadership, and service bring pride to IIT Kanpur and inspire the wider community.

Thank you for your continued trust, engagement, and commitment to IIT Kanpur. Together, we are building a stronger institution and a lasting legacy.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amey Karkare'.

Prof. Amey Karkare

Dean of Resources and Alumni
IIT Kanpur

SPOTLIGHT

IIT Kanpur MoUs



With **Hindustan Copper Limited** under the SATHEE initiative, to establish SATHEE Kendras in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan to expand academic support for underserved students.



With the **University of Manitoba**, Canada, to collaborate in global public health, digital technologies, AI, data science, MedTech innovation and medical devices.



With **realme India** to launch the realme Cyber-Suraksha Initiative in collaboration with C3iHub, IIT Kanpur. The initiative aims to strengthen cybersecurity awareness and digital safety by empowering over 5,000 citizens across Uttar Pradesh, including students and government professionals, with essential knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world securely.



The Wadhvani School of AI & Intelligent Systems, IIT Kanpur, signed an MoU with **Crisil Limited** to collaborate in Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems, launch the Crisil Lecture Series, and institute the Crisil Student Award.



With **Power Foundation of India (PFI)** to establish the PFI Distinguished Chair Professorship on Power Sector Regulation and Policy.



With **Prevest DenPro Limited** to collaborate on developing and manufacturing biomaterials and biomedical devices for dental and orthopaedic care.

National Cybersecurity Hackathon – HACK IITK 2026



HACK IITK Global Cyber Security Hackathon 2026, organized by C3iHub, was recently held at IIT Kanpur with a finale focused on “Critical Infrastructure Security.”

The event received over 9,000 registrations, with 48 top teams competing in the final round across the Solution Track and Capture the Flag (CTF) Track.

Winners:

- Solution Track: Team Shadow Byte (1st), Nite Meowls (2nd), Blind Coders (3rd)
- CTF Track: Team Cute Cat (1st), Diggaj (2nd), EHAX (3rd)
- Special Awards: Team VNITx, Valium Research

Special Jury Recognition at DSCI Awards 2025 for IIT Kanpur



IIT Kanpur received the ‘Special Jury Recognition for Consistent Performance’ in Best Practices in Cybersecurity Education and Research at the DSCI Excellence Awards 2025. The institute has also won this award in 2023 and 2024, continuing its strong performance in the same category.

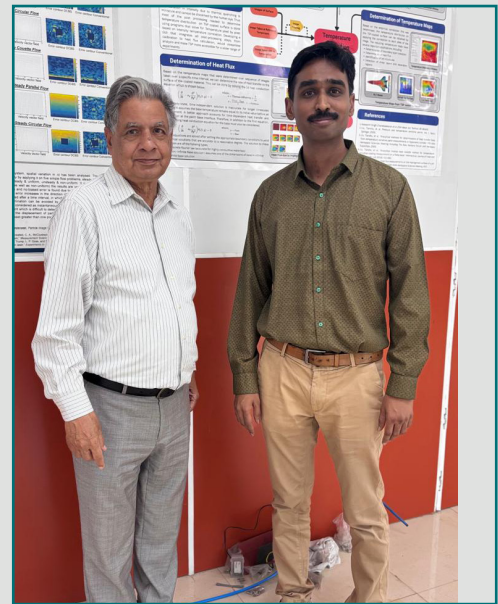
IIT Kanpur Flag Reaches Antarctica



Class of 1976 alumni Mr. Atul Mathur and Mr. Sudhakar Kesavan raised the IIT Kanpur flag in Antarctica, marking a proud moment for the Institute. From IIT Kanpur to the southernmost frontier, their gesture reflected a lifelong bond that no distance can diminish.

IITKonverge | Where Donors Meet Recipients

At IIT Konverge, **Dr. Devendra Shukla (BT/CE/1967)** interacted with Prof. Sathesh Mariappan from the Department of Aerospace Engineering, highlighting the impact of the Devendra Shukla Young Faculty Research Fellowship. Supported by Dr. Shukla, the fellowship empowers early-career faculty to pursue high-quality research, fostering innovation and academic excellence at IIT Kanpur.



At IIT Konverge, donors from the **Class of 1990** met with student recipients of the scholarship they support, offering a personal glimpse into the impact of their contribution. The scholarship supports four first-year undergraduate students each year, enabling them to pursue their education with greater confidence. Current recipients include Max Patel, Kes-hav Mittal, Deepinder Singh Dhillon, and Arushi Goel.

