



# WELCOME TO IIT PALAKKAD

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4TH ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

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# welcomeletter

Dear Freshers, A Hearty Welcome.

Hope you all had a refreshing holiday - a welcome break from the hard work and single-minded focus you maintained in the previous years to get here. Congratulations on making it to the first of your many rungs on the ladder of success, however you choose to define it, for success will be yours with your proven intelligence (you made it here!), dedication and ability to work hard. Now you are embarking on another crucial journey in your life. And you may be filled with doubts, fears and second thoughts.

It's not long ago that we were in your shoes, and many of you might have grappled with the same thoughts of whether choosing IIT Palakkad is a good decision or you should have chosen a branch not high on your preference in an older IIT. Let me set those doubts at rest, we at IIT Palakkad feel we have made the right choice by choosing to join this institute. There is a special charisma to everything that IIT Palakkad offered us - the fellow peers, the seniors, the professors, the campus life, hostel days, and so many more.

You should consider yourself very lucky to come into an institute where seniors and faculty alike are ready to offer words of wisdom and guidance not just in academics but also in the initial settling down phase where you have not yet formed close friendships with your peers. So, do not hesitate to approach any of your seniors with any of your problems or questions (there is no silly question) and may it be on academics, home sickness or anything else under the sun - we along with the faculty will try to provide solutions and help you gel into your new phase of life.

Though currently based in a temporary campus, you will find that this campus boasts of good facilities and a serene scenic ambience - a lovely treat for our shutterbugs and for people who love long walks/runs or cycle rides, who can do so enjoying the breathtaking scenery! The place is pretty exciting and we highly recommend you to pull in two or three of your batchmates and go for evening walks under the silky velvet red sky, feel the gentle cool breeze blowing through the trees making the leaves rustle, stand atop small rocks and gaze onto the horizon as the sun takes its leave for the day, enjoy the rumbling of the windmill. All this, are truly one of a kind experience! Take this as one of your initial few tasks: to indulge yourself completely into nature's magnificence during your orientation weeks. We also want to welcome you to your home away from home - the hostel - that we

would like to point out are top notch and something that even older IITs would be hard pressed to match.

Though initially it would seem tough staying away from home, it's actually fun filled. The orientation programme is a great ice breaker and would help you settling down and making friends. The friends you make in college stay for a lifetime and trust us, it is here you will find your 4 am friends! Take active part in the institute's activities and you will soon feel a sense of belongingness.

Though the general outlook towards IITs are that they are known only for their rigorous academics, we beg to differ. We encourage all round development and there are many clubs and sport groups that you can join depending on your talent and inclination. Here you will find plenty of opportunities to showcase your talents and follow your passion, be it technical or non-technical, that you had to once sacrifice for your JEE preparation. So, follow your heart and have your fair share of enjoyment – you know 'all work and no play' etc., but at the end of the day, at this stage of life, academics should be first in the priority list.

Finally, it all boils down to your attitude – your perseverance, imbibing the best from your teachers and making the most of your opportunities.

The IIT, as a brand, is world renowned for having students of a certain calibre and having any IIT as an alma mater automatically classes you in an elite category.

We wish you the best for your future stay at IIT Palakkad and are looking forward to meeting you at the campus. Farewell, until we meet again !

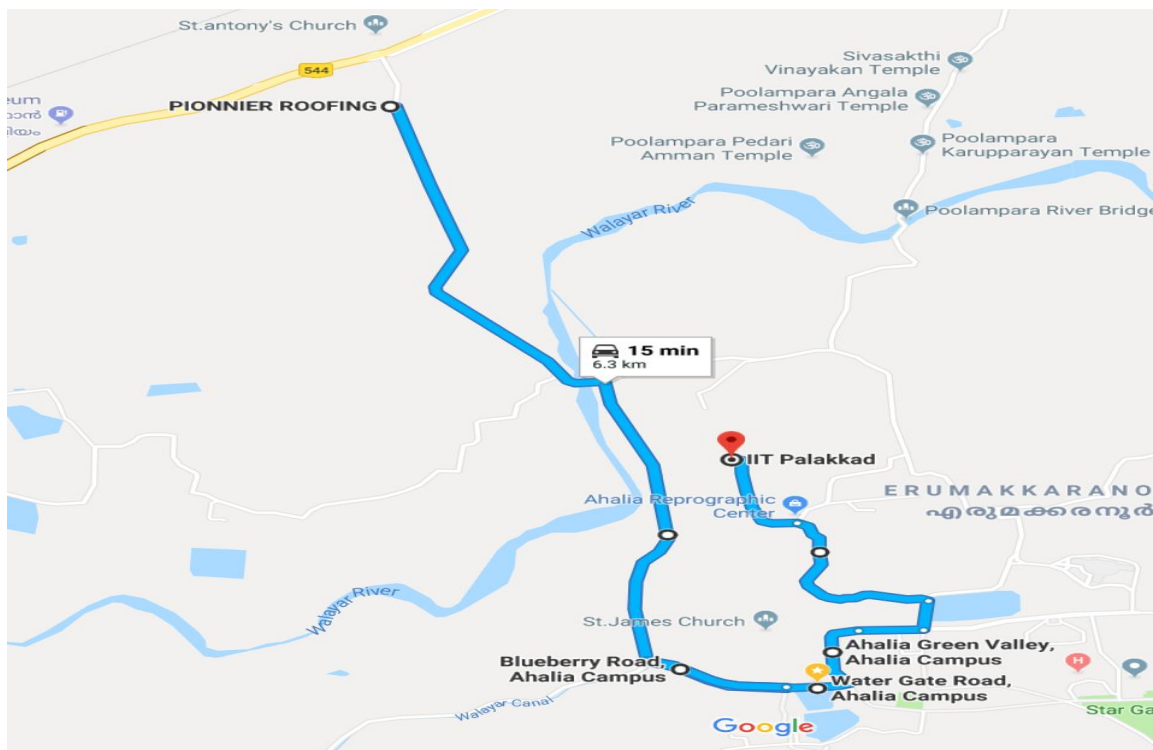
# reachingthecampus

## FROM PIONNIER ROOFING TO ACADEMIC BLOCK

**Pionnier Roofing** is a standard landmark located on the road that lies adjacent to the Canal Pirivu Bus Stop on the National Highway. The academic block is at a distance of 6.5 km from there.

