

The Encyclopaedia BITSanica

Acads Incidental pastime of exceptional Bitsians (refer Ghotu). To most when ACAD software is running in the IPC, much to the irritation of the seniors.

Anc All night canteen. The nocturnal hangout of BITSians till they decided to make it look like a prison and shut it after 2:00 a.m.

APOGEE Point at which the moon is farthest from the earth. Here, A Phillums Oriented Gathering Over Educational Experiences.

ARBITS Actually Rock But Into Techno Soon

Art 'n' Dee Co-construction Specialists. Also do interior decoration.

Audi This was given to Ravi Shastri many years ago. Also the 'in' place during Music Nites, OASIS and RAT movies. The Audi has great balcony seats where you seat yourself if you don't want to hear or see anything going on stage.

Backie Your rear end.

Back-Sky Similar to Noah's Ark. Here you always go in pairs.

Backstage Old wine bottle stockists.

Bhawan Construction built around the room.

BITSAA Responsible for charging Rs. 250/- (or more) for the stuff in your hands. Also the channel through which X-BITSians remain in touch with their alma-mater (refer X-BITSians).

Bogs Bathrooms of Graduating Students. This is where you go. The bogs in most hostels are centres of study in Transport Phenomena. For example, some of the drains have been redesigned to work the reverse way.

BOSM It's that time of the year when IQ doesn't matter any more. Also, LSR's 15 minutes of fame. A section of campus most firmly believes that BOSM was cooked up by a miserly Insti to have the gym grounds ploughed for free.

Bumps How one tests his or her footwear.

Cactus Flower Oasis deficit. Prickly publications for blooming idiots.

CESSR9 A haven for CEEsites.

CEPA You wouldn't like to remember this (see *UCK).

Chomes Neither Illads nor Gults.

Clock T This is similar to the Big Ben in London, except that this tower works with four different time zones. The clock t also serves as a challenge to all budding Killaries and Norgays, not to mention a few Houdinis as well. The shadow of the clock t ominously hangs over the BITSian every time he writes a test. When things go wrong... (also see *UCK).

C'Not Maze like quarter of Delhi where you get lost more easily than if you were in the Bermuda Triangle. Its Pilani equivalent is not so stupendous though. The only thing you could lose here is all your money if you shop at Mittal's. C'Not is the centre of all the after hours hub-bub in BITS. It's proximity to ShivG promotes the sale of a certain class of products which the C'Not shopkeepers sell under the counter. From meetha-pan to Pentium computers to diarrhoea and bankruptcy, C'Not is one place that has it all. It is also a favourite among male psenti-semites who insist on speaking at a decibel level above the threshold of pain and reshaping all available furniture.

Controlz You know what roolz.

Crash Unfailing occurrence in the IPC when your work hasn't been saved. Also what BITSians do during the day.

Cycles Cycles are like dominoes

They all fall down when one goes
Crash, boob and thud they land
Scattered bikes at the cycle stand
Atlases, Tangoes others, and all
It's quite a sight to see them fall!

Da BITSian comma. In certain nefarious circles Ra is also common.

Dabba Box... Also Shree Ganesh Talkies (nothing Shree about it) which resembles a box more than a real one and fills up with the male of the BOTSian species every Saturday afternoon when movies of a certain arty nature are screened.

DC What prevents a strike in Pilani. Prefixed by Washington, and suffixed by 'Warning'.

Delhi Known to a few as the Capital of India. 220 km from Hell. Home of Nirula's, LSR and TDCs.

Dosh Essential requirement that you run out of before you can say, "Pappu, Ek chai." Requires constant refuelling from parents and wingies for survival.

DoT Privileged few who do all the behind the scenes work for FASH-P.

EDC These people play around all the time.

E-mail Elusive Mail.

EPG They provide the raw material for the paper planes.

EWLP Helps increase imagination. Also provide service as cheap room heaters in winter (ref Fant).

Extra's Mess Manager's salary.

Fag A pinch of tobacco rolled up in a piece of paper with a fire at one end and a fool at the other.

