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Through our fresher's magazine, Inception, we bring you IIT Delhi through the eyes of a team of about 40 odd writers and designers. Inside it, you will find unlimited fundaes, an abundance of helpful information, and a plethora of fun facts about your hostels, clubs, bodies, etc. Allow us to take you on a virtual ride into your dream college, IIT Delhi.

We hope you have as amazing a time reading Inception as we had creating it. We hope to see you soon at the campus, chilling in Biotech Lawns, crunching delicacies at night messes, or running from one lecture to another at LHC.

*Adios Amigos!  
Let the Inception begin!*

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## IIT दिल्ली में आपका विशेष स्वागत है!

अब तक पेश करे जा चुके विभिन्न क्लबों को गिनने में कठनाई हो रही है? खैर, यहाँ आपके लिए एक और है- छात्र प्रकाशन बोर्ड (प्यार से - BSP) IIT दिल्ली के सात बोर्डों में से एक है। पिछले कई वर्षों से, हम IIT दिल्ली और इसके निवासियों की आवाज रहे हैं और इस विरासत को बनाए रखने का निरंतर प्रयास करते हैं।

सबसे पहले, आपको अपने सपने साकार कर IIT दिल्ली आने की ढेर सारी शुभकामनाएं! पूरी तरह से नए वातावरण, नए लोगों, नई संस्कृति को अपनाना एक चुनौतीपूर्ण प्रक्रिया हो सकती है, और आपको निश्चित रूप से समायोजित करने और अनुकूलन करने के लिए बहुत मदद की आवश्यकता होगी। लेकिन जब BSP है साथ तो डरने की क्या बात!

हमारी फ्रेशर्स पत्रिका, इंसेप्शन, के माध्यम से, हम आपको लगभग चालीस अनोखे लेखकों और डिजाइनरों की एक टीम की नजर से आईआईटी दिल्ली को आपके समक्ष लाते हैं। इसके अंदर, आपको असीमित "ज्ञान", उपयोगी जानकारी और अपने छात्रावास, क्लबों आदि के बारे में मजेदार तथ्य मिलेंगे। आईये, हमारे साथ अपने सपने के कॉलेज IIT दिल्ली की सवारी पर चलिए।

हम तहे दिल से आशा करते हैं कि आपको इन्सेप्शन पढ़ने में उतना है आनंद आएगा जितना हमें इसे बनाने समय आया था। उम्मीद है कि आप जल्द ही कैंपस में, बायोटेक लॉन में घूमते हुए, रात्रि मेस में कुरकुरे व्यंजनों का आनंद लेते हुए, या एलएचसी में एक कमरे से दूसरे कमरे में भागते हुए देखेंगे।

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# नमस्कार मित्रांनो

# नमस्कार

सर्वप्रथम तर इतक्या कठीण समयात ही JEE चा पढाव यशस्वीरित्या पार कळन IIT Delhi मध्ये प्रवेश मिळवल्याबद्दल तुमचे हार्दिक अभिनंदन! संपूर्ण जगात कोटीनाचा कहट पसरलेला, प्रत्येक लहान गोष्टीतही अनिश्चितता आणि सगळीकडे प्रतिकूल परिस्थिती, या सवति ही तुम्ही देशातल्या सवति प्रतिष्ठित संस्थानात पोहोचलात म्हणजे तुम्ही नक्कीच थूर मनाचे. IIT Delhi तुम्हाला जागतिक दजच्या संघी देणार, ज्या तुम्हाला फक्त शिक्षणात नक्ते तर इतर सर्व क्षेत्रांमध्ये उत्तमरित्या मदत करतील. येथे तुम्हाला तुमच्या सारख्याच तेजस्वी मनाचे विद्यार्थी भेटतील, सवसिंबत मिळून-मिसळून जाण्याचा प्रयत्न करा. आपले आवडते छंद जे कदाचित JEE च्या अभ्यासामध्ये कुठे हटवून गेले असतील तर तेही जोपासा. येथून पुढचा सफर जितका आव्हानात्मक असेल तितकाच टोमांचक ही असणार. तुम्ही खूप मोठ्या मजेशीर आठवणी बनवो आणि IIA चा अनुभव तुम्हाला आवडो अशीच आशा करते. थेवटी, तुमच्या भावी आयुष्यासाठी हार्दिक शुभेच्छा!

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਕੋਮਲ ਧਰਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਛੱਡਦੇ ਹੋਏ, ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇੱਥੇ ਇੱਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਹੁਤ ਦੂਰ ਆਏ ਹੋ। ਆਪਣੇ ਦਿਮਾਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਾਰੇ ਸੰਕੋਚ ਅਤੇ ਸੱਕਾ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਜ ਹੀ ਦੂਰ ਕਰੋ। ਆਈ.ਆਈ.ਟੀ. ਇੱਲੀ ਸਾਡੇ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਸਮੁੱਚੇ ਰੂਪ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬਿੰਬ ਵਰਗੀ ਹੈ (ਭਾਵ ਇੱਥੇ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਸੰਸਕ੍ਰਿਤੀਆਂ ਹਨ)। ਇੱਥੇ ਹਰ ਕੋਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਵੱਲ ਦੇਸਤੀ ਦੇ ਹੱਥ ਵਧਾਏਗਾ, ਭਾਸ਼ਾਈ ਰੁਕਾਵਟਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕਦੇ ਪਰੇਸ਼ਾਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਨਗੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਸਭਿਆਚਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਆਪਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਲਾਵ ਹੋਏਗਾ। ਇੱਥੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਨਵੀਂ ਰੋਸ਼ਨੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੇਖੋਗੇ, ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਨਵੇਂ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਵਜੋਂ ਜਾਣੋਗੇ। ਇੱਥੇ ਬਿਤਾਏ ਸਮੇਂ, ਹੋਸਟਲ ਦੀ ਜਿੰਦਗੀ, ਵੈਪਸ, ਦੇਰ ਰਾਤ ਮੈਂਸ, ਕਲੱਬ, ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਦਿਮਾਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਖੁਬਸੂਰਤ ਯਾਦ ਵਜੋਂ ਉਕਰੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ।

## ਸਤਿ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ

वांला माझेर आँचलेर सुवास छेड़े हे बङ्गु त्रुमि चले ऐसेचा आज सुदूर दिल्लीते। नतुन परिवेशे या किछु द्विधा-संकोच सब शुछे फेलो आज। आमादेर प्रतिष्ठान आईआईटी दिल्ली येन समग्र भारतेर एकटो छेंटे प्रतिविश्व बङ्गुत्तेर शत वाडिये तोमार दिके एगिये आसवे प्रतिटि शत। येथाने ना आছे जात-पात ना आছे भाषार विभेद। प्रतिटि संकृति घिले-मिशे एकाकार। ताई त्रुमिओ वांलार झेतिश ओ संकृतिके साथे करे एगिये एसो बङ्गु शिक्षा-संकृतिर एই घिलन क्षेत्रो। निजेके नतुन करे जानते ओ बुवाते शिखवे एथान। आशा करि आगामी दिनगुनि शस्त्रे उठंवे तोमार जीवनेर सवथेके सुन्नर ओ सूखकर मुहूर्त।

राम राम सा। सब स्यु पेली तो था सब ने धोरा टी धरती उ निकल ट। IIA दिल्ली नियांकी बड़ी कॉलेज म आबा की घणी घणी बधाईयाँ।

कोटा, जयपुर या सीकर, थे जठेत भी कोचिंग करी और 2 साल तक दिमाग खपायो, बिके बाद भी अगर कोई बूढ़ी बडेटो इयां कैवे की। IIA ही करणी ही जना तो गांव उ ही कर लेतो, लेकिन थे अब चिंता मत करो। बे तो कोणी समझे की। IIA काई हुवे लेकिन अठे थान घणाई दीनियट मिलसी आपणे राजस्थान टा, जखा थान समझ भी ढी, और थाकि कॉलेज टो टाइम यादगार भी बनासी। नयो खानों, नया मिनख, नयी सांस्कृति, बहोत कुछ देखस्यो, लेकिन आपणे हमेशा आपणी राजस्थानी सांस्कृति और इ मॉडर्न कल्चर के बीच तालमेल बनाकर ही चालनु है। बाकि सब chill है। और हाँ, हमेशा याद राखन्यो, जय नय राजस्थान, जय जय माटवाड़।

## ਤੇਮ ਛੀ ਮਿਤੀ

ਮਾਤ੍ਰਭੂਮਿਨਾ ਕੋਮਨ ਹਾਥ ਛੋਡਿਨੇ, ਤਮੇ ਅਡੀ ਧਣਾ ਫੁਰ ਦਿਲਵੀ ਆਵਾ ਛੀ. ਆਜੇ ਜ ਤਮਾਰਾ ਮਨਮਾਂ ਰਹੇਲੀ ਤਮਾਮ ਸੰਕੋਚ ਅਨੇ ਸ਼ੰਕਾ ਫੁਰ ਕਰੀ ਦੀ. ਆਪਣੀ ਸੰਸਥਾ ਆਈਆਈਟੀ ਦਿਲਵੀ ਆਪਣਾ ਫੇਥਾਨੀ ਸੰਪੂਰਣਤਾਨੁੰ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਬਿੰਬ ਛੇ (ਜੇਮ ਕੇ ਤਮਾਮ ਸੰਕੂਤਿ ਨਾ ਲੀਕੀ ਅਡੀ ਛੇ). ਅਡੀ ਦੇਕ ਵਾਡਿਆ ਤਮਾਰੀ ਤਰਫ ਮਿਤਰਾਨੀ ਹਾਥ ਲੰਬਾਵਾਂ, ਭਾਖਾਕੀਧ ਅਵਰੋਧੋ ਤਮਨੇ ਕਾਰੇਯ ਨਤਾਨੇ ਨਹੀਂ; ਬਧੀ ਸੰਕੂਤਿਅੀ ਅਡੀ ਏਕੀਫਤ ਥਾਖ ਛੇ. ਅਡੀ ਤਮੇ ਤਮਾਰੀ ਜਾਤਨੇ ਨਵਾ ਸ਼ਵਲੁਪੈ ਜੋਇ ਸ਼ਕਣੋ, ਤਮਾਰੀ ਜਾਤਨੇ ਨਵਾ ਵਾਡਿਆ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਓਣਖੀ ਸ਼ਕਣੋ.