Faculty Connect

The Office of Resources and Alumni (DoRA), IIT Kanpur, recently organised the Faculty Connect Session to strengthen internal engagement, outreach, and collaboration with Institute faculty. During the session, Prof. Amey Karkare, Dean of Resources & Alumni, provided an overview of the role of the DoRA office in facilitating faculty engagement through structured department–alumni networking, proposal structuring, corporate partnerships, and CSR compliance management, while strengthening institutional credibility through impactful success stories. The event received an excellent response, with over 120 faculty members in attendance, making the session a great success.



CDAP Marks Its Presence at the National Para Sports Fest “SANGAM 2026”

The Cell for Differently Abled Persons (CDAP), IIT Kanpur, marked a proud presence at the National Para Sports Fest “SANGAM 2026”, held at IIT Delhi on 17–18 January 2026, with participation from 350+ differently-abled sportspersons representing leading institutions across India. The prize distribution ceremony was graced by Mr. Sharad Kumar, Arjuna Awardee an eminent Indian Para Athlete, inspiring participants nationwide.



Swastibhavatu Lecture on Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security



The Kotak School of Sustainability, IIT Kanpur, hosted a Swastibhavatu Lecture on “Feeding India while Protecting Nature” by Prof. Ashok Gulati (ICRIER). He emphasized sustainability-driven agri-policies and technology-led farming solutions to help farmers increase productivity while conserving natural resources.

Inter IIT Staff Sports Meet 2025



IIT Kanpur delivered an inspiring performance at the 30th Inter IIT Staff Sports Meet 2025, jointly hosted by IIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras, and IIT Tirupati. Competing with determination and team spirit, IIT Kanpur secured the Overall 4th Position, with several podium finishes and top-four rankings across multiple sports.

The Pioneer Batch, Class of 1965 Launches their Year Book



The very first graduating class of IIT Kanpur, launched their Yearbook. More than a collection of memories, it captures the spirit of a batch that helped shape the earliest chapters of the institute.

KKITE Scholarship



The Karan Kashyap Initiative for Talent & Excellence (KKITE) Scholarship Program has been established at IIT Kanpur in memory of Mr. Karan Kashyap (BS/MTH/2020). Instituted by his family, the scholarship will support meritorious students and honour his legacy of excellence, curiosity, and learning.

IIT Kanpur Co-Featured in the Guinness World Records



IIT Kanpur has been co-featured in the Guinness World Records for the Largest Electric Bicycle Delivery through the E-Cycle program, in collaboration with EMotorad and government partners in Andhra Pradesh. The achievement marks a major step toward sustainable, low-carbon mobility under the Kuppam Net Zero Constituency Project, with IIT Kanpur as the technical partner. The Institute was represented at the event by Principal Investigators Prof. Manoj Kumar Tiwari and Prof. Rajeev Jindal.

Inter IIT Students Sports Meets 2025

IIT Kanpur showcased strong sporting excellence at the 58th Inter IIT Students' Sports Meet 2025, jointly hosted by IIT Hyderabad, IIT Madras, and IIT Tirupati. A contingent of 185 student-athletes represented the Institute across multiple disciplines. The Institute secured 5th position overall, with the Men's Contingent finishing 3rd. The contingent earned multiple gold, silver, and bronze medals, and set a new Inter-IIT record in the Women's Long Jump.



IIT Kanpur Team Wins at Wings India 2026



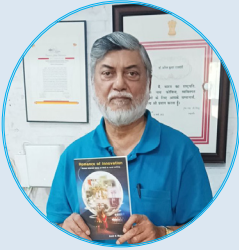
A student team from IIT Kanpur secured First Position at the national level in the Civil Aviation Innovation Challenge at Wings India 2026, a flagship initiative aimed at identifying and showcasing innovative solutions addressing critical challenges across the civil aviation ecosystem. Team Stack_underflow, mentored by Prof. Shankar Prawesh, impressed the jury with their innovative solution. The team comprises Pratyush Gupta (Lead), Vinayak Dalmia, and Vineet Sharma

IIT Kanpur's BODH Platform for Health AI Launched India AI Impact Summit 2026



Hon'ble Health Minister, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, launched Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (BODH), developed by IIT Kanpur in collaboration with National Health Authority (NHA). At the launch, Director, IIT Kanpur, Prof. Manindra Agrawal, introduced BODH as a secure, federated ecosystem designed to transform Indian healthcare. He emphasized that by allowing developers to train AI models on-site without ever accessing raw data - returning only the refined model weights - BODH protects privacy while incentivizing data holders to contribute.

