# Silver jubilee reunion of 1981 batch begins at IIT

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Kanpur: The two-day long silver jubilee reunion of 'class-of-81' commenced at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) on Friday. Following the attack on the IISc campus in Bangalore, security arrangements have beefed up in IIT campus. People are screened at the entrance and additional armed security guards have been deployed all across the college campus. Besides. sources claimed that closed circuit cameras were also likely to be installed at the venue.

Over the 70 alumni members, who gathered on the campus with their family, looked relaxed while meeting their old colleagues. While a few among them remained slim and in shape, a majority had gained weight and turned bald, making them difficult to be recognised.

The party time began from Thursday evening, when the first cluster of alumni reached the campus. But the actual reunion started with a



(From left) SK Jain, director SG Dhande, Somnath Biswas, Sanjay Rai and Anil Srivastava inaugurating the silver jubilee reunion of 'class-of-81' at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur on Friday.

formal inauguration ceremony. Around 60 alumni from different streams of 1981 batch were felicitated on the occasion.

Welcoming the guests, director, IIT-K, Sanjay Govind Dhande shared some achievements made by the institute. "We owe these successes to the perseverance and good wishes of our brilliant students," he said. Dhande explained that for past seven years, IIT-K has been winning the prestigious Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Award apart from several national and international achievements.

Besides, this year, three students from IIT-K have been selected for the prestigious Aditya Birla fellowship among the ten students from the country.

# **'Time for IlTians to rock civil services'**

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**Kanpur:** Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, (IIT-K) alumnus of 1981-batch Anil Srivastava has called upon the IITians to rock the civil services.

"After saturating IT and technology sector across the world, its time to rock civil services," said Srivastava who is senior secretary finance at commissioner of treasuries and accounts, MP.

"Though its difficult to work honestly with politicians and corruption embedded in bureaucracy but IITians know the tricks of taming difficult tasks," he said. Srivastava stressed that Indian Administrative Services need young and determined people and IITians were most suited for the job.

He further said that working in multinational companies before setting up an en-



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Srivastava opined that 20 years back IIT lacked the fame. "IIT earned its name in the USA after a number of IITians went and worked there. Similarly, if a large mass of IITians joins civil services the system would change," he said.

### Security to be tightened at institute

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK** 

Kanpur: Following the recent terrorist attack at the premier Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Banglore, police brass and intelligence units have got busy in drafting a blueprint for the security of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-K) here.

In this connection, sources told *The Times of India* on Friday that police officials, local intelligence unit and IIT-K officials also held a meeting. Training is likely to be imparted to security personnel in a bid to counter terrorist attacks.

It is learnt that points have been identified for installation of metal detectors with more frisking at entry points. Besides Central police organisations will be deloyed around the IIT for tight security.

# **IlTians reminisce old days**

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Kanpur: Alumnus of 1975 batch Rajendra Singh received the prestigious 'distinguished alumnus award-2000' here on Friday.

Singh, who is a partner in several multinational venture and owns a telecommunication

company that operates in 40 countries, was in the city along with his wife Neera Singh of 1981 batch, to attend the alumni meet at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K). Recalling his IIT days, Singh told mediapersons that he had led students' strike in 1974. "It was a tedious job and I swore never to repeat it," he added. Till date, he has set up at least 22 ventures, including the first business process outsourcing unit in Mumbai in 1991.Currently, Singh and his wife are working on satellite radio spectrum. When asked about the challenges before India, he said, "keeping abreast with the global technologi-



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cal advancements with limited resources is the biggest challenge before India". When asked about the best thing of present IIT, a

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1981 alumnus, Neil Bhaskar said, "More women! In our entire batch there were only six women". Another alumnus Neera Singh said appreciated that nearly 17 per cent IIT candidates are girls these days.

However, for colleagues putting on weight very fast, senior vice-president, Network Planning and Implementation, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL), Alin Jayant suggested the marathon. "Many of my classmates used to share my clothes, but now their bulging bellies are out of their control", he joked.

## 'Internet snags would be over soon'

#### HT Correspondent Kanpur, December 30

SNAGS IN Internet communication were likely to be checked soon, said senior vice-president of VSNL Dr Alin Jayant.

Talking to Hindustan Times, Jayant, an IIT-K alumnus, said that the disturbance in transmission was caused by rise in the servicing sector. Once the old model of transmission was changed, the problem would be eliminated.