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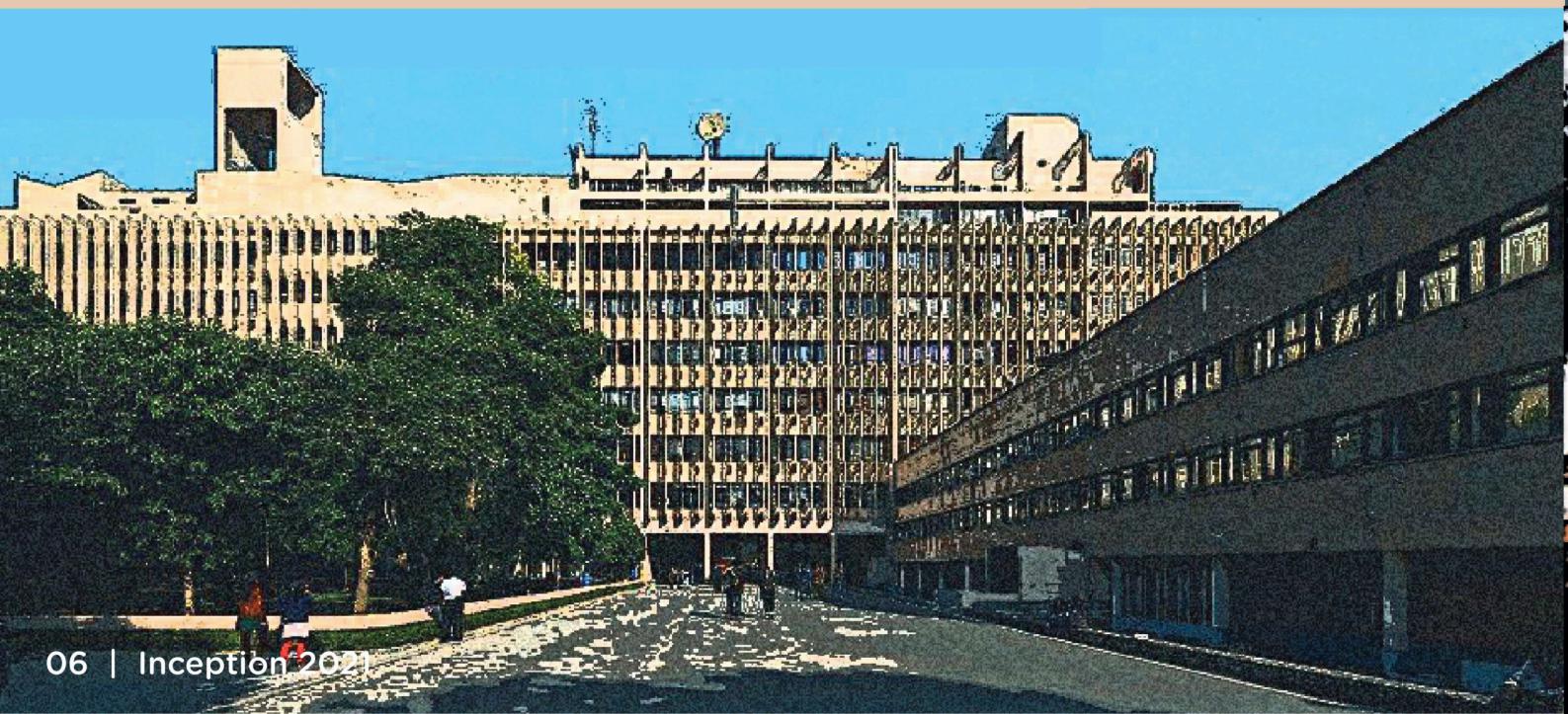
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# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Students,

My hearty congratulations for making it to IIT Delhi, one of the finest institutions in the country and an institution that is respected worldwide. I assure you, your life at IIT Delhi will be worth every minute of the effort you have put in so far to get here. You are now a part of an extended IITD family, a family that consists of over 10,000 fellow students on the campus and over 50,000 highly accomplished alumni worldwide. While you are here, keep an open mind, make use of the opportunities the institute offers you and grow into an individual that every one of us will be proud of. If you need help at any stage, please feel free to ask. We have counsellors, faculty mentors, administrative staff and all of us, who wish to see you happy and prosper in life. Welcome to IIT Delhi, your new home.

**Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao**  
Director  
IIT Delhi



# LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Welcome from the "student welfare" office.

What's that, you ask? When you're in "trouble" on campus, that's when you'll have to seek out my office: the associate dean, student welfare's office. We provide assistance with mental health issues through Counselling Services, for students with disabilities we try to support your work through the Office of Accessible Education, sometimes we can provide small loans to tide over difficult times.

But for now, just remember that all of you - irrespective of your schooling background, coaching, social background (caste, state, language, accent, religion, gender, etc.), economic background, rural/urban background - each one of you has earned your place on campus.

Enjoy, work hard and welcome to what we hope will be the best four years of your life.

**Reetika Khera**  
Associate Dean Student Welfare



# IITD LINGO



## POR

Position of Responsibility. Comprises of all the reps, captains, vice-captains, secretaries,etc.

## BT/CHILL

BT is short for "Bad Trip." It can apply to anything that causes you trouble, from bad marks to a poor internet connection. On the other hand, when there is no BT, its chill :P

## FIGHTER

A course/prof that is extremely difficult to deal with and requires a lot of "fight" to sail through.

## MAGGU

Our saviour during the exams. They're the students who attend all classes, diligently make notes and call the library their second home. (Never call them maggu!)

## KAUDI

Number of credits associated with any course.

## Dassi/Nehli/Atthi/Satti /Chaggi/Panji/Fakka

A grade of 10/9/8/7(minimum for any POR) /6/5/F, respectively.  
Avoid a fakka at all costs.

## REP

The hostel-wise representatives of the various BRCA clubs. They will introduce you to the clubs via multiple workshops and events. (Are usually seen shouting "enthu dikhao".)

## KHOLU/DHAKKAN

Numerically lowest and highest JEE ranks in your department, respectively.

## DIRO

Short for Director. Can be used to refer to the Director of IITD as well as the directors of various clubs.

## BANDA/BANDI

Boy/Girl in Hindi, Boyfriend/Girlfriend in IITD. Just don't get too desperate trying to get either.

## MACHAU

" Yeh banda kya macha raha hai yaar ". Refers to any outstanding achievement; may it be getting a dassi, being selected in the insti team or even getting a banda/ bandi.

## POLTU

Short for politics. You'll experience the poltu season by the end of the first year. Do ask your seniors about fielding.



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## SAANP

This person appears nice and sincere but will stab you in the back given any opportunity. \*Beware\*

## FACCHA

Faccha = Fresher + Baccha

## CULTU

The cultural secy of your hostel who supervises cultural events and gives valuable cultural fundae at all hours.

## FUNDAE

Valuable tips given by seniors regarding anything and everything from how to get PORs, bandi, dassi, projects to interns.

## GPL

Valuable gifts that you'll receive on your birthday soon :)  
(avoid searching on youtube)

## SECY

Refers to the secretary. The highest position in any club or hostel chaired by third and fourth yearites.

## PROXY

Refers to many things from proxy in net quota, proxy rep to the obvious proxy in attendance.

## MATKA

Refers to any MTech student.  
(Never say this to their face, one of them might be your TA.)

## ENTHU

Short for enthusiasm. Every club senior will demand 'enthu' from you in every workshop.

## BABLOO

BSW rep who will be first senior to interact with you and help you throughout the first year. (ask them why they're called babloos)

## DEPC

Refers to the change in department after the first year based on the academic performance. (request fundae from seniors for the same)

## COMPU/BATTI/SHAKTI /KAMAKAL/DARZI/MAZDOOR

Nicknames referring to students from the Computer Science, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical, Civil and Textile branches respectively.

# Glimpses

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## C OVID tests for Rs 50 launched by IIT Delhi

**I**Delhi- A group of researchers led by Dr. Harpal Singh, professor at the Centre for Biomedical Engineering, IIT Delhi, has developed the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kit. This RAT kit is found to have a Sensitivity of 90%, Specificity of 100%, and Accuracy of 98.99% as certified by the ICMR and was launched by Minister of State for Education- Shri Sanjay Dhotre. These are the best available values for any such kit developed in the world.



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## IIT Delhi's cotton fabric to absorb air pollutants

Department of Textile Engineering, IIT Delhi has developed modified cotton fabric capable of absorbing harmful air pollutants. ZIF-8@CM Cotton and ZIF-67@CM Cotton, as they are called, are Zeolite Imidazolate Framework (ZIF)-modified functionalized fabrics able to absorb harmful air pollutants like benzene, aniline etc., which can also be used in closed spaces like houses, shops etc.

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## IIT Delhi stands strong with its Afghan students

Amidst the Afghanistan crisis, IIT Delhi stands in solidarity with its Afghan students and alumni. The institute has launched helpline numbers, a website and other initiatives to help its Afghan students to return to the campus. Meanwhile, the institute is also inviting Afghan students to study in IIT Delhi.

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## IIT Delhi Students Receive Over 925 Job Offers in 1st Phase of Placement Drive

Amidst tensions of job offers and placements in the pandemic season, the students of IIT Delhi bag 925 job offers in the 1st Phase of Placement Drive. The top recruiters in terms of the number of students placed included companies like Microsoft, Intel, Oracle, Tata Projects, EXL Services, ICICI Bank, Goldman Sachs.

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## IIT Delhi alumnus raises flag on Everest

IIT Delhi alumni Neeraj Chaudhary, despite having weak lungs due to COVID-19 infection, successfully scaled the Mt.Everest summit ( 8848.86 m above sea level) on 31 May 2021 at 6:00 am. He hoisted IIT Delhi's flag on the highest peak of the world. The institute felicitated his achievement by organizing a flag ceremony on July 9, 2021.



3

## T echnology for Hydrogen Utilization in Spark-Ignition Engine Generator for Electricity Generation with Zero- Emission Developed by IIT Delhi researchers

Researchers at the Engines and Unconventional Fuels Laboratory, IIT Delhi, developed a new technology and built a "Hydrogen fuelled Spark-Ignition Engine Generator." This was in collaboration with Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited (KOEL) and the Indian Oil R&D Centre for the utilization of hydrogen in internal combustion engines for zero-emission with higher thermal efficiency.

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## AQCURE COPPER BOTTLE

Antiviral,  
Antibacterial,  
Antifungal



**IIT Delhi, AIIMS New Delhi and Addverb Co-develop Telerobotic Ultrasound System During COVID Times**  
This Ultrasound system allows medical personnel to remotely take ultrasound readings from patients, thereby reducing contact.

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**IIT Delhi Develops Environmentally Friendly, Easily Scalable, Smart and Modular Electric Vehicle Charger**

IIT Delhi researchers at the Smart Grid Lab of the Department of Electrical Engineering have developed a truly modular, scalable, and environmentally friendly Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station with in-built solar photovoltaic interface capability.

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IIT-D incubated startup, Geliote Mobility launches 'HOPE', an electric scooter that runs at just 20 paise/km. This scooter falls under the exemption category as the top speed is less than 25 km/hr and requires no license to operate it.

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## IIT Delhi Researchers Demonstrate a New Brain-inspired Artificial Neuron for Building Accurate and Efficient Neuromorphic AI Systems

Researchers at IIT Delhi, led by Prof. Manan Suri, Department of Electrical Engineering, have invented a new spiking neuron model named DEXAT (Double EXponential Adaptive Threshold neuron). This will help build fast and efficient AI systems for real-world applications like voice recognition etc.

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**IIT Delhi is recognized as the best engineering Institute in the country**

IIT Delhi is ranked best in the engineering institutions rankings conducted by India Today. Moreover, the institute bagged the second rank in NIRF 2020 and 54 in QS World Rankings 2022 in Science and Technology.



## IIT Delhi-incubated Startup Launches Antimicrobial Water Storage Containers 'AqCure'

IIT-D incubated startup nanosafe technologies launched water storage containers that make use of the antimicrobial properties of copper.