ALUMNI IN FOCUS



Dr. Anil K Rajvanshi (BT/MT/ME/1972/1974)

Authored the inspiring book 'Romance of Innovation: How to Live a Meaningful Life in Rural India'.

Prof. Rajiv K. Varma (BT/PHD/EE/1980/1988)

Named Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC), 2026.

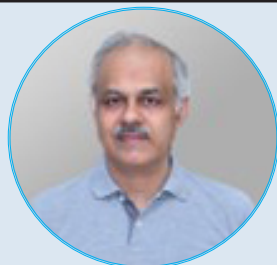


Dr. K. Balasubramanian (BT/MME/1982)

Received the Padma Shri.

Prof. Nitash P. Balsara (BT/CHE/1982)

Elected to the National Academy of Engineering.



Prof. Sanjay Mittal (BT/AE/1988)

Fellow of the Indian Association for Computational Mechanics (IndACM) & Vice-President (Publications) of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE).

Mr. Amit Agrawal (BT/EE/1991)

Appointed Secretary, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.





Mr. Ashwini Kumar (BT/CHE/1996)

Appointed Director on the Board of Gujarat State Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.



Mr. Animesh Srivastava (BT/EE/2001)

Appointed Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at Moglix.



Mr. Abhinav Rastogi (BT/CE/2007)

Appointed Global Marketing Director at YouTube Shopping.



Mr. Tanmaya Shekhar (MSc/ECO/2011)

Released his independent Hindi film Nukkad Naatak.

Directed by Tanmaya, the film beautifully portrays the journey of two expelled college friends who must educate five slum children to regain admission - bridging the gap between “two Indias” through street theatre and social impact.



Prof. Anupam Bera (MSc2/CHM/2013)

Named Young Associate Fellow, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru.



Prof. Deepak Pathak (BT/CSE/2014)

Received 2026 Young Investigator Award For Contributions to AI & Robotics.



Mr. Vivek Yadav (MT/CSE/ 2019)

Appointed Director (IT & Cyber Security), Ministry of Defence Government of India.

IIT Kanpur Alumni Selected in UPSC Examination



Mr. Pakshal Secretry
(BS/ECO/2023)
AIR 8



Mr. Shubham Singh
(BT/EE/2015)
AIR 21



Ms. Samiksha Dwivedi
(MBA/IME/2020)
AIR 56



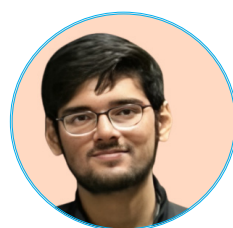
Mr. Mohit Gupta
(BT/EE/2022)
AIR 58



Mr. Akash Trivedi
(BT/CSE/2024)
AIR 73



Mr. Rahul Shekhar
(BT/ME/2019)
AIR 75



Mr. Varun Tokas
(BT/CSE/2025)
AIR 117



Mr. Yogendra Singh
(M.Tech)
AIR 286



Mr. Utkarsh Mishra
(BT/ME/2019)
AIR 337



Ms. Darshana Singh
Baghel
(BT/CE/2023)
AIR 383



Mr. Bhoopendra Singh
Dhakad
(BT/CE/2021)
AIR 494



Mr. Shubham Saurabh
(BT-MT/EE/2019)
AIR 674



Mr. Narendra
Mathuriya
(BT/EE/2021)
AIR 679

REUNIONS

The Class of 2011

The Class of 2011 returned to campus for their 15th Year Reunion from 2–4 January 2026, filling it with laughter, memories, and renewed friendships. Familiar corners came alive once again as alumni and their families relived cherished moments together. Marking the occasion with generosity, the batch also pledged ₹1.08 crore towards their alma mater.



The Class of 1976: Golden Jubilee Reunion

Fifty years later, familiar footsteps returned to campus as the Class of 1976 gathered for their Golden Jubilee Reunion from 6–8 February 2026. Reuniting with old friends and memories, the batch marked the occasion with a pledge of ₹13.5 crore towards key initiatives at the institute and launched vIITality, a memoir reflecting on their journey from campus days to the years beyond.



