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THE ULTIMATE **GUIDE TO SHELTER RWRY FROM HOME**

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Trust me though, as the narrator, I know all endings to this prelude. You're gonna wanna get back to the storyline and join the choir group for the hook once you've had your fun.

What's with the **morose mood**? Here, I'll pop in and check on you every once in a while with helpful tips. Cheer up, there's lots to see here, even more to do. Unwind at Nescii, watch raging debates at the **CBT**, maybe keep an eye out for dance recitals as well. Uhm, have a crack at football? Yeah we've got all sorts of sports grounds back around the corner. Maybe you want to just sit down and catch up with your friends at the Student Center? Not to be confused with the **Stu-**

dent Activity Center, where you'll usually find the gym bros.

Remember, physical stats are just as important as unlocking achievements!

Oh? You've got a parting question? Sure, let's hear it.

"Should I start with C++ or Pyt-"

Shut up and go back to your room. You're grounded.

There's a reason your folks always badgered and nagged you with a constant stream of ever-renewing oaths of what they'd describe as "enlightenment". I am absolutely certain I'm not talking to someone who hasn't heard the evergreen "10th karlo, you'll be set for life beta.", and saw it evolve like a **Pokémon** into more and more hideous promises. This isn't school. This isn't JEE. Rest now, weary traveller.

Make friends.

Have fun.

No one stresses that nearly enough these days.

"Thank you Mario! Your quest is over.

We present you a new quest."
-Princess Peach.

HELLO THERE TRAVELLER DID YOU KNOW THE WIFI PASSWORD IS SEPI@123?





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Is the college life at NSUT as good as it is perceived from outside?

That should've been something you asked before you put NSUT above our counterpart (we don't believe it, legend says so) DTU in your preference list of engineering colleges.

If you are of the mindset that your college life will be one of the 'Student of the Year' movies, then you will definitely not like it here. It will solely depend on what preconceived notions you have before you enter this place, whether it is finding the true love of your life (experience of the author says it doesn't happen here) or cracking a hefty package. In the end, you will find yourselves loving this place during the fests, bunking the classes to walk around the campus or eat something at Amul and wishing to get out of here during the midsems, endsems and assignments.

Does having different branches make a big difference for future prospects?



Considering that this question is asked mostly keeping placements and internships in mind, it's true that the technical branches (CS-aligned and IT) are better if we look at overall coding culture and placement

stats. However, 60-80% companies allow students from core branches like ICE, EE, ECE etc to sit for tests. The university has also made long strides in non-technical placements. We have a strong entrepreneurial culture with a strong Alum network, entrepreneurship-aligned societies and an incubation cell (NSUT-IIF). All in all, be ready to leverage opportunities and focus on what you want to

do. It's perfectly alright if you don't want to code at all and pursue something entirely different. At last, whatever you

wish to pursue, go after it with utmost dedication and zeal.

How do I prepare for internships?

Fun fact: The sophomore writing this article is still exploring ideas about getting one, and they are not bothered about it even at this point. So bt mat lo. But we understand a little insight is needed for the road ahead. Here it is:

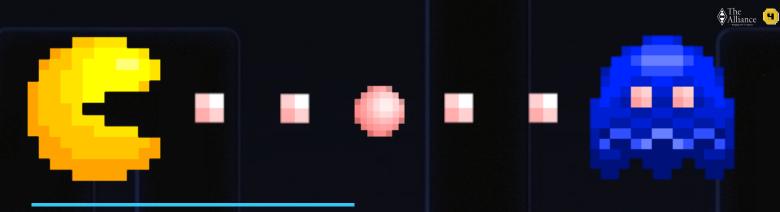


Companies come on campus for internships during the end of your 2nd year i.e during the summer break where you transition from being a 2nd year to a 3rd year student. What matters the most to crack those internships is one thing - DSA. Pick up a language, be it C++ or Java, and learn the fundamentals of it. Start learning DSA concepts through online courses (preferable) and after you have a good grasp on the Data Structures, start following a DSA sheet which contains a variety of problems to practise. Don't set too many targets for yourself, at the end of the day, what matters is you learnt something new.

