Dear Participants,

Welcome to the GIAN course on “Multiobjective Optimization Using Metaheuristics” being held at IIT Kanpur, INDIA.

1. The inauguration for this workshop will be held on March 3, 2018 (Saturday) in the IME Building at 0930 hours (i.e., 9:30 AM). You are requested to be there at 0900 hours (i.e., 9:00 AM) to complete your registration. After the inauguration followed by high tea (the invitation for which will be kept in the folder), the sessions of the workshop will start in C-5 class room at 1000 hours (i.e., 10:00 AM).

2. Each day Bus pickup has been arranged from the place of stay to the workshop venue, IME Building. Each day the bus will be available at the gate of the Hostel of stay (starting Hall XI), then will pick up delegates from GH tower, then move to VH and will finally drop them at the Workshop venue i.e. IME Building. Bus will also be available each day to take the participants from IME Dept., to VH for lunch, and then bring them back to IME Dept., for the session starting in the second half. No bus service will be available after the end of day’s session.

   Note: For March 03rd, 2018 the bus will be available early so participants will be reported to be in front of Hall XI, GH Tower and VH by 0815 hours (i.e., 08:15 AM), 0820 hours (i.e., 08:20 AM) and 0830 hours (i.e., 08:30 AM) respectively.

3. Details how to reach IIT Kanpur can be read at the following link: http://home.iitk.ac.in/~raghus/GIAN_MOUM/. On your arrival at IIT Kanpur please visit the Visitors Hostel and collect your room keys.

4. The rooms have been allocated at various locations, hence DO NO LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE until you collect your key and reach the allocated destination (within Campus). The room allocated to you can be seen at the above mentioned link under Application details (on right hand corner). In case interested you can contact any taxi service provider for which please check (http://home.iitk.ac.in/~raghus/GIAN_MOUM/).

5. During the registration process you would be provided a registration kit containing:
   a. Workshop schedule.
   c. Writing materials in a folder.
   d. A Pen drive containing all the slides, notes, etc., relevant documents for this workshop.
   e. A name tag with your name, so that it would be a good way to introduce yourself during the workshop.
   f. Internet facilities and login id & password.

6. During the workshop, i.e., 03-March-18 (Saturday) to 07-March-18 (Wednesday) you can have your breakfast and dinner in the respective mess of the Halls where you have been put up (on payment basis). Lunch at VH has been arranged for all days by GIAN for all the workshop participants.

7. We would also like to invite you for the workshop dinner (the invitation for which will be kept in the folder) which will be held in the VH lawns on 06-March-18 (Tuesday) at 1930 hours (i.e., 7:30 PM). It would be a nice time to interact with your fellow participants, the faculty members, as well as the faculty and staff members of IIT Kanpur.
8. For the Academic Sessions during the workshop, you are requested to bring your own laptop (with the charger and a three pin plug). The laptop should be enabled to run C, C++ and (Linux, if possible). Softwares like MATLAB/ Mathematica/ CPLEX/ Julia/ R etc. may also be installed by you before you come here.

9. The fee receipt of the workshop will be kept in the folder.

10. We have booked rooms for male candidates in the students Hall of Residence No. XI (Eleven) and for female candidates in Girls Hostel (GH-Tower). The rental for boys rooms is Rs. 90/- per day and bedding etc for Rs. 70/- per day totalling Rs. 160/- per day. For girls hostel, the rental for rooms is Rs. 70/- per day and bedding etc for Rs. 70/- per day totalling Rs. 140/- per day. You are advised to kindly bring exact change for the payment of total room charges. The payment for the stay for the Hostels will be available at the Registration Counter during the registration process and proper receipt will be issued. The participants staying in the Visitors Hostel may settle all their dues at the Visitors Hostel reception.

11. At the end of this five (5) days workshop, we would request you to give us your valuable feedback (about the program and your stay) copies of the responses are kept in the folder.

12. Feel free to get in touch with VH staff and Hostel staff for any help and query. Also do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My contact details are: (i) Cell: +91-99843-86557 and (ii) Email: raghu@iitk.ac.in.

13. For any information regarding stay, pickup or any other query you may get in touch with Mr Praveen Sharma (+91-8400368228) and Mr. Rajendra Singh (+91-8765192212). They would be available in the VH on 02 March, 2018 to assist you in the room allocation and other itineraries. Apart from that they would be available for your help from 03rd March to 07th March, 2018.

With warm regards

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