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## Being An NSITian FOR DUMMIES



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### A Piece Of My Mind, A Piece From My Heart.. A Foreword To NSIT

To the future,

Yes, this letter is addressed to the future. To the future college-goers, future engineers and most specifically, to the future NSIT-beings. If you are reading this, my finite existence of four years has come to pass. My finite existence in college, yes, but not the infinite wisdom gained, the opulence of which I am sure, I will carry to my deathbed.

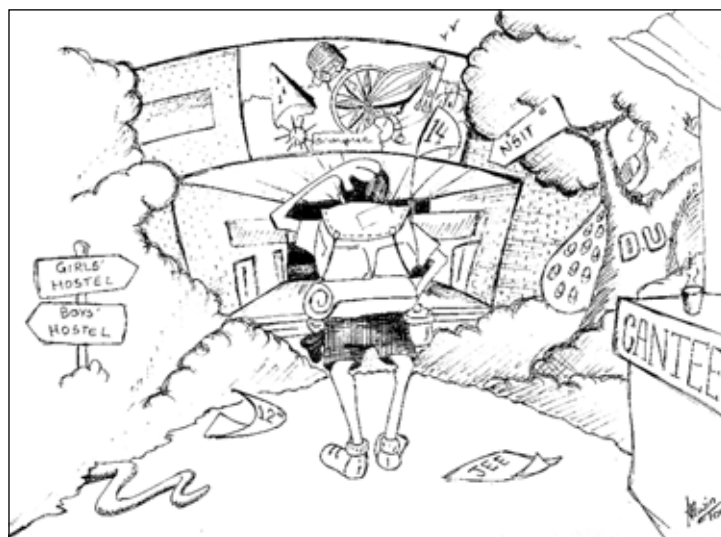
I came in as a jubilant school boy, full of myself, having bested my fellow countrymen in an exam, which often draws parallels to having scaled Mt. Everest. Since then, I have become a seasoned campaigner, accustomed to change, having survived the lows and tasted the highs. It has been quite a journey and after these four fateful years in NSIT, cumulating a myriad of memories, this is my way of giving back. The following words are tiny fragments of the sketch that this college has drawn into my life.

Behold, that colorful summer. The sweat and the pain of the past two years quickly forgotten, I was submerged in my swag-filled fantasies of fame and adulthood. I learnt a few hard realities and so shall you, bringing you out of your real bubble. You will have to learn, and learn quickly to sail in rough waters. The atmosphere is not that of a school anymore and secondly, you will not be treated as a 'kid' anymore. 'Freedom' just gets a whole new definition here but it's upon you to realize as to which dimension of the word is the real you.

If I have to talk about college and NSIT, I would sum it up more or less into 4 things- opportunities, fests, placements and friends.

**Opportunities:** This probably is the highlight of your college life. The fame or recognition you were looking for is probably going to be as big as the number of opportunities that you can grab. If you want to dance join the dance society, if you love debating and MUNs

then go for competitions and conferences as grand as the Harvard MUN or the League of the Nations, but, don't do it for the sake of putting it on that one piece of paper which may contribute to your placement or your Masters application. Do the things you like and explore those fascinating things that you always dreamt of but never got around to doing. Make the right choices, talk to as many people as possible and develop a taste for knowledge as assorted as possible to keep you in better stead in life. It will help you somewhere, sometime, I can assure you that. Only through exploration and networking will you be able to make informed decisions.



**Festivals aka Fests:** Known to house big powerhouses, you will be amazed to know how many celebrities have walked past these very college walls during Moksha, the annual cultural festival of NSIT. It will probably make for some of the best starlit nights that you will have in these four years. Work hard to raise the bar of these fests as they are an essential medium to boost the college's brand and visibility amongst colleges. We have one of the best quizzing (NSIT Quiz fest) and literary fests (Colloquium) in Delhi and Moksha has a reputation of its own,

but why settle for anything less than 'being the best'. We need to evolve not just academically but also bring a cultural transformation. Over the years, many of us have cribbed about fests not meeting the previous high standards and the disorganization in the fests; but few take the initiative to correct the same. Take initiatives and make sure you better it so that when you come back and trust me, everybody does; when you come back, you will be proud, knowing that your hard work is embedded somewhere there.

