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# THE ALLIANCE

BRINGING NSIT TOGETHER

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## Au Revoir Seniors

*"Every memory of looking out the back door, I had the photo album spread out on my bedroom floor  
It's hard to say it, Time to say it, Goodbye, goodbye "*



*There isn't much I haven't  
shared with you along the  
road,  
And through it all there'd al-  
ways be tomorrow's episode,  
Suddenly that isn't true,  
There's another avenue  
Beckoning the great divide  
Ask no questions, take no side  
Who's to say who's right or  
wrong, whose course is braver  
run  
Still we are, have always been,  
will ever be as one*



*We talked all night about the rest  
of our lives,  
Where we're gonna be when we  
turn twenty-five  
I keep thinking times will never  
change  
Keep on thinking things will al-  
ways be the same.  
But when we leave this year we  
won't be coming back  
And if you got something that you  
need to say  
You better say it right now because  
you don't have another day*

### A few lines Quoted

Anshul Kumar Jain-Memories cannot be penned down, they will just remain in our minds forever.

Shashank Kaushik- Be the one to set a great example so that your juniors look up to you.

Krishanu Mathur- College education is 65% outside class and 35% inside the class.

Shivang Gupta – Make the most of the 4 enthralling years of college life!

### Wild Moments

Shashank Kaushik- Bike ride in heavy downpour all the way to Jaipur.

Hashim Khan- Escaped ragging by jumping from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of BH-4.

*The thing about NSIT is that your " take away " will be just as much as your own involvement. College is going to throw countless opportunities at you. As someone who has " been there done that " I would say try your hand at and luck with everything. Sooner or later everyone realizes that engineering isn't exactly the passion, that's okay, find your passion and don't be scared to take the leap. 4 years of college acquaints you with 7 different batches, there are smart beautiful people to interact with and learn from. Talk to them and don't restrict to like-minded people. Do irresponsible fun things with reckless abandon once in a while, pull off stupid stunts, challenge yourselves, take your chances, It's impossible to describe how quickly these 4 years pass. - A memoir by Isha Garg, Class of 2011*

### 4 years back n now

Anshul Kumar Jain- The sports section has improved tremendously however it's sad to see our official canteen being discontinued.

Ayush Bansal- Hailing from a small city, Delhi and NSIT surprised me with its invigorating variety. I met new people, befriended many of them and worked my heart out for my college. It has been a life changing experience.

### NSIT in one line

Roshan Shankar- NSIT offers you a void that gives you the chance to experiment and work beyond your imagination.

Isha Sethi- NSIT is a smoldering pot of innovative minds.

### Most Memorable Memories

Shruti Bhargava- I fondly remember being crowned the 'Miss Fresher' in my 1<sup>st</sup> year.

Vibhuti Negi- I'll cherish the time where we stood by each other through thick and thin and celebrated the achievements of my best friends.

*Memories last for ever*





STUDENT VOICE

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE UNIVERSITY CONVERSION?

Alumni Speak



Ruchir Sonkar-  
Executive Officer,  
RBI  
(Class of ‘09)

"NSIT, a well established brand, is in a transitioning phase, entering a utopian bubble (i.e. NSTU) with all the perfect atmosphere although forgetting that utopia is a state of mind which can be achieved while potentially harnessing reserved resources. But if it is inevitable, only a radical change in everyone's mindset and the ability to adapt to the changing environment can help them to establish NSIT into a world class university.

"If it would be able to cut down on the red-tape and the long-winded nature associated with approval of proposals put forward by the students and utilize resources of NSIT for the benefit and development of the college then the red tape that is preventing it from happening should be removed"



Udit Anand, Mckinsey  
(Class of ‘11)

Student Speak

To be realistic, it would be hard to absorb that the infrastructure, faculty and facilities would improve overnight, things could have changed without NSTU also, had people been really willing to make an effort.



Sarvesh Gupta ECE -  
4th year



Mamata Shukla, ECE -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year

It would bring an added advantage of increased grants, which would help NSIT explore alternative teaching methods and new ideas. But would also bring responsibility of making it an independent, and smooth-working organization which is able to take stock of its success and failure and apply correction wherever necessary.

"Conversion of NSIT into State University will take most of its prestigious things away from it mainly tag of Delhi University and placements. Also, it will lose its status of 'Institute of National Importance"



Sahil Gulati, ICE - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Year

NSIT UNIVERSITY: OUR FUTURE

Gazal Gupta

Is this going to be DCE- DTU part-II? Are we going to succumb to the same fate? Now that an official notice for the conversion of NSIT into a state university has been put up, does anybody out there think that it is too late to act? If yes, then think again!

The flashing notices in college, the newspaper articles, the mail from the DSW, the meeting held in the auditorium and the various facebook pages have all made us fully aware of this fact. In the past also, our institute had applied for the university status which could not be materialized but this time around, the demand has been voiced on stronger grounds since a similar proposition has been mentioned in the five year plan of the state government. In the recent times the Delhi government has granted university status to many institutes like DTU, IIT, Ambedkar, G.G.S. IP University and IGIT with the aim of making Delhi an educational hub. Indirectly the Govt. wants to project to the common man that during their tenure, they have established a

NSIT has been seeking the status of deemed university for a decade now. NSIT (as DIT) was conceived to eventually become a Deemed-to-be University as early as in 1986 when it was granted administrative autonomy. Institute had applied for the grant of Deemed-University status as DIT in 1995 and as NSIT in 2001-2002. During 2001-2002, both UGC and AICTE had made strong recommendations for grant of University status to NSIT. Only Delhi Govt was not willing to sacrifice 85% reservation to Delhites.

Mail Today (27<sup>th</sup> January)

To join and show your support for Save NSIT, visit their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/savensit> .

Kapil Sibal bringing out the fact that "India have a policy to convert our institutes of higher education into deemed university and make them go out of "state control"" in this video: <http://bit.ly/nsVSpn>

number of universities and thus, disregarding the quality they are targeting only on the quantity to gain vote bank. The conversion would result in recruitment of faculty, administrative staff and students on the basis of donation and approach. University will be under the influence of local MLAs and MPs which will lead to deterioration in the quality of education as seen in the DTU case – 90 teachers were recruited in just one day.

The first thought this conversion brings to our mind is losing the brand name Delhi University on which we all bank upon, while applying to the universities abroad. Many reputed multinational companies know our college due to the aura of DU. The conversion will directly thrash the reputation our college built up over the past 20 years and creating a new brand would mean going back in time. Talking about the effects, as shown through the RTI filed by the students,

it is evident that this planned propaganda will adversely impact the placements as the industries prefer central university over a state university. This can be seen in the conversion of DCE to DTU as many industries (like CDOT, PGCIL, etc), PSU's and foreign universities couldn't associate with the new name of the institute. The students of DTU have claimed the same and brought out their losses in the High Court of Delhi. The conversion of DCE into DTU has been a failure as Delhi School of Management (Management dept. of DTU) does not lie even in the top 20 management schools in the N.C.R. region. The conversion of NSIT on the same lines may put our future on stake as well.

Becoming a state university would render ultimate control over the administration to NSIT which is presently laid in the hands of Faculty of Technology (FOT) under DU. It is believed that the issues pertaining to the up gradation of syllabus and late result compilation would be addressed without much delay. The funding given to the institute as a state university would improve and hence the demand for infrastructural growth and the advent of new courses would finally be realized. However the budget of 2007-08 shows that we have sufficient funds available for the betterment of our infrastructure but they haven't been put upto any good use till now, so can we actually rest being assured on such hollow promises? Moreover the RTI filed by Save NSIT regarding result compilation showed that the whole process should not take more than 3 months but it gets delayed on the part of the college. All the new developments sound fancy but thinking about their implementation does make a person weary.

