

## Campus School Reunion and Open House

19 - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Established in 1964, the Campus School continues to be an integral part of IIT Kanpur. Started on a small scale to impart holistic education to the children residing on the campus, this community school soon blossomed into a full-grown school. This year the Campus School, too, organized a Reunion and Open House on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Several teachers and students who were once a part of this friendly school graced the event, renewing old bonds.

The function was inaugurated by Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande, Director, IIT Kanpur, by lighting the traditional lamp to the accompaniment of a Saraswati Vandana by Mr. Devanand Pathak (music teacher, Campus School). Ms. Sushma Hora, Principal, Campus School, formally welcomed everyone to the event. Prof. Sandeep Sanghal, Chairman, School Management Committee, gave a brief account of the school history and the recent developments in the school with a major emphasis on the innovative Maths Lab and the upcoming EVS Lab.

Prof. Dhande expressed his happiness with the school's performance in recent years and pledged all possible support to the school at the Institute level, including the sharing of the Institutes' resources for a proposed Language Lab.

There was much reminiscing of old times by the visitors. After the tea break the school teachers, old and new, and the school alumni also presented a small cultural program.

On 20<sup>th</sup> November an Open House was held where the yearlong Club Activities that are conducted in the school were showcased. The 100% students' participation made it a big success.

**Art & Craft:** Around 70 students participated in this activity displaying their skills of drawing, coloring, shading and crafting designs out of waste materials.

**Maths:** Forty-five students displayed various models including the Single and Eight Spike Abacus, Paper Protractor, Centre of a Circle, Factors, L.C.M., Fractions, etc. This club emphasizes on learning without fear and learning while having fun.

**EVS:** Forty-seven students participated in this club to put up 15 models demonstrating various concepts of Science and Social Studies like the wind mill, the water turbine,

conservation of energy and momentum, the energy change model, and many more. Students, parents and teachers has also got together to create a Children's Museum displaying old coins, locks, old tools, etc.

**Language:** Twenty-two students participated in this club. There were two displays:

1. Interactive Displays – games in which visitors of all ages could participate and 2. Activity Displays – showcasing the activities done in the club earlier. The interactive displays included games like word search, cover the vowels, boggle, cut to size, what's the article and chere's the capital. The activity displays included contributory story, word antakshari, related words, individual short stories, how would you end it, tell it in your own words and tongue twisters.

**Theatre:** Twenty-eight students participated in this club. Two skits were presented -- Moorkh Sultan, which dealt with the display of various emotions and dialogue delivery; and Yatra, which showed the different dialects and dictions used to express one's thoughts.

**Music:** Thirty-seven students participated in the orchestra put up by this club. They showcased the "Young Musicians of Campus School in Action". One could hear both English as well as Hindi songs along with the sounds of the electronic keyboard, mandolin, tabla, congo, dholak, miracus, khanjri, kartaal and bongo.

**Dance:** Fifteen students presented a dance, Baagad Bam Bam, in the Inaugural Function of the Open House. Apart from this, visitors to the Dance Station were entertained by 45 students showing the various dance moves learnt in this club.

**Kindergarten:** Being very young, the kindergarten kids (44 in total) do not participate in the clubs. But they, too, were a part of the Open House event. They displayed their knowledge of English and Hindi by using flash cards, plastic letters, wooden puzzles, alphabet matching boards, word and picture matching cards, and specially designed flashcards to show the starting letters of words. The children were also kept engaged playing with blocks, puzzles and toys. A highlight of this section was the students' demonstration of how they 'read' by using pictures and text put up on the wall. Two stories have been put up this year: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Junior, and an adaptation of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

**Open Air Theatre (Nukkad Natak):** Two plays were staged - Andher Nagari Chaupat Raja, which demonstrated the necessity of having a sensible and capable leader in order

to have good governance; and Bijli aur Pani ki Bachat, which emphasized the need to conserve electricity and water.

**Sports and Games:** Students from the Sports club volunteered to control the crowds during the Open House. They also put up a few stalls of various games such as Darts and Hoops.

