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The Ultimate **FRESHMAN'S GUIDE**

To IIT Roorkee

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GPA

GPA or Grade Point Average is a rating that is used to judge your academic performance. You are given a grade in each course after completion. You multiply the grades' values with the corresponding courses' credit and add all of them up. Now you divide it by the sum of credits, and you get your grade point average.

If you do it for one semester it is called your SCPA or SG.

If you do it for your entire lifespan at IITR (until the moment you get reminded about your CCPA by an enthusiastic faccha), it is called your CGPA.

Whatever your immediate seniors may claim, your CG is one of the things that sticks onto your resume for the initial years. Vital for foreign internships, research prospects and fat paychecks, the authors of this guide would recommend that you keep more than just an eye on it.

Electives

In the off chance you find your departmental courses too easy to incite any stress or anxiety, the institute also allows students to opt for electives in each semester starting from the third. These are optional courses including those from departments other than your own. In addition to facilitating holistic learning and familiarization with other departments.

Elective courses can be anything from film appreciation to quantum computing, giving you total control over 2-3 credits of your program each semester. They are roughly divided into two basic categories viz. Humanities, Social Sciences and Management Courses (HSSMEC) and Open Elective Courses (OEC). You also have Department Electives. Here, you get to choose between various specialisations in tandem with your field of study. These become excessively important in your final year.

End term exams

The months of November and April witness the migration of hordes of clueless students from Georgia and SBCBC (Shree Balaji Caulay Bhawan Cafe - a social adhesive of sorts) to the nutky corridors of MGCL (Mahatma Gandhi Central Library). Derelict books are dusted off. Gigabytes of study material change hands. Ghissus are stalked for their impeccable notes. This time is characterised by many symptoms, which include sleep deprivation, prolonged pointless hours on facebook and reddit, excessive yearning for food (which requires you to leave your table) and an unavoidable lust for funny youtube videos. The authors of this guide have often found brilliant articles, videos, movies and music during these unhygienic months.

Backs

Short attendance:

Most courses require you to have an attendance of more than 75%, and regardless of what your professors say to you, it's always a good idea to maintain 75% attendance. If a student has less than 75% attendance by the end of the semester, he/she will have to repeat the course the next time it is offered. The departments usually release a list of defaulters one week before the end sems.

Re-examination:

If a student is awarded an F grade in a course, they are deemed 'fail', and are required to give a re-examination for the same. This happens before the next semester begins and a student is awarded a grade lower than what they would have been awarded normally.

Academic Slow Pace Programme:

A student shall be put on academic probation by Dean Academics, after each semester to monitor their academic progress under one of the following conditions:

Their SCPA becomes lesser than or equal to 4.00.

Their SCPA is below that of the previous semester by two points or more (e.g. if you get a 7.5 in your third semester, followed by a 5.0 in the next semester, you will be put on academic probation).

The credits earned in the semester are less than 12.

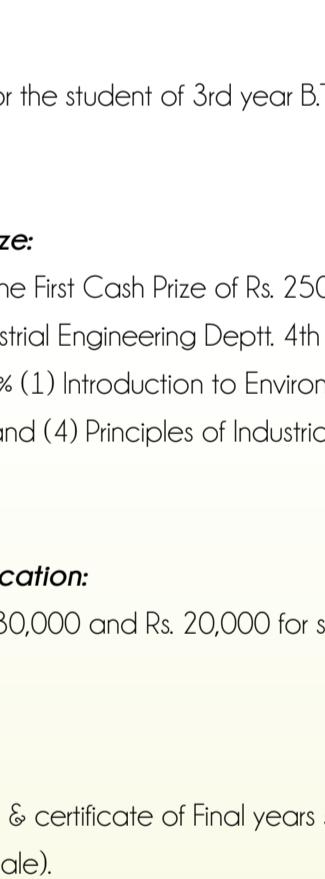
The grades of NSS/NSO/NCC are not considered for the same.

If a student secures an SCPA <4.00 after the first semester, but has sufficient attendance (i.e. >75%), the student will then be allowed to register for all courses but one in the next semester. If the student does not have sufficient attendance, they're allowed to register for all courses but two in the next semester.

Branch Change

So maybe your JEE rank landed you in Biotech, but while your professor raves on about enzymes and cell membranes, you dream of towering skyscrapers and the intricacies involved in the design and construction of such modern marvels. Maybe you find the diesel engines in your mechanical department a tad bit too noisy or maybe you just hold a mild resentment towards your classmates... whatever be your reasons for wanting a new branch, prepare to play the Game of Grades.

The rules are subject to frequent changes. Last year the applicants could fill in only upto a maximum of 3 branches of their choice. Also, there is no special reservation of seats associated with branch change. Your grades are your only saving grace in this rat-race for the holy grail of the academic world at IITR - ghissus shall be pitted against each other, blood shall be shed, and the victorious ones shall emerge from the ashes, to (maybe) step into a better world. In addition, only 10% of the total seats of any branch are open for the incoming branch changers, not to mention that the strength of any branch should not fall down by more than 25% due to the outgoing BCs. The rules also (obviously) disallow a potential BC from failing any course, and from committing any acts of indiscipline. Oh, and if you're a BArch student, sorry, but you're not eligible.



A well-meaning senior in action

Of course, while better paydays, better company and pure passion for a trade are all sensible and powerful incentives, the real challenge is to say no to the late night biker sessions over chai in the canteen and resist binge-watching that trending drama series on netflix your roommate has been feverishly raving about.

Such epithets are not earned easily. So battle it out against your peers, renounce your worldly pleasures, maybe miss out on a few chaps in order to get branded as the infamous 'BC'.

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A Minor may be handy if you plan to pursue a career that is core to a department other than yours.

Departmental Honours

Departmental honours is pretty similar to a minor, except you have to choose courses from your own department's electives to meet the 18 credit quota. Also requires you to have a CGPA of more than 7.5 at the end of your 5th semester. An honours implies a higher level of familiarization with your core curriculum and is quite beneficial if you plan to pursue something along those lines.

Audit

Audits are another 8 credits worth of courses one can take up in their third year. Unlike most other courses however, you are not graded for these, save a binary Pass-Fail quotient. Regardless, all other rules like attendance requirements and such still hold as they would for any other course. Although it may seem pointless at first, these courses can still be used to grace your resume.

Special Classification

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Projects

It is considered fashionable to adorn your resume with tons of cleverly worded academic projects, other than the compulsory B.Tech project one is required to do in one's final year. Besides being a nice resume point, a project also allows one to specialise in a topic, only to realise ultimately that research is not everyone's cup of tea.

