

years. The general expansion of higher education in India, as well as a migration of talent out of the country, has contributed to a relative scarcity of mathematicians capable of teaching at the level the IITs expect. For this reason, IITB has received official permission to advertise abroad, and hence the advertisements. The difficulties of acquiring enough good faculty in the next few years has also led to consideration of an arrangement of visitor teaching programs.

The Environment of IITB

IITB is located in the Mumbai suburb of Powai, a bit to the north east of the city. The campus is fairly self-contained, physically isolated from its neighborhood and relatively attractive. Just to its north lies Sanjay Gandhi National Park, a very large and interesting place to visit—with a couple of large lakes, an ancient temple at Kanheri, and an extremely varied wildlife population. Until a new fence was recently constructed there was a problem on campus with leopards raiding the resident pet population. (This is different in degree but not in kind, I suppose, from the problems with the persistent coyote populations of some North American universities.) There is one large and pleasant lake on the edge of campus, as visitors to the official guest house will recall fondly.

Most faculty as well as staff live on the campus itself; the current plans for expansion include plans for much building construction and renovation, of both offices and residences.

References

The photograph of the Hijli detention center has been taken from the Wikipedia site. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hijli>

Wikipedia also has a good article about the IIT campuses in general:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Institutes_of_Technology

The official website for the mathematics department at IITB is

<http://www.math.iitb.ac.in/>



A heron in flight over the lake at the western edge of the IITB campus.

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