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An Unexpected Briefing : BITS Goa!

written by **the streetlamp**



Welcome to the life beyond placements. Read on for some never before seen pictures and unsaid moments from BPGC – BITS Pilani Goa Campus!

tl;dr – BITS Goa is a fantastic place to meet people who are interesting, friendly, motivated, and supportive. The campus definitely has a strong sense of community that carries out to all dimensions of college life: academic, social, extracurricular.

BITS Goa is like that kid in class who doesn't top in class. He may not even be the coolest kid in town. That would be MIT USA. BITS Goa is THAT kid you turn to when the night is darkest, because you know he has the tools to get you *high* 😊

In 2014, I was filling the degree choices for admissions into BITS to hopefully get CS next year. I was 30 marks short of getting what I truly wanted at the time. This was the Google-the-best-insti episode, and I had to give my email-address to the ugly spam-like Careers360 webpages so they would tell me what college I would get at my score. I was totally lost.

I was afraid this was my only shot and I was blowing it. There are no reservations in Goa, all of those people got in with their hard work alone. It will be a hard home. There was skepticism everywhere. I would spend long hours on [Quora](#) for diversion. I would walk kilometers in the evenings. I would look at people going by their lives. Knowledge and observations are great winds, I had discovered. They rock your boat and take you places.

But it was then, in one of [Naruto](#)'s episodes where he says,

If you question your own beliefs then it's over!

Curiously deep things, anime (japanese_cartoons). I decided to go!

Fast forward to now, I am a second year undergrad in a dual degree 5 year course at BITS G. I have fallen in love with Biological Sciences. I'm consistently trying to come up with new ideas, not merely rearranging my thoughts/prejudices. And I'm a convert to book-reading, thanks to the Modern Fiction instructor, Dr. Datta. You're a fool if you've never read novels (on Kindle e-reader, preferably). Here's an example. **I never really loved BITS Goa because I had never been able to say how much I loved it.**

Until now.

Here's why :

A) Attend-any-class Policy – Walk in, sit. Just listen. You don't need to take notes here, good sir. Draw on the desk, phase out. Phase in. Phase out. Think. Imagine. Reflect. Lite.

B) Don't-attend-any-class Policy – Back in 2004, the management set the compulsory attendance at a WHOPPING 0%! *Attendance lite jeevan bright.*



The teacher was here. So was streetlamp.

C) [Humanities and Social Sciences Department](#) – “A literal heart of darkness”, refers the only black dude in Interstellar, to the oh so sexy black hole – Gargantua. It was only when I read the novella that I understood the total gravity of it. No pun intended.

Anyhow, I’ve only taken one currently, which has given me enough free hours to attend others. Brilliant faculty experience so far. Dr. Datta corrected our short papers so rigorously that it stunned me that someone would actually take so much time to do that. Much improvement such wow!

D) [Bio Department](#) – Isn’t it fascinating that the chemicals in your cells just *know* where to go?! Life from the in-organics : carbon, nitrogen, oxygen. Amino acids. DNA.

Did you know that blue whale actually evolved from a four legged land mammal that used to walk on what is modern day Pakistan?! Also, Google the Levinthal’s Paradox.

They’re hilarious, they take you on ‘excursions’ to beaches which apparently carries 5% marks (*Sweet Jesus!*); heck, they talk in logic and there’s nothing more a student can ask for (barring one course, which is just ugly)! Most of the faculty are researchers who’ve been to conferences all over the World. Food, people, places.. what do they not know?

(BITS – Birla Insti of Tech and SCIENCE. If you’re a student, check out the dual degree system at BITS)

E) [Council for Student Affairs](#) – Let's face it – they are good at what they do, and they do it in style. CSA is currently being led by *Yashoraj Tyagi* (Prez), *Sarvajot Singh* (genSec) and *Anand Dhamsaniya* (vicePrez). They are not the only ones though, tonnes of unsung heroes here – artists and coordinators from various clubs and departments that make [Waves](#), [Quark](#) and [Spree](#) – the three fests of BITS G a national success! Waves happens on 6 November this year. [Let us know](#) if you're interested!