An overview of the route:

- Once you have reached Pionnier Roofing, walk straight ahead in the direction opposite to the highway. Ignore the first road to the right.
- Next up, you will find yourself at an intersection. Take the path going rightwards.
- Continue on the path to enter **Blueberry Road**. Straight up the road, you will find the **Blue Gate** (also called the **Water Gate**). The Blue Gate is approximately 3.5 km from Pionnier Roofing.
- Having crossed the Blue Gate, you will now have to walk up ahead before turning left onto **Ahalia Green Valley**.
- Continue on Ahalia Green Valley Road (which becomes the **Ahalia Double Road**) till the crossroad. Turn left.



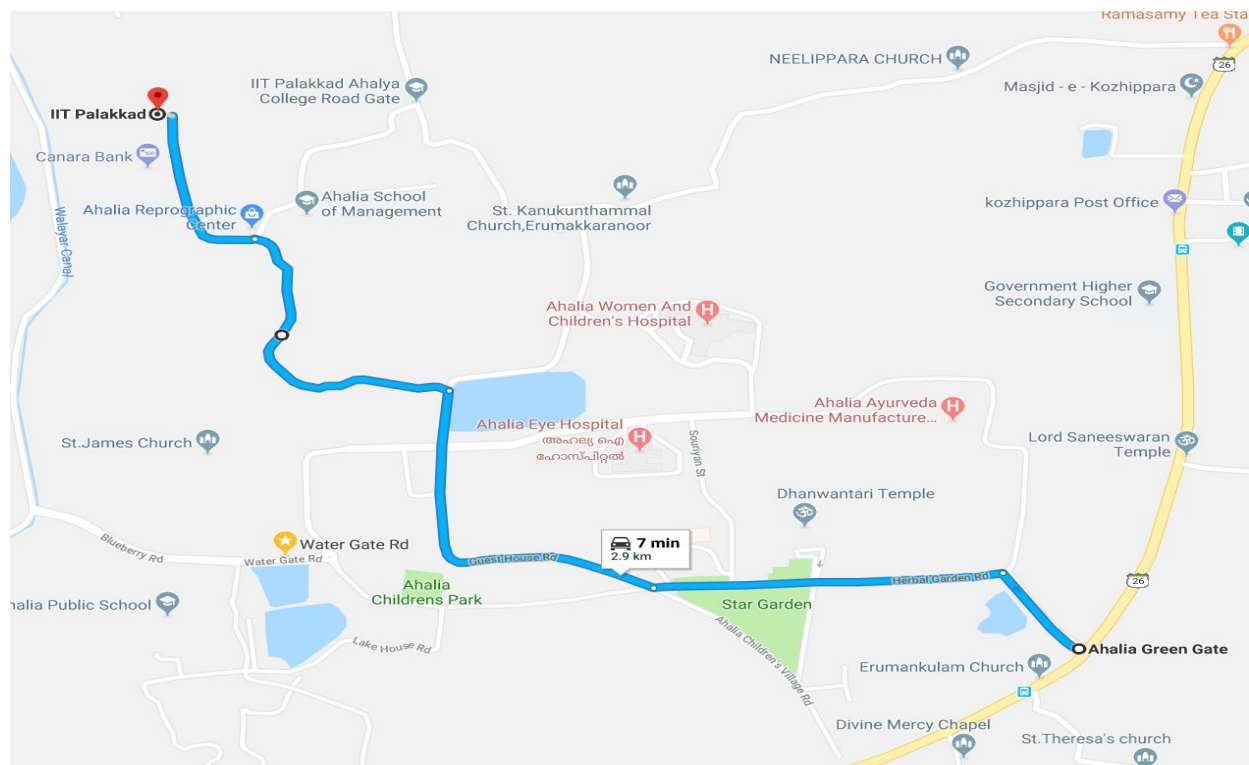
- Turn left at the next crossroad.
- Continue straight ahead ignoring the first intersection that you see.
- Stay on your left and continue on the same road to get past the **Ahalia College of Engineering** and **Ahalia Pharmacy College**. At the end of the road, on the left lies the academic block of **IIT Palakkad**.

## FROM GREEN GATE TO THE CAMPUS

**Green Gate** is another landmark located in the South-East portion of the campus. There are two possible routes that one can commute by between Green Gate and the academic building. While one goes via the **Guest House Road**, the other is via the **Ahalia Double Road**.

The **Guest House** route:

- Walk down the **Green Gate Road**.
- Then turn left onto the **Herbal Garden road**.



- Thereafter, continue straight up till you reach a crossroad (the one you will see after walking by the **Diabetes Hospital**). The road going to the right from there is the **Guest House Road**.