**Placements:** I am sure your eyes lit up when you saw this section. Here below are four sentences which I guess sum up

the entire section, so you must simply stop with your incessant queries after reading them.

->Your career's trajectory would never follow that of your senior even if you do everything that he has done in college life.

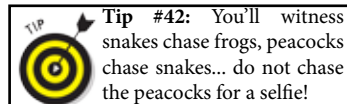
->Don't code for a living (read: placements), live for coding.

->Explore and experiment as much as possible, you don't want to be stuck with a job that you don't love doing.

->Don't run behind the company which pays the most, do the job you love the most

and money will follow as you excel.

You are at a renowned college with excellent placements. You will be well placed and earn the big bucks that you have always dreamt about. But, having that as the ONLY goal will just hinder your learning and narrow your outlook. Keep an open mind and as the time passes, you will acquire all the required knowledge about anything and everything regarding placements.



**Tip #42:** You'll witness snakes chase frogs, peacocks chase snakes... do not chase the peacocks for a selfie!

**Friends:** These are the people who will transform your college life, as they have transformed mine. They will make you smile, they will make you cry. But, they will always be there by your side. This enriching journey is filled with bumps and bruises, smiles and laughter and thanks to them, that we make it largely unscathed. They say, that the friends you make in college are friends for life. I am not sure, if that would be the case fifty years from now, but the joy to have met these amazing people in college, to have made some of the most amazing acquaintances is perfect. Meet new people, folks. They could be like-minded or they might do the most bizarre things that you have ever thought, but you will come around to like them and enjoy their company. You will learn, you will fall, but you will find their outstretched hands to get you on your feet, making you dance and sing along side.

And here I thought I would only have a few words to say. Funny, how college makes you say so much at times that you could go on for hours while sometimes you simply are choked by the emotional frenzy and nostalgia. I think this is one of those moments for me.

I wish you all the very best, batch of 2018 and the subsequent batches! Cheers!

#signing.off  
#Batch.of.2014



Oh just-NSITian, I call upon thee, Heartiest congratulations; it's all over finally!  
 Skipping over the parts that are clichéd and way too nice,  
 I will land straight on this super important advice.  
 Allow your humble guide to reveal the secrets of the jungle,  
 Listen carefully, lest you fall over and stumble.

**SENIORS:** The first beings you see here: seniors, your lifelines in this concrete jungle.

Rub them the wrong way and make your 4 years of engineering just perfect (all the sarcasm intended).

**DUMB:** "Meri bhi chand hai."

**DUMBER:** "Bas ek hi saal ka difference hai."

**DUMBEST:** "I am a dropout, so technically YOU should call me sir."

**THE LOGICAL:** "Hi, ma'am/sir \*hi-5\*"

**GIRLS:** The presumably rare yet adequately abundant species are to be wisely confronted.

**DUMB:** "Swag?"

**DUMBER:** "Fraands?"

**DUMBEST:** "I love relativity (please, marry me)."

**THE LOGICAL:** "Hey!"

**GUYS:** The conversations range from "#/ @^&\*" to "#@&#".

**DUMB:** "\$@/ @^&#"

**DUMBER:** "&@&@,#"

**DUMBEST:** "/#^#^#^\$!!!!!"

**THE LOGICAL:** "^#^#@&#"

## What Not To Say In NSIT?

Yashna Paliya

**HOSTELS:** This is where the magic happens. The boys have it easier to cast those spells. But girls, be careful as to what you state as your reasons to secure a hostel room.

