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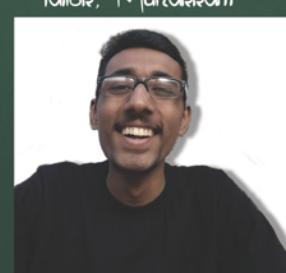
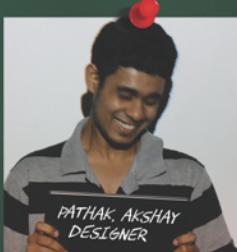
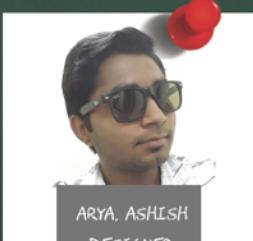
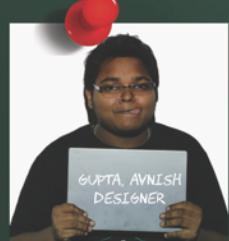
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HUMANS OF IIT MANDI



LALIT SAKHYWAL

It was August 1, 2013 when I joined IIT Mandi and saw my dream of coming to IIT become true but little did I know that this dream would soon become a nightmare in the near future. I did my schooling in Hindi and when I entered into the classrooms here I found the language of engineering to be English. The environment was new, the people were new, it was a new phase of life and with it came many problems, the major one being-English language. Some people made fun of me, irritated me and I was so depressed that I was about to leave IIT. But as the saying goes - **"If hardwork is your weapon then success becomes your slave "**. I worked hard and now I am proficient in English but this couldn't be achieved alone. My seniors like Prateek Gauba, my batch mates like Abhishek Pandey , Gopal helped in every way they could. Now I enjoy my life here and my future plans are to become an IAS Officer. My advice to the readers is that nothing is impossible and finally I would like to quote- **"Work hard in silence let success make the noise !!"**



BIJONPAUL

"Do what you love and love what you do", this is my motto of being successful. I have always done what makes me feel truly happy. When I joined IIT Mandi 4 years back I had never thought that these 4 years would be the best part of my life. From Exodia to the balcony parties, from the treks to sleeping in classroom, everything now will be a memory to cherish. All this would not be possible without some people like " SHARMA" , "MATHUR", "SANJU" as I call them who stood by me during my thick and thin. Now as my tenure at IIT Mandi comes to an end I want to be remembered in the hearts of my juniors and that would be my "legacy" at IIT Mandi. Finally an advice to my juniors- **"Sometimes you have to let down your ego to get the work done !! "**.



RAHUL BHUJADE

"People eat to live but I live , to eat". This is me totally. I am known as the "FOODIE" of IIT Mandi. When my batch mates came here they complained about infrastructure, placements and all the other "non important" stuff according to me. I on the other hand was determined to taste the mess food. I was first satisfied with it but then I started to dislike it and from then on I tried a variety of cuisines and restaurants. Not only do I enjoy the food but also the treks, sitting in balcony till long in the wee hours. Finally I would say that I would like a job in which I would travel places and would get to try a lot of variety of food.



KUSHAL MUNDLE

"Good friends are like stars, you dont always see them but you know they are always there". This quote describes my entire four year journey at IIT Mandi which I started with my gang who was and still is always with me. "**BABA**", as I am better known, I have enjoyed this journey thoroughly seeing all kind of highs and lows and now it is coming towards an end. I did not realize how first 3 years passed but as I entered into the fourth year, time started becoming noticeable. To describe the journey, all I can say is that , yes I have committed some mistakes , which could be avoided but the lesson which I have learnt from them is that you need to let down your ego and work hard in order to succeed in life. One thing that I will really miss is the hostel B-3's balcony. At last I would like to conclude by saying that "do whatever you want to do in life but make sure that you never intend to harm anyone in life."



ARPIT NARECHANIA

Being an only child having never lived away from home, I thought I was up for a survival challenge but I surprised myself quite a bit in these 4 years. I had cool roomies throughout including 5 telugus at one time. Neither do I abuse nor have I had a quarrel or any differences with anyone. Everyone enjoys my company apparently. I have also had my share of bakar and mischiefs. I was very close to an F and also to probation but miraculously avoided both somehow! In the end, I got to spend 4 months in Germany, ended up with decent cg and multiple job offers. And when I ponder over my very special roll no B11111, I really start thinking if it was all destined to happen.



PRASHANT PRAZAPATI

The life at IIT Mandi has been better than what I expected it to be. My regret over not staying back in my city changed with Exodia, Germany trip and the exposure to new ideas and people. I am going to miss it all, it changed me. Nobody will remember the little trifles that we had in our first or second years because only the big things matter in the end. I do not brag about my skills or worry about things that are out of my control. You need one person in a campus to survive, two to have fun and three to have a party – I have more than that. The trip to Germany pulled me out of my comfort-zone and gave me the confidence to deal with people from different places. Once on foreign soil, you should accept their culture and be open to ideas. I have made the most of all that I got, no matter what others think of me. If there's an opportunity, you should grab it. I don't know if IIT Mandi will miss me, but I'll definitely miss IIT Mandi.



DR. RAJESHWARI DUTT

I am from Kolkata. I did my Bachelor's from Franklin Marshall College in US, M.Phil. from CSSCAL and Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University, where I met Dr. Varun Dutt. I came to IIT Mandi just a month after completing the doctorate. I was a little apprehensive about life in Kamand at first, particularly during the treks, being in sharp contrast to the CMU life, but things have improved over time. This is a compact campus, and this is the ideal situation for our daughter Virangana. I can drop and pick her up from school, and teach and work at the same time. The things to worry about are the medical facility, for which we might have to rush her to Mandi – she doesn't really like the ride. The dust on the roads makes her sick, so we can't take her for a walk either. The colloquiums are being centered on the theme 'Dialogues across Boundaries', where everyone gets to discuss topics not pertaining to their discipline. Sometimes it works, at other times it doesn't, but the overall response is quite satisfactory.



KARAN MAHAJAN

"It's alarming how just one year plus a few months in college change you. How do I know this? Look back at yourself. You will slowly realize all that your mom said to you was true indeed, and you will miss her, at every instance.

The hostel, friends, in-dependency, its's vice-versa and what not, surely does mould you for the life ahead. You have your friends standing with you like battalions and you yourself having your own little bandwagon, ready to face anything and everything together; chuckling away danger and having the time of your life.

Just a word of advice if you may ask, never expect too much from an individual. Can't understand? You will realize on your own. Give it time. Apart from that Live Life, my friend"

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IIT MANDI BREAKS RECORDS IN PLACEMENT

It's that time of the year again! Placements are almost over and most students are having fun and enjoying whatever life they have left. Continuing our tradition, this time we decided to visit IIT Mandi to rake up old nightmares and gather placement news for our readers. Never heard of this college before? Neither have we! After a few Google searches, we found that IIT Mandi is one of the newly opened IITs, nestled in the valley of Kamand, some 17 km from the nearest city Mandi, HP. Having nothing better to do, we hopped in to visit this beautiful college and see how things were working out. We didn't expect much but IIT Mandi sure did blow our collective minds away. The campus is crowded with students playing sports like lawn tennis, water polo and musical chairs. The high-rise hostel buildings tower above the landscape like huge castles in the sky. Malls, parks, theaters and restaurants occupy every last inch of free space with hundreds of fashionistas thronging the place 24x7. Needless to say we were impressed.

IIT Mandi's third batch will be graduating this summer which, quite frankly, is a big achievement in itself. So, how did this batch perform as compared to previous batches? Were the placement results better than other colleges like IIT Bombay? You bet they were! After all, this is IIT Mandi we are talking about. From what we learned from the CnP cell, it looks like placements were exceptionally good this time around, with major tech giants like...

Goggles, Microhard, Slambook, Ganga and Pornhub hiring a significant number of students, offering lucrative packages.

Among all the branches, Mechanical Engineering students were the happiest, with a huge number of core companies (1 to be precise) recruiting from the institute. CNP cell also shared a few interesting tidbits with us such as; students placed at core companies don't have to pay income tax as the salary they earn is below the minimum wage rate, they get a ration card for buying rice at Rs. 3/kg from the local kirana store, etc. To learn more, we caught hold of one of the two mechanical students who were fortunate enough to get placed and asked a few questions -

Correspondent: So Mr. Ghissu Patel, now that the placements are largely over, how are you feeling?

Mr. Patel: Are you guys hiring?

Correspondent: ???

Mr. Patel: What's the package?

Correspondent: Ummm...we are not hiring at present. But, let's talk about you, Mr. Patel. What are your plans for the future?

Mr. Patel: Never mind the package. Tell you what. I'll work for free if you guys provide me 3 meals a day.

Correspondent: Mr. Patel, I need you to focus. What advice would you like to give to your juniors?

Mr. Patel: 2 meals a day and we have a deal. I never eat breakfast anyway. Also, I'm a great guy, a team player and always ready to work.

Correspondent: Err...thank you for your time, Mr. Patel and congrats on your success.

Mr. Patel: Call me. *slips a Rs. 10 note in my breast pocket and winks*

---awkward silence---

Much to our surprise, CSE had a marginally higher average package as compared to ME. Luckily, we found one of the ten students placed at Ganga and asked him a few questions to learn more -

Correspondent: Good evening, Mr. Praveen Bing! How are you feeling?

Mr. Bing: Great! I just ordered a Macbook from Ganga.com. Oh my god, I'm so rich! I can't believe it.

Correspondent: Umm...okay. Mr. Praveen, how much is your package?

Mr. Bing: 6 inches! Not an inch long, not an inch short.

Correspondent: Uhhh....I meant how much did Ganga.com offer you?

Mr. Bing: Oh that package! 30 crores to be exact. Oh my god, I'm so rich!

Correspondent: That's a lot.

Mr. Bing: Yeah, it is. Out of the total amount, 24 crores is medical insurance and 5 crores is travel allowance.

Correspondent: What?! Then how much is the base?

Mr. Bing: Rs. 100. Oh my god, I'm so rich! I can't believe it.

Correspondent: Mr. Bing, please stop repeating that irritating refrain.

Mr. Bing: Oh my god, I'm so rich!

Correspondent: Are you f*ckin' dumb? How the hell did you even get selected?

Mr. Bing: Oh my god, I'm so rich! I can't believe it.

Correspondent: Mr. Bing, this is my last warning. If you say that again, I'm gonna whoop your ass.

Mr. Bing: *strips and runs around naked* Oh my god, I'm so rich! Oh my god

Correspondent: *throws Mr. Bing out of the window*

--sounds of "Oh my God!" echoing in the distance--

Further interviews could not be held because all the other CS guys turned out to be variations of Mr. Bing – arrogant, stupid douchebags and the entire EE batch was giving CAT.

MUSINGS OF THE STAFF

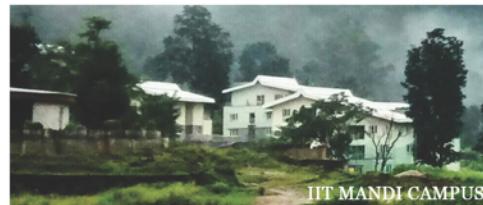
WHEN HIPPIES INVADE CAMPUS

I'm going to say something smart now *chuckles*. I know.

As lore goes, at IIT Bombay in days of yore, there was this tradition in one of the hostels. In the very first week of the fresh batch joining the institute, the seniors of the hostel would round the freshers up in the common room and play a game. But Saket, I thought they would be ragged, you say. No, little reader. They played a game. A game between the odd 60-70 new hostel residents versus 5 seniors. And it went this way. The seniors and freshers would take turns asking the other group a question, any question from any field. The point of this game? As it frequently turned out, the 5 seniors answered nearly all of the questions fired at them whilst the freshers failed miserably. The point of the game was to humble the incoming freshmen, high from being praised as the cream of the nation. The point was this and more. Sure, it was an exercise in humility but much more than that it was to present an image of the seniors quite contrary to the one the rest of the world presents, as brutal, drunk, unbathed animals hungry for fresh meat and ready for some old school ragging. And this game did it for them.

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I have seen my fair share of how things work in the older IITs and by far, the most sensible feature is the idea of mixed hostels. Are you saying that we do this at IIT Mandi? No, young reader. I wouldn't dare. After all, taking initiatives is a risky business. But the idea is intriguing, so let us continue. By mixed hostels, I mean that each incoming batch is split into the available hostels and not grouped together for the entirety of their stay at an IIT. Why is this good, you ask? Several reasons, young one.



IIT MANDI CAMPUS

Last year in April, we had an interactive session with several IIT Kanpur alumni. Many issues troubling the newer crop of IITs were discussed and the panel helped us figure out many of them. When asked about the growing trend of anti-ragging posters spread throughout the campus, some members in the panel, perhaps the wiser of the lot, going by the shades of grey on their head observed something similar at IIT Kanpur. The paranoia surrounding the R-word is so strong that all forms of senior-junior interaction are frowned upon in the campus. This applies even more so with freshers.



Saket Panwar
CSE 4th year

In another discussion, Dr. Sanyal, a visiting faculty at IIT Mandi and an alumnus of IIT Kharagpur, observed something similar. "In our time in Kharagpur, I knew the names of every student in the seven batches I studied with. Three of them senior to me (in my first year), my batch, and the three who were junior to me (in my final year).", he said. Inter-year interaction has never been lower in the history of IITs. The case is worse for newer IITs, where students don't really understand how the IIT system works and the good/bad features of this system. "We're not in a college. We don't know what a college is.", rang the words from a tired group of students complaining at Maharaj's canteen around mid-night. The frustration was explained by next morning's quiz which was a tough one but the ideas had taken shape much earlier. Dr. Sanyal argued that among other things, stronger inter-year interaction created a strong network of IIT KGP alumni which helped several of them in their professional lives. He recounted many examples of this network being of value, including walking up to the offices of high-ranking bureaucrats in the Government of India, KGP alums no less, without the crud of taking appointments, setting up meeting times etc. After all, who would miss out on meeting their college mates? I'll tell you who, young reader, atleast not KGP alumni.

MUSINGS OF THE STAFF

In the glorious time which is the first semester, I had the opportunity of talking to a dozen or so students of IIT Delhi in one of their hostels. We wasted an entire night playing poker in one of their hostels Jwala, a night which concluded with me getting a royal flush, by the way. For those who do not know, Kumaon is another hostel at IIT Delhi which faces Jwala. "On Diwali, the juniors from the two hostels go to the roof and start a pissing contest. With crackers. The point is to hit them with rockets before they hit us. We did it. Our seniors did it. And their seniors did.", recounted one bloke, before proclaiming "All in!" and losing in the round. Several stories were recalled from memory and several of their seniors from the hostel pointed at in the lush green campus. Some going to prestigious schools in the US for their PhDs. Some joining cash-strapped firms like McKinsey, Morgan Stanley and Google, some working on their Civil Service exams and one dude working out of his room, running a company, earning 2 lacs per month. Barring the last guy, the rest were from their hostel. While the winnings were soon forgotten, the stories stuck with me.

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So, what is the moral from these stories? I, for one, think that mixing the batches in hostels would be worth trying out. But I dare not suggest it. That's for Vivek to think about. I have the freedom of writing these words at 5 in the morning before heading off to Kamand for a brisk morning stroll. The article will publish itself.

On a serious note, there can be two reasons as to why IIT Mandi divides students into hostels year-wise. First, no one ever thought of it. The transit campus had Suvalsar reserved for the freshers while others lived in Dashir and Nako and when the batches shifted to Kamand, no one really thought differently. Or maybe it was the easier option to administer properly. After all, how do you decide which student goes to which hostel and still maintain a balance between the four years? Second, the administration actively thought about it and decided otherwise. For one, it'll lead to less screw-ups. In case, someone "accidentally" rags someone else. More importantly, the first year will feel safer. And so will their parents, which I agree with.

If it's the first case, then maybe, just maybe, we can try things out differently. Maybe with a bit more effort on the administrative side. Maybe not. If it's the second, then we have a problem. Because we are sacrificing too much to make sure there's no trouble on campus. What seems like an easy choice to prevent cases of man-handling a junior, can prove detrimental in the long run. The biggest issue being a fragmented alumni group. One where city-wide alumni chapters sound ridiculous. After all, you wouldn't know anyone in the chapter if no one from your batch isn't their. Keep the first year intact. No harm in trying it out with the other three years, is there?

I wouldn't know. Personal experience indicates it can work. I live on a floor with 4 rooms occupied by the third year and 1 room by fourth year.

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"Quote me on anything", says Aman Garg, a third year living on my floor when asked for a good quote supporting this idea. Pretty cool guy. "I guess?", he says, visibly irritated, when asked if I could work in his startup. I like juniors. IIT Mandi is still taking baby steps but this kind of network is essential if it's alumni are to make a lot of money and give some back to subsidize canteen costs. And who here could be against subsidized canteens? I'll tell you who, young reader, atleast not Mandi alumni.

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Farah Anjum
CSE 2nd Year

The contents of this article need to be taken with a chuckle. Hurting of sentiments, if occurs, is totally unintentional.

63 years ago, Indian Institutes of Technology were founded with an aim of providing top notch higher education to some top notch few extra meritorious bunch of students filtered via one of the world's most difficult (apparently) selection process. With the passage of time, all seemed to be going well, with the IITs providing techno geeks on an annual basis. But this assembly line manufacturing process of technophilic, sometimes overtly sociophobic humans seems to have gotten a bug in its working algorithm. And this bug is the entirely skewed (screwed?) sex ratio.

Since time ancient, IITs have come to be tagged as masculine institutes with 90% of their population being male. The minuscule amount of the non-males, as females are called inside the bounds of IITs used to be frighteningly low in the early years of the establishment of the IITs. Females acquired the stature of endangered species who were soon going to be extinct off the premises of these premiere institutes.