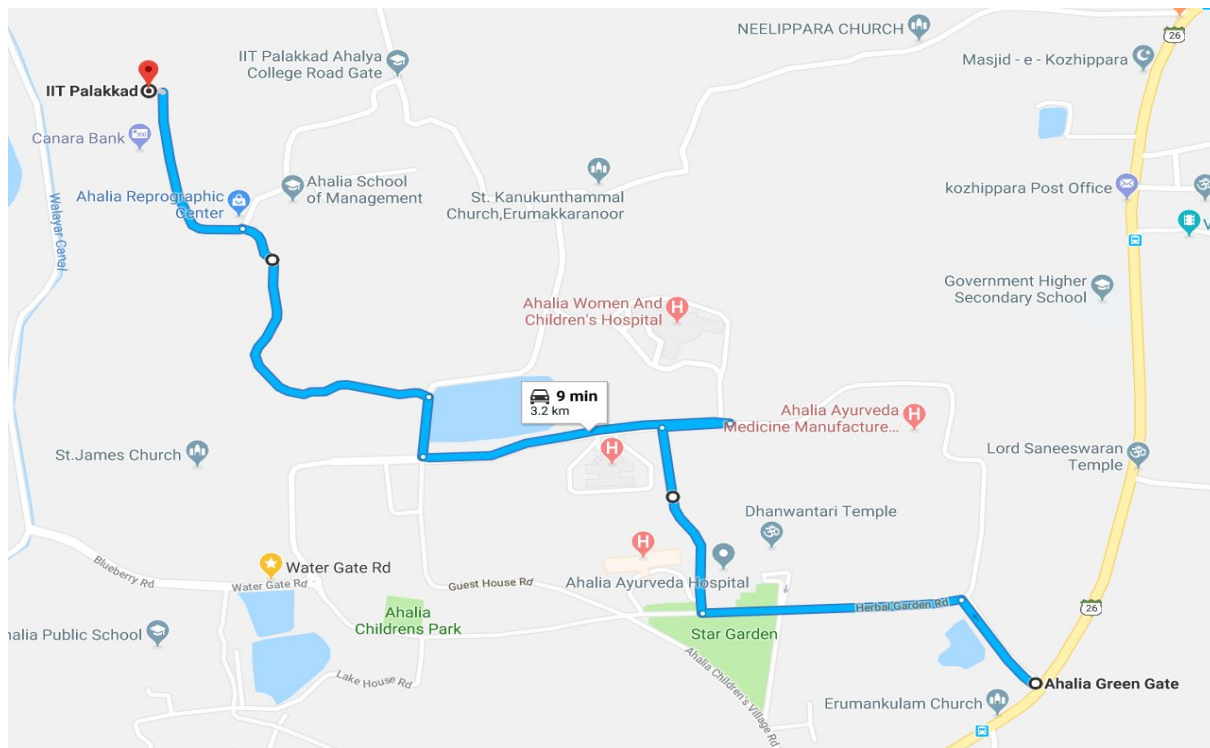


- Walk along the Guest House Road.
- Continue straight at the crossroad after the steep slope.
- Turn left at the next crossroad.
- Then follow the last two steps of the previous guide to reach the Academic Building.

## VIA AHALIA DOUBLE ROAD

The route via **Ahalia Double Road**:

- Walk along the **Green Gate Road** towards **Herbal Garden Road**.
- Then turn left onto the Herbal Garden Road, and walk straight ahead till you reach the intersection near **Diabetes Hospital**. Turn right.



- Continue straight up before turning left onto the **Ahalia Double Road**. (Google Map attached below shows that you have to turn right onto Ahalia Double Road, and then take a U-turn. Ignore it.)
- Then continue on the Ahalia Double Road till another crossroad greets you.
- Take right from there.
- Follow the last two steps of the Guest House Route given above to reach the Academic Building.

# todolist

To all the freshers, the new experience of IITPKD can seem to be overwhelming.

The current temporary campus making its own mark in the vast Ahalia Integrated campus is what makes IITPKD campus amazing.

Some may get mesmerized by the scenic beauty and the water bodies, while the others will surely be captivated by the rich flora and fauna.

So this article is addressed to those adventurous newcomers, about discovering the different facets of your new home.

This organized to do list will help you to begin the exciting journey with some useful and fun tips.

1. Get access to your room and meet your new housemate. Once this is done, it's time to run some errands. First let's head to the basics, set up the room and start brooming, from floors to windows and doors, don't miss out the fan, otherwise, you will get a pleasant surprise of mini grey shower. An important reminder, you are supposed to take care of your room that includes cleaning your room (sweeping, swabbing), cleaning your washroom etc.

2. Now it's time to get lost in the streets of your campus.

An evening with the perfect backdrop (you will realize this once you get in the campus) and the time when sun is about to set will be the perfect time to start wandering. Locate the different sections (academic block, mess, canteen etc). For the sports enthusiast, try to get to know the different facilities available, you will pretty much spend the first week in getting to know where the different grounds are as there are plentiful of them.

3. Next thing is to get your routine going. Locate the home center and equip yourselves with the daily use items. Locate the emergency rooms and eating joints like food point and a food shack just beneath the diabetic hospital.

Locate the different gates of the campus but also beware of the wildlife while roaming in the night, try to go with your friends..

4. Contact your student mentor if you need help in settling in.

The first senior you interact with, your mentor will surely clear all your doubts and make things better for you by giving you the easy access to everything.

5. Try to get involved in the events happening around you once you get into a comfortable routine that includes different induction programs by various clubs, get to know sessions, departmental association meets. Remember this is the time to get outside of the cocoon and experiment with yourself.

Try to shake a leg or two in the dance club meets even though you can't dance, try to act in the drama club sessions even though you don't know the 'A' of acting, bring out the poet inside you with the help of institute literary club.

Either you will hitherto get to know the hidden face of yours or you will meet and make new friends.

People generally get closer with others who share same common interests during this period and make some great memories.

6. Visit the Insti 'Secret' places not so secret to anyone: the lakeside, Ahalia heritage village, the hill or H2 backside.

Try to avoid lakeside and the hill at nights, during the evenings lakeside is a perfect place to find peace after your exhaustive sessions of the week.

7. Lastly, remember why you are here, for your "studies". Be consistent with academics instead of fretting over it in the later part of your college life. Engulf yourselves in appropriate activities and people and make a habit of studying and this four years will fly by without any notice. Don't get distracted by things which you know aren't worthy of your attention.

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## forasafecampuslife

The students are blessed with one of the most scenic and serene campuses, in the form of the one we have at present in Ahalia. The climate is pleasant , and the surroundings are calm and benign in general. The temperatures usually stay within the moderate to slightly warm range, with the extreme reported cases being 40-41 degree Celsius during the peak of summer.

But even while staying in one's own house, a person has to have certain stuff ready at hand which would ensure them a safe stay. Similarly, in the best interests for the ones who're newly joining the institute, it is always advisable to have certain basic requisites ready at one's disposal.

Kerala in general is prone to rains, Palakkad being no exception. Obviously, having an umbrella would help. As in most other places, the campus is in no short of mosquitoes. Students are encouraged to carry mosquito/insect repellents with them. These are also available in nearby shops. First aid and basic medication is available in the hostel office 24\*7, but it is advisable for one to carry a first aid box( bandages, ORS, dettol/antiseptic, paracetamol tablets, vicks, gelusil or other antacids, ankle supports, knee caps, etc) with them. There is also hospital facility available nearby, so there is genuinely no reason to panic.

Light cotton clothes are the best for Palakkad's moderately hot climate, with an abundance of sunshine round the year . In general, synthetic fabrics are not advisable. For people with a tendency to have their skin dried up, counter measures should be kept ready. The rooms are equipped with a table, one chair and a single bed. Mattress, pillows, bed sheets, pillowcases and blankets for the same must be procured by the students themselves.

