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Welcome to The Fleet Street – the official student media body of IIT Palakkad. Media is considered to be the people's instrument to exercise their Right to Information. To discover trends, to dissect happenings and to display the reality is what a journalist strives for. To abide by this and to cater to the students with a platform to bolster their opinions, we at IIT Palakkad have initiated this venture called **THE FLEET STREET**, our very own student media body. Media in England finds its roots in this very street in London – a pioneer hub of publishing and printing. The Fleet street still remains a monument when it comes to the English media. We are making a first step, the beginning of something which will hopefully leave a mark in the course of time and thus the name.

The journey of TFS has been accelerating. Conceptualized during the summer of 2016 under the mentorship of late Prof. Valsa Kumar sir who set the tone for us and with great energy and enthusiasm from the first batch of students of IIT Palakkad, along with the support of our dear professors, it slowly started to take shape. Since then, we have traversed a lot, and today, truly, we have become an independent student run media body publishing on pressing issues in the campus, monthly newsletters, special editions in the form of reviews on institute meets, functioning - the SAC review which is a standout among the students etc.

This freshers' guide aims at helping you make yourself at home and would clarify many of your doubts regarding the institute. Have a look at it! Suggestions and feedback are warmly welcomed.

Are you an aspiring writer looking for a platform to express themselves? Do you have what it takes to write for The Fleet Street? The Fleet Street will be recruiting soon, so keep your eyes open and pens ready. Do check out our previous newsletters and special editions, some of which are put up on the institute website. Please feel free to contact us. You can reach out to us through our Facebook page or Instagram handle or by replying to us by email.

Enjoy your stay at IIT Palakkad. Wishing you the very best.

Farewell, until we meet again !

The Fleet Street

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 should you 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 much more.

You should consider yourself 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/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 all while you enjoy the rumbling of the windmill. All this is, 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.

We also take pride in being a newly established IIT which is already a step closer to its permanent campus. It gives me immense pleasure to announce that the transit campus of IIT Palakkad became operational from February this year. It houses the third and fourth years while you, along with the second years, will stay at the temporary campus i.e. the Ahalia campus. They're just a 25 min drive away from each other. Buses run by the institute operate throughout the day ensuring proper connectivity between the campuses and its people.

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 in 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 an 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 sports 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 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. Remember, the curious find their own way!

The IIT, as a brand, is world renowned for having students of a certain calibre and having any IIT as an alma mater automatically puts 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.

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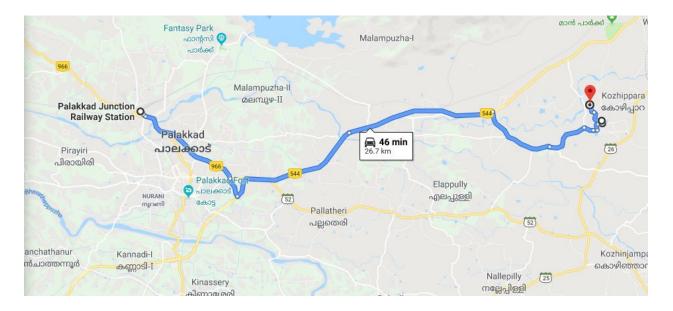
FROM PALAKKAD JN. RAILWAY STATION TO ACADEMIC BLOCK

Palakkad junction is the main railway station of palakkad district. The academic block is at a distance of 27 km from there.

From PALAKKAD JUNCTION Station OLAVAKKODE, Railway Station Rd, Kallekkulangara, Akathethara, Palakkad, Kerala 678002 to Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad via NH544.

It should take about 45 minutes to reach the Institute.

For the best route in current traffic visit <u>https://goo.gl/maps/aCTK3iz4YhEUG5gj9</u>

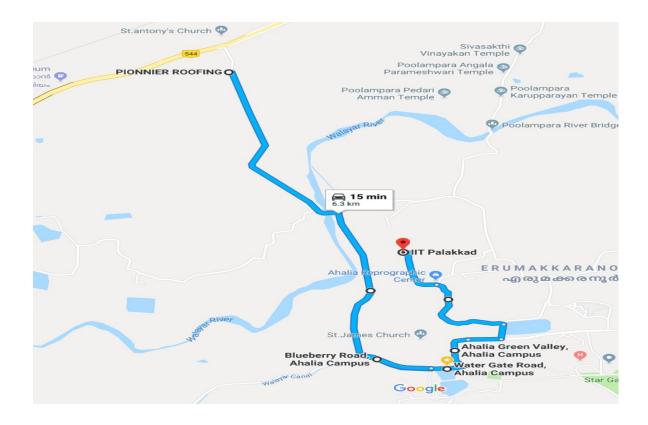


FROM PIONNIER ROOFING TO ACADEMIC BLOCK

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.