As soon as these bespectacled girls who were laid down all their lives beneath Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics text-books and who would any day have preferred to spend lone quality time with Irodov than a trip to the beauty salon enter the campus, they start to feel an air of differentness around them. Having become eye-candies in an oestrogen starved environment, these nerd-ladies get all the attention and even more. Citing from Quora - the best source of knowledge (the claims are entirely self-made), when asked the question "What are the best and worst parts of being an IIT girl?", the most upvoted answer was, best part-we get too much attention, worst part-we get too much attention.

This series of serendipitous changes isn't entirely inherent to the fairer sex. The male community experiences it too but not in a very serendipitous manner. For the first time in his life, the standard IITian nerd makes this self realization that beauty doesn't lie in the differential equations of Calculus but somewhere else. 'Five Point Someone' soon becomes the most read book even for those who hadn't heard of any other book

than the standard ones provided by their coaching institutes and everyone gets starry eyed about meeting their Nehas. But after a few futile semesters pass and some (mis)fortunate realizations dawn upon them, everybody gets back to doing what they do best: studying and sleeping (at each other's place), barring some who manage to hit the jackpot. Though some do secretly envy their DU friends where the scenario is quite the opposite with the number of girls sufficiently larger than that of boys (sigh), most of the people revel happily in their burrows.

So having seen the aftermaths of this hugely inappropriate distribution of sexes in IITs, let's scavenge deep into the reasons of this. The most colossal one in my own opinion is the mental set up of the family of an Indian female student. Contrary to what a boy gets, girls are barred from opportunities right from schooling to coaching when their parents are reluctant to send their daughters out of house for coaching. The fairness of her skin becomes a more important issue than her education for wedding her away. Also till now, the stereotype of girls being less fit for technical fields and more fit for medical fields exists which basically is bs and was obsolete years ago. Still it continues to exist and plague the minds of Indian parents. And one peculiar and worth mentioning reason which some incapable cynical maniacs give is that of girls being dumb. Some facebook pages exist exclusively for such set of people.

Since long back much is happening in the direction of improving this scenario, the latest being the proposed controversial tie break system in JEE where a female student would be given priority over a male student in case of a tie. Never to forget the "incentives for girls" which our own institute provides to lure female entrants wherein at times the incentives don't go well down the throats of many and create controversies.

All said and done, what remains as the stark ground reality is the ever-decreasing number of admitting girls every year. All measures taken seem to go down the drain as they are unable to translate in any boost in the number of female entrants. Given the pace of things, one can only hope for a brighter tomorrow, a better future where the situation will change, draught will recede and spring will arrive in the lives and colleges of all IITians which hitherto occurs only at the time of fests.

The Elep in the

hang ROOM

In the very recent past – literally very recent – a horde of Women-Empowerment Groups, Feminist Societies and ‘open-minded’ celebrities have rocked the media with their earth-shaking theories about how the women have been subjected to the ultimate forms of unjust treatment from time-immemorial and how they plan to turn the tables on the brutal beasts – the Men. And to no one’s surprise, a large percentage of female IITians (and everyone knows how big the number is) make their voice heard in every corner of the ‘masculine institutes’.

So a ‘brutal beast’ decided to have his own say in the matter too – under the assumption that the male population still enjoys the luxury of the right to opinion. Just when an IITian thinks he has achieved everything in his life - having cracked JEE – and fanatisizes about all the love-stories he would have in his college-life, BAM! “Boy ! Not a single lady in my branch.”

And all the dreams get lost into nothingness. And later on, as he continues his journey into the wilderness of Engineering, he gets engrossed in assignments, tutorials, quizzes and Counter-Strike – having been betrayed by the ‘oestrogen-starved’ environment in a quest to realize in his life the melodies of romantic hits of Bollywood.

In India, we almost ravish the feeling we get when we criticize our system for almost everything in our life – right from bs on the roads to bs on AIB’s Roast. The old ‘orthodox’ thinking (I wouldn’t dare refer to it as Indian) that girls are meant to be cultivated gently and wed away definitely lurks in many corners of our society, but the advent of social media and Ekta Kapoor and Karan Johar (KANK essentially states that if you are not satisfied with your life-partner, replace without warranty!) has brought about quite a change in the mindset of Indians, at least in urban centres. And the ones who say girls are dumb need to refer to Oxford’s Dictionary about the meaning of dumb – or they need to look up Gargi from the Upanishads and Shakuntala Devi from the recent history. The point that girls are stereotyped as being misfit for technical education and branded as the Biology experts stands fast due to statistic-validation, a larger proportion of girls still choose medical line over engineering either due to their parents’ will or peer-pressure, or perhaps due to their own interest in many cases.



Priyansh Saxena
CSE 1st Year

But the girls that do fathom the Engineering waters fare well in their four years – almost no evidence has been found to the contrary.

A bunch of such problems have screwed up the sex ratio in the IITs to such an extent that, statistically, behind every female IITian there are 10 clueless guys. But the proposed changes to attract female aspirants to IITs do not always have the desired effect, nor do they really fit into the definition of ‘equality of opportunity’ every time. Why should the boy who went into a tie lose his seat in IIT just because the other court housed a lady? And the fact stands thus – if the tie for the last seat cannot be resolved by marks in JEE or subject-wise marks, the number of seats shall be extended to accommodate all the people who tied it for the last slot.

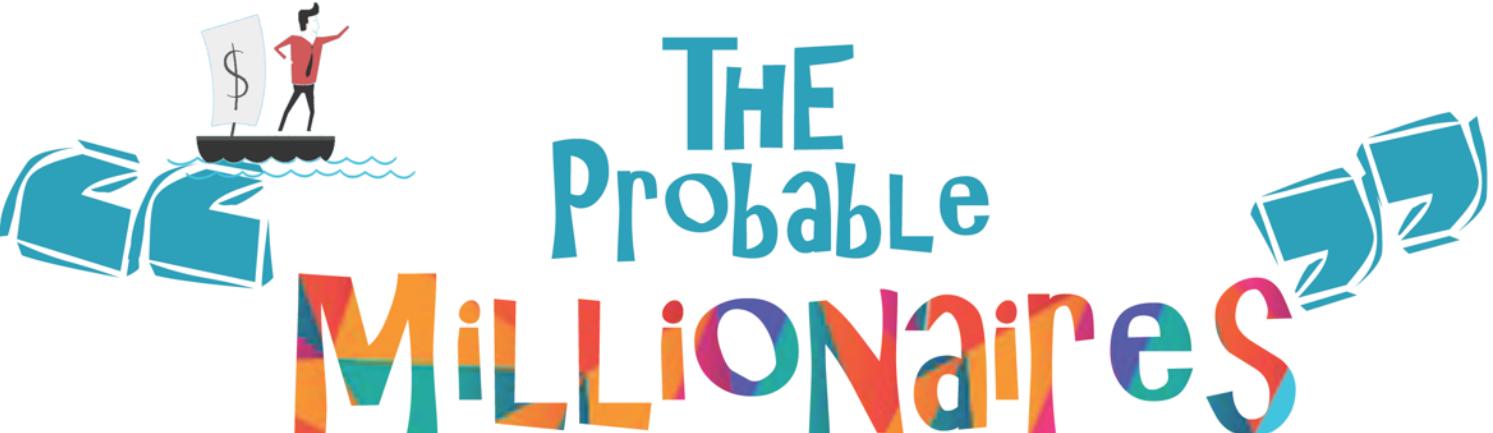
As to the ‘narrow-throats’ of the wild-beasts that took in female liberty for quite some time but failed to encapsulate the incentives showered upon the ‘endangered species’, the extra efforts do not seem to lure anymore females to IITs than did the stunts of Rakhi Sawant to win a decent audience for her movies – they are not known to the world very much.

But, as optimistic as it can get, CBSE has put forth an idea to train 1000 girls for JEE, and that’s the step that is to be welcomed whole-heartedly by everyone. This does not eat into our resources and this brings the female candidates to the ring instead of awarding them the Title in their Drawing-Rooms.

Subsidised education in IIT does not rouse our concern much – if the Government puts in a few more Crores for a noble cause, why bother. But the idea that there should be Reservation for girls to the extent of 10% or so make our hair stand on their ends and the brows furrow all-over. We hope that Spring will come soon into IITs too, and not just for the duration of Fests. The ‘beasts’ wanted to make their point, and are sincerely apologetic if any nerves got offended on the other side of the world.

Girls in IITs – Amen to that !

INSIDE THE BELLY



THE ProbabLe MILLIONaires

There is always a different bunch amongst us. They do crazy stuff and people think; Dafuq are they doing, missing classes and sports (sometimes). But one day they come up with stuff which no one even imagines and we have these brilliant ideas and these people executing them, bringing them to reality-Bazinga!

Some of them might not succeed but a others will and bring laurels to the college, family and friends. They work their ass out and make, what is seemingly impossible to many, possible. A few of them are amongst us and they are doing really great. Let's see some of these budding entrepreneurs and their work (in their own words as we are lazy enough to not to do it ourselves).

AnimeGraph took off on Reddit. Since then we've seen rapid growth, with millions of pageviews every month and 86,000 registered users at the time of writing. There have been a lot of major milestones along the way, including partnerships with major companies in the anime industry including Neon Alley (now owned by Viz Media), Rightstuf and many others.

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http://hummingbird.me/

Hummingbird is a social platform for sharing anime and manga experiences, getting recommendations and seeing what your friends are watching or reading. I started Hummingbird in early 2013 along with my co-founder after an anime recommendation engine I called

We ended up open-sourcing the Hummingbird codebase about a year ago since we used to get a lot of requests from our users to contribute to the site. The open-sourcing announcement got a lot of attention on Hacker News and Reddit, and we ended up being the #1 trending repository on Github for about a week. Since then the project has been starred 1300+ times on Github, and we've gotten a large number of contributions from 40 individual contributors.

Overall at this point Hummingbird is a fairly successful and a mature



I've been working on Burrn for about two months now. Burrn is a gamified social media app which lets you relive the crazy moments with your close friends by

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sharing funny and interesting stories, photos and videos about your friends within a trusted group. The twist here is that we've added an element of anonymity so that everyone knows who all it could be but no one knows who's the real devil. We're expecting the beta to be up in a couple of weeks. Simultaneously, I was also working part-time on my co-founder's other startup called Voodoo. Voodoo is smart shopping assistant for the mobile first world. To put it in simple words, it's an app that lets you save money while you're shopping online. If anyone is interested in interning at Voodoo, do get in touch! Watch out for Burrn!

THE BHAND PROJECT

TheBhandProject is what began after years of struggle with a part of me where I kept mumming the poet or the musician or the sports person that wanted to come out and tell the world, "Blast it! Poetry/Music/Sports/Writing is what I will do the rest of my life, and their ain't nothing you can do to stop me."

So why do we call TheBhandProject the bhand project? We want you to re-live your childhood days, and to revive the touch of madness and the spark that you lost along the way. What we aim to do is give people a chance to let the artist inside them out, and give it a chance to grow and develop. Our aim is to give people that stage so that they can showcase their talents.

Cracked aren't we?

I mean, who in these times would want to work for that part of a person they themselves have let go. The phrase that came to my mind when I first thought of this idea and how we will go about it, and how we will achieve what we want to do and sustain ourselves was, "Bhai, bhand hai kya tu."

A team of 5 close friends started this initiative and has been working day and night on it since then. We barely get a day's worth sleep, but we rest on the fact that we were able to help a form of art come forth.

Great work is being done by the folks above and we wish them all the luck (and don't forget us during placements as we sure can use it someday!)

Coming from the ones that did to ones that took the leap but never got far. Why not? It was always the fear of failing, losing, career, money any other things of similar genres. It is easy to get the things done through a preset channel-CGPA-Campus Intern-PPO-Job-Secure Life. But what's the glory in that, you live only a 70-80 years (hope you live longer but the statistics are like this) and while you are reading this you already have used 25% of that. Why has the rest of 75% be a life you live according to someone else's rule. Even 70% attendance seems high enough to complete then imagine the similar part of your life in someone else's schedule, and the trump card that we can say - You are IITians and you can do anything which might seem impossible to others (even the attendance if it comes to it). So don't let the failures of others bring you down, not everyone is as devoted as you are towards your ideas. It's your dream, make it a reality for others and inspire a new generation.

Vikhyat Korrapati



Dolla Dolla Bill, Yall.

Shiv Teja



Akshat Gupta





Brides needed



NAME - RAHUL BHUJA - DE



MARATHI BOY 21, 5'7", TEETOTALLER, WHISKEY GOLD COMPLEXION, SEEKING SUITABLE ALLIANCE. SHOULD BE 18+ SHOULD KNOW HOW TO COOK, NO BARRIER ON CASTE, CREED RELIGION, ECONOMICAL BACKGROUND OR GENDER (ALTHOUGH FEMALE PREFERRED)

ABOUT HIM:

HE'LL COOK YOU THE BEST FOOD YOU WILL EVER TASTE (THAT ALSO MEANS THAT HOWEVER GOOD COOK YOU ARE, HE WILL STILL ADD A PINCH OF SPICE TO YOUR FOOD TO ENHANCE ITS FLAVOUR)

YOU CAN SPEND HOURS TALKING TO HIM AND HE WON'T MIND IT (ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE DOING THE SPEAKING PART AND YOU WILL HAVE TO BE THE LISTENER)

YOU CAN TAKE HIM TO ALL YOUR SHOPPING DESTINATIONS (ALTHOUGH YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY ANYTHING BECAUSE HE WILL SPEND ALL THE MONEY ON HIS OWN SHOPPING AND YOU WILL END UP CARRYING HIS BAGS)

YOU CAN TRUST HIM WITH ALL YOUR SECRETS! (COZ HE WILL NEVER LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU SAY ANYWAY)

YOU CAN ASK HIM TO GUIDE YOU WITH THE PROBLEMS YOU FACE (HE IS A MASTER MURDER PLANNER)

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Why The BEATEN PATH??

Perhaps everyone of us had felt that zeal and vigor before joining this institute. Even the name of 'IIT' is enough to excite and rouse the creator among everyone and one often has many aspirations and dreams on the first day. This all is the result of the child's brain that is free to think and is innocent. Its ideas and aims are pure and a true reflection of the inner wants and aspirations. A student by the 11th or 12th standard seldom wants a job at an MNC paying 20-70 lakh per annum package in some metro city and lead a life of oblivion, what he dreams is of becoming an astronaut and going in space, building an Iron-Man suit, becoming a soldier, social worker or finding an alternate for petroleum, perhaps even being a President or Prime Minister, but as he/she grows older, this fades away and the part that remains can only be termed as a nightmare come true.

I never fancied a job in Amazon, Google, Tata, Cognizant, etc., that was never 'the Dream'. With extensive interaction with people in control of their senses and those in 'extreme control of their senses' here, I always learned that only a few dreamt of this future that they are working for. We come with the dreams and forget them and only while reading articles like these we reminisce about these dreams and then again go back to being what we should not be. It is not my intention or ideology that studies or the syllabus or the system is bad, it's the best thing and like every

system is evolving and becoming better day-by-day, it's just that we have lost the way and forgotten the aim behind this system. We spend our lives pleasing the society and the infamous '4 log' (only God knows who they are) and at the end of it, no one really cares about what you did and even if they did, why did it matter in the choices you made? We masquerade around and try to follow what others have done and try to imitate their success and forget that it was their passion to do that but your passion may be different.

It's always easy to explain through examples, so be it, people ask why are there so few successful people. I always wondered and contemplated on this question and I concluded that it is because only a few people can maintain the proper mind and remain sane in the journey of pursuing their dreams. After a successful person emerges, there is a long trail of followers who try their fortune and get the same things done but they seldom get that in life as they are trying to live someone else's life and belittle their own beliefs. There will only be one Steve Jobs or Gandhi.

In moments of weakness and doubts, I always trust the intuitions and the thoughts that first came to my mind, even if you think you don't know the correct path forward, just listen to your mind and heart as they always know what you want.

Always question yourself from time to time, it will always do good to you and keep you on the right path and maintain clarity of thought and ideas.

When Neil Armstrong set his foot on the Moon, he said "That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind", by taking these historic lines more seriously, we should all take that small step in the direction of our aims and our childhood passions which is what we really wanted to be. This small step by us will translate into a giant leap for the society and country. We see a very negative atmosphere in a few circles in our own college, a looming cloud of darkness over the future seems to take the better of many great students that we have and shall have. It is because they are trapped in the dogma of the culture of the college i.e. come, study, get job and out into oblivion. Will a million dollars earned in a cubicle give you happiness after 10 years or building that Iron-Man suit that you always wanted to or being a pilot? Innovation never comes by following the beaten path, the creative and innovative mindset and most importantly success always comes by carving the way into the hardest rocks and building the bridges over the deepest valleys. After this article just question yourself keeping in mind the aim that you have in mind,

"Why did I start this thing? Is this what I like? and what did I do towards achieving that aim today?"

FOOD

MY FOOD EXPERIENCES AT IIT MANDI



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Although IIT Mandi is a great place when we talk about the environment but in terms of food? Well, let's see. Now if you are a person like me who likes to eat different things every day, then you might find it really hard to savour your taste buds, as this place has so less variety to offer in terms of food. But that should not stop my fellow friends who like to eat. So, here is an article about how to satisfy your taste buds.

Out of the three canteens that we have, every canteen has some good things to offer. So here are some dishes that you can eat at the canteens of IIT Mandi.

ANDA FRY

This is a simple dish made from boiled eggs and you can have it at our so called 'Maharaj canteen' near B1 hostel. It tastes wonderful when we talk at the IIT Mandi level. Maharaj will serve this dish in his own style that is 'malai marke' as he serves every dish. You can have it by itself, plain and simple or have it with some parathas.

MTR POHA

All those who have lived in Kota or are from Maharashtra probably miss this one breakfast dish called Poha as you do not get it anywhere in Himachal. But MTR has one product for you that can help you enjoy Poha here. Easily available in the provisions store, a small packet costs Rs 10 and is really easy to make. Just add some boiling water in the Poha mix and cover it for 5 minutes and the delicious poha is ready. You can add some bhujiya over the top and enjoy the tasty Poha sitting in your hostel room.