It is best for the new students to have table lamps with them , so that they don't disturb the sleep of their roommates in when they have to study late nights. Trimmers, shaving sets, mirrors, books and stationary must be brought along. Even though these are available in local shops, it is not necessary that the required brands and their models may be available. Also hangers, ropes for drying clothes are items that could come in handy. Doormats, toilet cleaners, soaps, slippers etc are other items that should not be left out.

Staying hydrated is of primary importance in a place like Palakkad, so one must take care and keep their water bottles with them. Sunscreens/ lotions could also come handy. The place is susceptible to temperature surges and the risk of heat strokes can't be neglected. One is advised to take care of these aspects during summers.

The campus is situated in a forested area, and is rich in wildlife. Among these are also dangerous ones like snakes and scorpions. Although there haven't been any reported cases, there've been plenty of sightings. As a result, care must be taken to stay within familiar quarters at night. The students are also encouraged to not stay barefoot outdoors. Torches and outdoor lighting equipments are recommended. One should have the hostel manager's contact with him/her and should find the time to secure Ahalia hospital

helpline/ambulance number post arrival. Also the students should be ready with the contacts of few of the local auto drivers for commuting.

There is a government bus service plying inside the campus everyday in the evening, which would take you to Palakkad. There are also private services, around twice a day, which could also be relied upon. Apart from this there are also frequent shuttle services which can be made use of. (Refer the section on logistic support for details on the timings and contact numbers).

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## academics

### SCHEDULE

The Institute follows a 5-day working schedule with working hours from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with an hour break for lunch. Some courses like Workshop practice may keep you working till 7:30 p.m. Each hour consists of 50 minutes assigned for the lecture and 10 minutes kept aside for leisure.

### CURRICULUM

IIT-Palakkad curriculum follows from the 2014 curriculum of IIT-Madras, details of which can be found here. <https://iitpkd.ac.in/sites/default/files/2018-01/Curriculum.pdf>

A curriculum advisory committee with experienced members from both academia and industry has been set up and the curriculum for first year has already been finalized.

### RESOURCES

#### 1. THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Central Library offers a peaceful environment along with a plethora of books, journals, magazines, newspapers and novels that serve the course needs and satiate the reader as well. Sufficient number of copies of all textbooks are procured. The Library (closed on Sundays and public holidays) offers WiFi and LAN facility for high speed internet. The Institute ID card is used to borrow books from the Library.



Renewal and reservation of books can be done online through a unique login ID and password given to each student. The Central Library users are registered with the National Digital Library (NDL) managed by IIT Kharagpur. New arrivals are regularly informed to the students via *smail*.

## 2. LABS

The computer lab on the ground floor provides high speed internet access for meeting the needs of students for all academic purposes. Each student is given an ID (your roll number) and password on the first day which can be used to login and access the lab facilities. The computers have both Linux and Windows where Linux provides storage for your data on the server and Windows has proprietary softwares like Matlab and AutoCAD installed for use.

Other labs like Innovation lab, Electronics lab, Physics lab, Chemistry lab, Applied Mechanics lab, Surveying lab house state of the art equipment for practical hands-on learning. Detailed information on each of the labs can be found here. <https://iitpkd.ac.in/academic-facilities>

## 3. MOODLE

Moodle is the central course management system. It is the place where your courses will be listed, content uploaded and assignments given. Assignments have to be submitted on Moodle or in-person.

## ATTENDANCE

Compulsory attendance of **minimum 85%** is to be maintained by the student in every course with few lab and workshop courses requiring 100% attendance. Failing to do so would result in allotment of W grade until successful completion of the respective course. For more on attendance, grading policy and branch change rules, read B.Tech. Ordinances and Regulations 2014, here: [https://iitpkd.ac.in/sites/default/files/2018-01/Ordinances\\_Regulations\\_0.pdf](https://iitpkd.ac.in/sites/default/files/2018-01/Ordinances_Regulations_0.pdf)

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## sports

*"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"*

Sports have always been an integral part of the IIT Palakkad culture. As the sun goes down each day, the students learn, practise and exercise various sports skills alongside having fun and developing determination, dedication and discipline. The sports culture at IIT Palakkad is unique yet diverse. With active participation and support from the fraternity; the institute, as a flourishing IIT, tries its best to thrive as a budding house of sporting talent. This also offers students an opportunity to try out different games and venture into new events.

IIT Palakkad boasts of a wide range of sporting facilities including football, cricket, volleyball, basketball, table tennis and athletics. Professional coaches have been appointed to train and mentor the students in these sports. Students interested in playing badminton can visit the 4GB badminton arena, a professional sports center in Palakkad. Chess enthusiasts are given opportunities to prove their skill and nurture their talents with regular chess competitions. Besides these, carrom boards are also made available for the students to play during their leisure hours. The college also has a spacious gym with various modern equipment and an instructor for training the students. It is active mostly during the early morning and evening. Martial arts training is also provided to the students. Boxing and wrestling are taught and students are free to join these sessions. Besides, students are given opportunities to use the sporting facilities available at Palakkad allowing them to play, train and compete with other players. Friendly matches are conducted with nearby colleges to develop a competitive yet a healthy relationship among the students.

The smooth functioning of the sporting amenities at our institute is taken care of by the Sports Secretary, who has a council under him to assist him in this task. Inter branch sports meet is conducted in the odd semesters and an annual sports day is also held in the month of October. Even semesters witness intra-college sports events which are conducted in the model of an IPL to give students a real life experience in team management and money handling. It is organised in full gusto with players being auctioned using virtual money. Besides that, during these semesters the students have to opt for NSS, NCO or NSO as part of their curriculum. Under the NSO program, students are given intensive training in a sport of their choice. Such events spread across the academic calendar help keep the sporting spirit alive.

IIT Palakkad has been taking part in the annual inter IIT sports meet held in December since the past two years. Towards the end of the odd semesters, teams for the Inter IIT meet will be selected who will then be given professional coaching for two weeks prior to the tournament. At the Inter IIT Sports Meet held at IIT Madras last year, a 46 member contingent from our college participated in cricket, football, badminton, table tennis and athletics and put forth a remarkable performance.