The 'Save NSIT' has been making consistent efforts to put forward the students point of view through various meetings with the DSW, Principal Secretary, Department of Training and Technical Education, Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi, and the Chief Minister Sheila Dixit. The students and the alumni group have strongly brought out the fact that we are strictly against the eradication of Central character of the institute due to which it certainly enjoys extra privileges over other institutes. NSIT is administratively autonomous and if academic autonomy is supposed to be the prime reason for the changeover, then we would appreciate if NSIT is upgraded to an NIT or IIT, thereby maintaining the central character and retaining the tag of an "Institute of National Importance" while achieving full autonomy. Alternatively, the complete control (academic as well as administrative) could be passed on to Delhi University. The support from students is well evident from the signatures gathered in excess of a thousand. With dedicated support from the alumni group Save NSIT is trying in every possible way to overrule the decision. Finally we all need to realize that there is still a lot of hope in our case if we all stand united and act efficiently as the process is in the initial stages as compared to DCE where the protests were held after the conversion was finalized. But are we ready for this fight? This is our college and we are responsible for everything that happens here. Hence the decision lies with us, we can either sit silently, or walk that extra mile and raise out our voices.

NSIT PLACEMENTS 2010-11

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Placement Statistics

The various companies recruiting sector wise in the academic year 2010-2011 are as follows:

SOFTWARE

Google, Amazon, Yahoo, Direct-I, Microsoft, D.E. Shaw, Adobe and Morgan Stanley Advantage Services.

CORE ELECTRONICS

Texas Instrument, nVidia, Synopsys, Cosmic Circuits, Freescale Semiconductor, Cypress Semiconductor, Cadence, ST microelectronics, NSYS, ST Ericson, BHEL, CDOT, TRAI and AGC Networks.

MECHANICAL

Maruti, Mahindra & Mahindra, HLS Asia, Yamaha, Hero Honda, Kohno Jushi(Japanese), Daeyang Shipping Co. (Chinese), Stryker, Haliburton, Saint Gobain, Honda Siel, FMC Technologies, BHEL

INSTRUMENTATION

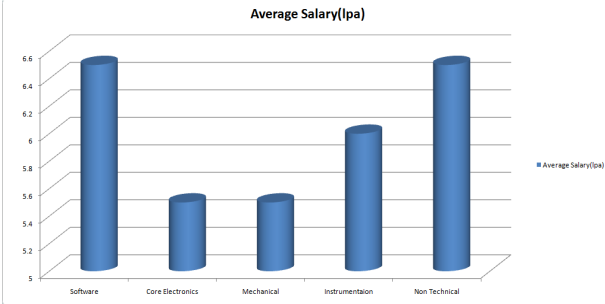
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NON-TECHNICAL

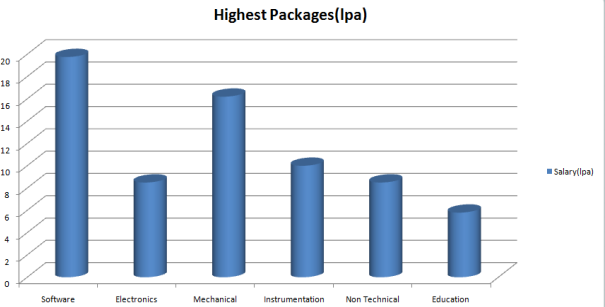
Nomura, Bain Capability Centre (BCC), JP Morgan Chase, McKinsey Knowledge Centre, Dunnhumby, Futures' First, ZS Associates, IVP, EVS, EXL (Inductis), Fractal Analytics, MU-Sigma and KPMG

EDUCATION

Idiscoveri, Educomp and Lakshya.



Sector-wise average salary in Lakh per annum



Highest package sector-wise in lakh per annum

20% students of 2012 batch placed in 30 days





FAHRENITE



Day 3: The final day of Moksha was marked by Fahrenite – The Pop Night which saw Strings performing live for the first time in a Delhi college. The event saw a footfall of over 1500 students from colleges across Delhi & NCR. The aura created by strings was such that people couldn’t stop themselves from dancing to their mesmerizing tunes such as Dhaani, Duur, etc . Many people jumped over the barricades to reach the front. The concert saw a change in the mood when a professor interrupted the vocalist in between his song and asked the crowd to sit down. The vocalist on noticing the low spirits of the crowd expressed his feelings politely which again saw everyone cheering wildly and then there was no looking back. As they say, Forget the bad and Remember the good, the concert gave Moksha ’11 the tag of the “One of the Best Moksha ever” in NSIT. With this event the curtains of the grand fest Moksha fell and everyone rejuvenated prepared themselves to return back to the everyday college life.



MUDRA



Day 1: The crowds flocked the main stage for the first mega event during Moksha- Mudra.

It was a delight to watch as music, rhythm and emotions blended with dance movements while NSIT, University College of Medical Sciences (UCMS) and Bhagwan Parshuram Institute of Technology (BPIT) battled out to win the inter college choreography competition. This year’s performances ranged from The 7 sins by NSIT to The 7 colors of life by UCMS and Life of Julius Caesar by BPIT. The competition was judged by esteemed personalities Rahul Arora from Dance Trax and Deepak from Dance Academy. It was disheartening to see the music system fail during the very first performance, however, the trouble settled soon. Prizes worth Rs 15,000 were distributed in the form of first prize to UCMS and second to NSIT.

The event concluded with a performance by the NSIT fash team in their grand ethnic attire. Mudra was just a glimpse of the many spectacular mega events lined up.

MOKSHA HISTORY

Moksha, the very name makes everything around it come alive and drowns us in its spirit. But have we ever wondered about the time it was initiated? It was the year 2003 which saw its birth with a few students coming forward to bring about this grand event. The odd semester of 2002 had witnessed the first Innovision and this ignited a spark for a complete cultural fest in the college. Venkat Srinivasan and Vishal Shukla were chosen as the president and the vice-president of the first Moksha. The then publicity head Asif Sheikh tells us “Rather than being bogged down by the fact that it was the first Moksha, we managed to draw in great sponsors like Coke, followed by Pepsi the next year”. Imagine the craze when they would have seen Euphoria and Indian Ocean perform that year. They were the witnesses to the time when the journey of the great kavi Kumar Vishwas started here, at NSIT, at Moksha’03. It is the magnificence of the first Moksha which encourages the organizers every year to make Moksha bigger and grander in order to keep up with the tradition of soaring higher and higher.

RAVISHING ROUGE

Day 1: The Rouge had it all. Models oozing confidence. Glam quotient levels breached. Innovative themes backed by foot tapping numbers. Our annual fest ‘Moksha’ had the liberal dose of style and panache in the form of Fash P competition. The preliminary round which took place in the evening saw 8 teams battling out to reach the finals that took place after Mudra. The crowd cheered wildly as the models from the top 6 colleges– Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College (ARSD),Hansraj ,Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC), Lingayas University, Maulana Azad Medical College(MAMC) and NSIT conquered the ramp for the main event.

The crowd swelled to enormous amounts with expectations reaching sky-high. A mega event on the first of day of fest was about to be unveiled and had the crowd going berserk. Our very own beloved NSIT fash team took to the stage first with their contemporary Indian wear and enthralled the audience. This was non-evaluative round and the first round of competition started after this.

With exceptionally skilled people on board, it was no surprise to see the NSIT team bagging the first position while the second and third positions were bagged by Hansraj College and Lady Hardinge Medical College respectively. The elite panel of judges consisted of three L’oreal staff members, designer Archana R and an alumnus.

The event was supposed to have 2 rounds – party and theme round but only the party round was finally essayed due to lack of time. Nevertheless the event left an indelible imprint on people’s minds. This marked the end of the grand events on the first day and left the crowd anxiously waiting for the

AVALANCHE



Day 2: *TNT*, the prelims for **AVALANCHE**, the rock night at Moksha has always been well known for its opening acts for a major heavy metal headliner at Delhi’s rock circuit, but this time TNT was bigger and better.