The Class of 1990

35 years later, the Class of 1990 brought campus alive once again from 13–15 February 2026 with reunions, laughter, and cherished memories. Between department visits, aloo parathas, and endless storytelling, old bonds felt unchanged. The batch also pledged ₹13.2 crore towards the institute.



The Class of 1966

Sixty years on, the Class of 1966 returned to campus from 22–25 February 2026 for a reunion filled with reflection and legacy. From revisiting Hall 1 to planting in remembrance at the Opportunity School and experiencing the Ganga Aarti, the gathering beautifully honoured cherished memories. The batch also pledged ₹2.1 crore towards the institute.



The Class of 2015

From 27 February to 1 March 2026, the Class of 2015 returned to campus for their 10th year reunion, reliving memories through hall visits, old conversations, and laughter-filled nights.



FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS



Prof. Amit Agarwal

Department of Physics

Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences.



Prof. Arun Shukla

Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering

Om Prakash Bhasin Award in Biotechnology.



Prof. Ashoke De

Department of Aerospace Engineering

Fellow of The Institution of Engineers (India) in the Aerospace Engineering Division.



Prof. Ashok Kumar

Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering

Fellow of the Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences (IABS).



Prof. Bishakh Bhattacharya

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Joined the Editorial Board of Journal of Climbing and Walking Robots (JCWR).



Prof. Bushra Ateeq

Department of Biological Science and Bioengineering

GD Birla Award 2025 & Om Prakash Bhasin Award in Biotechnology.



Prof. Dharendra S Katti

Department of Biological Sciences and Bioengineering

IICT CSIR Distinguished Alumnus Award.



Prof. Dootika Vats

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

COPSS Emerging Leaders Award 2026 from the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS).



Prof. Jayant K. Singh (BT/CHE/1997)

Department of Chemical Engineering

Associate Editor of the Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data (ACS Publications).



Prof. Koushik Pal

Department of Physics

Young Associate of the Indian Academy of Sciences.



Prof. Nagma Parveen

Department of Chemistry

Associate of the Indian Academy of Sciences.



Prof. Nisanth Nair

Department of Chemistry

Joined the Editorial Advisory Board (EAB) of The Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters (ACS Publications).



Prof. Sanjay Mittal (BT/AE/1988)

Department of Aerospace Engineering

Received Computational Mechanics Award

Honoured by Asia Pacific Association for Computational Mechanics (APACM).



Prof. Sayak Ray Chowdhury

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

INAE Young Associate 2025.



Prof. Shubham Sahay

Department of Electrical Engineering

Associate of the Indian Academy of Sciences.



Prof. Virkeshwar Kumar

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Associate of the Indian Academy of Sciences.



Prof. Yogesh Singh Chauhan (MT/EE/2003)

Department of Electrical Engineering

Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences.

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS

Infrastructure Support

Jeet Bindra Centre of Excellence in Speciality Chemicals (JBCoESC)

IIT Kanpur recently inaugurated the Jeet Bindra Centre of Excellence in Speciality Chemicals (JBCoESC), marking a major step forward in research, innovation, and sustainability in the field of speciality chemicals. Supported by the generous contribution of distinguished alumnus Mr. Jagjeet S. Bindra, the Centre will focus on indigenous production of green and speciality surfactants, development of digital platforms for next-generation innovation, and exploration of new applications of speciality surfactants and polymeric films across sectors.



Mr. Jagjeet S. Bindra
(BT/CHE/1969)



Mr. Bhadresh Kantilal Shah
(BT/MME/1974)

Generously contributed towards the construction of the **New Hall of Residence** for Students, strengthening campus infrastructure and enhancing the student residential experience at IIT Kanpur.

Mr. Lokvir Kapoor
(BT/ME/1987)

Made a landmark philanthropic contribution towards the **Student Activity Centre 2 (SAC 2)** and the **Central Dining Facility**, strengthening campus infrastructure and enriching student life at IIT Kanpur.

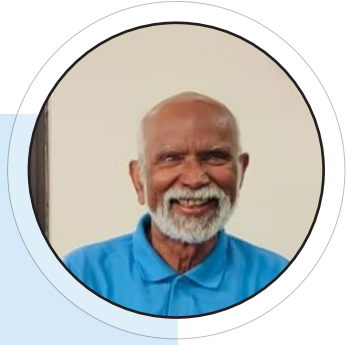


Academic Honors, Grants & Research Support



Dr. Satya P. Chauhan (BT/CHE/1968)

Established the **Satya and Sudha Chauhan Faculty Chair** in the Department of Sustainable Energy and Engineering at IIT Kanpur.



