



**Office of International Relations (OIR)**  
**Indian Institute of Technology**  
**Kharagpur – 721 302**

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE  
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IIT KHARAGPUR

REF: 1957/2023/OIR

Dated: 14/08/2023.

**NOTE**

**Sub: Approval for the visit of Mr. Mohsen Pourjam and Dr. Ilias Lagkouvardos, from TUM, Germany during 02.10.2023 to 06.10.2023.**

The following visitors from Technical University of Munich, Germany are scheduled to visit IIT Kharagpur during 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 2023 to 06<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023 to give a talk in a three days' workshop on "16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis".

1. Mr. Mohsen Pourjam
2. Dr. Ilias Lagkouvardos

The faculty coordinator of their visit is Dr. Pralay Mitra of Computer Science and Engineering Department.

The supporting documents of the visit are enclosed. The Director is requested to kindly approve the visit.

This is placed for your kind consideration and approval.

Encl: (a) Issuance of Visa form

(b) Ministry clearance Form

(c) Passport copy

(d) Email correspondence

(e) Workshop poster

(f) Information received from the Department  
regard to the conference

*Arup K. Ray  
14.08.23*

Junior IR-Executive

*Shreuti  
16/8/23*

Executive Officer

*Associate Dean AA & IR  
16/8/23*

Dean Outreach & AA

*19.08.2023  
Director*

*A may be approved  
Both the individuals  
are researcher at TUM.  
They are coming of their  
own funds. The local  
hospitlity will be  
arranged as per institute norms.  
Thanks and regards.  
S. Chakraborty  
16/8/2023*



Office of International Relations  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Request for issuance of visa invitation letter to foreign citizens

Invitee details

Name of the visitor:	Mohsen Pourjam
Address and contact details:	Vöttinger Str. 20 85354, Freising (Germany) +4915737168872
Citizenship:	Iranian
Date of birth:	25.08.1992
Organization:	Technical University of Munich

Details of visit

Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office:	Department of Computer Science & Engineering
Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP:	Talk in a Workshop – “Three days Workshop on 16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis”
Intended duration of stay at IITKGP :	5 days
Support provided by IITKGP (local travel, stay, food, honorarium, any other). Please give details of each type of support with funding source and proof:	Will support for local travel, stay, food. Approval letter from the Deputy Director, IIT Kharagpur is attached.
Support provided by any other organization incl. personal resources. Please give details and proof:	

Invited by

Dr. Pralay Mitra  
Associate Professor, Department of Computer  
Science and Engineering  
Indian Institute Technology Kharagpur

Prof. Arobinda Das

Professor and Head,  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Indian Institute Technology Kharagpur

Please note: Govt. rules will be followed regarding issuance of visa invitation letters



**Office of International Relations  
Indian Institute of Technology  
Kharagpur-721302**

**FORM FOR MINISTRY CLEARANCE  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOR VISIT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	<b>Mohsen Pourjam</b>
2	Nationality :	<b>Iranian</b>
3	Date of birth :	<b>25.08.1992</b>
4	Place of birth :	<b>Marvdasht, Fars, Iran</b>
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	<b>I96989011, 14.07.2021, Munich</b>
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	<b>Vöttinger Str. 20 85354, Freising (Germany)</b>
8	Permanent residential address :	<b>Setoude ALY., Mohammad Abad , Marvdasht, Fars, Iran</b>
9.	Profession :	<b>PhD Student</b>
10.	Place of Employment:	<b>Technical University of Munich</b>
11.	Academic Credentials:	<b>M.Sc.</b>
12.	Purpose of visit:	<b>Scientific Workshop</b>
13.	Period of visit:	<b>01/10/2023 – 15/10/2023</b>
14.	Email:	<b>Pourjam.cs@hotmail.com</b>
15.	Day time Phone:	<b>+4915737168872</b>
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	<b>Widenmayerstr. 15 80538 Munich (Germany)</b>
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	<b>Dr. Pralay Mitra, Department of Computer Science &amp; Engineering</b>

Holder's Signature

Country of Residence :  
**ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**  
Place of Issue :  
**MUNICH**

# جمهوری اسلامی ایران

۱۳۹۵ پلیس گذرنامہ

**Name & Position of Issuing Authority**

ZAHRA GHANBARI – VICE CONSUL

زهرا قنبری - کنسولیار

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جمهوری اسلامی ایران  
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PASSPORT