For the non-tech, remember to apply first and think later. Ultimately, the aim is to build a CV; opportunities are relatively scarce in this field. Be open to grunt work for the sake of experience and networking. Be active on Facebook and LinkedIn and look scrupulously for startups. They are usually looking for dying to hire recruits in this field. Speaking of startups, NSUT has a vibrant history of entrepreneurship, with many famous alumni like Sahil pruthi and Guru Hariharan among the ranks. If you feel startups are your calling, send a letter to the person in charge of the incubation cell of the NSUT. Now for the arduous "core", just like any other field, NETWORKING IS KEY. Network with professors and students in and outside the college and actively look for interns on other campuses.

Too much? Relax, you'll ace it. Before diving into the 'so-called path to follow to crack the MAANG companies', explore everything in your field, be it tech, core or non-tech and see what drives you.





After hours of classes, where can I sit and relax with my friends?

The campus covers almost 150 acres of land. Hence, the campus is bound to offer numerous spots where students can sit alone or together with friends to relax, discuss, and decide on plans for the evening. While students, as



they like, can make even a mundane spot much to their liking, The Alliance recommends some places for the fucchas to learn more about their campus. Here is the following:

Student centre for lunch and studies, Nescii for basking in the morning sun and society meets, Amul ground for waiting for your order, stadium to watch matches and the open gym to watch 'matches', 6th block roof for badiya si dhoop, and empty APJ halls (if you are lucky).

Team PW or Dhattarwal?

Ahem.

How will this one year of college change me as a person?

That is something you'll discover on your own. However, more or less the one thing that



will remain common between you and the author typing this out is that you'll learn to get past your insecurities and self-imposed limitations. NSUT is a place where you'll realise you are among the best minds after the selective handpicking from JEE. Everyone will seem to be better than

you at something and people will seem a lot more complex than the first time you met them. You'll learn to deal with

everything slowly at your own pace and trust us when we say this, you'll come out as a better, more well-rounded person.

How much does GPA matter? Is coding really necessary?

A good GPA (8+ is enough for most companies but strive to get as much as you can) matters during internships and placements and it isn't a tough nut to crack. However, studying only through the college curriculum won't enhance your skills. As for people who wish to go into tech, coding matters. However it doesn't mean that you'll sit down and start making a roadmap for yourself as to how to get into your "dream" company. You already have had to deal with enough roadmaps during your JEE preparation, it's time now to explore all horizons and choose what is best for you. The first year of your college life is the best time to do that.

Any other advice for smooth sailing through this new change?

First and foremost, 75% attendance matters, as does CGPA. Secondly, don't be limited to your comfort zone. If you are not challenging yourself, you'll never grow. It's easier to get good marks early on in college, So try to boost your GPA in the first year. We know despite all this, There will still be questions, and we hope there are. We don't want your intuitive bird to die this soon. We encourage you to ask seniors. Ask a lot of questions if that is what it takes. You'll avoid lots of pain. And that goes without saying, always respect your seniors. Despite merely being a year or two older, they know a lot. Furthermore, there will be lots of activities in the

college, sometimes interfering with your work. Hence learn to say 'no'. Your time is your time. No one else will respect it for you. And yeah, don't do drugs.



THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO SHELTER AWAY FROM





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Entering a **new chapter** of your life away from home might seem intimidating to some and exciting to others. To make this transition easier, we bring to you a guide to places and people in the hostel that make it the **home-away-from-home**.

1 - THE KNOCKOFF

Beware, the food looks appetizing only from afar. Initially you may tell yourself, "It's just like **ghar ka khana**" but then crave the same when you'll be painfully deprived of the flavours of homecooked food. If you feel peckish, then you could order food online (or just make **maggi** in a kettle, it tastes heavenly). Oh, and don't pounce on the **day-scholar's food**, please.

THE ROOM AND ** THE ROOMMATES

This tiny room of yours, which comes, rather lavishly, stacked with a **study table, a bed, and an almirah,** will welcome you home after a long day. It'll be where you'll pull **all-nighters** to finish the syllabus, do a end-of-day gossip sesh with your roomies or just make a sandwich in the middle of the night. The people with whom you share this space will be your go-to humans. It's the muffled secrets, the suppressed giggles, and the **hearty laughter** together which will never make you feel miles away from home with them. Oh, and don't forget to put on the **curtains** in your room.

