



**IIT KANPUR**  
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

*PROPOSAL FOR*  
**SAC EXTENSION**

**SUBMITTED TO CLASS OF 1986**



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# 1.EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since its establishment in 1959, IIT Kanpur has evolved into one of India's foremost institutions of higher education and research. With student enrolment now exceeding 9,500 across undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs, the campus has seen a significant expansion in academic infrastructure. However, the Students' Activity Centre (SAC) which is the nerve centre of student life - has remained largely unchanged since its last space allocation in 2013.

Today, more than **60 active clubs and councils** contribute to the cultural, scientific, athletic, entrepreneurial, and social fabric of the campus. However, the demand for activity spaces far exceeds the capacity of the existing SAC, leading to overcrowding, scheduling conflicts, and limited opportunities for student participation.

IIT Kanpur proposes a modern, purpose-built SAC Extension that will serve as a dynamic hub fostering collaboration, creativity, and holistic development. The new SAC will include 55 purpose-built rooms allocated across student councils- Games and Sports (12), Media and Cultural (6), Science and Technology (25), Academics and Career (6), and Presidents' Office (6) and a multi-purpose event halls with 100–150 capacity for workshops, performances, and social events.

It will also feature a dedicated **Lecture Hall (200–250 capacity)** to relieve pressure on academic lecture halls often booked for extracurricular activities.

The total project cost for the **SAC Extension** is estimated at **INR 25 crores**. IIT Kanpur invites the **Class of 1986** to support a **Lecture Hall** in the SAC Extension with a budget of **INR 4 Crores**, creating a lasting legacy for generations of IIT Kanpur students.

Through this support, the Class of 1986 will play a pivotal role in strengthening the heart of student life on campus. The SAC Extension will provide upgraded spaces for cultural, technical, and recreational activities, enabling thousands of students to pursue their passions.

## 2.ABOUT IIT KANPUR

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, established in 1959, is a premier institution established by the Government of India. In the early stage, under the Kanpur Indo-American Programme (1962-1972), the Institute received technical assistance under KIAP from a consortium of nine leading institutions of the U.S.A. The institute has since grown into a globally recognized center of academic excellence. It has gained a legendary reputation in the country through its academic, social, and economic contributions. The combined record of its past and present faculty and students along with the alumni spread across the world is awe-inspiring.

From the start, the students have been provided education with a strong emphasis on the fundamentals of science and engineering and their application in the field of study. Subsequently, programs in humanities, management, and several interdisciplinary programs like design, environmental engineering and management, material sciences, nuclear engineering and technology, and photonic sciences and engineering programs were started. The education imparted to the students has stood by them even as they acquired new skills and knowledge during their professional careers.

IIT Kanpur continues to be a much sought-after destination for UG and PG studies. In the 65 years of its existence, over 45,000 students have graduated from the Institute. The alumni of IIT Kanpur have made their alma mater proud through their achievements and contributions in diverse fields like engineering, academia, business, entrepreneurship, and public service.

The Institute has a large pool of academic resources spanning 20 departments, 3 Interdisciplinary programs, 25 centres, and 3 specialised Schools across engineering, science, design, humanities, and management disciplines catering to a student strength of more than 9500.

### 3. BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

The existing Student Activity Centre (SAC) has been in use for several years, with the last space allocation for student councils occurring in 2013. Since then, the campus has seen substantial growth in student enrolment, as well as a significant increase in the number of student clubs and councils. Currently, there are **60 active clubs and cells** that contribute to the academic, cultural, athletic, and social fabric of the campus. However, the existing SAC infrastructure can only accommodate a fraction of the total space required by these organizations.

Over the course of a typical week, these clubs collectively utilize **3540 hours** of activity space, but the existing SAC can only handle approximately **1357 hours**. This results in a shortfall of **2183 hours per week**, necessitating the addition of **new space** to meet the growing demand. In addition, many of the clubs are unable to access their required space on a regular basis due to overlapping schedules and inadequate room allocation.

#### **NEED FOR A NEW SAC**

The growing student body and the increasing complexity and diversity of student activities necessitate the development of a dedicated new SAC. The proposed SAC will be a modern, purpose-built facility designed to house all student councils and clubs under one roof, with adequate, well-equipped spaces for academic clubs, sports, arts, cultural societies, and innovation groups. It will not only resolve the current space deficit but also foster interdisciplinary collaboration, creativity, and community-building—key pillars of the IIT Kanpur student experience.