NESTLE ICED TEA

When the summer-heat is high, you need something to lower down the heat. You can have cold drink anytime but sometimes you want a change, so you can make a tasty drink and relish yourself with Nestle Ice-Tea. A packet costs 30 bucks and you can make five to six glasses out of it.

TOPS CAKE MIX

You read it right - it's cake and you can actually make it in the hostel using a microwave oven. Buy a Top's Cake Mix, make a batter with the help of instructions written on the packet. You need some oil to make the batter and you can get it from the mess.

Pour it in a microwave-safe bowl (make sure that the bowl is big enough) and heat for around 5-7 minutes. Poke a knife in it and check if it comes out clean, if it does then the cake is ready.

HALDIRAM BHEL

Chat is one thing that is savoured throughout the country for its blend of sweetness and a tinge of sour and unfortunately, like many other food items, Mandi lacks this too. So, here comes to our rescue - Haldiram's Bhel. You can buy this tasty snack from our one-stop provisions store and make it easily on your own by mixing the premix with some water and adding it to the bhel mix.



Jumbo Grilled Sandwich

Raman canteen near Director's office changed the food scenario at IIT Mandi in spring 2015 by introducing their wide range of lunch/dinner items. And recently a new addition to their menu was grilled sandwich and according to the owner they taste superb and the reason for his opinion is partly because he is owner and partly because they are costly. Though these sandwiches don't taste superb, they are the only kind of sandwich that you can find in the entire campus.

Parantha with Green Chutney

Although a Parantha is one item that you can find in every canteen of this institute but Sanjay Canteen near mess serves it in a different way. The chutney that they serve along with the paranthas adds to the taste. But sometime you get fed up eating the same stuff every time, again and again and you need a change. In such situations, believe me a one day food trip to some nearby place would make you happier than ever. So here are some places where you can visit and have some different dishes and enjoy.

Old manali

If you are a bakery lover, you'll be in for delight at this place. A part of Manali housing many pot smoking foreigners has a few bakeries which are amazingly good for this region. Pastry and biscuits are their speciality. I happen to have tried two bakeries there and both were worth going to Manali to have some good bakery.



Mcleodganj

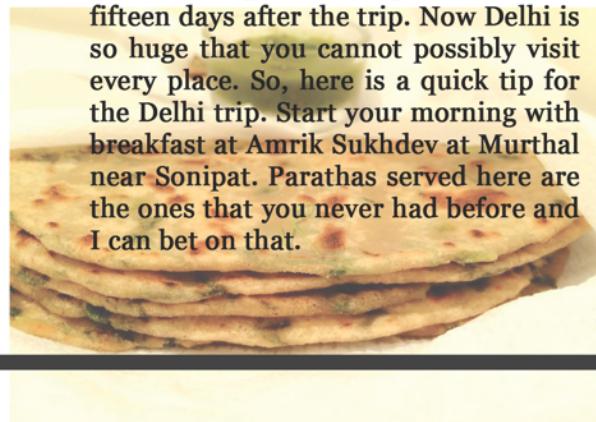
It takes six hours to reach this place by public transport but it's one destination where you will find lots of restaurants serving different dishes. McLeodganj has a different appeal as compared to any other town in Himachal. You can have a full English/American breakfast at some cafe with some good coffee. For those who like beer, one could visit Mccol's cafe which serve some quality beer which is hard to find in Mandi.

Chandigarh

If you miss the city feel while in Kamand, you can visit Chandigarh and spend a whole day there. Chandigarh has a lot to offer both in terms of food as well as entertainment. In the afternoon, you can go to Elante mall, watch a movie and have a full Mexican or Italian meal. In the evening, you can go to sector 'satara' (17) and enjoy the night-life of Chandigarh and eat Dosa at a South-Indian restaurant.

Delhi

A one-day trip to delhi can be tiring as well expensive but it is worth it because there are so many good restaurants and eateries that you can visit and stuff yourself with so much food that you will not feel deprived of good food for fifteen days after the trip. Now Delhi is so huge that you cannot possibly visit every place. So, here is a quick tip for the Delhi trip. Start your morning with breakfast at Amrik Sukhdev at Murthal near Sonipat. Parathas served here are the ones that you never had before and I can bet on that.



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THE LEGEND OF THE GPL

Recently witnessed a nice display of 'birthday bumps' of a friend of mine, actually my roommate; involved quite a lot of things that could come under the human rights violation acts!

One widespread birthday custom takes many forms around the world, all rooted in the idea of delivering some form of physical torment to the person whose birthday it is. They say, the philosophy behind this practice is a derivation of one of the founding principles of the Republic of India – socialism. Conventionally, your birthday brings you joy and certainly the level of happiness soars extreme highs. But our so-called socialist society tends to maximize it for the masses, rather than just an individual. So to bring down this level of happiness to the 'normal' levels, the custom of birthday bumps, or GPL, as we know it, was probably introduced. No exaggeration is necessary to describe what it feels like to be slapped with a slipper on the ass for anything ranging from 15 minutes to less than an hour.

It is the day before your birthday, in your first year. The time, 9 pm. For obvious reasons you're nervous, very nervous, thinking what events may take place in the next couple of hours. But wait, a week ago, you even changed the privacy settings in FB regarding your birthday.

Nobody would possibly know it's your birthday, and you didn't even share it with your friends. You feel a bit relaxed.

On your way to the mess for dinner, you receive some evil smiles, the ones that you normally don't. Your nervousness grows. Didn't eat well, you return to your room, and start doing whatever it is that you do at that hour. The clock ticks on, it's 11:30 now. Then all of a sudden you hear that guy shouting all along the corridor; the same guy who does it every time should a birthday come. "F*CK!" You curse yourself for not having tampered with your FB profile well before you got in here. Your heart rate intensifies, and so does the voice of the devil out there – "Oye GPL hai Aa jao bhai, GPL hai GPL."

The next moment, they gather, they come for you; and then you understand the lyrics – they are going to "prey on you tonight, hunt you down, eat you alive..."

No point in trying to escape, you know you can't. The crowd drags you to the common area, near the bathroom. And then it begins. SMACK! It stings a bit, but certainly not bad as you had expected. You start thinking that maybe you can take this – after all you've been having two big cubes of butter with each parantha every morning! But you should've had four instead. It gets worse. It seems everybody is hitting you at the same time. You see it's a tandem sequence. You try to resist but come on, they've got a tight hold on you. It starts to hurt more.



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You then try to seek refuge in theatrics – giving out loud cries whenever anything strikes your ass, hoping your ASSailants will have mercy on you. But you think you're the only one who's smart?! One smart ass bring his leg close, but stops just shy of your ass. But the scream has already left your mouth. Oops!

Your subterfuge is punished by making the tandem sequence even more vigorous. Your knees start to sway as you feel each and every fiber of your ass burning up with searing pain. They're doing it with all the fury of hurricane Katrina. In your dreams, it had always been a different Katrina who had been smacking your bum!

Then it starts receding. You're completely pissed off, but glad that you could still walk. But you're in for a surprise when you lay down on your bed!

So that's how it goes, and that's the idea I had before I came here. But to my surprise, when I got in here, I realized that this custom is not only restricted to 'birthdays'. It extends to 'almost anything that could make you happy'- be it better grades, or even selection in some sports event. It's probably done to release the frustration, and I quote from the movie '3 idiots' – "we are frustrated when our friend fails in some task, but we're even more frustrated when our friend tops in that task". Some even do it to take revenge – "you kicked my butt last time, now it's my turn to kick the effin' shit out of your ass". Whatever be the reason behind doing it, all I can say is, for normal people like me it is as queer as Dick's hatband, one hell of a pain in the ass. For masochists, I don't know.

HELPING The LESS Fortunate

What comes to our minds when someone says 'Rs. 10' – "Ah, lemme get a Lays today", or perhaps no idea springs up at all – "Just 10, why even 10 then?". But the same amount of money can provide you with the much-needed blessings of some poor person, which may eventually help in clearing the End-Sem tests!

Some boys in the B-Block and G1-Block of Nako Hostel – all from First-Year – came up with a noble idea to collect coins. No, that ain't right – nobody cared the least for Numismatics and none of the boys had any fancy coins to show-off. Everyone of them voluntarily decided that coins of denomination below Rs. 10 would be collected and donated every month to someone who is working hard to sustain their family – yes, working, and not to those who keep begging all day-long. The idea, put forth by Lovedeep Singh, took root in the minds of these guys and the first contributions were made then and there.

The coins were collected in B-06 for almost a month – something came in almost every day. And one fine evening, three guys (which happened to include the author too) went to the Indira Market and found an old woman worthy of these coins.

"I never saw anyone look so emotional, so grateful, so happy.....", said Kapardi Trivedi, one of those three guys.

"It's rejuvenating to see someone smile with happiness and know that you are the reason behind it", remarked Manjush Mangal, who rubbed his hands with excitement as he spoke.

Just a rupee may not mean anything to us. It just keeps on rolling around the room, and finally becomes nuisance ("What the hell do I do with this?"). Many people in the world would not let even a penny go to the needy if its source is their own pocket



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and not much of the stuff we buy comes as cheap as a rupee or two. So why not give them to someone for whom it does matter? A happy memory is guaranteed, and better grades might as well become a whole lot more probable. Let's make someone smile!

The motivation that these people got from their first experience gave them the heart to start anew. Some more people bunched in and now almost 15 boys contribute to this cause almost daily.

The spark that began from four boys in two blocks is now raging on like wildfire. More people are being induced to the cause, not by the people already doing it, but by the sunshine glow that shows on their faces on having done something worthwhile. The radiance that they gave to the lady has brought back to them sweet memories that they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

KARKE DEKHO, ACHA LAGTA HAI!

**all hail
exodia**

**MET A CUTE GIRL
IN EXODIA...**



SHE STOLE MY LAPTOP

imgflip.com

**MEANWHILE
THE 2ND YEAR**

**I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
I'M DOING**



IN DP



The much-needed air powered gun that shoots soft foam darts, for all those weird situations at IIT Mandi

LEDs that make the darts glow – TO SCARE THOSE GITS IN THEIR NAP WHO LIGHT THE ROOM DURING YOUR SLEEP.

Range of 35 feet – BADGER THE 'EARLY-TO-BED' GHISSUS WITHOUT THEM CATCHING YOUR DRIFT.

18 darts – HANDLE THE HOOLIGANS THAT ROCK THE HOSTEL WITH THEIR INSANE LAUGHTER, ALL AT ONCE.

Life of 5 years – TO COUNTER ALL THOSE WHO DON'T FLUSH THE TOILET, OR THOSE WHO KEEP FARTING EVEN IN THEIR DREAMS.

Reliable – TO FACE THE PROFS WHO PAUSE THE CLOCKS ALTOGETHER.



HEN THE ROASTERS GET BURNT

So, AIB did a roast and people freaked out. If you have the "I'm 12 and what is this?" look right now, read on.

Essentially, some people made fun of themselves and others. The way they did this was by using words which we use in groups, often during chai-sutta breaks, while we try to be the smart-asses we think we are. The whole thing was pretty fun to watch. Until it wasn't.

The problems of roasters began with the hell-hole that is Youtube comments. The hate against the video spread like wildfire and pretty soon we could see better abuse in the comments than the roast. Someone reported the video and Youtube took it down. Loopholes were found in our penal code which is close to seven decades old now and fanatics jerked off to their 15 minutes of fame. Old laws are the trolls of this new world. And then came the FIRs. Against every freaking person who was famous and in the video. AIB got more FIRs filed at them then there are people in AIB.

Lastly, everyone even remotely famous had to say something about it. Old retired models, intellectuals of Bollywood and hypocrites (read Aamir Khan), Alia Bhat and other grown-ups and finally TVF, Russell Peters and other supporters. Politicians criticized AIB for filthy content and got back to defending their murder charges in court. Religious people, of all religions, got together to criticize the roast. It was heartening to see India coming together, but for the wrong reason. This internet shit-storm lasted for weeks much amusement.

And then everybody got excited about Bieber being roasted by Snoop Dogg. Life was back to normal but not for these guys. As a wallflower, I observed and analysed for weeks and realized the problem was bigger than the roast.

The central issue, which few people in the debate seem to realise is this:



Can I say what I want, 'foreal? The problem with people on the wrong side of the AIB debate (hehe) is that they fail to realise the power of the dangerous precedent they are trying to set. Books, movies, documentaries, porn and music is banned without second thought. And now speech will be. This is my problem. Let's see where we are and what you can do about it.

Since people formed opinions on this issue, punches have been thrown, relationships broken and Tarla Dalal's website recked. Even India TV was forced to discuss it, since Deepika was in it. My Facebook feed blew up, the Twitter sphere blew up and fun was churned with online bullying. And right now, the idiots seem to be winning. And you are needed. You might think that there's no new thought to be had on this topic, and if you do, do not despair. For you might be slow and devoid of new thought but you are not alone.

Out there, elsewhere, there are a billion of thers just like you. The internet is not a fistfight against a singular opponent. It's a brawl in a pub. An Irish pub. Enter it, grab a pint and get fighting. We need you and someday, you'll need us.

"The roast had filthy language"
"Your mom has filthy language"
"Atleast I have a mom"
"**cries**"
"But Deepika looked hot"

The AIB chaos is composed of several smaller issues coalescing into one monolithic spaghetti monster. Google it. Lulz will be had. And now to the siths of this world, if you believe this massive hysteria around the work of these guys is blasphemy, that a single digital video spanning an hour can offend religions having withstood two millenia and more genocides, that acts like this chip away at the fragments of our society, then for the love of God, don't raise your opinions because you guys already seem to be winning. Give the little guys a chance at the fight, eh?

But who ever listens to the smart guy mumbling about. Screw it, let's thrash our opinions down each other's throats so that we may brag about having accomplished something worthwhile for the day. For it is seldom about making peace. It's about raising an opinion. Then raising it some more until other people can see it through their rooftops and join in on the fun! And this is something that the herd is good at.

प्रौद्यो-**GEEKY**

BEST TECH KEYNOTE I HAVE EVER SEEN

I've watched a lot of CEOs get on stage for keynote presentations over the past decade, and none were as good as the one I saw Elon Musk give on Thursday night in California as he introduced Tesla's new battery system. I'm sure many people will disagree — I mean, how can you compete with Steve Jobs introducing the iPhone in 2007? — but ultimately Jobs was selling a better smartphone. Musk is selling a better future.

I'm not saying Musk is going to succeed, or that you should go buy Tesla's battery. There are lots of ways to save the world and cut down on fossil fuels, and Tesla's plan isn't the first. I'm just happy to see a presentation that was genuinely exciting and inspiring — a sales pitch for a tech product that's honest. It's really obvious why so many tech reporters become jaded. Too many tech visionaries believe that every footprint they leave is going to radically change everything and make the world a better place to live in. We get it.

-via



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You made a slightly thinner phone from last year's model. You made an app that sends the word "Yo" to someone. Enjoy it while it lasts.

"Dude's selling a battery and he still managed to be inspiring"

Here's what I loved about Musk's presentation. First of all, it was short, clocking in at about 20 minutes. Musk didn't waste anybody's time. He used that time to present a problem of critical importance (eliminating the need of humanity's use of fossil fuels), explained how it can be addressed, and offered a plausible solution in the form of a new product — one that's priced within the reach of a lot of people and is available to order. Amazingly, all of those things are actually pretty rare to see in one show. Tesla's presentation was inspiring, and Musk wasn't selling some fancy sci-fi trinket that has the benefit of Star Trek nostalgia. Dude was selling a battery.

But aside from all the technical details I enjoyed, what I liked most was Musk's humble tenor. His ambitions often seem scattershot and sometimes ridiculous, and he probably spends too much time worrying about killer AI, but tonight he seemed confident and focused. Most importantly, he spoke to the audience with a frank tone that didn't feel manipulative or canned. There were no overdone theatrics here, just an honest conversation about how a new product might solve a major problem. The humility and ambition don't just seem to be a show; Tesla has already opened some of its patents to competitors, and announced tonight that it would even open its Gigafactory plans to others.





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As the world sits in awe as another smartphone is launched, a gaggle of engineers and bright-eyed entrepreneurs have been quietly innovating behind the curtains. Want a natural alternative to street-lights? Or how about driving – via your iPhone – a free-roaming scalextric toy car that can blast out EMPs? Then you, my friends, are in for a treat.

Have a look at the top-five startup projects and gadgets of 2014 by Forbes.

1. SCiO Molecular Scanner

SCiO is like something straight out of science-fiction. Aside from the fact that it looks like a cheap flashing-toy that Dr. Who might point at something with flailing tentacles, the concept itself is genius.

SCiO is the brain-child of Israeli startup Consumer Physics, which is a collaboration of brains from MIT, Stanford, CalTech, Harvard, Wiesmann Institute, Technion and Tel-Aviv University.

SCiO is an affordable hand-held molecular sensor that lets you scan and discover the molecular makeup of anything it's pointed at, beaming the data to a smartphone in real-time. The possibilities are as exciting as they are endless. Just think of the wealth of information, data and analysis that could be built up from millions of people scanning everyday objects.



Technologies on the HORIZON

2. Budget Driverless Car

Google's driverless car dominates the headlines – but it's not gonna be in you. So, Cruise Automation, based in San Francisco is developing a car-automation-accessory for a meager price.

Kyle Vogt – founder of the project – is modifying his "RP-1" to retrofit it on any car. This is essentially a "highway-pilot" – it will work as a driving-aid, rather than a system to fully takeover the driving-task. Users can activate the 'Auto-Driver' by pressing a button and regain control by holding the steering-wheel or tapping the brake-pedal.

3. Glow-In-The-Dark Trees

Dutch Daan Roosegarde and his colleague Alexander Krichevsky have developed a way of splicing illumination properties of Jelly-Fish with trees to create leaves that glow in the dark. This is something you could be excited about.

