List of Commitments at BITS Pilani

Clubs

- ARBITS
- Astro Club
- BITSMUN
- Coding Club
- Comedy Hub (Comhub)
- Communo
- Consulting Club (BPCC)
- Creative Activities Club (CrAC)
- Cubing Club
- Dance Club
- Debating Society
- Embryo
- English Language Activities Society(ELAS)
- English Press Club
- FMAC
- Fashion Club
- FitBits
- Gaming Club
- Google Developer Student Club (GDSC)
- Gurukul
- Hindi Activities Society (HAS)
- Hindi Drama Club(HDC)
- Hindi Press Club (HPC)
- Kalamvansh
- Karaoke Club (KC)
- MAC
- Matrix

- Media Relations Club (MRC)
- Mime Club
- Music Club
- National Service Scheme (NSS)
- Nirmaan
- Operations and Strategies Club
- PILANI ATAMNIRBHAR RESOURCE CENTER- PARC
- Photography Club (Photog)
- Poetry Club
- Postman Lab
- Product Management Club (PM)
- Public Policy Club (PPC)
- Quant Club
- RadioAktiv
- Renewable Energy Club
- Students Academic Cell (SAC)
- Sovesa
- SPIC MACAY
- Students Alumni Relations Cell (SARC)
- TedX
- The Eastern Outlook
- Toastmasters Club

Associations

- Biological Association (B1)
- Chemical Engineering Association (A1)
- Chemistry Association (B2)
- Civil Engineering Association (A2)
- Computer Science Association (A7)
- EEE Association (A3)

- Economics and Finance Association (B3)
- Humanities and Social Sciences Assoc
- Instrumentation Forum
- Manufacturing Engineering Assoc (AB)
- Mathematics Association (B4)
- Mechanical Engineering Association (A4)
- Pharmacy Association (A5)
- Physics Association (B5)

Regional Associations

- Andhra Samiti
- Capitol (Delhi)
- Gurjari (Gujarat)
- Haryana Cultural Association
- Kairali (Kerala)
- Udgam (Rajasthan)
- Kannada vedike (Karnataka)
- Madhyansh (Madhya Pradesh)
- Maharashtra Mandal
- Maurya Vihar (Bihar & Jharkhand)
- Moruchhaya (Bengal)
- Punjab Cultural Association
- Sangam (UP)
- Tamil Mandram
- Utkal Samaj

Chapters

- SHARE
- IFSA
- ACM
- IEEE

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers(ASME)
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers
- ACM-W

Tech Teams

- Anant
- IKR Gravity
- IKR Electric
- Radio Control
- Robocon
- TEAM BITS
- Sally Robotics
- CRISS
- KXR Lab
- SUTT

Finance/Business

- Centre for Entrepreneurship and Leadership
- Pilani Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Society
- 180 DC
- Wall Street Club

Committees

- Sports Financial Committee
- Corroboration and Review Committee
- Placement Unit and its committees
- Advisory and Monitoring Committee
- Election Commissions (Students Union, Society for Mess Services)
- Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Pilani celebrated the 51st edition of its Annual Cultural Festival, Oasis, from October 27-31, 2023. It has grown to become one of India's oldest and most celebrated cultural festival ever since its inception in 1971. Oasis, which takes place at the end of October each year, is a testament to the students' vibrant

- spirit and creative prowess at BITS Pilani. The festival lasted for around 96 hours and was entirely managed by the student body.
- Each year, it is organized around a different theme, and the official theme for Oasis '23 was "Grimoire Galore." "Grimoire": A grimoire is a book that contains magical spells, rituals, and occult knowledge. It is commonly linked to witchcraft, the occult, and supernatural practices. "Galore": "Galore" means "abundance" or "in large quantities." It is frequently used to indicate the presence of something in large quantities or to excess.

A Celebration of Diversity and Counter-Culture:

Oasis has always been more than a festival; it's an extraordinary experience that embodies
the spirit of BITS Pilani. The festival has a motto, "96 hours, can't stop, won't stop," and
embodies progress while embracing both traditional and avant-garde ideas. Over the years,
Oasis has incorporated various subcultures into the festival. These counter-cultures serve as
a forum for self-expression and identity, displaying values and norms that differ from those
of the mainstream.