With four gigs at three different venues Turquoise Cottage, Cafe Morrison and Attitude in Delhi, NSITians had an amazing time head-banging to the insane double basses and crazy guitar riffs. Finally on 17<sup>th</sup> March, in continuance with the tradition set by Sylosis, Bhayanak Maut and many others; Viatrophly the heavy-metal band from UK which had especially reunited for their final performance, played at our college. The band was opened by Jehovah, Urban Soundscape, and The Uncertainty Principle. Putting Sum 41’s words on print, “Heavy metal and mullets it’s how we were raised. Maiden and priest were the gods that we praised.”

KUMAR VISHVAS

Day 2

“कोई दीवाना कहता है कोई पागल समझता है  
मगर धरती की बेचैनी को बस बादल समझता है  
मैं तुझसे दूर कैसा हूँ तू मुझसे दूर कैसी है  
ये मेरा दिल समझता है या तेरा दिल समझता है”

These are the lines which mesmerized everyone present in the auditorium on the night of 17<sup>th</sup> March,2011, the night on which the legendary poet Kumar Vishvas came back to NSIT after seven long years. The two hour long laugh riot left everyone spellbound. And the aura created by Kumar Vishvas was such that the audience wanted him to stay all night long. The event attracted such a huge crowd due to which many people sat on the stairs of the auditorium and many couldn’t enter even though they had valid passed as there was no space left in the auditorium.



**Pictures (Clockwise from top right):** Bilal Maqsood (Vocals, Strings), NSIT choreo team, Models from NSIT fashP team, Kumar Vishwas, Adam Mayes (Vocals Viatrophly).



# WISDOM TREE: CONSULTING

- NITIN GARG

“A consultant is someone, who takes your watch away to tell you what time it is” -Ed Finkelstein

### Who are Consultants?

As a standalone term ‘consulting’ lacks real meaning, everyone seems like a consultant in one way or the other. Simply put, a consultant is ‘someone who gives advice for pay’. Picture this- You are a manager of this big company and sales are down, or there’s a problem with the production process or marketing is facing hurdles. You have tried every trick in the book to set it right but you still can’t help find an effective solution. This is where consultants come in; they gather all the information they need from you, give their insights, and most importantly, provide solutions that you never even thought existed.

### Consulting MYTHS Busted

- **If I am going to find or propose anything of substance, I’ll need loads of experience**— it is true that an experience arrow should be in your quiver, but at an elementary level, knowledge pertaining to that particular domain suffices.
- **I’ll walk in with my ‘ideal’ solutions and conquer the client**— vexing your clients with impractical and unfeasible solutions will just leave a bad taste in the mouth. In fact, some jobs nowadays, require the consultants to even implement the ideas that they propose.
- **I’m going to have a five figure salary, a nice house, and a sports car**—sure, you might eventually have them all, but try to see beyond the luxuries. Divide the pay by total number of hours you have to put in i.e. pay per hour, and it isn’t much better than other careers.
- **I need an MBA to be hired as a consultant**—it is true that majority consultants have a degree in management, however companies also hire people from diverse back-grounds such as engineering. Once inside the company, there is a probability it will encourage you to go for an MBA.

## TYPES OF CONSULTING

### Human Resource Consultant



An *HR Consultant* maximizes value of employees, by placing right people with right skills in right places. He aids in training and development, maintains welfare in the form of remunerations, social security, appraisals etc. to provide a quality working life.

Example - Mercer LCC, Towers Watson

### Strategy Consultant



The person works with senior management to set a company’s long term plans. He is mainly involved in helping a company adapt to changing circumstances, new competitors and new social, political or economic conditions.

Example - Mckinsey, Bain

### Information Technology Consultant



An *IT Consultant*, as widely perceived, is not only concerned with providing technological support in the form of designing custom softwares and networking solutions, but also includes basic functions like budgeting and staffing. He basically strives for amalgamation of technology and strategy to add value to the company.

Example - Accenture, Deloitte

### Operations Consultant



An *Operations Consultant* is concerned with examining the workflow of the structure, that is, the purchase, production, sales and distribution at every step of operation, thereby optimizing cost, flexibility, quality and productivity.

Example - Arthur D. Little, Booze Allen and Hamilton

### Finance Consultant



A *Finance Consultant* takes decisions pertaining to 3 categories namely investment (Where to put the money? Are the risks complementing the returns?), financing (What are the options of getting money from outside? Can bonds be issued?) , and dividend (Can money be distributed among people who have invested in the company).

### Marketing Consultant



Marketing consultants implement plans and strategies that help clients sell products or services. This includes advertising and public relations initiatives. The consultant researches consumer behavior and what motivates consumers to take action, such as purchase a product. Then, the consultant uses that research to design approaches specific to client’s needs.

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCES

### The NSIT scenario

(Inputs from Aman Mittal (ECE, Class of 2011) placed in Bain Capability Centre)

There is no particular set of Do’s and Don’ts that one may follow and end up with a great job offer. Good communication skills and elementary knowledge of finance and the business world are pre-requisites for the interview. An area of prime focus should be Case Studys which help to develop analytical and problem-solving skills, hence aiding in exploration of solutions for complex issues. Hardcore financial knowledge and stack of certificates are absolutely not required; rather the experience gained from the work and genuine interest in the field turns out to be more propitious. Societies such as Entrepreneurship Development Club, which organized a case study workshop and Consulting Club of NSIT, which has handed out live projects in the past and conducts sessions of group discussions and case studys in its weekly Wednesday meetings, strive to guide students in the right direction.

### Comfort of a chair or the excitement of a travel?

The potential rewards of the job are lucrative and the salary looks attractive on paper, in fact there’s a popular joke in professional circles that you’ll never hear a consultant say,” You’re right; we’re billing way too much for this”. However, what goes unnoticed is the endless number of hours that consultants have to spend working, be it travelling or preparing presentations or even gathering and analyzing data. At times it even becomes difficult to balance work and family lives, but still there is no reprise from the frequent layoffs. The up or out process as it is called- take your performance to the next level or you’re out, so they are always supposed to be at their professional best.

On the brighter side , a consulting job brings with it different business problems with different teams in different companies, in short, new challenges keep flocking which make a consulting job very interesting. Not to mention the large network that a consultant acquires over time, the job seems tempting just to be in the executive presence of CEOs, CFOs and other top people, and then emulate them in front of clients.

### From the horse’s mouth

(Inputs from Abhishek Gupta, Consultant (Risk Advisory Services), Ernst & Young)

A typical Consulting job in this department involves visiting client offices, identifying risks on IT front, discussing with board members regarding mitigation of those risks, and thus making the business operation more efficient. The lifestyle is totally dependent on the level of co-operation offered by the clientele; the working hours can be anywhere between 40 to 60 for a week and interminable travelling only supplements the hectic schedule.

Over a period of time, the job might become monotonous and there is also a risk of getting typecasted, hence at this stage, a decision has to be taken whether one is happy at his position or wants to put in an extra effort to further increase his market value. This extra effort could be in the form of gaining further knowledge in one’s domain as learning new tricks of trade is as important as gaining experience.

A consultant starts as an Associate and gets promoted within 3 to 5 years becoming Manager and later Group Manager, with years 5 to 7 resulting in elevation to the post of Principal or Partner( depending on the company. However, as simple as it looks, only 1 out of every 125 consultants goes through this transition, thus providing a transparent perspective of the fierce competition within the industry.

### Some Links to go through

- <http://www.top-consultant.com>
- <http://www.vault.com/wps/portal/usa>
- <http://www.consultantjournal.com>



# DEMYSTIFYING CAREER AVENUES

Toshit Agarwal

## Where do you see yourself ten years down the line?

Do you remember what it was like to think about what you wanted to do in life and turn up with no answer? What was it like to be bogged down by different options in life, so much so that you ended up choosing the common profession such as medical, accountancy or engineering. The question ‘what to do in life’ has haunted many intrepid souls. Some of us are lucky enough to understand our choices but many of us take this decision when it becomes necessary to choose i.e. after 10<sup>th</sup> class examinations.