Krichevsky creates the plants by splicing DNA from luminescent marine bacteria to the chloroplast genome of a common houseplant, so the stem and leaves emit a faint light similar to that produced by fireflies and jellyfish. Not to mention the incredible memories that you may cherish, the potential environment benefits could be huge if such trees were to be planted across the world – replacing street lights.

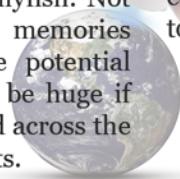
4. Anki-Drive

Created by three engineers, Anki is one of the first genuinely high-tech physical games to hit the market.

The premise is fairly straightforward – control a real car and drive it along a track using either iPhone or iPad. Each car scans the track 500 times per second using state-of-the-art algorithm to determine its exact position, speed and trajectory. You can also blast out EMPs that stop rivals dead, fire missiles and hammer the gatling gun.

5. Pocket-Scan

The Pocket-Scan balances on the fine line between ludicrous budget invention on a cable infomercial and utter practical brilliance. The simple, palm-of-the hand sized invention allows you to scan anything it comes into contact with. Well, you could just take a photo with your phone for a digital replica – but it's the added functionality of Pocket-Scan that stands it apart. If you scan a document, the accompanying software will recognize the text – in any language – and convert it to a file that can be edited. Same goes for pictures and anything else you can scan. All scanned images appear in real-time on the computer or tablet as you scan them, too.



प्रौद्यो-GEEKY

Recommendations for IIT Mandi Junta



News in shorts

₹ free/

Professional newsreaders whip-out the cream of all news and squeeze it into 60 words to keep you updated in no time. Flip the screen to get the full details from reputed media-houses, or share the news on social media.



Pushbullet

₹ free/

This app lets you sync all your gadgets and allows comfortable transfer of text, pics and web-links to all those devices, and also to your friends. Plus, app notifications and call-and-message-alerts come from the phone to your PC too.

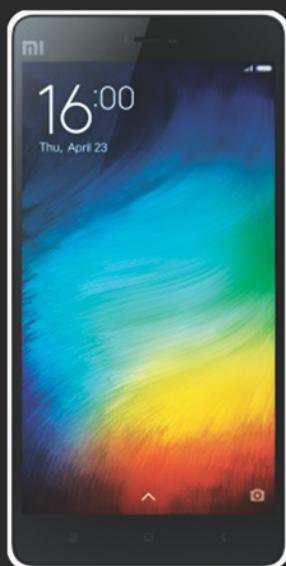


Alarm clock

Xtreme
₹ free/

This alarm can have you set max number of Snoozes (with successively decreasing durations) and comes with Countdown-Timer, Auto-dismiss, and Crescendo. Extra large Snooze button avoids accidental dismissal and you need to do maths to disable the alarm!

HOT BUY



**Xiaomi
Mi4i**

- ❖ Android v5.0.2
- ❖ 13MP Primary Camera
- ❖ 2nd-gen Snapdragon 615
1.7 GHz , 64bit Octacore
- ❖ 12.7 cm Full HD Display
- ❖ 3120mAh Battery
- ❖ 2 GB RAM
- ❖ 130g
- ❖ 16 GB internal memory
- ❖ No micro SD slot

₹ 12,999

- ❖ Android v4.4.4 OS
- ❖ 8 MP Primary Camera
Qualcomm Snapdragon 400
1.2 GHz , Quad Core
- ❖ 12.7 cm HD Screen
- ❖ 2070 mAh battery
- ❖ 1 GB RAM
- ❖ 149g
- ❖ 16 GB internal memory
- ❖ Expandable upto 32GB

₹ 10,999



**MOTO G
2nd Gen**

HOLDING ON

by S. Priyadarshinee

Can't take it anymore
The burden's on me
I'm breaking down
Can't take it anymore...

The world around has lost its charm
Familiar faces seem vague somehow
The pain's terrible
And I can take it no more.

Weary of change
Weary of pressure
Weary of expectations
Weary of life.

Yeah, it's killing me even more
To know that I'm losing myself
That there's no more love
That I'm vulnerable
That there's no point in living.
It's killing me, choking me
I can't live, can't hold on
All I need is my own space to breathe
Where you can't find a way to choke me
All I need is a heart in others
'cause it's sickening to know that
You're the only one around who has it
All I need is for you to know
That I'm dying 'cause of you
I'm losing myself
But there's still reason to hold on.

Yeah, I'm holding on.
Catching my breath.
There's a point in living, after all.
All my pains shouldn't be lost without cause
'cause all that I know is
One day I'll grow up,
When it's you depending on me
And not the other way 'round.
When I finally get to laugh at you losing
Just the way you did at me.
When the sufferings are my past
And are your present.
When I finally get to know
What my pain was meant to be.
When I am finally getting my revenge.
Yeah, I am mean. And have pride,
'Cause you have made me what I am
-the heartless cruel person

4 YEARS AT IIT MANDI

by Abhishek Kumar Gupta

College ki shuruaat me kuchh dare-sehme aate hain,
Seniors ko kuchh dude, to kuchh bhaiya keh ke bulate hain.

GCS wale unko ragging se bachate hain

To mess wale kuchh din kya swadisht khana khilate hain

Par kuchh hi dino me vo apna asli roop dikhate hain
Kadhai hai ya butter paneer, hum antar na kar paate hain

Maggie ki khushboo se hostel mehak jaate hain

Omellete parathe sabki bhookh mitate hain

First year k josh me daily class jaate hain

Notes khoob sajate hain, tutes khud lagate hain

Par jab youtube, Counter Strike inki life mein aate hain

Proxy n Xeroxed notes hi astra-shastra ban jaate hain

Night before exam syllabus ka aabhas hota hai

Khud se zyada baju wale par vishwas hota hai

Agal bagal jhaank ke semester pass hota hai

Is gauravshali college mein ladkiyon ka abhav satata hai,
Par jo bhi jaisi ho unko bhav bahut mil jaata hai

Sabse zyada seniors inko sar par chadhate hain

Pehle din hi intro ke bahane khud ki setting karne jaate hain.

Door se bhi koi gar sundar kanya dikh jaati hai

Teri Bhabhi Aa rahi h ki goonj chaaron ore se aati hai

Seniors saale apni juniors ko ghumate hain

Aur becharé juniors vallabh ke chakkars lagate hain

Is hawas-prem ke chakkars me kitne ullu ban jaate hain

Kuchh raat bhar batiyate hain, kuchh raat bhar chatiyate hain

WPI ke ate hi chehre sabke khil jaate hain

Kuchh goggles pehan ke aate hain

Kuchh roj sair par jaate hain

Taqdeer wale sale jivan ka lutf uthate hain

Footi kismat wale hath malte rah jaate hain

Unke wapis jaate hi sunapan sa chha jata hai

Mess k bhar khane mein ab saala maza hi nahi aata hai

Exodia ke aagaman poorv kuchh daily gym jaate hain

Ek to pakka patauga apna target banate hain

Kuchh face wash lagate hain Kuchh cutting kara ke ate hain

Par exodia k din jab ladki to kya kutte bhi nazar nahi aate hain

To vo apne kate hue baal aur dhule hue chehre par taras khate hain

Par Fashion show phir se ek aas lekar aata hai

Andar ke armano ki bujhi pyas ko jagata hai

Is fashion show ke chakkars mein sab dhakka-mukka khate hain

Aane wale 3-4 din aankhon ko paani se bachate hain

Aakhiri semester aate hi Yaari da vasta gaate hain

Chhote chhote peg par sab senti ho jaate hain

Beete char saal ki life ka har panna khola jaata hai

Haste haste achanak hi naino se paaani aa jata hai

Kuchh gale se lag jaate hain kuch hotho ko pas le aate hain

Raat raat bhar jag ke aadhunik dostana machate hain

Jivan ki andhi daud me kaun kahan tak jayega

Par ye char saal ka jivan, jivan bhar yaad aayega

STAFF PICKINGS

BookATopia

Do you know what being in seventh heaven is? Imagine a day, cold one, you are nestled in your fluffiest (warm) blanket with the delightful writing of "The Book Thief" in one hand and a large mug of hot chocolate in another. Now that is something close to seventh heaven. If you haven't experienced it, no problem! Let me tell you a secret. There's another winter coming up. Now fluffy blanket and hot chocolate are something you would scavenge easily but finding a good book is a hard row to hoe.

So what are good books? There are some books which can change your perspective like you never imagined in your wildest dreams or give hope in the middle of the darkest road. They can make you laugh and cry at the same time or make you scared that you would check your back every time you stand alone. Above all, there might be some books waiting for you on some dusty shelf or the distant future, that would touch your heart. All you need to do is find that right or wrong book.

It need not be an inspirational book to 'touch' your heart, it could be a paragraph or a scene or a mere sentence in some action packed sci-fi novel. Yes, there is this haunting question "C'mon man, why should I waste my time on a book when I have the movie based on the book?" This holy question cannot go unanswered. So the following are some reasons why you need to pick the book.

Reason #1:

"Tell me what you read and I will tell who you are." As Francois Maurine said, the books you read define you. In other words, you can find yourself in a book.

Reason #2:

"Plot makes more sense in a book." In books, it is easier to see what is going on in the character's head which makes the thought process and motivations behind the actions of a character clear. Characters' actions make more sense in a book. Instead of running through a dark alley and then for some reason veering towards a deserted and creepy building, we can hear their thoughts and the characters explain and justify them.

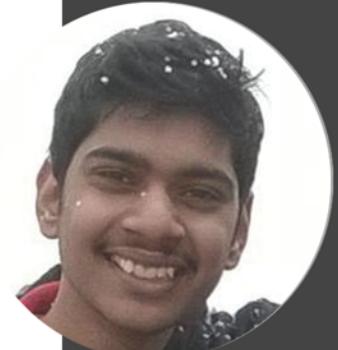
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Reason #3:

Movies can be bad despite the script being as close to the book as possible. Movies can go down by bad acting, bad direction, bad score or bad graphics, with these being bad due to a number of reasons, including whether a particular butterfly flapped its wings somewhere in the Amazon. Books don't have that problem because everything runs flawlessly in your mind and as you like.

Reason #4:

Coming to technical issues, books have some exceptional features which a movie cannot provide. It's easily portable. It doesn't need a battery (not ebooks, please for the sake of God). It has this amazing features called auto pause, the story pauses automatically



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whenever you take your eyes from the page which Samsung has been trying for years.

Reason #5:

Ok, this might be the most important reason. It differentiates the two media the most. When you finish a good book, you can cuddle it. Try that with a TV or a laptop and see how great that feels. There is a scientific reason for it. You are more connected to things which you can touch or feel.

The following are some books you can try with a hot coffee. These books are diverse and apologies if this list does not include classics.

The Book Thief by M. Zusak:

Sometimes, you will read a novel that offers you new ideas about what a novel can actually do, how different points of views and voices can be used differently but powerfully, and how characters can be developed to such an extent that they seem more human than those we come into contact with each day. The book thief is one of those novels, it has a lyrical, poignant, heart breaking, soul shattering story told by a nearly omniscient, fascinating, famous narrator - death. Set in Germany during the years 1939-1943, Death narrates a story about Liesel who has in his possession the book she wrote about these years. From the words of author, it's just a small story about a girl, some words, an accordionist, some Germans, a Jewish fist fighter and quite a lot of thievery.

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Fault In Our Stars by John Green:

I dare you to read this novel without laughing out loud and crying till your tears drain. It makes you think about people, pain, love. It's realistic, it's innocent, and most of all, John Green's super-fantastical-witty writing style which grips you till the last page. So the plot, despite cancer walking beside her, Hazel Graze (protagonist) finds a hope in an alarmingly good looking plot twist Agustus Waters. If you are looking for a good young-adult contemporary book then read this book now. I mean right now.

Catcher In The Rye by J. D. Salinger:

Since his debut in 1951 as The Catcher in the Rye, Holden Caulfield has been synonymous with "cynical adolescent." Holden narrates the story of a couple of days in his sixteen-year-old life, just after he's been expelled from prep school, in a slang that sounds edgy even today and keeps this novel on banned book lists. Anyway, if you ignore this slang you could see a character who wants to be heard, who is rebellious. Rebellious because he wants to protect his innocence. Come on, we all can relate to time when we refused to become adults (until the college professors injected responsibilities in us). If you read it you would end up with a great character or shouting "grow up!". All in all it's a great classic for teenagers.

And There Were None by Agatha Christie:

Not only being the best selling mystery novel of all time with 100 million copies sold, it also has a record of fifth best selling books of all genre. In this novel, ten strangers, each with a dark secret are lured to a mansion on

an unhabited island and killed one by one. With one of the best endings, this is a kind of book you would never leave until the end.

The Shinning by Stephen King:

Surely one of the greatest works of Stephen King (the name says everything). Unlike horror movies, the point of a horror novel



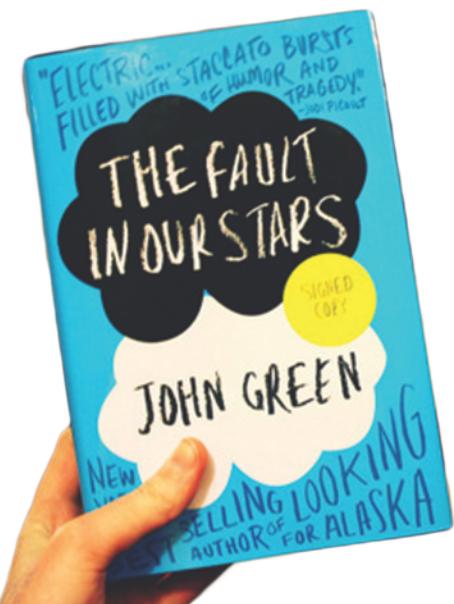
is to keep you on the edge not to scare you (unless you have pretty good imagination skills). You won't skip a beat when you come across a scary scene but, oh, but I bet you won't leave the book until its completed. Its like reading a mystery novel but feels supernatural. King wrote every page as an edge page. It's about a boy, who has this amazing ability called "shine". The entire story is how he uses his shine to defend himself from a place which slowly turns people mad. Go find what this shine is and that mysterious place.

Steve Jobs by Walter Issacson:

This book was clear, brutal and honest. Steve jobs being an untypical character whose powerful personality and extraordinary life makes this book an interesting pick. With the many twists in his life, his biography ends up being a mystery novel. Issacson with his engaging narrative style and equally compelling subject has nailed this biography. If you want to read any biography please pick this up because its simply awesome.

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey:

Covey presents a holistic, integrated, principle-centered approach for solving personal and professional problems. With penetrating insights and pointed anecdotes, Covey reveals a step-by-step pathway for living with fairness, integrity, service, and human dignity -- principles that give us the security to adapt to change and the wisdom and power to take advantage of the opportunities that change creates.



MUSINGS OF THE STAFF

V THE RISE OF LOGGING

With just a couple of jump cuts and high quality videos, vloggers have become some of the famous personalities of Youtube of this decade. If you don't know what vlogging is, in simple words, it stands for blogging through videos. With some of these vloggers having a fan base of millions, they have made their point that ideas can be shared by just uploading a video of themselves, speaking out their thoughts to a camera and putting them on Youtube.

Since 2010, vloggers have seen a strong increase in their popularity. For example, Alfie Deyes of Pointless Blog was mobbed by 8000 fans at his book launch. With an ever increasing viewership on Youtube vlogging has become one of the best means to share ideas and connect. Humor might be a large part of their videos but they also are insightful and informative. All in all they are setting a stage to form a powerful community for people to learn and enjoy.

So how did vlogging start?

It all started when a guy named Adam Kontras posted a video along side a blog entry aimed at informing his friends and family of his cross country move to Los Angeles in pursuit of show business making the first vlog in world history.

Presently, Youtube is flooded with famous and non-famous vloggers who share pieces of their untypical life and ideologies for their viewers to enjoy. If you think it ends there, stop. It doesn't. Vlogging is also setting the future shape of marketing and advertising. Some of them earning 200 to 4000 bucks for each product they advertise in their video.

These are some vlogging channels you can look forward to:

Casper:

Casper lee is an English born South African vlogger, actor and internet personality. Lee started his self titled Youtube channel in 2012. As of september 2014, Lee's channel has over 3 million subscribers and over 160 milion viewers, and is the 185th most subscribed channel on the website. He was also a part of the Youtube boyband that raised money for comic relief and was featured in The Guardian. Thanks to his creative and humorous videos, he also has over 1.8 million followers on twitter and 1.6 million instagram followers.

Amazing Phil:

Phil is also an English Youtube vlogger and also a radio personality from Rawtenstall, Lancashire. He is known for presenting a Sunday night entertainment show for BBC radio1 with another famous vlogger Dan Howell. Widely known for his innocent and insightful videos, he has over 2 million subscribers following him. He is also a part of the Fantastic



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Foursome, a group of British Youtubers consisting of himself, Chris Kindall (crabstickz), Dan Howell (danisnotfree) and PJ Ligouri (kick pj).

Charlieissocoollike:

After setting up charlieissocoollike in April 2007, McDowell started posting videos blogs to a small audience. He first came to prominence when his video titled "How to get featured on Youtube" became popular after it was featured on Youtube's UK homepage, his audience jumped from 150 subscribers to over 4000 in two days. Apart from having 2 million subscribers, he is a musician and is part of the band called "Sons of Admirals". In 2010, McDowell released his debut solo album titled "This is me".

Pointless Blog:

Alfie Deyes started his Pointless Blog Youtube channel in 2009. As of august 2014, Deyes has over 2.9 million subscribers and over 136 million views on Youtube. He was named by Yahoo News! as one of 12 web savvy entrepreneurs to watch in December 2013.

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Tyler Oklaey:

Tyler Oklaey is an American Youtube personality and advocate, namely for LGBT youth and social issues including health care and education.

Oklaey presents on various topics including queer politics, pop culture and humor on a regular basis. Since uploading his first video while a freshman in Michigan State University, he has 340 videos with 270 million views and 54 million subscribers. He is described as one of the loudest voices on Youtube.

