

COVER LETTER - INSIDE OUT

By Muskan Sharma

If the title of this article does not immediately ring a bell, then you, truly and earnestly, were busy preparing for an examination which upon clearance, creates a lovely 'floating island' in your long-term memory. You were so busy trying to catch up with clock-completing assignments, calculating marks and envisaging a bright future in a certain institution in Bombay that you forgot to appreciate the essence of life, universe and everything. Now, however, is the time to slouch on the bed and binge watch all the Pixar movies, until you can fully comprehend the title of this article.

Described below are five emotions that you will experience throughout the course of your journey at NSUT and hopefully most of the times(if not all), it will be Joy taking over the console, and keeping the pandemonium inside your head at bay.

ANGER

From the moment the guard at the historic NSUT entrance gives you the death stare, an innuendo for you to show your ID card, your day kicks off with a rough and agitating start. Seniors barging into the class and shutting the doors lest you escape from the glorification of the society which they are allied to, can aggravate your temper by a slight amount. Frustrated by your inability to lip-read what the teacher is saying, you occupy the first bench and sit with the 'ghissu' who has already licked the book through and through. However, when he asks the teacher the meaning of a term which you have not heard of even in your wildest dreams, you heat up and off you go stomping back, right where you came from. The real test of containment of your anger will be when the teacher marks you absent for a class you didn't want to sit for in the first place, merely because your "Present Sir/Ma'am" got lost in the ether of noise before falling onto the teacher's earlobes. However, none of these predicaments compare to the ordeal of getting the tiniest of task done from the Admin block



SADNESS

The first pangs of sadness that can cut deep wounds in your already fragile prestige, will be felt when the name NSUT does not light up your neighbour's face the same way as IIT does. However, in due course of time this feeling of sadness will get replaced by acceptance and later by 'Moksha' (both literally and figuratively). Some other instances which might trigger the emotions of sadness are- a sudden announcement of an extra lecture on the class WhatsApp group, jostling for a vacant table and not being able to clear the audition of your favourite society. The realisation that you have attained mastery in procrastination might sometimes lead to formation of lumps of guilt and self-loathing in your gut. There even might be chances of succumbing to homesickness after having your first meal in the Hostel Mess, but the fact that you have been admitted into one of the finest institutions of the country proves that you are a fighter. Come what may, thou shalt not give up.



DISGUST

At times, your contemplation about the purpose of sitting in a class where most of the lecture seems to be in Hebrew, will evoke strong emotions of indignation and even disgust at the entire education system of our country. But neither you are the HRD minister nor you have the Polyjuice potion required to be one. Needless to say that, a creepy and gross lizard on the creamy wall of your hostel room, will bring Disgust into action and she will compel you to take refuge in your roommate's bed, until you lose track of the whereabouts of Ms. Yucky-Sucky-Lizzy. Disgust will also make you reluctant to consume the "paneer(less) sabzi" or the "paani-waali dal" served at the Hostel Mess. But life is not a bed full of roses, you see?



FEAR

Being caught in the feeling of trepidation varies from person to person and even changes with circumstances. For some, interaction with a complete stranger might be intimidating, while for others stepping in the library to study, can get a little daunting. However, it is a truth universally acknowledged that a student, irrespective of his branch, batch or year of graduation suffers from the Law of Fear of Examinations and is in dire need of legible notes. A day before examinations, when the clock strikes ten, the speed of flipping the pages of the books is directly proportional to the square of the amount of dopamine released in your body. The prospect of completing the syllabus before time and then revising it once again seems like a far and distant dream. Although, the practice of last minute study can be an unnerving experience for the faint hearted, but it has rendered some miraculous results and has helped many realise their true potentials.



JOY



Joy is when you hear the words "Class is cancelled". Joy is when you play cards with your friends on a lovely spring morning in the lush green Nescii Lawns. Joy is when a senior treats you with the delicacies of McCain and Amul, for no reason at all. The butterflies fluttering in your stomach when your crush passes you a smile, can be associated with Joy. On a completely normal day at NSUT, the instances wherein you feel the river of joy flowing within the vessels of your heart are innumerable. Joy can be found in the smallest of achievements like running the "Hello World!" program for the first time, and it is Joy which fills you up when you have climbed the highest rungs of success. Joy brings with itself feelings of euphoria, contentment and even self-actualization. Joy is a state of the mind and it has immense power to pull you up from any pothole of depression.