The lack of exposure about available career options amongst youngsters, who are currently in high school, gave birth to an organization “Life Ahead”, a company

which plans to provide counseling to the youngsters about their career options. Started by four students of the batch of 2012, Piyush Jain( MP AE), Rishabh Bansal (MP AE), Dhruv Akhauri (MP AE) and Naman Gupta (COE), the company now has approximately 15 NSITians as its members.

The company believes in providing information about any course from the scratch. With an introduction of a particular career to its variable aspects and the kind of work one could be involved in if he/she pursues that career. In the nascent stage, the major problem faced by the company was to create a database of the various career options.



This problem was also aggravated by the fact that the data is scattered all over the net and it is very difficult to garner the data. As it is famously said “*where there is a will, there is a way*”, the company overcame all problems and with a lot of research and hard work created a huge database of different career options which can be seen on their website (which will be up soon).

LifeAhead is an online community of Indian high school students, preparing for SAT and “helping” undergraduate students at various universities in USA. It also helps students in choosing colleges by offering all the important information at one place,

helps in finding financial aid, scholarships, preparatory material besides connecting students at PAN India level. They have an extensive network of undergraduate students at American Universities, which helps students in making better decisions related to SAT applications, choosing colleges and preparation.

In future, the company aims to provide information about the numerous available career options to students so that they are aware of all the paths that they can choose from and lack of knowledge does not become a hindrance in their selecting the right one for themselves. It’s wonderful that Life Ahead exists to guide people what to do with their life so that they don’t end up doing something they detest for four years.

# SPORTS FESTIVALS

Nitin Garg

With the recent development in sports (read NFL and NCL) in NSIT, it hardly came as a surprise when a Sports fest- Utkarsh was announced to be held concurrently with Moksha. The Convener, Priyank Mandal ( COE, Class of 2011) says, “It all started when we were buoyed by the National Sports Meet at Gwalior. The thought of giving something of the same magnitude back to our college led to the birth of Utkarsh”. The word “Utkarsh, which means “to rise up” was coined by the Convener, Akshay Anand(ECE, Class of 2011) who saw this sporting event as a medium for students to gain more exposure and to accelerate the growth of their athletic abilities. Like every new initiative, this too wasn’t a walk in the park. The sponsors were hard to come by and the sporting facilities were inadequate for an event of this level. However, tenacity on the part of Team Utkarsh and

support from the Sports Administration, particularly, Mr. Praveen Saroha (Director, Physical Education) gave way to NSIT’s inaugural Sports fest. The highlight of the three day event was the pulsating T20 Cricket tournament contested among 12 teams, with Ramalal Anand College as the winners and DCE as the runners up. Some of the other sports included in the fest were chess, carom-board, arm wrestling, football, table-tennis and basketball (NSIT won the men’s event while USS College won the women’s).

The Conveners were satisfied with the way the events transpired and were in awe of the enthusiastic 1<sup>st</sup> year volunteers who were the soul of this extravaganza. They were also pleased to see NSITians coming in large numbers to support their team in every sport with brimming enthusiasm. Let’s hope that this institution created is here to stay, and is carried forward in the coming years as well.

The annual sports week of NSIT was held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2011. In a first of sorts, the event was sponsored by Pepsi and Adidas and graced by Mr. Aakash Chopra (Former India Test Cricketer) who presided over as the chief guest. It saw participation of about 3600 students competing for 120 gold medals. While in the branch category, COE was the branch winner with MP AE as the runners-up, in the individual category, Ajay Dabas was declared as the Best Athlete and awarded a cash prize of Rs.2500/-. The new additions to this year’s sports week were “matka race” for the female faculty and staff and a Faculty vs. Staff cricket match, which saw the Staff emerging as the winners.

With a lucky draw competition by Mawana Sugars, refreshments by Pepsi and kits by Adidas, the level of Sports Week has definitely risen this time round.



Mr Akash Chopra inaugurating Utkarsh 2010-2011 while Prof Raj Senani looks on.

### Sports Week

When Anshul Kumar Jain (IT, Class of 2011) interviewed Mr.Chopra, here’s what he had to say.

#### Akash Chopra On his ouster from the Indian side

I regret not playing for the country as it is as an honor to represent your nation at International level, however, I still love the game and want to be associated with it in some way or other.

#### On NSIT

I had heard it as a reputed engineering college and seeing this event, I can say that it is coming up in sports as well. I hope this trend continues and sports are given more promotion in the future.



Enthusiastic audience and participants after events

# TECHNICALLY TANGLED

Esha Puri

Brains were racked. Geeks were back at their business. The brightest minds showcased their technical prowess to outdo their contenders. It was warzone, quite literally.

The well-acclaimed annual Techno-Managerial festival of NSIT was scheduled from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April and enraptured the college in not only a plethora of technical, literary and managerial competitions but also captivating talks and workshops. The credit for this extravaganza undoubtedly goes to the organizing team who after a lot of efforts continued the tradition of a technical fest in NSIT.



The organizers knew that a formidable task was on their shoulders – To keep Innovision ‘alive’. It was their unswerving commitment that drove them to take innumerable trips of the admin to seek permission for the initially scrapped off technical fest. Aman Deep, Chief Convenor of the organizing team, shares with us, “Apart from the government’s rule under which every technical college should have at least one technical fest in a year; it was the tradition, the legacy of NSIT that we could not compromise giving up.” Once the permission was sought and the dates finalized, they worked pro-actively to make this fest a success. Their staunch dedication made them work round the clock to guarantee 3 days of techno-managerial events and scientific workshops.

The college played host to a gamut of activities which saw the confluence of various thoughts and ideas. More than 50 events ranging from mega events such as motion sensing gaming and virtual arena to software, mechanical or electronics and instrumentation based competitions were a part of this fest. A conflict between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years over a security issue however, marred the ongoing activities considerably on Day 2. The matter was resolved later, but affected the footfalls for the remaining part of the fest.

The Innovision this year added new dimensions in the form of Track Mania under the virtual arena and Spelling Bee under the schoolbag competitions.

After a gap of almost 3 years, we had the pleasure of hosting Ankit Fadia, the world renowned computer security and digital intelligence consultant. He took the stage for his talk on Ethical Hacking and Information Security on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Fulfilling its promise of delivering its debut this semes-

ter, Radio NSIT delivered its successful pilot project entertaining the crowds

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### Chief Convenor-Aman Deep

#### Convenors - Dhruv Goyal, Roopam Poddar, Rohit Bansal

#### General Secretaries - Yogesh Kumar, Sayed Adil

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during the 3-day fiesta.

Despite some minor glitches, immense opportunities were in store for those who harbored an innate passion for technical events as well as those who wished to enjoy the 3 days to the fullest.



PROFESSOR PROFILE: DR SACHIN MAHESHWARI



Dr. Sachin Maheshwari

Esha Puri

Dr Sachin Maheshwari, the MPAE Head Of Department, has immense responsibilities to shoulder. His amicable demeanor and unruffled exterior is popular with students and faculty alike. Here he is in a candid chat about projects, the MPAE department and more. A sneak preview-

**Q. How long have you been affiliated with NSIT?**  
I joined NSIT in 1998. Since then I have been part of the MPAE branch that was introduced in the college in 1995.

**Q. What are your areas of expertise from research point of view?**  
My areas of expertise are Computer Aided Design (CAD), Manufacturing and Automotive aspects.

**Q. What are the various projects that you mentor?**  
I mainly assist in PhD projects. I have also guided some B.Tech projects in collaboration with Dr. Satish Chand, Prof Gadre and other faculties.

