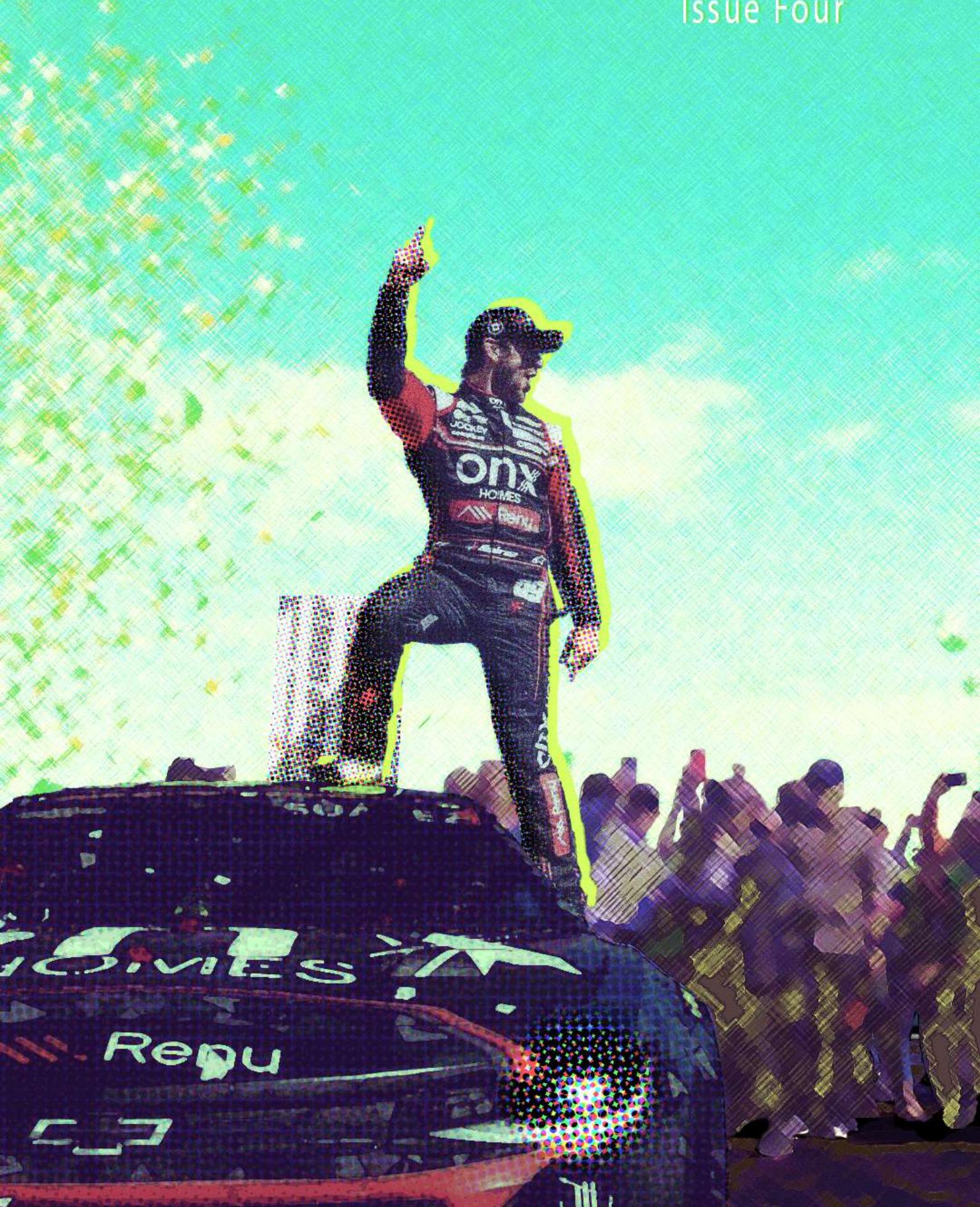


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Editorial

It is 3:30 AM, and I think it's a pretty number.