MAP OF THE INSTITUTION



- 1- NSUT Main gate
- 2- NSUT Guitar Road
- 3- Nescii 2
- 4- Nescii 1
- 5- Parking lot 1
- 6- Parking lot 2
- 7- Mini Zayca
- 8- The Admin Block
- 9- MPAAE/ICE Block
- 10- ECE/BT block
- 11- COE/IT block
- 12- Library block
- 13- Fountain Area
- 14- Staff quarters
- 15- Guest house
- 16- Lover's lane
- 17- Girl's hostel
- 18- Girl's Hostel guards
- 19- Sports ground
- 20- Witch lane
- 21- NSUT clinic
- 22- Workshops
- 23- Moksha ground
- 24- ME block
- 25- Shopping Complex
- 26- Student Centre
- 27- Amul Parlor
- 28- Just cafeteria
- 29- McCain/ food court
- 30- Boy's hostel

DENIZENS OF ZOO-HOSTEL-IA

By Vaidehee Thakur

Naïve little kid with good grades and big ideas decides, 'Hey, look at me, I'm gonna move to Zoo-hostel-ia, where animals and humans live in harmony and sing Kumbaya!'

Welcome to Zoo-hostel-ia, where snakes slither up walls at midnight, bats fly in through open windows even later at night, and monitor lizards invade bathrooms at dawn. Clever mosquitoes will drink the elixir of your blood, whilst stupid bugs will read physics textbooks with the hopes of their exaltation to a higher rung of the jungle. Sooner or later, you'll knock the sense out of their bodies using your colossal Jaggi Mathur Part 2.

ACT 1: SCENE 1

Room of protagonist fuchcha. Wednesday. The watch strikes 20:20:20 hours. The freshman is now completing 0.5 months of futile fighting with day-skis over the merits of hostel and perils of home. All nadaan fuchche have started dusting their notes and textbooks for the class tests. Meanwhile....

Fresher: What does the peacock say?

An ostentation of peacocks: MEAAUWW! KAOUUNW!

F: Now that's what I'm talkin' 'bout!

The desultory child blames the peacocks' cacophony that distracted her and shouts profanities at the lizard scuttling across the floor. Good kids don't swear, but then again, that's none of her fault. She doesn't know how to train that dragon.

Anger, fear and disgust are squabbling over the emotions console. It's their fault.

Joy: (manages to take over) Conceal, don't feel. You have a test coming up.

Just keep swimming. Just keep swimming. What do you do when you swim? Swim.

The fresher jumps out of her bed and swims towards her mess.

Mess worker: Fish are friends, not food. You won't find Nemo in the mess.

F: (tussling with the mosquito that landed on her plate) Baymax, kick it down! (turns towards Baymax) Stop scanning me.

Baymax: Your hormone and neurotransmitter levels indicate that you are experiencing mood swings, common in hostellers. Diagnosis: 1 month of uninterrupted mess food and mess manchurian (this is not food).

F: This is it. I don't want to survive. I want to live. I'm going out to breathe samosa air. Oh look here's my senior guy friend.

*Don't snicker, I didn't say boyfriend *kids these days*.*

1. Hangs out with chill guy who's curfew time is 11:30.
2. Returns to her hostel 10 minutes past 10:30.
3. Finds a locked gate.
4. Hostel staff stares at her, squints at hostel ID, then looks back at her face.
- 5.... and other mishaps you wouldn't want to hear.

F: (to herself) But don't worry, Woody. In just a few minutes, you'll be sitting around a ~~campfire~~ kettle with Andy making delicious, hot noodles.

She pours water into the kettle, then decides to download a movie torrent. She's about to plug in the laptop's charger, when the power goes off.

F: Good grief, this is a gaon. I can't see the lizard!

The laptop is about to breathe its last when the power returns. With the speed and alacrity of Master Shifu, she simultaneously plugs in the charger and the kettle for preparing Maggi. The laptop revives, and once she's made the Maggi, she notices that the download's just 10% complete.

F: Alright I'll have Maggi whilst it's hot. I'll multitask and save time.

Enter Quora. She follows the question 'How to become the next Sundar Pichai if I know only basic C++?'. She balances her bowl in one hand, and dexterously scrolls through the feed with her other hand. Just like Master Shifu.

Shifu wakes up an hour later. No, that wasn't a dream. Her head had unartistically dropped onto the keyboard. She rubs her eyes and rolls them at the failed download. She swears at the dratted GH-2 for not providing Wi-Fi, unlike the other hostels.

F: I have stumbled upon the greatest truth. I need my own Wi-Fi connection. I'll call up the Excitel guy tomorrow.

(fumbles about her despicably

messed up desk) I am a good punctual hosteller. I'll do my assignment. That'll show those haughty day-skis.

Her protuberant eyes scan the assignment, only to give up within 5 minutes.

F: It's the headache. Ah, the hostel headache. The one that succeeds inexplicable all-nighters. No, I've listened to too much Cardi B, just to stay awake the past week. This is it. I'll show some self-love. The assignment can wait. Let it go.