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## CERCA at IIT Delhi launches electric mobility initiative

Centre of Excellence for Research on Clean Air (CERCA), an academic think tank and research center at IIT Delhi for clean air, launched its maiden initiative on electric mobility with the retrofitting of an old vintage Beetle car of 1948 model into an electric vehicle on Monday (Nov 16). The program was attended by several members of the Heritage motoring club of India.

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## IIT Delhi Develops Handheld Device for Early and Rapid Diagnosis of Dengue

The GLAD research group of the physics department of IIT Delhi designed a handheld Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy (SERS) based platform for the early diagnosis of the dengue virus. It also gives dengue test results within one hour (rapid diagnosis).

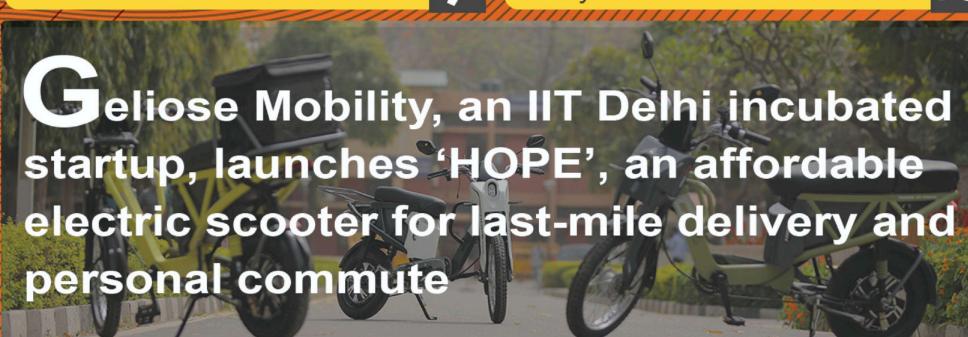
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## New PG program in electrical mobility

IIT Delhi will start a new Post Graduate programme 'M. Tech in Electric Mobility' from the new academic session, i.e. 2021-22. NITI Ayog's CEO Amitabh Kant inaugurated the program on 28th July 2021 and appreciated the efforts of IIT Delhi to usher people towards a clean, cost-cutting and cutting edge mobility ecosystem.

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**Geliote Mobility, an IIT Delhi incubated startup, launches 'HOPE', an affordable electric scooter for last-mile delivery and personal commute**



So you've finally made it! Breathe in the air and look at the sky because you're an IITian now! The transition from the only shining sun to one among a thousand stars will not be easy. Being thrown into a boiling pot of cultures, languages, thoughts, and ideas and holding your own against them, nay, simmering and imbibing them, is no mean feat. Is this the destiny you hoped for? Is this the life you laboured for? That's for you to find out. What it is, however, is one giant leap.

**A**cads - Remember when you used to get full marks in every test in your school or coaching institute without breaking a sweat? Or how you used to not study for labs at all and still ace them? Or the fact that your rank is better than others because you did better in a six-hour exam than they did? Do yourself a favour and leave those thoughts at the front gate. Academics at IIT is a whole new ballgame. You will encounter assignments that make you really think, exams that make you crumble, and practicals where getting the correct readings is the least of your worries. If you've been hitting centuries all your life on the cricket field, get ready to uproot those stumps and don your football studs.

**Social life** - Your friends will be your new family. Your overall academic and emotional well-being in college will depend, to a large extent, on the company you choose. You have to be on good terms with your seniors, who will be your guiding light on most occasions. Peace has to be maintained with wardens, mess workers, guards, and all other people who help keep our stay safe and comfortable.

Contacts made and bonds created within the four walls of this campus are known to last for a lifetime. It all depends on the quantity and quality of your social life.

**Extracurriculars** - The Sky's the limit! IITians are everywhere, be it dance, drama, or politics, and you'll soon be joining them here. The one thing that differentiates extracurriculars at IIT from other colleges is the intensity. You'll be among the finest debaters, quizzers, dancers, and sportspeople in our nation. If engineering is not your cup of tea, IIT gives you the tools and peer group to chart your own destiny.



## UCOSΦ

**T**ime Management - Until now, you've spent two hours daily on Maths, Physics, Chemistry. Soon, you'll need to submit that COL100 assignment and also attend the dance practices, and you can't forget your night mess outing with your buddy! Time and energy are the only two assets you have, and you'll need to allocate them wisely so that you can do everything you planned to do. If you ever question why there are only 24 hours in a day, don't worry, we've all been there. Eventually, you'll learn to manage time without the time stone.



**F**ood and Lifestyle - Trust us when we say that your student life will be more luxurious than you expect it to be. The mess of each hostel provides breakfast, lunch, and dinner all through the year. Besides that, IIT Delhi offers a range of eating points, including Masala Mix, Chaayos, Delhi16, CCD, Amul, and Nescafe, to hang out with friends over delicious and subsidized meals. Your midnight hunger is taken care of by the night mess and juice counters on the campus. Need a haircut or want to buy some groceries? IIT Market within the campus is the place to go. As much as we love our walks on campus roads, YULU sometimes helps us save our time and energy by providing intra-campus rides on e-cycles. Lastly, located in the city's heart, IIT Delhi is well connected to the entire city by the metros and cabs. So, here you are - with all of Delhi left to be explored!

**H**ostel life - Your hostel is your home away from home. Staying here is dynamic in ways more than just one. Here, you have to catch with the mess timings, wash your clothes, do your dishes, bear the weather and manage your chores along with your academics, clubs, and sports. But you get used to these as you are not the only one trying. Each hostel has its own common room, library, dance room, sports equipment, and recreation zone, besides night mess and juice centers. Hangouts in the visitor's room, unplanned parties, birthday surprises, games, dance and music, and buddies - all add colors to your hostel life. Different hostels have different anecdotes associated with them. Once you get in, your hostel becomes an eminent part of your identity.

One difference you will realize in a few days is that, unlike what our coaching teachers made us believe, IIT is not a destination but a landmark in the journey. It is the launching pad you need for a successful boost to your career. Staying at IIT is an exciting responsibility and a fun-filled challenge. We wish you all the very best and wholeheartedly welcome you to the other side of your Giant Leap.

# Giant Leap

# THE FIRST YEAR [ YOUR COURSES ]



So you've cleared JEE, and your teachers told you 'life set hai'? Get ready for more because your first year is going to be a rollercoaster. On coming to IITD, facche are divided into two batches: Batch A and Batch B (Because the professors can't teach all of you at the same time), and 40 groups (for more individualized attention in tutorials). Each group has around 30 people, and some of your first friends at IITD will be your groupmates. Without further ado, here's what you're up against in your first year:

## MTL100

Going by the unassuming name of calculus, it should be called "A formal introduction to calculus and proof-writing." The course starts with sequences, and goes on to give a solid introduction to several JEE level concepts, along with some extra multivariable calculus at the end. The concepts are easy to grasp, but presenting them in your exams would need you to polish those proof-writing skills.

## MTL101

This course covers Linear Algebra and Differential equations. Linear algebra expands on the matrix and determinant concepts you learned and adds several other useful things that would come in handy in engineering. The Differential equations course also recaps old concepts and teaches several new things, such as systems of differential equations and Laplace transforms, a mainstay of EE.

## CML101

Loved as much as it is loathed, this is one course where an interesting teacher makes a huge difference. The course is split into physical, organic, and inorganic. Organic and Inorganic are merely extensions of 12th grade, whereas physical introduces Quantum Chemistry, which some might find challenging. Your JEE notes might come in handy for the Inorganic and Organic parts.

## APL100

This is an extension of 11th-grade mechanics and definitely not a course you want to ignore if you're in mechanical or applied mechanics. You'll cover some more complicated kinematics and dynamics, and 'fictional forces' finally become fiction. The course itself is fun and intriguing; keep an eye out on the lectures, and both eyes on the tutorial, and you should be good.

## PYL101

This course comes with the historical baggage of being nastily difficult, but give it enough love, and you'll do just fine! For the EM waves half, cuddle up with Intro to Electrodynamics by Griffiths every now and then. Be sure to try out the intext exercises! Quantum Mechanics, the second half, can seem a bit vague and confusing at first. Try understanding the underlying math, and you should be good to go. (P.S. Profs lie about the 80-marks-for-a-dassi rule, so never panic on seeing your scores :P)

## COL100

This course will give you a general introduction to the world of CS, but at its core, it's all about algorithms, and analyzing them. Be sure to practice as much as you can to develop the ability to think up these algos. The course can get hectic at times with regular quizzes and assignments – which is why consistency is very important! Speaking of assignments, you'll end up in deep regret if you copy codes in this course, so just don't, people!

## ELP101

An opportunity to find friends where none existed. All we can say is, pray you don't have to take this course in an online semester. If you do end up having to, You have our sympathies. (Hit up one of your seniors for this reference :P )

## MCP100

This'll be a refreshing change from your other courses. In the first half, your visualization skills will be put to the test. You'll be given a variety of 3D objects, whose views and projections you'll be drawing. Not good at drawing? The second half to your rescue! It's software-based, and you'll learn how to create complicated designs and machines, part-by-part, and assemble them. If you take this course online, speed is an important factor for scoring well, so practice regularly, and you should be all set!

So that's what the courses look like.

Keep in mind that these are our opinions, and your experience would vary depending on batch and professor.

Get ready to chart your own path, and best of luck for what awaits!

# PEOPLE YOU WILL MEET !!

## CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Club reps are second-year seniors elected to function as point-of-contacts at hostel level for every club under BRCA. Their job is to acquaint you with the plethora of cultural activities you can partake in. They diligently organise workshops and practices. Never danced in your life? Time to ring your dance rep! Never hesitate to approach your reps :)



## ACADEMIC MENTORS

If you feel hesitant to take up your doubts with the faculty or the TAs or have any last-minute questions before the minors, the academic mentors will be there to help you. They're sophomores who did well and understand the course you're doing right now and will be ready to help you with any course-related doubts you may have. From clearing concepts to explaining the grading, they'll have all the answers.

## TEACHING ASSISTANTS (TAs)



Every course has certain 4th year UG/M.Tech/PhD students assigned to help the professors and students. Good interaction with your TAs will help you understand key concepts and plug in the gaps left during the lectures. Don't shy away from asking questions and getting your doubts cleared.



Having trouble with English or Hindi? Want to know more people who speak the same regional language? Here's where language mentors will help you. From improving fluency in the language to

## MENTOR

Your mentor will probably be the first senior you will interact with after coming to IITD. Your mentor is a 3rd/4th year student, usually from your branch and hostel. They will be your go-to person for any questions you have about acads, admin, the system at IIT, ways of life here, anything and everything. The mentor-mentee bond is unique, and you will witness them become your closest friend and confidant. Don't forget to pester them for treats!



## BSW REP (AKA BABLOO)

Your first point of contact besides your mentor, of course, are the BSW reps. Each hostel has 2 of them, and they'll be there to solve any bt you may have, from solving difficulties in adjusting to arranging past year papers for you to solve. A to Z, they'll have solutions to most of your problems.

helping you understand the course in a language other than English, they'll help you get your point across. :)

# NGU REQUIREMENTS

Apart from core degree courses, Non-Graded Units or NGUs form an essential component of your degree requirements in IIT-Delhi.

A total of 11 such units have to be completed, which can be broken down as

## Introduction to engineering and programme (1 unit)

NIN100 (0.5 units) will be offered as a first-year course answering some burning questions like "What is Engineering?" " What does an engineer do?" etc.