Fant Documentation on Biological processes and experiments available through EWLP till our first year. Also contains answers to certain pertinent questions about anatomy. This publication is usually in great demand and requires great concentration on the part of the reader for proper assimilation of its contents. Thus, it is usually pursued in the peace and quiet of one's room without the presence of any external disturbances.

Fire Alarm 20th century gizmo, installed in the Audi in the 21st century, with the capability of evacuating the Audi in case someone lights up a fag.

Force Group Group of forceful people responsible for putting up antagonising notices before Music Nites.

Fresher Unmoulded clay. Cheap labour available at the beginning of every semester. Portable joke-telling units that are customized according to personal preferences (also see Freshie, Fresher Period).

Freshie A Fresher that spontaneously starts crying when asked questions and stops only when magical words like 'MNB' or 'Cold Coffee' are uttered. In some rare cases, the word 'Shikanji' is also known to be effective. Mostly feminine.

Fresher Period A length of time during which senior students take time off from their academic pursuits to help freshmen feel at home on campus.

***UCK** The king of four letter words. Principal prototype of replies to unwelcome suggestions such as more extra classes and assignments, desert walks at two in the morning on a December night, second helpings of Mess Rasam and so on. Used in adjective form to describe otherwise indescribable situations, events and individuals.

Gandhi Statue Point of intersection of routes taken by MBites and other BJT'Sians, and hang-out of guys devoted to ornithology. Student population around the Gandhi statue heightens at certain hours of the day (peak; 1 PM and 5 PM). Also popular for ready availability of Rickshaw-walas, who also offer crash courses on modern ornithological techniques.

Gatecall (At MB) Self-imposed period of waiting at the MB gate spent looking over shoulder, at passing cycles and your watch. Experienced hands stare glassily at the MB gate and wonder if the grass is greener on the other side. Amateurs at this activity spend their time trying to make themselves invisible and cursing the man who invented the sodium vapour lamp.

(At any other place) Much coveted and awaited event. Nevertheless, a horrifying experience for passers-by. (Murphy's law states that the room to which a passing victim will be dispatched will be furthest from where he initially was. A recently discovered corollary states that in all probability, the room will be empty when he reaches there). Alternatively a ruse cooked up by the perverse wingies to wake you up at odd hours of the day. Gatecalls become terrifying scary on the Raksha-Bandhan Day.

Gen The ultimate answer to any question.

GenB A successful implementation of some of the results of the investigations of the KGO and the Gestapo into the human psyche. Also serves as an efficient deterrent in the path of 10-wannabees.

Ghotu Advanced model of a room heater (Also see *uck).

Girl Outsti.

Gliding Club This is where the psenti couples go when Shivji is full. Also was used to take photographs of MB by over-enthused EG students for learning tough concepts like Top View.

God Anybody who is a shade better than you at anything in anyway. Titles so conferred upon people are non-transferrable and not valid outside BOTS. In rare cases also a reference to the Almighty.

Gre Gateway to heaven. The GRE is often a precursor of the GRSeen Card.

Grub Daily fare dished out in the mess without the statutory warning. When coupled with special it increases your mess bills by special amounts. When coupled with sick it is exactly that.

Guess-my-state Legendary query that frequently crops up during interaction between seniors and freshmen. Answers to this question are almost always incorrect (though, technically speaking, experience proves that there really is just one answer). Imaginative replies such as 'Gaseous' etc. are frowned upon.

Gult Probable Prez or a don. Refer 'guess-my-state'.

Gym G The centre of physical activities (either growing physically or going physical) in BOTS. Refer BOSM.

HAS The Antyakshari walas. Except during their events, HAS people do not seem to prefer speaking the national language. The most popular club during OASIS because of its hard-core professional conduct.

HDC See EDC.

HPC See EPC.

Hazzar Anything more than Zook.

H-Rep Where the Bucks stop.

K-Wings Bigger prison cells devised to cage two inmates, termed *K* for reasons unprintable.

JC The place meant to serve breakfast for late risers but where you see junta finishing their MT-2 reports.

