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# Zuckerberg to Hold Townhall at IIT-D This Month



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FB's Free Basics initiative is facing flak

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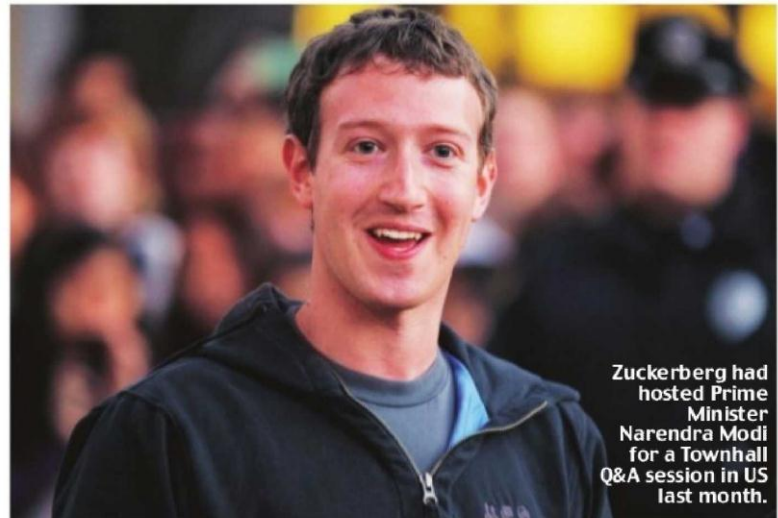
**Bengaluru:** Facebook founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg will take questions from the Facebook community and a live audience at a townhall at IIT Delhi later this month. The townhall comes at a time when Facebook's 'Free Basics' initiative is witnessing scathing criticism from opposition leaders, government committees and netizens across the country, who argue that the initiative violates the principle of net neutrality. "More than 130 million people use Facebook in India. I'm looking forward to hearing directly from one of our most active and engaged communities," Zuckerberg said on Facebook.

Zuckerberg will also meet with developers, partners and others who are building new digital services and working on ways to connect more people to them, a Facebook spokesperson told **E.T.** This follows a month after Zuckerberg hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a similar townhall session at the company's headquarters during Modi's visit to Silicon Valley. During the townhall session, Modi had hailed social media as a force for democracy and good governance, reiterated his vision of India as a \$20-trillion economy and also said the 'Make in India' plan would be a success. The session will, however, be long remembered for Modi's emotional talk as he spoke about the hardships faced by his parents, especially his mother.

Zuckerberg also spoke of how, at a low point in Facebook's history, he visited a temple in India on the advice of his mentor Steve Jobs to reconnect with his vision of what he wanted Facebook to be.

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# Zuckerberg to zoom in on IIT-Delhi



Zuckerberg had hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a Townhall Q&A session in US last month.

**THIS** will be one event that Indians will get connected to without even thinking twice, as Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg will be holding a question and answer session at IIT-Delhi in the national Capital on October 28.

"More than 130 million people use Facebook in India. I'm looking forward to hearing directly from one of our most active and engaged communities," Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook post.

"If you have a question, please ask below in the comments. To vote for a question, just like it. I'll be answering questions from across Facebook as well as from a live audience at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi," the chairman and chief executive of Facebook said.

Incidentally, he had last month hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a Townhall Question and Answer session in Palo Alto in the US.

"India is personally very important to

the history of our company here. This is a story that I have not told publicly and very few people know," he had said at the Facebook headquarters on September 27.

"Early on in our history, before things were really going well and we had hit a tough patch, and a lot of people wanted to buy Facebook and thought we should sell the company, I went and saw one of my mentors, Steve Jobs, and he told me

that in order to reconnect with what I believed is the mission of the company, I should visit this temple that he had gone to in India early in his evolution of thinking about what he wanted Apple and his vision of the future to be," he said.

"So I went and I travelled for almost a month and seeing the people, seeing how people connected, and having the opportunity to feel how much

better the world could be if everyone had a stronger ability to connect, reinforced for me the importance of what we were doing. And that is something I have always remembered over the last 10 years as we built Facebook," the net entrepreneur said.

Says he's looking forward to hearing directly from one of the most active communities

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■ Zuckerberg: Coming to India

## ZUCKERBERG TOWN HALL AT IIT-DELHI ON OCTOBER 28

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**NEW DELHI:** Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg will hold a town hall at IIT-Delhi on October 28, exactly a month after he held a similar question and answer session with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the social media giant's Menlo Park headquarters in California.

