



# THE FLEET STREET

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*INTER IIT  
SPORTS  
MEET  
2018*

*A Review*

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The official student media body of IIT Palakkad

## Inter IIT Sports Meet 2018

The Inter-IIT Sports Meet is the sports tournament hosted annually by one of the seven old IITs during the month of December. The Inter-IIT Sports Meet is a sports community culture where athletes from different IITs compete in different track/field events and other games to emerge as champions and hence enhancing the glory of their respective IITs.

The 53rd edition of Inter-IIT Sports Meet was held at IIT Guwahati during December 2018 and witnessed more than 3500 athletes from 23 IITs participating in 13 different sports.

**IIT Palakkad's contingent comprised of 43 athletes participating in Athletics, Cricket, Badminton, Football and Table Tennis.**

### meetourathletes

By Vaisakh M

### ATHLETICS

ATHLETE	EVENTS
MATHURI HARI CHAITANYA 4th year, ME	100 m
RAKESH KUMAR 2nd year, CSE	100 m 200 m & 400 m
PAMU ABHITEZ 2nd year, CE	400 m Long jump
NIKHILESH TRIPATHY 4th year, CE	Shot put Discus throw



GREESHMANTH REDDY  
2nd year, EE

Shot put  
Hammer throw

## BADMINTON



*From left to right: Vishnu, Chaitanya, Maria, Ishita, Salma, Gyan, Arpit*

### MEN

THAVVA CHAITANYA REDDY (C)  
3rd year, CE

VALLALA VISHNU TEJA  
3rd year, CSE

GYAN RANJAN ROUT  
3rd year, CE

ARPIT SINGH  
3rd year, CSE

### WOMEN

ISHITA LALAN (C)  
4th year, EE

MARIA ROSE JOSEPH  
2nd year, EE

SALMA SHEPHEEK  
1st year, CE

## CRICKET



*From left: Harsha, Praveen, Arjun, Piyush, Abhishek Kajla, Pushkar, Rimo Rithwik, Hari Chaitanya, Madhav, Rupesh*  
*Front: Abhishek Bagri, Thavva Chaitanya, Afroz*

PRAVEEN ZALAYA (C)

4th year, ME

PIYUSH DHAKAD

3rd year, CE

ARJUN THANGARAJ R

3rd year, ME

THAVVA CHAITANYA REDDY

3rd year, CE

MATHURI HARI CHAITANYA

4th year, ME

ABHISHEK BAGRI

3rd year, CE

SHAIKH AFROZ

3rd year, EE

PUSHKAR J YADAV

2nd year, EE



ABHISHEK KAJLA

2nd year, CE

PALLA RIMO RITHWIK

2nd year, ME

SHYAM KRISHNA M

2nd year, ME

JAYA MADHAV JUPALLI

2nd year, CSE

HARSHA G

1st year, EE

RUPESH

1st year, EE

## FOOTBALL



*From left: Mark, Gopu, Jithin, Gautham, Mr. Sharath(Coach), Rajath R(C), Rajath R, Pushpendra*

*Front: Shyam, Alfred, Antony, Amith, Balu, Gumin*

**RAJATH R (C)**

Centre back

4th year, EE

**BALU V**

Left back

3rd year, EE

**MARK NARI LINGFA**

Forward

3rd year, CE

**GAUTHAM G KUMAR**

Goalkeeper

2nd year, ME

**PUSHPENDRA KUMAR**

Midfielder

2nd year, CE

**AMITH AJITH**

Midfielder

2nd year, ME

**GUMIN MIZE**

Midfielder

1st year, CE

**RAJATH R**

Forward

1st year, ME

**SOMASEKHARAN S**

Midfielder

4th year, EE

**ARJUN THANGARAJ**

Midfielder

3rd year, ME

**JITHIN LAL PRADEEP K**

Centre back

3rd year, ME

**ALFRED ANTONY**

Forward

2nd year, ME

**ANTONY POULOSE**

Right back

2nd year, ME

**SHYAM KRISHNA M**

Midfielder

2nd year, ME

**ABIN SELBY**

Left back

1st year, ME

## TABLE TENNIS



*From left to right: Prakhar, Ishan, Vivek, Arjun*

PRAKHAR AGRAWAL(C)  
4th year, ME

ARJUN THANGARAJ  
3rd year, ME

ISHAN GADGIL  
3rd year, CSE

VIVEK T V  
3rd year, CE

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## results

By Maria Rose Joseph and Roshan P Mathews

### Football

The team after being placed in a relatively easy group alongside IIT Bhilai and IIT Patna, started with hopes of qualifying to the Quarter Finals. A last minute goal from IIT Bhilai sent IIT Palakkad packing, as they lost the first game to IIT Patna.

