

# Newspaper Clips

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## Facebook offers ₹70 lakh a year to IIT-Kanpur student

**KANPUR (UP), DEC 9**

SOCIAL networking giant Facebook has offered about Rs 70 lakh per annum package to an IIT student here in the ongoing campus placements.

"M Tech (computer science and engineering) student Siddharth Agrawal has been offered the package (near about Rs 70 lakh)," IIT-K registrar Sanjeev Kashelkar said.

He said Facebook has offered high packages to other students as well but the one offered to Agrawal is the highest so far.

The registrar, however, did not disclose the exact amount.

Last week, Facebook had offered a similar pack-

age to a IIT-Kharagpur student. The placement process in the IIT here started on December 2 with over 950 graduates and post-graduates vying for jobs in high-profile companies like Microsoft, GE, Infosys and TCS.

On the first day itself, over 100 students were placed, with 15 students being picked up by Microsoft. Over 400 students have been placed so far since the placement process began, the registrar said.

Around 200 companies are expected to visit the institute to hire aspirants in the coming days.

The placement programme would end on December 22. -PTI

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# IIT-G to host YETI 2011 on Dec 13-15

## STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI, Dec 7 – Young Ecologist Talk and Interact (YETI) – the largest students' scientific conference in the country on ecology, evolution, animal behaviour and conservation – will be held this year at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G) on December 13-15.

Organized entirely by student volunteers from across the country with support from several organizations, YETI is a unique conference providing a platform for students to interact amongst themselves and with national and international scientists.

The supporting organizations include WWF-India, Na-

ture Conservation Foundation (NCF), National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Dakshin Foundation, Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning (FERAL), and Aaranyak.

Originating out of a student conference at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bangalore, in 2008, YETI has since grown into a national platform for student researchers. YETI 2009 and 2010 were both held at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.

YETI 2011 will be held in Guwahati, primarily to focus

upon the unique yet understudied rich biodiversity of the North-east region of the country.

The conference this year has been organized in partnership with the Centre for the Environment of IIT-G. The Centre for the Environment of IIT-G has been supporting interdisciplinary research in several emerging areas of environmental and ecological studies since its inception. Besides IIT, Guwahati, YETI 2011 is being supported by 20 universities, 38 institutes and NGOs, and 40 colleges from North-east India, in addition to several independent researchers.

YETI provides a friendly and inspiring platform for young ecologists and conservation

biologists, early in their career, to present and discuss their work, exchange ideas, and establish collaborations with their peers and contemporaries across the country.

With an expected turnout of 500 students and researchers, YETI 2011 will feature a series of plenary lectures, popular talks, documentary screenings, workshops and interactive sessions by prominent national and international scientists as well as more than 100 presentations by research students alone.

Among other issues, this year's conference will highlight topics as varied as the most important biodiversity issues from the North-east, understanding of the social dynamics of bonnet macaque societies, and will emphasize the need for increased data sharing to enhance the growth of ecological studies and conservation science in India. A series of workshops has been organized to provide students with exposure to key tools and techniques in the frontier areas of ecological science.

YETI is open to all researchers and students in the country who are interested in the broad discipline of ecology and conservation. Students are welcome to participate by submitting abstracts of their current or proposed work.

More information about the event can be found on the website [www.meetyeti.com](http://www.meetyeti.com).

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# EMC eyes tie-up with smaller varsities to boost security research

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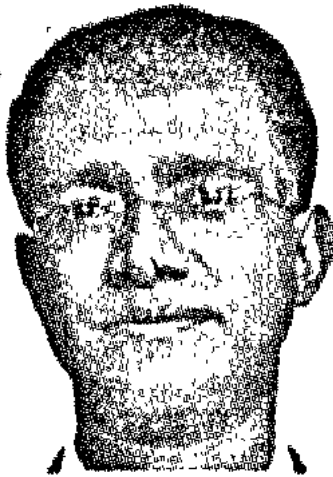
*Bangalore, Dec. 9*

While many multi-national companies prefer tie-ups with premier institutions such as IITs and the IISc in Bangalore, EMC, the Massachusetts-headquartered storage company with 2010 revenues exceeding \$17 billion, has preferred to tie-up with smaller universities that are more focused.

"We had a tie-up with Amrita University in Coimbatore recently. This university is strong on IT security and is a natural fit with our RSA division," Mr Niranjan Thirumale, Chief Technology Officer, EMC Data Storage Systems (India) Pvt Ltd, told *Business Line*.