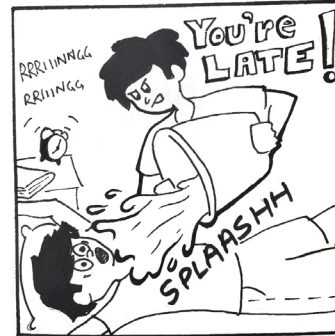
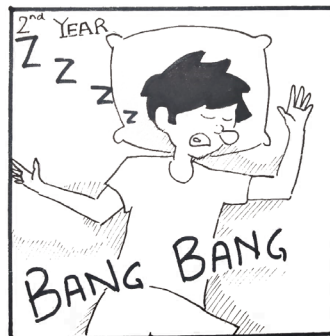
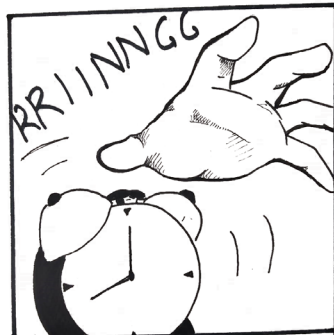
ACT 1: SCENE 2

Her roommate and neighbours have gathered in her room. Everyone dances to vociferous 'teri aakhya ka yo kaajal' at 1:00 am. The attendant appears at her doorstep, shoves her neighbours to their rooms and turns towards F, who is already the title of her bad books.

Attendant: No ~~music~~ loud partying, Miguel. Abuelita won't allow that. At least in GH-2. (furiously swings towards KJo) Miguel wants no part of your SOTY, mariachi. No boisterous partying, no dolling up for college. Miguel will wake up 5 minutes before class and rush out in sweaty shabby nightwear. *Estas bien, mijo. (marches off)*

Slightly perturbed by this unwelcome disruption, she, along with her roommate, contemplates existential questions- 'Is midnight partying unethical? Are day-skis luckier? Is Riley dating?' Both feel better.

F: We can stay up late swapping



stories, and in the morning..I'm making Maggi. Again. We are noodle folk. Broth runs through our veins.

The night gives way to morning as they passionately stalk her classmate's crush's boyfriend's ex. Suddenly, they jump in horror as they realise it's time for college. A hurried bath and skipped breakfast later, she finds herself sitting bleary-eyed in the EEE lecture. She screws her nose and glances at the boy sitting behind her. It's her drowsy friend from BH-4, who hasn't had the privilege of a cold shower in 6 days.

Classmate: I quote my hostel's staff: "No water in the washrooms. I'm H2O intolerant. Achoo!"

This defining statement destroys her envy at his single room and evokes her sympathy. She stops taking her nice GH-2 AC room for granted.

Her phone rings and all eyes turn towards her. Dang, Amazon. Anyhow, she answers the call and whispers something innocuous along the lines of 'bhaiya saaman security guard ke room me rakh dijiye'. The professor eyes her.

F: Ah shit, here we go again. First the hostel attendant, now the professor.

The Baymax in her head: On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your embarrassment?

F: I do not like the cone of shame.

(He silently turns back to the board.) Phew.

ACT 2: SCENE 1

The narrator soliloquizes the key commandments of a good hosteller.

>Ye shalt not litter the room and make it impossible for other people to tread the floor without tripping over.

>Ye shalt keep jhadu-duster, and a room freshener to drown the mustiness of the undermaintained room.

>Thou shalt possess a first-aid kit comprising 5-6 ORS sachets, antacids, cetirizine, antiseptic cream and band-aids.

>Ye shalt befriend the hostel ghissu to gain special (inevitable) high-level access to esoteric notes on random variables and noise power density.

>Ye shalt help day-skis manoeuvre the labyrinthine campus.

>Thou shalt consult hostel seniors, and we shall bless thee with invaluable knowledge.

-----the end-----

BLESSETH BE THY TUMMY

By Sheersha Majumder

After God created the Heavens and the Earth, separated the seas and the skies gathered the waters and grew the vegetation, on the seventh day he rested. What the Bible's authors failed to document was that on that day, an overwhelming hunger manifested in Him, one that could not be satisfied with the vegetation he created. So after resting on the seventh day, lo and behold he created the glories of the Holy Wonders called Canteens on the Campus of NSUT to sate his hunger and for all the poor BTech students to come and thou shalt enjoyeth and be blesseth by percalifragilisticxpialidocious fodder.

Mini Zayca

Located near the Admin, this is the most frequented place to eat by faculty staff and students alike having a quick break before classes resume. A perfect blend of variety and taste, the Honey Chilli Potato and Chole Bhature are the cynosures here! The delectable delicacies are sold

at a reasonable price and guarantee a filled protruding tummy.

McCain

This eatery is the 'go-to' place among the hostellers owing to its location at the vicinity of the Boys Hostel. McCain is true to its name and offers palatable quick bites. Though it is somewhat tricky to spot the first time one enters the campus, this is one of the likeliest hangouts you'd be hitting once college begins. Re-ordering its French Fries with Momo's chutney, once you give them a try, is on the cards.

