

A Dummy's Guide to NITK

Small doc made by a few kids from the batch of 26.

Clubs

Ease of Entry score: 1-> walk in, 10-> impossible

Tech Clubs

All tech clubs have a standard recruitment process.

An online proctored test followed by an interview. They don't ask you to code anything as such, they're looking for logical thinking at this stage.

IEEE- most reputed technical club on campus (for good reason). Envision program in first year, you get to do projects under second year mentors. SMP (Student Mentorship Program) is also there in the first year.

The recruitment process/questions themselves are not too hard. Focus on the IEEE Eureka KSS, more than enough to clear the test. The interview consists of logical questions and some stuff from the Eureka PPTs (mostly).

The main problem here (and all tech clubs really) is the competition, everyone wants to get in.

Ease of getting in- 8

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WEC- underrated, very active, host lots of events.... NITK COSH and GDSC come under wec.

Ease of getting into 7.5

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IE~IET~ISTE= hold SMPs, summer long weekly online classes effectively.ease of entry: 7

ACM- supposed to be among the best tech clubs on campus (was told to us), haven't seen much from them if anything at all so far. Seems like last year was a dead rubber, expect good stuff from here as well. Ease of entry:7.5

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CSD Robocon-CSD Robocon is NITK's robotics team that takes part in the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union's annual Robot Contest. In the team, you will be learning about mechanical engineering, electronics and some interdisciplinary subjects that intersect with robotics like AI and automation. You'll be applying a lot of your theoretical knowledge to tangible products and gain work experience as well. You'll contribute to your personal growth and technical skills as well.

Ease of entering (8/10) they're not recruiting freshers this year apparently :(

NITK Racing- Formula Student team of NITK. Formula student is a national/international level engineering design competition which requires teams to build race cars. Work hard, party harder. This club requires your utmost dedication. Be prepared to sacrifice a lot of your free time and energy. Provides guaranteed internships for Mechanical/ece/eee students. If you wanna get your hands dirty with hard-core multidisciplinary engineering (mech/eee/ece/coding) this is the club for you. Did I mention hardcore parties? If you have knowledge about racing it's easy to get into but even if you don't, a bit of studying is enough to land a spot.

Ease of entering (7/10)

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Non Technical Clubs

LSD (Literary Stage and Debating Society) - FilmSoc, LitGig, DebSoc, QuizSoc, LSD Stage.

One of the best clubs on campus. Super fun, hosts lots of events over the year.

By far the best merch on campus. Partyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷.

Enter SIG wise reviews.

QuizSoc- Quiz society of NITK. A chill club that still provides opportunities to go to state level and national level comps. Provides opportunities to get good at hosting and improving critical thinking. Contrary to popular belief it doesn't need lots of trivia knowledge to get good at. Lots of fun as well.

Easy to get into, hard to be good at.

Ease of entering (4/10)

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LitGig- Writing club of the college. Active on Instagram and Tumblr.

The club is very people centric, there's nothing material (We don't have projects and things like that). We meet, write sometimes, discuss stories or just goof around.

Hosts regular writing/ word game events.

Pretty fun and light-hearted.

Ease of entry - 6/10 (honestly depends on how well you write)

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FilmSoc, DebSoc and Stage: Each SIG consists of a group of people who specialise in their particular areas. DebSoc actively participates in various state and national events and has accolades to show for as well. FilmSoc is the filmmaking SIG of LSD, check their work at youtube: @nitkfilmmakingsociety2022, they were recently nominated for a film festival. LSD Stage is the SIG concerned with theatrical performances. They host events like In a Nutshell and an annual charity play.

(we couldn't get individual reviews from these SIGs, this is not a good review)

Ease of entry- ~6.5 (really depends on what you're good at)

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Music Club-

The music club is probably the hardest non technical club to get into (depending on how well you compare with your peer applicants).

Members of the music club take fun seriously. Expect multiple late night jams getting together as bands and head-bobbing to some great tunes (optional XD). MC is a great place to make lasting connections with some amazing, skilled people

Events: 2 MC nights per semester (each about 90 minutes long) one of which is acoustic night

What's needed:

Instrumentalist: It's always preferred if you have prior experience performing live (solo or with a band). Make sure you know your basic scales properly. Most importantly, always be willing to learn and experimenting with your playing style

Singer: Sing well XD. Not much to say. Depends on how you bring out the vibe of the song

How to get in: There will be at least one round of audition where you'll be asked to perform a song you like (for singing) AND/OR be asked to play something

Ease of getting into - 8.5/10

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Artist:s Forum- So yah Artists Forum is a pretty fun club. The seniors are like very sweet and helpful. We, the members at AF undertake one major project every year, i.e we paint the walls of NITK according to a theme, to beautify the campus (last year it was the GH wall and the LCR). AF conducts some amazing events too like the 'UDAAN' which was a beach fest held last year. We are a part of the team that is responsible for decorating the campus during fests like Incident based on the theme of the year. So in short, AF is an amazing club where one can explore his/her artistic and creative side.

Ease of Entry: 5/10

TedX NITK:

Independently organised TED event.

Has multiple sigs like marketing, curation, production and media.

On the whole, the curation sig (and sometimes others) come together to brainstorm the theme.