Type: P Country Code: IRN

Surname POURJAM

Name: MOHSEN

Father's Name: LIAGHATT

Date & Place of Birth: 25/08/1992 - MARVDASHT

Sex: M

Date of Issue: 14/07/2021

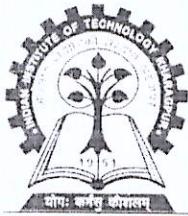
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18.01.1993 submitted for



Office of International Relations  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Request for issuance of visa invitation letter to foreign citizens

Invitee details

Name of the visitor: Ilias Lagkouvardos  
Address and contact details: Sorvolou 4, 71305 Heraklion Greece  
Ilias.lagkouvardos@tum.de

Citizenship: Greek  
Date of birth: 25/10/1977  
Organization: Technical University of Munich, Germany

Details of visit

Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office: Department of Computer Science & Engineering

Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP: Talk in a Workshop

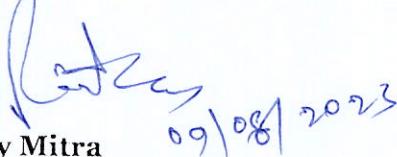
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Invited by

Name, affiliation and signature of host:

  
Dr. Pralay Mitra  
Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Indian Institute Technology Kharagpur

Recommended by  
Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/  
Dean (as appropriate)

  
Prof. Arobinda Gupta HEAD  
Computer Sc. & Engg. Dept.  
IIT Kharagpur  
Professor and Head,  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Indian Institute Technology Kharagpur

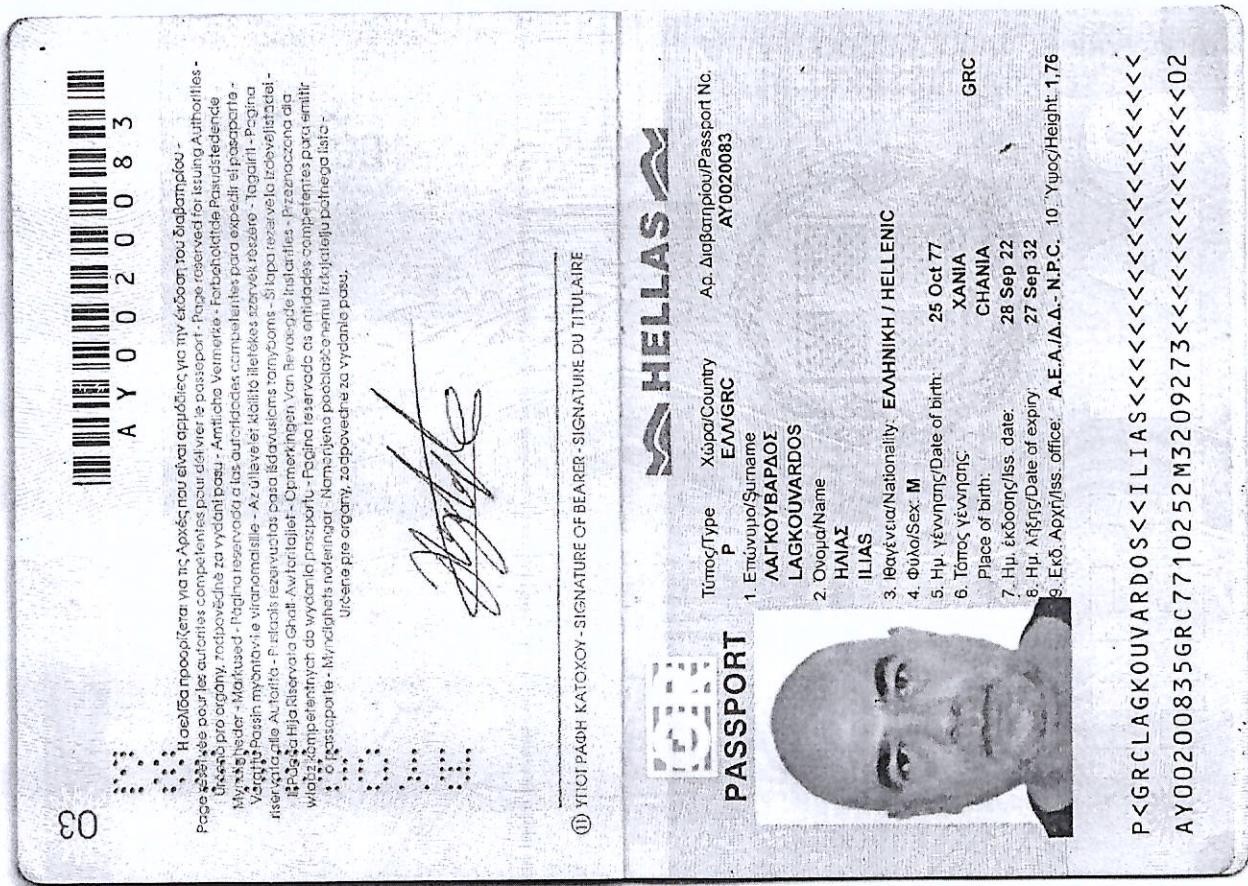
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**FORM FOR MINISTRY CLEARANCE  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FOR VISIT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	<b>Ilias Lagkouvardos</b>
2	Nationality :	<b>HELLENIC</b>
3	Date of birth :	<b>25/10/1977</b>
4	Place of birth :	<b>Chania, Greece</b>
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	<b>AY0020083, 28/09/2022, Athens, Greece</b>
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	<b>Carl-Orff-Str. 22, 85356 Freising, Germany</b>
8	Permanent residential address :	<b>Sorvolou 4, 71305 Heraklion, Greece</b>
9.	Profession :	<b>Researcher</b>
10.	Place of Employment:	<b>Technical University of Munich, Germany</b>
11.	Academic Credentials:	<b>Ph.D.</b>
12.	Purpose of visit:	<b>Academic</b>
13.	Period of visit:	<b>01/10/2023 – 15/10/2023</b>
14.	Email:	<b>Ilias.lagkouvardos@tum.de</b>
15.	Day time Phone:	<b>0030 6982000657</b>
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	<b>Kleanthous 3, 10674 Athens, Greece</b>
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	<b>Dr. Pralay Mitra, Department of Computer Science &amp; Engineering</b>