The company also has a tie-up with institutions such as IISc and IIT. "IISc is very strong in machine learning and data mining, we are also looking at IIT Mumbai," said Mr Thirumale.

Among smaller universities, EMC is also looking at PSG College in Coimbatore, potentially for security,



**Mr Niranjan Thirumale**

though this discussion can be considered to be in its infancy because only one conversation in this regard has happened between the company and the university.

Discussing the need for more research, Mr Thirumale said that EMC was keen on retaining its edge in technology in areas such as cloud computing, security, virtualisation (VMware, like RSA, is one of EMC's subsidiaries) and other cutting edge areas.

Unlike Microsoft and IBM, which setup separate re-

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search entities, EMC works with universities in various areas. For example, in the East Coast, they work with MIT, with Peking University in China, Stanford in the West Coast, and St Petersburg State University in Russia. India is the fifth node for EMC.

After working with academia, EMC hopes to monetise on its research. "Publishing is good for faculty, but how do we make money?" pointed out Mr Thirumale, but he said that even of one out of four projects made money, it was sufficient. In order to encourage more partnerships, EMC is also toying with fellowships for specific PhDs in 2012, said Mr Thirumale.

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# Wet Mars: A water-tight case

## Nasa Rover Finds Strongest Evidence Yet Of Water On Red Planet

**San Francisco:** A Nasa rover scouting for signs of past water on Mars has found the strongest evidence yet — a vein of gypsum, a mineral deposited by water, protruding from an ancient rock.

The rover, called Opportunity, and its twin, Spirit, arrived on opposite sides of Mars in January 2004. Over the years, the rovers, aided by several orbiting spacecraft, have returned a convincing body of evidence that Mars was not always as cold and dry.

The most convincing proof, unveiled this week at the American Geophysical Union conference in San Francisco, is a thin vein of gypsum laced inside and protruding from an ancient rock along the rim of a 154 km wide cra-



**LIQUID PROOF:** (Right) A view of a mineral vein called 'Homestake' from the panoramic camera on Nasa's Mars Exploration Rover 'Opportunity'. The vein is about the width of a thumb and 45cm long. It contains gypsum (also known as plaster of Paris), which typically forms from water flowing through rock

ter called Endeavour.

Gypsum — commonly known as plaster of Paris — typically forms from water flowing through rock. "This is the single most bullet-proof observation that I can think of that we've made this entire mission," Cornell University planetary scientist Steve Squyres, lead researcher for Nasa's Spirit and Opportunity Mars rovers said. "They've been moved around by wind. They've been mixing with other materials. It's a big, jumbled up, fascinating mess," Squyres said. "This stuff formed right here. There was a fracture in the rock. Water flowed through it. Gypsum was precipitated from the water. End of story," he said. REUTERS

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## **ALL FOR INTERNET FREEDOM: US**

**WASHINGTON:** Asserting that freedom of expression applies to the internet as well, the US has said it is in talks with India over its plan to come up with a regulatory system. "We are concerned about any effort to curtail freedom of expression on the net," state department spokesman Mark Toner said. "In terms of India, we have a working group on information and communication technology." » PTI

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### **एशिया-प्रशांत में दूसरे नंबर पर IIM-A**

**सिंगापुर:** एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र की कंपनियां युवा एग्जिक्यूटिव की भर्ती के लिए भारतीय मैनेजमेंट संस्थान, अहमदाबाद को इस क्षेत्र का दूसरा सर्वश्रेष्ठ मैनेजमेंट संस्थान मानती हैं। न्यूज एशिया चैनल के मुताबिक क्यूएस ग्लोबल 200 बिजनेस स्कूल रिपोर्ट 2012 में आईआईएम-अहमदाबाद को दूसरा स्थान दिया गया है। इस सूची में क्षेत्र और विशेषज्ञता के हिसाब से 200 बिजनेस स्कूलों को शामिल किया गया है। यह लगातार तीसरा साल है जब इस सूची में सिंगापुर के आईएनएसईएडी एशिया कैंपस को पहला स्थान दिया गया है। यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ मेलबर्न के मेलबर्न बिजनेस स्कूल को तीसरा स्थान मिला है। अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर नियुक्तियां करने वाली दुनियाभर की 1,200 से अधिक कंपनियों ने इस मतदान में हिस्सा लिया। वोटिंग में शामिल एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र की कंपनियों में से अधिकतर कंपनियां कंसल्टिंग, प्रोफेशनल सर्विसेज, बैंकिंग व वित्तीय सेवाओं, एचआर और रिक्रूटमेंट से जुड़ी थीं।