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## faculty advisors and student mentors

Whether you were a hosteller or not, adapting to college life can be challenging. More importantly, a system without feedback can go crazy at any time, our human system is no exception. Faculty Advisors are assigned by the academic section to support the student, share ideas, provide insights and offer feedback on our progress.

Faculty Advisors will serve as a guide and help the students with decision-making and deal with psychological issues like peer pressure and stress throughout their four-year stay. Their experience and skill will surely help students in improving their time management skills, in being organized, in planning in the direction for achieving professional goals in their future etc. They can put the situation in perspective and help manage resources in critical situations. Feel free to discuss all the issues with your faculty advisor as they have been acting in this stage for a minimum of 10 years more than us, maybe in different roles but everything is just acting! Be it joy, sorrow or frustration, your faculty mentor will be happy to be there to have your back.

Student mentors (*A companion, anytime and anywhere!*) are undergraduate students who have completed at least two years and have agreed to volunteer to a mentor their juniors. It's not always feasible for a student to contact his faculty advisor. It maybe due to several reasons, spanning from the busy schedule of the faculty to the inhibition of the student. Student mentors will be easily approachable and will be assigned at random. Student mentors will provide support to students in both academic and non-academic sectors to make their stay at IIT Palakkad a pleasure. They will help students to settle down in this new environment and get accustomed to the learning process which is much different from JEE preparations. Student mentors will help students in tackling issues pertaining to day-to-day activities and be the first point of contact in case of a chronic issue. Having

spent two (long) years on campus, the student mentors will be able to guide you towards your goal in an efficient way.

It's normal to feel hesitant but in a ragging-free campus we hope that students will be more comfortable interacting with student mentors. Faculty are also human beings and ironical you consider them a friend when you abuse, so why not when you're in need. Respect needs no words!

It is advisable to meet your respective mentors without any hesitation at regular interval and have an active discussion with them about your progress.

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## expectations

We're sure that all of you are over the moon for having finally cracked the JEE. And you have every right to be! Having been in your shoes, we know your biggest concern now, is to justify your choice of joining IIT Palakkad over opting an older establishment. And we'll tell you why the choice of your preferred branch in IIT Palakkad would be one that you will never regret.

Being a small community, nobody is a stranger to others. Though each of us are different in our skills and interest, we share strong bonds across branches and batches. Hence your induction into campus life will be as smooth as a hot knife cutting through butter if you do not shy away from interacting with your seniors and faculty. Wherever your interests may lie in, there are people with the same passion and vigour!

We have *Vadya*, the music club to help with your passion for music, *Sync to Beat*, the dance club to quench your thirst for dance and *Curtain Call*, the drama club for all the theatre enthusiasts! Do you enjoy penning down your thoughts for everyone to see? *Akshar*, the literary club is just about right for you. The C-Square is the place to let your creativity and ingenuity shine. Develop your technical skills with the four technical clubs of your new campus. There is also the Photography club- *Shutterbug* for those with inclinations for the same.

Are you a sports aficionado? The institute has excellent coaches to help polish your skills. Though the makeshift grounds of our temporary campus are not on par with those in other

established institutes, the state of the art permanent campus with all its facilities, which is in the making is sure to be our pride and glory.

The institute has excellent facilities like an HPC (High Performance Computing cluster), STM, WiFi enabled campus, a good auditorium and classrooms and fully functional labs which are all on par with those at other institutes of national importance. You have the opportunity to learn from a highly qualified faculty having years of experience and international exposure in their respective fields of research. We also have a good proportion of young faculty, closer to our age and hence you can feel more at ease in approaching them. You are also entitled to the best hostels which are WiFi enabled with facilities like gym, indoor and outdoor sports facilities etc.

For the healthy functioning of the Institute, it requires you to abide by some basic rules and regulations.

- The institute expects you to carry your Institute Identity Cards with you at all times.
- You are required to punch-in your presence in the Hostel between 7:30 PM and 10:00 PM every day.
- You are not allowed inside the Academic Block premises including the Computer Lab and Innovation Centre from 00:00 midnight to 6:00 AM.
- But during special occasions (for instance, during the examination period), you may use the labs at any time of the day. If you are working on a project, then with written permission from the faculty in-charge, you may use the labs well beyond the allotted hours.
- Make sure to reach your Hostel before 00:15 AM or you might need to pen down your names with the Hostel security. If you reach well beyond 00:15 AM, your Insti ID card will be confiscated by the Security and will be returned only after providing proper explanation to the Hostel In-charge.
- Be sure to make an entry in the hostel register before you leave the campus. This is a must for everyone.
- Remember! You are not allowed to leave campus after 7:00 PM.
- Always be sure that you are back in the campus before 10:00 PM. Failing to do so will result in the seizure of your ID card for 7 days.
- Smoking, consumption of alcohol and use of narcotics or any other in-toxicant is strictly prohibited in the campus. Any violation of this rule is a huge deal breaker, guys. So be very careful!



- You are not allowed to use iron press, heaters with exposed heating coils, immersion heating rods, induction stoves and similar appliances in the Hostel.
- Tampering with the network devices and other electronic devices installed in hostel premises or any disruption in the campus internet due to unauthorized intervention would also put you in some serious trouble.
- Ensure that you do not change the locks of the rooms allotted to you.

Violation of the above rules can invite strict disciplinary actions including fine and/or expulsion from the hostel. So to be on the safer side, make sure that you follow the rules.

Of course, for any kind of support, your seniors are your first option. So it's always good to be in their good books. Wanna never get on their wrong side? Then be sure never to ask them their GPAs (Pssst! It's a touchy topic!). You are welcome to call them by their names but never give them any nicknames (makes them really grumpy!). But never fear that you need to walk on eggshells all the time while dealing with them. They are here to help, guide and motivate you with anything that you might need.

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## SAC

### STUDENT AFFAIR COUNCIL

The **Student Affairs Council** or **SAC** as it is commonly known, is an integrated body of all the secretaries elected by the students of the institute to represent and handle the various affairs of the institute. They also act as a link between the students and the institute. The SAC carries the responsibility of listening to the students' grievances and suggestions and place them in front of the concerned authorities.

All the secretaries have a council, under whom various sub-departments and clubs are run.

