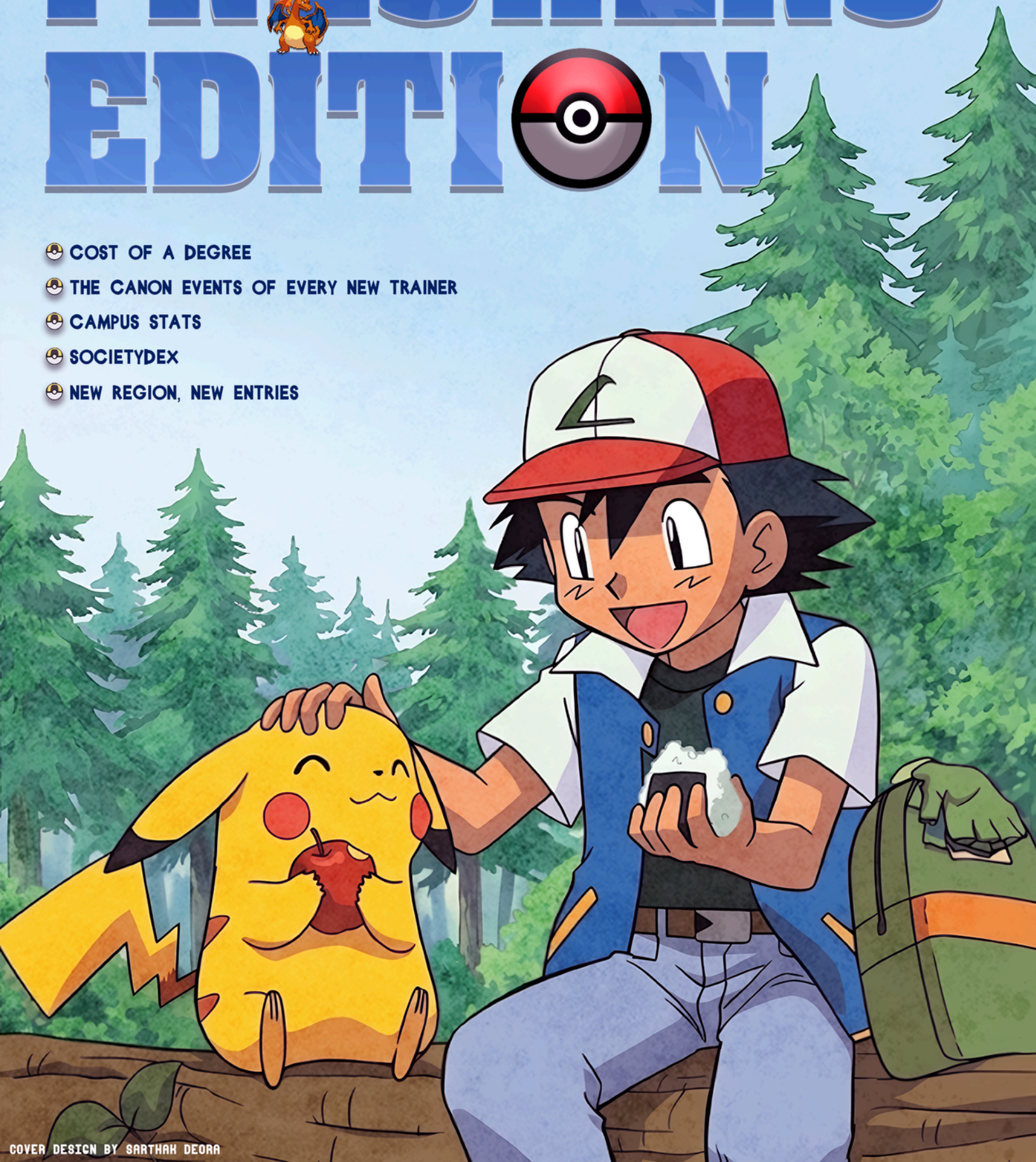
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Cost of a Degree

Welcome to The Cost of a Degree, freshers. Picture this: you've paid that hefty, eye-watering fee and made it to college. Here, we explore the hidden receipts that come with being a sleep-deprived college student.

Let's audit a typical Tuesday. Taking the Blue Line all the way from Vaishali, you reach Dwarka Mor station in all its chaotic glory. Ideally, you'd walk to campus. You check the clock, realize you're dangerously late for your sports class, and abandon all noble intentions. Enter, the e-rickshaw bhaiyas. They know exactly how late you are, and they price it in. Not wanting to gamble on your attendance by waiting for a shared e-rickshaw, you pay the full fare of ₹50 as a single savari, and reach college.