Few of the B.Tech projects that are offered in the MPAE branch are based on Fused Deposition Modeling, 3D Printing, Product Design Facilities and Flexible Manufacturing Systems.

**Q. Could you describe the procedure of distributing those projects?**  
Several projects are mentored by different faculties. The students should first identify their area of interest and accordingly decide the topic they wish to undertake. Prof A.V. Muley, Project Advisor and Coordinator, can cater to the concern of whom to contact. He guides the students to the respective teachers.

**Q. Are the projects distributed branch-specific, pertaining only to the MPAE students?**  
No, students of all departments are welcome all long as they hold interest and enthusiasm in the particular area. Further, prior advanced knowledge in the field is not a requisite.

**Q. How many PhD projects are you currently supervising? What are their topics?**  
I am currently guiding 4 PhD projects. The PhD projects are based on the following topics- Powder Metallurgy Electrode for Electric Discharge Machining (EDM), Abrasive Electric Discharge Machining (AEDM), EDM optimization and SAW process.

**Q. To what extent does the curriculum cater to the practical knowledge deemed necessary for manufacturing engineers?**  
An effective engineer is nurtured with sound practical knowledge base. The curriculum incorporates atleast 3-4 industrial trips organized by Prof P.R. Khanna. This builds upon the students' cognizance of

technical aspects and of strategies practiced in the industry.

**Q. What is your opinion concerning the college offering MPAE and not a core mechanical branch?**  
MPAE is an offshoot of the mechanical branch conceived to bridge the gap between manufacturing and automation. It combines aspects of manufacturing processes, instrumentation and electronics. Moreover, this inter-disciplinary branch is first of its kind and pertains to a wider sphere in the industry.

**Q. What modification would you suggest to enhance the structure of the department?**  
The need of the hour is to recruit teachers who can bring out the inter-relation between manufacturing processes and automation with rhetorical expertise. Presently only 9 permanent faculty members, with the help of guest faculties, are running the show. We also require teachers who can show the way in technical consultancy.

YEAR GONE BY

Shivangi Saxena

*But of all these friends and lovers  
there is no one compares with you.  
And these memories lose their meaning  
when I think of love as something new.  
Though I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before  
I know I'll often stop and think about them  
In my life, I love you more.  
-- Beatles "In My Life"*

These words though written long ago by Beatles completely described the feelings of the batch of 2011.  
The shyness of having to say the first hi, the difficulty of saying the final goodbye and everything in between! College life

captures it all. Having survived these 4 eventful years in college, looking back, one wishes to seize those memories and cherish it till eternity.  
The yearbook 2k11 did just that thing- housing those memories together. It had your friends writing about you and multitudes of pictures that emulated variety of emotions.  
The yearbook has been engineered before- in 2009 which had one guy from each section writing about every individual. But 'it's better to have more people pitching in' shares Dhruv Goyal



(4<sup>th</sup> year).He along with Abhranil Goswami, Anshul Goyal and Robin Gupta are the ones who initiated such frenzy among the final years to pen down their thoughts. The 4<sup>th</sup> years guiding them in this include Aayush Bansal and Nitin Garg. The team also comprised of some 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>st</sup> years. Their publicity measures to urge seniors to write included hostel visits and posts on the yahoo group. The yearbook 2k11 has a dedicated facebook page which never seemed to die down as everyone enthusiastically waited for its launch. The yearbook 2k11 team had initially aimed to release it in both formats- hardcopy as well as an e-copy. But even after all final years had ordered it, the cost of hardcopy could not be brought down to a great extent (from Rs 400 to Rs 275 only). To add to this there was a delay in launch due to hurdles encountered in persuading the administration. , Due

to these reasons the team finally decided to release an e -copy on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Amidst the disappointment, the anxiously waiting final years adored and applauded the effort.  
'The yearbook is a tradition that will be continued' says Dhruv Goyal. And he keeps his word. The new team structure has been finalized to a great extent. The freshers would be a given a chance while retaining most of the previous members. This time the launch has been aimed for February. The yearbook team hopes that this endeavor will soon be bestowed with the official stamp of the college unlike this time. They have also vowed to beat down any delays and give a befitting farewell gift. We hope that the competent team churns out yet another brilliant edition!

REVIVING THE RELIC-

Arjun Singh

Do the names like Mr. Anderson, Death\_ledger, Rooney, Lampard, Sith sound familiar? Seems you've heard them before but can't place it? Well I'll give you a clue: They belong to this place on internet which used to be the social and technical hub of our college. People used to come here to discuss about college and life. . No I'm not talking about orkut or even facebook. It is , as our seniors lovingly called it, **NSITLounge**.

Although NSITLounge was one of most popular portal representing NSIT, but, two years ago, its popularity started declining. Now even upon mentioning it to someone, the reply one gets is, "*NSITLounge? It's been defunct for so long*" or "*it's a dead relic.*" What one doesn't recognize is the fortune lying online in this old relic. Leaving the sentimental view apart, it contains valuable information handed down by our seniors over the past 7 years, hard to find information about company interviews, rare e-books, poetry talents of NSITians; you never know what all you'd find. The potential it holds for us NSITians as a resource for now and future batches is unimaginable  
People should not confuse the *lounge* with facebook or orkut. It's not a social networking site but a forum or a message board where all replies are archived, where you can have a fruitful discussion on any topic ranging from socio-political issues to arts and literature A lot of pass outs still visit the *lounge* and one could gain valuable insight and knowledge by interacting with them.  
The best part is that you will have your own college-mates and friends replying back  
I'm not forcing you to go there but start by checking it

once a day. Voice out any issue you feel strongly about, discuss music, discuss books with various avatars, post your doubts and you will surely gain something out of it. The *lounge* may not be what it was in its older days but it is still functional and will grow only by the participation of NSITians.

Quick Facts

- There are a total of 7,942 registered members who have made a total of 136,988 posts.
- Student initiatives like C2N consulting group, Radio NSIT, NSIT Mentor program etc. were first mentioned on NSITLounge. A discussion followed and quite a few things materialized.
- Apart from DCE and BITS, no other top college has an internet forum.
- It offers you a personalised email id, which is username@nsitlounge.in.

Must Check Threads

- <http://bit.ly/fXd2NC> - Describes the various non-tech companies coming to college and how to prepare for them.
- <http://bit.ly/fhFmXD> - Preparing your resume.
- <http://bit.ly/gYn5gM> - A thread on various poems written/posted by NSITians
- <http://bit.ly/hAp8lh> - A thread on GRE preparation.



## KRITI 2010: A HELPING HAND

*Shivangi Saxena*

Among all the cultural, technical and managerial festivals this semester, a cultural festival that did more good than the hype it created was KRITI, the annual cultural festival of The Neighborhood Society of NSIT. It was first organized in 2008 and the tradition to serve the society continued with this year's festival.

Organized in collaboration with Learn Empower Uplift (LEU) on 9<sup>th</sup> April. The fest, celebrated the ideals of a responsible society, saw the participation of 20 NGO'S and big players such as LEU Foundation, AID NCR and Jaagriti along

with host of several other welfare organizations.

The fest commenced with a brief introduction of each NGO, providing a platform for NGO's to collaborate at various levels by engaging in fruitful discussions. This Inter-NGO meet, with its venue at the ECE block, was organized to discuss and spread 'the importance of

education' and all the NGOs with their well prepared agendas earned a lot of appreciation and admiration from students.

The major highlight of this festival was the health checkup camp which boasted of

practicing doctors and the 370 little kids who participated and added to the fun factor of the event. The various other events such as collage making, quizzes, storytelling, and sports were also hugely appreciated and enjoyed. The winners were presented with certificates and 'Nav Jyoti' was adjudged as the best NGO for excelling in the fun-filled activities. The festival saw the members of the Neighborhood Society as well as volunteers coordinating the event by commendably juggling tasks and enjoying with kids. The festival was preceded by days of preparation and labor on

behalf of the Neighborhood Society, the Rotoract Club and the numerous volunteers. The superior quality of the brochures, invites and presentations proved the mettle of a meticulous publicity team. The event managers and the organizers exhibited commendable management skills and won people's appreciation. Dr J Jena and Mrs. Sujata Sengar, were also associated with the festival.