XXN(0.5 units)- a branch-specific course offered in the 3rd semester seeking to acquaint you with your branch-specific prospects.

A "S/Z" grade is awarded at completion.

## Language and Writing Skills (2 units)

NLN100(1 unit) and NLN101(1 unit) offered in the 1st and 2nd semesters are meant to impart necessary English language skills like writing, grammar, and comprehension. Lectures are activity and discussion oriented. A "S/Z" grade is awarded at completion.

## Communication Skills (1 unit)

These can be earned during 5th to 8th semester by taking up seminar courses (XXQ), lecture courses with seminar component, excelling in debating/writing, or attending Communication Skills course/workshop approved by Dean, Academics.

## Design and Practical Experience (DPE) (3 units)

Can be earned through specialised courses, summer/winter/semester/Summer Undergraduate Research Award(SURA)/Design Innovation Summer Award(DISA) projects, summer/semester internships, co-curricular projects (ROBOCON, Baja SAE, etc).

## Professional Ethics and Social Responsibility (PESR) (2 units)

NEN100-101(1unit) -covered in the first two semesters involving sessions with faculty members. NEN300 is a mandatory PESR case study based course. For the remaining part, you can do PESR internships/workshops/projects (NEN 201/202/203).

## NCC/NSS/NSO (2 units - 100 hours)

Note- 100 hours have to be completed in ANY ONE of NCC/NSO/NSS.

**NCC-** The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is the youth wing of our armed forces. Activities include marching, foot and command drill, guard of honor, fieldcraft, civil defense, etc. Bulk hour policy is followed.

**NSO-** The National Sports Organisation(NSO) offers students a chance to hone their sporting abilities and take advantage of various facilities present on campus. Various events are held throughout the year.

**NSS-** The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a community service programme with the objective of building social consciousness in students. Volunteers opting for NSS need to complete at least 1 NGU credit from NSS. For completing the minimum requirement of 1 NGU credit for NSS (if opted), the volunteers will be required to complete at least 40 hours and 80 hours for availing 2 NGU credits.

# BOARDS & COUNCILS

## 1. STUDENT'S AFFAIRS COUNCIL



SAC is responsible for the welfare, comfort, and convenience of students. It serves as the parent body that looks over all other boards: BHM, BSW, BHM, BSA, and BRCA. The SAC caters to all issues that students face during their stay at IITD, ranging from infrastructure and administration to police and services and is accountable for all non-academic policies formulated for students. Each hostel has two SAC representatives who will be your go-to person to notify about issues and figure out prospective solutions. The SAC website provides more information on activities, policies, and a platform to register one's complaints.

## 2. BOARD OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES



BSA is the apex student body that handles all the sports activities at IITD. It maintains the top-notch sports facilities in IITD, conducts trials for the institute teams, and organizes sports meets and a plethora of other events for the 13 sports under its ambit. BSA organizes the much-awaited annual inter-hostel sports championship (GC), one of the most thrilling events on campus. The board also organizes Sportech, the annual sports fest of IITD.

## 3. BOARD OF HOSTEL MANAGEMENT



BHM works to discuss grievances regarding hostel-related matters and put them forward to the administrative body of the institution. All your grumbling about the quality of mess food and unclean washrooms will be heeded here. The working body consists of hostel representatives and secretaries in three departments - House, Maintenance, and Mess.

## 4. BOARD OF STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



BSP is the student-run digital and print media body of IITD. It reports on all things relevant to the IITD community, from campus events to issues regarding the administration and college culture. It publishes various magazines, including Inception, A welcome guide for freshers, Inquirer magazine, Elemental, a technical publication, and Muse for creatives. Other series, including Meet the GSocs, My Experiments with IITD, Humans of IITD, and much more, can be found on our website. Watch out for Gazettale, an inter hostel magazine making competition, and Literati, the annual lit fest.



## 5. CO CURRICULAR AND ACADEMIC INTERACTION COUNCIL



CAIC functions as the parent body of all departmental societies intending to maximize student-faculty interaction. It works closely with the student community and the administration to ensure that the academic grievances are attended to, and feedback is acted upon. It organizes events to foster healthy faculty-student relationships. IIT Delhi's annual tech fest, Tryst, is organized by CAIC.



## 6. BOARD OF STUDENT WELFARE



BSW is largely a student-run organization that strives to assist students during their time at IITD and address issues that students face over a wide spectrum, covering academics, social life, mental health, and careers. Your introduction to BSW will be through your mentor, who will guide you on the whole during your stay here, and the two BSW representatives, or "Babloos" of your assigned hostel. Events under BSW cover fresher fests and game nights, more academic and career-oriented seminars on internships, placements, foreign exchange, etc. Also arranged by BSW are academic mentorship programs that can help one address academic issues during the first year..

# Dance



The Dance Crew at IIT Delhi snaps your perception of an IITian and proves to provide you the greatest shock of your lifetime, thanks to sequences uploaded by V-Defyn, the western dance society at IIT Delhi. With the philosophy "Love the art in yourself and not yourself in the art," the Dance Club is undoubtedly one of the most glamorous clubs in the BRCA. The audience participation in this club is overwhelming, and the Duo Dance and the Group Dance events are among the most eagerly awaited events of the year. The Institute Dance Production, organized towards the end of the year, is the magnum opus of the club, and it also provides aspiring students a platform to improve their skills. With an assorted roundup of quirky energy, dance your love, dance your joy, dance your dreams.

# Wellness



"Nurturing yourself is not selfish—it's essential to your survival and your well-being." Aligned with similar thoughts and answer circulations, Wellness Club at IIT Delhi aims to create awareness among the students about wellness and the role of our ancient heritage in leading a healthy, happy and satisfying life.

# Dramatics



IIT Delhi's dramatic society, Ankahi, is the best form of self-expression you are going to get in your college life. Dramatics has a vast ambit and involves a wide range of activities like acting, writing, direction, and even video editing. There are two different aspects of acting in Ankahi, the Stage Team, which deals with theatre arts, and the Street Team which deals with street plays or "nukkad naatak." Drama can get you closer to the finer human emotions through the medium of fictitious characters while making or portraying them. Also, the warm-up sessions before practices often turn into intense workouts, so you don't need to hit the gym if you attend Drama workshops regularly XD.

# Fine Arts and Crafts Club



Art evokes emotions, whether they are happy or sad, disturbing or exciting. It makes you feel, makes you think, and gives you the chance to find yourself according to your imagination and solitude. FACC is the perfect platform for you to showcase these artistic capabilities, learn various art forms, and, most notably being associated with like-minded individuals, driven to learn and create something new. With this spirit, it welcomes all the kalakars in their creative journey with an open heart every moment.

# Hindi Samiti

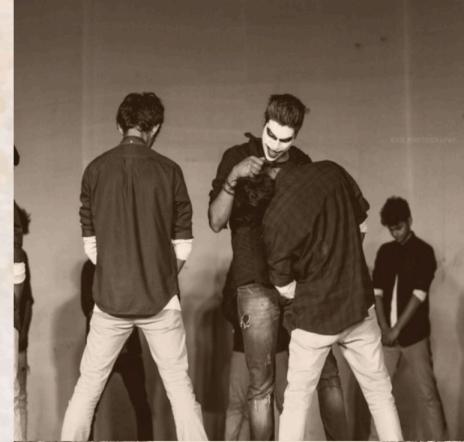


हिंदी एवं उर्दू भाषाओं और उनसे जुड़ी हर चीज, जैसे साहित्य, कविता, शायरी और हास्यानुकृति को बढ़ावा देने के लक्ष्य के साथ बना हिंदी समिति बीआरसीए क्लबों के बीच एक काफ़ी नया संघ है! हिंदी वाद-विवाद के साथ-साथ "अनुवाद" जैसे कार्यक्रम, जो किसी की शब्दावली और हिंदी में प्रवाह का परीक्षण करते हैं, का आयोजन भी हिंदी समिति द्वारा किया जाता है।

# Literary



"Medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for." This quote from Dead Poet's Society sums up exactly why we have a club devoted to literature! The Literary Club is a place for that poetic bookworm who loves to engage in a wide range of literary activities, be it book-reading sessions, fan fiction writing, movie discussions or poetry in all its forms. It is not just a club but a community of fine individuals who use literary arts as a medium of expressing their passionate musings. If reading classic literature or contemporary fiction is your daily fix, if you're a movie maniac, or if you just love making cringe-worthy puns, you'll fit right in among all these "lit" people :-)



# Music



Well, who doesn't love music? In this vastly expansive spectrum of harmonies and symphonies, everyone has their favourite genre(s). If you love western music, be it classic rock such as PinK Floyd or contemporary pop such as Ed Sheeran, IIT Delhi's A Cappella C society, Cadence is your "Nirvana". If Indian Classical music appeals to you, then Mridang, IIT Delhi's Indian group singing society is your place. Besides, you can also perform instrumental music and you'll find very encouraging seniors who would help you pick up any instrument from scratch.

# Photography and Films Club



Capturing beautiful moments, provoking interests among amateur photographers and filmmakers, The Photography and Films Club at IIT Delhi is a heaven for all creatives. With a compilation of memories painted on the canvas of time, cameras as brushes, and imagination as the very paint, this club is for all the photophiles out there, ready to carry a camera on their shoulder whenever out and post to photo-sharing websites the entire day. The aim expands the club to newer horizons and makes the learning experience comfortable for everyone interested.

# Quizzing



and Creative Activities

Yes, this is the one-stop-shop for all the curious souls. IIT Delhi's Quizzing Club dispels the crude ideology of a person without a social life, mugging up fact books day in and out, but believes in making quizzing a social hobby. The wide variety of questions ensure that one's knowledge, however outlandish, is respected. You learn how to think laterally, and when everything fails, a guess might turn out to be a good enough cause of agony for your competitors. Spontaneity is a common trait of every quizzer, and if you can bear the heat while tackling the competing soul, the Great Wave is raising for you.

# Debating



The Debating Society (DebSoc) is essentially a closely-knit group of intellectual people who love to discuss, question, and contemplate various social, political, or deeply philosophical ideas. Debating is not just a hobby, it is a sport, which involves competing with your opponent, pulling off a Harvey Specter (at least that's what debators think they're doing :-P) and destroying our opponent's case. Just like in any other sport, you learn some really important life skills such as challenging preconceived notions or beliefs which are assumed to be inherent, or learning how to stand up for what you believe and defending yourself confidently. The post-debate conversations (which sometimes last till really late at night) are actually what people look forward to.

# Spic Macay



The Society for Promoting Indian Classical Music And Culture Among Youth is a non-political, voluntary movement founded in 1977 by Dr. Kiran Seth, professor-emeritus at IIT Delhi. The purpose of SPICMACAY is to promote and encourage Indian classical music, painting styles, dance forms, and theatre among people who are at a very impressionable age, that too having lived in a somewhat westernised urban set-up throughout their lives.

# Design



The newest edition to the list of clubs in BRCA, Design Club IIT Delhi, connects Design's long thought art world to the closely-knit world of problem-solving. Creativity, innovation, and professionalism remain the central bubbles for the community. Comprising a group of student designers who work together to expand professional outlook and personal style through the free exchange of ideas and cultivating aesthetically pleasing designs for everyone to enjoy and experience, one can always hop in to learn and get a head start, and know what is happening around in the design world.

