



IITK 1969 Alumni

Indian Institute of Technology

The 1969 Alumni Center and Hall of Fame

November 8, 2004

Dear 1969 IITK Batch Mates:

We, as a class of 1969 need to show appreciation of our experiences gained during the five memorable years at IIT Kanpur. This educational institution, that is now world acclaimed, provided us the platform to form lifelong connections with each other as well as helped us to build a strong foundation to make valuable contributions to society worldwide. Now, it is about time for us to give back to IIT Kanpur.

Forty Five of our 1969 Batchmates attended the December 2003 Reunion, held at IITK Kanpur campus. The Director, Professor S. G. Dhande, presented us with several options. All present unanimously agreed to fund the construction of a 1969 Batch Building. The building number will be "1969" and will be called "The Alumni Center and Hall of Fame". The idea of the Hall of Fame was added because there is no campus facility to showcase the achievements of alumni.

The new building will have the following features:

1. The Entry Hall with the names of *all* the 1969 Batchmates and Corporate Donors.
2. An Alumni Center Office.
3. The Hall of Fame will recognize outstanding contributions by IITK Alumni.
4. There will be a conference center, offices for job interviews, and a business center for graduating students.

The Project Cost Summary for the 1969 Building is the following: The Director has offered one acre of land adjacent to the Visitor's Hostel. The project cost is estimated at about Rs. 1.3 crores. The amount pledged by the 1969 Batchmates present at the 2003 Reunion was Rs 38 lakhs. The amount that has been received from pledges and sent to IITK is Rs 32 lakhs. Another Rs 6 lakhs has been pledged

and will be received in time. But **we need to raise another Rs 27 lakhs by Dec. 31, 2004.**

This goal should be easy to reach if everyone makes a contribution. Simple arithmetic shows that on an average if people contributed about Rs 40,000 each, we will reach our goal. So, **we suggest that people outside of India should contribute \$1000, and in India, Rs 20,000. Of course, we expect our well-heeled classmates to contribute \$5,000 or Rs 1 lakhs or more.** But please remember the act of giving is more important than the amount. It will say something wonderful about our class if there is one hundred percent participation in this campaign.

The attached documents give detailed information regarding gift giving. To make the project real, we have also attached the blueprints for the new 1969 Alumni Center.

Ashok Khanna has agreed to provide us with periodic updates. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Ashok Khanna or any of the 1969 Batch Alumni Center Committee Members listed below.

Please join us by making this a successful campaign and achieving our goal to build the 1969 Alumni Center.

All the best,

1969 Batch Alumni Center Committee

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