#### Group Stage (Pool F)

**Palakkad vs Patna | Football Ground 1 | Dec 14**  
0 - 2

The first half produced no goals. Later in the game IIT Palakkad suffered a major blow in the form of an injury to our center mid, Shyam, who fractured his clavicle bone. IIT Patna continued playing a rough game, taking out Alfred(forward) as well. The game ended with them scoring twice in the second half.



**Palakkad vs Bhilai | Football Ground 2 | Dec 16**  
1 - 1

Alfred scored a penalty early on in the game. The opposition scored the equalizer at the last minute to hold the game to a draw.

### Cricket

#### Group Stage (Group C)

**Palakkad vs Hyderabad | Ground 1 | Dec 11**

**IIT Palakkad, batting first:** 62/10 (19.3 overs)

**IIT Hyderabad :** 63/3 (10.4 overs)

IIT Hyderabad won by 7 wickets. The interesting fact is that IIT Palakkad faced IIT Hyderabad in their first group stage match last year as well and aggregated the same 62 runs before getting bowled out!

### Palakkad vs Jodhpur | Ground 2 | Dec 14

**IIT Palakkad, batting first:** 138/5 (20.0 overs)

**IIT Jodhpur:** 98/10 (16.1 overs)

IIT Palakkad won by 40 runs and qualified for the Quarter Finals as runners-up in the group. This is the first time IIT Palakkad made it past the group stage.

## Quarter Finals

### Palakkad vs Madras | Ground 1 | Dec 16

**IIT Madras, batting first:** 222/3 (20.0 overs)

**IIT Palakkad:** 47/10 (11.5 overs)

IIT Palakkad lost by 175 runs. Madras batted first and reached a mammoth total of 222 for the loss of 3 wickets in 20 overs with a good amount of power hitting from the Madras batsmen. Palakkad struggled to get runs on the board and were eventually bundled out for 47 runs in 11.5 overs. 8 out of 10 Palakkad wickets were taken by Atul of IIT Madras, while the other two batsmen were run out.



IIT Palakkad had a much better outing this year, winning for the first time in Inter IIT Sports Meet before crashing out of the competition after a huge defeat at the hands of IIT Madras.

## Table Tennis

The absence of last year's star Prabal was glaring as IIT Palakkad lost all its group stage games including three straight losses, winning only one match in the 14 matches. Line-up

was Prakhar Agrawal, Arjun Thangaraj and Ishan Gadgil for all the games except the one against Madras in which Vivek played in place of Arjun, but to no avail.

### Group Stage (Pool B)

**Palakkad vs Dhanbad | Dec 15**

**0 - 3**

**Palakkad vs Ropar | Dec 16**

**1-3**

**Palakkad vs Madras | Dec 17**

**0-3**

**Palakkad vs Dharwad | Dec 18**

**0-3**

## Badminton

### Men

IIT Palakkad was lucky enough to qualify to the pre-quarter finals by default after being placed in a two team group alongside IIT Madras. The team failed to capitalise on the advantage, losing to IIT Kanpur in their first knockout stage game in straight matches.

### Group Stage (Group H)

**Palakkad vs Madras | Dec 16**

**0 - 3**

### Pre-Quarter Finals

**Palakkad vs Kanpur | Day 17**

**0 - 3**



## Women

IIT Palakkad's flag bearers at the Inter IIT Sports Meet, the women's badminton team lived up to the expectations winning the bronze medal. Ishita Lalan put forth an amazing performance winning all the singles matches by huge margins. The team also won the doubles in style and never lost a set. The first singles was played by Ishita Lalan and the doubles was played by Ishita Lalan and Maria Rose Joseph in all the games except the semi finals.

### Group Stage (Pool DW)

**Palakkad vs Hyderabad | Dec 14**

**2 - 0**

**Palakkad vs Kanpur | Dec 15**

**2 - 0**

**Palakkad vs Gandhinagar | Dec 16**

**2 - 0**

**Palakkad vs Indore | Dec 17**

**2 - 0**

IIT Palakkad topped the pool in the Group stage and qualified for the Quarter Finals as the winner of the pool. IIT Palakkad was the only 3rd gen IIT to qualify cross the group stage.

### Quarter Finals

**Palakkad vs Delhi | Dec 19**

**2 - 0**

IIT Palakkad stormed past IIT Delhi winning the game in straight matches to enter its first Semi Finals in any team event at Inter IIT Sports Meet.

### Semi Finals

**Palakkad vs Madras | Dec 20**

**0 - 2**

IIT Palakkad's only defeat came in the semifinals as they lost to IIT Madras who went on to become the champions. Ishita had taken a day off to prepare for the next match. First singles was played by Maria and doubles by Maria and Salma Shepseek.

### Third Place

Palakkad vs Bombay| Dec 21

2 - 0

After some crucial moments in the second set of the doubles, IIT Palakkad bagged the victory in straight matches to grab the **Bronze Medal** in the event! This made IIT Palakkad the first third generation IIT to win a medal in a team event.