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This notorious **metal contraption** is infamous for making the residents of the hostel rush to Amul for 5 litres of water. It is recommended to first test the water (one odd sip should suffice) before consuming it in larger quantities. Oh, and keep packed water bottles in your rooms, you know, just in case.

4 - HOSTEL STICKY NOTES

There is an attendant, a caretaker, and a warden for each hostel who can be contacted in case of any issues faced. Visit the common room packed with **Table Tennis** tables when you need a sports-y break or just wish to move those muscles. The **badminton court** inside the hostel is far closer than the one in the **Student Activity Centre** (and the courts are available most of the time as well). Pro tip: bring your own rackets and shuttles. Oh, and **curfew** timings for the boys hostel is 11:00 pm and that for the girls hostel is 10:30 pm

It's completely possible that you don't get a hostel room allotted to you because of one of three reasons:



You are a **Delhi resident** and there is no 85% quota when it comes to hostel allotment.



You're facing the repercussions of an ever-increasing student population of NSUT.



Or both.

While moving into hostel is easy, "hunting" a suitable PG is nothing less than a competitive sport. Here are a few things to keep in mind whilst you are lurking in the wild concrete jungles of Dwarka hunting for a PG:

OPTIMIZATION

The PG should be near the college campus (duh) so that you get every ounce of that sweet **post-alarm-snoozing** sleep. There are quite a few in areas nearby such as Dwarka Mor and Dwarka Sector-15 aka old Palam Road. It may look like a

khandhar when compared to your comfy homes but believe me, it will come in handy during those nerve-wracking contiguous practicals and exams.

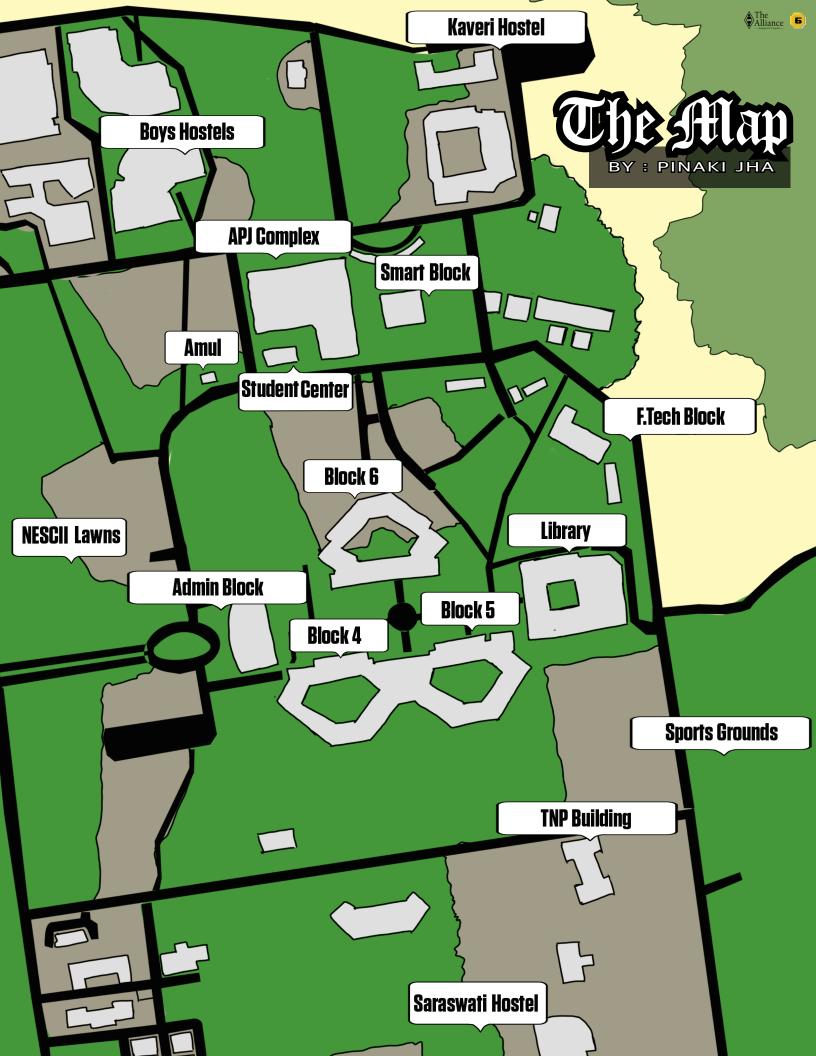
Living in hostels or PGs is a surefire way to get honorary degrees in **Accounting**. Make sure to have well laid out agreements regarding the rent and security deposit (an **advance refundable amount, usually a month's rent**) as it often becomes a tussle to recover the security deposit back from the **PG owners** once you decide to vacate. Don't forget to maintain a public ledger or use **Splitwise** for splitting any bill between your roomies and neighbours.