Wow this is my last editorial. I think this fest press was the most fun I've had in a long time. I really loved the quality of articles and designs we put out. A big shout out to all the writers and the designers for being such a good sport throughout. And of course my fellow editors, this would have been impossible without you guys.

BEP turned out to be everything I love about EPC, all of us coming together and writing and having fun. I hope it was as fun for the readers as it was for us. Things were a bit unconventional this time with the digital issues, but I still think we did justice to them. Let's hope for another banging BEP edition next year and an amazing OEP this oasis. Keep an eye out for them issues.

**We are never ever getting back together (crying),
Harshita**

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Bollywood Night

BOSM 2023 witnessed a musical extravaganza during its Bollywood Nite, where renowned artiste Benny Dayal left the audience enthralled with his performance.

The turnout for Benny Dayal's concert was high enough to rival the crowd size at Amit Trivedi's performance during OASIS 2022. The artist's entrance was nothing short of dramatic, which was met with an eruption of cheers and applause from the audience.



His first question to the audience, 'Where the girls at?', was met with laughter, owing to the fact that he was performing at an engineering college. He proceeded to treat the crowd to a setlist of songs like "Pappu Can't Dance", "Locha-E-Ulfat", and "The Humma Song". The artist was able to grab the attention of the crowd when he picked up the pace with popular tracks like "Badtameez Dil", "Bang Bang", and "Chaiya Chaiya". Various visual means were used to further engage and enthrall the audience. His versatility was displayed when he not only danced on stage but also displayed his prowess with singing in various languages, including Tamil and his mother tongue, Malayalam. The concert ended with a medley of popular English songs from Ed Sheeran, DJ Snake, and "Let's Nacho".

Basketball

The basketball match between Nirma University and IIT Delhi (IITD) was a thrilling showdown. After IITD lost their game against BITS the previous day, they seemed hungry for a comeback. The nail-biting matchup saw a great display of skills from both teams.

Sandhu from IITD, the tallest on the court, showcased exceptional ball-handling skills. Sandhu's agility, precise shooting and adept layup maneuvers were nothing short of impressive. Sandhu was aided by his teammate Chiku, who complemented his skills seamlessly, creating a formidable duo on the court.



Despite Nirma facing clearly superior individual talents, they refused to be overshadowed. Praveen, the shortest player on the court, compensated for his lack of height with remarkable agility and sharpshooting. What set Nirma truly apart was their teamwork—a well-coordinated unit that magnified their strengths and masked their weaknesses. It often felt like IITD's exceptionally talented players were pitted against the collective might of the entire Nirma team.

Notably, Dhruv from IITD showcased exceptional shot blocks, adding to the defensive prowess of the team. The sidelines were a source of great support for IITD, with their teammates yelling out encouragements. On the other hand, Nirma enjoyed the enthusiastic backing from the audience, creating an electrifying atmosphere.

As the game progressed, Nirma's energy seemed to wane. Their teamwork eventually fizzled out as the match went on, while IIT D's performance remained mostly stable. Ultimately, IITD emerged victorious with a final score of 48–37.

Badminton

With the tournament entering its final days, the badminton semi-finals(mixed) were held on Day 3 of BOSM. The mixed semi-finals began at 5:30 PM. The battling colleges, IIT Roorkee and Sri Venkateswara College, had won two games each. IIT Roorkee had won the women's singles and doubles whereas Sri Venkateswara College had won the men's singles and doubles. The only match remaining was the mixed doubles, with Yash and Archi playing for IIT Roorkee, against Advit and Avni representing Sri Venkateswara College. The mixed doubles match began at 8 PM, after a delay of one hour.