From PIONNIER ROOFING to Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad, Ahalia Integrated Campus, Palakkad Dist., Kozhippara, Kerala 678557 via Blueberry Rd should take about 15 minutes to reach the Institute.

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FROM GREEN GATE TO ACADEMIC BLOCK

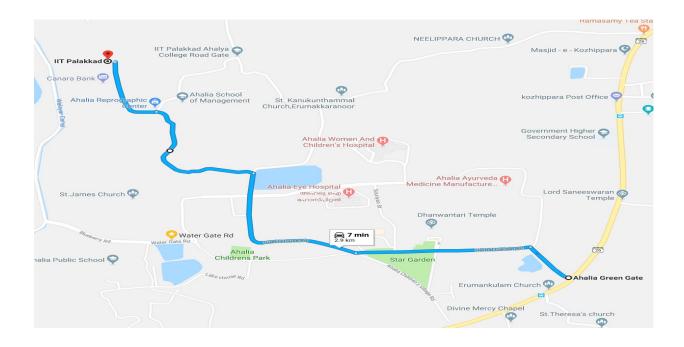
Green Gate is another landmark located in the South-East portion of the campus. There are two possible routes that one can commute by between Green Gate and the academic building. While one goes via the **Guest House Road**, the other is via the **Ahalia Double Road**. The Green Gate is 2.9 km away from the Institute.

It should take about 10 minutes to reach IIT Palakkad.

1. The Guest House route:

From Ahalia Green Gate to Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad, Ahalia Integrated Campus, Palakkad Dist., Kozhippara, Kerala 678557 via Herbal Garden Rd and Guest House Rd.

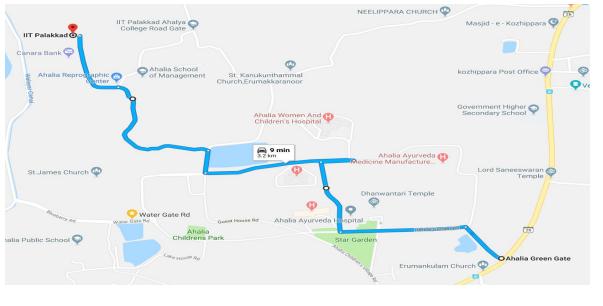
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VIA AHALIA DOUBLE ROAD

The route via **Ahalia Double Road**: From Ahalia Green Gate to Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad, Ahalia Integrated Campus, Palakkad Dist., Kozhippara, Kerala 678557 via Green Gate Rd and Ahalia Double Rd..

For the best route in current traffic visit <u>https://goo.gl/maps/oFh4NHapgJ76VopH6</u>



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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 the 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 beside 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 the 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 the lakeside and the hill at night, 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 these four years will fly by without any notice. Don't get distracted by things which you know aren't worthy of your attention.

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 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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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. Generally classes are scheduled in the 8 am to 2 pm slot. Each class hour consists of 50 minutes assigned to the lecture and 10 minutes kept aside for leisure. Courses like Workshop practice and labs are scheduled in the afternoon session with sessions lasting 3 hours. The professors are friendly and easily approachable to students during the working hours. To meet the academic heads, it is advisable to seek prior appointment owing to their busy schedule.

CURRICULUM

IIT-Palakkad Curriculum has remained the same since the batch of 2017, and can be found here: <u>Curriculum@IITPkd</u>

A Curriculum Advisory Committee with experienced members from both academia and industry has been set up and the curriculum is periodically reviewed by the Senate.

RESOURCES

With fully equipped labs and up to date resources, IIT Palakkad intends to equip the students with everything they need in their academic tenure.

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 through periodic Broadcast emails.

2. LABS

The computer lab on the ground floor of the Academic block 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 software like Matlab and AutoCAD installed for use. In addition to this, the institute has availed software licenses for student use and these include ANSYS, Wolfram Mathematica etc.

