



**IIT KANPUR**  
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

BECAUSE OF  
**YOU**

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DREAMS TURNED INTO  
**REALITIES**



**ANNUAL GIVING**  
REPORT 2024-25

# A WORD FROM THE DEAN


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On behalf of IIT Kanpur, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity and unwavering support. Your contributions have been instrumental in empowering our students, advancing groundbreaking research, and strengthening the vibrant spirit of our campus community. Because of you, we nurture innovators and leaders who are shaping a brighter future for our institute and society at large.



Annual giving not only sustains core academic and research initiatives but also builds opportunities for countless young minds to pursue excellence. As we reflect on our shared achievements, I invite you to remain engaged in this transformative journey. Together, we can continue to realize the vision of IIT Kanpur as a global leader in education and innovation.

Thank you for keeping the spirit of giving and connection alive in the IITK family. 

With warm regards,

**Prof. Amey Karkare**

Dean, Resources and Alumni,  
IIT Kanpur

# THE NUMBERS SPEAK VOLUME

**₹2.16**

Crore raised

**260**

Donors

**518**

Donations

**₹83K**

Avg. Gift Per Donor

**179+**

Scholarships

**98+**

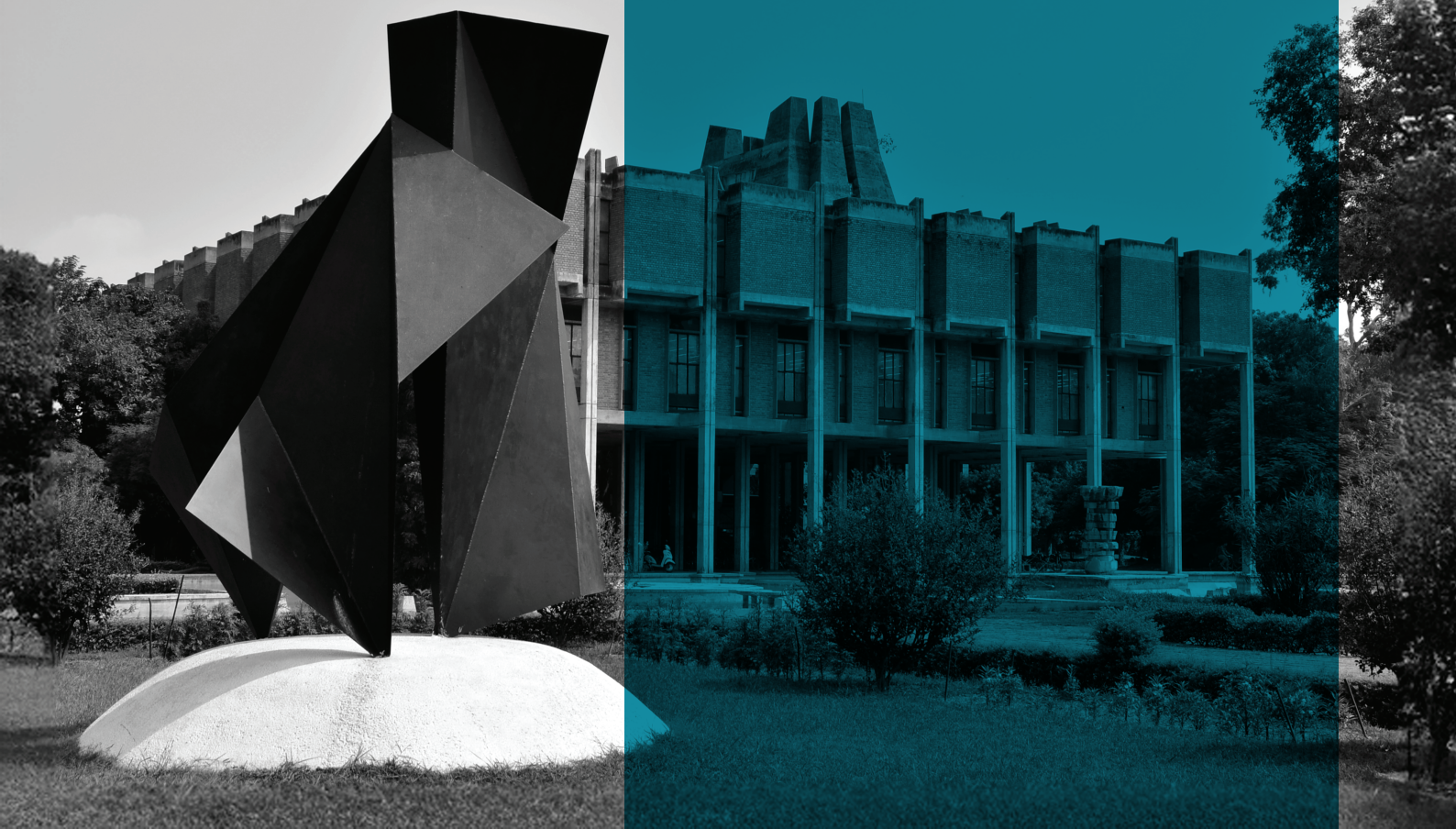
Student Awards

**59+**

Faculty Chairs

**22+**

Faculty Fellowships



# BECAUSE OF YOU.. STORIES FOUND NEW CHAPTERS

## Taking Innovation to New Heights

Because of YOU, our students reached the global stage.

Team Aerial Robotics, a group of passionate IIT Kanpur undergraduate students, qualified for the prestigious International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS) 2025 in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. They proudly secured 3rd place globally and represented India as the only team from the country.

Your generosity provided ₹4.5 lakhs in funding, ensuring these young innovators could showcase their talent on an international platform.

Their vision didn't remain grounded — it took flight.



## A Mess Worker's Plea for Help Was Answered

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**Because of YOU, Mr. Ramakant could stand beside his wife in her fight against cancer.**

Behind every meal served in the hostels, there's a worker who quietly carries the weight of his family's hopes. Mr. Ramakant, a daily-wage mess worker posted in the NCC unit at IIT Kanpur, faced a devastating crisis when his wife was diagnosed with mouth cancer.