• Student-Driven Excellence:

• What distinguishes BITS Pilani's Oasis is that it is entirely managed by students. Everything is orchestrated by the dedicated student body, from securing sponsors to providing accommodations for participants, organizing professional shows, and inviting guests and celebrities. Months before the festival, various departments and clubs at the college work tirelessly to ensure that every aspect of the festival runs smoothly. The students' collaborative effort and coordination make both the festival and the college itself magical.

• Evolution of Oasis:

Over the years, Oasis had grown from a small fun fete to a grand festival that drew over 200
colleges from across the country. It is a platform for talent to shine and emphasizes the
importance of holistic development.

Stage from Oasis 2002

Notable Past Performances:

- Oasis '14 was an exhilarating spectacle for everyone, with some renowned musicians
 visiting the campus with fantastic performances. At the festival, Benny Dayal, Raghu Dixit,
 the Mysore Brothers, The East India Comedy, and Sunburn performed. These performances
 improved the enjoyment of BITSians, staff, and over 1400 outstation students,
 guaranteeing a terrific experience for all in attendance. Dr. Kiran Bedi's talk on 'India in Your
 Hands' shed light on the truth behind the country's corruption, politics, and policies.
- Oasis'17 was BITS Pilani's 47th Annual Cultural Festival, held from October 31st to November 4th, 2017, with the captivating theme of 'Realms of Fiction.'
- Throughout Oasis, we had the pleasure of hosting exceptional performers such as Amit Trivedi, Farhan Akhtar, Kailash Kher, Vishal-Shekhar, Shankar-Ehsan-Loy, K.K, Benny Dayal, Papon, and many more. While dancing to the upbeat music of Sunburn and the Red Bull Tour Bus with DJs like Zaeden, Shaan, and Anish Sood, he laughed with TVF, East India Comedy, Abish Matthew, Biswa Kalyan Rath, and Kenny Sebastian. These incredible events and performances in 2017 left him with cherished memories on which he can reflect fondly.

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- Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy, the renowned Bollywood musical trio, had mesmerized the audience with their magical performance at **Oasis '18**. With their distinct styles, comedians such as Abhishek Upmanyu and Jaspreet Singh added humor and wit to the festival.
- Oasis '19 had a "Neon Noir" theme and featured international acts such as Dan Deacon and Indian EDM sensation Nucleya. A mesmerizing performance by Carnatic music maestro Abhishek Raghuram and a power-packed show by Bollywood playback singer Sunidhi Chauhan rounded out the festival. With performances by Biswa Kalyan Rath, comedy had taken center stage.
- Oasis '20 celebrated its golden jubilee with the theme "Alchemist's Prophecy" and featured performances by EDM DJ Dastic and Lisa Mishra's energetic voice. Rocktaves, Unspoken, And the Scene, Desert Duel, and Swaranjali had all been notable events.

BITS Open Sports Meet (BOSM) is the annual sports festival of <u>Birla Institute of Technology</u> and <u>Science</u>, <u>Pilani</u> campus. [1][2] This sports meet, usually held around mid-September is a prominent showcase of sporting talents from around the country.

The largest student managed Sports fests of the country, BOSM is aimed to provide a platform to colleges from all over India to exhibit their true potential, promoting healthy competition.

History

BOSM was started back in 1986 when it was a one-day event with the organization done by the institute itself. After a few years, it was set up as a student-run non-profit organization. It is now a four-day festival encompassing everything about sports and witnessing a footfall of over 10,000 students. It is also the only college festival in the country to have an official mascot, Baxter. Several notable personalities have graced the opening ceremony of BOSM, some of whom are: Dinesh Mongia, Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Saba Karim, Akhil Kumar and Krishna Poonia among others.

