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## Bhupen and Shruti Shah Family Trust

**Shri Bhupen Shah** has sponsored a Faculty Chair and a Research Fellowship for young/new faculty. He has over twenty five years of experience in technology development, product development, and engineering management in embedded digital media and communication solutions at Sling Media, Emuzed, Dazzle, RealChip, Philips Semiconductors and IBM. Shri Bhupen Shah co-founded Sling Media, now a part of Echostar, and is currently its Chief Technology Officer. He holds a Master of Science degree in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



## B. U. Patel Fund

**Shri Bhikhubhai Patel** has set up a B. U. Patel Fund at IITGN with an initial contribution of \$25,000 to support Institute projects aimed towards excellence. He is a founder and Vice Chairman of Tarsadia Hotels, a foremost hotel investment, development, and management company. He received a B. Com. degree from the University of Baroda (1963). After running a successful clothings manufacturing business in Zambia, Africa for twelve years, he moved to USA and started his hospitality business in 1976. Shri Patel is active in many community organizations in USA and other countries. He is currently President of the Sanatan Dharma Temple and Cultural Center of Los Angeles.



## Bipin and Rekha Shah Research Fellowship

**Shri Bipin Shah** has sponsored a Bipin and Rekha Shah Research Fellowship for young/new faculty. He has founded several high-tech companies and has held important positions in many of them. He is currently the CEO and Chairman of Kovair Software in Milpitas, CA, which has a Development Center in Kolkata. He is actively involved with a number of non-profit organizations: The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Ahimsa Center at the California Polytechnic University Pomona, Cupertino Education Endowment Foundation, and the Jain Center of Northern California. Shri Shah is a founder of the IIT Gandhinagar Foundation in the United States. He holds an MS degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a BEE (Honours) from Jadavpur University.



## Tarun Goswami Scholarship

**Prof. Tarun Goswami** has set up a merit-cum-means scholarship for first year undergraduate students. Prof. Goswami received his Doctor of Science from Helsinki University of Technology, Finland (1999), M.E. (Honors) from University of Wollongong, NSW Australia (1998) and M.E. from Roorkee University (1986). Prof. Goswami is a Sr Joint Associate Professor at Wright State University, Dayton, OH, USA.



# Reaching Out

IITGN continuously reaches out to people who can contribute towards the Institute's goal of excellence by helping in recruiting outstanding faculty and in raising funds. The progress made in this regard over the period 2010-2011 are as follows:

- ▲ **Prof. Sudhir K. Jain** participated in two meetings at the World Bank in Washington DC, USA during June 1-4, 2010. These were
  - (a) **Understanding Risk**, a Conference on Innovation in Disaster Risk, organized by the Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction (GFDRR) of the World Bank, and
  - (b) **Outreach Meeting** of the Global Earthquake Model (GEM).

During this visit, Prof. Jain visited the University of Maryland and met the graduate students and faculty there. He also met with the Pan-IIT Leadership of the Washington DC area to brief them on the developments at the Institute. These meetings were facilitated by Prof. Nitish Thakor of the Johns Hopkins University who is a friend of the Institute. Prof. Jain also met the three IITGN undergraduate students (Neel Nadkarni, Lalitha Anusha and Nishant Joshi) working in Prof. Thakor's laboratories as summer interns. He met with prominent IIT Kanpur alumni in the New Jersey area at a dinner organized by Dr Ram Misra, President of IIT Kanpur Foundation. Prof. Jain also spent a few days at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, where he discussed potential collaborations between EPFL and IITGN. He addressed the Indian graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to encourage them to consider a career in teaching at IITGN. Prof. Jain also held meetings in Paris with Ecole Centrale Paris and Telcom Sud-Paris for future collaborations.

- ▲ **Prof. Sudhir K. Jain** participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> US National/ 10<sup>th</sup> Canadian Conference on Earthquake Engineering in Toronto, Canada during July, 25-29, 2010. Thereafter, he visited San Francisco and Los Angeles areas to seek partnerships with potential benefactors and well-wishers of the Institute. He addressed the graduate students and post-doctoral fellows at California Institute of Technology and apprised them of the progress the Institute is making.
- ▲ **Prof. Sudhir K. Jain**, led a team of four faculty members, one staff member, and twelve students to represent the Institute at the annual conclave Pan-IIT 2010 in Noida during October 29-31, 2010. The team shared the Institute's Vision, Mission, and the Values with the visitors at the Institute's booth. The team also shared the Innovations in Education



that are being tried out at the Institute. The faculty group actively engaged in building relationships with and inviting distinguished persons to IITGN, fund-raising activities, and identifying potential faculty candidates. The students' music band performed at the conclave.





- ▲ **Prof. Sudhir K. Jain** participated in the IIT Kanpur Golden Jubilee Celebration event at Hyderabad. He participated in the panel discussion on “What the IITs are doing and what should they be doing to create more job creators”, December 17, 2010.
- ▲ A Centre of Excellence will be established at IITGN with major funding from Gujarat State Government. An MoU to this effect was signed during the Vibrant Gujarat events held during January 12–18, 2011. The Institute had set up an information booth in the exhibitions. Four faculty members and ten students participated in the event, with **Prof. Joyce Mekie** coordinating the team.
- ▲ **Prof. Sudhir K. Jain** participated in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) in San Diego, USA during February 9-12, 2011. He currently chairs the EERI's International Activities Committee. With a view to seek out potential faculty candidates and opportunities for collaborations, he also visited several universities namely Princeton University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology Pasadena, University of Southern California, University of California at San Diego and at Berkeley, and Stanford University.
- ▲ **Prof. Sudhir K. Jain** participated in the launching event of Pan-IIT Global Mentorship Programme held at Bangalore on March 16, 2011.