The current positions in the SAC and the members are:-

General Secretary, **Student** Affairs - Chaitanya Khawase

General Secretary, **Academic** Affairs - Ishita Lalan

General Secretary, **Technical** Affairs - Sachin Rustogi

General Secretary, **Cultural** Affairs - Ishan Gagil

General Secretary, **Sports** Affairs - Arjun Thangaraj

## annualreport (2017-18)

The year 2017-18 has gone by in a flash. Life at the insti was filled with many activities throughout the academic calendar.

A new batch of 117 individuals from across the country have joined the insti taking the current strength to 330. They were greeted with a 3-week long orientation programme giving them an opportunity to settle in and make themselves comfortable gradually. There has been a notable increase in the number of girl student in the campus with 18 girls joining the insti, making the total 29. The students were given rooms at the newly constructed hostel building set up overlooking the new artificial lake.

Apart from this, the institute also saw an increase in number of faculty. The Insti has also started the MS program and the PhD programme. In addition, it has also seen the installation of the new equipments like the Scanning Tunneling Microscope and also the addition of three 3D printers to C-Square, the student-run innovation lab. The Insti has also made available to its students two new software packages - Wolfram Mathematica and ANSYS. An extensive workshop for the latter was also conducted.

IITPKD started its chapter of SPIC MACAY beginning with the Bharatanatyam lecture demonstration by Narthaki Nataraj. The latest performance was Tholpavakoothu by Shri K. Rajeev.

Also a notable mention is the Institute Colloquium, an initiative of Prof K L Sebastian, Dean (Research), to bring eminent people from different fields to talk about new happenings in their area of expertise. This has been beneficial to both research scholars and students alike.

The students of IIT Palakkad have always actively participated in various events. This year saw the students of our Insti participate in the Inter IIT Sports Meet, Inter IIT Cultural Meet and Inter IIT Technical Meet. The students also actively participated in the online hackathons. 4 of our student teams took part in the second round of the Smart India

Hackathon, India's largest hackathon and one of our teams emerged successful bagging the second prize in their category.

Another unique event was conducted by the Sports Secretary, in the place of the existing Inter-Branch Sports Competition. Drawing inspiration from the success of IPL, teams were formed by auctioning players, the new methods were welcomed with active participation from all batches.

With more paths to explore as years move by and more challenges to face, IIT Palakkad is gearing up to give it all and rise in glory with strong backing from the incoming students.

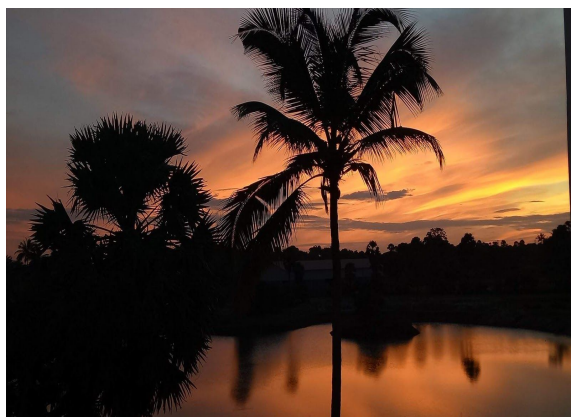
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## campushues

### AN OVERVIEW

IIT Palakkad - A place to learn, a place to live.

Located at a distance of 26 km from its nearest city, Palakkad, the campus offers its visitors a treat for the eye. The roads are well built, hostels - well maintained and academic block, fully equipped, all surrounded by beautiful scenery with



lakes and coconut trees which definitely makes the view from the hostel rooms more soothing.

### ACADEMIC BLOCK

While being in the institute, the Academic block is going to be everything for you from a

place to learn from the professors to place where you can transform your own ideas into reality. Every student of IIT Palakkad has access to all the facilities of the academic block which is equipped with various fully furnished labs, a high performance computer cluster, and a library. This is going to be a place for you to read, write, and show your creativity to the world.



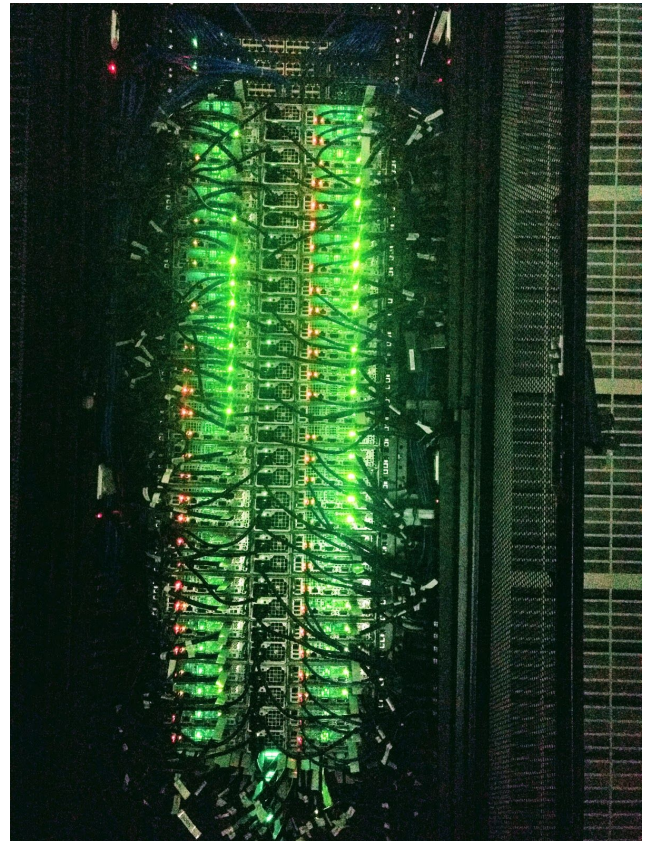
## FACILITIES IN ACADEMIC BLOCK

### LABS:

The Academic Block has two Computer labs, one Electronics lab, a Chemistry lab and a Physics lab.

### COMPUTER LAB :

This will probably be place where you will first be introduced to coding and Linux.





### ELECTRONICS LAB :

The starting place for all the DIY projects you can think about!

### LIBRARY:



From academic needs to leisure interests, the Library provides a wide range for to serve all purposes. You can find everything from textbooks to magazines, autobiographies, fiction, and books of other genres.

