

MANIFESTO

I, Tarang Agrawal, bearing ID number 2023A1PS0152P, am standing for the post of President of the Students' Union. The following are my manifesto points:

1. Opportunities & Exposure

- 1.1. Organise **fully sponsored research internships/thesis/exchange programs** in collaboration with universities in New Zealand, France & Japan for students.
- 1.2. Set up a **PS Division student body** (in collaboration with JPC/PU) to work with coordinators & faculty on auditing PS Stations, & introduce TA-ships similar to SWD & AUGSD.
- 1.3. **Think Big Bootcamp**: Host lectures by **BITS Alumni/Founders bi-weekly**, and invite academic counsellors to guide on postgraduate opportunities.

2. Academic Culture

- 2.1. Establish **standardised grading** to eliminate **branch-wise grading biases**, and in the long term, **standardise grading across all three campuses**.
- 2.2. Introduce minors in **Aeronautics and Quantitative Finance** to open more opportunities.
- 2.3. Publish final **grading details** for all subjects and **dual allotment cutoffs** each academic year.
- 2.4. Partner with **CFA & CQF Institute** for official certifications & courses at **subsidised fees**.
- 2.5. Open one **NAB classroom 24/7** where students can sit and work whenever needed.
- 2.6. Integrate **bitsGPT with StudyDeck** to provide a one-stop academic solution for BITSians.

3. Hygiene & Infrastructure

- 3.1. Launch “**My Bhawan**” app to **report issues, track repairs & receive updates** on requests.
- 3.2. Partner with an NGO for **renovation and subsequent maintenance** of **C’Not washrooms**.
- 3.3. Install **sanitary pad dispensers** and **disposable bins** for used pads on a pro-bono basis in partnership with leading hygiene companies.
- 3.4. Introduce **fibre bin shelters** and redirect **mess waste as food for stray dogs**, while installing **cattle guards outside hostels** to ensure a safe and hygienic campus environment.
- 3.5. Install **Water Softener Attachments** in all washrooms to reduce the **hardness of water**.

4. Quality of Life

- 4.1. Enable SWD transactions at **S9 and C’Not Restaurants** (by partnering with a financing intermediary for regular settlements), along with **food & grocery deliveries on the SU app**.
- 4.2. Complete **hostel room allotments before the end of the semester** for easier logistics.
- 4.3. Organise **cultural “Bhawan Days”** to restore Bhawan Culture on campus.
- 4.4. Create a committee to plan restart of the **Gliding Club, Horse Stables, & Swimming Pool**.

5. Partnerships

- 5.1. Install a **Jio tower or host Airtel porting camps** to resolve connectivity issues near hostels.
- 5.2. Partner with local businesses: **Thar Shooting Range Pilani** (Olympic-Level Shooting Facilities), **Dishoom Cinema**, Jhunjhunu (Discount for BITSians + Travel)
- 5.3. Partner with **Pilani Driving School** for driving lessons & issuing licenses to BITSians.
- 5.4. Collaborate with **BITSAA Sahaaya** to provide better mental health facilities & awareness.
- 5.5. Create a **Students’ Union Partnerships Division** to survey needs of BITSians & bring more benefits in line with existing partnerships with **Swiggy, Shofrr, Uber, Redbus, & Housr**.