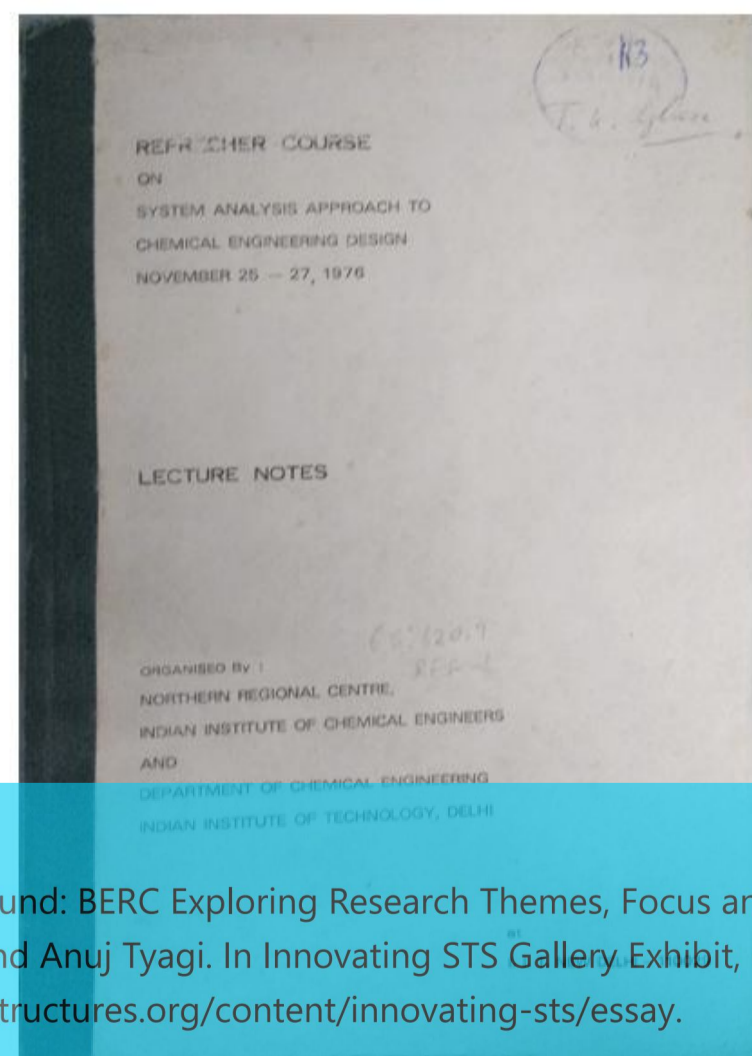
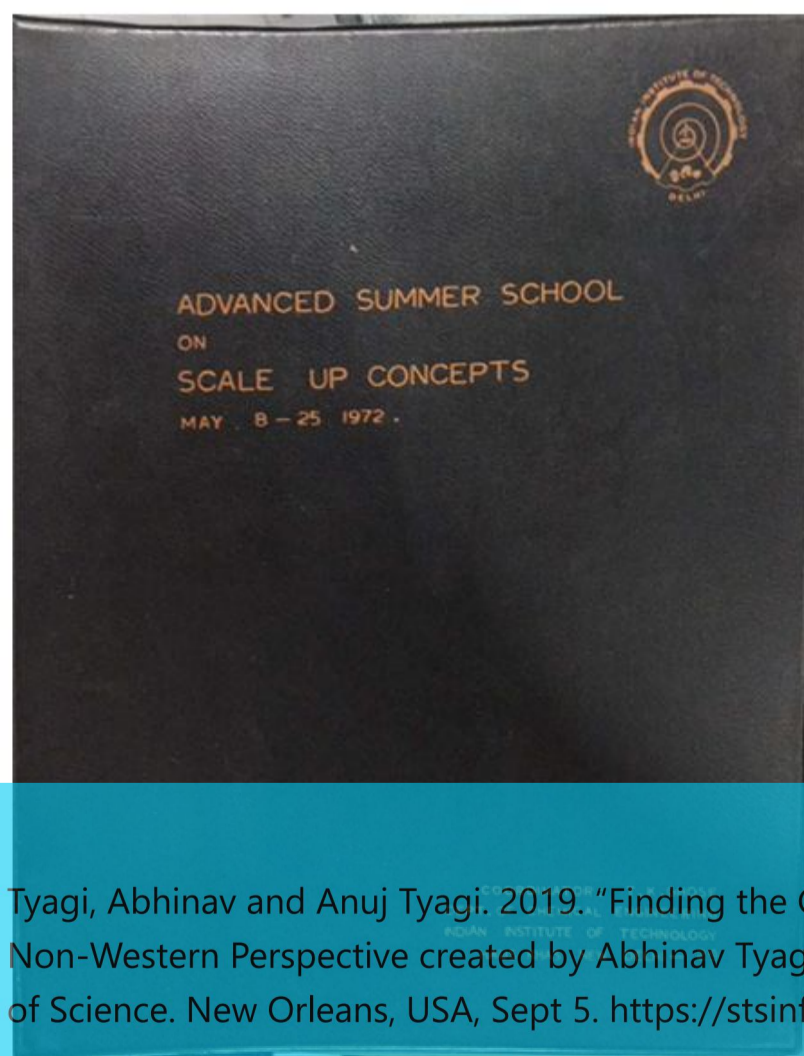
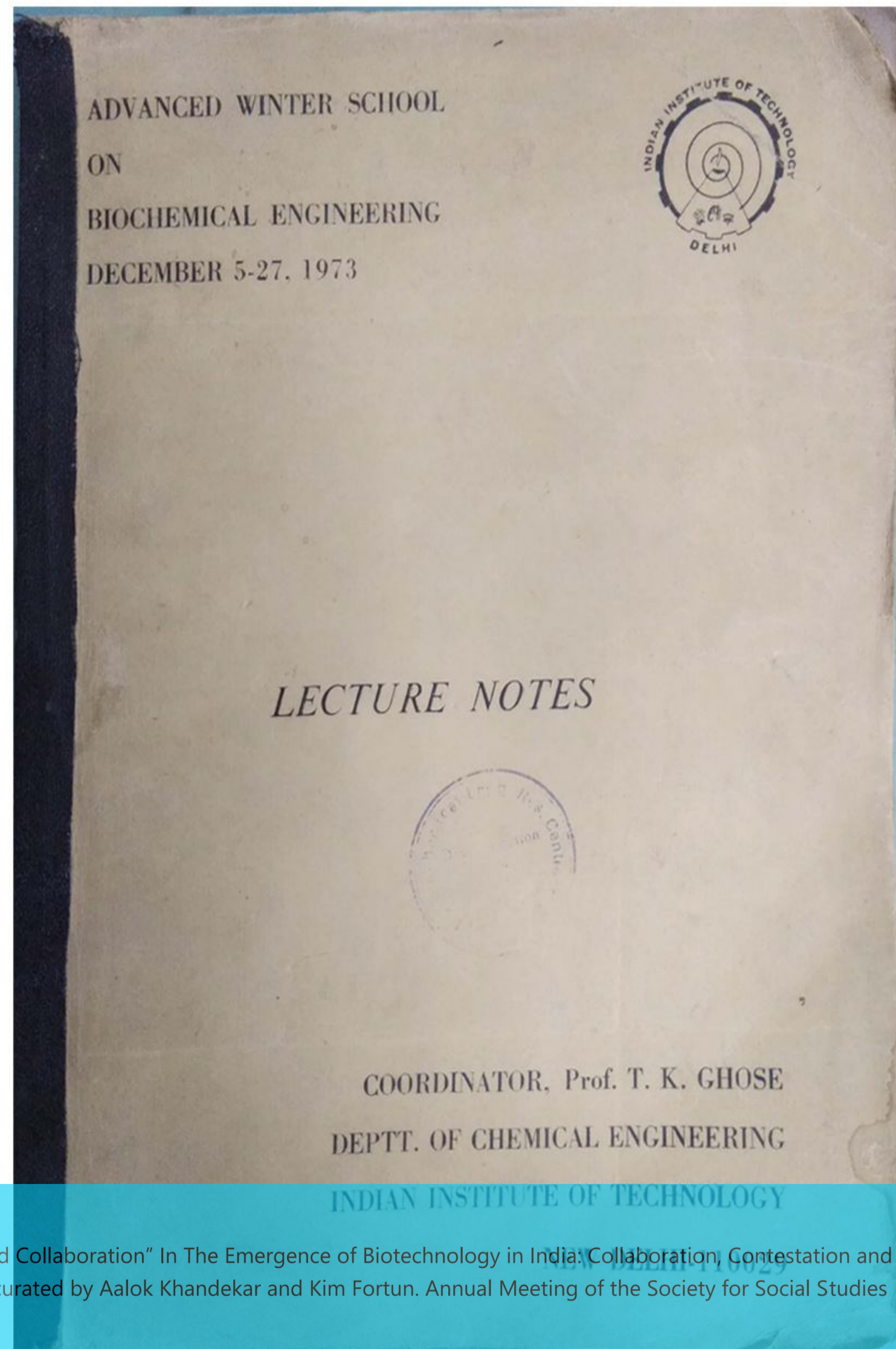


What infrastructures have sustained this STS innovation?

The new interdisciplinary branch was swiftly growing and getting recognition in academic circles as a separate discipline. IIT Delhi within two years of setting up the Centre for Biochemical Research diversified into three divisions i) biochemical division ii) biomedical division iii) biosciences. Initially, with the assistance of British collaboration with British Council and later with Swiss collaboration with Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, the centre made inroads in biochemical research. In 1973, IIT Delhi hosted a three-week winter school in collaboration with British Council and SFIT, Zurich. The twenty-one lecturers and forty-six participants attended it. Prof. A. Fiechter and Prof N Blakebrough from the University of Birmingham, Prof. Henry Zawistowski from Imperial College were a few big names among the delegates from Switzerland and the UK, who attended the winter school. Prof. T.K. Ghose, Prof. A. Fiechter, Prof. N Blakebrough, a year before, edited a book on biochemical engineering titled as 'Advances in Biochemical Engineering' in 1971. In the centre-periphery relationship, there exists a sphere of patronage and a sphere of competition. The relationship between the 'West' and 'East' in the context of biochemical research in its initial stages revealed the different levels of patronage. Through international collaborations, biochemical research started to move beyond from the spheres of patronage to the realms of competition.

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