

## Young Faculty Fellowship



**Pankaj Gupta (BTech 1991)**

### **Announcement:**

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering is happy to announce that alumnus Pankaj Gupta (BTech 1991) has donated Rs 40 Lakhs to endow three Young Faculty Awards for new faculty joining the department. The award will comprise Rs 2 Lakhs per annum for professional development apart from a monthly honorarium and will extend for three years from joining. The department extends its thanks to Pankaj for its support to our mission to be an academic research leader in the world.

### **Donor Bio:**

Pankaj is currently Director of Engineering in the Next Billion Users team at Google. Google recently acquired Pankaj's AI/ML startup called Halli Labs in its first acquisition in India. Pankaj was an early employee at Twitter in San Francisco where he held various engineering and management roles -- including Director of Engineering of the Personalization and Recommendations team which was responsible for many of Twitter's search, discovery and relevance products. He has previously founded two startups in the past (both acquired) and also a co-investing angel fund called Specialized Types. He has a Ph.D. from Stanford University in Computer Science, and has published more than 30 research papers and 20 patents.