Higa and Sean:

Higa and Sean Fulijoyish started posting Youtube videos of themselves lip synching to songs in mid 2006 while attending high school. They quickly expanded beyond songs with a variety of other comedic pieces. If you want to have a five-ten minute laugh marathon, go to this channel. But I'm willing to bet, you won't stop after watching just one of his videos.

Grace Ann Helbig:

Grace is an American comedian, actress, author, talk show host, and a Youtube star. She is the host and the creator of the It's Grace Youtube channel, the audio-video podcast Not Too Deep with Grace Helbig, and the comedy/talk show on E! Television network, The Grace Helbig show. Though her channel is low on subs with around one million subs, she certainly has a great career outside the channel which includes writing a book, acting in commercials, etc. With her quirky style, she makes her vlogs relatable even for men.



In the words of
John Green

"Really, it's not about anything in particular. Whether we're talking about our lives, making each other laugh, or trying to get something more important across, people seem to enjoy it."

Nigahiga:

Ryan Higa, also known by his Youtube username Nigahiga, is an American youtube personality and actor, of Japanese ancestry. He is known for his Youtube comedy videos, which have been viewed over 2.1 billion times. As of may 2015, Higa's youtube channel, Nigahiga, has over 14 million subscribers.

Vlogbrothers:

What started as an online communication of two brothers through vlogs soon became a Youtube phenomenon. This internet based show is created and hosted by the Green brothers - John Green (author of the bestselling novel, The Fault In Our Stars) and Hank Green. The first incarnation of the brothers online broadcasting was the "brotherhood 2.0." project preceding the establishment of the pairs regular vlogging activity through the vlogbrothers channel. The fans and supporters of vlogbrothers are known as Nerdfighters, and collectively as Nerdfighteria.

Talking about Nerdfighters, they might be the strongest community on Youtube. They have raised over a million dollars for charities in 2014 by working on projects like "project for awesome", "brotherhood 2.0". They are all over the world, if you want to know if one is nerdfigter, do the DFTBA sign. (DFTBA is an initialism that stands for "Don't Forget To Be Awesome," the Green brothers' catchphrase, often followed by a hand sign (or "gang sign" as it is jokingly referred to by Hank and John). The Nerdfighter "gang sign" is the vulcan salute from Star Trek done on both hands instead of just one, with arms crossed and palms facing inwards). Vlogbrothers have this unique style to blend vlogging and information which make their's the best channel to start watching vlogging.

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PEOPLE
YOU PROBABLY
MISUNDERSTAND



Chetan Bhagat:

This ‘awesome’ *facepalm* writer from two of the most coveted institutes of India – IIT-D and IIM-A has brought more harm to the image of Engineering colleges than the students of those colleges themselves. It is really unbelievable that the guy who, apparently, failed to understand the engineering concepts and the murky depths of the industry came to realize – without even having known it consciously – ‘What Young India Wants’. ‘Revolution 2020’ gave me the idea that this might have something sensible from an Engineer – well APJ gave us the heart to start India anew on the track to become a science-giant, but Arti, Gopal and Raghav ruined all the fun of reading it, page-by-page. The stress of a ‘5-point-someone’ became the ultimate problem of the Indian youth all of a sudden, and instead of

gaining hope from ‘You Can Win’, the youngsters filled themselves with despair from ‘The Half Girlfriend’. Chetan Bhagat has moved onto hosting the show ‘Discover Amazing India’. The ideas seemed to have dried up from his IIT-D days and therefore, he wants to travel to live some stories to be able to write them, after tampering with them. After all, this is what he did all this time – write stories that aren’t completely true , with the complete grandeur of the ‘hostel language’ to attract youngsters and gain popularity. And to cap it all, you never understood why the title of the book was whatever it was. On the advent of the Harry-Potter series, BBC remarked that JK Rowling ‘has made the people rediscover the joy of reading’. Chetan Bhagat has kindly consented to put-off that fire

Bob Marley:

It is incredible that a guy who - true to his character - began with ‘Wailers’, came to be misinterpreted as one of the greatest artists of the 20th Century. The idea to imbibe the best-selling nature of his album ‘Exodus’ into the name of our fest



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‘Exodia’ has not borne fruit and yet, the crowd goes wild when they hear him ‘wailing’ and synchronises its feet to his Rastafari-infested music. Those long hair, which have misguided many of our innocent ‘bros’ into believing that this looks ‘really cool, you know’ actually grew due to a proscription based on the Nazirite Samson, who sanctified his hair to follow some religious vow – and to believe that half of his fans are Atheists is the funniest contradiction. Marley has given the hope to every Bighead that anyone can become the kingpin of music just by wailing and flaunting long brown hair to the tune of Guitar. No wonder that the girl next-door hasn’t given you ‘the look’ in ages and the public is outraged on the price hike by barbers because they don’t make much money these days. In the language of his own songs:

‘Waiting in Vain’.
‘Do You Still Love Me’ ?
‘Terror’ !!!!!



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Che Guevara:

Ever wondered who that guy with that eagle-emblazoned cap in your tee is? Che is perhaps the most misunderstood person of all. Popularized as the symbol of rebellion against authority, Che actually stood for the rights of the poor and fought for economic equality among all citizens against the Batista regime. As a key-member of the new government that followed Batista in Cuba, Che looked into the matter of appeals and firing-squad treatment administered to the war-criminals. He brought about land reforms, led a nationwide literacy campaign and played a major role in training the militia that successfully guarded Cuba against the Bay of Pigs Invasion. He vehemently opposed the imperialistic policies of the Superpowers on all fronts and travelled far and wide as the ambassador of Cuban Socialism. Che was an outstanding writer. He has penned-down his experiences during his journey to the poverty-stricken, hunger-driven lands of Latin America into a renowned book 'The Motorcycle Diaries', which has been made into a movie by the same name. It speaks of his two long journeys that shaped his ideas of revolution and subsequently, those of the Castros. The Time Magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Winston Churchill:

Throughout the annals of history, people have known Churchill as the greatest wartime leader since Napoleon, and he truly deserves the Nobel Prize in Literature as much as Barack Obama deserves it for Peace. So, as the premier of the nation that openly advocates democracy on every single inch of land on the earth, Churchill was the person who backed the coup d'état in Iran.

Another noteworthy point about Churchill is that this man was the most 'racist' person you'll ever read about. In a 'warning' to Nazi Germany during his tenure as Prime Minister, the most respectful title that he used to address the Führer was 'the bloodthirsty guttersnipe'. Churchill is known to have played a key-role in the bombing of prominent German cities, most notably that of Dresden, where a large number of wounded German soldiers and civilian refugees lost their lives under his complete knowledge.

So, essentially, Hitler and Churchill are simply 'brothers from different mothers' and therefore, Churchill deserves all that applause that we shower upon him. Don't miss the sarcasm.

Jeremy Clarkson:

You don't know this guy, you say? Well, good. Jeremy Clarkson is one of the hosts of the amazingly good car/talk show, Top Gear, which, not surprisingly, is the most watched television show on the planet. Well, he was a host until a couple of months back before he was fired. Awkward. While ever-popular for being quick-witted and passionate about cars and making Top Gear what it is and so many more good qualities about the man, the fact that he punched one of the show's producers because he was served with some soup and cold meat instead of his favorite steak did not go well with the BBC. His other accomplishments include punching Piers Morgan, the ill-chosen replacement to Larry King for the popular CNN talk-show; his general lack of disregard for cultural exchange and goodwill (at one point, he called the people working at the BMW stand at the Birmingham Motor Show as 'Nazis'); and finally his negligence with the safety rules whilst driving. The man also called Gordon Brown, the former Prime Minister of UK, a "one-eyed Scottish idiot", referring to his poor eyesight. What more can one say?

Handpicked Chill out Places

While there is much we wish to say, we'd rather give you a tiny glimpse and wish you would set out on your own.
Checkout the chill out places of campus!

The greenery of the dense forest, the clear Uhl river cutting its way through the valley, the flock of birds chirping in the morning and evening, the snow laden mountains in the view, and the tranquility of the valley, and students enjoying breakfast near the central mess-heaven seems to be a place somewhat like Kamand. The nights will not disappoint you either!

The clear night will give you a mesmerizing experience of the heavenly beauty and the infinite cosmos. The campus on weekends becomes a place where you can enjoy everything (only if you have no pending assignments or quizzes the next week). Long strolls to Neri or towards North campus in mornings or evenings will make you realize, what did you miss in your years in city.

Neri, always has a WOW! effect on mind not always because of the place, but also because of the jogging 'Shukla' sometimes. A few kilometer's further and you might reach Rizvi point and get to see the waterfall. Other evenings you can peddle away with your friends towards the direction you like, as all are just as beautiful as another, be it Neri, Navlai, North Campus, Kataula, Kamand village, or the road ahead into the 'unknown'.

Either you want to walk or cycle with your best friends or with your 'best friend', you will always find some or the other faculty or staff member on the route. They really enjoy the place! Whenever you think this might be the road less travelled by the people, there will be a jogging faculty member and you wonder How adventurous are they? Really it's a challenge to beat them at this. But we never fail to surprise them and ourselves. Just keep trying.

Then there is the 'Erebor' of Kamand, the lonely mountain, which everyone has trekked sometime or the other with friends on a sunday morning or with the trekking group, feels like the top of the world.

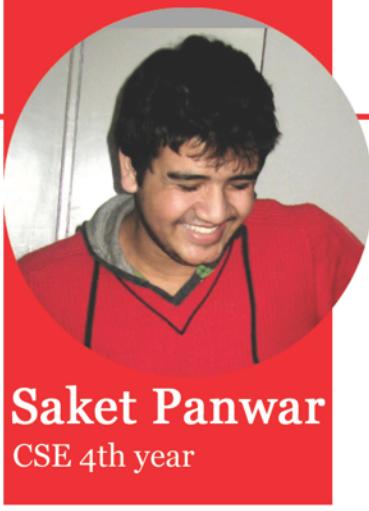
For the sloths, hostels are the abode for the better part of their engineering life. And that place is so good at times that, it's worth every second spent there, be it late night parties, or long phone conversations with 'good friends', or a regular sutta break with the roomie. This place has seen some serious career discussions, promises made and love stories told under the BP (or whatever you can afford) effect, those times when singers were louder than the speakers and singing with the friends sounded better than Arijit Singh.



Meanwhile, we all know the 'Maharaj Canteen' which has become the 'Central Perk' for those who would love to have a light snack in the night. At times it is not just the snack they enjoy but also the daily gossip that is freshly cooked from some of the insiders.

Back before all the mayhem was brought down by the angel of Smirnoff, before the campus had a curfew, one could go for a walk towards Neri and experience true solitude, or make a brisk walk to the North Campus, get some shots of the Milky Way and be back for breakfast, safe and sound. The bridge is another place to seek solace and let's one clear the head whilst listening to the shallow flow of the water body beneath.

Last but not the least, let's not forget where we all enjoy the most. Of course, our classrooms. The desperate guy who comes only for her. The Ghissu dost who gets all his friends to the class. The 'Proxy wala Dost' and yet the shortage of attendance, which is the sole reason we attend classes. Making promises of a 9 pointer every sem and seeing it broken every time. And our teachers whom we all envy and love :P



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Yesterday, the stable complex of IIT's Kamand campus was brimming with activity, fear and excitement from the interrogation of the Kamand leopard which was captured the previous night while enroute to the Uhl's bank for water. Sources confirm that the reason for the interrogation is that upon its capture, the leopard seems to have sighed and yelled, "this again..."

Amazed by the leopard's ability to speak, the officials from the Ministry of Forest Conservation requested the IIT authorities to give room for their interrogation. Realizing the PR possibilities for the institute, the authorities allocated the stable complex for the interrogation on the condition that they may partake in the interrogation.

Interestingly, placement activities of the 2015 batch were scheduled at the same location later that day but were postponed obviously. The 2015 batch complained of neglect from the institute and were duly neglected, at which point they got on the buses and left for drinks in Mandi.

Later that day, the officials from the Ministry of Forest Conservation along with a panel from IIT stepped out of the complex for a short press conference cum smoke break with members of the press. From what one could understand from the bizarreness of it all, it appeared that the leopard (who claims to be named L) was indeed a chill dude. He claimed to be "pretty intelligent" and apparently, had a charming personality (as noted by the female members of the panel).

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KAMAND LEOPARD FINALLY CAUGHT

Our source in the panel, Mr. Pavin, who requested not to be named, divulged more information to us. L seems to have much in common with the Death Note character than one would think. He believes that Channing Tatum looks like a sentient thumb, likes the student community a more than the faculty/staff and is a heavy consumer of scientific journals, thanks to their free access inside IIT. To verify that he was telling the truth, a panel member asked him about his views on the bias-variance decomposition in regression models to which L said, "Linear regression is for the weak", which sent the panel member fuming as his research was on regression methods.

L also appears to like dressing up as humans. And nearly fooled everyone by pretending to be one of the students from WPI, a source of much buzz around the campus. "That was a good one", continues L, "I convinced the Americans I was an exchange student to WPI, hence them not knowing me enough and spent some good time around the humans.". "And then I became one of the two from Geneva. We had some good fun, I was the one on the guitar in Exhuberance", he confessed. The authorities are quite shocked at this revelation and are revising their MOUs. "But it would be safer for our resident students to double-check that the foreigner sitting next to them is not a talking leopard. A few tests include throwing them a bone, acting like a female leopard and growling in front of them.", said a faculty member. This has irritated quite a few visiting professors since a few fourth year B.Techs threw little puppies at them.

Also terrified are the parents of first year B.Tech students, quite of few of whom follow their kids around from one class to another before retiring to Kamand's rented-homes for the night.

L's appearance looks promising for the IIT's future. Plans have begun to invite faculty from other IITs to study L's anatomy and in the meantime, teach a few courses while they're here, thereby addressing the shortage of faculty. Aman Agarwal, the Sports Secretary of IIT Mandi has already convinced L to be a part of their Inter-IIT contingent, both as a runner, and as a member of the audience. "We hope to win more medals now that we know how to scare the other teams. The older IITs will now taste more bitter defeats from us", said Aman with a devious look. L is also being publicised as the brand ambassador of IIT Mandi to rope in more girls. "We hope that L's charming personality and friendly nature will help improve the sex ratio of the incoming batch", said the officials. Of all those involved, L seems to be enjoying it the most here. "Perhaps, I'll stay. They've offered me a cabin in lieu of my services to the IIT. I'll be freely able to continue my study here. But I don't like it that they're pushing me to do more basic sciences", said the leopard with his lips pursed around a sherlockuesqe smoke-pipe. "The B.Techs are a troublesome lot. They could get me in trouble, you know. I've threatened them that I'll reveal Game of Thrones' spoilers if they follow me again. I've read the books, you see", said L grinning.

LETTERS TO INDIA

Indian Youth Delegation to CHINA '14

It was a matter of immense pride and honour when I was selected to represent the institute and India as a Youth Delegate to China. One of the objectives of India's National Youth Policy is to create an International perspective in the youth and to improve them in promoting peace and understanding through International Exchange of Youth Delegations. Under this programme, exchange of Youth Delegations with friendly countries is taken up on reciprocal basis for promoting exchange of ideas, values and culture amongst the youth of different countries and also to develop International understanding. Keeping in view of the above objective, a 100 member India Youth Delegation visited China from 25th November, 2014 to 2nd December, 2014.

The 100 member youth delegation comprised of students and youth leaders from diverse fields like engineering, politics, sciences, medicine, law, management, performing arts, East Asian studies, photography, anthropology, neuro-economics etc. The delegation was led by the honourable Secretary Shree Rajeev Gupta and Joint Secretary Shree Lalit Gupta. The delegation visited and stayed in Beijing, Shandong and Shanghai during their week-long visit to China.

to explore and understand the historical, cultural, technological and economic aspects of China. Some of the most prominent places of visit included the Great Wall of China, the Indian Embassy in Beijing, Temple of Confucius in Qufu, Spouting Springs and Daming Lake in Chaoran Tower in Shandong, Shandong Software Park, Inspur Group, Agro-Hi Tech Zone, Youth Palace and Youth Business Centre of Jinan, Shandong Provincial Museum of Arts, Shandong University, Quyang Community Centre in Shanghai, Shanghai Urban History Museum and Oriental Pearl TV Tower.

The youth delegates also got a chance to interact with the Chinese youth in Shandong University and get a hands-on experience with Chinese customs like Tea making, Calligraphy, Martial Arts,



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Music and Dance forms etc. They also got an opportunity to discuss national issues pertaining to both the countries with officials from both the nations. The trip was an immense eye opener and a rewarding experience for the Indian youth as they got a great opportunity to explore and understand their neighbouring superpower and closely observe and assess the similarities and differences between the two nations.





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WANDERLUST

"THERE ARE NO FOREIGN LANDS, IT IS THE TRAVELLER ONLY WHO IS FOREIGN."

I had a wonderful opportunity to visit TUM (Technische Universitaet Muenchen), Munich, Germany for a semester exchange. Thanks to the international office of IIT Mandi, so many changes were to suddenly rush into my life. From speaking Hindi to speaking German/English all the time, from eating 5 star mess food to making my own food, from Rupees to Euros, from the land of Md. Rafi and Kishore Kumar (and Honey Singh of course) to the land of Beethoven and Bach. Those were wonderful 5 months that cannot be summed up in 2 pages but I will try my best to give you guys a good idea.

I had been dreaming about my arrival in Germany for quite a while before it actually happened. When I finally arrived, it was not a foreign feeling as I had already lived that moment so many times in my dreams.

