

खम्मा घणी...!!

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान जोधपुर



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2016 के दूसरे पहर में संस्थान ने तीसरा दीक्षांत समारोह मनाया। संकाय सदस्यों द्वारा प्रस्तावित 5 नये प्रायोजित अनुसंधान परियोजनाओं को स्वीकृति मिली। संकाय सदस्यों द्वारा लिखे गये 65 शोध पत्र प्रकाशित हुये। संस्थान ने 7 नये संकाय सदस्य एवं एक तकनीकी कर्मचारी सदस्य को अपने परिवार में जोड़ा। राष्ट्र प्रेम की भावना को सराहते हुये हमने स्वतंत्रता दिवस के दौरान स्वतंत्रता पखवाड़ा भी मनाया।

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान जोधपुर, अपने स्थाई परिसर में स्थानांतरित करने की तैयारियाँ आरंभ कर चुका था। परंतु किन्हीं अप्रत्याशित परिस्थितियों के चलते हमें इस सफ़र को विलंबित करना पड़ा। आशा है कि आने वाले नव वर्ष में हम अवश्य यह महत्वपूर्ण कार्य पूरा करेंगे।

क्षेमा प्रकाश (संपादक)

ACADEMICS

3rd Convocation

The 3rd Convocation of IIT Jodhpur was held on 08 December 2016. The Chief Guest for the momentous occasion was Dr. Arvind Panagariya, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, Government of India. Though Dr. Panagariya could not be present in person for the occasion due to an important and urgent assignment at the last moment, he sent his video recorded speech, which was played during the event. Total 157 students received their degrees, out of which 136 were B.Tech. students, 15 were M.Tech. students, and 6 were Ph.D. students. With this the total number of students graduating from this young Institute stands at 720. The Convocation ceremony was held at the Auditorium of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur.



Director, IIT Jodhpur, reading the Institute Report



Parents of Sachin Grover receiving President's Gold Medal on his behalf

R&D

New Research Projects

Kaushalkumar A. Desai, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, has been sanctioned the sponsored research project "Minimizing deflection induced surface errors in end milling of thin walled components" by Science and Engineering Research Board, DST, Government of India. The duration of the project is 3 years (2016-19).



Anand Krishnan Plappally, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, has been sanctioned the sponsored research project "Local composite geotextile mats for soil and water conservation in western Rajasthan" by Science and Engineering Research Board, DST, Government of India. The duration of the project is 3 years (2016-19).



Subhashish Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, has been sanctioned the sponsored research project "A study of quantum correlations: Squeezing and its various facets" by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India. The duration of the project is 1 year (2016-17).



Amit Mishra, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering, has been sanctioned the sponsored research project “How LRASM1 gene regulates cellular protein quality control functions? Implications in neurodegeneration and ageing” by Science and Engineering Research Board, DST, Government of India. The duration of the project is 3 year (2016-19).



Aritra Banik, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, has been sanctioned the sponsored research project “Design of efficient algorithms for multiple choice resource allocation problem” by Science and Engineering Research Board, DST, Government of India. The duration of the project is 3 years (2016-19).

Research Publications

Department of Bioscience and Bioengineering

Journal Articles

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Book Chapters

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Department of Chemistry

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2. Laishram,D., Shejale,K.P., **Sharma,R.K.**, & **Gupta,R.** (2016). HfO₂ nanodots incorporated in TiO₂ and its hydrogenation for high performance dye sensitized solar cells. *RSC Advances*, 6(82), 78768–78773. ISSN: 2046-2069. <http://doi.org/10.1039/C6RA13776H>
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Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Journal Articles

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Department of Electrical Engineering

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Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Department of Mathematics

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Awards & Recognitions

Natural Rajasthani Clay (Jodhpur) for Production of Fuel & Value-added Products from Biomass Feedstocks