Along with projects from their home departments, students often take up projects from the Department of Management Studies in fields such as Finance, Marketing, Supply Chain Management and the whole shebang. To be gifted with the dubious honour of working on a project, one needs to diligently follow the given procedure -

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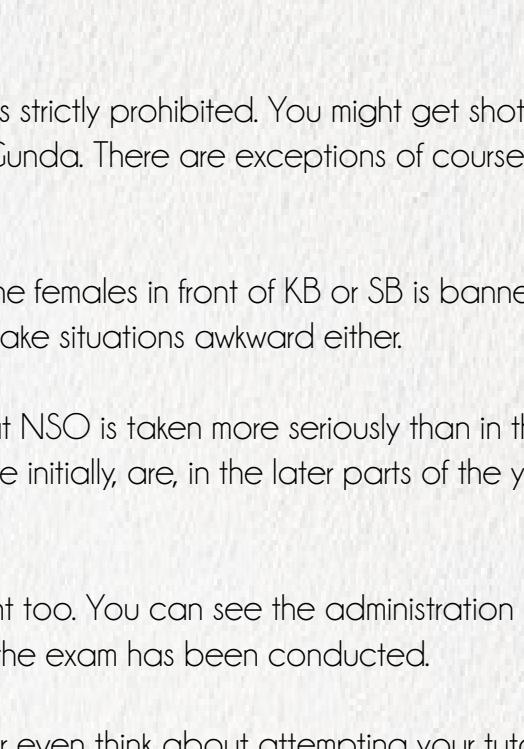
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INANE CAMPUS



So you think only the highly intellectual can be eccentric? Check out the weird rules the administration has put up at IIT R.

1. Stepping on the main-building lawns is strictly prohibited. You might get shot at, or worse, be exposed to two and a half hours of Gunda. There are exceptions of course; like if it's your convo, or during Cogni and Thoms.
2. Conversing/Walking with the females in front of KB or SB is banned. The concerned security guards never fail to make situations awkward either.
3. For some weird reason, attendance at NSO is taken more seriously than in the lectures. No wonder students running for their NSO practice initially, are, in the later parts of the year, found running from practice.
4. But attendance in lectures is important too. You can see the administration putting out short attendance notices, sometimes after the exam has been conducted.
5. There is no way you should attempt or even think about attempting your tutorials on your own. It might result in epileptic seizures, social ridicule or in the worst case, horrific grades.
6. Sleeping in the library is prohibited. You'd think it is obvious, but wait till you open a textbook or two in the library. The induced sleep can knock you out in seconds. The config-sofa section is under CCTV surveillance and is carefully patrolled by guards. On the other hand, watching TV shows and indulging in PDA with your beloved in the journal section, is completely fine. Certain people experience intense emotional anguish though, and so, we do not recommend indulging in PDA.
7. Under no circumstances should you send cheeky messages to, or poke, the better looking females of the institute on social media without knowing them personally. It might result in you getting blocked, reported, or both.
8. Asking a fellow fresher his JEE rank is fine. As long as you don't offer yours in response. It is forbidden to distract mess workers by using old sweet coupons and smuggling extra ice-cream. Regardless, the extra sweets will only attract unwanted attention from your fellow peers.
9. Creation of fake FB profiles under the guise of humour is prohibited. Everyone knows they serve the purposes of only very desperate stalkers.
10. Wearing "bathroom slippers" to lectures is strictly not allowed. Doing so may result in you being expelled from the classroom and consequently missing out on the tremendously important knowledge being delivered by the omniscient profs. Oh, and also attendance.
11. Consumption of a certain particularly bitter liquid, in small, large or Patiala proportions, is strictly prohibited. If, however, you find yourself "accidentally" (since you're a harmless angel) under the *mild* influence of this bitter liquid, be sure to not text your ex, the woman you're currently in love with but can't make a move on since she's (obviously) with a better man, your parents and your profs. Letting your homies know how much you love them, though, is considered ritualistic and is

ROORKEE'S 10 COMMANDMENTS

Thou shalt have no other gods before the identity card.

Thou shalt not rog.

Thou shalt not indulge in the consumption of alcohol, or harmful drugs.

Thou shalt not be violent, nor indulge in any unkind, indecent behaviour towards thy neighbours.

Thou shalt not take the law into thy own hands and trust GOD (Adosw) to take care of all thy problems.

Thou shalt not become members of outside societies or join discussions of a political nature without prior permission of thy Institute.

Thou shalt not deny mess, club and other facilities to other students.

Thou shalt not be a bad boi.

Thou shalt be a good boi.

Thou shalt say Peace Out when you have nothing else to say.

Peace Out.

RESEARCH

"There is a theory which states that human beings have managed to exist on this planet for so long because of their infallible inquisition and ability to systematically investigate, study and reach at explainable conclusions, henceforth referred to as research. There is another theory which states that since we are all ultimately going to die and spend the rest of our time in the universe as tiny carbon particles moving around in the limitless abyss of space, there isn't much point in existing at all."

-Nowan Ewer

In R, research is given foremost importance. Unlike our sister IITs, we do not believe in burning down laboratories as part of an intensive, fascinating and passionate experiment - we here trust in our labs to burn down themselves. Every once in a while, one hears reports of some guy in the CS department coming up with a conclusive proof that P does indeed equal NP. But there isn't much follow up to that and people invariably assume that the thermostat in the department might have again stopped working. One can also observe students of the Earth Sciences department late at night digging their own graves, or those with the chemistry lab, plucking flowers and playing with leaves for their 'experiments'.

The most path-breaking research of course happens in the Civil department. This is because most of their research tends to involve breaking down existing roads and laying them again, in the hope of finding that elusive X to Y ratio, where X and Y are two materials no one else in the institute has any idea about.

Regardless, students of this department can be frequently spotted in the campus carrying yellow tripod stands mounted on which is a camera, or as they prefer to call it, ultra high resolution wide field laser autofocus long range theodolite with night vision, and a measuring tape. They probably use these to measure something, though no one has ever bothered to stop and ask them what they're doing.

Regardless, we continue having tie-ups with leading corporate firms like IBM, Adobe, NVIDIA, TCS and several governmental and non-governmental organizations like the Ministry of Human Resource Development, CSIR, ISRO, National Science Foundation USA and the Nuclear Power Corporation of India. Even though many other associations for better research are into consideration in IITR, like its sister IITs, it falls short of delivering the world class environment for undergraduate research. To compensate this, there are certain programmes by the government for promoting undergraduate research on campus, one of which is:

About

IIT Roorkee invites applications for institute-funded SPARK fellowships for summer internships. The objective of this program is to provide research exposure to interested undergraduate students of IITR. It also aims to attract and nurture talented undergraduate students from other institutions. This program provides a weekly stipend and project-funded summer internship.

Eligibility

Students currently enrolled and have completed at least two semesters of the undergraduate degree (B.Arch./B.E./B.Tech./M.Sc) in a relevant discipline from any institute in India.

Minimum Grade Requirements

CGPA > 7.5 for IITs/IISc.

CGPA > 8.0 for NITs/ IISERs/ NISER/IITEST.

CGPA > 8.5 for students from other institutes.

Stipend: Students selected for the program will get stipend of INR 2500/week.

Guidelines

(i) Applications need to be submitted through an online portal where the applicants will upload their transcripts (marksheets), photograph, a 500-word research statement, and resume.

(ii) Applicants need to mention names of five faculty members of their choice from the list of faculty members interested in having a summer intern.