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: <u>Academic-facilities@IITPkd</u>

Facilities like the Innovation lab, Electronics lab are easily accessible for students to work on projects and ideas.

IIT Palakkad also boasts of a Scanning Tunneling Microscope and a High Performance Computing Cluster which, in a budding institute like ours, puts us on par with other well-established institutes when comparing the rate of development in the short time from our establishment.

3. MOODLE

Moodle is the centralized course management system. It is the place where your courses will be listed, contents uploaded and assignments given. Assignments are 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.

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, badminton and athletics. Professional coaches have been appointed to train and mentor the students in these sports. Chess enthusiasts are given opportunities to prove their skills 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. Regular yoga sessions also add to the numerous facilities offered at the institute. Besides these, 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 hostel 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 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 for the past three years. Towards the end of the odd semesters, teams for the Inter IIT Sports 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 Guwahati last year, a 41 member contingent from our college participated in cricket, football, badminton, table tennis and athletics. The Women's Badminton team represented by Ishita Jayesh Lalan, Maria Rose Joseph and Salma Shepheek bagged the bronze medal making IIT Palakkad the only third generation IIT to win a medal in a team event. We also displayed remarkable performance in Men's Shot Put with Nikhilesh Tripathi securing the 4th position, missing the third by a very small margin. This year IIT Palakkad is expected to further diversify its participation and bring home more laurels.

facultyadvisorsandstudentmentors

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 skills 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. 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 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 intervals and have an active discussion with them about your progress.

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 three 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 at 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 fines 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.

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.

General Secretary,	Student Affairs : Shaikh Afroz Arshad
General Secretary,	Academic Affairs : Bogudameedi Venkata Sai Prasad
General Secretary,	Cultural Affairs : Rithwik P
General Secretary,	Hostel Affairs : Gopu Krishnan M
General Secretary,	Sports Affairs : Pakalapati Manas Sanjay
General Secretary,	Technical Affairs : Navaneeth M Nambiar

General Secretary, Post Graduate Affairs : Madhavanunni A N

Since the four batches have been split into two campuses, the temporary campus and the transit campus, and since most of the SAC members are in the transit campus, the student affairs in the temporary campus are looked after by the following joint secretaries:

Joint Secretary, **Cultural** Affairs: Sukrutha Jayan Joint Secretary, **Hostel** Affairs: Mohit Kumawat Joint Secretary, **Sports** Affairs: Mitul Kataria Joint Secretary, **Technical** Affairs: Vishesh Munjal

annualreport (2018-19)

The year 2018-19 has gone by in a flash. Life at the Insti was filled with many activities and achievements throughout the academic calendar.

A new batch of 155 individuals from across the country have joined the insti taking the current strength to 485. They were greeted with a 2-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 students in the campus with 18 girls joining the insti, taking the total to 43. The students were provided rooms at the hostel building set up overlooking the artificial lake. In addition to this, the institute also saw an increase in the number of faculty and there has been a significant rise in Research Scholars joining for MS and PhD programmes.

Petrichor, the annual Techno Cultural Fest of IIT Palakkad, was celebrated with great joy and passion, as the students put up all their heart into making our very first fest a true success. Comprising of various Cultural and Technical competitions, the fest drew college students from across the two states to showcase their talent and skill. The highlight of the two-day fest was of course the finale performance by Thaikkudam Bridge, the Kerala-based rock band.

This year, IIT Palakkad bids farewell to it's first batch of 104 undergraduates. We hope they'll cherish the bonds they've made with this institute throughout their new journey. Their contributions would forever be setting stone for years to come.

The students of IIT Palakkad have always actively participated in various events. Our students represented our Insti in the Inter IIT Sports Meet, Inter IIT Cultural Meet and Inter

IIT Technical Meet. This year marked a remarkable year for IIT Palakkad as it opened its accounts at both Sports Meet and Technical Meet. In Sports, the insti Women's badminton team won third place in Badminton while at the Tech Meet, our students secured first place for their novel solution for innovation for agriculture (TCTD challenge).