In a quest of developing cost effective and green catalytic systems for biomass upgradation, recently, Rakesh K. Sharma, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry, and Vineet Kumar Soni, Post-Doctoral Fellow, utilized natural clay as a heterogeneous catalyst by nanometal intercalation for converting squalene into squalane under solvent free conditions. Squalane is an important ingredient in the cosmetic, nutraceutical, and pharmaceutical industries. Also, it has been used as a model compound for the hydrocracking of crude and microalgae oil. The presence of Pd-nanoparticles with dominating Pd(111) plane showed highest reactivity and selectivity. The catalysts are stable and reusable under the proposed reaction conditions. The group is now focusing on exploring new clay-based catalysts for the production of fuel grade hydrocarbons from vegetable oil, algae oil and related compounds.

IIT-J discovers multiple uses for local sand

Ajay Parmar | News

Jodhpur: Sand from Rajasthan has been used as a catalyst to produce 100% pure saturated hydrocarbon—Squalane, which is an important ingredient in cosmetic, nutraceutical, pharmaceutical industries and also as biofuel.

A team from IIT-Jodhpur has succeeded in using sand from the state as a catalyst to convert squalene, which is produced by microalgae, to Squalane, which is used as model fuel and value-added products with application in cosmetic and pharmaceutical industries.

Rakesh K. Sharma from chemistry department and a post-doctoral fellow Vineet K Soni, both from IIT-Jodhpur, have succeeded in producing this important ingredient. Squalene was produced under the project 'Catalytic upgrading of algae oil into transport fuel', which is otherwise available from sharks and that too a meagre 3% leading to incessant hunting of this aqua-animal.

Sharma, who has an expertise in catalytic agents and reactions, said, "The sand always attracted me and I wanted to add some value to it as a catalyst. During our research with the sand, we first used it as water-purification agent and then proceeded to put it to some industrial application because of the pillared structure of the sand here". He said that this sand has a property which keeps it stable even at 1000 degrees centigrade temperature. "So, we first took normal sand, homogenised it followed by its purification using water and acid, and then crushed it into fine powder", Sharma explained.

The process usually includes rare minerals, which are highly expensive, but here a metal salt like Palladium Nitrate was mixed in this crushed sand along with the squalene, which is obtained from refinery waste, plants and also to certain extent from sharks.

"Heating this mixture at 500 degrees centigrade without any use of solvent produced 100% Squalane, which is earlier despite using rare metals, made the process highly expensive", said Sharma.

Business Standard

IIT Jodhpur researchers produce Squalene using Rajasthani sand

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The discovery will also help curb the killing of sharks, the primary source for Squalene, and reduce the Indian industries' dependency on foreign companies for the essential hydrocarbon, the researchers said.

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Sharma claimed this was the first time that a research on such an important ingredient in cosmetics has taken place in the country. He said industrial queries have started pouring in due to both the compound being 100 per cent saturated and being many times cheaper than the product available now.

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The team has now proposed to crack 'Squalene' into pieces to convert it into a high grade Jet fuel.

IIT-Jodhpur discovery could end shark hunting for squalene

Dinesh Bothra
| <http://hindustantimes.com>

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Raj soil to be used as catalyst to produce saturated hydrocarbon

THIS CORRESPONDENT

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Best Oral Presentation Award to Rahul Chibber

Presentation made by Rahul Chibber, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, was chosen as one of the best oral presentations and was presented with an Excellent Oral Presentation Certificate at 2016 4th Asia Conference on Mechanical and Materials Engineering (ACMME 2016) held at Kuala Lumpur during 14-18 July 2016.

IEEE Senior Member Grade Elevation to Mahesh Kumar

Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, has been elevated as Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (SMIEEE) in recognition of his contribution to the profession..

Mahesh Kumar receives Young Achiever Award from BRNS

Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Jodhpur, has been decorated with the Young Achiever Award by the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India, for his meritorious contribution in the field of Science, during the 61st Solid State Physics Symposium at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar on 30 December 2016.