(iii) The term of the summer training should not be less than 6 weeks.

(iv) Students of IITR will be allowed to begin their summer internship immediately after the completion of the end-term examination.

(v) Accommodation and mess facilities in the Bhawans, subject to payment of necessary charges at par with that paid by students living in hostels. The average cost of housing would be around INR 3500/month (including mess facility).

Website- spark.iitr.ac.in

Almost all major IIT's, IISER's and research institutes have their equivalent of SPARK for students

INTERNS

A large fraction of students in the first and the second year measure time in the units of

Current time(T_1) - Time to the application process for interns(T_2) = Time till I can justify binge watching Chunkey Pandey movies without succumbing to remorse at the sight of stale crumbs of wafers that adorn my face - a stark reminder of the vacuum that is my list of achievements ever since I have come to this college. (T_3)

T3 finds its use in a host of equations making up the calculus of the life of a Roorkee inhabiting human.

$P(\text{saying 'ur yes' to chal night out time homeboy}) = T_3^{420/17} / A$

Where P stands for probability, and A is a constant determined by how much of a buttlick you are.

Apart from being the lurking bogeyman of the campus, an internship is basically a stint you have with a company or an institute. It fetches you experience, helps you find what you want to do with your life, makes you realise what you absolutely DO NOT want to do with your life, and most importantly, fetches you points on your resume which leads to better internships, and most importantly, being independent and buying the kinder joy you always wanted but didn't have the guts to ask for.

Research internships, broadly speaking, involve you working with a professor (and/or their students) on a project that gives you hands on experience in the field.

The only thing you can bank on about internships is that the campus comes to your aid in the first semester of your third year, where like placements (albeit at a smaller scale), companies come a-hunting and come to your rescue, referred to as rounds of testing, applications, interviews and hopefu

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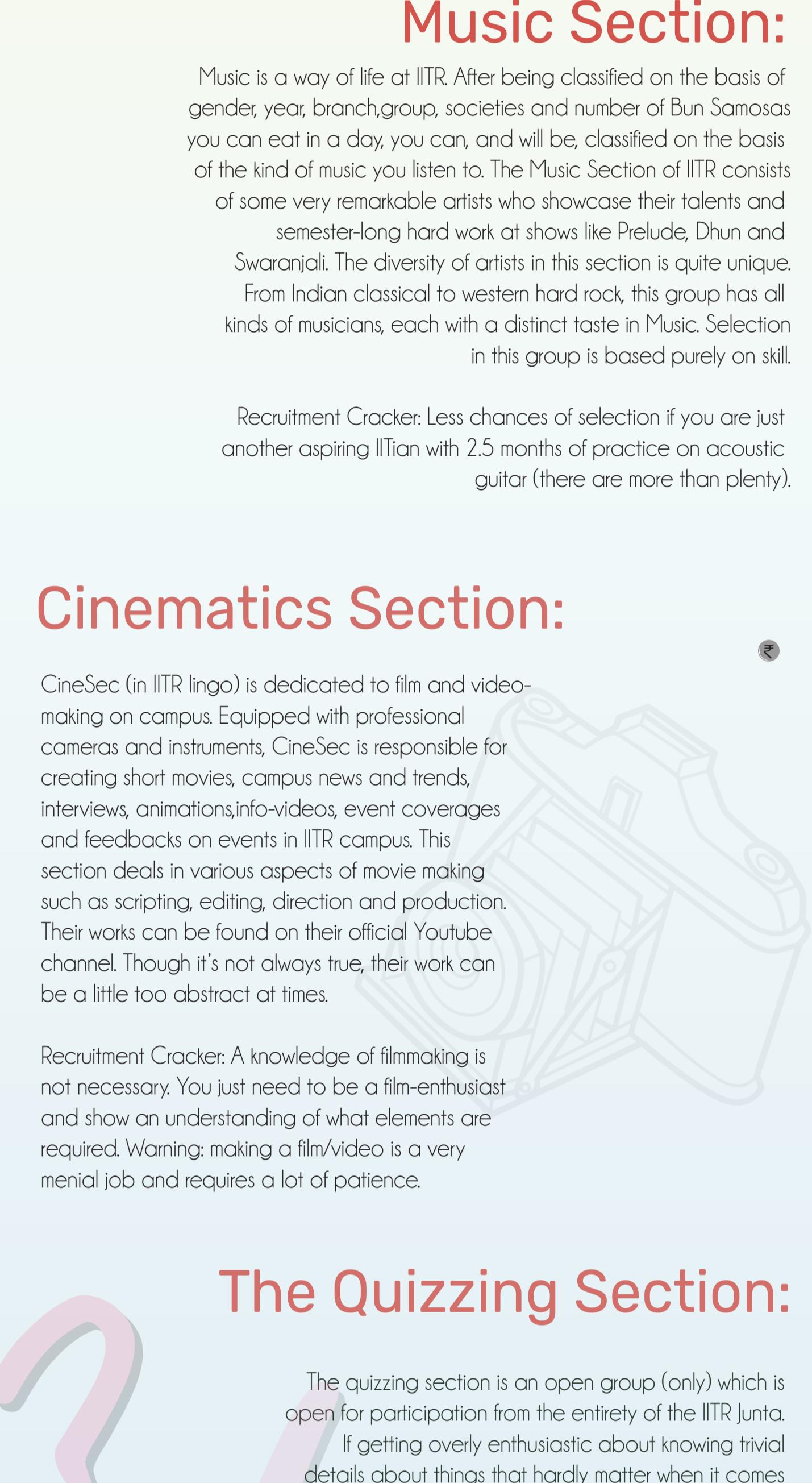
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CAMPUS GROUPS

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The most dominant species of IITR (after dogs, trees) are the infamous homo sapiens. It has been observed that the needs and wants of these mammals range from basic necessities (of food, sleep, territory, gaming, pornography etc.) to absurd desires of social recognition and acceptance by the members of the same species. Contrary to Maslow's need hierarchy theory (thanks to the mess food of RRB), newly admitted members of these species give up on their basic physiological needs quite early, trading it for acceptance into the established social order. This effect becomes obvious during events such as the recruitment season for cultural groups and posts for the Cognizance Organizing team.

Time has divided the humans living on the IITR campus into several such groups, tribes and clans. Each one of them has its own traditions and values which differentiate it from other groups. The Freshman's Guide attempts to mention some major groups and clubs that exist in IITR and their impact on a freshman's life. We provide you with recruitment crackers wherever we can.



CULTURAL Society

The cultural society (CultSoc) is one of the most diverse and happening groups of IITR. The only catch here is that most groups of the CultSoc have a recruitment process ensures exclusivity which might come in handy on your resume (read facebook profile), this doesn't imply that this mechanism snatches the opportunity to learn. The recruitments are held in the spring semester and with the introduction of music and dance classes, the competition for entry is made fairer and more inclusive. Moreover, some societies even recruit members from sophomores and pre final year students.