"I'm heading to India and I'll be hosting our next Townhall Q&A in Delhi on Wednesday, October 28 at 12pm IST. More than 130 million people use Facebook in India. I'm looking forward to hearing directly from one of our most active and engaged communities," Zuckerberg said in a Facebook post on Friday, which received more than 90,000 likes and 4,000 shares.

"I'll be answering questions from across Facebook as well as from a live audience at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi," he said.

Sources at IIT said the event would be held at the institute's Dogra Hall. "It is one of the biggest halls at IIT-Delhi and can accommodate 1,000 people," a source said. The institute, however, said it was only providing the venue and was not involved in organising the event.

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## FB town hall

"This is not an IIT event so we are not directly involved with organising the town hall. Our premises will be used by Facebook for holding the event," Anurag Sharma, dean academics, told HT.

Sharma said there were no special arrangements for IIT students to attend the event. "IIT-D students, like everyone else, will have to register and if Facebook gives them a chance, they get to be there. But we don't have any special arrangements for our students."

Facebook has been trying hard to push its controversial service, Free Basics (formerly Internet.org) in India which allows users to access certain websites and services on their mobile phones free of cost. The company maintains that this brings people in developing countries, who are too poor to pay for data charges on their smartphones, to the internet. "Some access is better than no access," Zuckerberg has said multiple times.

But critics of the service say it splinters the internet into free and paid tiers and goes against the concept of net neutrality, which says all data on the internet should be

treated equally with no discrimination.

At the Town Hall with Modi on September 27, Zuckerberg shared how he was advised by mentor Steve Jobs to seek inspiration at a temple in India when Facebook was going through a rough patch. "India is personally very important to the history of our company here," he had said.

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# Zuckerberg to hold Townhall Q&A session at IIT-Delhi on Oct 28

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FACEBOOK FOUNDER Mark Zuckerberg will hold the next 'Townhall Question & Answer' session at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi on October 28 to connect with "Indians", who he described as "one of our most active and engaged communities". This will be his first visit post the rebranding of Internet.org.

Zuckerberg announced his plan via a Facebook post. "I'm heading to India and I'll be hosting our next Townhall Q&A in Delhi on Wednesday, October 28 at 12 pm IST (11:30 pm Tuesday Pacific time). More than 130 million people use Facebook in India..." he wrote.

Zuckerberg also said he

would answer questions posted on his Facebook account. "If you have a question, please ask below in the comments. To vote for a question, just like it. I'll be answering questions from across Facebook as well as from a live audience at IIT-Delhi..." he wrote.

Last month, Zuckerberg had hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a Townhall Q&A at Palo Alto, California. The visit comes at a time when Facebook announced Free Basics, earlier known as the controversial Internet.org programme, which has raised doubts over net neutrality in India. During Modi's US visit, the creation of the "I support digital India" profile picture by Facebook had also attracted suspicion by a section of Indians who saw it as an endorsement of Internet.org.



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## आईआईटी को मिलेगा जुकरबर्ग से सवाल करने का मौका

नई दिल्ली। भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान 'आईआईटी' के छात्रों और शिक्षकों को सोशल नेटवर्क साइट फेसबुक के जनक मार्क जुकरबर्ग से जल्द ही सवाल पूछने का मौका मिलेगा। श्री जुकरबर्ग ने ट्वीट किया है कि वह आगामी 28 अक्टूबर को नई दिल्ली में आईआईटी में सवाल-जवाब सत्र में भाग लेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि सोशल मीडिया के सभी माध्यमों पर भारतीय अत्यधिक सक्रिय रहते हैं। इस समय भारत में फेसबुक का इस्तेमाल करने वालों की संख्या 13 करोड़ है। उन्होंने भारत की अपनी प्रस्तावित यात्रा पर खुशी जाहिर करते हुए कहा है कि फेसबुक पर सबसे ज्यादा सक्रिय रहने वाले भारतीय समुदाय से मिलने को लेकर मैं बेहद उत्साहित हूँ। श्री जुकरबर्ग ने सितंबर में प्रधानमंत्री की अमेरिका यात्रा के मौके पर फेसबुक के मुख्यालय में भी एक सवाल-जवाब सत्र का आयोजन किया था, जिसमें उन्होंने कहा था कि मेरी कंपनी फेसबुक के इतिहास में भारत का खासा महत्व है। यह वह कहानी है, जिसका जिक्र मैंने सार्वजनिक तौर पर अभी तक कहीं नहीं किया है।