STUDENTS

Activities & Achievements

Travel Grant

Amrita Kaurwar, Ph. D. Student, Department of Mechanical Engineering, India Institute of Technology Jodhpur, received travel grant from India Network Foundation to present her research paper titled “Functional Demarcation of Traditional Off-White Colored Water Pots Manufactured from Rajasthan Clayey Soils and Red Colored Water Pots from Gujarat Clayey Soils Using Spectrographic, Cooling and Strength Studies—A Case Study from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India”, at the Materials Research Society Conference held in Boston, USA during 27 November - 2 December, 2016. The paper has been co-authored with other colleagues from the department.

National Sports Day

National Sports Day was celebrated at IIT Jodhpur on 29 August 2016 at the GPRA Residential Campus. Following are some pictures of the celebration.



Students immersed in the game of Kho Kho



Happy National Sports Day!!

NEW JOININGS

IIT Jodhpur welcomes the following new Faculty Members and Staff Members into the family:

Name	Designation	Department / Area of Work	Date of Joining
Ramesh K. Metre	Assistant Professor	Chemistry	11 July 2016
Mahima Arrawatia	Assistant Professor	Electrical Engineering	18 July 2016
Somnath Ghosh	Assistant Professor	Physics	28 November 2016
Ashish Garg	Professor (on Deputation)	Materials Engineering	13 December 2016
Sudipto Mukhopadhyay	Assistant Professor	Mechanical Engineering	16 December 2016
Soumava Mukherjee	Assistant Professor	Electrical Engineering	26 December 2016
Manas Khatua	Assistant Professor	Computer Science & Engineering	28 December 2016
Bhanprakash Goswami	Junior Technical Superintendent	Electrical Engineering	30 December 2016

PERMANENT CAMPUS

69th Independence Day Celebration

The 69th Independence Day of the nation was celebrated by the members of IIT Jodhpur Community, on 15 August 2016 in the Temporary Academic Campus. Subsequent upon the flag hoisting and rendering of the National Anthem by the members present, students presented a cultural show with a musical performance by Sangam (the music band of students) and a street play by Nukkad (the drama group of students).



Musical performance by "Sangam" the music band of IIT Jodhpur Students Gymkhana on 15 August 2016



Cultural Program by IIT Jodhpur Students on 15 August 2016



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Audience enjoying the cultural programs on 15 August 2016

Tree Plantation in Permanent Campus of IIT Jodhpur

Tree plantation activity was undertaken at the Permanent Campus of IIT Jodhpur in Karwad on the occasion of 69th Independence Day on 15 August 2016. Several neem saplings were planted jointly by the members of the IIT Jodhpur community and the Jodhpur Tree Plantation and Environment Protection Committee (JTPEPC), led by Sri M. S. Singhvi, Senior Advocate, (High Court of Rajasthan, Jodhpur) in the presence of Honourable Justice Sandeep Mehta, (Sitting Judge, High Court of Rajasthan, Jodhpur) and distinguished members of JTPEPC.



Tree plantation at the Permanent Campus of IIT Jodhpur on 15 August 2016



“मरु धरा में हरियाली लाने की ओर आई.आई.टी. जोधपुर के शिशु कदम”, आज़ादी के ७०^{वे} शुभ पर्व पर आई.आई.टी. जोधपुर के स्थाई परिसर में सघन वृक्षारोपण, १५ अगस्त २०१६

Freedom Fortnight Celebrations @ IIT Jodhpur

On the occasion of Independence Day, the Government of India declared a 14 day celebration. IIT Jodhpur has taken this initiative positively and organised various events on this occasion. One of the activities organised by the Students Gymkhana during this celebration was “Sketching Competition”. The Institute showed great interest in the competition and actively participated in it. To encourage students think about the positive aspects and the great achievements of the country, “The Incredible India” theme was chosen for the competition. This inculcates feeling of patriotism and proud among the “Future of India”. Some of the sketches contributed by the Students are illustrated as under.