As the first set started, IIT Roorkee got off to a rocky start, as Sri Venkateswara bagged three consecutive points. However, as the pressure built up, the mistakes set

in, consisting of outsides and nets. Advit, who had won the men's singles previously, started with strong smashes, but soon fell prey to the exhaustion of the previous matches and started making minor mistakes during serves and defense. However, the points lost in those mistakes were quickly compensated for by Advit's smashes. Advit and Avni increased their width of attack, compelling the IIT Roorkee team to sprint across the court and lose points. However, as the set drew to a close, Archi started defending smashes well, whereas Avni sent a lot of Yash's smashes to the outside. The set ended with Sri Venkateswara dominating with a score of 21-15.

Yash and Archi regained their composure in the second set, making Advit and Avni struggle to defend their tactical shots and movements. Yash's shot placement forced Advit to sprint all over his side of the court. However, as the set started approaching the end of its first half, Sri Venkateswara started retaliating with smashes and magnificent drop shots by Avni. As the match progressed to the second half of the second set, Avni's mistakes put her team in a tough spot, whereas Archi's prowess with the racket proved to be lethal for Avni. As Sri Venkateswara maintained their strategy, Yash started to lose his balance frequently, giving several points to the Sri Venkateswara team.

The score approached 19-19 in the second set. The spectators became tense at the possibility of a deuce. Advit and Avni maneuvered the shuttlecock across the court and managed to strike a deuce at 20-20.

They further bagged two consecutive points with an impressive rally and a miss to win the second set at 22 - 20, and thus the match. The evenly matched teams engaged in a fierce battle and made their colleges proud with their impressive fitness and performance.

Handball

BITS Pilani and the Birla Public School A-Team (BPSA) squared off in an intense handball finals encounter that was tightly contested from beginning to end. The match commenced with both teams committing fouls, establishing the foundation for a highly competitive encounter. The goalkeeper from BITS made an incredible save early on. However, BPSA swiftly retaliated with a remarkable goal. Due to a BITS foul, they earned a penalty, leading to another goal in quick succession. BITS earned a penalty soon after, due to which the score was levelled at 3-3.

The home team called for a timeout in order to reorganise their strategy, but the visitors maintained their momentum and scored another goal. Despite the BITS team's efforts, they were unable to bridge the gap. Nevertheless, they got a penalty, which they managed to convert. With the BITS goalkeeper making another great save, the game continued to be a rollercoaster of emotions. BITS was able to tie the score at 5-5, but they soon fouled BPSA, allowing them a free throw that they converted to take back the lead.



The match maintained its exciting tempo, as both teams exhibited unwavering determination. During the match, both teams exchanged goals, penalties, and notable saves. The score remained evenly matched at 11-11 at halftime. BPSA began the scoring in the second half, followed by a penalty save by their goalkeeper. This did not stop the BITS team as they equalised again with an exceptional goal. Unexpectedly, they took the lead soon after and scored several goals in quick succession.

Although BPSA scored some stunning goals in response, the

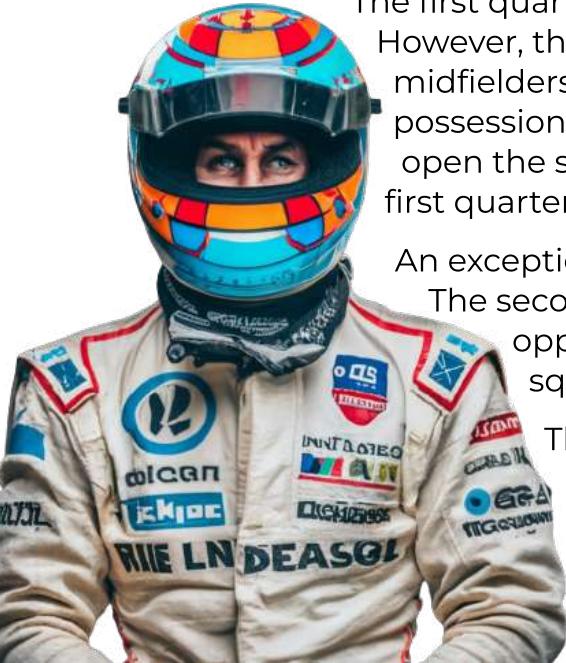


BITS team held their lead. The final minutes of play were characterised by back-to-back goals, great saves, and tough competition.