With limited means, he struggled to support her treatment. But thanks to the alumni-fund, Ramakant received urgent financial support of ₹1,00,000 enabling her to continue treatment at Lakhanpur Hospital, Kanpur.

It wasn't just a donation, it was a lifeline.

**Your giving reached places where it mattered most.**



## A Helping Hand in Their Hardest Moment

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**Because of YOU, a family found strength and dignity in a difficult time.**



When Shri Avadhesh Kumar Yadav, a dedicated security guard at IIT Kanpur, passed away unexpectedly, his wife Rekha Devi and their three young children were left facing immense challenges.

Thanks to your generosity, the family received ₹2,00,000 in emergency relief from the Alumni Fund. This support provided them with the stability they needed to manage immediate expenses and begin rebuilding their lives with dignity.

This was more than financial aid—it was a reminder that the IITK community stands together, and that your compassion reaches where it matters most.

# BECAUSE OF YOU.. EVERY STORY IS A STORY OF CHANGE



Anshika comes from a small village, in a family dependent on farming as the only source of income. Covering essential expenses like mess and electricity bills at IIT Kanpur was a heavy burden, and at one point her ability to continue studies and prepare for placements was at risk. Alumni support lifted that pressure, giving her the space to focus on academics and her future. Today, she dreams of succeeding in her career and helping other young women from villages like hers.

**Anshika Singh**

Aniket comes from a humble family where money was always short. Almost half of his family's annual income would have gone into hostel and mess charges at IIT Kanpur, making it difficult for him to continue. Despite this, he worked hard and kept his dream alive. Your support helped him cover these essential costs, allowing him to focus on academics and his passion for space and defense research. He now hopes to serve the nation through ISRO or DRDO and one day support other students like him.



**Aniket Shinde**



**Sneh Omer**

Sneh comes from a small village where her father drives an auto-rickshaw and her mother manages the home. As an EWS student, financial struggles constantly stood in the way of her education, making the dream of IIT Kanpur seem far away. Paying for basic needs like hostel and electricity was a constant worry. Your support not only lifted this weight but also gave her the confidence to dream bigger. Inspired by this kindness, Sneha hopes to one day pay it forward and support students from villages like hers.

