

PING!

2019

YOUR TIME IS HERE

727894 assignments to be received. 727894² tears to be shed. 727894⁷²⁷⁸⁹⁴ memories to be made.
Welcome, batch of 2019! One score and one year ago, IIIT broke ground on what was to become one of India's fastest growing institutes. As you join our enthralling community of pioneers, civil servants and leaders, Ping! hopes to make you transition to university life easier. Here's some curated content based on our team's wild stories and experiences; stories that you will soon call your own.

Clubs

Interested in some niche interest that has no club for it? Make one! As far as administrative hurdles go, IIIT is probably the easiest of all colleges to form clubs in - all you need are a few interested people and a faculty advisor.

Student Governance

IIIT has an active and round-the-year functioning parliament. And unlike most other colleges, our student parliament actually has an impact on decision-making in the college, however minute it may seem.

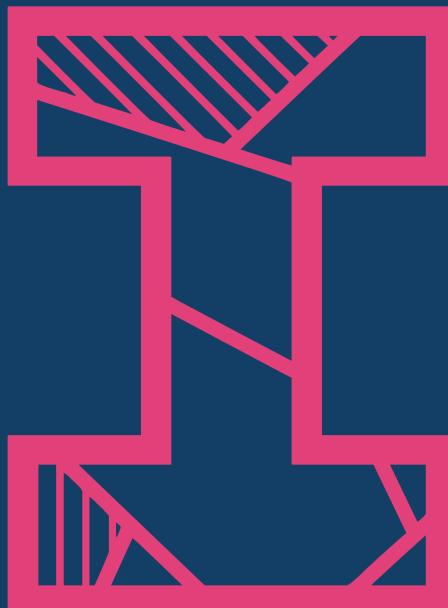
Freedom

The biggest thing IIIT gives students is arguably freedom. For the most part, IIIT treats you like adults. You are free to do as you will (within expected, responsible limits that are mostly reasonable). Be it 2 a.m. in the morning, or at 5: nobody will stop you from leaving/entering the campus (But take your ID with you). Wear shorts to class, if you wish. Don't worry about curfews.

General queries

Understand the power of emails. You don't have to run around with a form to four offices and then some (except in some unfortunate cases) to accomplish some administrative task. The college takes mails very seriously - and expects you to, too.

THE THIRD



What makes IIIT Special

a hub for Information Technology, with many giants having their offices in our periphery. Yes, the campus is rather small, but a small price to pay for prime real estate.

Food

In time, you may come to hate the messes. But that's still 4 messes better than what almost any other place has to offer. Go try them all before succumbing to the cash drain of food delivery.

Location

Gachibowli is probably prime location for a college. Fast-food, food delivery, super markets, Pizza-hut¹ - you name it. This area is also

¹ The author does not endorse Pizza-hut, nor is he a huge fan of it. Go to KFC fellas

From the most used (and what one would expect to be some of the most successful) pick-up lines, to what expectations the “IIIT tag” levies upon you on the dating scene - all right from the horse’s mouth.

A survey was done across the campus, and questions were asked on a variety of topics ranging from safety issues to the skewed ratio of the Indian dating scene. What to do, and what not to do; to get that lucky match all there on the July 2019 issue of Ping!

But if you can’t wait for that long, here’s a freebie. “Little kid lover” is not an acceptable nickname even if it shouts out your priorities to the world!



DATING AT IIIT

CAMPUS EVENTS



Megathon

Hyderabad's largest student hackathon organized by the Entrepreneurship Cell, this event has participation of over a 1000, and it keeps getting bigger. In the course of the 24-hour hackathon, participants are given problem statements on different topics and have to come up with a product of their own, with massive prizes for winners.



Unplugged

Although not the signature event, it is definitely the music club's best liked. Held in the beginning of the Monsoon semester, students and faculty alike are invited to showcase their musical talents. For the event, the Vindhya canteen is artfully lit up with fairy lights, transforming the scene into something straight out of fantasy. And while the performances themselves are mesmerising, the ambience alone is enough to leave you spellbound.



Felicity

The annual college fest. It is held in the beginning of the Spring semester, and preluded by ‘Felicity Buzz’, a sneak peek into what is on offer. Each year, the fest is kick-started with ‘Inaugurals’, a cultural programme which includes musical performances, dances and comedic acts . Over the next few days, the campus clubs and committees hold several competitions and friendly events, ranging from coding challenges, to team sports, to literary and quizzing contests. The aptly named Nights are musical shows designed for student enjoyment, from DJs to rock artists.

Hello World!

"Are you not entertained?" - Not on fresher's night, no.

Did you know the basketball court is colorful enough to be seen from the moon?

Remember that scene from Ratatouille where the rats cook everything? Yes.

You won't get treatment, but hear us out: you might not get medical leave either.

Not sure if it'll ever be full during Felicity.