Just Cafeteria

'Just Cafe' has exceeded expectations and has done to sandwiches what America has done to breakfast. A necessity which one didn't know existed, but after trying cannot live without. The Soya Keema Cheese Sandwich served with French Fries on the side is bound to make even the one without social media to take one's phone out to click a snap.

Student Centre

When all the cards are drawn, all hope lost, all self-dignity robbed barren and not a cent left in your Paytm, the Holy Shrine of Student Centre emerges from the deep-fried depths of the hot sauce ocean atop the tender, moist pieces of dark soy chunk and its batter to rescue those who cannot rescue themselves.

Amul

A perfect blend of quality and flavour, the Oreo Milkshake and Brownie Vanilla Milkshake served with a gallop of ice-cream with a choco stick, are the blue-chip of this confectionery.

Chill Point

Located just outside the campus, this thela is sought to rebut the sophisticated lot. A true foodie, however, will feel tied to this place after tasting its lip-smacking chur-chur naan and daal baati churma with a chilled glass bottle of soda!

Sec 6-10 & 12-14

McDonald's, KFC, le Tiffin, Subway, Burger King, Dominos, Dunkin Donuts, Baskin Robins or any food chain restaurant or ice cream parlour you've ever heard of graces our presence in the City Centre. Other special mentions in the Sector 10/11 market is Sizzlers (some of the best chicken steak and cottage-cheese sizzlers) and Mughlai Express. In the Sector 4 area, you'll soon be familiar to the Juice corner right next to the 24/7 outlet.

This list will soon be lucidly predictable to you once you start exploring the near-about of college. You'll find the famous and the not-so-famous eateries to satiate your food love.

Here's to ending this supposed disquisition while urging your taste buds to explore like an unsupervised child in a candy store.



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

By Vidushi Yadav

The college probably hosts more snakes than demons, but it always helps to have some superstitious belief in a being beyond your oh-so-marvellous capabilities. Being the one true lord for years to come in college, yes me, your vella senior, it is only natural to list out the biblical commandments that shall set you up for gradual miracles.

1) Thou shalt have no other gods before me

Unless you get into trouble with the administration, warden or a faculty member. Then you can pray to all the gods to get you out of the mess before it the imposition of hefty fines or worse, but let's not delve into this. Notice, I didn't mention any deans. Those aren't the cosmic entities Gods are meant to mess around with.

2) Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image

You probably won't have the time to practice wood craft or sculpting and hone the skills required here (well, you may have to survive a particularly scary practical subject of welding if you are in the (in)famous Mechanical branch). So congratulations! You didn't have to put in too much work here.

3) Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain

Except on the day of an end semester exam when you have managed to not cram enough information to get by without a backlog in that subject. But only because clearing them in your third year is problematic and cumbersome. Also an obvious exception will be allowed on the days of internship and placement interviews. This is also a much more legible reason to be worried about than not being able to cross the 75% attendance mark because you love morning sleep and night-outs.

4) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy

For the not so religious aficionados, that would be every day of an external viva and all written exam days (you may get a break if you grace yourself with a less satanic elective). Nah, just messing around, it's your birthday you idiot! What better way to count the revolutions of Earth you already wasted.

5) Honour thy father and thy mother

You're already doing a good job at satisfying their wishes (and wallets) by getting an admission here so kudos on that front. But they probably require you to give up your sleep, food and peace of mind so you finally outshine the neighbourhood Sharma Ji ka ladka. Yes, that's one battlefield which is never going cold.

6) Thou shall not kill

Kind of obvious and a given, unless you're a rampant sociopath (or a sick human anatomy researcher). Even if that's the case then please do get the help you need because it's a little difficult to make a career out of. I mean, if you were to be any good at it, you'd be training to become a highly skilled assassin, not studying to become a Facebook engineer. Killing time is perfectly acceptable though, after all that's the one achievement Facebook pioneered.

7) Thou shall not commit adultery

I mean if you have game in your first year itself, congratulations; it is a rare feat indeed. But really, don't be that person. It could unfortunately lead to regrettable consequences, other than STDs and you-know-what-that-is.

8) Thou shall not steal

Be it pens, drafters, startup ideas or even cell phones during college fests and other people's placement offer letters. Just don't steal, alright?

9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour

The best way to ensure that you'd be the least liked person in your class would be to throw someone (or in some cases, the entire class) under the bus. Especially if it involves a mass bunk or the submission of an assignment.

10) Thou shall not covet

If being envious of another person was a grave sin, we're all doomed. But in all honesty, this is probably one commandment (apart from the no-killing rule which your lord emulated straight from The Dark Knight himself) that would help you if you took it in stride.

Strive to outdo your rival in the good ol' Naruto's ninja way, instead of whiling away in jealousy for you'll be the only one suffering.