In a thrilling conclusion, the BITS team emerged victorious with a decisive score of 23-16. Amazing teamwork, skill, and drive from the players made it a remarkable handball match. BITS triumphed, taking home the title and putting on another thrilling performance.

Hockey

In a high-stakes encounter, the BITS Pilani hockey team took on the team from OP Jindal University. Pilani was in desperate need of a victory to secure their ticket to the bronze medal encounter, while OP Jindal had a slightly more relaxed approach, requiring only a draw to keep their dreams alive.



The first quarter witnessed an attacking onslaught from Pilani. However, their hits and scoops seemed to lack firepower, and their midfielders and forwards were often found guilty of losing possession. Harsh from OP Jindal capitalised on a counter-attack to open the scoring. Aryan from Pilani equalised soon after, with the first quarter ending with scores level at 1-1.

An exceptional assist from Devesh to Ankit put Pilani ahead 2-1.

The second quarter was marked by a flurry of penalty corner opportunities for Pilani, which, much to their dismay, were squandered.

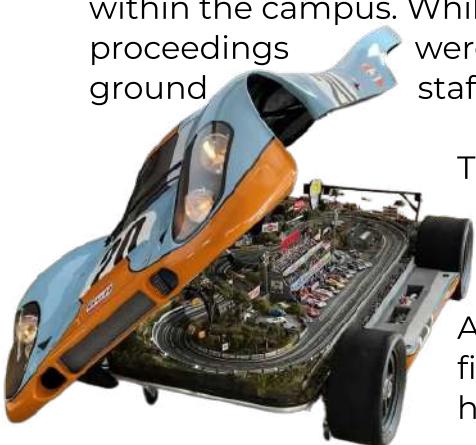
The sides switched for the third quarter. A timeout soon ensued, due to an injury to the Jindal goalkeeper. Harsh from Jindal capitalised on the resumption of play and netted another goal, with Jindal dominating possession as the third quarter ended with scores level at 2-2.

In the fourth quarter, Jindal attempted to park the bus defensively, but Pilani had other plans. A pivotal pass by Yash led to a splendid goal by Ankit, followed by another goal courtesy of Aryan. However, this goal was met with strong protests from OP Jindal, who claimed that the goal was invalid due to a foul. A minor scuffle soon ensued, with the Jindal goalkeeper unceremoniously shoving the cameraman, who coincidentally happened to be a substitute for Pilani.

The match ended 4-2 in favour of Pilani, who erupted with joy, celebrating their qualification for the bronze medal encounter. In an impromptu post-match interview with the BEP, Vasu, the Jindal captain, couldn't hide his disappointment with the match results. Voicing his concerns about the state of the refereeing, he vehemently objected to an IIT Roorkee player playing the role of a referee.

Athletics

The events comprising the Athletics discipline were distributed over Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3 of BOSM '23. All these events took place at the GymG grounds within the campus. While the rain on Day 2 did serve as a hindrance, the proceedings were not affected due to the contingency efforts of the on-ground staff.



The 3000-meter Girls race saw four competitors; with two competitors representing the home team, and one each from O.P. Jindal, G.B. Pant, and K.M.C. The race was won by Chitra Shukla from BITS Pilani, with Avishi Berlia finishing second, and Ananya Thakur finishing third. The 3000-meter Boys race, on the other hand, saw a total of seven athletes competing.