The cultural society includes the following sections:

Dramatics Section:

The broadway of IITR, you can easily identify the members of the dramatics section by their insanely loud voices and a deep, almost incomprehensible devotion to their scripts.

Known for their religious practice routines and a fierce perfection in plays that make people laugh, cry, angry and, in a few cases, scared (we are talking about Badal Sarker's Baaki Itihas here), the dramatics section performs 3 stage plays and one street play every academic year.

Recruitment Cracker: The Dramatics section is perhaps one of the toughest Cultural Society groups to get into. A booming voice is a must. Having a repertoire of cheesy Bollywood monologues also helps.

Choreography and Dance:

If you are a typical Indian dancer who reluctantly dances in barat, this section is not for you. Although, saying that it requires prodigious dancing skills (that make

Mithun Da go Kya baat, 3 times) isn't completely accurate either. Choreo (in IITR lingo) trains part-time dancer IITians to complete performers. Their shows are generally filled with power-packed performances, with the dance-forms ranging from Jazz, Western and Contemporary to typical Bollywood, Punjabi and South Indian. You get to glimpse their year-long hardwork in the cultural week, their performances in footloose (Thomso event) and flash mob(s) they organize in Thomso and Cogni. If you are really lucky, you get to star in your very own YouTube music video (read: Shape of You) and face an onslaught of selfie requests from the insane fandom.

Recruitment Cracker: Being a good dancer (in others' opinion) is more than enough.

Music Section:

Music is a way of life at IITR. After being classified on the basis of gender, year, branch, group, societies and number of Bum Samosas you can eat in a day, you can, and will be, classified on the basis of the kind of music you listen to. The Music Section of IITR consists of some very remarkable artists who showcase their talents and semester-long hard work at shows like Prelude, Dhun and Swaranjali. The diversity of artists in this section is quite unique.

From Indian classical to western hard rock, this group has all kinds of musicians, each with a distinct taste in Music. Selection in this group is based purely on skill.

Recruitment Cracker: Less chances of selection if you are just another aspiring IITian with 2.5 months of practice on acoustic guitar (there are more than plenty).

Cinematics Section:

CineSec (in IITR lingo) is dedicated to film and video-making on campus. Equipped with professional cameras and instruments, CineSec is responsible for creating short movies, campus news and trends, interviews, animations, info-videos, event coverages and feedbacks on events in IITR campus. This section deals in various aspects of movie making such as scripting, editing, direction and production.

Their works can be found on their official YouTube channel. Though it's not always true, their work can be a little too abstract at times.

Recruitment Cracker: A knowledge of filmmaking is not necessary. You just need to be a film-enthusiast and show an understanding of what elements are required. Warning: making a film/video is a very menial job and requires a lot of patience.

The Quizzing Section:

The quizzing section is an open group (only) which is open for participation from the entirety of the IITR Junta.

If getting overly enthusiastic about knowing trivial details about things that hardly matter when it comes to improving your grade or bagging that 30 LPA job gets you excited, this section welcomes you. The section

organizes a Freshman Quiz at the start of the academic year, IITR Quiz which is considered the Mecca of Indian Quizzing.

Recruitment Cracker: This is an open group and no formal recruitment is held. Although regular attendance in quizzes will usually guarantee a place in the Nihlani/Inter IIT contingent.

The Debating Society:

Fondly known as the DebSoc, the section is filled

with people who pride themselves over formulating

arguments over things they might or might not

have a pinheads' worth of knowledge about. Their

facebook pictures inevitably feature a podium, a

raised hand and DebSoc members themselves;

however, these pictures should not be

misinterpreted as Nazi propaganda. The society

also conducts knowledge sessions and open

debates for the betterment of the IITR junta,

featuring topics such as economics, geopolitics

and history.

Recruitment cracker: No previous debating/public

speaking experience is required. Only a knack for

logically and rationally thinking out things will be

enough for you to become a part of the society.

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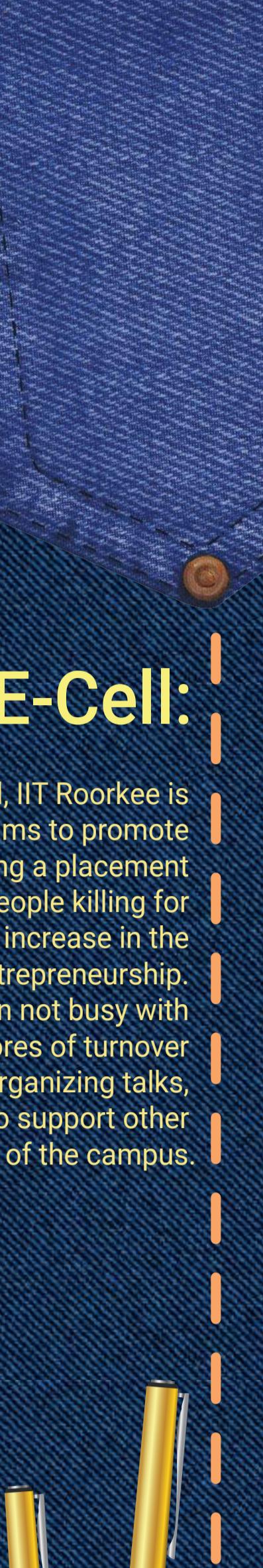
DSG:

In October 2016, as a subsection of SDSLabs, the Data Science Group of IITR was launched with the aim of developing an interest for and making the campus junta aware of the different areas to explore in data science and machine learning. In their own words, "Being the boom in the market that DS is, there is no doubt on the future of this group."

The biggest advantage that students in this group get due to their affiliation with SDS is the opportunity to sit at every high paying CS job, and which is why their Facebook group has over 1000 members, all aiming for the lucrative entrance into the core team.

SPIC-MACAY:

Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth, is an international organization and its chapter in IIT Roorkee organizes a plethora of cultural events throughout the year. The events, as the name of the group dictates, consist of Indian classical music concerts, folk dance groups, traditional drama, movie screenings and other shows where there's a possibility of you running into your Profs. Contrary to popular belief, the members of this section are probably the most active members of any campus group as seen by the sheer number of events they organize during the academic year.



IITR MOTORSPORTS:

Humans (read aliens) with brains where neuronal-transmitted electrochemical signals are so mechanical that they manage to fabricate a Formula Style Race car in a span of 365 days (which may appear the same they made last year but still different somehow), grace this group. The Formula Style Race car is engineered for an international collegiate competition called Formula Student, organised by IMechE (Institution of Mechanical Engineers). The Race cars have already flown worldwide, from Australia in 2011 to UK in 2013, and have managed to secure positions as high as 2nd out of 149.