The fest provided an ideal opportunity to discuss, debate and implement ideas that would bring a change to people's lives.

A remarkable initiative!



The Kriti Team

## A SHADE APART

*Nilayan*

An idea is a spark of imagination. Some of these ideas are lucky to take shape in the form of a successful venture while others fizzle out due to poor execution. The EDC



(Entrepreneurship Development Club) was started as combined student's initiative to

promote and harness entrepreneurial skills amongst the students in a technical backdrop. And I CUBE, its techno-managerial fest is the first of its kind to be organized in NSIT.

The fest which was a 2 day event (15-16 April) lived up to its expectations. It saw participation of colleges from all over Delhi. The main attractions were the huge amount of cash prizes involved and the enthusiasm with which the students battled it out to get an upper hand over the other. As most of the events allowed only team



participation, it helped the participants to develop inter personal skills and turned out to be an enriching experience for them. The mega events included the business plan competition, the marketing strategy competition, the case study competition, the gamut (think on your feet), the business quiz, hackathon, and freakonomics. Prior to all this, numerous workshops were organized at the college level to familiarize students with the corporate angle involved in these competitions. These included the Business Planning workshop, the Case Study workshop and the RTI workshop.

Along with these mega events, there was an innovator's showcase which brought together some of the best start ups in the country. For the tech savvy people, a gadget showcase was put up which displayed some of the most exciting and upcoming gadgets and gizmos. These encompassed a wide range of products starting from gaming consoles to tablets, from smart phones to home theatre systems, etc.



## WHERE ALL ENDS MEET

*Nilayan*

TED, over the years, has become an inspirational force for all of us with its motive to change attitudes, lives and ultimately the world through the power of ideas. Technology Entertainment and Design, or more commonly known as TED, is a non-profit organization to create a platform for the spreading of ideas through talks delivered by famous personalities. TED talks have forever been the bonhomie of innovations seeded from diverse sectors and an apt platform for extrapolating personal viewpoints. Since it started in 1984, its scope has gone broader and it has launched a program TEDx, where talks are organized under general guidance of the TED community but hosted as an independent event.

NSIT kick started its TEDx tradition when Consulting Club (C2N) led by Roshan Shankar and other students from the batch of 2011 came forward and took the



initiative of obtaining a license from the TED and organizing the first ever TEDx event in Delhi. Now this culture has been carried forward by C2N in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) and taken to a

whole new level with the second TEDx event in NSIT which was held on 17th of April. This year around, days of articulate planning and meticulous management

made the event a well conceived one with an increased number of speakers lightening up the stage with their flair and wisdom.

"TEDx NSIT 2011 was an enriching event to be a part of. Each and every talk

featured an innovator, or maybe a thinker, an enthusiast, a public servant, a social worker, a film critic, a fashion designer, or a non conventional hitch-hiker. The only weak point being, the event lost out on adhering to the time limits and stretched too long in the end, but over all TEDx turned out to be a happening event and did live up to its promises." said Manish Gahalout (ECE, Batch of 2013).

The first session of the talk started with Dr. B Jayaram, a renowned professor and researcher from IIT Delhi who talked about his work with proteins and the importance of DNA in transition from one human generation to the next. 'The hitchhiker's guide to public policy', the talk by Puneet Sahani went down well with an exuberant and eager audience. His talk dealt with his past experiences as a hitchhiker and how they had helped to mould and shape him. Neha Aggarwal, the only woman representative from India at the Beijing Olympics, talked about her and every other sports person's life in general and the challenges and sacrifices they have to make to cover the distance between reality and their dream.

Overall TEDx 2011 was an experience in itself for the selected few and as it drew to a closure, the curtains folded with a promise to bring back more next year –

TEDx 2011 Video Link: <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?p=PLD8D81D5EEDF960C0>



**Abhishek Bhardwaj** is a senior in the Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering at NSIT and is set to join the ECE department at Carnegie Mellon University in Fall 2011. His interests revolve around the central theme of creating low cost solutions in fields such as healthcare and efficient energy management.



**Kriti Monga** is a Delhi based graphic designer and illustrator has worked with a diverse set of studios, research scholars and corporate setups. She has also set up Turmeric Design an independent design practice, focusing on producing interesting and meaningful design.



**Dr. Ahluwalia** is the Chairperson of the High Powered Expert Committee on Urban Infrastructure, appointed by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India in May 2008.



An NSIT '07 pass out, **Puneet Sahani** had the experience of working the top AI labs all over the world. Currently studying masters in Germany.



# GRE Admission Forum

Conclusive proof it pays more to do nothing than it does to get a Ph.D.:

Average Maximum Annual Unemployment Benefit	Average Graduate Student Stipend
\$21,060	\$18,779

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor (via SF Chronicle), The Chronicle of Higher Education 2008-2009 survey of pay and benefits for teaching and research assistants. Unemployment benefits computed from average maximum state weekly benefits (typically 50% of base wages, capped by state) multiplied by 52 (in some cases, benefits can be extended up to 79 weeks). Academic year stipends extrapolated to 12 months.

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As opposed to the plethora of MBA/CAT seminars we see springing up in our campus all year around, we saw a different “admission help forum” take place. It was conducted by the 4<sup>th</sup> year students, had a faculty member sharing his experiences and no one was forced to fill the auditorium. It was the **NSIT Graduate Admissions Help Forum**. With its motto being “no MBA/no GMAT/no CAT” it went straight to the point. With twelve of the graduate admittees present include Sridhar Iyer, who is a teaching research fellow at ECE division, it was a wonderful distribution of *GRE gyan*. The session began with Iyer sir recounting his experiences at New Mexico State University and explaining about getting funding your grad program. Every aspect ranging from SOPs, CVs, tips on the exams, recommendations, scholarships and visas was expounded. Each of the grad admits had their GRE story to tell. And to top it up every student present was given admissions and college related electronic material the seniors had! The forum may have a follow-up session in August as well. A [Google group](#) has been formed for those who wish to seek further, plus there is admissions related material uploaded on the group as well.

PS: The image is meant as Humor and not meant to be taken seriously

# Those who finally belled the CAT

IIM-A

Divya Rawat  
Saurabh Chhajer  
Archa Jain

IIM-C

Hara Prasanna Naik  
Pavit Laul  
Ankit Dhul\*

IIM-K

Samarth Wadhwa  
Tathagat Tripathi  
Vaibhav Malhotra  
Pavit laul

IIM-L

Ankit Dhul  
Pavit Laul  
Tarun Sharma  
Ashwini Saini  
Manish Kumar  
Hemant Chawla

IIM-I

Preeti Gupta  
Amrit Jaiswal  
Manish Kumar  
Saakshi Makker

FMS

Neha Kapoor  
Pavit Laul  
Tarun Sharma

\* - Waitlisted



## NSITIANS ABROAD



### Wharton Story

Sarvesh Gupta and Neha Yadav from NSIT with Utkarsh Kwatra and Ankita Lal from IITD and DCE respectively came up with a brilliant product called the “*HairTwister*” which won them accolades and prizes at IIT Bombay, SRCC, BVP, Delhi School of management, Deen Dayal Upadhyay College. Continuing the gold rush, they made it to top 15 of the Innovation Tournament 2011 organized by the Wharton Business School. Dying to know more about HairTwister? Watch [this](#).



