

PRESS RELEASE



Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

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Inauguration of

“Autodesk Inc - IIT Kanpur Digital Innovation Lab”

by

Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal

Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

Date & Venue : October 12, 2007, 1600 Hrs, at Outreach Building

Autodesk partners IIT Kanpur to give thrust to Design Study and Research in the country

Jointly launches Digital Innovation Lab at the Institute

Kanpur, October 12, 2007: Autodesk Inc. (NASDAQ: ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital solutions company and the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K), among India's foremost institutes for technology education, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a 'Digital Innovation Lab (DIL) for Innovative Design and Research'. The laboratory was inaugurated by Sri Shriprakash Jaiswal, Honorable Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India during a function held at the institute today.

The Digital Innovation Lab will be a central facility intended for use by both under-graduate and post-graduate students of IIT Kanpur. As a part of the agreement, IIT Kanpur and Autodesk will also undertake short term courses for industry in the areas of design, a finishing school on design for students from other institutions in North India and 'train the trainer' courses for the disciplines mentioned above.

As per the MOU, Autodesk will provide its suite of leading 3D design software including Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk Alias Studio, Autodesk Revit Architecture, Autodesk Civil 3D for mechanical

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&industrial design, architecture and civil engineering and assist IIT Kanpur in developing design courseware and potentially new elective inter-disciplinary courses in the areas of Mechanical, Civil and Aeronautical designs. Students at IIT Kanpur will also receive access to the global Autodesk Student Engineering and Design Community portal to download the free* software they need to bring their designs to life. The Student Community also allows students and faculty to stay updated with the latest 3D design technologies and industry best practices, engage with other students around the world on design projects, and even search for career opportunities. Hewlett Packard is supporting this laboratory by providing the computing infrastructure and workstations for the students.

Dr. Sanjay G. Dhande, Director, IIT-Kanpur said, “Design is the key to the growth of any economy that aspires to be competitive in today’s global economy. Product innovation through design competency is the key market differentiator across major industrial sectors today. This MoU between IIT Kanpur and Autodesk will help in developing innovative design skills among our students and to create a sustained pool of skilled manpower in the country. The two institutions will work together to proactively create training modules on latest design technologies, in particular for the Mechanical, Civil and Aeronautical disciplines.”

Speaking at the signing, Tom Joseph, Director, Asia Pacific, Worldwide Education Programs, said, “Engineering design and breakthrough innovations will play a pivotal role in positioning the Indian industry on today’s global platform, enhancing our competitiveness and creating intellectual property. Autodesk’s partnership with IIT-Kanpur is a significant step towards developing the foundation of this ecosystem, as well as for sharpening the skills of engineers currently employed in the industry.”

Autodesk is committed to the education fabric of the country and is working with several leading institutes to ensure best practices in design are taught at the very early stages of engineering. Autodesk works with over 50,000 educational institutions globally and welcomes initiatives from institutions to co-develop new courses/ curriculum spanning new trends in design.

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Autodesk, Inc. is the world leader in 2D and model-based design software solutions for the manufacturing, infrastructure, building, and media and entertainment fields. Since its introduction of AutoCAD in 1982, Autodesk has helped customers experience their ideas before they are real. Fortune 1000 companies turn to Autodesk for the power to visualize, analyze and simulate real-world performance, and foster innovation. For additional information about Autodesk, visit www.autodesk.com

About Autodesk Education:

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About Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur:

The IIT Kanpur is a prestigious institute of higher learning producing meritorious students with excellent career growth and universal recognition. The students get the best of opportunities in the form of highly advanced courses, eminent faculty members, well-equipped laboratories, library, hostels and immense facilities to excel in research and development. The selection procedure for students at undergraduate, postgraduate and research level is highly stringent so that IIT gets the best brains of India. Highly scientific and innovative technology is used for teaching and carrying out research activities. Every year IIT Kanpur is enriched by the laurels brought by the faculty members and the students in the form of research publications, projects, fellowships and industrial exposure.