After landing, I was supposed to take a train. I was well before time so I waited at the information centre where I got free wi-fi and a chance to observe other people. One thing I noticed very early was that people love dogs and pets are allowed in metro, trains, restaurants, and almost everywhere its owner is. While I was busy texting my family and friends about my safe arrival, a blonde man with long hair, sitting at a distance from me, was busy making a portrait of me. He later revealed it to me which made my day. I talked to him for a while and I took his card and a picture of the portrait before I boarded my train. I also noticed that people follow the rules strictly and practice other good habits like standing on the right and walking on the left side of the escalator and letting people come out of the metro before entering it. Eventually I also

inculcated these small things in myself during my time there. I was lucky that I was given a student accommodation by TUM in the student locality (Studentenstadt), otherwise accommodation hunting is very difficult in Munich and is quite expensive as well. I had an independent room, bath and a kitchenette while I shared a bigger kitchen with my floor mates, which was a lot of fun as we sometimes cooked together and played games later on. TUM has a couple of campuses in Munich, both of them are equally massive! All my classes were in Garching Campus which is more on the outer side of the city but by metro was not more than 15 minutes away. Being a non residence university, people in general dress pretty well which makes it obligatory to look well in public if you don't want to be the odd one out.

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I personally didn't find academics stressful, thanks to all those day-night study marathons during end semester exams where we are used to covering the entire semester syllabus in a couple of days. I would normally have 3-4 hours of lectures everyday and I never felt like bunking classes because it was not much and I knew I could sleep in the class if I wanted to.

Erasmus is a big thing in Europe. European students wait for their Erasmus year in which they can travel to any European college for one/two semesters for which they get a grant. Being an International exchange student I was part of all the events organized for Erasmus students by the university in the first few weeks like Speed friending, Karaoke night, Pub crawl, trips etc. That's where I made acquaintance with so many awesome people from all across the world who later turned out to be my good buddies throughout the semester. We would go to places together, enjoy festivals, Karaoke nights, plan hiking trips, parties and what not. Sometimes, in parties, they would throw a Punjabi song in between ("Hunne Hunne hoyi mutiyaar.."). Parties would start around midnight and we would dance like crazies without a care in the world till the sun is up. Before we went to the parties, we would have pre-parties at one of the friends place. There we would warm ourselves up for the night to follow. (Usually with drinking games like beer pong, never have I ever, card games etc. or barbecue or just gossip).

A lot of other crazy things used to happen at these parties and pre-parties which would not be appropriate to write here, but let your imagination run free . *wink wink*

Summer is IMO the best time to visit Germany. Everything is colorful, lots of festivals like Fruhlingsfest, Tollwood and Octoberfest take place in summer.

"World is a book, those who don't travel read just one page"

— St Augustine

The best part is that people stay out because they want to get maximum sun as long as it lasts. My European friends would organize picnics or games in the English garden (One of world's largest public parks) to get some tan. While they lay sunbathing for hours, I would find shade as I already have plenty of color. There is nothing like a fairness cream there, but plenty of tanning creams. Talking of Germany and not talking beer would be injustice. Bavaria is where you get the best and the cheapest beer in the world. I didn't take "alcoholic beverages" back home but being in Germany, I had to try them out. It was my 21st birthday and there couldn't have been a better occasion than this, so I did. Beer is a very important part of the culture here. People drink it like water and rightly so, because its cheaper than water. No kidding. One can forget about the international "Branded" beers once they taste the beer from any of the famous breweries in Bavaria like Hofbrauhaus, Augustiner, Franziskaner, Paulaner, Erdinger and more. One has a lot of varieties of beers to choose from like Pale, Unfiltered, Wheat, Dark etc. Football to Germany is like Cricket to India. Perhaps even more. I was very lucky to be in Germany when it became the "Weltmeister" (World champion).

There were screenings all across Munich of every match of the world cup. When Germany beat Brazil 7-1, beer became free in most pubs including the one I was in. When Germany won, streets got flooded with people and it was an all night extravaganza. I think I also got better grades in the exams that followed the world cup, given good mood of the German population.

With my Erasmus and International friends at Munich I made several long and short trips. One such trip was to Verona and Venice (Italy). We made a last moment Easter weekend plan to rent a car and drive to Italy. I, being a driving enthusiast, made sure to carry an international driving license abroad. It was an amazing experience to drive on the German Autobahn (Highway with no speed limits) at over 200 Kmph and through Austria and Italy. I had my doubts and was nervous while driving at first as European cars are left side steering and they drive on the right side but I figured out that I had to drive as wrong as I could to be right (?). I cannot explain in words what the feeling was when I called my loved ones from top of the Eiffel tower or when I was walking in the Italian neighborhood where I had always wanted to go. As they say, wherever you go, becomes a part of you somehow. I also immersed myself into so many different cultures and I took home whatever little I could learn from it.

That semester is definitely unforgettable. I made so many friends from all across the world and I carried home a gazillion memories. I crossed a lot of things off of my bucket list and added plenty to it. I realized how tiny I am in this huge world and that some things just don't matter as much as we think they do. This wonderful world has endless beauty, charm and adventures to offer and travelling offers a different perspective to look at things.

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May 11, 2015 marks the 14th death anniversary of Douglas Adams. The words below are dedicated to this hilarious guy.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is a series of five books written by Douglas Adams. The books are part of a series of adaptations including mediums like comic books, radio shows, tv shows, films and others; all based on the same story. Despite there actually being five books, the series is jokingly called a trilogy. This gives us a sense of what Adam's humour is like. This review is on the first book in the series, titled "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy".

Original, I know.

Introduction

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is a mix of comedy and good science fiction. I say good because it is. On a first reading, little makes sense and it appears that the story doesn't have a clear direction. On a second reading, things start becoming clear and a story bleakly takes form. On a third reading, things pretty much make sense. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy is actually a reference manual. It is supposed to help hitchhikers on their journey of the universe (sometimes, in less than 30 Atlairian Dollars) with all that they need to know. The book, however, works on a much bigger scale than just the guide. It focuses on the adventures of four seemingly random creatures who turn out to be not so random after all.

Story

The book begins with contractors arriving at the house of Arthur Dent, one of the four major characters, in order to demolish it to make way for a bypass. Arthur's friend Ford Prefect arrives while he is lying in front of the bulldozers to keep them from demolishing it. Ford tries to explain to Arthur that the Earth is about to be demolished and quite reasonably, that they head to a bar. Surprisingly, the Earth really is destroyed by the Vogons, an alien race, to make way for a hyperspace bypass. The two, however, are able to escape on one of the Vogon demolition ships. When they are discovered, they're tortured with Vogon poetry. Let me repeat that. Arthur and Ford are forced to listen to Vogon poetry which, by the way, is known to be the third worst in the known universe and then the pair is thrown out, into space. Luckily the pair is picked up by a spaceship called the Heart of Gold, which is powered by a new technology called the Infinite Improbability Drive which lets creatures travel from one point in the universe to any other point in a small fraction of a second. The ship's occupants, at that point, are Ford Prefect, Arthur Dent, Zaphod Beeblebrox, Trillian and their chronically depressed Genuine People Personality robot Marvin. Zaphod not surprisingly, had turned into a thief earlier that day by stealing the Heart



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of Gold from a research facility and running away. As Ford soon finds out, Zaphod is busy searching for the legendary planet of Magrathea, a planet rumoured to have manufactured luxury planets. Despite his initial scepticism, Ford discovers that Zaphod actually succeeds in finding Magrathea and they all narrowly escape death in the process. Later on Magrathea's surface, after being separated from the others but Marvin, Arthur is taken into the interior of the planet by an old native called Slartibartfast. The others are meanwhile kidnapped. Slartibartfast explains to Arthur that the Earth was actually a supercomputer commissioned and paid for by a race of "hyper-intelligent", "pan-dimensional" beings.

These creatures had earlier built a supercomputer called Deep Thought to calculate the Answer to Life, the Universe, and Everything. This computer, after seven and a half million years of calculation, had announced that the answer is, in fact, forty two. Bewildered and unsatisfied with the Answer, the creatures set about finding the Question which would help give the Answer some meaning, whereupon Deep Thought designed the Earth, to calculate it. However, ten million years later, and just five minutes before the completion of the program the Earth was designed to execute, it was demolished by the Vogons. Interestingly, these "hyper-intelligent", "pan-dimensional" beings lived on Earth for quite some time in the form of... well, wouldn't want to spoil the ending for you guys, would I?

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Characters

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, being comedy science fiction, does not go deep into its characters. Adams seems to have designed the characters in a manner which highlights their actions and words over their, well, character. Arthur Dent is the helpless protagonist of the series. As an Englishman, he loves tea. After Earth's destruction however, he finds it difficult to acquire tea in the universe. He is not terribly intelligent or courageous and on most occasions, finds it difficult to avoid trouble. Along with Ford Prefect, his best friend, he is part of some of the funniest dialogue in the books. For most of his time in the series, he is dressed in his dressing gown. Ford Prefect is another major character in the series. Originally from the planet of Betelgeuse Seven, Ford gets stuck on the Earth for fifteen years.

Amusingly, due to his less than perfect research of the planet, he decides to call himself Ford Prefect, the name of an old British car. He claims to be an out of work actor. In reality, he is a hitchhiker and a researcher for the Hitchhiker's Guide. Zaphod Beeblebrox is his half-cousin. Ford is extremely important to the story as he serves to link the disparate elements of the story together. He introduces Arthur to Zaphod and several other creatures. He also teaches Arthur some of the more bizarre things about the universe. The readers depend on Ford, indirectly, a lot of the time in the books. Ford is known to be extremely pragmatic, experienced, resourceful, intelligent and a bit brave as well. Zaphod has two heads and an extra left arm, with the arm being a relatively new addition to his body for help with ski-boxing. He is also the President of the Galactic Government, Trillian's partner and a newly turned thief. Zaphod has been voted the "Worst Dressed Sentient Being in the Known Universe" and "the Best Bang since the Big One". Amongst other things, Zaphod is the inventor of the Pan Galactic Gargle Blaster, a cocktail

so unique that the effect of having one is "like having your brain smashed out by a slice of lemon wrapped around a large gold brick". It has also been described as the "alcohol equivalent of a mugging - expensive and bad for the head". For the curious, a recipe is provided in the Hitchhiker's Guide. However, mixing the drink on Earth is difficult as a number of environmental and weapons treaties, as well as certain laws of physics are broken in the process. Trillian is the fourth and the final major character in the series. Originally from Earth, she is discovered by Zaphod at a party in Islington and leaves Earth in order to be with him. She is a brilliant mathematician and astrophysicist and is described as a "slim, darkish humanoid, with long black hair, a full mouth, an odd little knob of a nose and ridiculously brown eyes". As a character, her job seems to create comic timing for incoming jokes. She is also the chief operator of the ship, Heart of Gold.

Adams' Universe

The most interesting parts of the book are the ones describing Adams' fictional universe. It is one of the creative and imaginative descriptions of the universe I've come across. The most bizarre seems normal. It is a place where Presidents can turn into thieves and lock parts of their brain off, and where a certain shade of the colour Blue possesses supreme intelligence. It is a place where star systems can have binary sunrises and sunsets. What is a binary sunrise? It is when the night is replaced by day in an instant. There is no dawn and dusk, just a blazing flash of light and voila, it is daytime. It is a place where drinks can be so extreme that they are illegal to produce and where systems of velocity measure like "R" exist. R stands for relative, as in "fast enough for your needs" and as such, a single R value can actually represent infinitely many velocities. It is a place where theories of Improbability exist. You don't want to know what that means.

Trust me. It is a place where scientists hate smartasses and where poetry exists, some of it so bad that it is a form of punishment. It is a place where planets exist for the purpose of creating expensive planets and where someone can get an award for designing Norway. Adams handles the interaction between the universe and the reader quite intelligently with Ford being the medium. I'm curious to know what I will find in the remaining four books.

Conclusion

If we discuss the writing itself, it is easy to see that Douglas writes in a lucid and simple manner. The paragraphs are kept short and the story progresses quickly. The story is mostly linear but every now and then, Adams takes a break to introduce new concepts or opens up a freak wormhole so that actions in the present have side-effects on the past. The book is not an attempt at writing well. Adams frequently deviates from the traditional rules of writing, similar to Zak Smith's "We Did Porn". It is through this attempt that the reader gets to see Adams humour, something quite rare in contemporary literature. Simply put, the description of an event is more comical than the event. We get to see English being bent in strange ways, ways we don't see often. This is not found in a lot of books and perhaps is a result of Adams' experience as a comic book writer.

The characters in the book are all weirdly lovable and share experiences with each other which are comical to the reader. In summary, the book takes a toll on Adams' creativity and the reader's imagination. People who like it, love it and those who don't, hate it. However, it is safe to say that the books have found a niche in readership which grows with each passing year. Here's to many more such years and hoping Eoin Colfer doesn't screw up!

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UND the RLD in 15 films

Remember that time in February when you're excitedly glued to your monitors reading about the winners of the Academy Awards? You go through the list of winners and stumble upon the winner in the Best Foreign Film category and say to yourself, I should watch more international cinema. But you never do, do you?

Through the years spent on campus, a lonely campus at that, I've occasionally stumbled upon such masterpieces and present to you a curated list of wonderful films from the powerhouses of cinema, except Hollywood. Go through this list, add them to your watchlist and wait for the day when you'll thank the makers of these for creating them. Credits also to some of our seniors for their recommendations which helped in the making of this list.

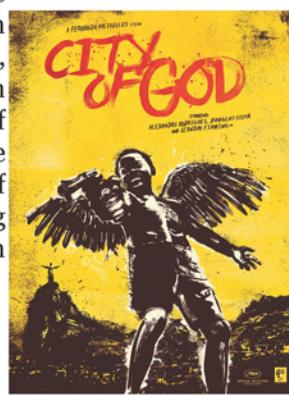


1. City of God: Brazil

Liked Gangs of Wasseypur? Then this should give you goosebumps. Set in the slums of Rio, the film depicts the journey of the local youth, the fierce drug trade and violence; brutal, in-your-face violence which will make you stop the film, take a breath and think out loud, "What just happened?".

2. Ip Man: Hong Kong

Thought martial-art films were dead? Watch this. Describing the journey of Bruce Lee's master in search for betterment of Wing Chun, a form of martial art, this film delivers a power-packed string of martial-art action which will leave you repulsed at the breaking of numerous human joints and feeling glad they were the bad guys. Set in Foshan, China during the Sino-Japanese war, this film will instill in you the urge to get stronger. "Yaar, power to honi chahi!"



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4. Cache: Austria

The weirdest film of the lot. The film depicts the story of the Parisian family of Georges Laurent and how sketchy things start happening to them upon discovery of a videotape which shows extended clips of their home's entrance. Attempts to find the camera are fruitless and very soon it becomes clear that the mystery is linked to Georges' screwed up events in the past. This film is not for the meek for we can see someone slashing their throat. Interestingly, the ending of the film raises more questions than the film itself. A must-watch for lovers of good thrillers.



UNA PELÍCULA DE
MICHAEL HANEKE

5. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: Hong Kong

You don't need to hear the plot for this film. This film is a piece of art. It exhudes tranquility and calm. There are martial-art scenes but the film is not violent. Take my word for it and if not, take Ang Lee's word (director of Life Of Pi) since he directed it. A major financial success and equally loved by critics, the film has nine awards between Oscars, BAFTAs and Golden Globes to its name.





6. Death At A Funeral: UK

With a title like that, a film can sell itself. Need more? Peter Dinklage (Tyrion Lannister from Game of Thrones) stars as a gay lover of a respected man, who recently dies. His dysfunctional family comes together to pay respects but comedy ensues when Tyrion shows up asking for money their dead father owed him.

7. Children Of Men: UK

A co-production between the UK and the US, this film directed by the guy who did Gravity (2013) promises some mind-blowing action. Set in a sort-of-apocalyptic world where humans have lost the ability to reproduce, one man gets himself involved with a miracle girl who promises to restore this ability. Right off the first minute, you'll be hooked on to this one. Probably the best thriller in the list.

8. Battle Royale: Japan

Coming to the eastern hemisphere, this film from Nippon will leave you with a WTF look on your face. The story? A class of school kids is left on an island and the one who remains until the others are killed gets to leave it. A messed up version of The Hunger Games, with more blood and gore, and preceding it by more than a decade.

9. Four Lions: UK

Did I mention how dry British humor can be? This film proves it. A group of young muslim men from Sheffield become disillusioned and decide to be suicide bombers. They go the whole deal, including training at a Pakistani terrorist camp. Their return sets the humor rolling, including exploding sheep. The funniest film in recent years and the best of this lot.

10. Alan Partridge - Alpha Papa: UK

Another gem from the UK. Radio host and Alpha Papa Alan has a declining career ahead of him when a former colleague, recently fired, goes apeshit and takes his friends hostage in the radio station. Seeing an opportunity to boost his popularity, Alan decides to look good by serving as a liaison between police and his former colleague. Suitable if you love their humor.



11. Waltz With Bashir: Israel

A rare animated film with a heavy, tense undertone. Made by an Israeli veteran of the 1982 Lebanon War, it depicts Folman in search of his lost memories of the war as a young soldier. Warning: Major violence. Not easy to digest.

12. A Separation (Jodai-e Nazir Az Siman): Iran

An Iranian drama film portraying the life of a middle-class couple stuck in the proceedings of their divorce and other complications which relate to the husband's elderly father and their domestic help. The Best Foreign Film winner in the 2012 Academy Awards.

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CHILDREN OF MEN

THE YEAR 2027:

THE LAST DAYS OF THE HUMAN RACE

NO CHILD HAS BEEN BORN FOR 18 YEARS

HE MUST PROTECT OUR ONLY HOPE

13. The Motorcycle Diaries: Argentina

Ever looked at your favorite Che Guevara t-shirt and wondered who this guy was? This film will do it for you. This film is a memoir and more. It leads us into the mind of a young Ernesto Guevara as he begins his journey to see the real South America for himself. This film gives you a sense of the experiences which made young Ernesto into the revolutionary Marxist that he became. Highly recommended.

14. '71: UK

It is 1971 and you are a British soldier stranded in Belfast, the center of the terrible riots between the Catholics and the Protestants, both ready to f*** shit up. Like, shoot in the face from proximity f*** shit up. When both sides hate you, what do you do? Based on a true story, the films chronicles this insane experience of Gary Hook and includes gripping scenes, some gory, some hopeless.