**DUMB:** "I change 4 metros."

**DUMBER:** "Buses repulse me."

**DUMBEST:** "I live in Dwarka Mor, call me maybe?"

**THE LOGICAL:** "It takes me 3 hours to travel. I practically live in metros."

**CANTEEN FOOD:** The jaan of the college: canteens! You will spend a major chunk of your time here. And money, of course.

**DUMB:** "How good is the burger at McCain?"

**DUMBER:** "Is that grease on my Zayca table?"

**DUMBEST:** "Let's go to MIC-MAC!"

**THE LOGICAL:** "Fooodood!"

**CLASSES:** You'll attend these. We do too, I swear.

**DUMB:** "Quick, all the seats in the front will be occupied!"

**DUMBER:** "Manufacturing process is fun."

**DUMBEST:** "N.K. Sir ki class hai. Chill!"

**THE LOGICAL:** "SOME classes are NOT to be missed."

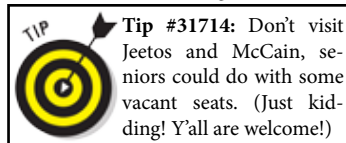
**ATTENDANCE:** This is the necessary evil.

**DUMB:** "20%"

**DUMBER:** "100%"

**DUMBEST:** \*DETAINED\*

**THE LOGICAL:** "70%, give or take."



**PROFESSORS:** Contrary to what the usual perception amongst kids these days is, they're important people who not only help in dissemination of knowledge in this institution, but also instill in you the discipline to pursue your dreams. Don't tick them off.

**DUMB:** "Sir, do minute hain class me abhi?"

**DUMBER:** \*5 continuous proxies\*

**DUMBEST:** "Knowledge ke peechhe bhaago, success jhakk maarke aayegi (ala Rancho)."

**THE LOGICAL:** "Present, ma'am."

**PRE-FEST PREPARATIONS:** These are amazing times. License to not attend classes, involvement with (cool, yes) seniors, brainstorming with your batchmates make for some invaluable memories.

**DUMB:** "Only velle log are involved."

**DUMBER:** "I have OPT's classes."

**DUMBEST:** "BT wale bhi sir hain?"

**THE LOGICAL:** "Yay! Fests."

**FESTS:** The fests in odd semesters are not the grandest as compared to the inter-college Annual fest, but it still includes

your 'Fresher's' and 'Resonanz'. They make you comfortable with the college atmosphere and are good ice-breakers.  
**DUMB:** "HT CITY? How cool!"  
**DUMBER:** "These plays make so much sense."

**DUMBEST:** "Why aren't we allowed bottles at the venue?"  
**THE LOGICAL:** "Yay! Fests."

**MID SEMS:** They're here, already! You thought the fun had just begun. Thoda padhna bhi padega, apologies.

**DUMB:** "Fifth subject MP hai?"

**DUMBER:** "I've finished my syllabus thrice."

**DUMBEST:** "End sems mein dekhenge."

**THE LOGICAL:** "I have the books."

**VIVAS:** God save you.

**DUMB:** "Yes, sir. ABSOLUTELY, SIR!"

**DUMBER:** "Sir, mera bhai ICU mein hai.."

**DUMBEST:** "Welding is my passion, sir"

**THE LOGICAL:** "....."

**END SEMS:** You've been through it all. Your very first semester is soon going to be over. Go ahead, you can tear up a little.

**DUMB:** "Bhai, 75+"

**DUMBER:** "Faaaaaad!"

**DUMBEST:** "No backs."

**THE LOGICAL:** \*sigh\*

Little, inexperienced fuchas, I've covered it all, I believe,

You now possess adequate knowledge, allow your guide to take her leave.

Do remember to pick more points up on your way,

For next year, you'll be the one giving this gyaan away.

## Haunts Around NSIT

The night is dark and full of terrors. And for those unaware, so can be the life around NSIT, but for this article. Learn to know your way around this place, and this place will be like putty in your hands. For starters, there are a few places you need to be familiar with. The places around, the eateries, the shopping havens, the book markets. Not in that order necessarily.

