**Hostel 7/8/21 construction: Project Evergreen**

Update 12: As of 31/12/2021

Happy New Year!

1. **Project Progress:**
2. The contracts of the Architect and the Project Management Company are finalised. And work on detailing the design is on.
3. In the meantime, IITB has awarded the contract for demolition of the Hostels 7 & 8 and the PMC is working with our sustainability experts to preserve as much of the material from the old hostel as possible

to be used in the construction of the new one. IITB has changed its policy on demolition of buildings to take care of our concerns about “circular construction” in keeping with our commitment to sustainability.

3. IITB has formed a task force comprising two members of our Alumni

project planning team, the architect, the PMC and some officials of the IIT to sort out coordination matters.

4. Soil testing and the tree survey has been completed and preliminary application to the Bombay Municipal corporation made.

1. **Fund raising progress (Phase1-design, costs, approvals and pledges ):**
2. We have received pledges of around Rs.4 crs from 28 “Charter Donors” from H7/, H8, & H10. With the opening balance of Rs 20

lacs in the HATS account of the three hostels we have reached

a total of Rs 4.2 crs in pledges for Phase1. We would still welcome pledges of around Rs30 lacs, especially from women alumni who are underrepresented in our Charter Donors to safely cover the costs of Phase1.

2. Of the pledges, we have already received around Rs3 crs in the IITBAA and IITBHF accounts. We hope to receive the rest in the next two months.

**C. Fund raising (Pledges only) for Phase2-construction.**

1**.** Now that we have the design for the hostel complex, we are ready to launch our drive for asking for pledges for Phase 2 the construction phase with an ask of Rs135 crs.

2. The first step would be determining the naming rights for various legacy opportunities. After some discussion with the Institute, the following has been agreed upon as the naming rights opportunities.

…….(link to naming rights ppt.)

2. The next step would be reaching out to alumni to ensure we have at least one person from each hostel per batch who is ready and willing to reach out to his batch mates.

3.We already have 30 batches covered with at least one volunteer from each batch. We need to fill up the gaps and need your help. You can help by reaching out to your batchmates (or even in adjoining batches) from any of the other hostels where we have no representations.

Attached is a list of batches and volunteers. If you know of any one from the missing batches, please let the hostel team leads know.

The Team leads for H7 is Raj Mashruwala, class of 1975, for H8 is Kirat Patel class of 1975, and for H10&11 is Zenobia Driver, class of1998.

4. We hope to organize mini-virtual reunions of each batch from H7,8, 10 alumni to present and pitch for pledges for the hostel project over the coming days. Class of 1978 and 1975 have planned their reunions in early January and other batches are planning similar reunions. The team leads will reach out to you to help organize these reunions.

5*. In the meantime, it would be helpful to upgrade the data about the alumni for each batch. IITBAA will send you the list of your batch mates as per the Alumni Association(AA) records as a starting point. Please update those with any data you might have. One of the team leads will soon be in touch with you to discuss data updating and next steps. Contact* [*amitshuklaiitbaa@iitbombay.org*](mailto:amitshuklaiitbaa@iitbombay.org) *for help*.

1. **Communications and marketing.**
2. As you might have noticed ,the project is now going to be called “Evergreen” taking a cue from the names of the three hostels:

H7; the lady of the Lake

H8: Woodlands

H21: Raintree (the new women’s hostel)

2. Anu and the communications team have worked on the communications material over the month and have compiled the following for your use:

(a) A deck of slides to explain the need for and the plan for execution of the project.

(b) A evocative film prompting alumni to join in

c) A website giving all alumni access to the latest information on the project including how to pledge and donate.

More such initiatives are on the way….

For the moment here are the links to the various materials:

Financials:

Attached is the summary of the financials till 31st December ,2021 for the project.

Have a great New Year!

Kirat Patel Raj Mashruwala Zenobia Driver