# ARAVALI

If you are a fitness freak, their gym will be your home for the next four years, having the most elaborate equipment of the institute. Winning the debating trophy and numerous institute-level quizzes, they have a history of dominance in extracurriculars!

# HOSTELS

# GIRNAR



Despite being one of the youngest hostels, they managed to win the GC last year! These boys sure know how to succeed, churning out podiums after podiums in events such as Debating, Dramatics and Chess.



# ZANSKAR

Chaayos ke peeche kya hai, chanda ke neeche. These energetic lads can always be found in the athletics field more than their hostel. Don't you dare miss out on the mandatory photo with 'The Marvel Wall'.



# SHIVALIK

Shivalik is IIT's Yoda. (smol n ol') The hostel has developed a flair for drama, literature, and other non-academic pursuits, proven by the fact that they won the RCA trophy and the BSP trophy this year. You won't find any hostels with a better senior fresher-bond than this one!



# KAILASH

Right in front of the main gate, you will find Kailash, one of the oldest hostels of IITD. The girls of Kailash demonstrate unparalleled enthusiasm, acing both academics and extracurriculars. These girls are also super popular on the internet! You've seen their House Day video on YouTube, right? It has over 18M views!



# NILGIRI



# JWALAMUKHI

They are not just famous for their night mess or their brilliance in sports(go to quora), although they'd want you to believe otherwise. This hostel brags alumni in the ranks of billionaires and top-ranking officers of the country.

Old is gold, and their hold on dramatics has for long been extolled. Nil Bulls also own the waters, with their numerous wins in swimming and water polo. Their politics is also unique; where else would you find a two-party system?

# SATPURA

The Samurais make Satpura what it is; a powerhouse of dance and dramatics, a house of students with high CGs and excellent coding skills.

Another thing, freshers: you're not living life right if you haven't had parathe in Satpura's night mess.

# HIMADRI

Himadri girls have a different noor. They boast several great debaters and dancers, and basically own half of Enactus and BSP.

In addition to all this, they still manage to score top-notch marks! If you're a fitness freak, Himadri might just be the place for you; just take the stairs instead of the elevator while going all the way to the seventh floor.

# VINDHYACHAL

A small hostel with a tightly knit community and some of the best fresher-senior interactions.

They also have an extremely pun-able name (Vindy -> Windy -> Stormyyyy; It's funny, okay XD)



# UDAIGIRI

Udaigiri might be young, but it is second to none. They have the best PFC culture among all hostels. Over the past year, the Eagles of Udaigiri have started soaring high in other clubs as well.

(P.S. Udai is tough to find. They don't even have a board; we're hoping that changes soon :p)



# KARAKORAM

Their lush and green lawn makes you forget that you are in Delhi :p (winners of garden trophy 2019) Kara doesn't disappoint ever, producing top notch dancers and dramatists year after year.



# KUMAON

Having their own legacy in the GC, they are also responsible for shutting down the RCA for a few years due to the domination of a single hostel. Despite this, what they are most famous for is their delicious choco lava cake!



HOSTELS



# NALANDA?

We felt this section wouldn't have been complete without a mention of Nalanda, the girls' hostel that ...was? Is? Wasn't? Isn't? We're not really sure ourselves. Ask your second-year seniors though, they might have an interesting story to tell you about this one.

# STUDENT BODIES

## Office of Career Services

"Ok, so I made it to IIT Delhi. How exactly do I go about getting one of those prestigious jobs I keep hearing about?" The Office of Career Services has your back. This organization communicates with the various industrial, management, and research organizations across the country and beyond to bring to the institute summer training as well as placement opportunities for its students. To prime and prepare you up for grabbing these opportunities, they organize various lectures and workshops. From helping you crack those tests to polishing up your soft skills and interview presence, the OCS is there for you. Headed by Ms Anshiya O Madan, the OCS makes sure you are not alone in your quest for your dream job.



## Alumni Affairs

IIT Delhi boasts of a 50,000 strong alumni network of engineers, technologists, scientists, managers and entrepreneurs. The AAIP works towards deepening the bond between the institute and its alumni through lectures, meetings, reunions, and a bunch of other initiatives. They also handle the disbursement of the various scholarships initiated by our alumni.

## Student Counselling Services

The transition from school to college is one that can certainly take its toll. A new phase brings with it a new set of challenges across all dimensions, including academics, relationships, or even something like addiction. No matter what you are going through, the SCS is there for you, offering counselling therapy and referrals in a secure and confidential environment. Feel free to visit, and have no hesitation in sharing your problems. You'll certainly come out of their sessions feeling stronger and more secure. It is okay to not feel okay and taking help is never "not normal." If anything, being willing to take counselling shows you're brave enough to face your problems head-on, instead of running away from them.

But that's not all! They also deal with the responsibility of nurturing relations with foreign universities, students, and professors, and as such, are spearheading the international appeal of the institute. Become a Buddy for a foreign student if you're up to it!

Basically, they are the Foreign Ministry of IIT Delhi; a dedicated team of staff and student volunteers headed by Prof Naveen Garg.



# TECH CLUBS

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The **Algorithms and Coding Club** is one of the most dynamic and engaging clubs of IIT Delhi. It aims to introduce students to **competitive programming** and maximize participation in various competitive coding **contests**. The club arranges informative workshops and events for those interested in its **Summer of Competitive Programming (SOCP)** to foster a rich coding culture. ANCC is open to students of all departments!

**Skills Learnt :** Problem Solving, Algorithmic Thinking

**Recruitment Process :** Selection is based on your profile on competitive coding websites, followed by interviews.

**When does the process of recruitment begin? :** Towards the end of the first year, in mid-April

**General location of club activities :** Any place comfortable enough for you to sit for at least 3 hours. (and with replenishment for your laptop)

**Prominent Competitions :** ACM ICPC, Google Hackathons, Facebook Hacker Cup.



**Robotics club** is a group of robot enthusiasts who love to translate Electrical, Mechanical and Computer Science concepts into actual functioning products. The club actively participates in national and international competitions, and has diversified over the years to build scalable, market-ready robots.

**Skills Learnt –** Mechanical Design, Circuit Development and Programming besides soft skills like teamwork, project management and planning.

**Recruitment Process –** A hands-on workshop followed by a questionnaire and a technical interview.

**When does the process of recruitment begin? –** Usually in the second semester

**General location of club activities –** Dedicated Robotics Room on SAC 1st floor.

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**DevClub**, or the development club, is a student group working to promote industry-oriented software development at the institute. The members work on developing, maintaining and updating a host of student-oriented projects such as Citadel, the one-stop platform for past question papers and textbooks, and Portfolio Creator, an interactive tool to help students create their portfolio website.

The club organizes various events throughout the year, ranging from Hackathons and Capture the Flags to Lectures and talks by experts. DevClub has a dual motive of equipping students with industry-relevant skills as well as building software to fulfil the needs and requirements of the campus folk.



**Skills Learnt :** Software Development, Problem Solving, Teamwork

**Recruitment Process :** An assignment followed by an interview. Recruitments take place for both design and development roles.

**When does the process of recruitment begin? :** Usually in the second semester

**General location of club activities :** Any place with enough space and charging sockets but usually Bharti building.

The **Entrepreneurship Development Cell** is the prime student body dealing with inculcating an entrepreneurial mindset in the institute. Through various fun-filled sessions such as Startup Showcase Competitions, eTalks, Guest lectures, and workshops, it aims to promote the holistic skills required to run a successful startup. Don't miss out on their hit annual BECON event! The club also oversees the Student Incubation Cell (SInC), which is involved in mentorship and incubation for upcoming startups within the campus.

**Skills Learnt** – Management skills, Exposure to the working world of CEOs, entrepreneurs, and venture capitalists, knowledge of the Entrepreneurial process, development of essential contacts.

**Recruitment Process** – Selection based on creative ideas with potential and genuine enthusiasm in the club's activities.

**When does the process of recruitment begin?** – Typically during the summer break after the first year.

**General location of club activities** – LHC, Main building for lectures and workshops.



## Economics

The **Economics club** works with the vision of increasing students' interest in Economics and providing exposure to the students about the Finance sector. It conducts several events on topics like currency exchange, financial crisis, and trade war. It also organizes guest lectures by eminent personalities on various issues of importance.

**Skills Learnt** – Knowledge of real-world economics, policies, and government functionality.

**Recruitment Process** – Executives are recruited based on a small questionnaire and an interview.

**When does the process of recruitment begin?** – At the start of the 2nd year.

**General location of club activities** – LHC.



## AXLR8R

**AXLR8R** is the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers of IIT Delhi. The club represents the institute at national and international formula racing events and is one of the best racing clubs in India. It gives you hands-on experience and practical knowledge in building a car from scratch. Lectures and workshops are held for all interested students, so all you need is dedication and enthusiasm to join this club.

**Skills Learnt** – Mechanical/Electrical skills related to building a car, Marketing, Management.

**Recruitment Process** – Biweekly projects followed by a small interview.

**When does the process of recruitment begin?** – Usually, in the second semester

**General location of club activities** – Central Workshop

**Prominent Competitions** – Formula Bharat, Formula Student Austria and Formula Student Germany.



# Physics & Astronomy

The perfect club for anyone interested in finding the answer to Life, Universe and Everything, the **Physics and Astronomy Club (PAC)** regularly holds lectures and discussions on topics ranging from quantum physics and relativity to cosmos and the world beyond ours. The club also organizes observation sessions and competitions which are open to everyone.

**Skills Learnt** - A broader and deeper understanding of physics and astronomy, as well as soft skills like teamwork and publicity.

**Recruitment Process** - A short form followed by an interview.

**When does the recruitment process begin?**

- Usually at the end of the first year.

**General location of club activities** - Biotech Lawns for observations sessions, SAC and LHC for lectures and discussions.



# Aeromodelling

The place to be for all aviation enthusiasts, members of the **Aeromodelling Club** work on everything from planes and quadcopters to drones and much more. Financed by Boeing, the club has been involved in projects like D&L 1234, high altitude drones and 3D noise detection drones. The club organizes workshops as well and regularly participates in various competitions.

**Skills Learnt** - Aerodynamics, Aircraft Design, experience with simulators and other software besides teamwork and event management.

**Recruitment Process** - A short test followed by an interview.

**When does the recruitment process begin?** - Usually after the first year

**General location of club activities** - Central Workshop and the club room in Synergy Building

# Biotech<sup>+</sup>

Previously known as the iGEM club, the **Biotech Club** is a student group that combines the knowledge of biology, maths, electrical engineering and computer science to carry out innovative new experiments and projects in synthetic biology. The club regularly participates in international competitions such as the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition organized by MIT and Biomod organized by Harvard University. The club also conducts lectures and workshops throughout the year.

**Skills Learnt** - Application of technology to biology, Mathematical Modelling, Practical experience with conducting experiments as well as marketing and teamwork

**Recruitment Process** - An assignment followed by an interview. Study material is provided by the club.

**When does the recruitment process begin?**

- Usually after the first year

**General location of club activities** - Dedicated space in new Biotechnology building

# BEING

ENACTUS is a Global Organisation that envisions creating a better and more sustainable world. It is a great experiential learning platform dedicated to developing the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders and social innovators with a global network of Business, Academic, and Student Leaders spread across 1,730 campuses in 36 countries. At Enactus IIT Delhi, students conduct assessments on the needs in the community, identify potential solutions to complex issues and implement impacting projects under the guidance of educators and the support of business leaders. This results in communities benefiting from collaboration and fresh innovation, plus students gain the valuable experience to advance their personal and professional lives. At College, If you have a Head for Business and a Heart for the World, ENACTUS is for You!