Logo

The sharp-edges and angular features of the logo exude solidity and stability of the brand that is BOSM-30 years as one of India's biggest student-managed sports fest and going stronger than ever. In the middle is depicted BITS Pilani's most iconic emblem-the BITS Pilani clock tower. The clock tower stands tall, representing strength and stability. The time on the clock is 20:14, a play on the current edition of BOSM. The red and yellow hued flames represent fiery aggression, passion for the sport and the fervor to win. The final element of the design is the ribbon with the BOSM motto: Grit-the dedication in meticulous preparation, Guts-the courage and determination to give it one's everything for Glory-the deserving reward to a flawless performance.

Events

Sports events

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With the tagline 'Rise to Glory,' BOSM ignites the spirit of every sports enthusiast, providing an unparalleled adrenaline rush that propels them to the pinnacle of excellence. The major sports events held during the fest are:

Sport	Boys	Girls
Athletics	•	•
Badminton	•	•
Basketball	•	•
Bodybuilding	•	-
Carrom	•	•
Chess	•	•
Cricket	•	-
Football	•	-
Frisbee	*	*
Hockey	•	-
Volleyball	•	•
Squash	•	•
Swimming	•	•
Table Tennis	•	•
Tennis	•	•
Taekwondo	•	-
Power lifting	•	-

Informal Events

BOSM not only brings enthralling sporting events but also comes up with exciting events like prof shows, exhibitions, talks, and many more. Some of them are:

- Pre-BOSM quizzes and talks
- N2O Comedy Night
- EDM Night
- Ignition Gaming Tournament
- Aberration Photography Competition
- Human Foosball
- Anti-Chess
- Street football
- Angry Birds
- Pac-man
- Laser tag
- Paintball
- Box Cricket

- Tug-Of-War
- Crac-O-Dial

Organization and Departments Involved

BOSM is mainly organized by the Committee of Students for Sports Activities(CoSSAc), a body of eight members which is the fest committee under Sports Union, BITS Pilani. It consists of four delegates from Sports Union viz. the Sports Secretary, three Joint Sports Secretaries who are responsible for coordinating with all stakeholders of BOSM and responsible for all finances, and heads from the following four departments:

- Dept. of Controls
- Dept. of Sponsorship and Marketing
- Dept. of Publications and Correspondence
- Dept. of Reception and Accommodation

who are responsible for works specified for their departments. In addition to the departments listed above, several clubs and minor departments and campus press are involved in the running of the fest. These include Press Clubs, Dept. of Informalz, Firewallz, Photography Club, Creative Activities Club, Gaming Club, Department of Sports Publicity and Design (DSPD) among others.

Among these, the DSPD is responsible for covering all the sporting events that occur during BOSM, and keep the public updated about the result of past matches and the schedule of the upcoming ones through social media handles. They also use these handles to generate publicity for the fest as well.

Social Cause

BOSM is the only sports festival of the country to have a Social Connect, in the hope of striking a chord of humanity. The major events are:

- Junoon The major event in this category, Junoon is a Sports cum social event, organized by the Sports Union, BITS Pilani in association with NSS BITS Pilani, for specially abled children. It boasts of over a hundred participants from almost a dozen Non-Government Organisations (like Umang, Greenpeace, Nirmaan, Muskaan, Goonj, Amla Birla Kendra) who battle it out across events ranging from basketball, cricket, football, tennis to cultural competitions. Junoon 2012, the first edition of Junoon was covered by Hindustan Times, New Delhi.
- 2. BOSM marathon- A 'run for a cause' marathon, initiated with the aim to raise awareness about various social issues like women's safety and anti-smoking.
- 3. YODH- A 'sports day' for unprivileged children of the nearby district.
- 4. Play for a cause- Goodies are given to the needy which translates from the on-field achievements of players.
- 5. Cleanliness and Tree Plantation Drive

BITS Pilani, India is back with the 43rd edition of APOGEE (A Professions Oriented Gathering over Educational Experiences), the institute's annual technical extravaganza, from 28th March to 31st March 2025, this time as Revved-Up Rhapsody! APOGEE, a unique blend of technology,

innovation, and inspiration, gathers the brightest minds worldwide. This premier technical conference features groundbreaking papers, innovative projects, and exhibitions showcasing humanity's best creations. With guest lectures sharing unheard stories, APOGEE challenges the participants' intellect and piques the audience's minds.