



## MoU for Prakasham Gupta Best Thesis Award at IIT Kharagpur

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IIT Kharagpur and Prof. Amita Sinha, alumna 1981 Department of Architecture and Regional Planning of this Institute, on this day 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

This MoU is being signed to institute the '**Prakasham Gupta Best Thesis Award**' with funds donated by Prof. Amita Sinha and group, alumna of IIT Kharagpur (ARP/1981/SN)

### OBJECTIVE

To institute and provide support for the Prakasham Gupta Best Thesis Award, which will support excellence in academics by an undergraduate student in the discipline of Architecture. The Award, for an amount of Indian Rupees 20,000.00, is to be awarded every year to the final year (10<sup>th</sup> semester) B.Arch student whose thesis is adjudged the best thesis by the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning.

### BACKGROUND

The award is named in the memory of Prakasham Gupta, B.Arch. 1982. Prakasham was born in Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh. He joined the B.Arch. program at IIT Kharagpur in 1976 and graduated in 1982. He worked as an architect for Kabil & Associates until 2013, after which he started his own design practice in New Delhi. He passed away in 2016.

The 10<sup>th</sup> semester thesis is the culmination of the B.Arch program and is a milestone in the student's academic career. Creative thinking and hard work go into the project which is a major part of a student's design portfolio for pursuing higher studies or for pursuing a professional career.

### MECHANISM

The Prakasham Gupta Best Thesis Award is being established for one incumbent per year for B.Arch final year (10<sup>th</sup> semester) student of the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning. INR 6 lakh shall be made available to IIT Kharagpur by Prof. Amita Sinha and group to cover the expenses for the award after deduction of standard administrative costs. It is expected that the award shall be established and a selection made in the **Academic Year 2019–20**. In case the award is discontinued due to any reason and a part of the fund is left unutilized, the same shall be utilized for any other purpose of IIT Kharagpur, depending on the instruction received from the donor/donors.

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The donor/donors may also increase the donated amount suitably to enhance the value of the award. The amount of the award may be adjusted at the beginning of a new year, by mutual consent, if needed.

### CRITERIA OF SELECTION

Every year, at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> semester of B.Arch, one appreciation of the value of Indian Rupees 20,000.00 shall be given to the student of final year of B.Arch for best thesis at the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning.

Every year, fresh selection will be made for the best thesis award. In case the student who has secured the award opts out or is debarred due to any reason, the next eligible student satisfying the award selection norms will be awarded for the year. In case of a tie, the prize money will be distributed equally among the winners.


The Head of the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning will forward the name of the student whose thesis is adjudged the best thesis for the year.

### REPORTING

From the second year, every year (by July 31 of each year) the donor will get a statement of utilization of funds provided in the previous year. The student receiving the award is expected to send an email to the donor group with a brief description of what he/she plans to do after graduation from IIT Kharagpur. It is anticipated that the full donation will be made through the IIT KGP Office of Alumni Affairs to IIT Kharagpur.

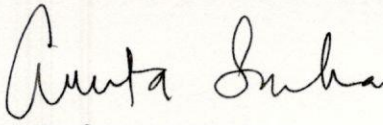
### PUBLICITY & STEWARDSHIP

The best thesis award will be announced widely in the student community.

  
25.4.19  
Professor Sudhir K. Barai

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**APPENDIX 1: IST OF DONORS FOR THE PRAKASHAM GUPTA BEST THESIS AWARD**

SL.NO.	Name	Batch	Dept
1	Krishnamurthy K G	1979	AR
2	Harimohan P Pillai	1979	AR
3	Jayanta Chatterjee	1958	AR
4	Harimohan P Pillai	1979	AR
5	Sachi G. Dastidar	1969	AR
6	Shefali Sengupta Dastidar	1969	AR
7	Amita Sinha	1981	AR
8	Paul Varghese	2013	AR
9	Harpal Singh	1982	AR
10	P. S. Harimohan Pillai	1979	AR
11	Deepak Wadhwani	1980	AR
12	Avdhesh Ratna Singh	1982	AR
13	Sanjiv Chadha	1979	AR
15	Sanjoy R Shirgaonkar	1979	AR
14	Ranjit Makhuni	1981	AR