BRANCH-O SCOPE

By Urja Banati

Congratulations! If you're reading this, there is a high probability you've successfully completed your boards and JEE examination and if that is true, you've certainly heard your parents tell you "bas 12th tak padhle, aage mazze hi mazze hai beta". Now that you have promiscuously

chosen NSUT (or perhaps vice-versa), be prepared to face the reality instead. While it is true that your expectations of entering the college srk style, finding your Miss Chandini, dancing on the rooftops, will relentlessly be shattered, it can also not be denied that you will find yourself bitter

sweetly falling in love with this college at the end of your very first year!

In an effort to decrease the impact of the events which are going to pass by you faster than the speed of light, we would like to reduce the humongous expectations off your shoulders by providing

a quick glimpse of your future year via our clairvoyant branch-o-scope!

COE & IT – You will always be surrounded by people gasping at the very precise moment you utter "COE" or "IT" followed by the question "school mein hamesha padhta

hi rehta hoga na?" and "abhi tak kitni programming language seekh li?". Be prepared to face a tough competition and to acclimate yourself to the scenario of your peers forever talking about some or other project/hackathon. Whenever feeling low, a talk about placements is always there to cheer you up!

ECE - "Time nhi hai yaar, classes hi khatam nhi hoti"-this tagline will perhaps be the only thing you would constantly find sticking by your side throughout your four years. The exigent curriculum will often make you question your priorities in life. However, the condition gets even more tough with passing semesters and it is suggested to make the most of the moments you face in this one year, "kyunki zindagi na milegi dobara". Juggling between societies and syllabus, playing with deadlines, running after professors for attendance are some activities that you are going to master in the upcoming year!

ICE - You are about to interact with a crowd who is just as confused as you are. "Instrumentation exactly hota kya hai?" will be the perpetual question constantly nagging you while you confidently answer others whatever

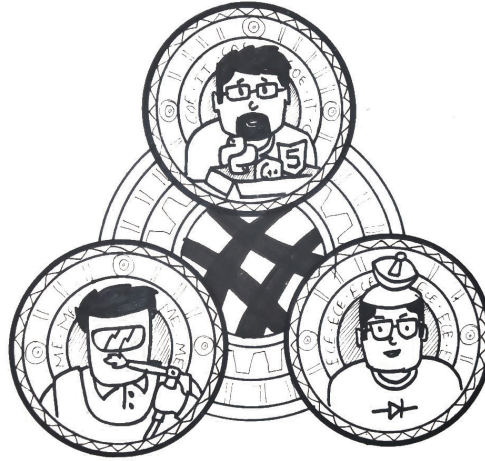
explanation you find most suitable just to stop their incessant questionnaire. You'll find yourself wondering what meaning your papers even hold in your life but

branch-mates brothers (since finding a girl in your branch has the same probability as that of finding life on mars!). Long hours of workshop and labs will surely be taxing, but

your field.

CSAI, MAC & EE - "Yeh toh naya course hai humein kuch nhi pata" is probably the only line of 'advice' you'll get from your seniors. Indeed you are going to be the center of attention for the whole college. You can find yourselves lost amidst the changes you face and be a bit envious of your peers who can easily ask their respective branch seniors about their queries, but don't worry - "help will always be given at Hogwarts NSUT to those who ask for it". Sure, it will be tedious at first to scavenge out different papers from different branches that are related to your course, digging out old notes and files but it is advised to just keep hanging till things make sense!

However, the ultimate truth remains unchanged- whatever branch you are in, you will most certainly have to face the standard statement by all your relatives and neighbours who have no clue about the whereabouts of our dear college - "Kyu beta IP mein admission nhi mila kya?". This is the moment where all your hard- work and struggles will flash in front of your eyes one last time and wearing a tired smile (Remember fuchhas - murder is a felony!) you'll try to explain "Dwarka ke kone mein ek chhota sa jungle hai...."



don't worry that haziness clears itself after some time and you learn that you are after all the jack of all trades. The good part however is that you'll have lots of time to explore your interest and work towards your passion. Extra-curricular in college is nothing without the cool 'ICE' guys!

MPAE & ME - Be ready for a grilling yet satisfying year ahead of you. If you find any other person donning a tired mien like yours, feel free to assume they are your fellow

hey, what's the fun in taking up mechanical if you don't get your hands greasy!

BT - As the name suggests, in a world full of people concerned by only technology, you'll be the people adding a dash of 'bio' to it! Be ready to be immersed in a world of dna and rna which no one but you can understand in the entire batch. Go ahead and have fun confusing others with terms they have no clue about! You might feel a bit left out initially but your uniqueness will surely make you stand out in

FUCHCHON KE SAWAAL, ALUMNI KE JAWAAB

By Vaidhee Thakur

A flux of doubts flits across freshmen's amorphous minds, leaving them flummoxed and feebly fumbling for answers. Fear not, for Master Oogway shall quell your doubts.