Anirudh Singh won the gold medal, while the silver and bronze medals were won by Siddarth Nair and Deon Mathew respectively. The 100-meter Girls event too was held in multiple heats, with Lalenthhi Lochana and Prabhroop Kaur from O.P. Jindal won the Gold and Bronze respectively and Adya Shukla from the home team won Silver. The 5000-meter Men was quite a notable event. This test of endurance saw the participation of six athletes. The podium finishes included Shravan Harishshankar from O.P. Jindal winning the Gold by quite a margin, Piyush Kumar from BITS Pilani winning the Silver, and Shrey Saraj from BITS Goa winning the Bronze. The 4x100-meter mixed relay saw the team from O.P. Jindal winning the Gold Medal, BITS Pilani 'A' winning Silver and Christ University winning the Bronze.



Apart from the Track events, there were competitions in Discus Throw and Triple Jump. The latter saw the participation of nine competitors, with Sumit Bhalothia from St. Xaviers winning the gold medal, Abhishek Singh from Christ University winning the silver medal, and Yashwasin Jain of the home team winning the bronze medal. The results of the Triple Jump event were as follows; Siddarth Gusain came in first position, representing O.P. Jindal. The second and third position were won by Romit Runwal and Siddhant respectively, both representing BITS Pilani.

After the Track and Field events concluded, the BOSM English Press reached out to Jangira Naman, the captain of the Athletics team for his comments. Noting the increased competition this year compared to the previous editions of BOSM, Jangira said that he was happy with the results, stating that the team had exceeded expectations.

Round Up [of] the Miscreants



I believe that the cursed nature of BOSM begins with the name itself. It is only followed by no holidays or cancellations of evaluatives, regularly repetitive food stalls, and a fascinating set of bans.

Before coming to college, I was only exposed to the interschool fest ecosystem back home. Thus, my imagination of what a college fest would look like was skewed in favour of being a prestigious event where few have the opportunity to represent their college. It was only after I witnessed my first fest, APOGEE 2022, that I understood that college fests are far different from interschool competitions. An excuse to meet new people and have unabashed fun with your friends, seniors, and juniors, is all that a fest fundamentally boils down to. Perhaps, when one puts it this way, they are exactly the same as interschool fests. The difference then lies in what unabashed implies.

That brings me to my next argument in favour of BOSM being a cursed fest — while the change in the means to have unabashed fun is a conversation for another time, common consensus is that its worst manifestations are seen in BOSM. An example I can immediately recollect is the time when some keen volleyball enthusiasts played a song having a hook that goes ‘Dilli se hai bh*****d’ during the very first volleyball match. Whether this was an intimidation tactic or this simply is the kind of music they listen to is something that continues to beat me. I am merely an objective writer for the Press, I cannot possibly be the judge of this, now, can I?



