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TOPIC: A Navigation Guide for Chanakya University

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4. Chanakya University Campus Locations

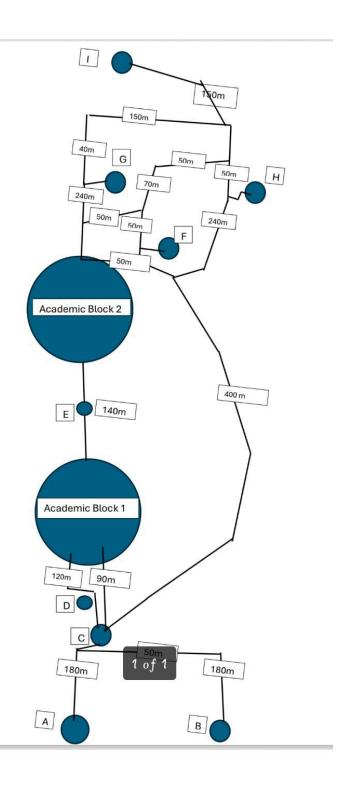
The following is a list of all defined locations and key points within the campus map:

- Academic Block 1 Entrance
- Academic Block 2
- Admissions
- Auditorium
- Cafeteria
- Cricket Ground
- Entry Gate
- Exit Gate
- Finance Dept
- Flag Post

- Food Court
- Hostel Building 1
- Hostel Building 2
- Lawn Area
- Library
- Registrar Office
- Security Gate

6. Conclusion

This campus navigation system provides a robust and logical solution for finding paths within **Chanakya University**. By accurately modeling the campus layout and implementing effective search algorithms, it can efficiently guide students and visitors. The system's modular design allows for future expansion, such as adding more buildings, new pathways, or incorporating real-time data like traffic or speed factors. The current implementation correctly handles the specific rules of the campus, ensuring that all movements adhere to the security protocols.



Optional: UI Design Considerations

The user interface (UI) for this system is designed as a **static, basic map**. It does not feature real-time navigation or dynamic tracking. The UI's primary function is to serve as a visual representation of the campus and to facilitate the input and output of pathfinding queries.

- **Map Display**: The UI would show a simple, non-interactive map with marked locations.
- **Point Selection**: Users can select a starting point and a destination by tapping or clicking on the corresponding icons on the map.
- Output: After a path is calculated, the UI will display the results, which include a highlighted path on the map and a list of textual directions.
- **Key Components**: The UI would include clear buttons for selecting a search algorithm (e.g., BFS, A*), and a display area to show the final output, including distance and estimated time.