# Three days Workshop on "16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis"

October 03-05, 2023, Kharagpur, India

Jointly organized by

Technical University of Munich, Germany

Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) Nodal Center, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

## Objective and Scope

This workshop will give you,

- Theoretical and most of all practical knowledge on how to high-throughput sequencing data based on 16S rRNA gene amplicon libraries.
- A better insight into the challenges in NGS data analysis and possible ways to deal with them.
- An understanding of the better representation of the results.

## ParamShakti Facility at IIT Kharagpur

## Who and how can apply

- IIT Kharagpur students working/planning to work on next-generation sequencing data.
- Actively working on microbiome research.
- Analyzing patient data and agricultural data.
- Performs bioinformatic analyses on NGS data.
- Basic knowledge of computer programming, especially python and R, is required.
- To apply use the following google form link.  
<https://forms.gle/doUq1uC2AMcrgLK6>



Registration is subject to availability of the seats! The student need to carry their own laptop for the hands-on session.

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## SPEAKER

- Name – Dr. Ilias Lagkouardos
- Affiliation – Technical University of Munich
- Expertise – Microbial Ecology, Bioinformatics



## SPEAKER

- Name – Dr. Aritra Mahapatra
- Affiliation – Technical University of Munich
- Expertise – Computational Biology, Bio-statistics



## SPEAKER

- Name – Mr. Mohsen Pourjam
- Affiliation – Technical University of Munich
- Expertise – 16S Analysis and Tool Development



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# Three days Workshop on "16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis"

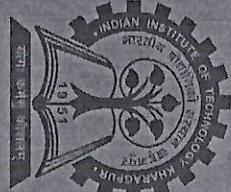
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Tuesday, 03 October, 2023

- 09:15 – 09:45 Welcome and Introduction
- 09:45 – 10:45 From sampling to sequences
- 10:45 – 11:00 Tea Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Processing 16S raw data
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 – 14:00 Hands-on – Processing 16S raw data
- 14:00 – 14:15 Break
- 14:15 – 15:45 Beyond OTUs – Part1
- 15:45 – 16:00 Tea Break
- 16:00 – 16:30 Open Questions

Wednesday, 04 October, 2023

- 09:15 – 10:30 Beyond OTUs – Part2
- 10:30 – 10:45 Tea Break
- 10:45 – 12:00 Beyond OTUs – Part3
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 – 15:45 Hands-on – Downstream analysis of OTU tables -Part1
- 15:45 – 16:00 Tea Break
- 16:00 – 16:30 Open Questions