## GENERAL FACILITIES

### HOSPITALS :

The campus is medically well equipped with three hospitals, all of which offer ambulance service and can be relied upon at all times.



### HOSTELS :

The hostels are newly built and have all basic amenities. All floors have their own water coolers and washing machines which are maintained regularly. Proper surveillance systems



have been installed to monitor all the hostel activities. Don't worry! You still have your privacy. The CCTV is only in the corridors and staircases for security reasons.

The hostels have a television, a Table Tennis table, and a Gym for the students.

The hostel activities are managed by the Hostel Advisor, Mr. Samuel and the Hostel Manager.



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## freshersquips

“Academics sure has its importance, but its not everything. The things you build make you stand out. The projects you lead gives you confidence. ”

"Learn, play, participate and innovate! And don't forget to have fun! The right balance of these is what you need to get the true flavour of your new campus."

"You have three batches of seniors and an experienced faculty to guide you in all your feats. Be it anything of your interest, whether academic or otherwise, you will always have the guidance that you desire."

"Don't let the four walls of your room be your solace. Venture out, take risks and find new ways to enjoy your life."

"Even if you can't make good friends, be sure never to make good enemies!"

"Don't try to get into every activity that's going on. This will harm your academics as well as you won't be able to do justice to any. Participate in some specific things and stick to what you love the most."

"Make sure to take maximum benefit of the facilities in the insti. Going to various cultural shows and exhibitions will help in knowing your surroundings a lot. Also interested people can get involved in such activities too."

"The campus is extremely comfortable for anyone and the hostel facilities cannot get any better. There are quite a few sports facilities and a good enough gym. The ambience is great and it won't take much time to settle down."

"Indulge in at least one sport. It will help in releasing any tension and keep you fit. Don't forget to explore the campus. Night walks are great but do take caution."

"A 7 pointer having a clear-cut idea about his/her interests and working passionately on them is always worthier than blank-minded 8 or 9 pointers. So peeps, rather than trying to hit higher GPAs, stay curious about what you are studying and always enjoy the part !"

"Choose a maximum of two clubs and remain active in both rather than dipping your fingers into every available pie !"

"Coimbatore and Palakkad are both cool places to explore. But if you are foreign to both Malayalam and Tamil, always seek the help of your seniors! Or you can simply drag along one of your Malayali friends !"

"A new language is one more window from which you look at the world. So be sure to try your hand at learning Malayalam! The Malayalis could always bug your roomies into teaching you his/her language!"

"Try to be interactive with people from all parts of the country. Make friends, go for a tour around the campus. Always consider this as your institute, there will surely be some ups and downs but they must be there for making you a stronger being, and do not hesitate in reaching out to your seniors for help, and consider the people here as your second family."

"It's up to you. If you are positive, you will be satisfied with everything you have in your campus atmosphere. If you are negative you talk about the things which are missing in the campus atmosphere. Do take this as an opportunity to interact with different people and try to understand different psychologies and mould yourself."

"Most professors are going to be very active during the orientation program. By that you will be able to get to know some professors who not only stress on studies but encourage to excel in other areas. Try to understand different professors. Also take time to find your interest, and try to keep good interaction with those professors who have similar interest area."

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## **festivals**atIITPKD

Though IIT Palakkad stresses primarily on academics, it has ensured that, students get their fair share of entertainment. These festivals strengthen the unity in the diverse culture of the institute.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Independence day celebration gives a powerful headstart with its unique cultural events each year emphasising on the current issues of the country. But the most exciting event would be the 5 km run through the scenic campus, bringing out the vigour and enthusiasm of the young Indians who join hands irrespective of their language, culture and religious beliefs.



## ONAM

Organised mainly by the Malayalees but involving everyone, the Onam celebration (The only festival in India celebrated by people of all religions in Kerala) brings out the beauty and the rich heritage of Kerala. It consists of events like cultural programmes, exciting games which go on for almost the whole day, followed by a mouthwatering sadya as the cherry on top. With students in the traditional Malayalee attire, this is one festival that is not to be missed.



## FRESHERS DAY

The Fresher's day is a major ice-breaker for the juniors to get used to campus life. On this day, various programmes such as quizzes, games, performances by the seniors etc. are followed by a DJ night to make the newbies comfortable and help them settle in the campus.



## VIJAYADASHAMI

With dandiya and colourful displays about Navratri, Vijayadashami makes everyone move their feet to the rhythmic Gujarati, Rajasthani folk songs and gives us a fun-filled taste of this festival that signifies the victory of good over evil.

## DIWALI

Diwali is one of the most awaited festivals in the institution. Rather than bursting a lot of crackers, it is celebrated with the kids of Ahalia children's home. Arranged by the first-year students themselves, Diwali is one such occasion that brings out the creativity of the first years with each year having a display of new versions of Ramayan, making it intriguing and refreshing. The





dinner and the DJ night afterwards too are something not to be missed.

## ARSH - CULTURAL NIGHT

With all the cultural clubs coming together, Arsh gives us a whole night of soothing music, breathtaking dance moves and stellar acts. It was a huge success in the very first year itself.



## REPUBLIC DAY

Republic day reminds the institute of our beloved country and stages various cultural events that portray the glory of our country.

## INSTITUTE DAY

Institute day is to reflect, introspect and plan our actions for the future. It is also the day to congratulate the top scorers of each batch and those doing well in various technical and cultural areas followed by various cultural events.

## HOLI

Holi, the festival of colours, is one which is celebrated with the utmost zeal and zest in the campus by throwing colours and splashing water until the music ends. Though we are in a South Indian state, Holi here is celebrated with the same passion and flair.



## PETRICHOR

IIT Palakkad is gearing up for its first ever techno-cultural fest - Petrichor, which is to be held this winter, on the 27 and 28th of October, in the transit campus. Workshops and several interesting technical and cultural events await eager students.



# what'snearme

## RESTAURANTS

### AHALIA FOOD POINT

Just a cycle ride away from you, this restaurant is located inside the temporary campus at Ahalia Diabetes Hospital. The food served here is good. Students do complain about the quality of service as you have to wait as long as an hour for your food to arrive during peak hours.