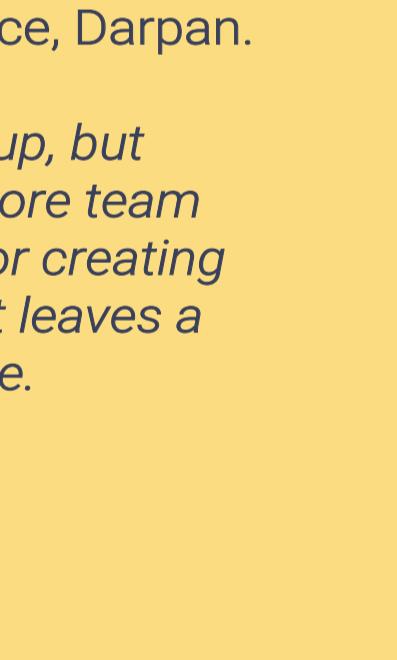
Recruitment Cracker: Some knowledge of car parts and interests in cars will do the trick. If you are in Mech. Engg., then surely this group will be your extended family.

Downside: A lot of books are required to be read, which becomes quite difficult if you have engaged yourself in other cheerful activities.

Team Robocon:

This rather innocent group of ambitious students of IITR broke into the limelight a few years back, following their spectacular performance in the Robotic Contests (Robocons) organised by Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) and its member countries. Robocon is the biggest international robotics competition in the Asia-Pacific region. The magnitude of the competition can be judged from the fact that only one team from a country is allowed to participate, with the host being allowed to field two teams. Participation in it requires inputs from all fields of robotics with heavy emphasis on concept design, robot programming, etc to achieve a predefined goal based on a theme declared by the host country.

Team Robocon of IITR finished 7th in the national stage and won the award for Best Innovative Robot.



E-Cell:

Entrepreneurship Development Cell, IIT Roorkee is a student group which aims to promote entrepreneurship in campus. IIT-R, being a placement centric institute (by that we mean people killing for jobs), has witnessed a very slow increase in the enthusiasm of students towards entrepreneurship.

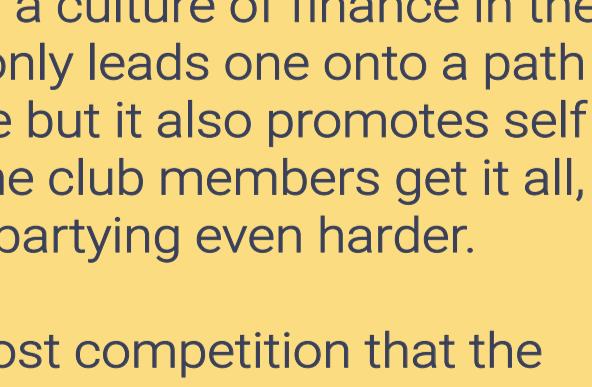
The members of this group, when not busy with their own startups and garnering crores of turnover for their companies, help in organizing talks, meet-ups and other events that aim to support other entrepreneurs of the campus.

ShARE-IITR:

The Roorkee chapter of the non-profit organization Sharing Analysis of Regional Economies (ShARE-IITR), was established in 2007. The aim of this society, in their words, is to understand the complexities of local socio-economic issues through presentations, conferences and projects.

The other less popular aim, like any other campus group, is to have fun in the parties. The members of this group work on projects that aim at studying some global economic, business and social issues.

They also organize quizzes, seminars and group discussions on the current strategies and research in the real world.



WatchOut!:

Watch Out! is the official news and media body of IIT Roorkee, the group responsible for the creation of this Freshman Guide. We cover the happenings and ongoing of life at IIT Roorkee along with the issues that surround the administration, placements, academics, cultural council and bhawans. Some editorials and notorious fake news pieces also make way on our website and Facebook page. In conjunction to the web presence, a print magazine is distributed every semester.

Recruitment Cracker: This is an open group, but recruitments are held for the selection of a core team in virtually anything that you are good at, leaving a mark, this place should feel like home.

Technical Projects: This is a group that gets hands on experience in automobile building.

A recent addition to their team has been the constitution of SAE Aero, which is a group that designs aircrafts.

Various designs of planes were explored during SAE Aero. The team also took part in Teerukri, Cognizance, and SAE Aero.

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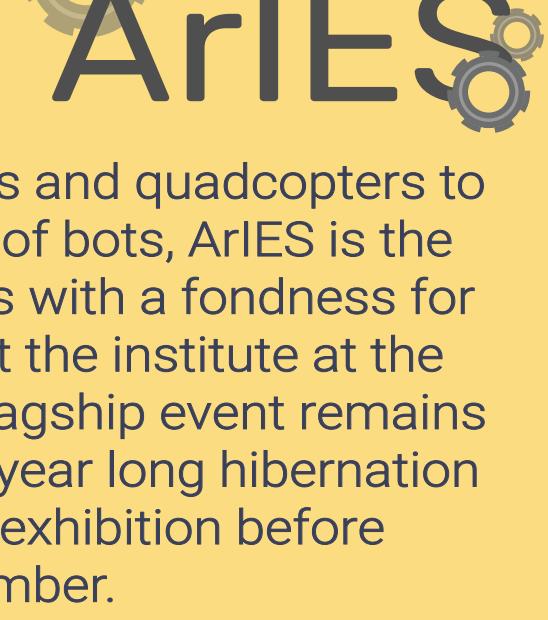
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Recruitment Cracker : While the group is open to all, recruitments to the core team occur after Srishti. Enthusiastic participation in the event all but guarantees the job.

VLG:

Ever wondered how your phone can sort images by the people in them? Or how Siri can speak in full sentences? The Vision and Language Group aims to spearhead the campus Deep Learning culture through various means of disseminating resources on solving such problems. Freshly birthed, they will conduct their first ever recruitments this year albeit for 2nd and 3rd years only.

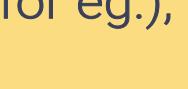
special star gazing deck in the new SAC building. Recruitment cracker : attendance and participation in the meetings goes a long way.

Institute Alumni Relations Cell (IARC), is a cell working under the aegis of Dean of Resources and Alumni Affairs. It aims to bridge the gap between alumni and student community for the mutual greater good. This is achieved by the group members by carrying out various initiatives, like:

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the 3rd year students, wherein they were interviewed (and given solid advice) by alumni members to give them an edge during the actual interviews.

WELLNESS CENTER



Express Engage Emerge

Their Counselling Services help students to focus on and understand more clearly the issues that concern them. This includes tackling personal, family and peer problems as well as managing academics more responsibly.

ular Expression events in which they encourage people to express, and let their feelings out on paper, by virtue of writing (Essay competitions), drawing, quizzes etc. Art talks, webinars on sensitive issues are frequently organised.

Eco Group wa
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The Eco Group, hosted webinars for the Management students in collaboration with UBA, worked along with NSS for several awareness campaigns.

The Eco Group is currently under the umbrella of the Institute Green Committee with the Director as Chairman. The group will keep brainstorming new ideas to make the campus and the world a better place.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) is a not-for-profit membership organization that enables collaboration, knowledge-sharing, career-enrichment, and skill development across all engineering disciplines towards a goal of helping the global engineering community develop solutions to benefit lives and livelihoods.

The Student Chapter in IIT Roorkee was initiated to enhance the quality level of practical implementation. It is multidisciplinary consisting mainly of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

As of now, the students primarily participate in the Human Powered Vehicle Challenge (HPVC) and Student Design Competition.