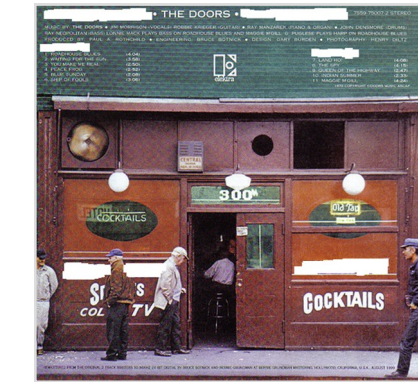
### Harvard Story

NSIT’s team comprised of 16 diligent diplomats who battled at the Harvard National MUN. The delegation represented 'Indonesia' and had a delegate each for 'Belarus' and 'Taipei Convention'. The team's assiduous efforts comprising of mock MUNs, group discussions and presentations paid handsome dividend with a top 20 finish .The winning duo of Anisha Arora and Mansi Aggarwal too, emblazoned our college name in golden letters by bagging the *Honorable Mention* in their committee - Human Rights Council.



### Atlanta Story

Anurag Chowdhury, Mayank Roy, Shivam Goel and Sri Kanth built a model airplane and got an F-18 pilot to test fly it, neat? The arduous preparation for building and designing a RC aircraft took the team a dedicated effort of 9 months. Frequent resources and funding constraint did not mar their enthusiasm, laden with their passion their journey took them to Atlanta, Georgia. They achieved the *26th position* out of the 50 teams participating and coming 11th in the design report.



### NSIT QUIZ CLUB

#### Collaboration

Identify the album whose rear cover is shown on the left. What did this serve as an inspiration for?

Follow this link to access more questions from Quiz Club.

<http://nsit-qc.blogspot.com/>



### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

#### Collaboration

Identify the place in NSIT where this picture is taken.

Junoon is planning to launch the first ever NSIT calendar after taking entries for the same from a competition organized in NSIT. The calendar will be launched shortly.

## Radio NSIT Orientation

Radio NSIT rose to the expectations of the students and returned back with a bang when it conducted its orientation cum recruitment regime in the main auditorium on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. The orientation kick started with a video on NSIT Radio followed by extensive insight into the work involved in Creative, Technical and Managerial departments. A rapper wooed the crowds with his enthralling performance and ensured the fun factor was not lost. The massive turnout of the eager 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students proclaimed the success of the publicity campaign, which was spearheaded by its facebook page. Harveen Oberoi, 1<sup>st</sup> year, says “The orientation was an electric mix of fun and work and different from anything seen till now in NSIT.” The recruitment process involved an initial short listing on the basis of a set of questions, with the final decision based on the personal interviews by the department heads. Aastha Chhabra, 2<sup>nd</sup> year, points out “This initiative had a fresh appeal. The orientation was well-managed and focused on the right aspects of hiring”.

Its pilot run in ‘Innovision’ was widely acclaimed and instilled the ‘fun factor’ by organizing various contests. From being the topic of discussion amongst the enthusiastic NSI-Tians, NSIT Radio has gracefully risen to the stature of an enviable organization.

Hope they keep the decibels levels high!



# THE METAMORPHOSIS

Shivangi Saxena

Once there lived a tribe of over-worked, under-paid, frustrated and devoid-of-life’s-pleasures people. They toiled hard, withstood abuse, jeers and taunts, and had foggy dreams in their eyes. They lived a pitiful life bestowed with a destiny partial against them.

The description above is not of Egyptian slaves but of science students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard. Their woeful days of toils and travails end when they seek redemption by gaining admission in a prestig-



ious college. Life seems spectacular and dreams become rosy again. The metamorphosis has taken place.

Most of us had a pretty uneventful life in the last years of school with studying for JEE acting as a major party-pooper. We had our noses buried deep in books, advocating reagents being used in reactions to concepts of centripetal motion. We forgot that 16 and 17 year olds had to perform other tasks as well; like attending the birthday of our best-friend to making a card for mother’s day to giving a kick-ass farewell to our school senior.

We did it to land up in a celebrated college which guaranteed a six figure salary and a mansion with swimming pool.

Now it’s time to mutate into a college hottie from a school kiddo. College is one entertaining episode of life. It’s a phase where

experimentation is the norm. It’s a place where failure is not taboo. It’s a place where people come together to form the delicious flavor of that assorted sundae. It’s a cauldron of whipped love. It’s a place where people escape from their mundane interests and be a part of the movement which bellows- be yourself.

College is like this bridge between your dreamy placements and drone-like studies in school. To treat it only as a bridge will be blasphemy, my juniors. Treat it as that phase of life where everything you do is governed by your own choice and interest.

Where the only focus of the entire soap is you-solely YOU.

The arduous path we undertook to our esteemed was not wrong. But now that we entered college, it’s our turn to make amends. Our long cherished dream of becoming a part of the band should not take a backseat now. Our college is equipped with people with diverse interests and following their dreams. Take a leaf out of their book and explore yourself. Make the best of your four years and chisel yourself.

Happy college life to you first years!!!!

Yours sincerely, Ragging devoid seniors:



# FROM THE FUCHCHA’S MOUTH

Gazal Gupta

After having spent 12 years as a caterpillar in its cocoon, the butterfly cracked it open and spread its wings into the outside world with the aim to let go of all and fulfill the many dreams it had nurtured till then.

2 years of rigorous hard work, an aspiration to bring home the bacon followed by months of confusion to choose the best possible college landed Ikshu Bhalla with Computer Engineering in NSIT. Having secured a rank of 3618 in AIEEE and a good score in BITS, he was faced with the dilemma between NSIT – Computers/Electronics and BITS- Chemical or civil. After being guided y seniors at NSIT and his teachers, whose

opinion he valued a lot, he realized the long term benefits of staying in Delhi and learnt about the stupendous record of placements at NSIT. Following the general perception about Computer Engineering being the most preferred branch universally, he finally got his shoes ready for the same.

Though having set his mind for NSIT, he felt somewhat dejected on having found that among the general public, outside Delhi, hardly anybody was aware of NSIT. This remains a major factor which has disappointed many NSITians to this day but nevertheless has motivated many more to take charge and show it to



the world that it was not the brand, nor the tag but the quality which counted. Ikshu has heard that the curriculum in our college had not been revised since long and hopes the college authorities would soon look into this. At the same time, rearing to explore all the avenues in front of him, he expects to find good and absorbing co-curricular activities. Having interests in fields like music, sports and robotics he looks forward to sharpen and exploit his skills. Having already visited the campus, he says that it is a clean, green and an airy campus and he expects to find good infrastructure in the form of well equipped labs and an informative library. Like all students entering the

college and hoping to find a more relaxing atmosphere he wants the curriculum to be more innovative and application oriented. Ikshu believes that being friendly and interactive with teachers would help him to gain from their valuable guidance in various projects.

Talking about seniors and the fear of ragging, he says he would be delighted to have a nice and healthy interaction with seniors but wants the same to happen within code of conduct. It seems the freshers have fully prepared themselves, having done a thorough research on NSIT and are all set to enter NSIT for an absorbing 4 year stint.

# SOCIETY ACTIVE METER

**Ashwamedha  
NSIT Theater**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Fresher Recruitment

RATING: 3.00/4.00

**Consulting Club of NSIT  
C<sub>2</sub>N**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Talks by distinguished alumni on topics such as M&A, Actuaries.

RATING: 1.85/4.00

**Crescendo**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Plans to establish a well-equipped music room in campus

RATING: 0.15/4.00

**Computer Society  
of India—NSIT**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Workshop on photoshop followed by a competition.

RATING: 2.30/4.00

**Debating Society  
of NSIT**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Debate for fresher's

RATING: 2.45/4.00

**Entrepreneurship  
Development Cell**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Entrepreneurship awareness campaign in collaboration with IIT-K

RATING: 1.25/4.00

**IEEE NSIT**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- IEEE gold event—Intro to college life.

RATING: 2.85/4.00

**Junoon  
Photography Club**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Launch of first ever college calendar

RATING: 1.75/4.00

**Radio NSIT**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- The telecast to begin soon.

RATING: 1.35/4.00

**Rotoract Club of  
NSIT Regency**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Cultural Event for NGO Masoom Duniya, Internship by Sankalp

RATING: 3.90/4.00

**SPIC MACAY  
NSIT Chapter**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Dr Kiran Seth, Professor IIT-D visit at the end of the month.