Thursday, 05 October 2023

- 09:15 – 12:00 Hands-on – Downstream analysis of OTU tables - Part2
- 12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break
- 13:00 – 14:00 Hands-on – Data Visualization
- 14:15 – 15:45 Beyond OTUs – Part4
- 15:45 – 16:00 Tea Break
- 16:00 – 16:30 Open Questions

## Contact of the coordinator

Dr. Pralay Mitra  
Computer Science and Engineering  
Indian Institute Technology Kharagpur  
West Bengal - 721302, India  
Email: [pralay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in](mailto:pralay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in)  
Web : <http://cse.iitkgp.ac.in/~pralay>

Registration is subject to availability of the seats! The student need to carry their own laptop for the hands-on session.

संगणक विज्ञान एवं अभियांत्रिकी विभाग  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur  
भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान खड़गपुर

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S OFFICE  
No. 517  
IN 21/7/23  
OUT 31/7/23  
IIT KHARAGPUR

Date: 27-07-2023

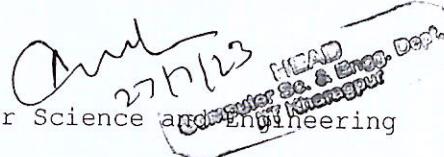
Given the current impact of the analysis of the Next generation sequencing data for microbial research and analyzing patient and agriculture data, I requested PD. Dr. Klaus Neuhaus, Head of Core Facility Microbial at the Technical University of Munich, Germany to conduct a joint workshop at our institute for the benefit of our students. He kindly agreed to send his team at IIT Kharagpur for a three days hands-on workshop (Oct 03-05, 2023). The workshop may lead to a joint collaboration between IIT Kharagpur and Technical University of Munich, Germany.

Also, on my request, Dr. Klaus Neuhaus mentioned that they will borne their own expense (international air fare) except for local hospitality so that we can make the workshop free for our students. Therefore, I am requesting to support only for their local hospitality (accommodation and food at the Technology Guest House for four days (Oct 02-05, 2023), and travel support to-and-from Kolkata airport). Since I do not have any other way to support this so I am requesting your good office to kindly consider. (A)

Our email exchange and the tentative workshop content is attached for your kind perusal. Submitted for your approval please.

  
Pralay Mitra  
22/7/23

Associate Professor  
Computer Science and Engineering

  
Anupam  
27/7/23  
Head, Computer Science and Engineering

Associate Dean, Outreach

Dean, Outreach and Alumni Affairs

Deputy Director

Please advise  
Aug 28. 7. 23.  
Since the workshop is meant for our students and  
at no cost to them, (A) is approved.  
31/7/23

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**AW: Request to conduct a Three days Workshop on “16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis” at IIT Kharagpur**

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**From :** PD. Dr. Klaus Neuhaus <neuhaus@tum.de> Wed, Jul 26, 2023 08:08 PM

**Subject :** AW: Request to conduct a Three days Workshop on “16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis” at IIT Kharagpur

**To :** Pralay Mitra <pralay.mitra@gmail.com>,  
Pralay Mitra <pralay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in>

**Cc :** Aritra Mahapatra  
<aritra.mahapatra@tum.de>, Ilias  
Lagkouvardos  
<iliias.lagkouvardos@gmail.com>, Mohsen  
Pourjam <m.pourjam@tum.de>

Dear Pralay,

thank you very much for your request.

While I will not personally join the workshop, Aritra Mahapatra, Ilias Lagkouvardos, and Mohsen Pourjam will be traveling and conduct the workshop in India. This team needs accommodation and means for local traveling.

Since we hope to possibly collaborate in the future, we cover long-distance travel to India. Further, we will not charge any of the participants. Normally, this would be 200 Euro per participant per workshop.

While you would like to invite also undergraduate students, I imagine that graduate students might get more out of it. The workshop is about the concept of marker-gene diagnosis (or some people like to call it “taxonomy by barcoding”) and entails a detailed look into pipelines, parameters and pitfalls concerning 16S analysis. Furthermore, since the workshop is with “hands on”, I suggest not to have more than 40 – 50 students (already this is a lot). The team will guide everybody through the process of analyzing data in order to enable deeper understanding. However, fixing problems and answering questions during the course might get an issue if too many participate.

Aritra told me, planning is already underway and certain time frames have been set up. I put the emails of the team in CC and you may contact them directly for more fine grained issues.