The Newly constituted Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) club as a part of ASME IITR chapter has taken a step towards underwater research.

Recruitment cracker : Attending the introductory talk and workshops organised by the club will go a long way.

The group to be a part of if you can endure the constant nagging of your friends asking for free food and are as interested in cooking mouthwatering dishes as eating them.

enthusiastic people coming together to bring their regional cuisines and much more to the junta of IITR. They conducted a cook off during Thomso, to check them out visit their student run cafes during the weekend to eat some of the most delicious food you'll find here in Roorkee.

The logo for the Photography Club is positioned on the left side of the slide. It features a red camera icon with a lens and a flash, set against a yellow background. To the right of the camera, the word "PHOTOGRAPHY" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the camera and the main title, the word "CLUB" is written in a smaller, bold, black font on a blue, torn-paper-style background.

If your interests include capturing beautiful moments happening around but not limited to posting every picture you take on a page dedicated to your "photography" then this group might be the haven you are looking for in campus. A creative bunch of people looking for beauty in places

held last year. For a glimpse of their work look out for their annual exhibition 'lumiere' during cognizance.

Recruitment cracker: *The recruitment process includes showing some of your best work followed by an interview where your basic knowledge of photography is tested. Impress them to get in.*

Interested in being the next Tony Stark? Give up, you don't have the looks for it. Anyhow this group might not help you achieve this dream of yours but can be a one stop destination if you're interested in robotics, artificial intelligence and everything related to it. You will get to experience their good work and hear about the numerous competitions they have won during the workshops and sessions they will conduct, helping you get a wider view of what robotics is and what it means to them. With projects being floated at different times during the academic year, you can get a taste of the work they do firsthand and showcase your work during *Shrishti*, which should be one of the most important events

Recruitment cracker: Enthusiastic participation for a project in shrishti will surely go a long way for you. The interview can be easily aced by doing the same.





Campus Politics .

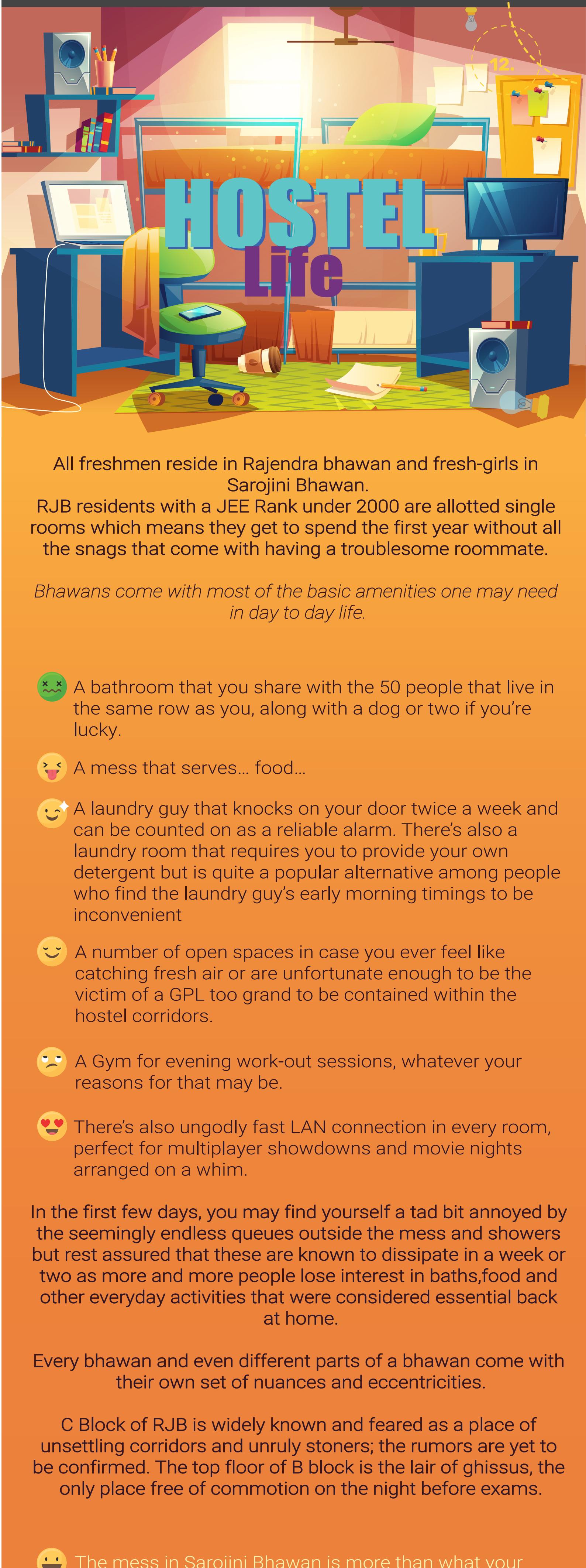
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The ultimate doctrine (which is something as imaginary as this guide) declares IIT-R to be a democratic institute. Here students have as much say as the administration when it comes to campus affairs. Which of course translates to very little. While discussions and debates pertaining to what to do with the freshly allocated funds (hint: relay existing roads) and to whom should we let out the space in front of the students' club (hint: switch between two very similar retail brands) happen (in)frequently; everyone knows that the final decision is taken by a green little infant enjoying this reality show from somewhere in the universe.

excessively outrageous and usually tend to involve the terms geysers, washrooms, gym, attendance and chapo. R is perhaps unique in this respect among all its sister IITs. While many of them have student representatives in their senate; very few have participation and enthusiasm on this grand a scale.

The SAC consists of student representatives at the bhawan level as well as the insti level. Every citizen (he who has an enrolment number) in R-Land gets to vote in the SAC elections. The positions at bhawan level are Bhawan Secretary, Mess Secretary, Sports Secretary, Cultural Secretary, Technical Secretary and Maintenance Secretary and are voted for by bhawan members. At the institute level, there are seven General Secretaries- GS Academics (UG & PG), Technical Affairs, Professional Affairs, Hostel Affairs, Cultural Affairs and Sports.

The election season may also witness the enforcement of a hostel entry deadline by the administration resulting in a prohibition on “inter bhawan movements”. Even your late night pee breaks and tea breaks might be looked upon with suspicion by the all-seeing eyes of guards at hostels. If it seems like Admiral General Aladdin holding elections in the Republic of Wadiya, it may not be too personal an opinion.



All freshmen reside in Rajendra bhawan and fresh-girls in Sarojini Bhawan.

RJB residents with a JEE Rank under 2000 are allotted single rooms which means they get to spend the first year without all the snags that come with having a troublesome roommate.

Bhawans come with most of the basic amenities one may need in day to day life.

A bathroom that you share with the 50 people that live in the same row as you, along with a dog or two if you're lucky.

A mess that serves... food...

A laundry guy that knocks on your door twice a week and can be counted on as a reliable alarm. There's also a laundry room that requires you to provide your own detergent but is quite a popular alternative among people who find the laundry guy's early morning timings to be inconvenient.