Another event that was organised by the Technical Society of the Students Gymkhana during 14-18 August 2016 was a task to use the Rube Goldberg machine to commemorate the 70th Independence Day. The projects were evaluated by Rajlaxmi Chouhan and Mhima Arrawatia, Assistant Professors, Department of Electrical Engineering. The following pictures depict application of Rube Goldberg machine:



OUTREACH

Vanguard Lectures

The following Vanguard Lectures were organised by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, which were attended by the Faculty Members, Students, and Technical Staff Members.

S. Devarajan, Senior Vice President, Production Engineering, TVS Motor Company Limited, Hosur, addressed the members of the department on “Future of Manufacturing Technologies” on 28 July 2016.



S. Devarajan

Arun T. Ramchandani, Vice President, Product & Technology Development, Heavy Engineering, Larsen & Toubro Limited, Mumbai, delivered a lecture on “Defence Technologies and Products” on 29 July 2016.



Arun T.
Ramchandani

A. K. Jindal, Head, Engineering Commercial Vehicles, Tata Motors India, addressed the members of the department on “Automotive Technologies” on 01 August 2016.



A. K. Jindal

Prakash Rao Malathkar, Associate Chief Engineer – Gasoline Powertrain Projects, and V. Vikraman, Head – Diesel Engine Design, from Power Train Division, Mahindra Research Valley, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited, Chennai delivered a lecture on “Global Technological Advancement Trends of Automotive Passenger Car Powertrains” on 05 August 2016.



Prakash Rao
Malathkar



V. Vikraman

Lipika Dey, Principal Scientist, Real Time Contextually Aware Enterprise, Research and Innovation Tata Consultancy Services, India spoke about “Real Time Contextual Intelligence for Enterprises” on 08 August 2016.



Lipika Dey

Ashok Kumar Panda, Head, Core Technology, Core Technology & Diagnostics (CTDS) Department Tata Power Company Limited, Noida, delivered a lecture on “Overview of Challenges in Thermal Power & The Role of C&I in Power Industry” on 09 August 2016.



Ashok Kumar
Panda

Visitors to the Institute

A talk on Indo-US Relations

Mark Azua, Director, Programs, North India Office, Embassy of the United States of America, gave a talk on “India-U.S. Relations: The Way Forward” on Wednesday, 16 November 2016. Mr. Azua talked about the relationship between the countries and its progress after the recent Presidential Elections. Faculty Members, Staff Members, and Students attended the talk.



Mark Azua addressing the audience



Sh. P. P. Chaudhary, Union Minister for State for Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, visits IIT Jodhpur

Sh. P. P. Chaudhary, Union Minister for State for Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, visited IIT Jodhpur on 10 December 2016. A meeting was held at IIT Jodhpur on 10 December 2016 from 4:30 pm to discuss the possibility of establishing an Information Technology Investment Region (ITIR) in the greater Jodhpur-Pali region. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Sh. P. P. Chaudhary. The meeting was attended by C. V. R. Murty (Director, IIT Jodhpur), Dr. S. R. Vadera (Director, DRDO Defence Laboratory Jodhpur), Sh. M. L. Bapna (Advisor – Industry-Academia Interface, IIT Jodhpur), three Faculty Members of IIT Jodhpur (Arun K. Singh (EE), S. P. Tiwari (EE), and B. V. Ramana (CSE)), Sh. Dipak Singh (Scientist F, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India), Sh. N. K. Gupta (Scientist B, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India) and Sh. Mukesh Chaudhary (Additional Private Secretary to Minister of State, Government of India).



Professor C. V. R. Murty presenting a memento to Sh. P. P. Chaudhary

DEPARTMENT IN FOCUS – Bioscience & Bioengineering

The new **Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering** (formerly Department of Biology) is planned to be the hub at IIT Jodhpur of biological sciences, medical sciences, and technology. It aims at providing quality education, and undertaking research towards addressing the national needs (especially those leading to development of technologies for diagnostics and treatment by medical professionals). The Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering is looking for Faculty Members, whose competence spans over a wide range of domains needed to meet the national needs.