Another unique event called 'Sportacus' was conducted by the Sports Secretary, as an alternative to the normal type of Inter-Branch Sports Competition. Drawing inspiration from the success of IPL, teams being 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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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:

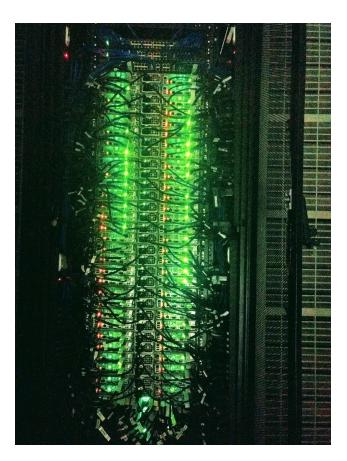
The Academic Block has two Computer labs, one Electronics lab, a Chemistry lab and a Physics lab.

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.



festivals@iitpkd

IIT Palakkad celebrates a number of festivals and holds a variety of events every year, to ensure cultural unity and to provide the students with their fair share of entertainment.

PETRICHOR

PETRICHOR, the techno-cultural fest of IIT Palakkad, was launched in the year 2018. The fest provides a platform for young techies and cultural enthusiasts to showcase their talent. The first edition of PETRICHOR was successfully held and we hope to make it more vibrant and exciting in the coming years.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

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



ONAM

The Onam celebration brings out the beauty and the rich heritage of Kerala. It consists of cultural programmes and exciting games which goon 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 Freshers' day is a major ice-breaker for the juniors to get used to the campus life.



This day will surely be one of those unforgettable days in every IIT Pkdian's life. On this day, various programmes are arranged by the seniors including a DJ night to give the newbies a warm welcome.

GANESH CHATURTHI

We celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi every year to commemorate the birth of Lord Ganesha who is considered to be the god of prosperity and wisdom. Everyone, without any regional or religious bias, takes part in the celebrations.

NAVRATRI

The festival is celebrated to commemorate Maa Durga's win over the demon Mahishasura and represents the victory of peace and dharma over ego and evil. There is also a Garba night, where all students perform Garba together.

VIJAYADASHAMI

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

DIWALI

Diwali is one of the most awaited festivals in the institution. Arranged by the first-year students themselves, Diwali is one such occasion that brings out their creativity. Each year witnesses the display of a new version of Ramayan enacted by the first years, making it intriguing and refreshing.



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 has been a huge success since the very first year itself.

INSTITUTE DAY

The 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.



REPUBLIC DAY

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

HOLI

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



Vadya, the music club of IIT Palakkad, conducts BoB, wherein members of the Vadya club along with new talent team up to perform as different bands who compete for glory. The event is very popular among students and is an opportunity to recognize budding talent in music.

EBSB

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, an initiative under the Ministry of Human Resources and Development (MHRD), is organised at central institutions across India to bring forth the cultures, traditions, customs and practices of various states across India. It aims at spreading unity among different sections of our population.

SPORTS DAY

In the Intra College Sports Meet of IIT Palakkad, students form franchises that choose players for each sport in an auction. The event has huge participation from the student community and is conducted every year with enthusiasm.

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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. Consider ordering by calling the manager beforehand. 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. Home delivery is also available.







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. The menu consists of healthy and light food options. We recommend that you try the ghee roast, it is delicious.

OOTTUPURA

This is the Dhaba style small restaurant 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). The menu consists of the famous Kerala *porotta* combined with veg as well as non-veg side dishes. They also serve kappa - which is steamed tapioca, attracting almost every malayali. Dining out in the open is a good option. It's cheap and delicious at the same time. They rarely make you wait. Home delivery is also available.

MALABAR RESTAURANT

Located near Kanjikode town, this is the go-to place if you're a non-veg lover. You get delicious food without much delay. They serve a huge variety of exotic dishes. The menu is comparatively cheaper. It is almost 8 kms away from the cam t pus en route to Palakkad.

COFFEE DAY BEVERAGES

This is a snack bar situated between the hostel 3 and the academic block. They serve milkshakes, fresh juices and snacks. It is not too expensive but it can be overcrowded during peak hours. Oreo milkshake is a must-try.

THE RICE BOWL RESTAURANT

This is by far the best restaurant that you can find within a 20 km radius from IIT Palakkad(Ahalia campus). It is located on the Palakkad - Coimbatore highway, nearly 9 kms from the hostel. The flavour-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!