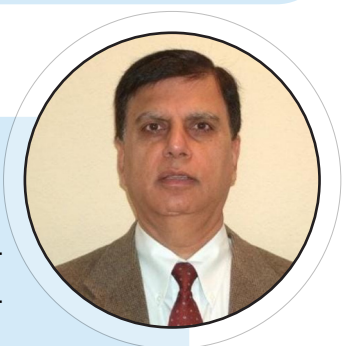
Mr. Akhilesh Maewal (BT/ME/1970)

Established the **Ratan Kumari and Ganga Prasad Memorial Scholarship** for female students in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering at IIT Kanpur.



Mr. Abhay Gupta (BT/ME/1973)

Established the **Geeta Dayal Family Scholarship**. This scholarship will enable meritorious and deserving undergraduate students to pursue their academic journey with greater confidence and financial assurance.



Dr. B. K. Ahuja (BT/EE/1973)

Established the **Ahuja Family Scholarship** in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science & Engineering to support deserving students and promote academic excellence.



Mr. Murthy Ayyagari (BT/EE/1973)

Established the **Ayyagari Satyanarayana Rao Memorial Young Faculty Fellowship**, the **Ayyagari Satyanarayana Rao Memorial Scholarship**, and the **Ayyagari Satyanarayana Rao Memorial Student Travel Grant** in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Mr. Rakesh Bhargava (BT/CHE/1973)

Supported the **Research & Innovation Initiative – Peptide-Based Surfactants** through the project Design and Synthesis of Peptide-Based Surfactants, led by Prof. Ramesh Ramapanicker, Department of Chemistry, strengthening IIT Kanpur's research and innovation ecosystem.



Dr. Pawan Goenka (BT/ME/1975)

Established the **Pawan Goenka Chair** for a professor demonstrating excellence in research in Smart Mobility Solutions.

Class of 1978

Established the **Class of 1978 Scholarship**, open to first-year undergraduate students from Y-25 and Y-26 across any engineering department.



Prof. Sidh Nath Singh (BT/MT/AE/1975/1978)

Established the **Smt. Pushpa Singh Scholarship** for first-year undergraduate female students in the Department of Aerospace Engineering.

Prof. Y. Sudhakar (BT/CHE/1980), Dr. Alok Saboo, Mr. Ajay Dubey (BT/CHE/1980), and Prof. Mukul M. Sharma (BT/CHE/1980)

Supporting:

- 1- **S. K. Gupta and K. S. Gandhi Undergraduate Excellence Award** for the Chemical Engineering student with the highest CPI in the four-year undergraduate programme, presented at Convocation at IIT Kanpur.
- 2- **K. S. Gandhi and S. K. Gupta Research Excellence Award** for postgraduate students of the Department of Chemical Engineering at IIT Kanpur.



Mr. Giridhar Sithamraju (MT/IME/1981)

Established the **Sithamraju Satyanarayana Rao and Krishna Veni Scholarship** and the **Tadepalli Ramchandra Rao and Janaki Scholarship** to support academically meritorious postgraduate students at IIT Kanpur.

Dr. Chandra Mauli Agrawal (BT/ME/1982) and Ms. Susan Robinson Agrawal

Supporting the **Mr. J. K. Agrawal Memorial Scholarship** for second-year undergraduate students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Kanpur.



Mr. Anup Bagchi (BT/CHE/1990)

Established the **Animesh & Jharna Bagchi Scholarship** and the **Anup & Mitul Bagchi Scholarship** for first-year undergraduate students in the Department of Chemical Engineering.



Mr. Nilesh Parate (BT/CSE/1990)

Established the **Sierra Circuits Distinguished Faculty Chair** to strengthen academic leadership and research excellence at IIT Kanpur by enabling distinguished faculty to pursue impactful teaching and research.



Mr. Samir S. Palnitkar (BT/EE/1990)

Established the **Susham and Satish Palnitkar Scholarship** at IIT Kanpur to provide sustained academic support to undergraduate students.



Mr. Prakhar Bansal (BT/CHE/1994)

Instituted the **Prof. Tapan P. Bagchi Award for Excellence in Economic Sciences**, the first undergraduate convocation award in the department. The initiative honours the legacy of Prof. Tapan P. Bagchi, whose teaching and mentorship inspired Mr. Bansal's journey into management and finance.