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Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

At AINA (An Initiative for National Advancement), students engage in various activities pertaining to social immersion and self-development. The aim is to nurture students to connect with the country's grassroots problems and take initiatives to find viable solutions. Our main activities are Manthan, Srijan, and Swadesh which are inspired by the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda, A Spiritual Leader . Manthan is an open discussion on topics related to student life as well as the outside world. Srijan is a weekly visit to nearby slums for teaching school students. Swadesh is a week-long trip to different parts of the country, predominantly the rural, to interact with NGOs working there and understand the Indian villages we barely get a chance to connect with. During the pandemic, we set up the IITD Benevolent fund in collaboration with other groups like NSS and BSP.



The National Resource Centre for Value Education in Engineering has been established at IIT Delhi with the active involvement of the Ministry of Human Resource Development(MHRD). The center envisions identifying, developing, and disseminating techniques by which engineering students can be motivated to imbibe human values and appreciate their impact on technology development. The activities envisaged by NRCVEE include organizing Seminars, Short term courses on relevant topics, and undertaking research in the area of "Interaction of Science, Technology and Human Values" and promoting an understanding of its implications.

**National Resource  
Centre for Value Education  
in Engineering**

# HUMAN

Blood Connect is a full-fledged youth-led NGO launched by IIT Delhi alumni back in 2010, with a mission of solving the problem of blood shortage in India. With its flourishing wings in 10 cities across India,



**bloodconnect**

Blood Connect has saved over 3L preciouslives since its establishment. It gives a lot of leadership opportunities in Operations, HR, PR, Creative, and Technical roles.

Blood Connect has organized several creative and awareness campaigns apart from blood donation drives in and out of campus, aiming for Blood-sufficient India. The satisfaction obtained while working here has changed the meaning of lives for several of our alumni, as we like to call them BloodConnect-ed. Bloodconnect is an excellent opportunity for students like us to be a part of something bigger than ourselves and really make a change.



Aimed at developing students' personalities through community service, NSS is a voluntary association of young people in Colleges, universities, and +2 level working for a campus-community linkage.

The NSS chapter of IITD is an umbrella organisation that works in a vast multitude of domains like education, health, environment, society, etc. via its projects like Vidya, volunteering at old age homes and orphanages and collaborations with national-level NGOs like NAB (National Association for the Blind) and DNIP care. It also spreads awareness about social issues like gender equality, lgbtq+ rights, etc., among students through lectures by eminent personalities and movie screenings on various matters. It also periodically organises multiple collection drives and Blood Donation camps to meet its nation-building vision through social service. It also organises a lot of online events and publishes magazines to raise awareness.



Indian Road Safety campaign is the road safety initiative of SOLVE, a trust started by the students and alumni of IIT Delhi to solve the problems plaguing society on the ground level. IRSC is the largest youth-led community-driven organisation working



Making Indian Roads Safer

An initiative of Solve Foundation

towards the mission of making Indian roads safer and reducing the number of accidents to half by 2030.

We work on pre-crash (awareness, infrastructure,) in course-crash(vehicular enhancement) and post-crash (first-response, ambulance) situations to provide the required assistance and support. It is currently active in 50+ cities and across 10 states in India.



# UNOFFICIAL

**PARITI** is a grassroots volunteer group of IITD students looking to promote discourse & awareness on gender issues. Over the past years, they organized interactive workshops, panel discussions and talks around feminism, women in STEM, sexism in/out campus. They have been posting around such themes on their social media, as well. This year, they plan to engage with more students/faculty/alumni, highlight the good and the bad and hope to create a safe space and an inclusive community at IITD. Freshers, keep an eye out for announcements.

**ShARE** is the IIT Delhi chapter of the international organisation ShARE, founded by top league consulting firms like McKinsey, BCG & Bain. ShARE is a start-up based in France, collaborating with 40+ universities across 4 continents, at the crossroads of education and consulting with 'Do Well, Do Good' as its mission. Through the coveted 'Leadership programme for Excellence', curated by Harvard Business School, ShARE gives a chance to selected international students to come together to interact culturally, enhance their consulting aptitude and provides an opportunity to work with corporates on live projects. They organised Case-Cation, their annual flagship event on the pan-India level, with 3600+ participants.

They plan to conduct workshops on preparation for case interviews, solving case studies, and case study competitions in this session. They also plan to host events for the IIT Delhi folks, where you can listen to some big names in the consulting world and quench your curiosity about the celebrated profession. They have planned Case-Cation 2.0 - the 2021 Edition, Case study workshops, and new-of-a-kind competitions focused on Business Strategy and Game Theory.

If problem-solving and critical thinking on business problems are your callings, stay assured, ShARE is the place to be.



# CLUBS

**AIMLC** stands for the Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Club of IITD. Do you have an interest in the emerging fields of AI/ML and would like to explore them with like-minded students? Then this is the club for you! AIMLC aims to lower the entry barrier in the field of AI/ML by providing opportunities to interact with leaders in industry and academia, along with a hands-on learning experience. Last year for their orientation, the club had invited Professor Sankar Kumar Pal, ex-Director of ISI Calcutta and Padma Shree awardee, where he had given an insightful talk on his 45+ years in this field. They had also hosted the Summer of ML'21, a month-long ML training program consisting of a series of four workshops and a hackathon.

**INDRADHANU** is the student-run LGBTQ+ collective of IITD. It has been and continues to be the voice of the queer community on campus and aims to provide a safe space for everyone, regardless of their identity. During pride month, 2021, Indradhanu spread awareness about the history of Pride and India's queer culture through the ages. They even held a virtual screening of the short film "Geeli Pucchi," followed by a discussion on intersectionality in the feminist and queer movements. "Spread the Love" was a community art project organized by them that involved creating a virtual quilt centered around the theme of "Identity." Indradhanu has regularly used its social media handles to sensitize people on the community's issues in order to remove the societal taboo around them. They hope to help make the campus a stigma-free environment.

**FINANCE** Club of IITD aims to create an environment where people interested in financial modelling, fintech, fundamental analysis, company valuation, etc., can gather, do productive work, and share knowledge and insight with other club members so that they can grow together. Students are allowed to interact with finance experts via sessions and discussions and are also given a platform to connect with alumni in the field. The club focuses on inculcating skills directly applicable to the workplace, giving the students a tailored environment to grow their skills, build a professional network and get exposure to internship programs.



# FESTS OF IITD

## RENDEZVOUS

RDV(Rendezvous), one of the biggest college festivals in Asia, is a four-day cultural fest of IIT Delhi. IIT Delhi welcomes more than 60,000 people during the offline semester. All BRCA clubs organize various fun-loving events that penetrate all kinds of audiences. The main event, "Pronites" brings a plethora of personalities from the entertainment industry. Last year, although online, was filled with many new events that weren't there before. Whether offline or online, one thing that we can promise is that you'd end up having a lot of fun. To add more to the excitement, you'd end up having a lot of night-outs, singing, dancing and making boatloads of memories during this time while meeting a lot of new people. To know more about RDV and some famous historical incidents, you may go to their Instagram handle.



## TRYST

A vivid showcase of the T in IITD, Tryst is the annual technical fest of IIT Delhi. The biggest technical fest in all of North India, it's quite a mighty thing to witness. Phew, we got the (not-so-humble) brag out of the way. For the duration of this fest, don't call the second-years, aka the sophies, as Sir and Ma'am (no need to take babloos that seriously :p), as they also haven't experienced the Tryst magic yet due to the second COVID wave. So, all the info here comes straight from the third-year junta. Want to see, and perhaps, later on, participate in robo-wars, or just want to chill out to EDM bangers? We got you covered. Tech hackathons and speeches from influential people in technology? We got that too. So, don't miss out on this tech escapade from your daily monotone routine, and maybe tease your sophies on all the fun they missed in their first year.



## LITERATI

Literati is usually the very first fest experience for all the excited facchas out there and therefore has astronomical expectations to match. (dw, it's conducted by none other than the people who bring you this magazine – us :p) Spread over three days, Literati is absolutely jam-packed with all sorts of events – keynote lectures by prominent editors and distinguished academicians, thrilling slam poetry sessions, all kinds of word games, panel discussions on nationwide-affecting situations that touch you to the very core, and quite a few themed quizzing sessions, a perfect opportunity to team up and bond with your friends. Also, not to forget – we got a literature fair of our own, and get your creative juices flowing because we also got some seriously amazing creative writing competitions.



## SPORTECH

Organized by the BSA, Sportech calls for the sportsperson that a lot of you ended up sacrificing. It's a four-day annual event, wherein you have all your major sports and some very unconventional sports to participate in too. For the online semester, Chess was the dominating sport. This year with COVID still lurking around the corner, it has been planned that Sportech would happen somewhere in February as Sportech-InterIIT, wherein you would get a chance to compete against contingents of other IITs.

## KAIZEN

You must have already heard about the infamous "NSS ke 100 ghante" (80 for some lucky ones :p) rant from seniors, or you might've looked it up on the super-handy Courses of Study. But NSS is so much more than gaining those hours, as you'll soon realize. Kaizen is the annual social fest of IIT Delhi, focused on feel-good themes like social entrepreneurship. We've got workshops around social matters – waste management, social compassion, and the like; we've got writing competitions and slam poetry events on enthralling prompts running around fun subtle morals. Not only that, but we've got Climate Action Plan – a competition where you have to make climate action plans for the coming years and have the subsequent simulation play out. Take in the hundreds of factors and sliders that run behind the scenes, and it's almost a certified nerd orgasm. Don't forget the flagship event, the almighty Social Innovation Challenge - so fun and educative.



## SPERANZA

Want to flex your moonwalks or your high notes, or maybe your intricate Mona Lisa or your poetic Albatross, or just about any other talent that defines you – well, well, well, we got you covered with our Mr. and Ms. Fresher competition, complete with various rounds, full of interviews, funny introductions, and of course, a final all-out battle in the end. Oh, check out your seniors' finalists' entries on Speranza's Instagram page. (don't imagine some Roadies type stuff :p)

Workshops and quizzes, standup acts and IPL auctions, we got a galore of activities – based on pure fun for freshers and not on some specific theme unlike the others, that will keep you satisfied while you keep resharing your friends' (and maybe, your own :p) Fresher entries over and over again on various social media.

## BECon

**B**usiness and **E**ntrepreneurship **C**onclave is a one-of-its-own four-day summit organized by the eDC IIT Delhi. You'd be participating in various events ranging from one day CEO challenge to various case studies judged by some of the most upcoming startup entrepreneurs. eDC vows to give the most authentic industry exposure to our startup enthusiasts. It also conducts various workshops related to finance, sales, etc., during the summit. It also calls up various standup comedians, content creators and well-known founders for talk shows and keynote sessions.