A number of open spaces in case you ever feel like catching fresh air or are unfortunate enough to be the victim of a GPL too grand to be contained within the hostel corridors.

A Gym for evening work-out sessions, whatever your reasons for that may be.

There's also ungodly fast LAN connection in every room, perfect for multiplayer showdowns and movie nights arranged on a whim.

In the first few days, you may find yourself a tad bit annoyed by the seemingly endless queues outside the mess and showers but rest assured that these are known to dissipate in a week or two as more and more people lose interest in baths, food and other everyday activities that were considered essential back at home.

Every bhawan and even different parts of a bhawan come with their own set of nuances and eccentricities.

C Block of RJB is widely known and feared as a place of unsettling corridors and unruly stoners; the rumors are yet to be confirmed. The top floor of B block is the lair of ghissus, the only place free of commotion on the night before exams.

The mess in Sarojini Bhawan is more than what your male counterparts can boast of- many may find it likeable (at least in the beginning) and most would at least visit it once during the day for dessert.

The fruit stall will be your tummy-saviour for all those/most of the days when you'll wake up right after the mess closes for breakfast.

The salon offers an avenue for many of your self-care needs.

The second floor residents are blessed with a balcony, and the ground floor ones have the lawns as venues for chilling out and sunbathing in the winters(usually not for GPL purposes, rest assured). The first floor ones, sadly, have to choose and migrate.

The TV/Cyber/Reading room will be the libraries for those who are too lazy to go to MGCL for the exams.

Bathrooms on every corner of every floor, cleaned twice a day.

A stationery shop - your life saviour for all the last-minute graphs and practical files that you'll need.

The laundry room, as in RJB and a press-wali auntie.

A Gym.

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Sarojini Bhawan has 4 blocks, though not as commonly referred to as in RJB. The only exception is Akashnanda, more popularly called the triangle. It harbours the lost souls that have been separated from the rest of their Bhawanmates.

A Hostel, or Bhawan as they are fondly referred to here in R-land, is much more than the tangible amenities it has to offer. It's a lifestyle. So enjoy it while you can. The movie nights, bakan sessions and late night stoner talks. Who knows, your wingmates might turn out to be the siblings you never knew you needed.

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DICTIONARY

Chapo

(n.) Traditionally meaning chai-pakoda, this term has been now reduced to mean party or treat, or in the worst case, as a euphemism for 'I like you, but I'm too socially awkward to hold a conversation. Can we meet?'

"Hey Meenakshi! What about your birthday chapo?" "My birthday was last month. Jerk."

Ghissu

(n.) The kind of person you would like to be (deep, deep down), but can't. Those who can are therefore subjected to social ridicule. Characterised by high GPA and (generally) absent social life. Read more.

"What! Abhijeet got a grace mark from sir because of his regularity and attention in class and managed to clear his backlog? That ghissu!"

Bakar

(n.) Gossips in general. Accounts for 96% of all activity inside hostels.

syn. Sodhi

"Kuch productive karte hai yaar. Kabse bakar kaat raha hai."

Chapai / Chapna

(v.) Copying (especially assignments). A term heavily used the night before submissions of any kind.

syn. Dimpadam

"Tut de be, chapna hai"

Despo

((adj.) Short for desperate. An innocuous substitute for cheap. A person can be desperate for food, money or bandi.)

"Only 30 messages in 3 days? Banda bikul despo nahi hai yaar."

Machau

(v.) The term people use when somebody opens a tightly closed bottle in IIT-R, or does anything of equal value.

syn. Thope

"Hey, you finally downloaded new bhajans from DC++. Macha diya!"

Maal

(n.) Fresh plant leaves with medicinal value. Some immediate effects include stress relief, heightened perception and a generally positive outlook towards life. Long term effects include attendance backs, year backs, expulsion etc.

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"Bhai tera paper hi toh chepa tha. Teri atthi lagi aur meri chaggi?"

Gaoon

(n.) Area where Rajendra, Cautley and Ganga bhawans are located. This area is far from main campus area and is generally recognised by a simple lifestyle and zero interference with major campus affairs.

"Yeh gaoon mera hai aur main is gaoon kaa Bajirao Singham."

- Bittu bhaiya

16.

CAMPUS MAP

Roorkee's campus is serene and graceful. One notices the lush greenery of the campus, the instant one sets foot inside. One notices remarkable products of human activity too. Our campus is perhaps unique, in that its architecture is archaic - reminiscent of a time when the nation was in turmoil. You'll need to be well acquainted with a lot of old and new products of civil engineering inside the campus, and here we mention a few essentials.

Institute hospital

Institute hospital of IIT Roorkee is a 50 Bedded hospital that offers OPD, IPD, Laboratory, X-ray and ECC services to faculty, staff and students. The hospital functions from 8am to 12:30pm and from 4pm to 6pm. It also provides emergency services 24*7. At least one medical officer is always available to treat emergency cases. The students are expected to carry their respective Medical Booklet along during their visit to get treated. The location of the hospital comes to a majority of junta's notice during the Blood Donation Camp organised by NSS. The above mentioned majority being the freshers with NSS proficiency.

MGCL

The Mahatma Gandhi Central Library is a two-storeyed air conditioned building that houses more than 3.5 lakh books and more than 20k e-books. It's one of the most peaceful places you could find inside the campus except during sem exams as the place piles up with a large number of last minute learners. Its timings are from 8am to 12am on normal days. However, to cater to the needs of the highly determined, the study room of the library remains open all day. Despite the existence of the unspoken rule that prohibits public displays of affection inside the campus premises, you're sure to witness a lot of violations in here.

The Main Building

This quadrangle building is the administrative block of the campus that holds the offices of the Director and Deans of various affairs. It functions on all working days from 9am to 5pm. The well maintained lush-green lawn and its surrounding area in front of this building is the place that gets non-weed smokers of the campus high. The security guards are pretty insecure about the lawn, in that they restrict students from stepping on the grass, for they believe the lawn might spill out all those highly confidential 3am intimate talks of the regular visitors. 9 out of 10 students are likely to mark 'The Main Building' as their most favorite place in the campus - the tenth guy being that unlucky sod who gets wet while trying to cross the road, as the sprinklers rain all over the place. The existence of this architectural marvel has also been proved to come in handy when designers of various groups run out of ideas.

LHC

The Lecture hall complex, a three-storeyed building, is conveniently located near the Central Library so as to reduce the time taken by highly ambitious junta of R-land to commute, right after their classes.

Lectures of non-departmental courses and most of the tutorials take place at these satisfactorily designed, air conditioned halls that turn out to be too comfortable for us muggle-borns to concentrate. Exceptions similar to Lily Evans and Hermione Granger are unavoidable amongst the R-crowd - as is the case with any other.

Alpahar

Alpahar is the oldest eatery on campus, rumored to have been here for nearly half a century. It was located in the heart of the campus, till it was relocated to its present location near Khosla International House. Despite its remote location, Alpahar attracts many students during the daytime. Owing to the rich aroma and exquisite taste of hot simmering doodh-patti (that's tea with extra milk worth Rs.2), the also pakoras and samosas in the morning, Alpahar turns out to be a brilliant place for morning breakfast and the ensuing bakar sessions in the afternoon.