Vidhi grew up in a small city in Rajasthan, in a joint family where finances were always tight. During her JEE preparation, both her parents were hospitalized, leaving her with the fear of not being able to continue her studies. Even after joining IIT Kanpur, essential expenses added pressure to her family. Your support lifted that burden, giving Vidhi the chance to excel, earning awards, securing internships, and even a pre-placement offer. She now aspires to pursue higher studies and inspire others from small towns like hers.



**Vidhi Jain**



**Amit Kumar**

Amit is the son of a farmer from a small village where the family depended on agriculture as the only source of income. The seasonal nature of farming meant his parents constantly worried about managing household needs, let alone the costs of IIT Kanpur. Covering hostel and living expenses often felt impossible. Alumni support eased this struggle, allowing Amit to continue his studies with peace of mind. He now dreams of building a successful career and supporting students from farming families like his.

Harsh's father, the primary breadwinner, worked long hours on the farm, while his mother stitched clothes to add to the family income. Despite these struggles, Harsh not only managed his academics at IIT Kanpur but also pursued his love for sports like football and badminton, which taught him teamwork and resilience. Your support allowed him to continue his education without the crushing financial burden, and he now dreams of excelling in both his career and life, while giving back to students like him.



**Harsh Wardhan  
Singh Shekhawat**



**Amipriya Anand**

Amipriya faced hardships early in life when he lost a parent, leaving his father, an auto-rickshaw driver, as the only earner in the family. With such limited income, higher education seemed almost impossible. Reaching IIT Kanpur was his biggest dream, but covering mess and living expenses became a huge challenge. Alumni support gave him the relief he needed to continue his studies without burdening his family. Today, he is motivated to succeed and hopes to give back by helping other students facing similar struggles.

# BECAUSE OF YOU.. GIVING MEANS BELONGING

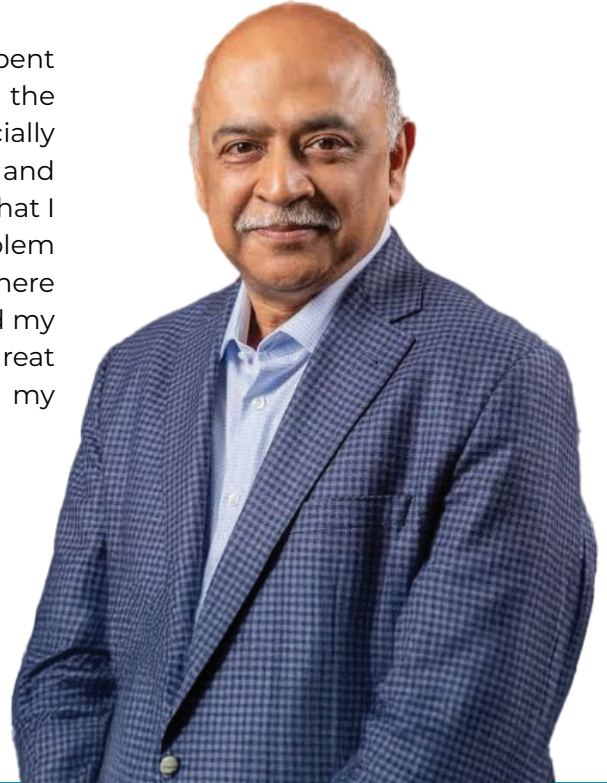
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My career would not be possible without the formative years I spent at IITK. The knowledge I gained there in academics and the interaction with peers gave me a critical foundation. I'm especially thankful for the outstanding faculty at IITK, who were so patient and generous with their time. They instilled in me intellectual tools that I continue to use today, like the ability to break a complex problem into its components and to reason logically and statistically. There was also the crucible of debating with classmates, which honed my critical thinking. I have a profound sense of gratitude for this great institution which has played such a seminal role in shaping my worldview.

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## Dr. Arvind Krishna

(BT/EE/1985)  
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, IBM



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My journey at IIT Kanpur, where I graduated with a B.Tech in Computer Science in 1995, was transformative in ways that continue to resonate nearly three decades later. The rigorous academic environment not only equipped me with technical expertise but also instilled a problem-solving mindset that has proven invaluable throughout my career. What truly sets IITK apart is its unique ecosystem that nurtures both intellectual growth and lasting relationships. The friendships forged in

the hostels, during late-night study and bulla sessions, and through Culfests, movie screenings, and other cultural activities have stood the test of time. Contributing to IITK is more than just giving back – it's an investment in preserving and enhancing this extraordinary environment for future generations. Every time I hear about the achievements of current students or witness the innovative technologies emerging from our campus, I'm reminded of why supporting IITK matters. The skills, values, and relationships I developed at IITK have been cornerstone elements of my life and career. Supporting the institution through giving is my way of ensuring that future students have access to the same transformative experiences that shaped my journey.

