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Jeppiaar Institute of Technology hoopsters savor camp experience at IMG Academy

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Players from India's Jeppiaar Institute of Technology and their coach pose for a photo with IMG Academy coach Vince Walden during their basketball camp experience on campus

Recently, a group of college basketball players from the Jeppiar Institute of Technology in Tamil Nadu, India, took part in a [five-week basketball camp at IMG Academy](#). During their stay on campus, working with the experience coaching staff that has developed countless NCAA Division-I prospects and NBA Draft selections over the years, the group saw significant improvements in their skills and fitness.

"The camp has been good and the boys have learned many great skills while they have been here," said Ravishankar Sharma, Jeppiar head coach. "The teaching is very efficient, and I believe the boys

will do much better when they return to India." "I have brought players here to IMG Academy and the players have improved in all aspects – physically, mentally and fundamentally, and when they get back, their dribbling and other skills are improved." In total, four members of the Jeppiar team were able to make the trip to Florida. In addition to basketball, the players were able to unwind with visits to the scenic beaches and world-class shopping malls near campus, and were able to make new friends from around the world.

"It's good here, we've made friends from other countries and we've learned so much here and the coaches have done a lot to help us with our future and careers," remarked Muin Bek. "My dribbling skills and fitness levels have improved the most, for sure." However, the fact that the first-ever Indian born basketball player taken in the NBA Draft, Satnam Singh, was a student at IMG Academy. Now a member of the Dallas Mavericks organization, training at IMG Academy is virtually hallowed ground for the players.

"It feels so great to know that he trained here, and we can have a great future like he has had with the game," added Bek.

Also in the group were players Navas Jaleel, Jeyavenkatech Kothandaraja and Anantharau Eswaran. The players worked primarily with coach Vice Walden, and are looking forward to showing off their improved skills back at home. Their experience was arranged by Ekalavyas Consultancy Private Limited, and they hope to make a return trip to IMG Academy in the future for camp.