OTHER CONTRIBUTORS

(Government, Corporates & Non-Alumni)

AIA Engineering Ltd.

Supported the construction of a New Hall of Residence.

Mr. Arindam Mukherjee

Established the Dr. Arup and Anita Mukherjee Scholarship for first-year undergraduate students from the Departments of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science & Engineering at IIT Kanpur.

Arista Networks India Private Ltd.

Established the IIT Kanpur M.Tech. Fellowship Program for Female Students at IIT Kanpur

Billionbrains Garage Ventures Limited

Established the Grow Scholar Well-Being Scholarship and Grow Scholar Full-Ride Scholarship at IIT Kanpur.

Crubn Foundation

Supported the Digital Forensic Laboratory at IIT Kanpur

Government of Uttarakhand

Supported Lab setups in Uttarakhand colleges for students & SATHEE Kendras for school education.

ICICI Foundation

Supported the ICICI Foundation Digital Health Stack at IIT Kanpur.

Kewal Engineering Private Limited

Supported Skilling Leather Stitchers, a program for rural youth at RSK, IIT Kanpur.

Microsoft

Supported India-specific digital skills training and assessments for K–12 teachers and bureaucrats at IIT Kanpur.

Nmtronics (India) Private Limited; Portescap India Pvt. Ltd.; and BP India Private Limited

Supported scientific research at IIT Kanpur.

Mr. Rahul Pundhir

Established the Prof. B. P. Pundhir Best Ph.D. Thesis Award for graduating Ph.D. students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Kanpur.

Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited

Supported initiatives focused on strengthening disaster management, public safety, and food quality monitoring at IIT Kanpur.

Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited

Supported initiatives focused on enhancing worker safety, disaster preparedness, and secure communication in critical infrastructure at IIT Kanpur.

Mr. Vikram Tannan

Supported the Gangwal School of Medical Sciences and Technology at IIT Kanpur.

JK Cement

Supported the Gangwal School of Medical Sciences and Technology at IIT Kanpur.

Pehel Foundation

Supported the Gangwal School of Medical Sciences and Technology at IIT Kanpur.

Family of Prof. S K Gupta

Established the Prof. Santosh K. Gupta Distinguished Lecture Series.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

Annual Giving

One community. One purpose. Year-round impact.

Annual Giving is how the IIT Kanpur community comes together - alumni, faculty, friends, and well-wishers to strengthen the Institute we all believe in. Every contribution supports students, empowers faculty, and advances the ideas and innovations that define IIT Kanpur. When you give annually, you don't just support a cause you sustain momentum.

With each gift, you become an active partner in shaping the Institute's future and carrying its legacy forward.

Support: <https://iitk.ac.in/dora/annualgiving/>



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Sameer Khandekar Memorial Lecture Series



The Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Kanpur has launched a fundraising campaign to institute the Sameer Khandekar Memorial Lecture Series in memory of Prof. Sameer Khandekar, an esteemed alumnus and a beloved member of the institute community, whose untimely passing in December 2023 was a great loss to the academic community.

Prof. Khandekar obtained his M.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering with a specialization in Fluid-Thermal Engineering in 2000 and joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering as a faculty member in September 2004. He was widely recognized for his contributions to heat pipes, thermofluidic systems, and energy technologies. His research combined strong theoretical foundations with experimental innovation and led to impactful collaborations with organizations such as ISRO and BARC, as well as leading institutions worldwide.

Beyond his academic and research contributions, he was an exceptional educator and mentor, deeply admired by students across all levels. His boundless energy, warmth, and cordial nature were cherished by all within the institute and beyond. He was also a creative and engaged individual with a keen interest in music, theatre, and the arts.

The proposed lecture series seeks to honor his legacy by inviting distinguished speakers to share insights in areas aligned with his work, thereby continuing his spirit of curiosity, excellence, and commitment to learning.

Alumni, colleagues, and well-wishers are invited to contribute to this initiative and help create a meaningful tribute to his legacy.

To contribute, please visit:

<https://iitk.ac.in/dora/givingback/sameer-khandekar-memorial-lecture-series.php>

or contact: Prof. Anurag Gupta at head_me@iitk.ac.in.