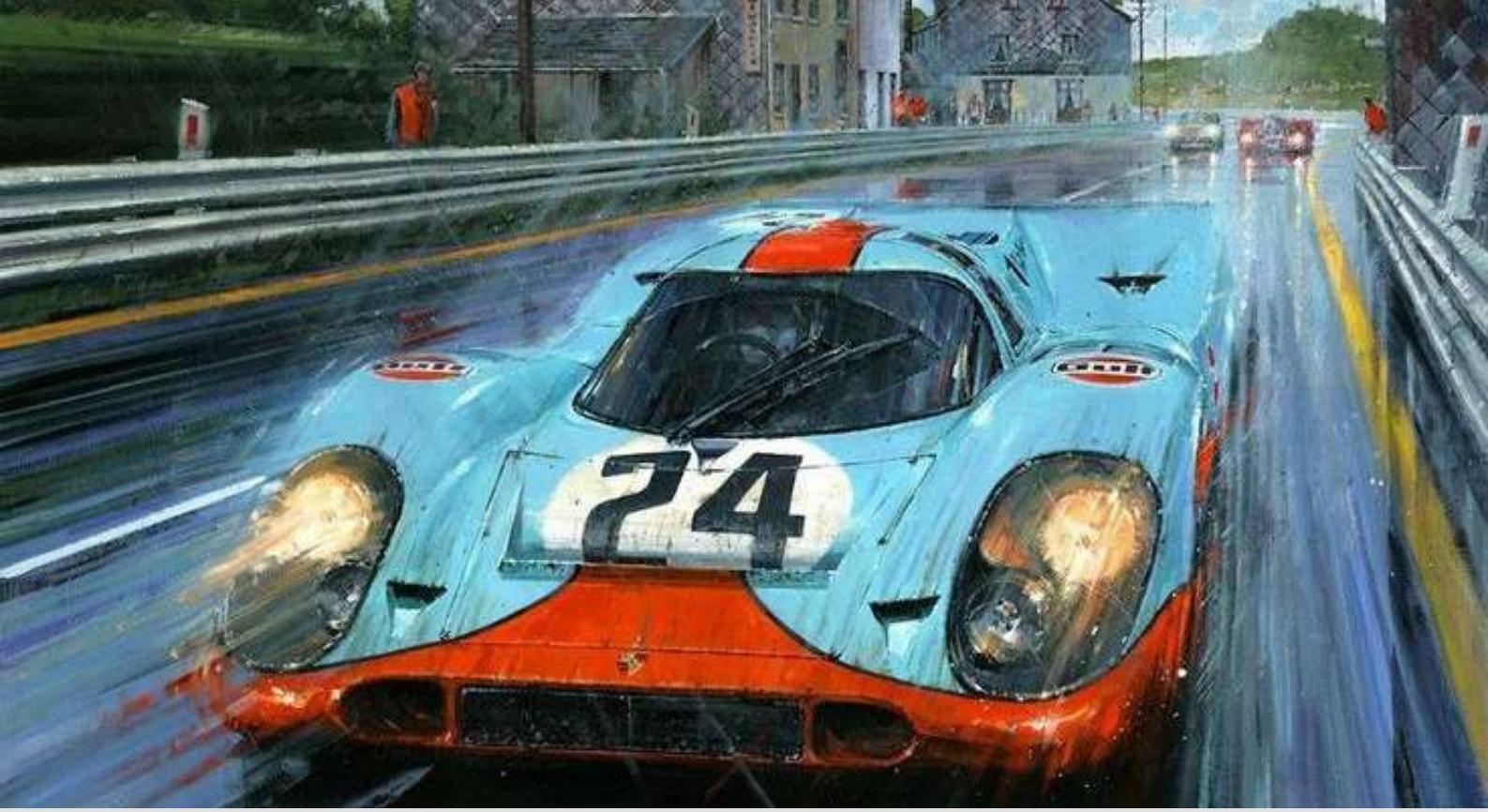
A long-running sentiment among BITSians across batches is that we often fail to feel understood by the administration — there exists a dissonance between our ideas of disruption and theirs. This situation is as good an example as any. I think I would feel far more disturbed by a group of men blasting vulgar music on their portable speakers in the name of cheering for their team as opposed to athletes being banned from fests for getting caught with cigarettes and/or alcohol — especially when the campus in itself houses multiple relevant and carefully controlled “supply chains”. I humbly send my condolences to the contingent of Manav Rachna University (MRU) for being the next set of victims of this dissonance. Again, as only an objective writer for the Press, I cannot be the judge of which side outweighs the other in validity.



While I would concede to be slightly sympathetic towards the MRU contingent, I would not contest every debarment order.

Take that of Manav Rachna International Institute for Research and Studies (MRIIRS, not MRU), for example. Very few things are as disruptive as a campus cultural relic — ANC — being turned into some outsties' personal team v. team battleground. I suppose that would be a point of convergence for us and the administration — I will take it as a good omen, for brighter prospects.

That brings me to the underlying question — is it truly only a concern towards safety that drives decisions like these, or is it merely the need to appear safe? Again, as a not-so-humbly objective writer for the Press, this is not my question to answer.



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