One sweaty sports session later, the reality of an impending two-hour Data Structures lecture sets in. Who knew learning bubble sort would cost you more than just your sanity? Survival demands a Nescafé run, and down goes another ₹30. You promise yourself it's the last cup of the week.



The occasional Zomato order can't be excused either, considering the notorious hostel food. Hence, Domino's Pizza is to blame for another big chunk of ₹200.

And here's the real problem with college spending. None of it seems significant at the time. ₹30 for coffee? That's nothing. ₹20 for printouts? Light work. ₹15 for aloo patty and ₹40 for an auto? Barely anything. ₹5 for the library fine you keep forgetting to pay? Rounding error. And eventually, you've spent ₹300 before the day has even started.





Then come the expenses that don't even belong on a normal Tuesday. Laundry, detergent, bedsheet, bucket, lock and whatever else you forgot to pack that your mom specifically reminded you to. An extension board seems like a needless purchase until you realize your room has exactly one working socket. None of these cost a lot, obviously, but have a clever way of recurring on your UPI history.

Now that you are in NSUT, a trip to Vegas mall is obviously warranted. I suppose a downside of having one of the biggest malls in Delhi next to you is how often it becomes a hangout spot, coming at the cost of the thickness of your wallet. The food court alone can wipe out a week's canteen budget in one sitting. And suddenly Moksha's coming up. A three-day mega fest calls for at least two new outfits, doesn't it?

College isn't just about classes and assignments, dear freshers. It is the ideal time to make friendships, explore your interests and make bad financial decisions. Society fees, concert tickets, registrations and group contributions will all bleed your UPI dry. And just when you think it couldn't get any worse, you have a friend who you need to shower with cake on his birthday. Add to this the daily Metro fares, impulsive canteen runs, and the daily: "Bhai, ₹50 UPI karde, net nahi chal raha", and by sunset your wallet is empty even if your heart is full.

Indeed, this is what college life is all about. Between all of these 'kharche,' the actual institute fee ends up being the cheapest part of the entire degree. You came to college expecting to pay for the classes but no one warned you about the endless stream of transactions your upi balance would endure. And maybe this is the real cost of a degree: not just what you pay for college, but everything you spend making the four years worth remembering.

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THE CANON EVENTS OF EVERY NEW TRAINER

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Every pokemon journey begins with leaving the comfort of your own respective *Pallet town*, picking a starter, getting humbled by a wild creature in tall grass and getting accustomed to gym battles...this kind of feels the same as the life of a first year college student who is just beginning this new chapter of their lives. Stepping onto the campus for the first time feels like a chaotic mix of nervousness and excitement, as we wait for the inevitable **canon events** to reshape us. Think of them as XP points that help you evolve.

If one has to eventually travel this bumpy road then why not pretend as if we are the protagonists of our own pokemon worlds- it just feels cool, doesn't it?

So here's a trainer's guide to the canon events of college:





Starter selection: In order to begin the journey, one has to pick their branch. But whether it was a dream choice or the best option available will remain a lingering question for a lot of people. So, worry not because every trainer questions their first pokemon at some point. It's the journey, not the choice alone, which shapes the outcome.

Badge Earned: Starter trainer badge

XP Gained: +10 Beginner





The first wild encounter: Every friendship starts with one awkward first interaction. That one conversation might last for a few seconds or could also turn into the person who saves you with notes, helps with attendance proxy and provides moral support before any exam.

Badge Earned: First Ally Badge

XP Gained: +30 confidence

Reward: Friend Unlocked





Route Unknown: Despite maps, signboards and asking seniors for directions every fresher somehow gets lost...well it IS confusing. After all, why is there a mother dairy on Amul ground?

Status Effect: Confusion

XP Gained: +15 navigation skills

Unlock: Campus map







The Elite Professor: Every department has one professor whose reputation arrives before they do. Seniors tell stories that make them sound like a final boss:" Be present in his class kyuki ye attendance nahi badhate." I mean, which fresher would not be terrified of completing their 75% mandatory attendance after hearing this.

Status Effect: Intimidation

XP Gained: +40 Courage





The first gym battle: Also known as the first class test. You thought it was just a small quiz, but the test said otherwise. But why do they have to make tests more difficult than the actual semester exams?

Badge Earned: First Academic Battle

XP Gained: +50 Resilience





Always remember that every trainer's journey is different. Some battles are tough, some victories take time and no two teams look the same. So don't compare your progress to someone else's. Just earn your XP, collect badges and rewards, and enjoy the adventure.