Illad One out of three BITSians. However in our final year it became one out of four BITSians.

JPC The only thing in BITS that crashes more than BITSians.

Itself 'Mechanical' punctuation mark; associated with TMS.

Jhankar The Beats of BITS.

Ju Term used to describe a person of lower batch but with same geographical/cultural/... other background. Not to be confused with the Hindi word for lice or the children of Israel.

Junta You, me, we, us, they, all and the rest of them.

Kela Generic term to describe any misfortune due to unrequited love, gatecall prank by your sidey, when you step on one... etc.

Ketki Refer Blackie.

Labs Place where one finally gets to do practical work and where one finally realises that theory was better.

Lachha GD-The BITSian way. Topics :

Male: Girls to more Girls.

Female: Insufficient data.

Lawns M-Lawns. D-Lawns. S-Lawns. Also C-Lawns.

LGMFs Little Green... ? Only air-borne creatures more troublesome than the nocturnal perchers on the Ram-Budh road.

Lights As opposed to Regular and Menthol.

LSR We are for BITS, BITS is ours
"But when the girls come out to play
Way to LSR"

————The Male BITSian
(To others- Lady Shriram college, Delhi)

Macchan BITSian Full Stop.

Make-Up Cosmetics applied to make Sharon Stone look 25 and a half. Also a strange endemic disease that make BITSians sick a day before a test. Here you have to apply for it rather than apply it.

Mal Used to be a finishing school for freshers. All freshers were taken there so that they could be finished.

Now only another prison for the "Mals" of BITS.

Mange Lal 19??A3A4XXX.

Mess Makes Eating Seem Scary (Ref.: *UCK, Mess Rasam)

Mess Rasam Variety of food (??!) first introduced circa 1945 in Auschwitz by the Germans.

Mittal's (at C'Not) Harshad Mehta's representative in Pilani.

MT-2 A course which leaves you drawing straight lines and circles for most of the week. As a reward you get to handle a few electric machines.

Music Club Harmonically Inclined Vectors (HIV).

Night Out Nights-in. BITSian unit of time use to measure effort (in no way proportional to success rate) put in before a test.

Notice Boards Things you notice when you are bored.

Nutan 1. This probably started off as the local pigsty. Today it has evolved into a bustling market place. The dislodged pigs now wander unhindered on the street and mingle freely with the rikshaw-walas. In fact they cannot be distinguished.

2. Generic term for Booze shop.

Oasis Cultural phenomenon that sweeps through BITS once every year, unfailingly, except for seasonal variations caused by typhoons, earthquakes and plague. Most BITSians who have been through a string of these extravaganzas maintain stoutly that there's been no Oasis like the one in their respective first years. Suffice to say that it is most distracting in every sense of the word.

Ob What else do we have to say!

Outsti (Female) Primitive form of life poured into a tighter pair of jeans. See Girl.

Outsti (Male) Primitive form of life poured into a pair of jeans. Basically, nothing.

Pappu Bugs Bunny clone who dishes poison on credit.

PCr Professionals at licking stamps.

Placement The ultimate result of 16 years of education. Though at BITS, getting a job was relatively simple and could be managed through one night-out with your K&R textbook. However its rate came down along with the Twin Towers.

Pondy Supplementary reading material not mentioned in the course handout. Every fifth male BITSian's name.

Powerpoint Powerful Software designed to make Prof's life easier and the students' life more miserable.

Prez Candidate Someone who attempts to finance his entire education in BITS.

Prez Someone who succeeds in doing this.

Psenti Normally finds an entry in S. Species having this disease are found in Ref-Li (during the day).

PS-1 Joke (Ref. Uela).

PS-11 Bigger joke (Ref. Kela).

QT Pronounced Cutie. QT's sister. People don't have to look for greener pastures.

Quiz Just another four-letter word. Refer ELAS- another four-letter word.

RAF This acronym has been expanded by BOTSians scores of times in the past. Most of the time the 'F' is expanded in the same way. RAF is also the organisation responsible for making announcements in Audi. They also screen movies.