### AHALIA AYURVEDIC AND EYE HOSPITAL CANTEEN

These two don't really count as restaurants but are canteens that serve good vegetarian food. They too are located inside the campus. They are very good for a quick snack. We recommend that you try the ghee roast, it is delicious.

### THATTUKADA

This is the place located inside the campus where you can experience Kerala's traditional cuisine. It is located just in front of the Home center(a small supermarket), so you can visit anytime you want. The menu consists of the famous Kerala *porotta* combined with veg as well as non-veg side dishes. It also serves kappa - which is steamed tapioca, attracting almost every malayali.

### THE RICE BOWL RESTAURANT

This is by far, the best restaurant that you can find within a 20 km radius from IIT Palakkad. It is located on the Palakkad - Coimbatore highway, nearly 9 kms from the hostel. The flavor-packed menu contains great North Indian as well as South Indian dishes. This restaurant has good ambience, great service, and even better food quality. Do try the Tandoori Chicken and Special Falooda!

### OPEN TABLE

This restaurant rivals The Rice Bowl in each and every parameter. The only disadvantage is that it is located 20 km from the campus. This restaurant is on the way to Palakkad, so drop

down once in a while and visit this restaurant. We can guarantee that you won't be disappointed. They serve one of the best Paneer Butter Masala you can get in Kerala.

### NOOR JAHAN OPEN GRILL

There are many restaurants in the Palakkad city, but Noor Jahan's Open Grill stands above all of them. This restaurant is located at Stadium Bypass Road in Palakkad and serves mind-blowing food. This restaurant also houses a buffet system. This place is great to host parties as it has a rooftop restaurant for the same purpose. The menu is jam-packed with intriguing dishes, ranging from a simple Dal Fry to the dazzling Sizzlers.

This restaurant is a little expensive when compared to the others, but it makes up for it in its service and food. So, keep your taste-buds intact because whenever you visit here, they are in for a roller-coaster journey. The Orange Glazed Chicken that they serve is simply out of this world.

### AJAY'S DELHI WALA

This place is a haven for North Indians. Located at Ram Nagar, Coimbatore, it is at a walking distance from the Brookefields Mall. It is a sweet house which delivers a wide variety of mouth-watering parathes, crunchy kachoris and a thick lassi. Sitting at this place makes you feel that you are back home eating at your favorite food-stall. We recommend that you try all that this restaurant has to offer, because you never get enough!

## DAILY NEEDS

### AHALIA HOME CENTER

Most of your basic daily needs can be met at Ahalia's Home Center, located at the Diabetes Hospital. It is a small and cozy place, but it will surely cater to all your requirements. For other requirements, you can visit the Big Bazaar at Palakkad, or one of the many supermarkets in Coimbatore.

## STATIONERIES

Some of the stationery requirements can be met at the Institute Cafeteria itself. The Ahalia Reprographic Center is also available to cater to your needs.

A recommended place to buy electronics is Sunrise Electronics Coimbatore.

# placesofinterest

## PALAKKAD FORT

Also known as Tipu Sultan Fort. Built around the late 1700s. It is a well preserved monument and has a serene ambience. Inside it is situated the Palakkad sub jail. There is a temple and a garden inside it as well.

**LOCATION:** Nearby and easily accessible. All private buses to palakkad go by the fort.

**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** Evenings are best and after the rains in June - August.

**TIME SPENT:** Fort complex is not large and can be covered in less than one and a half hours.

## DHONI FALLS

A small but beautiful waterfalls, it is in a protected forest area and requires a bit of trekking to reach. They have currently imposed increased restrictions on going near the waterfalls. There is an entry fee and a guide will accompany you.

**LOCATION:** Around 15 km from Palakkad town.

**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** October - December.

**TIME SPENT:** Around 8 km trek (roundtrip). Should easily take a day.

## MALAMPUZHA DAM

Built around 1955, it sits across the Malampuzha river. There is a scenic cable car ride near the dam. There are many gardens of different kinds like a rock garden, a Japanese garden etc. There is an aquarium along with a water theme park nearby as well. The famous Yakshi sculpture is located in one of the gardens nearby.

**LOCATION:** Around 10 km from Palakkad Town.

**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** October - December.

**TIME SPENT:** Possibly a whole day affair.

## JAINIMEDU JAIN TEMPLE

Built around the 15th century, it a beautiful rock carved jain temple dedicated to Chandraprabhu, a Tirthankar.

**LOCATION:** Near Palakkad Town.

**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** All year around.

**TIME SPENT:** Not more than an hour

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## conclusion

IIT Palakkad offers you a golden opportunity to develop your skills and talents. With all its facilities, it is a place where you can discover yourself. You can learn. You can teach. And you can lead! It need not have everything that an older IIT has but in life you either get bitter or you get better. It's that simple! Either you decide to make the best out of what you have or get crushed under all your regrets.

When life throws you a curveball, a coward prays that that it doesn't hit him while the brave grabs a bat and hits it out of the park. And IIT Palakkad is an institute that teaches and encourages you to be the brave!

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**IIT PALAKKAD PROVIDES SHUTTLE SERVICE ON WEEKENDS. FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE:**

Source	Destination	Timing (IST)
Hostel	Walayar Station	09:05, 11:25, 17:00
Hostel	Canal Pirivu	09:05, 10:00, 11:25, 17:00, 18:00
Walayar Station	Hostel	09:30, 17:30
Canal Pirivu	Hostel	10:30, 16:30, 18:30

Also, if you want to travel at your convenience, get an auto rickshaw. It should cost around Rs. 70 for a ride from the Canal Pirivu to the campus. Similar to Uber price hike during peak hours we have a price hike during the nights and early mornings. Following is the list of Auto Drivers and their phone numbers:

Sr. No.	Name	Mobile Number
1	Mohanan	9744668912
2	Rajakumaran	9446689459
3	Vijayan	9495708076
4	Sankaran	9946021277
5	Stephen	8086904272
6	Guruvayoorappan	9961623971
7	Ali	9633961979
8	M. James	9947229390
9	Aravindakshan	9947717172
10	Pushparaj	9446944271
11	P. James	9447085531
12	Sukumara Kaimal	9895317767
13	Praveen Kumar	9847494860
14	Aruldas	9746720377
15	Xavier	9446944267

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