DOD - DEGREE OF



The loss of not being in the campus past college hours is compensated by the **relatively greater freedom** offered by PG. With practically no curfew timings, it is a much more viable option for those who wish to do more than just **PG-rated**' stuff (if you know you know). Although too much 'fun' can lead to a mano-a-mano with the owner. For greater degrees of freedom consider renting a **flat**.

In the end, whether you plan to stay in a hostel or a PG or a flat, remember to make the most of your time there. Prepare for your exams and internships harder than ever and enjoy the midnight get-togethers as if they were the last. These days spent away from home might be the best days of your life. "Manzil milegi bhatak kar hi sahi, gumarah toh woh hain jo ghar se nikle hi nahi".









Welcome, you! Welcome all! Welcome to NSUT. We're delighted to have you. How was your JEE period? No, no, I'm kidding, don't answer that. We won't talk about any of those times, they really aren't worth talking about. Do sit down, won't you. Comfortable? Fantastic. Let's begin.

Welcome to **The Society Introduction page**. Today we will take a dive into the societies NSUT has to offer, and an even deeper dive into your personality! First, what is a society anyway? A society, or a "soc", is a group of students, across all years, who are self driven. They come together to explore some aspect of extracurricular, or academic, college life. Societies **organize their own fests** have various departments, and come in various shapes and sizes. What's the Myers Briggs test? **Myers Briggs Type Indicator** is an influential personality test inspired by the work of Swiss Psychiatrist Carl Jung (Find the OG test at www.16personalities.com). Time to meet yourself:) Don't be shy.







What are you like, as a person? Carefree P, jolly A, and social ? Quiet, shy and best left to your own devices? Empathetic? Always lending a helping hand? Perhaps hungry for adventure? I have some of the answers, provided you answer some of my questions. Welcome to The Myers Briggs test. A simple, and fast quiz that helps in putting you under one of the 16 personality types. Find yourself, and I will help you find your community.

01) Extraverted vs Introverted

Ask a friend of yours. What do they think of you? Are you talkative, love to be heard, love the rush of being around people? Do you tend to think out loud, and don't mind

being the topic of conversation at times? If yes, then you prefer **Extraversion (E).** If the case is that you are a private person, and you think quietly, and prefer observing over receiving attention, then I assign you with **Introversion (I)**Got your letter? E vs I? Note it down. In the wise words of **Mickey Mouse**, "It is a special tool that will come in handy later."

> Q2) Sensitive vs Intuitive

We all find ourselves floating away with a good idea sometimes. Tell me, do you only entertain realistic ideas, ones that are practical? Do you find yourself dreaming away, but

with dreams that are heavily centralized around reality, instead of wishy-washy concepts? In that case, you prefer **Sensing (S)**. On the other hand, if you like seeing the big picture, and like imagining the possibilities of how things can be, then you are **Intuitive (N)**. You enjoy ideas for the sake of enjoying ideas. You don't mind abstract concepts.

Think about a time when you were stuck in a spot. A place where you were forced to choose between being sensitive about a situation, or being fair about it. If you choose to be sensitive, warm and empathetic, then you are a **Feeler (F).** You make decisions based on your personal values and your feelings. You value harmony and community, and enjoy making others happy. If you chose fairness, then you are a **Thinker (T).** You value justice. You are able to separate yourself from your personal feelings and make decisions using logic and facts.

