



## **IITConnect**

### **PANIIT USA PRESIDENT ARJUN SEN SHARES THE EXCITING LAUNCH OF THE PANIIT USA DATABASE.**

Dear fellow alumni,

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support for IITConnect, our official database. For those of you still not in the database, IITConnect is the go to place to connect with IIT Alumni all over the world. Of course it is free, as the team at PanIIT USA feels that this database will provide the individual level super-networking connectivity to each alumni. I am sure by the beginning of 2016, our IITConnect will be the most used alumni networking tool in the world.

Here is my personal request to you.

1. If you have not joined till now, please join asap.
2. If you are in, start pushing your wing-mates, batch-mates, and hostel-mates to join now.
3. Then start searching the database for connections that can benefit your own professional and personal growth.

I am counting on each one of you to push hard to make this database stronger. Let us get all our connections in IITConnect by the end of the year, so that we can start 2016 with a mentor program and a job board. This is simply the beginning of something wow and amazing for IIT alumni worldwide

Arjun Sen, President, PanIIT USA

#### **HERE ARE 3 WAYS TO ACCESS IITCONNECT:**

##### **1. HAVE LOGGED IN BEFORE:**

- VISIT: <https://paniit.site-ym.com/login.aspx> and log-in with your user name (@@username@@) and password

##### **2. IN THE DATABASE (i.e. receive newsletter e-mails or have received an email about IITConnect) BUT HAVE NOT LOGGED IN:**

- VISIT: <https://paniit.site-ym.com/login.aspx>
- USERNAME: @@username@@
- TEMPORARY PASSWORD: PANIIT2015

##### **3. NOT REGISTERED:**

- VISIT: [https://paniit.site-ym.com/general/register\\_start.asp](https://paniit.site-ym.com/general/register_start.asp) and go through the registration process

Not sure if you're registered or need to reset your password? Click here: [https://paniit.site-ym.com/general/email\\_pass.asp](https://paniit.site-ym.com/general/email_pass.asp) and reset your password.

If you have any questions or are having issues getting on IITConnect, please do not hesitate to email [support@iit.org](mailto:support@iit.org) for assistance (please include your name and the e-mail address you're inquiring about).

## ALUMNI NEWS



### IIT Madras ALUMNUS RAHUL PANICKER (2002-BTEE) IN LIST OF 'TOP 35 INNOVATORS UNDER 35' BY MIT

We are proud to inform you that our Alumnus Rahul Alex Panicker (2002-BTEE), 34, Co-Founder and President of Bengaluru-based health technology company Embrace Innovations, has been named in the list of 'Top 35 innovators under 35' of the MIT Technology Review, published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His Bangalore-based startup has invented an easy-to-use infant warmer that doesn't require continuous electricity supply or a specialist for its operation. It is an alternative to expensive incubators.

An alumnus of IIT Madras and Stanford, Rahul hails from Vayalikada near Thiruvananthapuram.

According to Rahul his inclination for technology grew over my years at IIT Madras. He did telecommunications and signal processing here, with a minor in physics. The TeNet group at IIT Madras led by Prof. Jhunjhunwala and Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi was doing work in telecommunications, video conferencing, etc. to enable rural communication, remote diagnostics, etc. The group's work was an early inspiration. Inspired by the work done by the TeNeT group and also

by Villgro (Rural Innovations Network back then) led by Paul Basil, Rahul developed an early interest in using technology to help meet various challenges in developing countries. This interest developed further when Rahul was at Stanford, in the heart of Silicon Valley. The Google guys had graduated from a lab right across the road from his building. Hewlett and Packard's first oscillator that they sold to Disney and started HP was on display in his building. He also attended classes with multiple Nobel Laureates and it was not too difficult to be inspired in those surroundings. The entrepreneurship bug bit Rahul at Stanford. At the D.School: The Institute of Design at Stanford, he learnt how to put people at the centre of his pursuits through user empathy, and how business and technology are means to developing solutions for human needs and this led to his nomination as one of top 35 innovators under 35.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

### Video News - Meet Digital India's 17-Year-Old Brand Ambassador

Written by Ketki Angre | Updated: September 30, 2015 23:50 IST

MUMBAI: He's been staying in Mumbai for a little over two months but he hasn't seen the Gateway of India, the Bandra Worli Sea Link or any other major landmark in the city. He's had little time to step out and explore the city. What he has visited, though, is the Nehru Science Centre in Worli. Meet 17-year-old Satvat Jagwani who is one of the four brand ambassadors for the Government of India's ambitious Digital India Campaign. He topped the Indian Institute of Technology

Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE)

Advanced tests this year. That achievement not only secured his spot to the B.Tech course in computer science in IIT Powai, but also took him from being a boy in a small town in Madhya Pradesh to brand ambassador for the Indian government's campaign.

"I found out about this in the last week of June when we got an e-mail from the government. My parents were pretty thrilled. I was quite unsure initially," he told NDTV.

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## IITs waive fee for physically challenged

Akshaya Mukul & Vinamrata Borwankar | Oct 7, 2015, 05.06AM IST

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) council has decided to waive fees for physically challenged students. The council, headed by HRD minister Smriti Irani, also decided not to take any "knee-jerk" decision on a fee hike.

The council, the highest government-nominated body of the 16 IITs, met on Tuesday. A committee has been set up to suggest a solution for the proposal to hike the IIT fees of Rs 90,000 per year to Rs 2.5 lakh. A source said, "The minister insisted that the interests of socially and economically weaker sections should be protected at all costs. She said a fee hike is a sensitive issue and cannot be rushed into. IITs will look into the fee hike issue again."

The IIT joint admission board's (JAB) proposal to increase the quota of students appearing for JEE (Advanced) from 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh too has received the council's consent.

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## IITs, IIMs, IISc to get foreign faculty this year

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KOLKATA: Some of India's leading academic institutions like IITs and IIMs will have foreign faculty members this year under the national GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) programme.

IIT-Kharagpur has been selected as the national coordinator for collaborating with institutions like IITs, IIMs, IISc, NITs etc. under GIAN.

Professor P P Chakrabarti, Director, IIT-Kharagpur, said they have planned 500 such courses by foreign teachers in the year 2015-16 at an outlay of about Rs 35 crore.

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## IIT-K inspires students to work in India

Abhinav Malhotra, TNN | Aug 24, 2015, 11.04AM IST

KANPUR: IIT, Kanpur (IIT-K) has started 'Work for India' campaign which is aimed at inspiring students of this institute to stay in India and work for its development. This campaign is being launched as every year several students of the institute after graduating from here settle in the western countries either doing jobs or pursuing Ph.D course.

Several alumni of IIT-K, working at top positions in the government and the semi-government organisations, have extended their whole-hearted support to the campaign. Prof Indranil Manna, director, IIT Kanpur, said that the institute, with a similar vision, has initiated 'Work for India' campaign in order to inspire its students to work in public sector

companies, Indian Engineering Services (IES) and government or semi-government organisations. This step of the institute has been supported by its alumni community and also by the Government of India, he said.

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