CAMPUS STATS

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Welcome trainers, to a guide about the wildest facts surrounding our campus. These age old legends have been caught, verified and logged for future generations. Consider this your starter guide and flip through the entries below to catch some knowledge you didn't know you were missing.

#0001 - Origin

When you think about NSUT, Dwarka automatically comes to mind, but before all these hostels and the mighty Nescafé, there was Kashmere Gate. It may sound surprising but our starter town wasn't the current campus at all. Our journey started at the current campus of IGDTUW and after 15 years in 1998, we finally evolved into the sprawling form we know of today.





#0002 - Cultural Evolution

The fests we all love and wait eagerly for, weren't always present. Yes, some generations of trainers completely missed them but we are fortunate enough to experience them. The trio of our fest circuit, all launched within a gap of one year. Innovision, the tech fest was first to come in 2002. It was soon followed by Resonance and Moksha, both appearing in the same year i.e. 2003. Three gyms in two years, now that is a feat which every region is eager to achieve.

#0003 - Legendary Trailblazers Who Started Here

Every region has its legends: generation-defining characters who sculpt an era. Ours started their journey on this very campus before carving their names onto a national pedestal. Ira Singhal, who cleared the UPSC in 2014 with an astounding AIR 1, began her legend at NSUT before becoming one of the biggest success stories the civil services has ever seen. Naveen Kasturia, who played the lead in the TVF series Aspirants, also started his journey at NSUT before becoming an absolutely prolific actor.



So that concludes the NSUT Pokédex. From a library that once belonged to a whole different institution, three name changes, a hostel that's over two decades old, and three gym born within a golden stretch housing artists like Yo Yo Honey Singh, Anuv Jain, Mohit Chauhan, and many others - NSUT has no shortage of legends. Whether you're a fresher just starting your legend or a senior locking in your placements, the true Pokémon were the memories you caught along the way. Gotta catch 'em all.

SOCIETY DEX 101



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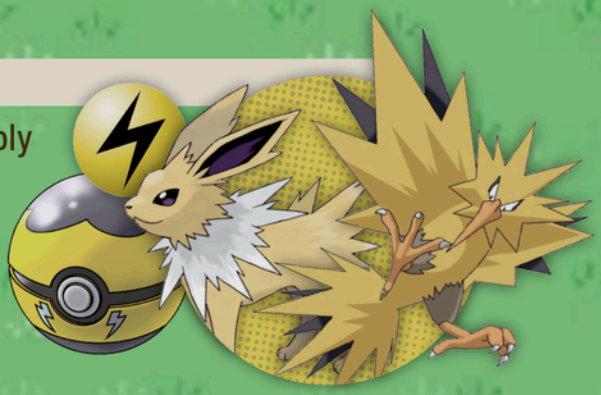
You've barely survived the first week of college. You're still figuring out where Block 4 is, which staircase actually leads somewhere, and why everyone seems to know five seniors already. Suddenly, when the society recruitment forms start flooding in, you're somehow supposed to know whether you're applying to Alliance, Crescendo, TDS, Rotaract, IEEE, Enactus, or Mirage.
If those names sound like a completely different language, worry not because you're at the right place!

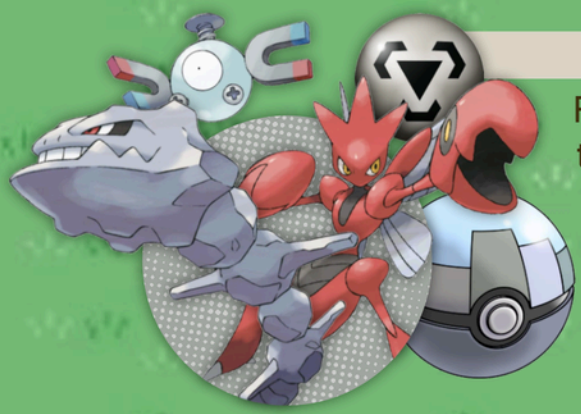
PROFESSOR OAK'S LAB: MEET THE NSUT SOCIETIES

ELECTRIC TYPE: TECH MASTERS

Always curious, endlessly tinkering, and probably convinced they can code their way out of anything.

Societies: ARES Drone, DevComm, D'Code, Algorithm Society, The Debugging Society, GDSC, NSUT.AI, IEEE





STEEL TYPE: ENGINEERS & MAKERS

Forever building, taking things apart just to see how they tick, and happiest when there's something at the end they can actually hold.