F) **Central Lawns** – Let me be clear. Let me be absolutely clear. It's GRAND AND HUGE AND AMAZING! And if you're lucky and you accidentally got up early, you can even spot the streetlamp! And if he's lucky and *he* accidentally got up early, maybe you will surprise him with a Good-Morning :D



Look, look. Long strong and sexy green.

G) **Supporting Staff** – The other day, one of these folks invited me over. Such hospitality. I was offered apple slices and three stacks of Good-Day on the plate. Really nice people. **Ask them how their day is going. Listen. Smile. Spread some joy in their lives. The streetlamp commands thine royal ass. Kar na. It'll resonate.**

H) Road network and roofed pathways – Mumbai Delhi people won't get this. UP People, roll in joy! If Allahabad was built on cow-dung, Goa was built on roads.



A Wing Hostels and the paths that connect them.

I) B – Dome – There's a rumour that more was taken from the M.I.T. USA than just its course structure. The B-Dome deserves a special post. (I'm working on a post for it. Subscribe to the newsletter on this page or like OddlyPoetic.com so you can get more free updates on BITS G matters)



J) An Organised Planning – When you enter the B dome, you can go three ways – front, right and left. Front, and you head over to the college auditorium. To the right and it is the C-Wing, and if you venture left, you shall find yourself in the A-Wing. For example : A 601 – A Wing, Sixth floor, Room 1.

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'Cuz now you have the perfect view ☺

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K) F.R.I.E.N.D.S. – Enough said. I would describe why their awesomeness is infinite. But then there are many others who aren't here who are just as interesting!



Life lite jeevan brite. I want to know who these people are because I'm a curious monkey.

L) Single Room Hostels – Have that cool breeze wash you over as you stand in the corridor. And wonder how something so small could become so fulfilling. It's an unsaid ritual to mark your ID in the room when you're leaving it forever. My time will come.

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Oh and yes! We have balconies! xD



A sunset view of the almost incomprehensible Hostel AH-2 @ BITS Goa!

M) DC – Anything your heart desires, it's there on our DC. DC is basically a software that connects everybody's shared PC folders to everybody else's. And did I mention download speeds of 10 Mbytes/s? Your favourite movie @ High Quality before you can even yell 'Maggi Maggi Maggi':D Oh wait... Maggi...

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Ghante ka sampurna sadupayog. check the speeds @ DC for BPGC!

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N) Computer Center – Holds more than 300 desktops in an AC environment. The cool splash of air as you open the door to enter the CC makes you feel like a rockstar. The computers are running both Linux and Windows. We were using AutoCad software which is pretty resource intensive. It ran smoothly. If you're a gamer, this is where you'll be playing counter-strike in MATKA event during Spree fest!



Computer Center (CC) at BPGC!

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[Expect Part Two Link here]

Do BITS - Goa students have the best life?



Manoj Malineni • Request Bio

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Honestly, if there is another place that does not have compulsory attendance, reservation, or management quota, has single rooms, a scenic 200 acre campus, fests, elections, 150TB of data accessible at 100mbps, 10% marks pass requirement, guaranteed internships, great alumni network, and also awards a top-ranked degree that opens up a huge number of doors, it would probably still not come close to BITS Goa as I have not yet mentioned Bogmallo beach, Velino, John's Seagull, Sheela, bikes at Rs. 200/day, cars at Rs. 800/day, petrol at Rs. 60/litre, amazing roads with no traffic, no pollution, too many places to explore, and yeah, beer at Rs. 25/pint.

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“But I don’t want comfort. I want God, I want poetry, I want real danger, I want freedom, I want goodness. I want sin.” – If you’re like me, **BITS Goa has all of those things you’re looking for.**

(Now that you’ve seen the good, I’ll show you the bad and the ugly. Why? Because I write for you and me, dear reader. Not for BITS. [post due])

Now your hometown will always be your first home, your first “root”. The streetlamp is a Banarasi at heart. You have your own place where you came from. Then we found our way through JEE, we went through our CLATs and PMTs and whatnot. Sometimes we faltered, and some of us even fell. And then we came to our colleges on the same commonplace folk-tales of these four ‘magical’ college years – the ones that stay with you forever, the ones that wring your heart much after they are gone.

The blunt equations of hope.