### Dwarka Mor

The road to our very own metro station provides a market for every emergency need that the student might face, be it the morning chai or a last minute run for the ED sheets. This place is a one-stop solution to all your problems. Recently, a Dominos and a Chowringee Lane have also been opened here, amidst an array of various indigenous food outlets. There is also a great Biryani outlet just as you exit the station premises. Also, most of the food outlets here provide delivery services to the hostels.

The book shop on the other side of the road (the Kakrola Mor road) is where you can buy second hand books and sell the same after a semester for two-thirds of the original price.

### Janakpuri West

This place hosts the very famous district center. Here is where you will find the nearest movie hall, Satyam, which is ever so swamped with NSITians, especially after exams. Though slightly expensive according to college budgets, it is a nice place to catch the latest movies without any hassles, if you can afford it. You can do some great street shopping here too. And the typical dine-in restaurants like Pizza Hut, Mc Donald's, Bercó's et all are here as well.

### C4E Market

Get off the Janakpuri West Station and take an auto ride to over there.

This is the heart of Janakpuri. You will find here one of the best momos and some refreshing *banta*. You will also find some delectable confectioners like Bakersville here.

### Subhash Garden

Pacific, one of the grandest and most busy shopping malls in Delhi, is located here. Wait for the mid-sems to end and your whole batch will be upon this place like a swarm of flies. If you have nothing to do, you can always go paintball-ing or go-karting or gorge on some sumptuous food at the food-court which covers every cuisine you'd know of. And if nothing else, then you can always window shop.

We have provided a bare map of places that one would think to wander to. These places are escapes from the sometimes mundane college life, and what's fortunate is that they're so nearby because of the metro line. But, we think the list is not complete. So be sure take time off your four years of college and explore this side of the city to your own taste.

### Tuesday Weekly Bazaar

Every Tuesday witnesses a bazaar on the road opposite the NSIT entrance. Take a walk. Buy some Cholle Bhature or find some olden biscuits (Naankhataai).

### Sector-4 Market – Also Includes vicinity of the adjoining three markets.

The best way to get there is to catch a shared auto/ e-rick to Rajapuri Chowk, and walk towards the markets. This is Dwarka's answer to the air-conditioned mall. We challenge you to find something that you can't find in the mall (except the air conditioning, of course). You'll find one of the best stationery shops in Dwarka here, i.e. Raj Book Depot; some essential juice joints; and the confectioners- Gula bakeries and Bunny's, are the best in Dwarka.

This market is also abundant with departmental stores, franchise stores, famous eating joints, and phone recharge outlets.

### Tilak Nagar

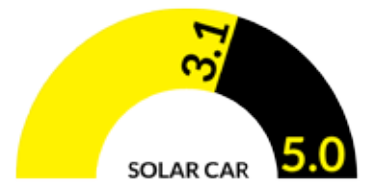
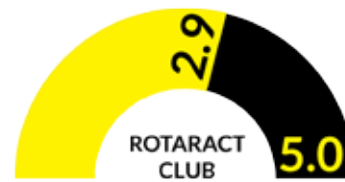
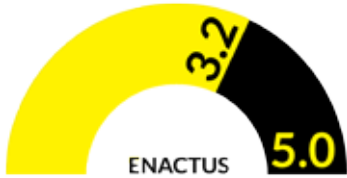
This is where you will go to buy your books. Ask around for directions to the famous book shops or look for the book laden students coming out. You may spot some of your own classmates and seniors. So don't get too stressed by the over-flowing crowd, just follow the strand of students filtering in.

Also, one must try Pachranga, for it is known for its flavored *gol guppas*.

### Rajouri Garden

An array of malls surrounds the Rajouri Garden metro station. Also, you can catch a movie here without burning a hole in your pocket. You can also indulge in a bit of bowling, gaming and likewise. The road between Rajouri Garden and Tagore Garden metro stations has a number of essential food franchises like Dominoes, Dunkin' Donuts, Cocoberry and some fine dining restaurants like Pind Balucchi, Pirates of the Grill, Wok in the Clouds, etc.

