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

Update 13: As of 31/1/2022

1. **Project Progress:**
2. The work on detailing the design is on after appointment of various consultants/architects.
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. Soil testing and the tree survey has been completed.

4. The final configuration of the hostel (subject to approvals) will be as follows:

H7: x single rooms, y double rooms, total student strength z

H8: x single rooms, y double rooms, total student strength z

H21: x single rooms, y double rooms, total student strength z

Total student accommodation :

The total built up area is coming to approx.. : ……. Sq.mts.

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.

2. Of the pledges, we have already received around Rs3.3 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 launched our drive for asking for pledges for Phase 2 the construction phase with an ask of Rs135-145 crs.

2. On Alumni day on *26th December, 2021*, the director formally launched the campaign for raising funds for revamp of student housing facilities beginning with Project evergreen. A film on the project was also shown to the audience in the convo hall and was enthusiastically received.

3. This was followed by the Alumni outreach programme through emailers prompting people to visit our website and to pledge as well as organizing Mini- virtual Reunions with a focus on Project Evergreen.

4. Class of 78 and Class of 75 have had their reunions on 2nd and 9th of January respectively and are in the process of collecting pledges from their batches. It is expected that these two batches alone could pledge Rs15crs or 2 milion $.

5. In the meantime, other batches are also planning their outreach programmes through similar reunions beginning with C70, C76,C81, C82, C93. Others will follow soon.

6..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.

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. *(link:….)*

(b) A evocative film prompting alumni to join in. *(link:….)*

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

An email campaign was launched on January 14th reaching out to all alumni and a social media campaign will be launched in February.

**E. Financials:**

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

Kirat Patel Raj Mashruwala Zenobia Driver