RATING: 2.15/4.00

**NSIT Quiz Club**

EVENTS THIS SEM:

- Abhimanyu— A quiz for the freshers

RATING: 3.25/4.00

**ALGORITHM**

Every society had been contacted via telephone, mail or in-person and a list of all activities/events/meetings in the last year had been compiled. Weightage and categorization were done as follows:-

Major level events	-Inter-College fest/ International winning	- 1 point
Medium level events	-Magazine release/National mentions	- 1.5 points
Small events	- Workshops/ Other miscellaneous	- 1.5 points
Credible mentions	- Meetings/ Online Activity/No. of members	1 point

For the first three categorizations, if X had ‘a’ events to its tally in a ‘w’ weighted category, while the highest number was ‘b’ by a society Y, it was given ((a/b)\*w) points, while the society Y got full points. For the last category, a discrete marking of 0/0.5/1 was done based on the given 3 parameters. The individual points from each category, were then added which became X’s Active Meter score.

\* Alliance follows a certain algorithm for rating the societies . We have published our algorithm and our opinion is solely based on this algorithm

\*\*Several other societies/activities/ groups/ clubs are present in NSIT which can not be rated by the algorithm. Some of these are—Reminisce, Crosslinks, nsitonline, online-sem, game development etc.



# SENIOR GYAAN

Arjun Singh



## Placements – The End Or The Beginning?

I know many of you have been lured into NSIT by the knight in the shining armour, i.e. placements. But now that you are here admitted don’t worry yourself by pondering over placements and the hoopla surrounding it. Everyone gets placed nicely in NSIT, touchwood. You will too (if you study properly).

## MBA – The Ultimate Goal?

You all would have heard about NSIT students’ impeccable record in clearing MBA entrance exams. But don’t make it your life’s aim to crack CAT as soon as you join coming in the college. The world is vast, don’t limit yourself. Explore. You have four years of undergraduate education, so explore everything and venture into the unknown as well other avenues also. Don’t have a horse’s vision in your approach towards life. Try your hand at whatever your stream is or interest goads

you to take up. You never know what strikes you. Remember the golden rule “do what you love rather than love what you do.”

## Percentage – The Big Party-Spoiler? –

Remember there is no alternative to a sound academic performance, but there is always an incentive to have an alternative. Aim for obtaining a 75+ percentage. Even though your extra-curricular activities and interests give you an extra edge, but your percentage shows your dedication and the ability to work hard. Also if you decide to pursue masters abroad, the colleges give preference to better marks. So working and putting in a little extra hard work before the exams would never hurt. And college is too long a party for anything to spoil it.

## Interaction – The Golden Dogma of Networking:

Interact with your seniors, batch mates and people you encounter in college. If you don’t go up to people and talk you can’t



blame them for keeping away. Since you are in first year don’t feel shy or awkward talking to your

seniors. They have a plethora of knowledge to share with you. On topics ranging from embedded systems and UNIX programming to booking the mini-audi or just general gyaan on life, you can get everything that you won’t find get in any brochure or handbook. Apart from the selfish needs it leads to stronger college bonding, a point

which old timers complain after the clamp-down on ragging. If you can’t find ways or are shy, be a part of a society, work in college fests. Trust me you’d make more than

just friends over the course of four years in college.

## Internship – The hype or the type?

During the summers after your 1<sup>st</sup> year, good internship opportunities will be hard to come by. So, rather than being an intern at some MNC and killing time there, it is better to learn something worthwhile. Pursue a project under a professor’s guidance or join a professional course. So don’t just get caught in the hype of something, rather be selective in its type.

## Time to kill?

The best thing that NSIT offers you is the free time and unpressurised atmosphere, people before you have done wonders with it and you should be no different. Develop an



interest or a hobby, and learn to follow your dreams, choose a different path. Remember whenever you dab your hand at something new and you like it, there will always be a time when you’d feel like giving up. Don’t fall for it. Don’t procrastinate. Stick to your interests, be it playing guitar or developing an android application. So be the best investor of your own time, be the Warren Buffet you have always dreamt of being.

## Fests – Just For The Sake Of It?

You would soon become aware of the variety and spice the fests add to college life. NSIT is known for its fests

and there are generally 2 to 3 fests every year in our college. Work in them, not for your CV but for the college. A college fest is made successful by us students and ultimately it is we people who will enjoy. Also

it gives you a chance to interact with your seniors and make new friends.



# WALK WITH PRIDE

Esha Puri

You have walked through the gates of the NSIT campus and entered the realms of possibilities where ambitions are achieved and dreams, realized. But have you found yourself answering the often-asked question “Which college have you joined?” with “DCE-Dwarka”? If your answer is in the affirmative, you have perhaps not yet recognized the worth of your own college. You certainly are oblivious to the limitless vistas of opportunity the college has to offer. Only when you explore each one of them and work relentlessly will you see how your college catapults you to succeed in all your endeavors. NSIT, driven by renowned faculty and extraordinary young minds, has risen through the years unflinchingly and

entrenched its name among the top engineering colleges in India.

- NSIT, formerly known as Delhi Institute of Technology (DIT) has been at an enviable position since 1983.
- NSIT has continuously been featuring in lists of the top 10 engineering colleges of India, both placements-wise and overall, by engineering education surveys conducted by bodies such as India Today, Outlook, Dataquest-NASSCOM etc.
- Our college students procure some of the highest packages in the country.
- NSIT has proved its prominence in national and international level competitions like Harvard MUN, SAE, etc. It has also won laurels in quizzing and theatre.

- Have a look at some distinguished alumni-

Sanjay Mittal - CEO, Bharti Airtel Limited, Airtel Cisco Strategic Alliance

Jayant K Singh - MD, Henkel India (Past Country Head, Proctor & Gamble Sri Lanka)

Manish Mittal - Vice-President, American Express

Manish Sangal - Vice President, ICICI Prudential life insurance Co. ltd.

- Only a few colleges can boast of a sprawling 145 acres campus.
- It’s at the heart of metropolitan Delhi!

Fuchhas, keep the faith! I’m sure that as you take on this fruitful 4 year long journey, you’ll find plenty more reasons to love

and honor your college. So it’s time to wear a confident demeanor and flaunt the illustrious college name. With an emphatic tone and head held high, let the world know you are an NSITian. After all, that’s who you are! And even when years roll by and college-days become a faint memory, you will reminisce about your alma mater and feel nothing less than PROUD.



Journalist’s Picks

### Movies

- Shawshank Redemption
- The Usual Suspects
- American Beauty
- One flew over the Cuckoo's nest
- Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless mind

### TV Soaps

- FRIENDS
- The Big Bang Theory
- How I Met Your Mother
- Two And a Half men
- Prison Break

### Books (Non-fiction)

- Malcolm Gladwell ( Series Of Books)
- Fooled By Randomness
- Wings of Fire
- Freakonomics
- Stay Hungry Stay Foolish

### Books (Fiction)

- The Sea of Poppies
- Serious Men
- The Girl with the dragon tattoo (1<sup>st</sup> of a trilogy)
- To kill a mocking bird
- Kite Runner

### Online Resources (Curriculum)

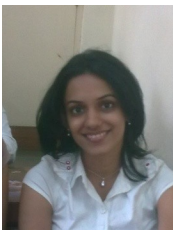
- onlinesem.in
- nsitonline.in
- aglasem.com
- thebookybay.com
- nptel.iitm.ac.in

### Online Resources (extra reads )

- hbr.org
- economist.com
- techcrunch.com
- sethgodin.typepad.com
- investopedia.com

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