He said that the VSNL was promoting Wi-Max technology to overcome the transmission problems.

Dr Sunand Pandey, also an alumnus and Chief LPG Manager of Assam Oil Division at Digboi expected that within next 20 years, the country would rely on CNG.

He told Hindustan Times that



**Dr Alin Jayant** 



**Dr Sunand Pandey** 

work of laying down the CNG pipelines in the country was being done on war-footing.

# Kanpur IITian sets up \$60m company in US

HT Correspondent Kanpur, December 30

DR SANJAY Kasturia, an IITian, has stunned his colleagues and teachers by setting up a \$60 million company in the US. The company is engaged in developing various types of chips according to the demand of the global customers.

Talking to *Hindustan Times*, Dr Kathuria said so far he had been developing database chips for data networking and PCs. "There was a slump in the chip business in 2002 but at present there is a boom in this sector," he added.

To a question, he said that since global knowledge was databased, there was no reason for any slump in the future. Gradually every sector would get dependent upon the sophisticated data networking and there were ample opportunities for the new entrepreneurs in this sector. Sanjay Kasturia



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He suggested that the Indian Government should encourage chip developers by providing assistance to strengthen the future Indian economy.

### IIT-K to push cell phones in remotest areas Singh learnt a lesson from strike and the technology to other companies. At present, he

A DISTINGUISHED alumnus of the IIT-K Dr Rajinder Singh has developed a new system to provide

connectivity to the cellular phones even in g the remotest areas throughout the globe.

He has been working on the new project and expected that the technology would be developed for commercial use by the middle of next year.

Talking to newsmen here on Friday, Dr Singh said that uninterrupted connectivity could be possible by using the satellite spectrum for the cellular phone spectrum.

He said the work on the new technology was taken up by his newly-formed MSV Company at USA. He said so far he has formed over 22 companies for developing new technologies and later sold the companies



is shareholder in seven of his companies in USA, Dr Singh said.

Dr Singh said that he and his wife Neera Singh, who is also an engineer from IIT-K. had first set up a company under the style. LCC International Company in the year 1982, which had 900 employees all over the world. Later, the company was sold and a new company was formed in the year 1991 to develop the technology of connecting the cellular switches.

He said it has been his venture to form new company to develop a new technology and then to sell the company and the technology. Consequently, 22 companies were sold till date, he added.

DR RAJINDER Singh was the first and the last student, who had stunned the authorities of the IIT-K by giving strike call in the year 1974. That was the maiden strike. After that no strike by the students was witnessed at the Institute.

This was disclosed by Dr Singh himself to the newsmen today. He said the cause of strike was quite petty. Since he had been the member of the student senate, one of the students complained against a security guard for thrashing him. The chairman of the board of governors Zahir Hussain, who was here on the day, called Dr Singh and assured to suspend all the erring guards. Consequently, the strike was called off within two days. However, Dr Singh said that he learnt a lesson from the strike that in future he would not venture to give such call as it involved serious tension.

### एल्युमिनी मीट- यादों के झरोखे से चुराये बीते दिन उपलब्धियों ने देश में ही नहीं दुनिया में रोशन किया आई.आई.टी. का नाम

(आज समाचार सेवा) दिसम्बर । कानपर, 30 आई.आई.टी. में १९८१ येंच के एल्यमिनी मीट का शभारंभ निदेशक संजय गोविंद धांडे ने दीप प्रञ्जवलित कर किया। इस मौके पर उन्होंने कहा कि संस्थान नैनो टेक्नालाजी के क्षेत में देश में प्रथम पायदान पर है। इंडियन रैलवे, नैनो माईस, इंटीग्रेटेड इकनामिक्स, आर.एफ.आई.डी., बायो साइंस, भाषा अनुवाद, शांति स्वरूप भटनागर एवाई, पर्यावरण विज्ञान आदि क्षेत्रों में प्रगति हासिल करने की वजह से अमेरिका में हमारा नाम हुआ है। कार्यक्रम में स्वागत भाषण प्रोफेसर विनायक ईश्वरन ने पढा। इसके पश्चात लगभग ६० एल्यमिनाइयों को वस्त भेंट कर सम्मानित किया। अंत