We're not sure what the 'old' stands for, the never graduating seniors or the building in ruins.

What can I say except you're welcome.

The SSAD photo booth.

Training us for the competitions where you play football in the dark.

The peak of boredom.

Don't worry about the snakes and scorpions, your grades will scare you before these do.

Vindhya :
The maze of IIIT.

The Golden Gate Bridge took less time to construct.

The cleanest washrooms in IIIT. Well, that's one reason for coming here.

Bet you didn't know this ditch was a lake.



Won't recommend going here at night.



Places we recommend you to explore on your own, maybe even get lost.

BUCKETLIST

So you're here. After two or more years of tiring JEE Prep (or not), adjusting to life in a college campus can turn out to be a vastly different experience. Fear not for we're here to encourage you to make the most of it, push yourself to try new things and most importantly, get to know as many people as you can!

The key to this phase is responsible self-exploration, so here's a small list to get you off to a flying start.

Unlock The Hidden Drinks At JC

There's a lot to say about this place, but the fun lies in the exploration. So we'll leave you with a simple hint - not all drinks served at JC are on the menu. And sometimes, the unlikeliest of pairs make the best results*.

* Terms and Conditions Apply

Attend a football screening

There's quite a devoted fan following for football on campus and participating in the screening of huge games and derbies is immense fun. Be sure to drop by on one of these late night events and join in on the ruckus and hollering! Especially when all you know about the sport are the names Messi and Ronaldo.



Visit DLF With Friends

Try the famous tava bonda in DLF! Get some for your neighbours too :)

CHECK OUT DLF FOOD CRAWL IN THE
JULY 2019 ISSUE OF PING!



Senior Talk

This is a plea for attention from one of our staff writers. But no kidding, it pays to maintain good relationships with people throughout college. Literally. IIIT's strongest point is the peer group, and it's one worth utilising.



Brownie And Ice Cream

It's not gourmet. As the name suggests, it is basically a chocolate brownie with a scoop of ice-cream on top. The choice of ice-cream is subject to availability. But it is undeniably a cheap, perfectly good dessert that delivers just a bit more than it promises. As one of our writers says, "It's the perfect mix of hot and cold".

Meet The Dogs On Campus

Why? **pro dog faction** - Furry Friend or Foe, the dogs of IIIT are going to get themselves into your daily routine. Get to know them! They don't bite.

Mostly...

not so pro dog faction- It helps to identify which one bit you*.

* A joke, there's only been about 5 incidents in the last two years. Max.



Woof!
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Get Out!

Our campus is considerably smaller than most college campuses (you'll learn to love it, especially when you're late to classes) but it's location relative to restaurants, office areas, theatres, clubs and malls could not have been better. Part of your life here will consist of exploring the city, and you should make the most of it. Consider forgoing cabs and instead renting bicycles or a car, or travelling via the local trains!

Visit T-Hub

T-Hub has IIIT's only slide and vending machine. What else must we say?

Navigate Vindhya Without getting lost

Go ahead, what do you have to lose? Make sure a friend knows where you are.

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IKE...

Wait, why should we tell you everything? Do some exploring of your own now padawan.

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RESEARCH BREWS

Our labs are not as cool as Area51, but worthy enough to be stormed

Autonomous CARS

This project was started under RRC's research on the development of mobile robots and robot vision. The team uses a small electric e2o from Mahindra as a base for their work. The car is fitted with a wide range of cameras which help it to detect its position in the environment and also assist in avoiding collision detection. You can occasionally find it testing on football grounds.

Life ‘online’ is becoming increasingly hazardous, even toxic, giving rise to a profusion of dilemmas and dangers to the young and vulnerable demographic of our population. Project Angel aims to understand the psychological well-being of people on social media, using language analysis.

The team at IREL is currently contributing to this by working on a plethora of interesting problems such as sexism, hate speech and depression detection, analysing instagram posts for instances of body shaming etc.

Project Angel

There are plenty of dating and match-making apps out there right now, be it tinder or shaadi.com. However, most dating apps, at present, are exclusively text based. By ‘proposing’ (pardon the pun) virtual reality as the next step in the evolution of match-making technology, a team at Cog Sci took last year the effort to experiment with the concept of virtual dating by hosting first dates in private virtual chat rooms, complete with paintball, online games, and comfy couches.



KEEP
CALM
AND
JOIN
PING!

With **PING!**, we strive to give the community a voice. Not just a voice that is heard, but a voice that is listened to, understood and given its due consideration. Each year, our team of editors, designers and writers work extensively to report on events in and around college and generate creative content. We strive to be, foremost, a public service, and thus encourage open discussion and dialogue with members of our campus and community.

PING! aims to reiterate that awareness is king. Awareness is the first big step to bringing change, and Ping! wants to be part of that big step that people take. Our final content reflects the unique thoughts, opinions and passion of our community while emphasizing the inherent diversity prevalent in our campus.