The Department is planning to offer B.Tech. (Biotechnology), M.Tech. (Bioscience & Bioengineering) and Ph.D. Program with specialisation in biological sciences, medical science and technology, and their interfaces. The department will offer a wide range of courses from foundational level to advanced level in the said domains from the various degree programs. Hands-on learning will be emphasized using state-of-the-art centralized research facilities.

The Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering will focus on collaboration, both within and outside the Institute, to enhance research potential and productivity. In particular, special effort is being made to interact with Faculty Members of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur, towards developing technologies that are needed by the medical profession.

Programs

The Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering will host three degree Programs, namely:

- (a) B.Tech. (Biotechnology) Program,
- (b) M.Tech. (Bioscience & Bioengineering) Program, and
- (c) Ph.D. Program with specialisation in biological sciences, medical sciences, technology, and their interfaces.

B.Tech. and Ph.D. programs are slated to start from July 2018, and M.Tech. Program from July 2017. In addition, currently, the Institute is hosting the 4-year B.Tech. (Biologically Inspired System Science) Program, the intake for which has been discontinued from July 2016.

People

The Department has four regular Faculty Members working in different areas.

Name	Designation	Research Area
Sushmita Jha	Assistant Professor & Head	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience, Cell and Molecular Physiology
Amit Kumar Mishra	Assistant Professor	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience, Cell Cycle Regulation and Cancer
Meenu Chhabra	Assistant Professor	Biological Science & Bio-Engineering: Renewable Bioenergy Bioremediation
Sushmita Paul	Assistant Professor	Computational Biology and Bioinformatics

The department has two Technical Staff Members assisting the Faculty Members, and 12 Ph.D. Students. Prospective candidates for Faculty Member positions are encouraged to visit our recruitment page to know more about the procedure: <http://iitj.ac.in/faculty/facultypositions>. Also, the Department invites applications from young Doctoral Degree holders (below the age of 35 years) to Post-Doctoral Positions in the Department, particularly, in the area of Healthcare technologies, towards developing devices for diagnosis and treatment of illnesses.

Infrastructure

The Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering has started developing laboratories for teaching and research purposes. The early laboratories available are as below:

- (1) Advanced Bioscience & Neuroscience Laboratory,
- (2) Chemical Biology Laboratory,
- (3) Protein Engineering Laboratory, and
- (4) Environmental Biotechnology Laboratory.

R&D Projects

Currently, the Faculty Members of the Department are running six sponsored research projects being funded by Government of India research funding agencies like the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (Department of Atomic Energy), Science & Engineering Research Board (Department of Science & Technology), Department of Biotechnology. Also, technical support is required to effectively meet the technical objectives of the projects. Towards this end, temporary positions when available are announced from time to time on the Institute's website, for young scientists and technicians to seek training and engagement with advanced subjects of the ongoing research projects.

Collaboration

Faculty Members of the Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering are keen to collaborate with individuals from academia, R&D laboratories and industry in India and abroad, in areas of mutual interest. The domains of these collaborations could include:

1. Teaching of courses,
2. Organising Short Courses,
3. Co-authoring of books,
4. Undertaking Joint Research, and
5. Developing technologies for diagnostics and treatment by medical professionals.

The ongoing collaborations include those with colleagues from:

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur,
2. Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research & Education in Cancer (ACTREC), Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai,
3. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA,
4. Indian Institute of Technology Bombay,
5. Riken Brain Science Institute, Japan,
6. Nagoya University, Japan,
7. National Brain Research Centre, Gurgaon, and
8. International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, New Delhi.

Outreach

Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering hosts weekly seminars for Ph.D. Students.

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