



Dear IITK Alumnus,

I am Damnish Kumar (MSC5/MTH/2000), and I have actively participated in IIT Kanpur Alumni activities in Outer Delhi Chapter, Alumni Association, IITMentors, and PanIIT.

My goal will be to work with the Alumni Association (AA) and Institute and focus on creating a strong IITK alumni community and a strong, visible IITK brand.

If I get elected for member 3 (Resident of India), the following will be my priorities:

1. **Website** - Use my technology background to work with AA to revamp alumni website and make it interactive; and create a forum where Alumni can interact based on modern technologies. This will help to get updated information about Alumni. All of the Ivy League Schools have used technology to integrate and connect with its alumni base. We had this issue raised by our board members, but it still has a lot of room to improve in order to match with the best. Add job portal, regional and interest based email lists. Use technology to update Alumni database automatically.
2. **Business Connect** - Currently AA has no official platform to help entrepreneurs; I'll advocate for AA to add 'business connect' to explore available business and investment opportunities for alumni entrepreneurs. I am willing to take the full ownership of this initiative. Could we not dream and work towards creating successful start-ups and tap into our own alumni network for mentoring and nurturing?
3. **Student Alumni Connect** - One suicide is one too many. This issue is close to my heart. I'll pursue AA to have a Student-Alumni connect program to connect current students with Alumni. I propose to have Alumni Buddy Program; in this, every student is assigned an alumni buddy and will have direct access to pre-assigned Alumni. This will help students in a big way and can resolve stress and related suicide issues on campus. I have received feedback that our alumni are willing, have time, and are available to participate in this program. We will use technology to make it easier for managing such programs.
4. **Strong Chapters** - Devolution of AA to local chapters: Strengthen local chapters and make chapter an extension of AA to meet AA objectives.

Immediate enrollment of chapters, which was unfulfilled by the previous BOD. I will persuade AA to work with local chapters to organize “pre-counseling sessions” for JEE selected candidates with IITK faculty and Alumni in order to attract good (high) rankers to join IITK.

5. **Funding Sources** - Will work with AA to explore and identify new funding sources for Alumni Association to create a sustainable financial structure.
6. **Team Player** - Work with AA Board of Director, members as a team and take ownership of new initiatives.
7. **Engage Matter experts** - Engage subject matter experts within and outside the Alumni network to work with AA on different key focus areas. There are similar programs at the Pan IIT level, and we can integrate with the global team.
8. **Transparent Alumni Association** – Will work with new AA BOD to publish their meeting minutes, work in progress, decision taken on AA website and will pursue to have a real time feedback process to involve Alumni as part of process.

I am passionate about IIT Kanpur and its Alumni Association. As you know, Alumni Association is a volunteer effort-based association. I have been spending significant time working with Alumni affairs, and you can trust me that I’ll continue to do so.

Some of my past and current Alumni work includes:

2013: Secretary, Alumni Association I.I.T. Kanpur Alumni Convention
(<http://www.iitkaaconvention.org>)

2010 – Current: Secretary, Alumni Association I.I.T. Kanpur – Outer Delhi Chapter

2012 – Current: Chair Delhi-NCR IITMentors

2010: Participation Committee member, PAN IIT 2010 Conclave

2006 – 2010: Active Member, Alumni Association I.I.T. Kanpur - Outer Delhi Chapter

Outer Delhi Chapter has been one of the most vibrant and active Chapters of Alumni Association I.I.T. Kanpur. It has its own large data base, E-group, as well as website. We have organized a number of new activities for the personal and professional wellness and happiness of the alumni and their families. The Chapter organized the biggest IITK Alumni convention in March 2013, which was attended by more than 1300 people.

Our chapter is the first chapter which will have its own website - <http://www.iitkaancr.org> -- you can check all our past and future activities.

Professionally I am Co-founder and Managing Director of HyTech Professionals, a software product outsourcing company based out of Noida and Washington, DC. (<http://www.hytechpro.com>)

Being associated with Alumni activities for more than 8 years, and wishing to see the organization thrive and do more for you, I seek your support for **Member 3** BOD AA.

I shall be extremely grateful for your support and confidence.

With best wishes,

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