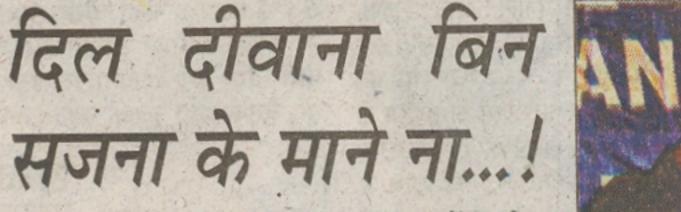
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में धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव एल्युमिनी आई.ए. एस. अनिल श्रीवास्तव ने दिया। भोजन के पश्चात हुए फोटो खिंचवाने के दौरान एल्युमिनियों ने खुब भरती की। मस्ती का आलम यह था कि पुरानी यादों में इवते हुए बोल रहे थे कि

हाल ३ का टेम्पो हाई है, हाल २ हमारा भाई है। फड़ा क्रिकेट के दौरान खेलते हुए आश जैने ने कहा कि रियुनियने का सिस्टम बहुत अच्छा, जिनसे दुबारा मिलने का सोचा भी न था, उन्हें यहां पाकर बहुत अच्छा लगा। पुराने समय में फिर वापस खो गये। क्रिकेट में सुधीर मिश्रा, संजीव गोयल, अनिल श्रीवास्तव, संजीव कमार, अभिजीत चक्रवर्ती, प्रमोद जोशी सहित अन्य बिना हारजीत का मैच खेल रहे थे तो अन्य टर का मजा ले रहे थे।





कानपुर, 31 दिसम्बर। रात कली इक ख्वाब में आयी... ने जहां समां बांधा, वहीं दिल दीवना बिन सजना के माने ना... में हाल तालियों की गूंज से गड़गड़ा उठा। वहीं मैं मंदिर पहुंचा हां जी... की पैरोडी पर खूब ताली बजी। मंजर था आई.आई.टी. में १९८१ बैच की एल्युमिनी मीट का सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम।

पूर्व छात व आयकर आयुक्त आशु जैन ने एंकरिंग में अन्नु कपूर की छाप दिखायी पड़ रही थी। आस्ट्रेलिया से

### आई.आई.टी. में 1981 बैच के छात्र जब आपस में मिले तो मचल पड़े दिल

आये एलेक्स ने अंग्रेजी लोकनृत्य पर समां बांध दिया। वहीं आशु जैन व अनीता भटनागर जैन का युगल गीत ये दिल बिन सजना के माने ना... सभी पर भारी पड़ा। सारे बैच के पूर्व छातों ने मैं मंदिर पहुंचा हां जी... पर जोरदार पैरोडी को तो पूरा हाल हंसते हंसते लोटपोट हो गया। सुधीर मिश्रा व वत्सला मिश्रा के गाये गीत तारीफ करूं क्या उसकी...में जहां खूब ताली बजी वहीं प्रवीर कुमार व साधना कुमार का छोड़ दो आंचल जमाना क्या कहेगा... किसी से कम न था। मिलिंद जनबंधु ने गिटार पर जोरदार प्रस्तुतिकरण किया। इस मौके पर संजीव गोयल, अर्चना गोयल, एस.के. राय, पूनम राय सहित पूरा बैच सपरिवार मौजूद था।



आई.आई.टी. में गाना गाते आयकर आयुक्त आसू जैन, उनकी पत्नी कमिश्नर कानपुर अनीता भटनागर जैन। छाया: आज

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आफ़िस में बैठकर घर का टीवी भी बंद कर सकेंगे। यह दावा करते हैं आई.आई.टी. के पूर्व छात अमेरिका निवासी	तलाश भारत में जोरदारी से चल रही है। है। उन्होंने कहा कि हमारे देश में गैस बम्बे हाई जैसा तेल का खजाना अगर तथा आयल की खपत प्रतिवर्ष ४० से हमें एक और मिल जाता है तो हम लगभग ५० मीट्रिक टन है, जिसमें ३० से ३५ पूरी तरह से आत्मनिर्भर हो जायंगे। यह बात आई. आई.टी. अरोर्ड मिले अरोर्ड मिले जात है तो हम लगभग परी तरह आत्मनिर्भर के कम्पनी बाग में जन्में आयल एण्ड नेचुरल गैस कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के अधीक्षण सर्वे तथा मैंप्रिंग राजामुंदरी, करैकल, आंध्र अभियंता कनौजियां कहते हैं कि कच्चे तथा तमिलनाड में जरी है। वे कहते हैं कि	

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