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## Mr. Gokul Rajaram

(BT/CSE/1995)  
Executive Team at DoorDash





I arrived on the campus of IIT Kanpur in 1971 as a 16-year old, proud of having qualified with the high rank of All India 13. I was both excited and nervous to be embarking on the non-traditional journey of becoming an engineer in this very male dominated environment. These were the early days of IITK. Only two women had graduated B.Tech – Kavery Muthana, the director's daughter, and Neeru Mohan, my cousin and inspiration.

I graduated with B.Tech in EE in 1976, and then M.Tech in EE in 1979. The education was excellent, with a very accomplished faculty and bright classmates. Above all, IIT taught me how to thrive in a male world. I also have very warm memories of so many fun times spent with friends, especially in the Girls' Hostel.

IIT opened the doors of the world to me. After IIT, I pursued higher education at Carnegie-Mellon University in the USA, and worked at Philips Research. I have had a rewarding career as an engineer and researcher that has brought a sense of accomplishment. I am proud to have graduated from IIT Kanpur. Even after all these years, I can impress people just by telling them that I graduated from IITK.

For the past many years, I, along with my husband, have been making annual contributions to the IITK Foundation as part of its annual giving program. We feel it is important to give back to an institution that has given me so much, and to which I am still deeply attached. Our donations allow IITK to keep investing in facilities and students, and to reach new heights. As an alumna, I feel invested in IIT's future. I want to continue being proud of having graduated from IITK.



## Ms. Roli Garg Wendorf

(BT/MT/EE/1976/1979)

Former President & CFO, American Association of University Women (AAUW)



My five years as a B.Tech student from 1977 to 1982 provided a strong foundation for my subsequent achievements. One enduring memory is of my batchmate during the first three years, who, despite coming from a humble rural background, cleared the JEE through his own efforts. Fortunately, tuition and hostel fees were very nominal at that time. With a merit cum means scholarship, he graduated with good grades and is now well-settled abroad. Today, tuition fees and other expenses are beyond the reach of many deserving students. Helping such students is my primary motivation to give back to IITK.



## Mr. Dhanraj K. Chokappa

(BT/CHE/1982)

Former Operation Leader,  
Unilever R&D Bangalore



**SHARE YOUR STORY**

# BECAUSE OF YOU.. GIVING BECOMES A TRADITION

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*“Even a small gift each year can create big change.”*

At IIT Kanpur, giving back is more than charity, it's a tradition of gratitude, a way to honour where you began, and a powerful act that shapes where the Institute is headed.

Your annual gift supports students, fuels research, uplifts communities, and strengthens the IITK legacy.

Annual giving isn't about how much, it's about how consistently we choose to give back to the place that gave us so much.

## Why Give Back Every Year?

It's a way of saying thank you to your alma mater for the foundation it gave you.

- **Empower the next generation** - Support scholarships and life-changing opportunities.
- **Accelerate IITK's advancement** - Fuel cutting-edge research, innovation, and faculty development.
- **Save while you give** - All donations are 100% tax-deductible under applicable sections.
- **Make giving flexible and sustainable** - A small gift every year keeps your impact alive, effortlessly.

# BECAUSE OF YOU.. GIVING IS NOW EFFORTLESS

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There are many ways to make a difference - choose what resonates with your heart.

Supporting IIT Kanpur is no longer limited to a cheque or a moment - it can now be a habit, a legacy, or even a conversation. Whether it's a recurring contribution, mentorship, or sharing your industry insights, every act of giving strengthens the IITK fabric.