All the best, Klaus Neuhaus

**Von:** Pralay Mitra <pralay.mitra@gmail.com>  
**Gesendet:** Mittwoch, 26. Juli 2023 15:36  
**An:** PD. Dr. Klaus Neuhaus <neuhaus@tum.de>  
**Cc:** Pralay Mitra <pralay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in>  
**Betreff:** Request to conduct a Three days Workshop on "16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis" at IIT Kharagpur

Dear PD. Dr. Klaus Neuhaus,

Analysis of the Next generation sequencing data has become one of the key for microbial research and analyzing patient and agriculture data. We, at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, are actively working on this. Given the expertise of your group, may I request you to conduct a joint Three days Workshop on "16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis" at our Institute for the benefit of our graduate and undergraduate students?

If you agree on this, may I know what kind of support you need for conducting this workshop at IIT Kharagpur.

We wish to make the workshop free for our students.

I am waiting for a positive response from your side.

Thanks and regards,  
Pralay

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**Pralay Mitra, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor,  
Department of Computer Science and Engineering,  
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur,  
West Bengal - 721302, India  
Home: <http://cse.iitkgp.ac.in/~pralay/>

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# **Three days Workshop on “16S rRNA gene amplicon analysis”**

(Tentative program schedule)

## **Tuesday, 03 October, 2023**

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11:00 – 12:00 Theory – Processing 16S raw data  
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14:00 – 14:15 Coffee Break  
14:15 – 15:45 Theory – Beyond OTUs –Part1  
15:45 – 16:00 Break  
16:00 – 16:30 Open Questions

## **Wednesday, 04 October, 2023**

09:15 – 10:30 Theory – Beyond OTUs –Part2  
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break  
10:45 – 12:00 Theory – Beyond OTUs –Part3  
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break  
13:00 – 14:00 Hands-on – Downstream analysis of OTU tables -Part1  
14:00 – 14:15 Coffee Break  
14:15 – 15:45 Hands-on – Downstream analysis of OTU tables -Part2  
15:45 – 16:00 Break  
16:00 – 16:30 Open Questions

## **Thursday, 05 October 2023**

09:15 – 10:30 Hands-on – Downstream analysis of OTU tables -Part3  
10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break  
10:45 – 12:00 Hands-on – Downstream analysis of OTU tables -Part4  
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Break  
13:00 – 14:00 Hands-on – Data Visualization  
14:00 – 14:15 Coffee Break  
14:15 – 15:45 Theory – Beyond OTUs –Part4  
15:45 – 16:00 Break  
16:00 – 16:30 Open Questions / consultations

**Subject: Demand for payment towards use of space at Kolkata Campus**

In pursuance to the Office Order No.Estt/304/2019 dated June 10, 2019 and subsequent approval of the Competent Authority, Rs.41,04,060/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Four Thousand and Sixty only) is due from the Continuing Education & Technology (CE&T) Unit towards use of space at Kolkata Campus from 11.06.2019 to 30.06.2023 as per the details below:

कलकत्ता विश्वविद्यालय  
REGISTRATION OFFICE  
सं./NO.4992/20

07 AUG 2023

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प्रौद्योगिकी अतिथि गृह

Type of facilities used	Office / Class Room
Area in sqft.	2811
Rate per sqft./month	Rs.30/-
Rate per month	Rs.84,330/-
Amount payable from 11.06.2019 to 30.06.2019 (20 days)	Rs.56,220/-
Amount payable from July-2019 to June-2023 (48 months)	Rs.40,47,840/-
Total amount payable till 30.06.2023	Rs.41,04,060/-

As per the above approval, the Dean, Outreach & Alumni Affairs may be requested to remit the above charges to the bank account as under:

Account Name	TECHNOLOGY GUEST HOUSE EST
Account Number	10224336828
Branch & Code	KHARAGPUR (0202)
IFSC	SBIN0000202

Deepti  
(JE, TGH)

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House  
03/08/23

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03/08/2023

Dean (Outreach & Alumni Affairs)

JH

05/08/2023

21/08/2023

Registration  
in  
08/08/2023

DR (A&I)

→ Associate Dean (Outreach) A&IR

Associate Dean (CE & I)  
For NH please  
Thanks & regards,  
R. Chakraborty  
(18/8/2023)

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ACCOUNTS SECTION  
08 AUG 2023  
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