## 4. STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTRE (SAC)- OVERVIEW

The proposed Student Activity Centre (SAC) will be envisioned as a vibrant hub that brings together the diverse student communities of IIT Kanpur, offering dedicated spaces for councils, clubs, and collaborative activities. The facility will house 55 purpose-built rooms allocated across various student councils, including 12 rooms for the Games and Sports Council, 6 for the Media and Cultural Council, 25 for the Science and Technology Council, 6 for the Academics and Career Council, and 6 for the Presidents' Office.

In addition, the SAC will feature multi-purpose event halls designed to accommodate 100–150 attendees for a variety of activities such as workshops, seminars, cultural performances, and social gatherings. These halls will be equipped with advanced audio-visual systems, lighting, and sound infrastructure. A dedicated lecture hall with a seating capacity of 200–250 students will also be incorporated to host large-scale talks, presentations, and student-led sessions, helping reduce the burden on academic lecture halls.

Designed as an open, flexible, and inviting structure, the SAC will prioritize collaboration, creativity, and community-building through transparent, multi-functional spaces and interactive common areas. It will serve as the home for a wide range of student-led clubs and groups such as the Aeromodelling Club, The Brain and Cognitive Science Club, Finance and Analytics Club, Electronics Club, IITK Consulting Group, Programming Club, Robotics Club, Science Coffee House, Team Aerial Robotics, Team UAV IITK, Team ERA, and Team RASET. Collectively, these facilities will position the SAC as a dynamic and inclusive ecosystem that fosters innovation, cultural expression, and holistic student development on campus.

## 5. LECTURE HALL

A dedicated lecture hall should be incorporated into the design of the SAC to relieve the pressure on academic lecture halls that are often booked for extracurricular events. The lecture hall will have a **seating capacity of 200-250 students** and should be equipped with all necessary technological infrastructure, including projectors, screens, audio systems, comfortable seating arrangements and accessible entryways. This hall will serve as a venue for larger student events, talks, and presentations.

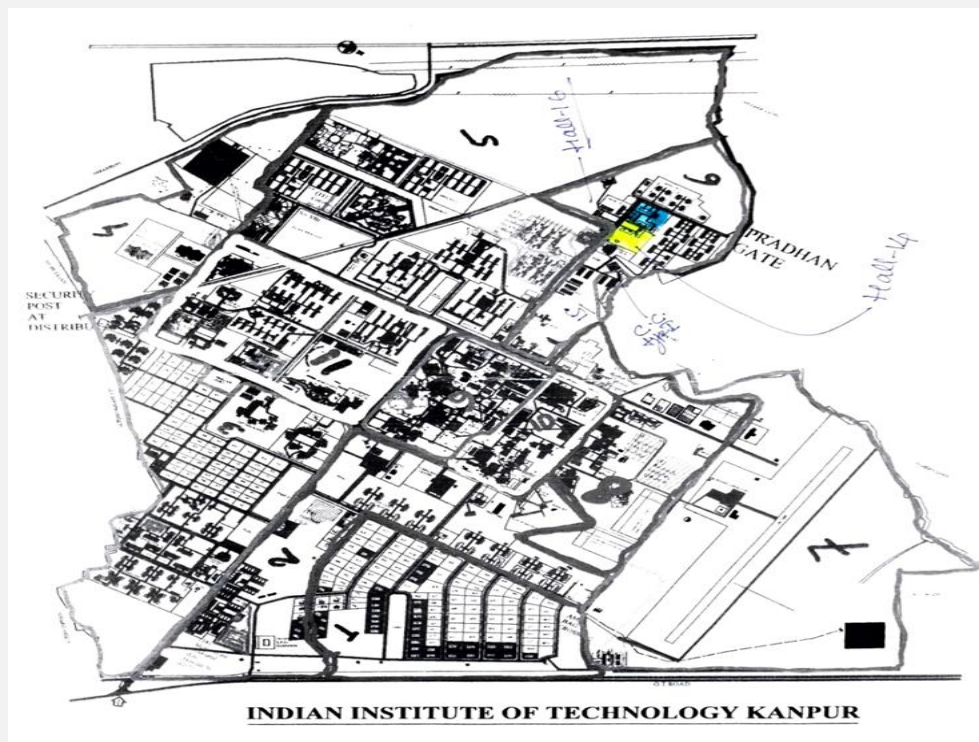
The design of the new Student Activity Centre (SAC) should prioritize an open, flexible, and inviting structure that **fosters creativity, collaboration, and a sense of community**. Rather than being a rigid, compartmentalized building, the space should encourage interaction and spontaneity, with areas that are adaptable to different activities and group sizes.