Societies: ASME NSUT, Team Daedalus Racing, Bullet Hawk Racing, Solar & Electric Driven Systems, Optica, AD-Electronics and Communication

PSYCHIC TYPE: THINKERS & EXPLORERS



Chronically curious, chasing rabbit holes nobody else noticed, and somehow turning one stray thought into a three-hour debate.

Societies: Nakshatra, Team Kalpana, The Feynman Culture, Indian Game Theory Society, Shatranj Chess Club



FIRE TYPE: PERFORMERS

Born for the spotlight, living for the next big performance, treating every empty space like a stage that's just waiting to be owned.

Societies: Crescendo, Mirage, Capella, Mudrakala, Clitch, Indian Classical Arts Society, Ashwamedh (Stage), Venatus

FAIRY TYPE: CREATORS



Quietly obsessed with the details everyone else overlooks, turning the smallest idea into something beautiful that stops people in their tracks.

Societies: Intaglios, Junoon, Canvas, The Alliance, Shakesjeer, Aagaaz, Tatsam, Subhasha



FLYING TYPE: VOICES OF NSUT

Never short of an opinion, always armed with a counterpoint, and constitutionally incapable of letting the last word go to someone else.

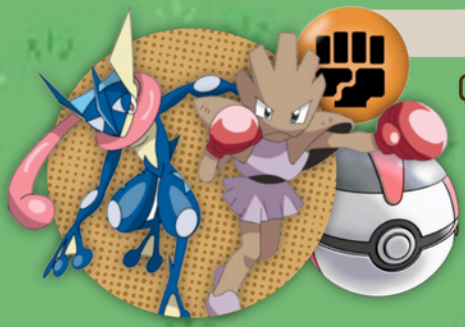
Societies: Crosslinks, TEDxNSUT, Quiz Club, Ashwamedh (Street), Debsoc

DRAGON TYPE: THE STRATEGISTS



Perpetually three steps ahead, spotting the opportunity before it's even visible to anyone else, and already plotting the move that changes the whole game.

Societies: Enactus, eCell, 180 DC, FES, Markstreet, Humanica



FIGHTING TYPE: GUARDIANS

Quietly showing up for their people no matter what, steady for the causes that actually matter, and carving out their own way to leave things better than they found them.

Societies: NSS, NCC, Axiom Philosophy, Rotaract Club of NSIT, Vajra

CHOOSING YOUR STARTER POKÉMON- FINDING THE RIGHT SOCIETY

Not every Pokémon suits every trainer. **Similarly, you don't need to join every society.** Ask yourself a few questions,

Do I enjoy creating content or studying business or finance?
Do I love music, dance, or theatre?
Or do I simply want to explore something new?



The best starter isn't always the strongest, ***but it's the one you'll actually enjoy growing with.*** Think of NSUT's societies as different Pokémon types, each with its **own strengths and personality.** You don't have to catch every Pokémon. So go ahead, pick a direction, take the first step, and see where it takes you.

GYM BATTLES : RECRUITMENT SEASON

Most society recruitments follow the same trail. Four steps, one goal: finding your team.

STEP 1: NAME, TYPE, AND A LITTLE BRAGGING

You're filling in your own Pokédex entry before anyone's actually met you. A few questions and the **very real pressure of sounding interesting in 200 words or less.** Nobody gets this perfect on the first try. That's fine.

STEP 2: TRIAL BY TASK

This is the actual battle. Write it, design it, pitch it, solve it, film it, whatever they throw at you. All the talking stops here and it's just you against the task; where talk stops and **skill takes over.** It won't ask if you're perfect. ***It'll ask if you're willing to try.***

STEP 3: FACE OFF

No secret cheat codes, no shortcuts. They're not asking about your stats, **they want to know the trainer behind them, what you're into, what you'd bring, whether you're actually ready to learn something new.**

STEP 4: THE SCOREBOARD

Selected? Congratulations! Not selected? ***That's okay too.*** Even Ash Ketchum didn't win every battle. A lot of the strongest teams at NSUT are made of people who got told no once and just tried a different gym.



TRAINER TIPS

Choose your starters wisely: Your first semester already has enough going on. Pick the gyms you can keep showing up to, not the ones that wreck your timetable.

Don't sleep on wild encounters: Deadlines don't wait for you to ***"get around to it"***. Recruitment moves like a wild encounter; blink, and the opportunity's gone.

Ask the gym leaders: They've already been through this exact chaos, ***let them save you the trouble.***

Skip the elite four hype: Don't just chase whoever's got the biggest fanbase. **The flashiest gym isn't always the right one for you.** Pick the one where you can actually see yourself enjoying the journey.