Q4) Perceiver or Judge

Spontaneous? Dislike rules and deadlines? Often don't end up adhering to these rules and deadlines? Love to improvise and adapt? Enjoy freedom and adventure? I give you

Perceiver (P). You don't like being tied down by the more mechanical aspects of life. Methodical Planner? Enjoy finding small flaws in arguments? Adhere to rules? Enjoy discipline? You are most definitely a **Judge (J)**.



MEET YOUR COMMUNITY









INTJ- The Architect

Visionaries who are imaginative and strategic. They always have a plan.

ENTJ- The Commander

INTP- The Logician

Inventive and

Innovative and

Independent.

ENTP The Debater Cannot resist an Bold and imaginative. intellectual challenge. Fantastic leaders, who are also loyal. Cannot resist a bit of fun.

INFJ- The Advocate

They are quiet, almost mythical. Very inspiring idealists.

ENFJ- The Protagonist

Charismatic leaders. Able to mesmerize listeners. Unmatched

INFP- The Mediator

Compassionate and poetic. Always eager to help a good cause.

ENFP- The Campaigner

Creative and sociable sweethearts. Versatile in their approach to life.

Aaaand we are done. Phew. Now you know where in this topsy-turvy college you might just find your people. "But wait, Navya." you say. "Is that all?" Not at all! There are so many societies left!

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ISTJ- The Logistician

Practical, fact minded. Very reliable, very trustworthy, very.

ESTJ- The Executive

Systematic, and

pragmatic. Brilliant at

managing tasks as well

as people.

ISFJ- The Defender Dedicated and warm

protectors. Often the parental figure in a

ESFJ- The Consul

Extraordinarily caring, and warm hearted. Thorough in their

THE EXPLORERS

ISTP- The Virtuoso

Bold, free, self determined, and logical.

ESTP- The Entrepreneur

Smart and perceptive people who get a rush from living on the

ISFP- The Adventurer

Flexible and charming. Forever ready for the next new thing.

ESFP- The Entertainer

Energetic individuals who are a delight to be around

We have a plethora of technical societies which can help you grow in that sector. DevComm, ASN, CSI, GDSC are all tech societies. Maybe this is where you truly grow. Mirage and Capella are sweet spots for those who love to dance. Crescendo, if you can strum an instrument or mesmerize a crowd with your voice. Aagaz for your poetic side, and Tatsam if vou are a Hindi enthusiast.

So, here's a personal note from me, sweets. Not as a senior to a junior, but more as a friend to friend. Trust me on one thing. You might feel bound by yourself and not explore all the different options there are. That is an absolute no-no. You're in college! Be a little free. There's a reason people in societies love their societies!

Do you have a bug in your head that says "What if they don't take me? What if they don't like me?" Valid fear. Understandable fear. But quench it Right Now. Not making it into a soc doesn't mean that the end is here, and it doesn't mean your one and only chance at having a good college life is gone, and it definitely doesn't mean that you won't ever make friends. Heck, I made friends just trying out for societies, even if I didn't make it to them. All I am saying is, don't stop yourself from trying out everything. I hope you make it to the socs you want. And if you don't, don't worry about it. As Rancho said wisely, "All is well." And that's a wrap. Cue the curtains. Wonderful talking to you, sweetheart. I wish you a fantastic first year. Here, take a biscuit. See you:)



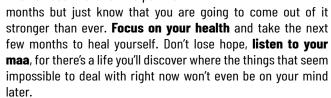
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TABISHI SINGH COE, 2023

Dear first year Tabishi,

There is so much I want you to know.

Life has been hard for the past few



This new setting is overwhelming, but just know that three years down the line, you'll be having the best time with your tribe. Learn to **let people get close to you,** for you'll find your special ones among them, and you'll never want to let them go.

When I compare myself to you, I notice how much you've changed. You've learnt to let go, you've learnt to not take everything to your heart and you've learnt to find a balance between being too soft and being too rigid. **Don't lose your sensitivity**, it is your biggest strength.