# 10 FUNDAB

## Itna mat soch yaar



Life is not about reaching a destination; instead, it is about the journey you take to reach that destination. Though you have a lot to work on and an entire future to plan, remember to have fun and make memories along the way. Also remember that not all days will go great. Each one of us will face ups and downs in college. So, the golden rule will be to – Cut the past and shut the future; Laugh and let go.

## Intoxication

Getting intoxicated is not cool. In IIT you might face people smoking up and asking you to do the same, but remember that there are all sorts of people on the campus.

You do not need to give in to the peer pressure or the so-called social status pressure for trying this stuff out. It is also not allowed on campus to drink or smoke and is a one-way ticket to DISCO

## Disco is no party

If there is something that you don't want in your time at IIT, it's Disciplinary Committee action against you. All the stories you have heard about DISCO are true and it has been responsible for ruining students' lives in the past affecting all sorts of opportunities you'll otherwise be presented with, such as PORs and extracurriculars. When the IITD admin says something is not allowed, take it seriously to enjoy that IIT life you wanted.

## Satti Na Thukwana

Offline or online, a CGPA of 7 is the bare minimum to survive on campus in an easy manner.

Sure, people without this criteria do good in life as well, but they have to struggle like crazy to achieve that. You won't get any PORs, get troubles through your placement cell applications, have issues in getting involved in campus activities if your CGPA falls short. So the first thing you should do when you open your eyes here is to maintain a CGPA of at least 7.



## Banda/bandi hai?

At this stage of our lives, having a girlfriend/boyfriend seems really alluring. It is always nice to have a person who loves and who cares. But remember that dating takes a lot of your time and energy. Being with the right person, who is as much attached to you as you are to them, is important for good emotional health. We recommend you not to rush through things and make sure that you are attracted to the person and not only to the idea of a relationship before taking any decision.

## Health is Wealth

IIT offers you a life filled with enthusiasm and opportunities, but you will never be able to enjoy these if you are not in good health. The old saying is still valid, and you need to make sure that you are taking care of yourself. Even in an online semester sitting in front of a computer screen all day can be tiring as hell. Make sure that you spare your eyes a bit and take adequate breaks with your favorite music playlists and exercise so that you can survive through the semester.



## IIT kar lo, phir life chill hai

Since honesty is the best policy, we will be honest. One of our greatest motivations during JEE days, IIT ke baad life chill hai, is only partly true. Even though we have a really good start to our careers, managing academics in a highly competitive environment, participating in clubs and sports while staying mentally, emotionally, and physically healthy is an exciting challenge, and for this, there is no substitute for hard-work. However, we wish to add that you are not alone. Once you get used to playing this game, there is no going back. With lots of skills to learn, sports to play, and friends to make, you will love the campus and have a wonderful time here.

## Sirf padhai thodi hai

IITs are known for the wide range of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities they offer. Interested in singing, dancing, reading, writing, debating, event management, robotics or aeromodelling? Love playing cricket, badminton, table tennis, volleyball, football, basketball or swimming? We have the perfect groups and facilities for you. We would suggest you to try everything that interests you in the first two years of your college life so that you can finalize which clubs or sports you want to pursue in the next few years. These have several advantages. Besides being good hobbies, they are a plus-point in your CV. Also they help you make new friends based on common interests and help develop skills like team-spirit and co-operation.

## Away From Your Family

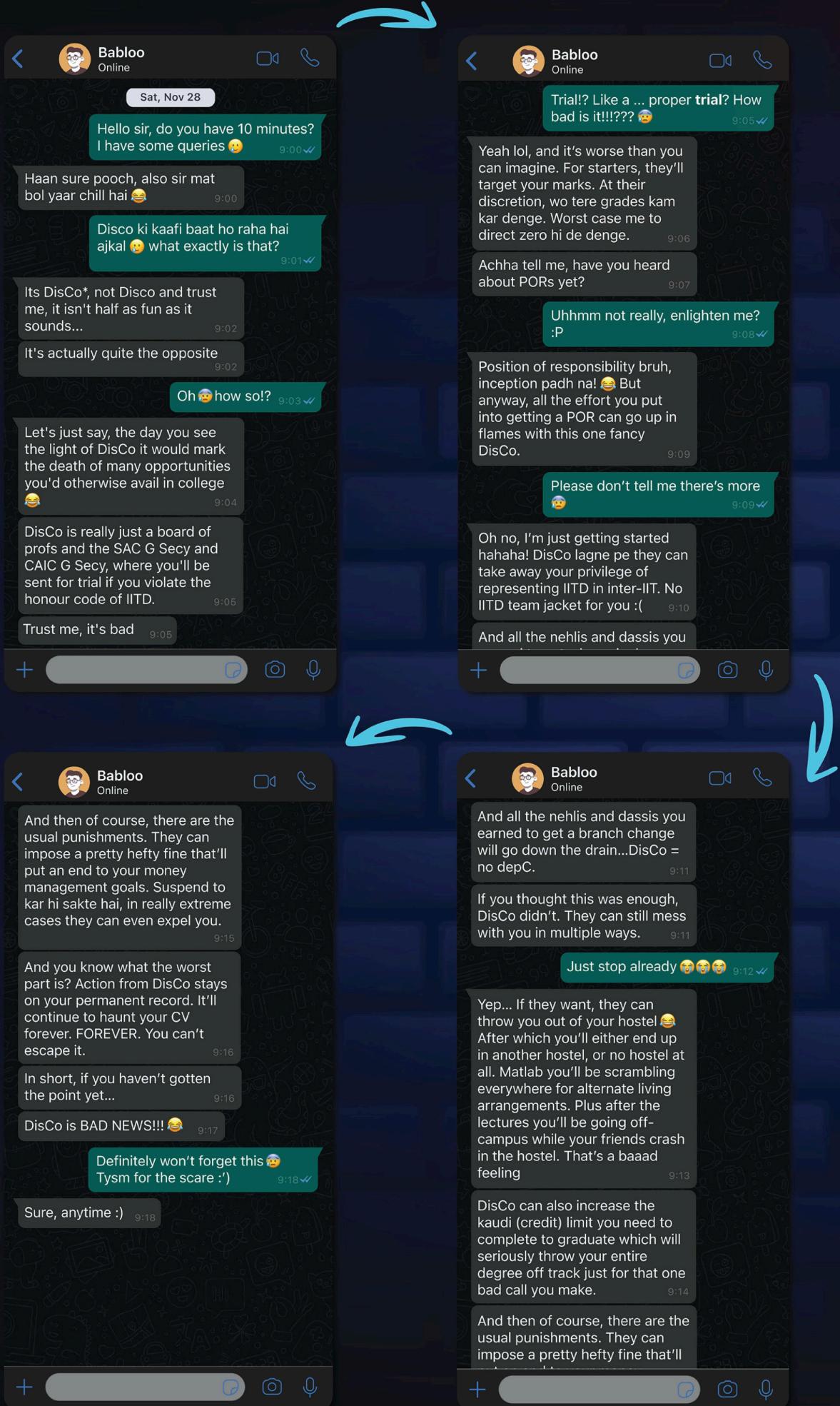
Newly Found Freedom - Don't lose yourself when you come here, you will meet great people, make friendships that will last a lifetime, and at the same time get pulled towards the high life in and around campus. Most people end up getting their academics seriously mutilated when they enter campus for the first year, either because of the depression of being away from their families or due to the uncontrolled excitement for partying. Stay focused, true to yourself and be open to making friends and you will have an absolutely memorable time.



## Importance of connections

We understand it can be challenging to connect with people, especially online but make sure that your friendship with your peers is not just limited to following each other on Instagram but talking and engaging with each other. The people you hang out with can drastically affect your life, so make the right connections and always try to make new friends; you never know who might be able to help you.

# “Kya hi kar lengen”



# DARD-E-DISCO

## What shouldn't you do?

**Unfair means in examinations:** At whatever stage, no matter how tempting a prospect this may seem, always remember whatever you're thinking of has been done before, and been caught before. If not your morals, let the fear of DisCo guide your conscience into doing the right thing. 😊

**Theft, damage to insti property:** If you're looking to let off some steam, grab some popcorn and chill with Netflix instead. Vandalism is a criminal offense, and you'll end up landing in serious trouble.

**Harassment:** Any unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct based on caste, religion, sex or gender identity is what constitutes harassment. We believe in diversity and inclusivity here at IIT Delhi, and so it shouldn't come to you as a surprise that we have a strict no-tolerance policy to harassment of any kind. Soak in the melody of different cultures and identities that make our insti beautiful

**Plag:** You may have heard a lot of 'sabka saath, sabka vikas' over the past few years, but carrying it forward to your assignments is a baaaaad idea. If you're submitting anything, make sure it's your own work or you've stated the sources you've taken help from. If you don't, that could mean a trip to DisCo for plagiarism.

**Cyber Offences:** Breaking passwords, sharing accounts, impersonation, electronic copying, planting viruses, or committing any other kind of cybercrime invites a strict DisCo. You'd be better off channelling all your tech skills into something productive!

**Possession/Consumption of banned substances:** Believe us when we say you'll find plenty of ways to get high at IITD which don't involve substance abuse. You'll only regret it if you go down that dark path.

# HALL OF SHAME

DISCO

**1** Didn't study till the last minute and now you're looking for an easy way out? It doesn't matter if you didn't study, your friends are always there to help you, right? Wrong. Very wrong. Cheating may seem like a desirable option; however, it may just send you to the DisCo. Last year, 70 students got caught plagiarising in APL100, and all of them were awarded a 0. In another instance, students in an EE3 course were awarded an F grade when their work was found to be copied. These events ultimately didn't lead to a DisCo, but they were certainly a close call!



**2** Think your professors are 'dank' enough to appreciate memes? Certainly not all of them. The batch of 2017, in their freshman year, gave in to the allure of magical memes, sadly at the expense of a particular prof. The meme finally made its way back to the subject. Nine students definitely didn't find it funny when they had to face the dreaded, humourless DisCo. So, freshers, your professors may seem cool, but memes mat banana.

**3** Waking up bright and cheery at 8 am to the sound of birds sounds so appealing. As an IITian, however, you'll be groggy-eyed and waking up to the ping of your phone with your classmates saying "Bhai, proxy laga dena". You may want to practice saying "no" for when you inevitably find yourself in this situation. In 2018, students were slapped with a DisCo notice for impersonation through Timble, the notorious attendance app unique to IITD.

**4** Even lighthearted comedy can hurt the sentiments of someone and you have to be respectful and considerate about it. Last year some students got a DISCO to their names for mocking someone in a course group and creating an environment in which the victim felt disturbed. The authorities after due diligence from their end punished the accused by changing their hostels, stripping their PORs and making it compulsory for them to attend a session on social sensitisation. Be careful when talking in public groups with new people, you don't know who comes from which state of mind and run of life, and you definitely do not want to create a hostile environment for someone.

**5** Story Time. There once was a confession page on Facebook, where some smart IITians loved to sling anonymous hate. That all changed in 2017, when a student who thought it would be funny to body shame a girl, was reported to administration. They were promptly DisCo'ed and barred from the hostel. Now people are a little more woke on the confession pages and everyone has lived happily ever after.

**6** Is your college dream to have a lot of friends? Maybe party in large groups? Go dancing or clubbing with everyone? Well the 2013 batch had their dreams come true, because 300 students went to the DisCo for copying a COL100 assignment! Here at IITD, we have a strong 'no man left behind' policy, so dont think that mass cheating means you might get to escape in the crowd.