LEVEL UP

This is where your actual game begins. ***Late night event prep, fest chaos, deadlines ganging up like a double battle you didn't sign up for.*** And somewhere in the middle of it all, the people who end up mattering most, are usually the ones you talk to while figuring out **what's due tomorrow, at 2am.** Every senior, core member, and president strutting around with main character energy was once sitting right where you are, staring at a list of societies like a box of starters with no clue which one evolves into what. They just picked one and started walking.
So step out of your comfort zone, take the shot, and stop overthinking your starter choice, ***you can always catch more along the way.*** Ready to find your team? Go find where you belong!

NEW REGION

New Entries

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Every game begins the same way: you spawn into an *unfamiliar region* with just a map, a vague objective, and an urge to explore. The roads seem endless, and every corner promises a secret. While some trainers rush straight into the main mission, the best ones wander off to the edges, looking for tiny details.

Being a rookie trainer, you'll spend the first few weeks learning the basics. *What are the best food spots? What is the shortest pathway to APJ halls? How many classes can I bunk while keeping my attendance safe?* However, as you navigate through these early challenges, you will quickly realise that there lies another layer to the campus, one that doesn't appear on maps or guides. The walls of our campus have been etched by the everlasting knowledge of the past, which your **Pokédex** is eager to capture.

If you traverse along the narrow paths between the Smart Block and APJ, then you will encounter your first entry, a warning or maybe an ultimatum stating that '**only dead fish follow the stream**'. Sounds drastic, doesn't it? But the more time you spend here, the more it starts making sense. Only the ones daring to take the untrodden path are able to evolve past their rookie stage. It is easy to become just another **Magikarp** swimming in the ocean; you'll see numerous people doing something just because everyone is doing it. Being in your comfort zone may give you a false sense of security, but it will also hinder your growth.

For the second entry, you might have to ditch that rickshaw and take on the challenge to tread the path to campus on foot. While approaching the north gate, you'll be greeted by your friendly neighbourhood **Spider-Man** and a simple message that reads '**take that risk**'. In the grand framework of your journey as a **Pokémon trainer**, this will act as your explicit command to venture into fields that might scare you initially, but with the passage of time, you will always get the better of them. You must remember that college is a massive sandbox where the only limitation is your imagination; whether it is public speaking or a chaotic hackathon pitch, you must be ready to throw yourself into the unknown.

Continue exploring and, if *luck or curiosity* takes you into the sports ground, you will have found your third entry. '**Wanna see Nirvana, but don't wanna die**', unlike the earlier entries, this one is a little harder to decipher. As a *newbie*, you'll spend the next few years chasing one quest after another - *your first CT, your first midsem, your first internship.* Every achievement will make you feel that you are one step closer to your *final mission* and somewhere along the way, you will convince yourself that happiness only exists on the other side of your next achievement. Perhaps this is what this message questions. We all want our own version of **Nirvana**, whether it be success, purpose or a sense of accomplishment, but *we are often so consumed by the pursuit that we forget about the journey*. College isn't just a race to your bachelor's degree; it is also a ground for discovering yourself and creating memories that will outlast any test. So, stay focused on your journey to becoming a **Pokémon Master**, but don't forget to stop every once in a while for some *side quests*.

Well, this is the furthest I can guide you. The journey ahead holds countless more entries, and the corridors are waiting for you to capture them. *Welcome to the region, trainers. Now, go out there and find 'em all.*


NSUT
THE MAP
DESIGN BLOCK
JC BOSE (BH)
KAVERI HOSTEL (GH)
RAMANUJAN (BH)
RAMAN (BH)
NORTH GATE
MANDIR
STATIONERY
BHASKAR (BH)
ARYABHATA (BH)
MOTHER DAIRY
APJ COMPLEX
MUSIC ROOM
STUDENT CENTER
SMART BLOCK
WORKSHOPS
AMUL GROUND
CLINIC
PARKING
MOKSHA GROUND
F.TECH BLOCK
NESCAFÉ
BLOCK-6
NESCI LAWNS I
SAC
GYM
ADMIN
LIBRARY
FLAG
BLOCK-4
BLOCK-5
NESCI LAWNS II
BLOCK-8A CBT
TNP
TNP PARK
SPORTS GROUND
GUEST HOUSE
MAIN GATE
ALAKNANDA HOSTEL (GH)
HYDROPONICS FACILITY
SARASWATI HOSTEL (GH)
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