+ = Quintet of wise alumni who have 'been there, done that'
{ Toshit Agarwal, Batch of 2014: Consultant with ZS
Nishtha Jain, Batch of 2018: Junior Analyst with McKinsey,
Allwin Tom, Batch of 2016: working at a startup,
Akanksha Dewaker, Batch of 2014: pursuing MBA at IIM Bangalore,
Ipshita Chatterjee, Batch of 2018: Software Engineer at Adobe, Noida
office }



I have just entered college, and I already feel overwhelmed. What are the things I should do before I graduate?

Time flies, and life after these golden 4 years is very different. You are the average of the coterie of your acquaintances, so surround yourself with people who challenge and inspire you. Have fun and go on trips with them.

Don't limit yourself to predefined boxes. Your campus is teeming with opportunities; use your copious time to wildly explore. Whittle down your priorities. Maintain a healthy balance between extra-curriculars, career development and academics, whether it's through working in sprints or following self-imposed time-tables. Study right before exams like a true blue engineer.

AFTER THESE 4 YEARS, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO WAKE UP EVERYDAY AND GO TO WORK, KNOWING THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

Just follow this simplistic algorithm throughout college and you'll be fine:
{insert flowchart}

Pro tip: Though each person's goals differ, it's advisable to start applying for internships from 2nd semester. The earlier you dip your toes into this arena, the earlier you get an edge over others. }

What is the extent of impact of GPA? Also, are faculty members supportive?

Exams teach you the life-saving art of last moment prep. The grades obtained, though not a true yardstick for measuring actual subject knowledge, are an indicator of your level of commitment to the course. A decent GPA can get you through the door in most places.

Faculty members can serve as mentors if you work with them in the course of projects, or if you have significant interaction with them beyond the classroom. On the contrary, neither GPA nor faculty members can truly help you with non-tech careers.

Will I get long term benefits by joining societies?

Societies and fest organising committees are splendid cliques that morph you from

ambivalent freshers to adults with great interpersonal, teamwork and managerial skills. You meet lifelong friends and mentors, and take away a myriad of everlasting memories to reminisce on. But take care to be selective while choosing any society.

Most importantly, all 5 alumni, being former Alliancees, spoke highly of The Alliance, the newspaper society of NSUT. Talk of a self-referential structured newspaper. (I urge COE-IT folks to get the joke.)

Miscellaneous life gyaan:

Competitive coding is exciting and important, but not indispensable for interview preparation. Interview prep can be done in other ways too. You WILL face rejection perhaps during internship season, or when you apply to your dream business school. Avoid dejection at rejection. Thorough introspection is the right way to handle failure. After a certain point in life, having a degree from a good college is merely a qualifying criterion i.e. you can't bask in the glory of your 'NSUT' tag forever. Moreover, if you laterally shift towards a non-technical path, it's the extra-curriculars, societies and

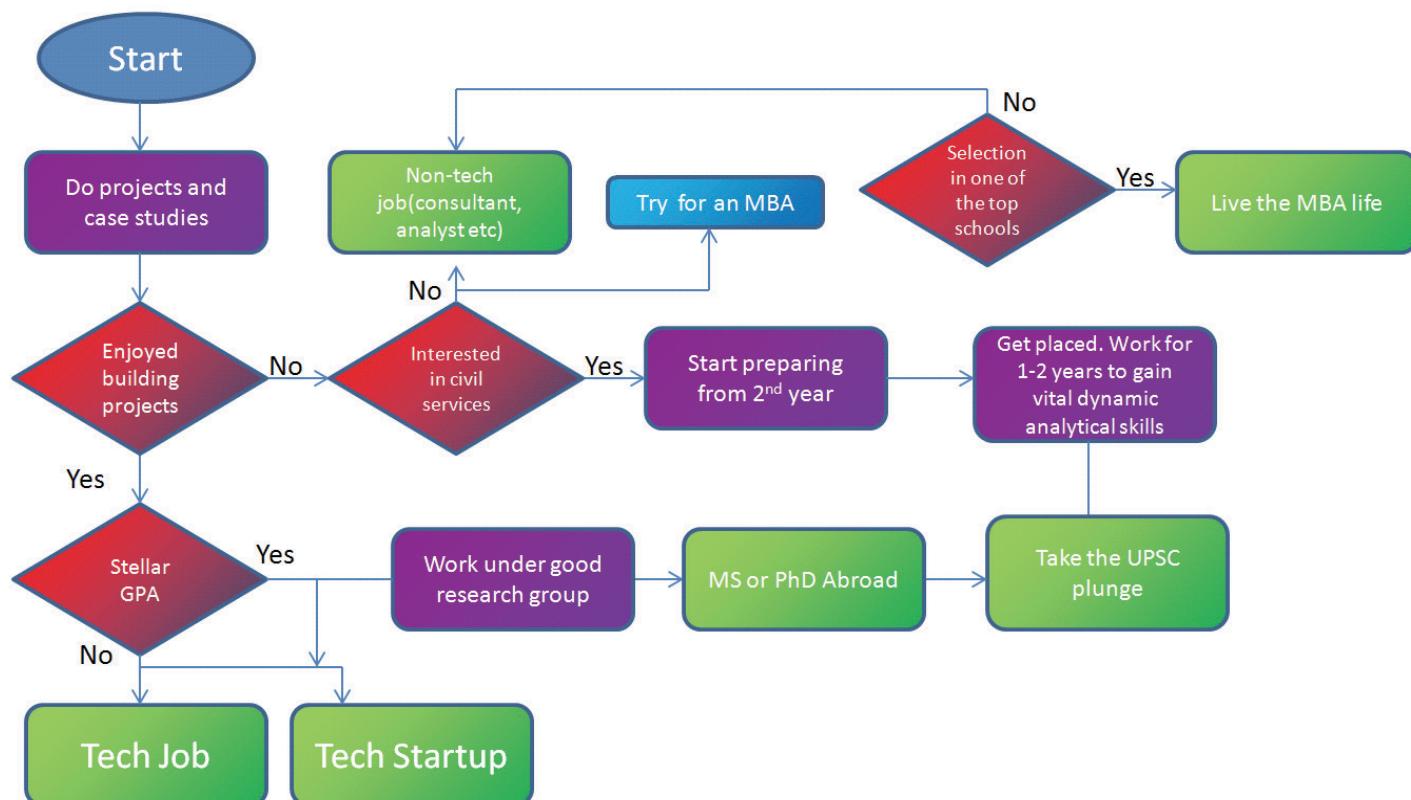
your own identity that usually matter in placements.