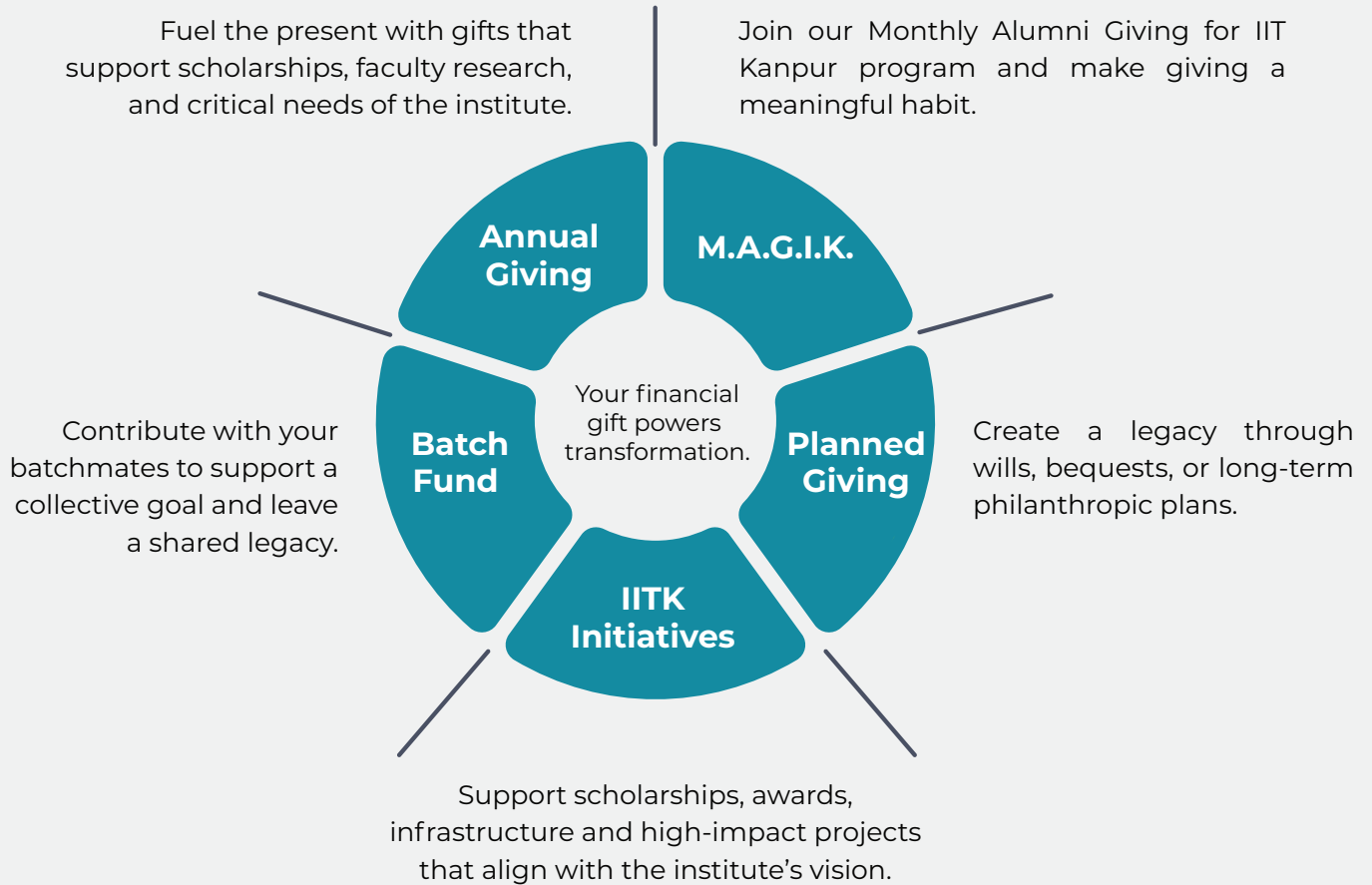
You can give your time, your expertise, or your resources and every gesture counts. *Click to know more*

## GIVING BACK

TIME

RESOURCES

# GIVING BACK: RESOURCES



# GIVING BACK: TIME

Your knowledge is as valuable as your donation.



**A.I.M** – Alumni Inspired Mentorship  
Mentor current students and help them navigate life beyond campus career, choices, challenges.

## AlmaKconnect

Share your expertise through talks, lectures, panels, and virtual engagement sessions.

**ALMAKCONNECT**  
A Platform for Alumni-Student Engagement

## SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Be a guiding force for student-led startups - offer mentorship, feedback, and growth insights.



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