The curation team then shortlists Inspiring people apt for the talk, and invites them.

The production sig takes care of setting the stage, organisation of the event, and accomodating the speakers.

The marketing sig focuses on spreading the word and getting sponsors.

We have 3-4 events a year, one being the main one. There won't be any work for a long time but gets hectic for 3-4 weeks when organising the talk.

Ease of entry: 6/10

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Utkrishta Bharat-

-Needs: Good understanding of Indian culture and traditions, have a decent idea of Indian geopolitics and be fairly interested in oriental religions.

-What the club does: have "shastrarths" or mindful discussions about what's mentioned in the needs section, think of ideas and solutions to resolve/empower them, invite notable personalities and develop networks with people regarding Indian art and religion.

-why it's good: you get to meet like minded individuals and also have a nice time in general if you're someone who enjoys the gist of the club.

-How hard is it enter: Just have a fairly Indian centric worldview along with good knowledge of Hinduism without affirming to extremism obviously. This should be enough to get you in.

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AAC- chill club, not a lot of work + hold Astrofest in March. Recruitment process involves making a small presentation on an astronomy related topic of your choice. Need to present it to a senior for recruitment into the club. Easy to get into. (4/10)

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Photography club- self explanatory name, cover major events like inci and engineer in campus + few theme based competitions over the year. (5/10).

Food joints in campus:

Girls Hostel Nandini- good cheese maggi. Everything else is pretty mid. Usually the best place to grab a drink as they have the most variety.

Mega towers Nandini- they have a nice chicken sandwich thingy. Only sell nandini drinks like lassi and stuff.

Nescafe: Outlet 1: between B7 and B3 (eastern campus)

Outlet 2: behind EC dept (western campus)

Maggi is decent.

Atta Maggi is good, variants like cheese Maggi, double Maggi are all decent.

Coffee and variants like cappuccino, Latte, cold coffee are all good.

Prices are reasonable.

Food Court- Good place to get noodles or fruit related stuff. Only place on campus that sells lime soda. Best parathas on campus. Dosas split opinion. The Andhra cheese titanic masala dosa is a complete waste of money. If you are a northie, the chaat isn't very good. If you are southie the dosas suck as well. Best place to get a carbonated beverage and ice cream cause they have a great variety. Caffeine addicts will be pleased to know that this place sells sting as well as flavoured redbull and sometimes monster. You get value for money here, no doubts about it.

Block 7 night canteen: pretty good variety and half decent beverage variety. Used to be my favourite before I tried block 8. I'm pretty sure the shawarma here will give you food poisoning at least once.

Block 8 night canteen: If you love butter naans and hate your arteries this is the perfect place. Insanely good naans and shawarma. Sabjis are also pretty good. Only place that sells non-veg momos. The veg sandwich is also pretty decent but not comparable to the glorious sandwiches of the late block 3 night canteen (RIP).

Deepak restaurant: only place that sells eggs before 7:30 pm. Pretty decent all around but its USP is its location near the circuit branch departments.

Suprabha: best coffee on campus (i hate instant coffee) as it sells filter coffee. Good puffs as well. Also sells milk and cereal which personally is my favourite. Nearby the CIDS so in case you are looking for a quick snack and drink between classes it's perfect. You'll find profs here sometimes but they won't bother you.

That thingy near the main gate: literally no one goes there. I've heard they have the best maggi on campus but maggi is a 1 ingredient dish so idk what they mean by that. They have a fridge full of notebooks.

Iyengar Bakery: Rolls/Burgers/Pastries are served here, kinda expensive imo. 15rs nimbu paani bottles are really nice.

Events to look forward to:

Fresher's Cup

Coliseum

Tech Club's Intro Events

LSD Freshers' events

MC nights

TED Talks

Silicon Maze (this is probably going to be towards the end of first year, you'll be very familiar to on campus stuff by then)

General Advice:

Become comfortably numb to exams

You aren't gonna have the "college life" you dreamed of. You'll wanna get good grades and chances are you won't be attending any parties (and even if you had a chance I doubt most of y'all drink anyway) so college is gonna be more mundane than you think.

You should use every opportunity to enjoy yourself like competitions and clubs to make this place worthwhile.

You suck at the sport you think you are good at. You'll realise this in the freshers cup. Please don't finish 14th in the Fresher's Cup I beg.

1) Don't be afraid of seniors. The most they can do is give empty threats. If any senior bothers you, ignore them. As seniors ourselves we can guarantee that none of us have any power over anything important so there's nothing to fear.

2) Use clothes hangers to dry clothes because they dry much faster.
Get a battery powered fan for power cuts. (they're not that frequent, but when they do happen it's a pain in the ass)

3) Don't get into state politics. Don't even join the state whatsapp groups. It causes unnecessary fights.

4) The laundry service uses cheap bleach which will damage chinos and other light coloured clothes.

5) DON'T PROXY profs hate it as it's incredibly disrespectful.

6) chances are you won't stay friends with the people you've met at orientation. Don't miss opportunities to meet new people as this is gonna be your best bet to finding actual friends

7) Eat at the mess as much as possible. The faster you get used to it the better.

Resources:

First Year Question Papers:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_UmTYeKgJomM6OTGXybl8BaGE-WzYayq