If you're still too paranoid about the unpredictable future, know that the heteroskedasticity of life isn't always a bad thing.

"I worked for an MNC for nearly 2 years before realising that my 1st Year self would've hated the present me for what I was becoming. So I left the job and joined a start-up of my liking. It wasn't a rash decision, but more in line with who I wanted to be."

-Allwin Tom

I never look back darling, it distracts from the now.



A FOREWORD ON SOCIETIES

By Advik Jain

It is easy to get frustrated in the humdrum of academics and societies are often what keep people going. Societies are a group of people following a common hobby or passion. They also present a chance to improve skills such as speaking, event management etc. Societies are a unique opportunity to interact with seniors and make new friends! Here is a list of some of the most active societies in this campus:

Alliance

This is the society that has toiled hard to bring this publication to you so that you don't get lost in the wilderness that is NSIT, Err, pardon the misnomer, NSUT. Our talented pack of Journalists, Caricaturists, Designers and Editors promise to keep you safe as long as you keep downloading the latest editions of our newspaper (Quid pro Quo dear fuccha).

Ashwamedh

The legendary yagna after which they are named seems to fuel their passion for drama and theatre (as if there is already a dearth of that in NSUT). Their

extremely energetic practice sessions can be caught in the Nescii lawns, which despite their best efforts have failed to scare away wild snakes and reptiles (see: hostellers) from our campus.

Capella

These talented bunch of wannabe engineers seek to release their pent up feelings through themetised dance, a mix of dance, drama and emotions. Their passionate performances however, is yet to melt the faculties' and Admin's heart on Attendance.

Crescendo

Paraphrasing Shakespeare, If music be the food of college life, play on. And since you probably can't sing or play guitar (or any instrument for that matter) decently, let the Crescendo guys handle it for you.

Enactus

These are the most unselfishly selfish guys on campus. Their brand of entrepreneurship with a social twist has resulted in the upliftment of some of our city's most underprivileged as well

as their own CVs. Placement in dream company, check.

Finance and Economics Society (FES)

These guys are smart enough that if given the responsibility of NSUT's budget, they might just wipe out the perennial fiscal deficit that seems to have accompanied DIT/NSIT/NSUT since its inception. Then we might just have enough money for our fests.

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

These are the people who will pursue either a MS or M.Tech instead of a job or an MBA. The true heirs to Engineering and the rightful kings and queens of the Tech scene of our University. The international reputation of organisation is, of course, their natural ally.

Junoon

Their junoon for photography often makes them wonder about doing a Fahran Quershi. Alas they are still to meet their Rancho and all the "Abbu"s and "Viruses" in their life seem irredeemable and unrelenting.

*Check out alliancensit.com for the complete infoguide to societies.

Mirage

These people have had their mirage of a perfect college life dissipate too soon, and that anguish inspires their intricate expressions and their vigour for all dances western. Everyday they make an offering to their deity, Natraja at the CBT to grant them the college life they so desperately desire.

The Debating Society of NSUT (DebSoc)

Their well articulated arguments and civilised manner of debating echo through Model United Nations and Parliamentary Debates as loud as Arnab Goswami's voice. NSUT wants to know, ki engineers DU ke bacchon ke se saath itne successfully kaise compete kar sakte hai?

NSUT Quiz Club

Stereotyped as ghissus these guys are however some of the most merciless and vicious quizzier bullies in the Delhi circuit. The only bunch of people who can make Sharmaji ka beta run away with his tail between his legs.