The curve that at first felt like a steep-fall straight line had taken a U-turn by the coming of 2015. I smiled when it dawned on me. It’s a parabola. And there it was, the second root – BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus.

And best of all?

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It’s real.

-the streetlamp

PS : Did I miss something? What do YOU find #oddlypoetic about BPGC? Tell me in the comments below and I’ll include that in the part-2!

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Abhijeet Gujarati • a year ago

Well, that was beautiful... brings back so many memories. Thank you for this.

Have fun and best of luck!

Cheers!

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108krohan ModGod ➔ Abhijeet Gujarati • a year ago

Your words just easily made my day. Thank you. Thank you for finding this piece beautiful.

Btw, it's cool how your post ends with the ID in the end there. Love it. It'd be cool to see people chipping in with their IDs like that, don't you think? :D

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Ankur Dubey • 2 years ago

Almost made me sleep.

Cause going back to that life like it used to be is possible only in dreams.

-2011 Batch

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Diksha Singh • 2 years ago

If only I took engineering and somehow magically got selected to this place!

No compulsory attendance?! Such gorgeous hostels! Show the pics of the rooms please.

And God that DC thing! :o Wow!

Cause my vocab is poor and I don't have any other word for this place!

The college fests in Goa *.*

I was thinking of asking how is college, but I got a very well written description of it instead.

If I am coming to Goa, and you bet your ass I would, you are surely gonna show THIS heaven to me.

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the streetlamp ➔ Diksha Singh • 2 years ago

A part two is due! I'll include that there :) Your vocab is solid. Your compliments couldn't have been better put! And always, you're always welcome here. :)

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arushi • 2 years ago

Isn't there no floor beyond 2nd floor in A wing ;)
Nonetheless beautifully written!

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the streetlamp ➔ arushi • 2 years ago

Yes, what we have aren't six floors in the normal sense. However, for simplicity sake,I'm referring to them as 'floors' to emphasize that as we go from A-1XX to A-6XX, we are actually going higher and higher. It's the idea of a naming system that actually makes sense :D

Thanks for reading arushi!

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Rohit gupta • 2 years ago

Well written bhai...

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the streetlamp ➔ Rohit gupta • 2 years ago

Thanks for reading Rohit!

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Anshul Sandhu` • 2 years ago

Really well Written :) and really heart warming.

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the streetlamp ➔ Anshul Sandhu` • 2 years ago

I'm glad you like it Anshul :) Thank you.

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Nikita Verma • 2 years ago

You lucky and extremely talented SOB.
It's so beautifully written!

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the streetlamp ➔ Nikita Verma • 2 years ago


Even your comments are classy :D
I'm a lucky guy. Thank you nikku!

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Nikita Verma ➔ the streetlamp • 2 years ago

I'm glad you like it the streetlamp :) Thank you.

 I'm wishing for a Like button for comments on this website now.
:D

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the streetlamp → Nikita Verma • 2 years ago

A girl is wishful.

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Nikita Verma → the streetlamp • 2 years ago

Always.

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Rushi Mehta • 2 years ago

really it was heart moving awesome post padosi.....:)

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the streetlamp → Rushi Mehta • 2 years ago

I've never done this before. Comments like yours are making it all worthwhile padosi saahab... :)

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Sara Sanjeevnee • a month ago

Oh man! So here I was, completely drained and life was squeezing the hell out of me when I decided that I could use some sort of motivation to study.

Google to the rescue!

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So I Google-d some Hostel life articles/blogs and stuff and I stumble upon THIS!

I read and read and HEYYYYY! THERE IS A NARUTO REFERENCE!!

What's more.... MIT USA has been mentioned so many times.

Then the amazing Zero attendance thingy! Also, Phase In, Phase Out! XD

I really enjoyed reading this! Life at BITS-G sounds a healthy mix of fun and studies. At least the students seem happy. Also, amazing writing skills!

Reading this got me all fired up (Hint Hint! Anime reference)! THANKYOU =D

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QUOTE OF THE YEAR

"Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist."

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– Picasso

WORD OF THE MONTH: CHUTZPAH

extreme self-confidence or audacity (usually used approvingly).

"love him or hate him, you have to admire Cohen's chutzpah"