

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
Director's Office

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Press Rejoinder

The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur has been given to understand that on June 8, 2008, there had been a 'Flash News' / a detailed story on a TV channel IBN7 announcing that a Scientist / Professor of IIT Kanpur testified the claim of a person having established contacts with celestial bodies / spirits.

In this connection, the Institute wishes to clarify that the entire coverage by the above mentioned News channel is completely devoid of any official validity. IIT Kanpur, categorically makes it clear that the Institute on record does not have any such information or any Project in the said area.

On an enquiry, it was revealed that the claimant of the discovery / invention produced a personal letter issued by a retired faculty member of the Institute in the month of January 2004 expressing his interest in the revelations claimed by the interviewee. The letter was issued in his personal capacity and only as an individualistic opinion rather than a scientific confirmation.

Therefore, the Institute disowns its association with any such claims made or confirmed by any unauthorized persons and expresses its serious concern about the unproprietary use of the name of IIT Kanpur in the entire episode.

Director