Ragamalika Note-worthy music.

Rec'n'Acc Interior decorators.

Redi Establishment that feeds human and domestic population equally. The perfect example of a successful small scale cottage industry. Normally specialises in production of sam-chat, chai and sweets, that all taste the same. Perfectly formed for those who like postponing payments and getting shocked later.

Ref-Li Next to C'Not in being the centre of all social activity in BOTS. People go here when they get tired of sleeping in their rooms. BOTSians influenced by Salim Ali flock here. A sizeable male population would like the Ref-Li to come under EWLFP management.

Rod What went in and never came out. Refer Clock Tower.

Sac What BOTSians do when they are not crashing.

Sam-chat Talk on the net to Ms. Fox. Also staple food of many a BOTSian. Bears a striking resemblance to dog food.

Sarvi Local undertakers. Gateway to real heaven.

Security Local constables who hold you up in case you are carrying fags or have indulged in the second definition of 8 PM.

Sexy Anything better than *UCK.

Shikanji Lime-juice spelt W-A-T-E-R. Available in two flavours- with Germs or with More Germs. (Refer Freshie).

Shimla Place where you get a free trip to in your fresher period.

Shivji Father of Ganapatiji. Breeding ground of future Ganapatis.

Sidey The guy/girl next door. Comes in three flavours: original, super and hyper.

Sky Almost heaven.
You may think it's true
That the sky is blue
Blue sky is all you've seen
But over here
To a BITSian it's clear
Sky is mostly green
A mess of grass, fags and tea
Patties, Tikkies and Shikanji
A pond and many 'sights' to see
Sky is the best place you can be!

Soundz Official organisers of the paper-plane fights in the Audi.

Sponz People who schedule all the car trips to Delhi.

Students' Union Elected body to help the Prez. accomplish his task (Ref. Prez).

Surp Q A shorter version of Surp T.

Surp T Recent innovation aimed at getting students to attend classes.

Tea Put mostly before tests; only edible stuff available at ANC. Described as cyanide flavoured herbal drink.

Tests Experiments conducted on BITSians (Ref Clock Tower).

Test Series What India never wins. BITSians are true Indians.

Tests Tomorrow MBites' excuse for staying in on 'Saturday nights'.

Treat A social device used to ensure you are poorer than those around you. Precursor to Kelas and Bumps.

Undy Someone who decides to crash when you rearrange your furniture.

Uppy Someone who rearranges furniture when you decide to crash.

US The other side of the gateway.

UFASST Visiting Faculty and Students' Hostel. One square meal.

Vela A state of being, in which a person contracts a dangerously carefree mentality. People who are vela are prone to taking repeated trips to the Redi, C'Not and Delhi. In acute cases they go to MB instead. Warning: Highly contagious.

Warden Member of the local constabulary. Weaponry consists of two alphabets (D, C).

Wing (Female) Contiguous rooms often conveniently placed for bird housing. Normally come in integrals of dozen.

Wing (Male) Contiguous rooms often conveniently placed for bird watching. Normally come in integrals of a dozen.

Word Power Quantity, which generally increases with impending approach of Gateway to Heaven.

X-BITSian What we are right now. Tottering survivors of half a decade of mess rasam, finally marooned either in the land of the free or being true Indians. Hope to see you all in the 25th reunion.

Xerox the only thing that is competition to the amazing tuition fees here. Stats reveal that the average BITSian xeroxes 3.2 pages everyday or to look at it from another point of view, one page is xeroxed by 0.6 BITSians everyday.

Xerox Coupons Strange forms of currency that come only in non-integral values. In our times was signed by Specially made available after phone calls.

Y Common BITSian question followed by strongly accented post-scripts like Da/Macchan.

Year Book Refer Year Book for further details.

Zooks What you see on the screen when you press 'A' on the IPC keyboard.

8 PM (Acc. To freshers) Something that comes between 7 PM and 9 PM
(Acc. To seniors) Something that usually starts after 11 PM. In extreme cases lasts throughout the day.