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## जुकरबर्ग आइआईटी दिल्ली के छात्रों से होंगे मुखातिब

वाशिंगटन, प्रेट्र : फेसबुक के संस्थापक मार्क जुकरबर्ग भारत यात्रा के दौरान आइआईटी-दिल्ली के छात्रों से रूबरू होंगे। सवाल-जवाब सत्र में वह छात्रों और फेसबुक पर पूछे गए सवालों का जवाब भी देंगे। यह कार्यक्रम 28 अक्टूबर को आयोजित किया जाएगा। जुकरबर्ग ने फेसबुक पर पोस्ट जारी कर भारत

♦ 28 अक्टूबर को आयोजित कार्यक्रम में फेसबुक पर पूछे गए सवालों का जवाब भी देंगे



दौरे से जुड़े कार्यक्रम की जानकारी दी। उन्होंने लिखा, 'भारत में 13 करोड़ से ज्यादा लोग फेसबुक का इस्तेमाल करते हैं। मैं अपने सबसे ज्यादा सक्रिय समुदाय के लोगों से सीधे तौर पर बात करने को उत्सुक हूँ। यदि आपके पास कोई सवाल है तो फेसबुक पोस्ट पर पूछ सकते हैं या किसी सवाल का समर्थन करना चाहते हैं तो उसे लाइक भी कर सकते हैं। मैं आइआईटी-दिल्ली के कार्यक्रम में श्रोताओं के अलावा फेसबुक पर पोस्ट सवालों का भी जवाब दूंगा।'

## IIT-Kharagpur ties-up with 3 Israel universities

<http://www.oneindia.com/india/iit-kgp-ties-up-with-3-israel-universities-1901520.html>

Kolkata, Oct 16: The Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur has inked agreements with three universities in Israel for student exchanges, faculty visits and research collaborations in aerospace, agriculture and computer science, a statement said on Friday. IIT-Kgp director P.P. Chakrabarti led the academic delegation from India during President Pranab Mukherjee's recent visit to the country when memorandum of understanding (MOUs) were signed with the Ben-Gurion University (BGU), Hebrew University and University of Haifa. IIT-Kgp ties-up with 3 Israel varsities These Israeli universities are traditionally strong in the areas of computer science, aerospace, agriculture and food engineering etc. which are in synergy with the areas of academics and research at IIT Kgp, said Chakrabarti in the statement. [India and Israel relations: All you need to know] "We are planning some unique student exchanges, faculty visits and research workshops and projects," he said. The current scope of cooperation with these universities range from exchange programmes for faculty, students and scholars, joint research and exchange of research materials, joint academic activities - teaching and supervision of students, joint conferences, workshops, participation of students in study-abroad programmes. IIT-Kgp already has a tie-up with Technion Israel Institute of Technology which is the oldest university in Israel.

## US university, IIT-K plan dual degree course

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/kanpur/US-university-IIT-K-plan-dual-degree-course/articleshow/49408689.cms>

KANPUR: IIT-Kanpur and Texas A and M University (TAMU, United States) are joining hands to start a joint dual degree course. TAMU vice-chancellor Margaret Katherine Banks, TAMU director of graduate programs Vikram Kinra and IIT-K director Indranil Manna gave green signal to the proposal during a meeting here.

The students pursuing the dual degree course would get degrees with the logos of both the institutions. The admission to the course is likely to start from next academic session. It could be initiated after the approval of IIT-Kanpur senate.

IIT-K co-ordinator of international relations Babita Lohani informed that for last three years, the institute has been running student exchange programme with TAMU. Till now, four students each from both the institutes used to take benefit of the student exchange programme. During the meeting, it was proposed to increase the number to 10 from each institute.

The selection of the students is based on their academic performance. Arrangements of airfare, fooding, lodging and accommodation are managed by the two institutes. The students do an internship for three months.

Banks and Kinra explored the avenues of internship for PG students also, starting exchange of non-degree students for 1-2 semesters. It was agreed that there is a need of starting visiting faculty program between the two institutes. Currently the scope of student exchange is more in the area of engineering. Efforts would be made to extend this to other humanities or sciences.

The two US academicians also visited different laboratories at of IIT-K and other facilities.