IIT Kanpur has demonstrated its excellence in research in many areas. IIT Kanpur has a vibrant university atmosphere with a

combination of strong academic and research activities. Both compliment each other and the students at all levels under the able guidance of the faculty members maintain this brilliant combination and help the Institute to reach the zenith of knowledge and innovation. To cite a few areas: Finite Element Methods Using Domain Decomposition, Flow Induced Vibrations, Wind Tunnel Testing of Large Scale Prototypes, Computational Chemistry, Nano-materials and Nano-technology, Geometric Optimization of Large Organic Systems, Genomics and Bio-Informatics, Electronic Structure Calculations, Aggregation and Etching, Molecular Dynamics, Thin Film Dynamics, Optical / EM Field Calculations, Computational Fluid Dynamics and Heat Transfer, Computer Aided Design and Rapid Prototyping, Tomography, Robotics, Multi-Body Dynamics, Geoseismic Prospecting, Stress Analysis and Composite Materials, Vibration and Control, Semiconductor Physics, Photonics, Neural Networks and Genetic Algorithms, Earthquake Engineering, Impurities in Anti-Ferro Magnet, Raman Scattering, Particle Physics, Spin Fluctuation in Quantum Magnets and so on. The most recent initiative of IIT Kanpur has been the Formation of a Strong Research Group in the areas of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

IIT Kanpur has developed a close association with the Indian Railways. A new project namely SIMRAN has been rolled out for tracking of trains and providing two directional data connectivity between a stationary server and a moving train. This project has turned out to be a great success. The Research Summit called REACH Symposium was conducted at Shimla during March 2007 and is expected to be of great importance of our Institute for bringing out new initiatives in academic and non-academic environments. National Wind Tunnel Facility (NWTF) was established as a landmark research and development activity at IIT Kanpur. Establishment of Samtel Center for Display Technology is indeed a shining example of development of a research programme of high quality. The National Program on Earthquake Engineering Education (NICEE) is a resource center for many aspects of earthquake engineering. A system of material processing using focused beam (FIB) has been established.

The Institute is expanding and various infrastructural developments have taken place in the recent past. The Outreach '69 and '80 has come up which houses offices of Alumni Association and Students' Placement activities. It also has a centrally air-conditioned multipurpose auditorium with the seating capacity of 218. The Institute is setting up a centre of Environmental Sciences and Engineering utilizing the MPLADS funds given by Shri Arun Shourie. The construction of a separate building is under advance stage, which will house laboratories, seminar and discussion rooms for various

disciplines of the Environmental Sciences and Engineering. Many developments have already taken place and many are lined up for the future years. P. K. Kelkar Library is housed, with all modern amenities, in a magnificent three-storied, separate building covering an area of 5730 sq. m. The library has been rendering essential support to the academic, research and developmental programmes of the Institute. It remains open on 358 days of the year, from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight on all working days; 9 a.m. to 12 midnight on Saturday; 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on Sundays and Gazetted holidays, and for 24 hours during the three examinations each semester.

The initiative to conceive a grand design for technical education in India and implement the concept true to its spirit, in the form of IITs is one of the greatest hallmarks of visionary development in independent India. IIT Kanpur has been ranked as the No.1 Engineering Institute of the country in the June 2007 edition of India Today. The entire system is ranked among the top Engineering Institutes at the international level. IIT Kanpur will maintain its leadership role not only at the national but also at the international level.

IIT Kanpur has already established several educational and research collaborations with different Institutes of International repute across the globe. IIT Kanpur has demonstrated its excellence in research in many areas. IIT Kanpur has taken an excellent initiative in establishing a collaboration with Auto Desk International resulting in to establishment of **“Autodesk Inc - IIT Kanpur Digital Innovation Lab”**. It is expected that this research collaboration will provide a brilliant combination and help the Institute to reach the zenith of knowledge and innovation.

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding the impact of the acquisition on Autodesk’s earnings, product offerings and the performance of its business. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include the following: difficulties encountered in integrating merged businesses; whether certain market segments grow as anticipated; the competitive environment in the software industry and competitive responses to the acquisition; and whether the companies can successfully develop new products or modify existing products and the degree to which these gain market acceptance.

Further information on potential factors that could affect the financial results of Autodesk are included in the company's report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2006 which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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