

President of India buries the Time Capsule

6th March 2010

The Institute has built a 3-foot long **time capsule**, made of a special type of copper to preserve its history and store details such as its research activities, photographs, R&D publications and reports, DRPG annual reports, etc. The material in the time capsule has been encapsulated in special polythene and filled with nitrogen.

6th March 2010 saw the launch of this time capsule. It was buried deep in the ground by the Honorable President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil. Also present were Shri B. L. Joshi, Honorable Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal, Honorable Union Minister of State for Coal, Shri Anant Kumar, Honorable Minister for Medical Health and Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh, and Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. The entire campus seemed to have turned into a fortress with the heavy presence of security.

In the gracious presence of the dignitaries, the time capsule was lowered into the ground at a location close to the auditorium. A marble rock transported from Banswada, Rajasthan was placed alongside the site of the time capsule symbolizing solidity, integrity and permanence – attributes that IIT Kanpur stands for. Then the Honorable President planted a sapling. This was followed by the National Anthem and Saraswati Vandana, after which the dignitaries addressed the audience.

An audio-visual presentation was made of the 50 years of IIT K's history. Also, a nano satellite '**Jugnu**' built by the students and faculty of IIT Kanpur was handed over to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). As it was handed over, the President congratulated the students and the faculty. The hour-long event ended with the singing of the National Anthem.