Give yourself credit for the things you've accomplished and keep yourself ready for the surprises life has kept in pocket for you. I won't give you any spoilers.

DHRUV BHARDWAJ ICE, 2023

Dear first year Dhruv,

I am aware of how eager you are to

learn and try out new things. But just because you're having a lot of fun doing something, **don't stick to it forever**. Try out as many new things as you can because you'll always **discover something new** that intrigues you even more.

You are going to **meet some incredible people**, gonna have lots of fun. Ten years down the line it wouldn't matter what GPA you had or what branch you were in. What would matter is the memories you have made and the skills you have gained. So always **keep your priorities accordingly**.

Everyone around you is going to have different interests and aspirations, but don't let it affect you. Just because someone's coding or someone has landed an intern doesn't mean you have to. Instead of signing up for things in F0M0, **try to work on upskilling yourself**. And please show a bit more trust in your wacky ideas; you have no idea how much you'll accomplish because of them. You'll soon have a blooming startup **Writopanda!!** I know!! All you gotta do is believe in yourself and rest everything else will take care of itself.

ISHAN CHOURASIA ECE, 2023

Dear first year Ishan,

You are gonna be alright. I know you feel really overwhelmed right now. New place. New people. It's a fresh start. Okay,

I know you hate stepping out of your comfort zone, and being in a totally new environment freaks you out. But hey, trust me, you are going to **love this journey**. It's gonna **change you as a person**. Just be yourself. And most importantly, be open to new experiences.

I know you can't dance. Heck, you hate to dance. In a few days, Mirage will hold its trials, and you must go, just for the sake of experiencing it because that is a memory which is still vividly alive with me - a hundred people dancing on the terrace while the setting sun burns the cloudy August sky in a shade of red that I now associate with this memory. And trust me, not even half of them knew how to dance. What I am trying to say here is, don't take a second guess when it comes to new experiences. Just go for it, because this is what college is about - **exploring yourself.**

Don't hesitate to **meet new people** because, trust me, at this stage, every single fresher around you is craving company. **Make new friends.** Embrace them, for hugging is a medicine. You are gonna meet some of the most beautiful people here. Hold on to them, for you know what? It's always the people you reminisce about, not the memories; it's always the **journey that makes you feel alive**, not the destination.





NANDNI SRIVASTAVA MPAE, 2023

Dear first year Nanduu,

A new city, new people, stepping out of high school, a whole new world and life. It is scary!! But trust me you can handle this. When you look back at the little 10 y/o Nandni with a sparkle in her eyes and the woman you will be in 3 years, you'll be nothing but proud of yourself.

Try to explore and step out of your comfort zone as much as you can. I know you think you can't dance, but still go for Mirage's audition alright? And if you feel you are underconfident, then definitely go for Debsoc's auditions. Try to do everything you think you can't do. Because you don't know what the future holds for you. Plus abhi nahi toh fir kab?

I know you are a little indecisive about your future plans, but relax, you'll soon figure out your true calling. Go for the graphic designing project, try out case studies, go for that data analyst's position you've been waiting for, try out everything before you make a decision. Academics isn't the end of the world. Take your time to adjust to everything, koi train nahi chooth rahi. You'll eventually figure it all out.

MRIGAKSHI BT, 2023



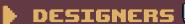
Dear first year Mrigakshi,

I know you have worked day and night for two years and now that you are finally here, you're so excited for college to begin. You'll feel a bit dejected when you'll realize that people around you are evaluating you based on the fact that you are not in the so-called 'top branch' rather than your skills or potential. But trust me when I say this, your **branch does not matter**!! Never let this impact you since you are the only person who can decide how you want to be perceived, regardless of what others may think of you.

Throughout your four years of college, you are going to meet so many different people with different opinions, perspectives and backgrounds. You are going to be friends with some, others are going to be just acquaintances and some might even leave. Remember to be grateful for the ones that stay and don't think too much about the ones who leave. There'll be many obstacles and there will always be people pushing you down. You will have to rise through it all and you will.

Just **believe in yourself** and go with the flow and don't worry MG you'll do great!! XD

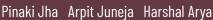
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