FAQ- FUCCHAS ASK QUESTIONS

By Aashna Jha

Hey, there fuchcha! Your wide eyes and unsure steps give away a lot of questions. Fear not! The Alliance is here to guide you through all your woes!

Q. So, what should I know about the college?

A. NSUT, erstwhile NSIT used to be an autonomous institution under Govt. of NCT of Delhi and was affiliated to the University of Delhi. The college is a seat of higher technical education in India. It was established in the year 1983 as Delhi Institute of Technology with the objective of meeting the growing demands of manpower in the

emerging fields of engineering and technology with a close social and industrial interface.

Q. No! No! I want insider information about the college, not the 'About Us' page!

A. Well, then you have to ask more specific questions. Don't be shy, fire away!

Q.Ok well then, How do I make new friends here?

A. Being in a new place can be a tad overwhelming. What you need to realise is that you are not alone! While you might be feeling lost and lonely and are searching for familiar faces

from your old school, chances are that the kid sitting next to you is going to be your best friend for the next 4 years or more. So throw away all qualms you might have and just talk to anyone you want to. Soon enough, you will have your own group of people to stick with for the next four years in sickness and in health.

Pro Tip - A great way to meet new and like-minded people is by joining societies!

Q. Speaking of societies, Should I join any? If yes, which societies should I join? If yes, Is there any limit to the number of societies I can

join?

A. Woah, slow down! One at a time, kiddo. The decision to join any society is completely up to your interests and aspirations. That being said, societies do make college life much more fun and are very much recommended. Our college has a plethora of societies to offer in all the areas you can imagine and you are free to join any society you wish to!

Answering the third question - no and yes. No, there is no such binding rule limiting the number of societies one can join. That being said, don't bite off more than you can chew. All societies will demand quite

a lot of your precious time and so you will need to prioritise. Joining too many societies might lead to you getting detained or worse kicked out of a society. (Yes, I need to get my priorities straight).

Pro Tip- Check out our article on societies to make more educated decisions.

Q. Real Talk. Tech, Non- Tech or Core?

A. Dude, take a chill- pill. It's good to be focused but don't limit yourself to one thing already! You have a year to figure out everything ranging from your personal interests to job offers. You will find helpful seniors at every corner willing to guide you through any path you choose. Try your hands at everything- coding, making projects, case studies etc - so as to not get a mid-life crisis when you are 40.

Q. I am lonely, desperate and creepy. How do I get a girlfriend/ boyfriend?

A. Don't be lonely, desperate or creepy.

Pro Tip - Dropping in a random 'Hi' without any context has never worked and never will. Harassing and stalking don't either. So unless you want a restraining order and/or a creep stamp, try to talk to girls/boys as if they are normal human beings.

Q. What is the minimum CGPA I should maintain?

A. There is no minimum CGPA to be maintained despite various reports from various seniors. The higher, the better. College life is full of distractions so unless you want to join the tribe "Kaash Padh Leta", I would advise you to NEVER let your academics take a back seat.

Q. How do I maintain a good CGPA?

A. Attend classes, talk to seniors, talk to professors, make friends with toppers and study(lol).

Pro Tip 1 - The Black Book is extremely helpful in figuring out the syllabus and books to study from (especially the night before the exams), so don't lose it!

Pro Tip 2- If you are anything like me, you have probably already lost it. Don't worry, it's all available online *sighs in relief*

Q. Where do I study in college?

A. You don't.

Wait, you were actually serious? The library is an obvious answer. Other than that, there are readings rooms in SAC(Student Activity Centre) and SC(Student Centre) to cater to all your nerdy needs.

Pro Tip - SC tends to get VERY

crowded, especially during the breaks. If you need some peace and quiet to flip through those books, I suggest you go to either SAC or the good old library.

Q.HELP! Which elective should I go for?

A. This is a tough one. While it's easy to just go for whatever interests you, I would advise consulting the black book and seniors to make an informed decision. Electives can really boost your grades, so trust me, you will regret taking the wrong one.

Q.Enough about studies! WHEN IS MOKSHA?

A. Calm down hyper kiddo! Sadly, odd semesters are shitty as most of the fests are scheduled later in the even semester, including Moksha. That being said, you do have Resonanz and Innovision to look forward to! Other than them, you have various fun events organised by all the societies throughout the year and the Winter Sports for the athletes as well.

Pro Tip - Check out academic calendars given online to have something to look forward to in your life.

Q. I am kind of hungry after all the questions. Where do I go?

A. Any of our four canteens will do the job. They all are equally good(or bad). If you want to grab a bite and not die because of the heat at the same time, head out to the SC. Good luck finding a seat, though.

Pro Tip - If you are feeling a little adventurous, hitch a ride to Dwarka City Centre. The one (and only) happening place in Dwarka.



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