JASMINE FAMILY RESTAURANT

This restaurant rivals The Rice Bowl in each and every parameter. The only disadvantage is that it is located 15 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 parathas, crunchy kachoris and a thick lassi. Sitting at this place makes you feel that you are back home eating at your favourite 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 cosy place, but it will surely cater to all your requirements. If it doesn't suffice your needs, you can visit the Big Bazaar at Palakkad, or one of the many supermarkets in Coimbatore.

STATIONERIES

Most of the stationery requirements can be met at the Institute Cafeteria itself.

ELECTRONICS

A recommended place to buy electronics for projects is at the Oppanakara Street in Coimbatore with some notable ones being <u>Karishma Electronics</u> and <u>Sunrise Electronics</u>.

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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transport

Source	Destination	Via	Timing (IST)
Academic Block Ahalia	Palakkad	Transit Campus	7:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:25 pm, 7:30 pm
Palakkad	Academic Block Ahalia	Transit Campus	7:00 am, 8:00 am, 3:00 pm
Academic Block Ahalia	Transit Campus	Transit Campus	7:00 am,10:15am,11:15am, 1:15 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm
Transit Campus	Academic Block Ahalia	Transit Campus	8:30 am, 09:15 am, 11:15 am, 1:15am, 5:15 pm, 7:15 pm, 8:15 pm

IIT PALAKKAD SHUTTLE SERVICE. FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE:

AHALIA 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. 90 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. To book an auto, ask the

security guard at the desk. He would arrange the necessary. Please bear in mind that you will have to notify the security guard in an advance of 30 minutes before your expected time of departure from hostel.

NOTE: Many online e-commerce websites such as Amazon, Flipkart, Paytm, etc deliver their products at hostel block.

seniorsspeak

What came into your mind when you got IIT Palakkad?

"I was really happy! With my rank, I was never expecting an IIT. So the moment I saw the word IIT, I just ran around the house shouting."

- Vismay Raj

"I was very happy at first but soon I got concerned as it was a third generation IIT. Moreover, I was wondering if the infrastructure is developed or not, and whether there will be enough lab equipment. I got a bit scared after seeing the 2015 batch photo as it had only four girls. I was in a dilemma at that time. But, now we have got great professors and our college has tied up with some universities abroad. Also, the number of girls has increased quite significantly."

- Pranavi

What were your biggest fear while coming to IIT Palakkad?

"I am from one of the northern states of the country, and it was the first time that I was visiting the southern extreme of the country for the purpose of studying and living for a long duration of 4 years. In such conditions, my biggest fears were that of the environment and locality. But I am glad to share that none of these factors put any adverse effects on me. Precisely saying, I loved all these things. Of course, college life is a different chapter of life but I believe that everyone enjoyed it and will keep enjoying."

- Raghav Tiwari

"I was worried about whether I will make good friends here since we were all from different natives. In my class, the number of girls are less too. But everything turned out well. Though we girls had to take an initiative to interact in the class, it's better now. And our batch students have a not-so-bad relationship with each other."

- Teena Roy

How was the first day at IIT Palakkad?

"I had a lot of new things to look forward to like meeting a lot of new people who would soon be friends, checking out our new home. I was kind of excited and thrilled to be here." - Kanabar Shrujan

"In the beginning, I was curious about what kind of people I will be meeting here at IIT, will they all be studious or will there be people like me. Fortunately, I found some people like me. As the campus is huge, coming in and going out of campus was a little difficult in the beginning. The route is quite complicated if one tries to go by himself. In all, even though much didn't happen during the first day, it was a new experience which helped me take a deeper glance into a part of an IITian's life."

- Abin Selby

What was the most memorable part of orientation programme?

"The most memorable part of orientation programme was Outbound Training (OBT). Before it, students from North and South were rather reluctant of mingling with each other. The program and the activities included in it created such an environment that the students started mingling with each other. Being a witness of this whole phenomenon will continue to be the most memorable part of my life, not only because I enjoyed the activities, but because I have seen the relationship of friendship being forged."

- Pritesh Ramya

What was the best experience you had here?

"It is hard to really specify the best experience, but if I have to, it would be of the time when we had to shift to the new campus. Everyone was excited to go to the new place. During the time of loading/unloading of the luggage, everyone worked together in harmony. It was tiring, but in the end, I felt really happy and was proud of all of us."