The layout should feature open common areas, multi-functional spaces, and transparent elements that promote visibility and accessibility, allowing students to feel connected and engaged in the vibrant campus life. This approach should ensure that the SAC serves as a dynamic hub where students can freely collaborate, explore new ideas, and build relationships, ultimately enhancing their extracurricular experiences.

## 6.PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- **Accommodate Increased Student Enrollment** : Provide adequate seating capacity to host large batches, ensuring comfort and accessibility.
- **Enable Modern Teaching Methods:** Integrate smart teaching tools, high-quality audio-visual systems, and flexible seating arrangements.
- **Support Institutional Activities:** Host lectures, academic conferences, seminars, and workshops with ease.
- **Enhance Learning Environment:** Foster active engagement, collaboration, and knowledge exchange among students and faculty.

The proposed location for the new building is highlighted in blue in the map below:



## 7. BUDGET

The proposed Student Activity Centre (SAC) Extension is estimated to cost **INR 25 crore**, encompassing purpose-built council rooms, multi-purpose event halls, collaborative spaces, and common areas to support the growing student community. As part of this project, a dedicated Lecture Hall with a seating capacity of 200–250 is planned at an estimated cost of **INR 4 crore**. **In recognition of your generous contribution, naming rights for the Lecture Hall are proposed for the Class of 1986**, creating a lasting legacy of their support towards enriching student life at IIT Kanpur.

## 8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The new Student Activity Centre (SAC) will **significantly enhance student participation** by increasing the capacity for clubs and councils to function effectively, leading to higher engagement in extracurricular activities. With dedicated spaces for each council and club, the facility will maximize resource utilization by reducing scheduling conflicts and ensuring that rooms are fully utilized. This will allow for a more efficient and organized use of available space. Additionally, the new SAC will foster diverse student engagement by providing room for a wider range of activities, enabling the formation of new clubs and supporting the expansion of existing ones, thereby creating a **more inclusive and vibrant student community**. The facility will also be equipped with modern amenities and technologies, ensuring that students have access to a comfortable and productive environment that meets the demands of contemporary student activities.

## 9. PROPOSED IMPACT

- **Holistic Development:** By providing a dedicated space for extracurricular activities, the new SAC will allow students to explore their interests outside of academics, contributing to leadership, creativity, teamwork, and personal growth.
- **Enhanced Campus Life:** The new SAC will become a hub of student activity, facilitating interactions across diverse student groups, fostering collaboration, and strengthening the sense of community on campus.
- **Future-Proofing:** As the student body continues to grow, the new SAC will ensure that the infrastructure can accommodate the needs of future generations of students, providing a sustainable solution to the long-term demands of extracurricular programming.

## 10. PLEDGE

The construction of a **new Student Activity Centre (SAC)** designed to meet the dynamic needs of over 9500 students and more than 60 active clubs and councils is crucial for the holistic development of students. This thoughtfully planned facility will serve as the beating heart of extracurricular life at IIT Kanpur, fostering creativity, leadership, and collaboration beyond the classroom.

Designed with sustainability and accessibility in mind, it will be a vibrant, inclusive space that encourages interaction, innovation, and community spirit.

As IIT Kanpur undertakes this transformative initiative, we invite the **Class of 1986** to join hands in this journey in **supporting the Lecture Hall**.

**In appreciation of this meaningful support, IIT Kanpur will offer exclusive recognition for the batch within the new SAC.** Your batch's name will be prominently displayed, serving as a lasting testament to your collective commitment to enriching student life and shaping future leaders.

The Batch's gift will make a lasting impact—providing the infrastructure to nurture talent, build community, and inspire generations of IIT Kanpur students to come.

We are stronger together with collective participation