*From left to right: Salma Shepseek, Ishita Lalan and Maria Rose Joseph*

### Athletics

**Shot put:** Nikhilesh Tripathy threw an impressive 11.14 m and won the 4th place giving IIT Palakkad its first-ever point in an Inter IIT Sports Meet. He missed a medal by a whisker, 11.5 m being the mark for the third position.

# in perspective **with last year**

By Shruti Umat

<b>Athletics</b>	<p>Nikhilesh Tripathy performed better with a splendid throw of 11.14 m compared to 10.44 m last year.</p> <p>Performance in 100 m and 200 m declined with Palakkad failing to get past the heats. Last year Virendra Kumar Meena had finished 7th in the 100 m finals in 11.4 s.</p> <p>Niranjana S had reached semifinals of 100 m last year. This year IIT Palakkad did not participate in women's athletics events.</p>
<b>Badminton (Men)</b>	<p>IIT Palakkad were lucky to be placed in a two team pool and to qualify for the pre-quarter finals. But, the team lost to Kanpur and failed to progress further.</p> <p>The performance has not seen any great change. Last year Palakkad were out of the competition losing matches in the pool stage itself.</p>
<b>Badminton (Women)</b>	<p>Women's badminton contingent had the same key players with Salma replacing Apoorva as the third player, witnessed an outstanding show as Palakkad bagged bronze this year whereas last year it could only make it to the quarters.</p>
<b>Cricket</b>	<p>Palakkad registered its first win in cricket in the Inter IIT Sports Meet, this year. This made Palakkad qualify to the quarter finals stage but the team couldn't make any further progress.</p>
<b>Football</b>	<p>Palakkad failed to qualify to the quarters this year as well.</p>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<p>Palakkad bagged a seat in the pre-quarter finals last year with two victories, losing to Delhi in the knockout stage. This year, it saw 4 defeats in a row, only to crash out of the tournament.</p>

Overall, IIT Palakkad had a better campaign in the Inter IIT Sports Meet 2018 with more victories in hand and more feathers in its cap.





By Navaneeth M Nambiar

### Rajath R on Football:

" 3rd Gen IITs are coming into prominence and brought in formidable teams. They could no longer be written off and have caused some major upsets. As for my event, we fielded a relatively younger team this year, and we managed to put in a really good show. Altogether we didn't quite get the returns for the effort we put in. Had it not been for a rough taking-man-out game from Patna (which we lost) and some really callous refereeing errors against Bhilai (which we drew) we'd have progressed much further.

Plus the event organization this time around was really poor. Grounds were not properly maintained, tracks weren't proper and referees were erroneous. There was an instance when a football match had to be paused for sometime because a track and field event was going on just nearby. "

### Praveen Zalaya on Cricket Teams:

" I don't want to be negative in terms of player spirit and their patriotism and so, I will say some of the positive things about our contingent. Even though we(cricket team) knew we didn't have much practice, we went to the Inter IIT Sports meet. But still, this year our performance was far better than the other 3rd Gen IITs.

Mainly, we felt that each team had more coordination amongst their players and most teams had got some experienced players who helped bring out the best in their team. I think we were confident enough to beat any team of our level. Moreover, some of our teams had got very experienced captains, so that control on each player was enough while at the same time giving them each freedom to express themselves. "

### Nikhilesh Tripathy about the contingents/participants:

" The best thing I saw was the way the 3rd gen IITs competed fearlessly against the older and experienced counterparts. "

**Vivek TV about his first experience as part of TT team:**

“ Being a part of the inter iit team and playing is a proud moment for all of us. Watching other does help us improve our game. The weather was cold and took quite some time to adjust with. And one of the best thrilling things I loved about this inter iit was the sledging of Kanpur women's badminton team when they faced us. All in all, the whole tournament was fun and a nice one to remember. ”

**Abhishek Bagri on the team's first win in cricket:**

“ One thing I knew before the inter iit was that our team was not as strong as the one we fielded last year and we didn't have enough preparation too. But with the team spirit and proper planning we were still able to win our first ever match in cricket. This year many of us also practiced with other teams in the nets so that we were able to correct our faults. These were some changes I noticed. ”

**Maria Rose Joseph on new hope:**

“ The contingent felt better this time around. Besides the little details like having got better tracksuits, the entire event was more lively. Gone were the days of monotonic victories of older iits as witnessed in the previous years. They were given a run for their prestige: a tense moment for them, a fresh moment for the new: a thrilling experience to watch. ”

**Shyam Krishna M on his injury and also the increased participation:**

“ This time around, there were events for the differently abled including paralifting . Having stayed injured after the football qualifier match with Patna [collarbone fracture], I can vouch for treatment and services provided as being proper and the best they could've provided. Moreover, IIT Palakkad's performance and team spirit in participation has increased greatly, with the achievements in badminton and shotput being best examples.”

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