15. Rashomon: Japan

This list had to end with Rashomon, a film more than six decades old and better for it. Directed by the great Akira Kurosawa and starring Toshiro Mifune, the film features a trial where multiple characters recount the story of a duel between a Samurai and a bandit and the rape of Samurai's wife by the bandit. Highly innovative for its time and with some great acting, screenplay and direction. A must-watch for anyone starting Japanese cinema.

THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES
A WALTER SALLES FILM



FAKING NEWS IIT MANDI

TEHELKA

Drunk students burn the faculty building to the ground!

The 9th of May was an ordinary day, like the millions before it. Or so the people thought. The day started like all other days, at a quarter to one in the afternoon. Most students had just woken up and were dragging themselves across the bleak landscape, navigating through the valley of doom, darker than that pisseworthy bottle of rum. There was no going downhill from there. What could possibly be worse than the lunch they had just had? No one, not even Chamun was prepared for the events that were to unfold that fateful night.

The stars had come out and the college was finally awake, throbbing from all sorts of activities. The bus from Mandi had just reached Kamand and a dozen or two final yearites tumbled down, the stench of alcohol so overpowering that a few couples out on their nightly 'walks' fainted at the first whiff. The night rang out from the raucous laughter and crass language that the guys lovingly showered on each other. Had they all just beaten Bhopu and gone to sleep, this article would not be needed but, God had other plans for them. The party was far from over. 'Jab tak daaru baaki hai, tab tak party yahi chaalegi.' A few hours later, these very students, having drunk perhaps a tankard more of scotch, poured out into the streets screaming, with the sloth of 4th year leading nude. Allegedly, one Kanpur boy beat up one Mathura boy and tore a few shirts as was customary, a few guys danced and sang under the moonlit night while some yelled at God, vehemently pointing out the many shortcomings of their ex-girlfriends.

Then Jack and Jill fell down the hill and broke their necks, Mary's lamb got slaughtered and the the faculty buildings F2 and F3 caught fire. And what a fire it was! It burned everything to the ground. The drunk gathered around the natural bonfire awed by the roaring flames and fell to their knees, prostrate. The more conscious ones gathered the nuts and ran away before getting spotted by anyone.

Fortunately, the fire didn't do any damage to the nearby vegetation. Insider news tell us that the fire started when a few students started believing that they were fire breathing dragons. Needless to say, more than a few cigarette lighters were involved. The next morning, all the faculty and staff were shifted to the only remaining building F1. We have been told that as many as 4 families are still sharing an apartment. Although this is only slightly worse than before, the faculty quarters have been rife with fights and quarrels. The students are making the most of the situation as some of them have made it their hobby to capture pics and videos as some of the staff wrestle it out in the streets. A video uploaded on Youtube later that day has gone viral with over a million views already. The video shows a bespectacled prof waiting for his turn outside the toilet murmuring "Ye ho hi nahi sakta!" to himself. We have come to know that the video owner in question has been offered internships at several leading media houses of the country.



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Upon being questioned, Mr. (name withheld) replied, "I didn't know that it would get this big. I'm stunned. I honestly don't know what to tell you. I'm just a normal guy who is passionate about creating sensationalist crap from utterly trivial and mundane things and now I'm here. God bless the fire-breathing dragons." We tried interviewing the faculty but most of them declined to comment. The only word that we could get out of a particularly stolid prof was "Just leave". We happily obliged.

As of now, the students are having the time of their life watching profs battle it out. The smoke from the rubble has still not cleared and the dying embers often blaze into life, much to the annoyance of everyone. It's not surprising that all the fire extinguishers did, after all, turn out to be filled with shaving foam. Plus who the hell in their right mind would send a firetruck to this godforsaken place? We await the day when things return to normal. Till then, the students are busy enjoying this welcome respite from the monotonous life that we all lead at IIT Mandi.



Surmya Gupta

EE 4th year

Mandi. In a shocking turn of events, the officials from BITS Pilani confirmed that they will be taking over IIT Mandi and converting it into BITS Mandi. A BITS Pilani spokesperson said that the conquer happened last night. Speaking to Farzi News, he said “We wanted to build a college in the Himalayas. After having colleges in Goa and Dubai, we wanted more tourist places to create the BITS campus. Getting permission from the government for a new college was difficult. So, we decided to overtake the IIT.”

On further enquiry about how he got the control over IIT Mandi, he informed us about a new army program started by BITS for the fitness freaks. He added “We have got all kinds of students - from the nine-pointer bookworms to the five-point-someone- I don’t give a f*cks. Many of them are fitness freaks, so we have arranged for an army training program for them. After learning that there is no scope in engineering besides Computer Science, more and more students are enrolling for the program. If they excel in that, we give them an option to join our Army. They are the ones who will help us in taking over the colleges, when we need them.”

This has led to contrasting reactions from the politicians. Our PM, NaMo had some positive thoughts on this. “Privatization of colleges is a revolutionary idea by Mr Birla. This will lead to a quicker and better development of IIT, um, BITS Mandi.”

BITS PILANI ACQUIRES IIT MANDI CHANCELLOR SAYS, MORE TO COME SOON

I am sure that Mr. Birla would do a way better job at constructing the campus than us.”

The opposition party was furious. They accused the ruling party of corruption. One of the party leaders remarked, “It is unacceptable. They just want the black money from BITS. There is no thought process into it. It’s the ruling party’s fault and we are organizing a Bandh for a day against this privatization. Privatization is a state of mind. If government possesses confidence, they can overcome privatization.”



Officials of IIT Mandi were infuriated by the take-over. They came to know that their tenures would be over due to this and wanted their side of the story to be told. Said one of them, “We were, erm, doing such a good job! We almost moved everyone to the permanent campus. Things were going so well. But now, I have to resign from my post. I will not take this.”

This was the general reaction from others in the hierarchy of officials. As a sign of protest, they’re running a twitter and facebook campaign with the hashtag #theblackwedding much like the Game of Thrones episode.”

Faculty members came to know that they had to take pay cuts to accommodate the extra faculty who were there in BITS pilani. Lashed out a member of faculty, “This is completely horrible. Ththth they want to add more faculty members. This means less money for us. I have a family to run, after all.”

Students from IIT Mandi gave mixed responses from the takeover.

While some were happy with it, others were confused. Few students, who just came for the IIT tag, were infuriated by this. A student from Bihar said “BC hum to yahan IIT tag ke karan aaye the. Saala BITS ko to koi janta bhi nahi humre gaon me.”

Another student from Chandigarh (Chandigarh-da-launda), in his extremely fake English accent, had to say “I’m really happy with the acquisition. I mean, this would mean more girls in the campus.” He was jumping with joy as he said this, with his tongue hanging out from his mouth.

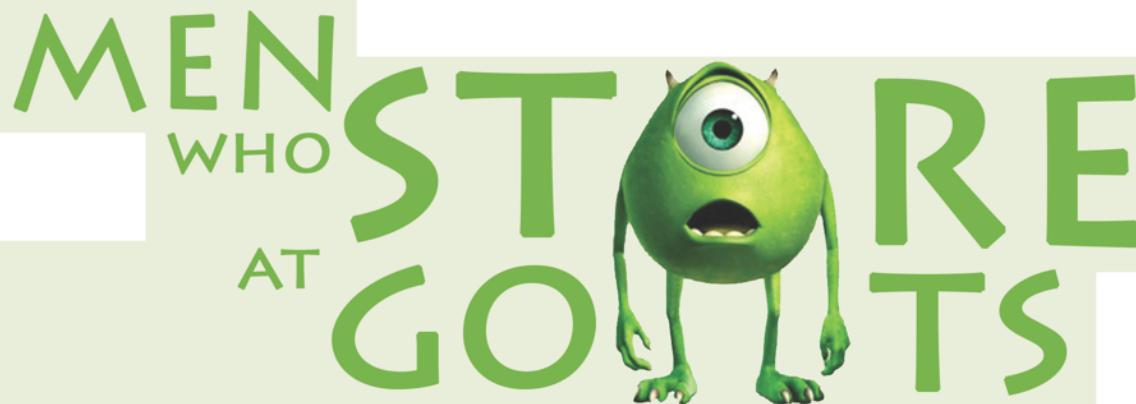
Parents of some students were angry with this. The traditional dialogues started to come up, with “Padosi kya kahenge” and “Mera beta to IITian hi banega” being the most common. There was some concern regarding fees hike and one of the student’s dad grieved, “Main bohot gareeb hun. Badi beti ki shadi ki taiyari thi. Ab paise bhi nahi bache hain. Aur ab itni fees. Mujhse to nahi ho payega.”

Immediately, Kejriwal started a campaign against the Modi government and announced “Main desh mein free me education doonga. 2019 elections me AAP ko hi vote deejije” No decision was taken for payment of the poor student’s fees, though. On asking Mr. Birla about further plans, he added, “We want BITS to be a global institute. We won’t stop here. Apart from IITs, we want to add IIMs, NIFT and other universities. We want to be a global leader in education. Not only in India, BITS will be an educational powerhouse in the world. MIT, Oxford, Stanford ke bhi aage Birla ka naam hogा.”

When the BJP leadership was questioned about supporting privatization, Mr. Shah commented, “After Make in India, we are starting Teach in India as well. Since our structure is more theory oriented, we want more practical knowledge and this will be made available by globalization and privatization of universities. Soon, we’ll emerge as leaders of the world.”

Surprisingly, this was the most intelligent our politicians have been since independence.

THE INTERVIEW



"Fresh Meat", as a student from WPI aptly put it, always rouses curiosity in people. For a campus which is located so far away from any urban human activity possible, that statement makes much more sense than anywhere else. While some of these students from the WPI were busy with their reports for the next day, we caught up with some others to ask a few questions and hear about their experiences at IIT Mandi and India.

Q. First impressions of India and IIT Mandi?

A. First impression was of the Delhi airport, which was very nice! But then we stepped out and all this smell and smog came at us. Delhi is completely different during the day and night. There was a lot of culture shock during the first week in Delhi. Some of us had very different preconceptions before coming here which we let go. Like, we had some idea about some of these big cities like Mumbai and Delhi but no idea about the rest of India.

Q. And then you went to see the Taj Mahal?

A. Yes, it was beautiful! And huge! It's a completely unique experience to see it. The funny thing is, as you mentioned, that most Indians are not that excited about seeing it. In some sense, it is similar to how people in the US think. Look at Mount Rushmore. Four faces have been carved out of a mountain. That's awesome, but no one ever goes to see it. Really though, the Taj Mahal is in a league of its own!

Q. And then you came to Mandi?

A. Yeah. The ride from Delhi to Mandi was sick. Pretty crazy and scary. Initially, we're just driving in the plains and then the hills start and we were all looking out of the windows of the bus and were like, "We're going to fall!". Our course administrator then assured us that this was nothing compared to what we were going to see. Funny thing is, just at the outskirts of Mandi, this truck *full* of hay was

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blocking the road and once it cleared, our driver just flew up the mountain. The next morning, we looked down to see where we'd driven from and it looked like the drop of death. The driver just looked at us and laughed.

Q. How do you like the campus?

A. The campus is great. It has a beautiful view and of course as you said, it being new, there are some infrastructural problems. It's conservative compared to the US though.

Q. What conservative stuff?

A. Well, when we arrived, the girls had a hostel curfew of 10 pm. There are no drinks allowed, though that's understandable and obviously people break the rules but that's what makes it fun, I guess. Also, whenever the girls go to Mandi, they have to be in Indian clothes.

Q. The best time on the campus is the placement season. Lots of parties. So you guys live in apartments there?

A. Yes. Apartments, dorms and frat houses. Apartments can be expensive.

Q. What do you find different here?

A. Well, the culture's so different you know. We find Indians to be much more passionate. You guys are

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very open about your emotions. Like, Americans are very friendly, but they, you know, sugarcoat everything. Also, the general look towards strangers is much more welcoming compared to the US. We experienced this during our fieldwork. People invited us to their homes, offered us tea, etc. In the US, if someone you don't know knocks your door, you don't open it. Even if it's someone you know, sometimes you'll be like, "Ah, screw it." And families here seem much closer as well.

Q. This is more true of rural India in general. I can get a lift from a stranger in Mandi but not in Delhi. So, what do you hate here?

A. Oh, there's so much! Being a girl is so difficult. Of course, people on the campus are very progressive but we have restrictions like you can't wear shorts, etc. There was a 10 pm curfew earlier which was reduced later on. We have to wear Indian clothes when we're in Mandi.

There's so many rules and guidelines that we don't know about. We don't know what's ok and what's not ok which puts us in an uncomfortable position.

Another thing is that you guys are late, like, really really late. If you're late by ten, even fifteen minutes, we'll be ok but any more than that and it's not ok. In the US, you can get into serious trouble for being this late. You can lose your job or fail a course. Being late there is a sign of disrespect.

Also, that headshake that some Indians do. We don't know if that's a yes or a no. The first time one of us saw it, he thought the guys was mad at him. This is a long list *general laughter*.

Our hostel construction is still not done. It's been a month and there's no wifi. The cables are not connected to anything. They're just there. We do have to work and skype back home, so we have to go to the lab where the security gaurd kicks us out anytime after the closing hours. Sometimes he kicks us out at 11 pm, at other times, we can be till 5 am.

It doesn't make sense at all because this one time we were registering for classes for the next quarter back at WPI online and the gaurd came and kicked us out. We were close to the deadline for registering.

Q. What makes you happy here? The girls seem to be getting a lot of attention in the campus with all that fake american accent.

A. Nah, that's annoying. Well, guys get attention too. The fake accents are cute, make us chuckle. When we went to Palampur, anyone would come along and ask for pictures with them. Same thing in Delhi. Mia actually started charging 500 bucks for a pic at the Taj but no one paid her. There's a general lack of respect for personal space here. But that's probably a cross-cultural difference.

Q. What's the opinion of the WPI guys on the amount of attention the girls get?

A. We expected it. There's not many girls in the campus. New girls equals new blood. The moment boys smell it, they're off for the hunt you know. It's the same with us. Freshmen girls come to the campus, and it's the same thing in WPI. Everyone's like- go. It's a guy thing.

Q. What's that one freaking out incident you had in India?

A. People coming up to us randomly? We did see a dead man on the road. Nobody was helping him. That's one of the first things we saw in India and it really f*cked us up. Mia stepped on a cow in the campus the other night. There are *so* many animals here. Also, someone tried to sell Hannah a whip in Agra. Someone just came up and asked, "Wanna buy a whip?" and we're like, "No!! Why would I?" and 50 shades of grey too.

Q. Something new you tried here?

A. The food here, everywhere, is great. Be it the restaurants in Mandi or any roadside stall. The mess food sucks though.



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10 THINGS PEOPLE NEED TO STOP DOING ON THE INTERNET!

So, there's this trend going around on the Internet about 10-thing lists. 10 things you need to know before you go on a vacation, 10 thoughts that go through everyone's minds while giving exams, 10 things why you should perform an open-heart surgery. Well, maybe not the last one.

Since we spend a considerable amount of time on the Internet, more particularly on social media, I decided to compile a list of the things netizens need to stop doing on the internet. I hereby issue it in public interest. But first, a few disclaimers.

Firstly, what follows is my personal opinion and is in no way a generalisation. You are free to disagree wholly or partially. But I am sure it will be largely relatable to anyone who has ever used the Internet and which I gather, is a lot of people. Secondly, if you happen to be doing any of the following things, you need to stop doing them

immediately in order to keep the collective tard level of the internet within tolerable levels.

That said, here goes the list of 10 things people need to stop doing on the internet, in no particular order.

1. Using hashtags unnecessarily: Excessive usage of hashtags without due cause is #traumatically #annoying. We get it that you got a new puppy and decided to upload a picture of you cuddling it on every social medium you are on, for everyone to ooohh and awww. But, understand that complementing the pic with #ilovemydog #mypuppy #cutiee #xoxo serves no purpose other than taking up additional bytes of memory and in no way increases the cuteness of the pic, if any. People doing that, stop molesting the hashtag key and give the key and yourselves a break. Pictures look fine without them too.

2. People who think the world needs to be constantly informed and updated about what food they are having, which person they are dating, etc., need to revisit their concepts. What do we do with that additional information?



What are we exactly supposed to do with it? There's a time and place for sharing your life events with people but it is certainly not all the times at all the places. These people need to curb their urges to reaffirm their presence and validate their existence via random public announcements which are nothing more than wastage of server space.

3. Usage of exceedingly broken English: Everytime I come across "maAh LiFe MaAh RuLes" or "onLy GoD cAn JudGe mEh" or other similar catchphrases, a part of me dies. Maah for my, thankew for thank you have become regulars now. These string of letters carry as much sense to me as does a toddler who just starts to speak. And how much time does exactly get saved when one decides to shorten the already bilettered 'ok' to 'k'? That time better be put to good use, on taking up English classes. Till some time ago, English used to be a sophisticated language, a language of the well-bred. That was till the advent of social media. Now, seeing a correct English sentence on social media which is not being trimmed by long strings of dots is as rare an event as spotting a true RaGa fan. Nope, the latter has higher probability.

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4. People hating on internet: The amount of hateful content against religious, ethnical, racial groups or just fellow human beings on the internet is dangerously high. A few clicks and rapid twitches of your fingers and you are able to vent your frustration/hatred/dislike towards anyone which if were done in reality would have led to bodily damages and legal ramifications. This ease of perpetration of wordly violence has led to anxiety, depression and suicidal tendencies, especially among teens and is obviously no good. So, folks who take it to charging upon one other, spitting out the meanest of words, need to calm their nerves down, grab a glass of water and ask themselves: is this the only way I could use the bandwidth I am getting which is still a luxury for half the world? I am sure you know of better alternatives to put that prized bandwidth to good use. Why hate when you can love? (said in a highly philosophical sense)

5. As long as people keep posting duck-faced selfies and instagramming their mundane yet looking seemlessly-appetizing-via-filters lunch photos, no one bats an eye, but as soon as someone posts anything that has as much as a hint of unconventional or rather audacious content, for example the recent Deepika Padukone's MyChoice video, everyone loses their minds. Everyone starts reacting in their own ways, taking patronisation to a whole new level and cornering the said person. Disagreeing with one's opinion is one thing and is perfectly acceptable but condemning and invalidating the other person's views is simply wrong. You cannot judge anything universally. This reminds of a whatsapp status (strangely they too carry wisdom sometimes!): nothing exists in this world except atoms and spaces, everything else is just opinions. You are entitled to have your opinion, a contradictory opinion, a scandalous opinion at that, but you are never free to have yours deemed right and anyone else's wrong. So next time you come across anything on the net

temptation of being a judgemental moron, register your disagreement if you must, but don't put on your suit and armour and charge upon the other person with full rage. It doesn't serve anyone right.

