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Auburn University: Thomas Walter Center
Business-Engineering-Technology (B-E-T) Minor

B-E-T students conduct project work at the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IITD), India

During spring break 2009, Two B-E-T students Anthony Caltabiano and Katie Captain visited IITD with Dr. Pradeep Lall (Professor of Mechanical Engineering) to complete a spring semester class team project with team members at IITD. The visit was part of a class product/business development project pursued jointly by the AU-IITD student team under supervision of faculty advisors in each institution.

The product is a low-cost GPS navigation system with elements of global positioning and inertial navigation integrated into the product platform. The product was designed for scalability to both low-cost and the high end markets. The primary car-platform targeted was the Tata Nano, the inexpensive \$2,000 automobile in the news. The student team gave a joint presentation of their project at IITD.

The team visited several automotive companies including Delphi (India) and Maruthi Suzuki in Delhi during the trip. One company they visited, KritiKal, was founded in 2002 by students from IITD. During the visit, the Auburn team included a “memorable” visit to Taj Mahal. The Thomas Walter Center covers B-E-T student expenses for this trip thanks to generous gifts to the Center.



The joint B-E-T and IITD team at Delhi



The B-E-T team at Taj Mahal