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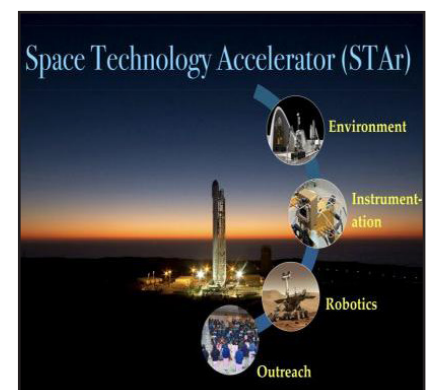
STAr – SPASE (IIT Kanpur)

Space Technology Accelerator @ SPASE is advancing India's capabilities in space manufacturing, payload development, Earth Observation (EO) data with AI, and capacity building. Beyond technology, the initiative actively engages with communities through STEM education, climate resilience, and sustainability programs. Your contribution will enable them to expand their outreach and create meaningful, science-driven impact for children, farmers, and citizens across the country.

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Republic Day

IIT Kanpur celebrated the 77th Republic Day with pride, honouring the nation's constitutional values and reaffirming its commitment to excellence and service. The ceremony commenced with the flag hoisting by Director Prof. Manindra Agrawal, who highlighted key initiatives in mental health, innovation, and alumni engagement. The Institute also recognised long-serving and outstanding staff, along with students for their achievements in the Inter IIT Sports Meet. Cultural performances by students added vibrance to the celebration.



Flower Show

IIT Kanpur organized its Annual Flower Exhibition at the Institute Nursery, celebrating nature, sustainability, and community participation. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Braj Bhushan, Deputy Director, IIT Kanpur, in the presence of Prof. Arghya Das, Chairperson, Flower Show Committee, along with committee members Mr. V.K. Tiwari (SE, IWD) and Mr. Satish K. Singh (Secretary). With over 3,000 potted plants and 210 species on display, the exhibition witnessed enthusiastic participation from across campus.



New Culinary Additions to Campus

Café Cf '98 at Visitors' Hostel

Café Cf '98 has been introduced in the Visitors' Hostel. Supported by the Class of 1998, it offers a welcoming space for visitors and the IIT Kanpur community to relax over coffee and connect.



SUBWAY & STARBUCKS

The area near the New Lecture Hall Complex, with outlets like Starbucks and Subway, has quickly become popular among students. Its close location makes it a convenient spot between classes and study sessions. Students often come here for quick meals and coffee, making it a lively part of daily campus life.



Tadka

A new restaurant, Tadka, has opened near Shopping Center (Shop C). The restaurant serves a variety of Indian cuisine and adds another dining option for the campus community.



STUDENT CORNER

Galaxy

The 41st edition, Galaxy '26, was held from January 30 to February 15, 2026. IIT Kanpur's premier annual Inter-Hall Cultural Championship, Galaxy brought together students in a celebration of creativity, talent, and hall spirit. Events featured a wide range of competitions, including dramatics, dance, fine arts, music, and literary activities, providing students with a platform to showcase their artistic abilities and creativity. Students competed with enthusiasm and pride, making Galaxy a vibrant festival that fosters teamwork, healthy rivalry, and strong bonds among students.



Abhivyakti'26

Held on March 20–21, 2026, Abhivyakti was the flagship startup showcase organized by the Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur. It promoted research-led entrepreneurship and technology commercialization by bringing together startups, investors, industry leaders, academia, and policymakers on one platform. The event included exhibitions, panel discussions, investor connect sessions, and networking opportunities.



Techkriti

Techkriti, IIT Kanpur's annual technical and entrepreneurship festival and one of Asia's largest student-organized technology events, was held from March 19 to 22, 2026. The festival brought together students, startups, and industry leaders through competitions, hackathons, workshops, exhibitions, and expert talks that promoted innovation and problem-solving. Over the years, Techkriti has grown into a vibrant platform for learning, collaboration, networking, and technological advancement.



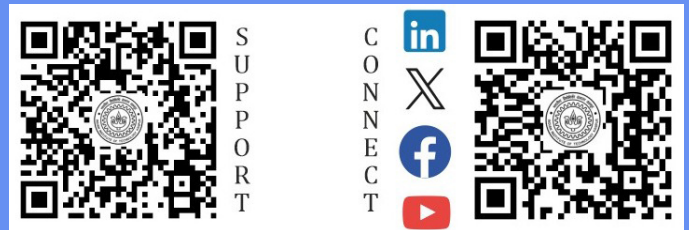


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