

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

Institute foundation Day

Mr. Umang Gupta

A 1971 B. Tech. graduate in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur, Mr. Umang Gupta has positively impacted the world around him on multiple dimensions. He has been a pioneer and leader in enterprise software for mini-computers, personal computers and the Internet and mobile platforms. He has transformed multiple IIT alumni organisations globally. From his home in San Mateo, California, Mr. Gupta has been engaged his local community in Silicon Valley and remains a devoted husband to Ruth, proud father to Anjali and Kashi and three grandchildren.

After completing his MBA from Kent State University and working for IBM, Mr. Gupta moved to California and was asked by Larry Ellison to write the first business plan for Oracle Corporation in 1981.

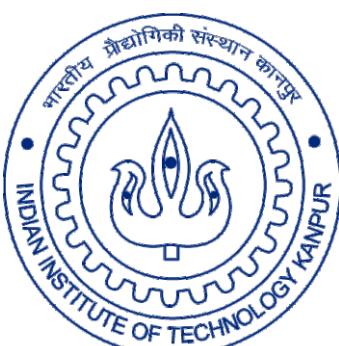
Later, Mr. Gupta's work ushered in the era of Client-Server computing via Gupta Technologies, a software company that he founded in 1984 and led to a successful IPO in 1993, thus becoming the first Indian American to take a software company public on the NASDAQ. After exiting that company, he became the Chairman, CEO and largest shareholder of Keynote Systems, an Internet measurement and testing startup that he built into one of the world's first Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) companies and which he took public in 1999. Keynote acquired 14 other companies over the next 15 years until it was sold to a private equity firm.

When IIT Kanpur alumni in California banded together to establish the IITK Foundation as a non-profit charity in 2000, Mr. Gupta graciously agreed to be its founding chairperson and expanded its reach across the United States. He donated significant funds to the Foundation and his leadership enabled many others to commit to funding and growing the foundation. After the 50th anniversary of the IIT System, alumni from Bombay, Delhi, Guwahati, Kharagpur and Madras rallied with Kanpur graduates to support him as the founding chairman Pan IIT USA, Inc. Pan IIT Global was created as a loose affiliation of IIT alumni organizations in Canada, India, Europe, the United States and other parts of the world. Mr. Gupta also served as its chairperson from 2009 to 2016.

As a philanthropist, Mr. Gupta served on the board of what is now the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which has raised billions of dollars for regional and national causes in the United States. In addition, Ruth and he were donors to, and served as board members of PARCA, a California non-profit organization that serves the developmentally disabled and their families. He served on the board of the Smithsonian Institution's Asian Pacific American Center, and as Chairman of the San Mateo County History Museum where he and Ruth have attended the Immigrants Gallery celebrating the contributions of immigrants to California from all over the world.

IIT Kanpur takes great pride in honouring Mr. Umang Gupta as an Institute Fellow.

2nd November 2020



Abhay Karandikar
Director