

## **Inter-IIT Students Sports Meet**

11 - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009

The Inter-IIT Students Sports Meet 2009, the most anticipated sports event of the year, was inaugurated on 11<sup>th</sup> December by Prof. Sanjay G. Dhande, Director, IITK. Also present were the Faculty Coordinators - Prof. C. S. Upadhyay and Prof. Kallol Mondal; the Student Coordinators - Prateek Gupta and Shilendra Singh Rajput; and the contingents of all 15 IITs.

Every year the sports meet is preceded by the Inter-IIT Aquatics Meet. The General Championship is awarded on the basis of the combined performance in the two Meets. Thus the event actually began in October 2009 with the Aquatics Meet where IITK outperformed every other IIT to win both the Water Polo and Swimming Trophies in the Men's Category, a first in the history of IITK. Prateek Gupta (7 Gold + 1 Bronze) and Dhruv Mehta (3 Gold + 2 Silver + 3 Bronze) topped the winners' list with the maximum number of medals. Prateek also broke the record in the 50m Free Style with a timing of 27.40sec and was awarded the title of 'Fastest Swimmer'.

In the main Inter-IIT Sports Meet IITK reached the semi finals of 7 out of 8 games. The Hockey and Football teams continued with their good performance for the third consecutive year reaching the finals and finishing second after losing a well played match to Bombay. In Lawn Tennis, IITK bagged a silver medal in the men's category.

It wasn't just the sports meet that kept students agile but also a new Indoor Sports Complex with world class facilities which has been constructed as a part of the celebrations. The inauguration of this indoor sports complex coincided with the start of the Inter-IIT Sports Meet. The complex is situated in front of hall of residence VIII, near the football field. It houses badminton courts, squash courts, table tennis courts, a yoga hall and many other sports facilities.

The Sports Meet will be remembered with pride in the history of not only because it was hosting the event after a gap of 8 years but also because the IITK contingent performed better than ever before and stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Men's General Championship Tally for the first time in 45 long years of Inter-IIT meets. The IITK Girls team continued to perform well and in spite of injuries to important players, stood 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's General Championship Tally.