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Dear Kgpian,

Sub: Thank you for bringing smiles to the Kgp family during COVID-19

It is a great privilege for me to write this letter on behalf of the entire IIT KGP community expressing our gratitude to all the alumni who have thoughtfully contributed to support the unsung heroes of IIT KGP. This is the first time that a campaign such as this was initiated to reach out to the underprivileged community around the IIT Kharagpur campus who have been affected by COVID-19 lockdown. Witnessing the overwhelming support from the alumni my belief is reaffirmed that in times like this, while we are facing a common challenge and survival has become a collective life goal, philanthropy takes the form of care and empathy to our extended families in hundreds and thousands.

The idea of this community outreach campaign was floated by our distinguished alumnus Vinod (Vin) Gupta and instrumentalized by the IIT KGP Foundation under the able leadership of eminent alumnus and President Ranbir (Ron) Gupta. Together with few other distinguished Kgpian, their personal appeal to the larger alumni community has brought together well wishers who through their kind gesture have stood firmly with the affected community. Through phase wise outreach ration and face masks were distributed to 2000+ families of temporary workers and service providers while more than 1000 essential service providers on campus received support through direct fund transfer to their bank accounts. A third phase will be underway soon when we repeat the whole operation.

We cannot thank you enough for touching the lives of 10500+ people who are spending their days in uncertainties and anxieties. Your bonding with IIT KGP from afar, the human connections of your student life with the parents and grandparents of this section of people, are what led the success of this campaign. This act of kindness in reaching out to these people in these dire times is a symbol of the saying 'You can take a Kgpian out of Kgp, but you cannot take Kgp out of a Kgpian'. Many have been moved by your giving back story and have started their own community outreach campaigns. I am enclosing herewith some photos of those moments to convey their smile, as we told them those gifts were sent from across the world by their family members.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Would request you to share this message with all the alumni who have been part of this initiative.

Warm regards,

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