6. The 10 things lists: 10 reasons you are going to die single, 10 things people should stop doing on the internet, 10 signs your dog might be having diabetes.. these lists are epidemic and these are everywhere: on the internet, in college magazines, everywhere. And scoopwhoop is the brand ambassador of these lists, religiously publishing them on regular basis. In fact, their subjects are so first world that they could send the likes of Paris Hilton a run for their money.

7. Speaking of ScoopWhoop, they recently published another of their "lists" titled "16 thoughts that went through everyone's minds when the earthquake happened" soon after the tragic Nepal earthquake took place. They soon removed it and issued a public apology for "trivialising an event that has

8. If anyone, it is the facebook friend who makes it his duty to tag half his friendlist on every upload of his, irrespective of whether the tagged person is remotely related to the upload or not is the one who needs the most to stop doing it. You irk me. Besides you flood my notification bar.

9. To the person who invites me to play candy crush via facebook, what exactly goes in your mind when you decide to send me an invitation of that quality? Is it technically not possible to play those games without having invited 10 other people? Next time, try playing those games without sending an invite. I suspect that just might be possible.

10. Lastly, to the person who posts "OMG what could be worse than having a pimple right on the nose", I'll tell you what's worse than that: holocaust, stage 2 blood cancer, world hunger. You need to come out of the well or the burrow you live in and see the world and the people around you who are not having it easier than you, in fact they are having it much worse than you because you got a computer and an internet connection on which you are cribbing about your pimple while some still sleep under the stars. And by that I don't mean the mystique starry skies we all used to enjoy sleeping under over the roof in childhood, well you know what I mean.

These are some of the things which need to be refrained from being done on the internet in order to spare everyone a lot of mental agony. And believe me it doesn't take much efforts to not do these and will make internet a better place to live in, virtually.



and is still affecting millions of lives on both sides of the borders", but it went on to display the utmost lack of compassion we all have come to possess. If we cannot help at such a time, then let's not belittle the efforts of those who are doing it by drawing memes over the subject.

WORDSWORTH

“मंज़िल”

मन बावला है, ये कोई अपना तलाशता है
 खुद ही खुद में खोकर, कही सदियाँ तलाशता है !
 गुजरे हुए कल में खोना फिरत है अब इसकी
 बीते लम्हों में...अक्सर, ये खुशिया तलाशता है !

रवायत हैं शायद ये सदियों पुरानी
 गलि करना जिन्दगी से, हैं बस बेमानी
 खुद की ही शर्तों पे ये दांव लगता
 हर लम्हा जीता एक नयी जिंदगानी

गरम सहराहो पे ये अक्सर ठिकाने डाले
 बरफ की रेतनुमा ख़वाहिश से ख़वाब ढाले
 बंजर जमीं पे ये, बैचैन सपने बोता
 क्या खलिश हैं खुद से, ये खुद ही ना जाने !

काफ़िर फिज़ाओ सी शिददत हैं इसकी
 रबा हो गुस्ताखी...यूँ फिरत में जिसकी,
 ख़वाहिश की बुनियादों पे सपने सजाता
 मुक़म्मल भी होगी क्या, किस्मत कभी इसकी !

ना जान् ये मैं भी, कहाँ मंज़िल हैं तेरी
 सम्भल के जरा चल ए नादाँ मुसाफ़िर
 हैं कदमों में काँटे, हर पग में हैं बेड़ी
 मिटा दे ये बंदिश ...हैं ये मंज़िल भी तेरी !

ANKIT KUMAR
ME 2nd Year



**ASHUTOSH KUMAR
VERMA**
ME 1st Year

ISOLATION

Sometimes isolation draws out the best in you.....

I tried my hand in writing, its about when
 one feels defeated and disheartened -

That time when you start doubting your efficiencies,
 That time when your confidence shows deficiencies;
 That time when the world seems to look at you and mock,
 that time, my dear boy, you ought to stand and talk !

If Good times give you some strength,
 Bad times aren't 'bad' either;
 If good times make you a king,
 Bad times make you a teacher.

Its all the test of your inner strength;
 So run my boy and give it a go !
 Go chase and fall and rise and chase,
 you'll explore, for sure, the best in you !!!

The path to success was never easy,
 I admit and accept with a smile.
 But the reward to it is worth the struggle,
 just tread and cover "next" mile.

If thousand eyes envy you hard,
 Remember! thousand bless your name.
 Its fine here to play and gamble
 and take life as a "Funny Game"....
FEELING RELIEVED

Coolest New Tech

-ASHISH BEDI
CSE 2nd year

1.



Touch ID

This will probably sound very obvious, but hear me out! Everyone has, on each finger, a completely unique password, so it only makes sense to use them, right!???

Fingerprint scanners have been around for a while now, in laptops and even in android phones. What makes all of this cool again is APPLE! iPhone 5S, 6S and 6S Plus have touch ID which is a fingerprint scanner built onto the home button. Just tap your thumb against the button and voila! your phone is unlocked. The fingerprint data is stored securely into the phone that makes it almost impossible for anyone to steal. Not easy to HACK!!

2.



Google fiber

Average Internet Speed in US : 7.4 Mbps, whereas google fibre comes out with a speed of roughly 1000Mbps. Shocked!?? Well, you should be. Let's see what you can do with such a marvellous internet speed. Well, you can download one of the best looking PC games: Crisis 3 in just 1 minute 7 seconds.

3.



Gaming Tech

After XBOX One and PS4 Drop late last year and with the PC gaming in its all time high, the future is looking very bright for gaming. On the counsel side, Sony just showed off its play station now. Since its relying on your Internet connection , there is no limit where Sony could bring this. Also, there are steam machines, which are tiny little PCs made specifically for gaming. They come with CRAZY looking controllers, which are touch sensitive and have no buttons for gaming.

4.



Oculus

This is the first time that VR gaming has made sense. It's a screen with a life. Apple's iWatch seems to be quite over-priced when compared to Pebble's smartwatch.

It's a full 3D virtual reality headset. Thanks to the head-tracking , you could look around in the game and actually see what's going on , which is incredibly awesome. The display built into the oculus was just 1280X100 in its prototype while its final consumer version will be 1080p. One of the coolest things about oculus is that you forget you are wearing it. The latest crystal covered prototype shown in CES this year combines a HD screen with full motion tracing. Since, each of your eyes sees different images, the 3D effect looks awesome, unlike 3D movies. Obviously, something has to be very extraordinary for fb to buy it for \$2 Billion.

5.

WEARABLE Tech

Google Glass :

As far as new tech goes, its hard to beat glass. This brings a lot of things which are great about your smartphone and it puts it on your face. It has a small translucent crystal display that's up above your eye, so that when you are not using glass, you can totally forget its there. One of its awesome features is its built-in camera. You can communicate with the Internet through natural language voice commands in a smartphone-like hands-free format.

Smart Watch :

Don't worry if you don't like glasses. Pebble has arguably the best smart watch out there and the new Pebble steel seems to step it up a notch .Where options like Galaxy Gear fall short in basic areas like Battery life, the pebble has quite a good battery motion sensor inside.

IT HAPPENED TO ME

Neha Gupta
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September 29, 2014

7:00 p.m. Neha Muthiany, my baddy teammate and I are playing in the badminton court in the Kamand campus. At this point both of us hear a roar, at intervals of half-a-minute or so, for three to four minutes from the back side of the court. Upon hearing it, we stop playing and I lock the entrance door from the inside. We then try to peek outside to make sure it that it was not just an illusion, that we really heard something. The darkness outside the bright badminton court made it difficult to see anything. So, we continue playing but remain vigilant.

7:10 p.m. From the side-opening of the badminton court to my right, I see four short, petite legs and what looked like a pair of eyes so close to the ground that it could easily peek inside the court, if it wasn't right now.. This time, I am sure that this was a leopard and not an illusion. I point it out to Neha, to see if she can see what I just saw. She thinks it's a cow, probably grazing on grass which would explain why it's eyes are so close to the ground. She also tells me that stray dogs easily sneak inside, so if it's any other animal smaller in size than a cow, it will probably do the same. So, we both basically try to deny the fact that we might be in danger and convince ourselves that we don't have a leopard waiting outside for us.

My encounter with KAMAND LEOPARD

7:15 p.m. Unable to fully focus on the baddy game, we decide to end the day's practice and go back to our hostel as we were visibly scared. But how do we go outside now? I could already visualise in my head that as soon as we unlock the door, we *will* see the leopard which just walked from the back of the court to its front. This image is inspired by my mom's story who once had an encounter with a panther (in Hindi, tendua), in a similar way. I was just an year old back then, and the place was Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. So, anyway, we switch off all the lights in the court and turn the torch on in our cellphones. This time, we try to see if we can find anything at the front of the court. We both know that it's risky to step outside. So, I call my friend Reeta, who does not respond.

7:17 p.m. Since Neha is willing to step outside, we both agree to step out of the court. The next moment, we are out and Neha is locking the badminton court from the outside. Meanwhile, I am helping her and at the same time checking the surroundings with my torch. Suddenly, my torch turns off due to Reeta's incoming call. I hurriedly try to decline that call, so that the torch can come back on and disperse the darkness a bit. But before I can do that, my eyes get fixed on the extreme left of the road, and I see two glowing eyes - plain golden, at a distance of about twenty feet from where I am standing.

In that moment, it feels like we both (the leopard and I) are staring at each other. The leopard makes a movement, ever so slightly, towards us. So now, I am looking at a giant black outline of a Leopard, with glowing eyes, moving towards us, slowly.

7:18 p.m. I hit Neha with my hand to imply that 'IT' is here. But I can only mumble to her - 'open the door, unlock it'. She gets what's going on, and gets nervous. She can't open it by herself and tells me in panic - 'It's not opening'. At that point, all I could think was - WHAT THE HELL? But we both help each other, and finally manage to get the door unlocked. All this time, neither of us tries to look back to see what's going on with the leopard, because of the fright of facing anything ruthless. As soon as the lock opens, we rush inside. After a series of nervous attempts, I finally succeed in latching the door from inside. At this point, I can't say about Neha, but my legs are trembling and I feel quite weak to even stand straight there for a moment. When we both finally regain our senses, I call Reeta again.

7:28 p.m. The security guard finally comes and we open the door of the court to walk outside but the tension persists. Thankfully, the leopard has moved on.



Shashank Sethi
EE 1st Year

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



There's no magic formula for virality, but here's a look at one of the social media's most viral phenomena. And I can bet we all did say – Challenge Accepted!

#IceBucketChallenge

Internet may have dried off a bit, but I have to say, the past few weeks on social have been an inescapable stream of short videos of both the famous and not so famous getting buckets full of ice water dumped on themselves in the name of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. For those who don't know it, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis is a motor neuron disease, the same that has gripped Stephen Hawking for the past fifty years. And the idea behind the challenge was to promote awareness of the disease and encourage donations to ALS research. After being nominated for the challenge, as you might know it, it needs to be completed within 24 hours, failing which you're supposed to donate for the cause. As of today, I believe internet has surely run out of celebrities. So far the lineup includes everyone from Bill Gates to Zuckerberg, Lionel Messi to Cristiano Ronaldo, Bradley Cooper to DiCaprio. The list is endless, including the former US President George W Bush, Elon Musk, Lady Gaga – even the Biebs! Later, even Stephen Hawking took the challenge. However, US President Barack Obama, Charlie Sheen and some others declined the challenge and instead opted to donate for the cause, which was the main idea behind the whole bucket-challenge thing. So yeah it has become more of a fun thing, but that's okay, at least they're raising some good amount of money for the cause. Anyway, who doesn't want to see their friends getting 'tortured'? The challenge feels like a good natured clip from America's Funniest Home Videos or a prank pulled on YouTube. But it's different for the fact that it's done with the victim's consent and that it has a great follow up message. And who had this brilliant idea in the first place? The originator of the campaign wasn't some evil marketing consultant on behalf of ALS Association. It was Peter Frates, a former Boston College player living with ALS. Oh wait, it wasn't him exactly, but his friends since he cannot move. During my initial days at IIT Mandi, sometimes, while walking down to the baddy court, I could see those guys and girls going crazy over the thing. And that's how I came to know such a thing even existed.

The next couple of days, those videos kept flooding my newsfeed. But after that, in a month or two, I saw it fade away. Not that everybody I know got away with the challenge, or even got nominated for that matter. So what was it then? Could it be the change in weather – getting chills in the mornings and in the nights? Or the fact that anything which goes viral has to fade, sooner or later. Whatever be the reason, all I know is that I don't find no more those 'special' AFV videos from my friends.

#BookBucketChallenge

It started with a promise made to a little boy. It transformed into a social media phenomenon that sparked a dialogue about literature and reading. For book lovers it made a nice break from the ice bucket challenge videos flooding their newsfeed. And that's what Sujai Pillai might have hoped would happen. Pillai, who is the founder of 'One Library Per Village' created the Book Bucket Challenge after promising some good books to a little boy in a village in India. No doubt, it was inspired from the ice bucket challenge – you share the names of 10 books that inspired you in some way or the other, or you donate some books to the needy. The challenge also spread to other nations like Canada, Vietnam, and Bangladesh. Some others worth mentioning are #ricebucketchallenge – started in India as a response to the ice bucket challenge (which faced some criticism due to the wastage of water it involved), which involved donating a bucket of rice to a poor person or family; and #moviebucketchallenge – which came out of nowhere. Analogous to book bucket, you share the names of ten movies, albeit ten is too feeble a number! The next time you login, some new challenge might be trending through the week. So don't be surprised if you're nominated for the newest trending challenge – who knows what new challenge might be in the queue!

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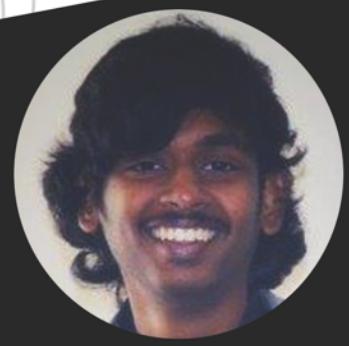
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The Internet is built on the ideals of openness. You have the freedom to share, exchange and download whatever information you want, be it music, scholastic text or A-rated movies. ALL content on the internet is to be treated as equal and without discrimination on providing access to said data and the speed of its provision. The internet service providers (or ISPs) cannot charge you differently by user, content, site, platform or OS, or mode of communication.

This is Net Neutrality, and this is what is at stake. Analogously, the ISPs provide the internet pipes, and now they want to control what flows in these pipes. The telecommunication industries have been actively lobbying governments across the world, from Chile to Canada to India, to restrict open access to consumers. That means that the tele companies will get to decide what data you access and the speed you access it with. This means Google's Youtube will stream at a fast rate and MegaVideo, where we all stream movies, load at snail's pace. This must not happen.

A recent example voiding net neutrality would be Mark Zuckerberg's internet.org. This platform will provide free content access to a group of large players with commercial intent, such as Reliance and Facebook. Their argument is that they are "connecting" people and supporting innovation and ideas. Though Mark claims that universal connectivity and net neutrality can coexist, he fails to answer, how giving access to a few selected websites and charging for the others does not violate net neutrality. All website are neutral, are they not?

Also, the 'free' content isn't actually free. Large corporate houses such as Flipkart and Facebook will pay for the data used by web surfers out of their own pocket. Naturally, a competing start-up which cannot afford to pay for users data will suffer. Talk about stifling innovation when they speak of nurturing it. Their intentions aren't entirely noble either. Facebook has an advertising earning model, the higher the number of users, the higher their advertising revenue.



Innovation is the key to unlocking fast-track growth rate of an economy. As a country riddled with slow growth issues and millions of youth seeking employment, India needs innovators and entrepreneurs now more than ever. Airtel Zero, a platform similar to Internet.org will hamper such growth. As restaurant guide start-up founder Zomato's Deepinder Goyal said, "Couldn't have built Zomato if we had a competitor on something like Airtel Zero. Calling Airtel Zero fair and not a violation of net neutrality is bs." Let me explain. A competitor on Airtel Zero would be accessible to internet users free of cost resulting in everyone using only that service. No one would go to Zomato, if something else was available for free.

The argument given by Telecom operators is that they invested billions of dollars on infrastructure, only to see Skype providing free VOIP calls and Whatsapp, free messaging capability.



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Telecom operators want to profit from services that other people (read: entrepreneurs) have created. Making money off someone else's work. This argument just doesn't hold.

As we come to terms with telecom greed in India, the global fight for net neutrality wages on, with Chile passing a resolution safeguarding net neutrality. The Netherlands in Europe became the first country in Europe, and the second overall to follow suit. Millions of emails for net neutrality have been sent to TRAI(Telecom Regulator Authority of India), which is the authority in this decision. Many politicians, such as AAP's Arvind Kejriwal and INC's Rahul Gandhi have also pledged support in the fight for a free and neutral internet.

Net neutrality is at the core of our vibrant democracy, along with the principles of free speech. Telecom operators have increased profits due to large amounts of data purchased by consumers. Telecommunications is one of the most successful private sectors in India connecting a billion people, and they should play their part in the enhancement of our growing economy.

Take a stand. Speak up for net neutrality for a better and open future. Let others know. Save the Internet. It belongs to all of us.

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