-Anish Phule

"Best experience was winning the first ever cricket match in Inter IIT Sports Meet [2017]." -Abhishek Bagri

"The best one was at Inter IIT Cultural Meet at IIT Roorkee whereas in campus, 'Petrichor' gave me range of great experiences."

-Rithwik P

What did you learn? (with reference to your years at IIT Palakkad)

"Most important thing that I learnt here was how to manage things. I never knew that I could manage and handle things properly. It was only after I became Secretary Hostel Affairs that I realised my true potential."

- Abhishek Bagri

"Probably the most important thing I learnt at IIT Palakkad was that you are gonna have to earn a place here. You might be someone from somewhere. But if you don't work hard and carve a name out for yourself, hardly anyone will know you."

-Anish Phule

What was the best part of Hostel life?

"Washing machine: I have a special attachment to this machine. Looking out of my room after every hour to check whether it is empty or not was a different sort of fun. Night canteen: How should I describe this place! There is a myth that the night canteen has divine powers and whosoever goes to its doors and eats its food as prasad just a day before exams is bound to fetch good marks the next day."

- Pritesh Ramya

"Everyone is together here. Common facilities ensure better interaction among us."

Sukrutha Jayan

What are your views regarding petrichor?

"Petrichor is not just a fest to the students. Its a mirror to the world showing who we are and what we are capable of. We are more than engineers. A poet, a dancer, an actor, a singer, a painter. It is a fest where all the students from each discipline break the loop and unite together. Almost all the students of IIT Palakkad have really worked hard to make Petrichor 2k18 a great success. Thaikkudam bridge (pro-show) was the best way to end the fest. As videography and decoration head of Petrichor 2k18, I think we broke all the constraints. We mainly had concerns regarding space and funds but we got over them together. As a student, Petrichor 2k18 is the best thing that happened in my Btech life. I am proud that the first fest of IIT Palakkad happened in our 4 years of engineering and I am more than proud to have been one of the core members. I wish my juniors luck and best to organize the fest every year."

#petrichor

#breaktheloop

- Mohammed Iqbal

Any advice for first year students?

"Orientation is the only time when we were free. There were no assignments, no quizzes, absolutely nothing to worry about. Make the most out of it. Go meet people, mingle with seniors, get to know about the college, explore the campus and chill around. Post Instagram stories, put snaps and enjoy everything you are getting right now."

- Sneha laxmi Jayan

"Things won't be like they were in school anymore. It's your college. You'll have to take the responsibilities that you can. Don't be held by your hostel rooms alone. We are a small family. Thus a closer one. We'll have a good campus life only if we all are willing to take up the tasks."

-Hari

"College life is best to do every possible thing that you can imagine."

- Ishan Agrawal

"Do what you think is best. But do not cross your disciplines."

-Putluri Yogitha Reddy

"Don't let the enjoyment overtake your academics, balance them equally."

-Gurunadh Pachappagari

Was there something at IIT Palakkad that went above your expectation?

"As for a new IIT, I didn't expect all the facilities that we have today like security, spacious hostels and all the equipment that we have. Mainly the Research part at IIT Palakkad is amazing and they are doing their best."

- Addula Nikhila Reddy

"For me, the behaviour of seniors, their love for me was definitely above expectations. I hadn't expected that much interaction. It was a family feeling after joining here. Talking about faculties, they are very supportive and polite. I had a good time working with/under them."

-Raghav Tiwari

"Coming here with the thought in my mind that this is a new IIT, I did not have a lot of expectations. So a lot of things did exceed my expectations. But I have to say, the cooperation shown by the seniors, hostels, and the resources available did stand out."

- Anish Phule

"The professors: I always thought they are strict: follow the rules and don't listen to students. Contrary to my thoughts, the professors are my best friends in this college. You just need to approach them. They are so sweet and helpful that sometimes they feel like family. I have so many moments related to talks with professors, the way they use humour, the way they advise you, the way they find solutions to complicated life situations through their own experiences is just spectacular. That was the most unexpected thing."

-Pritesh Ramya

"The Bharathnatyam performance by Narthaki Nattak organised by Spic Macay was mesmerizing. It is one of the best memories I have at IIT Palakkad.

-Drisya Ponmari

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 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 brave!

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