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# Mental Health

*"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."*

- J.K. Rowling.

College marks a new beginning in your life. One that we promise will be full of memorable experiences with remarkable people. Yet every journey has its ups and downs. Struggling with the pace of studies or missing your family, there will be times when you may feel low, anxious or disappointed, and that's okay.

Please believe us; you are not alone. It is normal to feel down at times but how you sail through such times is vital for your mental well-being. Always remember that you do not have to do this by yourself. Share your feelings with your friends, family or anyone with whom you are comfortable. If turning to them is not an option, other forms of help are always available at IIT Delhi.

**Student Counselling Service:** You may reach out to any of the SCS counsellors whenever you need someone to talk to or seek advice from. You can book an appointment by mailing to [iitdcounsellors@gmail.com](mailto:iitdcounsellors@gmail.com). If you need to be in touch with someone immediately, you can reach a counsellor on their contact numbers available on the website [https://bsw.iitd.ac.in/mental\\_health.php](https://bsw.iitd.ac.in/mental_health.php).



**Your Dost:** Another service that allows you to chat or fix appointments with counsellors, anonymously, if you so wish. All these people are here to help you cope well with the lows of college life. You can simply visit <https://yourdost.com/> and sign up using your official IITD email id (with @iitd.ac.in) and start chatting or book an appointment with a professional.

## Testimonials:

1. "When everything felt overwhelming and out of control, SCS gave me the push to retake control of my life. I know how helpless one feels when things don't go according to plan and life feels like a cluttered mess, but I assure you, there is help available and people to talk to. My advice would be to talk because you deserve to be heard and understood, and IIT Delhi provides services just suitable for that." - **Rohit Kumar (2nd year UG student)**

2. "I was struggling to balance my academics and extracurriculars. I had stretched myself too thin with my involvement in different activities and was having difficulty setting my priorities.

Moreover, in the second wave, there was negativity all around and our loved ones were sick. We were stuck inside our homes 24X7 which also causes friction and bickering with family. This made me crave social interaction even more. Aakriti ma'am made me gain perspective about these issues and helped me build a routine and bring my life back on track." - **Sarthak (Second year UG student)**



To sum up, your time at IIT may not always be smooth sailing, but every adversity you face here will make you stronger. With that said, we promise you that you will become mesmerised with the insti culture in no time. So, get ready for the rollercoaster ride that is college and don't forget to make the most out of your time here.



## WHAT IS GENDER AND HOW IS IT PERCEIVED

Gender initially was "accepted" as only binary based on anatomical differences, is not per today's society. Historically speaking, humans who could not fall in the binary gender basket were first documented in the Mesolithic period!

Today we talk of gender as a spectrum and not just limited to the biological sex assigned to you at birth. This is because every human is unique, can identify themselves, how they feel about themselves and their sexual orientation as per their liking. The spectrum includes people who identify themselves as transgender (those who do not identify themselves with the sex assigned to them at birth) etc.



# GENDER DIFFERENT THAN SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Sexual orientation, on the other hand, is based on who you're attracted to mentally, physically and emotionally. Terms related to sexual orientation are bisexual (those attracted to more than one gender), pansexual (those attracted to others irrespective of their gender), homosexual (those attracted to the same gender as theirs), heterosexual (those attracted to the opposite gender as them) etc. Sexual orientation may change with time and is hence considered to be fluid.

## WHAT IS LGBTQ AND WHY PRONOUNS ARE IMPORTANT

The LGBTQ+ is an umbrella term for the community of people who do not identify themselves by the historical norms, both in terms of sexual orientation and gender. It aims to include people from all genders and sexual orientations.

As a part of inclusivity, it is also important to know the usage of gender pronouns. Pronouns help with identification, it is also a way to show your respect for their identification. Everyone has the choice to choose their preferred pronouns and must be addressed using those pronouns. In case you do not know the person's preferred pronouns you may opt for using gender-neutral pronouns so that the concerned person is not disrespected or invalidated.

As a part of an institution that aims to create global technologists, we need to be well informed about global issues and not add to the problem.

# WE ARE ONE

People belonging to the LGBTQ+ community are as normal and human as anyone else is. However, there have been laws and bills that were discriminatory towards such people. Often, the punishments for them were very severe. Often homosexuality was considered a crime or a disease which often led to various inhumane acts towards the community. These events often led to mental and emotional trauma for the people allying themselves with the LGBTQ+ community.

In recent times, various movements and protests against such acts and laws have improved the situation bit by bit. Examples could be seen with the declassification of homosexuality as an illness, formation of anti-discriminatory laws to make workspaces safe and inclusive, access to IVF for lesbians are just some laws hinting towards a more inclusive future. Meanwhile, we also have decisions pending on same-sex marriages and the adoption of children by same-sex couples.

Multiple organisations such as Family Equality Council and Human Rights Campaign have been formed to help LGBTQ+ people. They also aim to overrule judgements that deny them the right to dignity and a life free of discrimination. In our college, we have Indhradhanu and Pariti trying to spread gender awareness and sensitise people towards the same.

# TYPES OF FRESHERS

## Maggus:

Jaan jab tak hai jaan, jaane jahan mai padhungi(a). If the prof is Gabbar, these are the Basantis, and we are lowly Veeru who still have their hands tied.. They haunt the acad groups and Quora. Don't dare add them anywhere else though, as they might just exit.

## Our very own Poohs and Shanayas:

These are the popular girls who just can't be extra. They grew up on Disney Channel and 2000s Bollywood movies, and the only thing they managed to pick up was vain high school girls (which they couldn't do in high school, as JEE karna tha) and - literally, (Whiny the) Pooh from Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham!

## Mere paas bandwidth nahi hai, video camera nahi chalega:

They are from "bhillage" area, and their internet connection never works, being the first to onboard when the time arrives. Curiously, at 3 am in the night, they can be found inside Instagram stories of their friends doing Fortnite poses. (I mean.. how even?)

## Dukhi Aatma:

Remember Raju Rastogi from 3 Idiots? Yeah, he's the CEO of this category. Their only purpose in life is to send WhatsApp messages saying "Majors aa rahe hai" even if end-sem is a month away

#bestsenior

## Hostel inka pehla aur akhri pyaar hai (get a life dude):

These people chant the word "jai" with their hostel as if it's their religion or something. These people are the wannabe flag bearers of hostel. Even though they might have never seen their hostel, their love just hinges off the edge of Hostel Nationalism. O, did we mention Nationalism - they are as good as their national

#merabranchOP

## Branch lover:

They start cringe hashtags which follow the pattern "<Department name> OP" and also start fights with other branches. They'll be sharing random branch-related facts to show the mystical greatnesses of their branch, but their love generally comes out in the way of Instagram stories (sometimes at 2 am at night while eating maggi), labelling their branch OP.



## Aao meet karte hai:

Man, who is a social animal is an introvert when compared with this species. They are the most extroverted people who'll post 10-15 screenshots of VCs on Instagram in a week. They just love to be a part of a group and hang out with people, even if they have nothing in common with each other.



## Our helping hands:

God couldn't crack JEE, so he/she made them to assist us at IIT. They'll make WhatsApp groups, upload all important information/PDFs there, for your convenience. They are genuinely good souls. (P.S. Inse cheating ke liye mat poochna.)

## "Bhai maine aaj tak ladki nahi dekhi":

Surrounded by testosterone, dreams of estrogen, these are mostly all-boys school passouts. Experiencing female interaction for the first time, these guys usually mess up a lot (sometimes seriously), but they always have a signature way of sliding into DMs, "Didi, aap single ho kya?"

## Iske liye duniya ki har cheez omp hai:

People who assassinate spellings of dignified stature to substitute the letter 'm' and get god knows what kind of pleasure out of it. More often than not these are also our very own sticker spammers and have a sticker for every mood/ situation. They're generally very popular.

## Vloggers:

They are the ones who still haven't got out of their JEE wala phase. They are generally seen making YouTube videos about various PCM topics, or videos about life in college (even though they've never been to college). Let's not burst their bubble just yet.

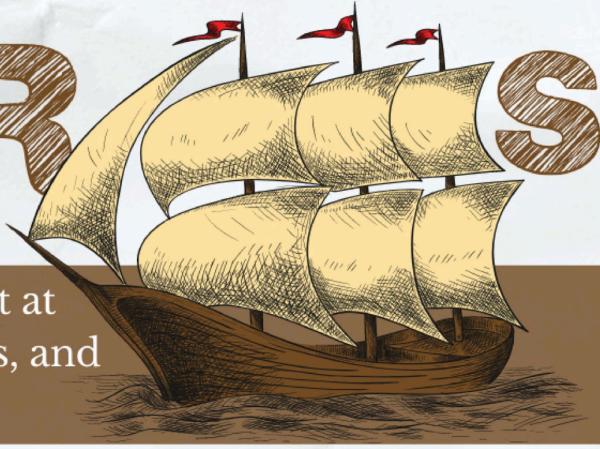


## Anime buffs:

Generally, these people are extremely cultured but they are nihilists too. To them, everything is a Jojo reference. Some of them might also be experts in online shitposting.

# SCHOLAR+

There is a lot of support provided for talent at IITD in spite of their financial backgrounds, and encouragement for good performance



IIT Delhi sponsors the Merit-Cum-Means Scholarships to students whose family income does not exceed 4.5LPA on the basis of their JEE ranks, besides the Tuition Fee Waiver it grants in roughly the same income bracket (5LPA and below).

You might have heard about the prestigious alumni network that IIT Delhi has generated. Well, it is also filled with people who believe in giving back to the institute and encouraging its students to excel. They fund a large number of scholarships, and hey! Who knows? You might be eligible for some of them! Most of them are aimed at aiding students with an annual family income of 9LPA or below, but not all of them.



Okay, but how do you avail these scholarships



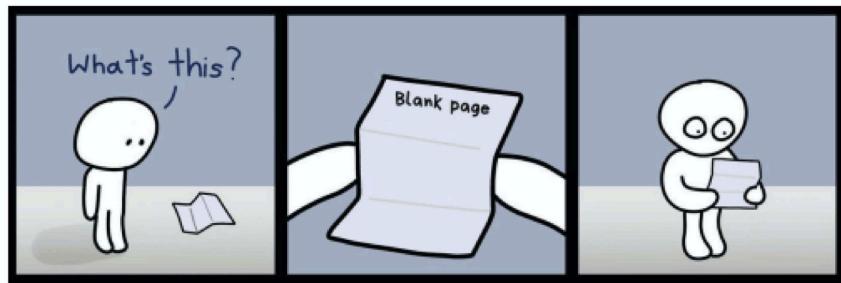
Certain scholarships, like the Inox, are awarded automatically and you don't need to fill out any separate forms for it. But this is not always the case! Others, like the B-83, require you to apply separately for them, but don't fret! You will get an email notification whenever the forms are floated. This is good advice in general, always stay up-to-date on your e-mails and you won't miss anything useful!



# PLACES IN CAMPUS

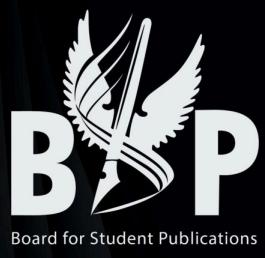






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