Nescafe

This open space next to the Student's Club and PNB is the official hangout place for R junta, especially the unfortunate ones who do not know what to do with the cursed one hour breaks between classes. With a rather uncomfortable seating arrangement that allows no privacy for couples, Nescafe is perfect for passing time sipping coffee or iced tea with friends. The delicacies are not exquisite but the mediocre content of the cuisine is more than made up by the rich, invigorating content of the conversations.

Old Nescafe

The author of this piece found out about this place only in his second year. He didn't misread - this place is hidden and discreet. It is speculated that serving coffee is simply a front put on by the authorities, while shady experiments on porcupines and hedgehogs carry on well within the building, deep into the night. It therefore doesn't come as a surprise when you spot a few of these seemingly bizarre species in Roorkee. Muffled screams of anguish can be heard at night, we advise all readers to look out for the same. Located behind the Sports complex, this place is beautiful in its peacefulness and tranquility.

Student's Club

A 40 inch LCD television combined with huge pool, billiards and snooker tables, and now, even PS4s, this is one of the best hangout places on campus. With sofas and separate rooms to accommodate the activities of the literary section, this place houses table tennis, foos-ball, carrom and chess tables for the R junta. The open space in front of the club serves as the most happening place during the time of Co-organize or Thomso. Events of Lohri celebration, flash-mobs and street plays take place here, leading to an ungodly amount of noise and enthusiasm.

Witnes

We'll let you figure that out for yourself.

Wellness Centre

Mental health is as important, arguably even more important than physical health, and the Institute realises this and lays a lot of emphasis on working towards the psychological well-being of students.

The wellness centre has a tie-up with 1 to 1 help net, a professional organisation which works in the corporate sector to provide counseling services. The counselor visits the Institute frequently, and the wellness centre is responsible for scheduling sessions, while obviously maintaining one's anonymity.

One can also chat or have a telephonic conversation with a counselor if one prefers that. The wellness centre also organises talks on various issues and conducts activities for UC and PG students to increase bonding.

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(n.) A person whose CG is 6.something. He/She can be characterised by a light-minded approach towards life and (thereafter) tensed expressions during placements. Similarly we have satti, atthi, nehli and dassi.

"Bhai tera paper hi toh chepa tha. Teri atthi lagi aur meri chaggi?"

Gaoon

(n.) Area where Rajendra, Cautley and Ganga bhawans are located. This area is far from main campus area and is generally recognised by a simple lifestyle and zero interference with major campus affairs.

"Yeh gaoon mera hai aur main is gaoon kaa Bajirao Singham."

- Bittu bhaiya

Institute hospital

Institute hospital of IIT Roorkee is a 50 Bedded hospital that offers OPD, IPD, Laboratory, X-ray and ECC services to faculty, staff and students. The hospital functions from 8am to 12:30pm and from 4pm to 6pm. It also provides emergency services 24*7. At least one medical officer is always available to treat emergency cases. The students are expected to carry their respective Medical Booklet along during their visit to get treated. The location of the hospital comes to a majority of junta's notice during the Blood Donation Camp organised by NSS. The above mentioned majority being the freshers with NSS proficiency.

MGCL

The Mahatma Gandhi Central Library is a two-storeyed air conditioned building that houses more than 3.5 lakh books and more than 20k e-books. It's one of the most peaceful places you could find inside the campus except during sem exams as the place piles up with a large number of last minute learners.

Its timings are from 8am to 12am on normal days. However, to cater to the needs of the highly determined, the study room of the library remains open all day. Despite the existence of the unspoken rule that prohibits public displays of affection inside the campus premises, you're sure to witness a lot of violations in here.

Alpahar

Alpahar is the oldest eatery on campus, rumored to have been here for nearly half a century. It was located in the heart of the campus, till it was relocated to its present location near Khosla International House. Despite its remote location, Alpahar attracts many students during the daytime. Owing to the rich aroma and exquisite taste of hot simmering doodh-patti (that's tea with extra milk worth Rs.2), the also pakoras and samosas in the morning, Alpahar turns out to be a brilliant place for morning breakfast and the ensuing bakar sessions in the afternoon.

Nescafe

This open space next to the Student's Club and PNB is the official hangout place for R junta, especially the unfortunate ones who do not know what to do with the cursed one hour breaks between classes.

With a rather uncomfortable seating arrangement that allows no privacy for couples, Nescafe is perfect for passing time sipping coffee or iced tea with friends. The delicacies are not exquisite but the mediocre content of the cuisine is more than made up by the rich, invigorating content of the conversations.

Old Nescafe

The author of this piece found out about this place only in his second year. He didn't misread - this place is hidden and discreet. It is speculated that serving coffee is simply a front put on by the authorities, while shady experiments on porcupines and hedgehogs carry on well within the building, deep into the night. It therefore doesn't come as a surprise when you spot a few of these seemingly bizarre species in Roorkee. Muffled screams of anguish can be heard at night, we advise all readers to look out for the same. Located behind the Sports complex, this place is beautiful in its peacefulness and tranquility.

Student's Club

A 40 inch LCD television combined with huge pool, billiards and snooker tables, and now, even PS4s, this is one of the best hangout places on campus. With sofas and separate rooms to accommodate the activities of the literary section, this place houses table tennis, foos-ball, carrom and chess tables for the R junta. The open space in front of the club serves as the most happening place during the time of Co-organize or Thomso. Events of Lohri celebration, flash-mobs and street plays take place here, leading to an ungodly amount of noise and enthusiasm.

Witnes

We'll let you figure that out for yourself.

Wellness Centre

Mental health is as important, arguably even more important than physical health, and the Institute realises this and lays a lot of emphasis on working towards the psychological well-being of students.

The wellness centre has a tie-up with 1 to 1 help net, a professional organisation which works in the corporate sector to provide counseling services. The counselor visits the Institute frequently, and the wellness centre is responsible for scheduling sessions, while obviously maintaining one's anonymity.

One can also chat or have a telephonic conversation with a counselor if one prefers that. The wellness centre also organises talks on various issues and conducts activities for UC and PG students to increase bonding.

"Hey, you finally downloaded new bhajans from DC++. Macha diya!"

Maal

(n.) Fresh plant leaves with medicinal value. Some immediate effects include stress relief, heightened perception and a generally positive outlook towards life. Long term effects include attendance backs, year backs, expulsion etc.

"Bahut tension ho rahi hai bhai. Thoda maal milega?"

Bakchodi

(v.) Gossips which lead to no logical conclusion. Or in general, gossips which have no logic whatsoever.

syn. Pilla/Pillaga

"Want to hear a joke?" "Yeah!"

"Bandi"

"I don't get it" "Exactly."

Bandi / Banda

(n.) A person characterised by the presence of two X-chromosomes or an X and Y respectively. One is a rare species and the other not so much.

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