# Society Active Meter



## 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:-

- 1) Major level events/Inter-College fest/ International winning - 1 point
- 2) Medium level events Magazine re-

- lease/National mentions - 1.5 points
- 3) Small events - Workshops/Other miscellaneous- 1.5 points
- 4) Credible mentions - Meetings/ Online Activity/ Number 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. The individual points from each category were then added which became X's Active Meter score.

\*The 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 like—NSITOnline, Reminisce, Cross-

links, CollegeSpace, NSIT Programming group, NSIT Motorsports, etc. - which cannot be rated by the aforementioned algorithm.



**Tip #27:** Memorise the roads that lead to the photostat shops. They comprise our very own Mecca, with trips starting a week before exams.

## Achievers From Batch 2014



**NAME:** Kunaal Ahuja  
**Branch:** IT  
**Achievement:** Placed in Goldman Sachs  
**Job Profile:** Analyst



**NAME:** Priyank Agarwal  
**Branch:** COE  
**Achievement:** PGDM at IIM-L, 99.98% Percentile in CAT



**NAME:** Gurmeet Singh  
**Branch:** COE  
**Achievement:** Placed in Google  
**Job Profile:** Software Engineer  
**Fellow Achievers:** Khushal Sagar (IT)



**NAME:** Ishita Goel  
**Branch:** ICE  
**Achievement:** Placed in Nomura  
**Fellow Achievers:** Mehak Garg (ECE)



**NAME:** Rahul Chawla  
**Branch:** MPAE  
**Achievement:** Pursuing M.E. at MIT

## Recent Recruiters



# Personality Quiz

Manpriya Kaur

Q1. It's the first day of class. What's your number one priority?

A. To buy all the required books and materials for each class. Isn't it obvious?

B. Can't wait until break to check out all the 'Greek rushes' (read: NSIT Hangouts).

C. Try to immediately find out when the fresher's party is.

Q2. Your plans over breaks include:

A. Discussing whatever was taught in the previous classes.

B. Catching up on sleep.

C. Girls, Fashion, Makeup, Parties, Gossips, etc.

Q3. Your class is planning a mass bunk on Monday. Your reaction would be:

A. No-no. My studies will get affected.

B. Mass bunk? Yayy!

C. Mass bunk? Who cares! As it is I don't attend classes.

Q4. The fresher parties are in a week. This would be you:

A. Sitting at home and studying, of course. The end-sems are just 72 days away.

B. Deciding between the parties at Zook and Ice Cube.

C. Attending all three parties, duh.

Q5. You are assigned a project, which is due in 2 weeks. How will you go about completing it?

A. Finish it as soon as you receive it.

B. Stay up all night before the day it's due to complete the project.

C. Throw some random information together the morning the project is due.

Q6. What's your study method?

A. "I will refer to more than two books for a better understanding of the subject"

B. "I will glance over the notes and maybe study in a group"

C. "Err... Let me recall the names of the subjects first."

Q7. You meet an attractive member of the opposite sex. How do you plan put the moves on them?

A. Ask them if they'd like to get together and maybe study for some time.

B. Really wish you could go and talk to them, but you've nothing to talk about except how you missed your class.

C. Ask them if they're going to any club this weekend.

Q8. What's your idea of a perfect day?

A. A trip to the bookstore.

B. Eating chips and watching movies.

C. Hanging out with friends, sleeping in and going to a party at night.



Mostly As:

You're a *Ghissu*. You genuinely want to extend your learning. You would never find yourself whining about any assignment and would be joyful to 'learn' in the NSIT classrooms. Remember, make a plan. Set a goal. Work towards it. But every once in a while, look around. Drink it in; because you would never get a chance to relive these four carefree years.



Mostly Bs:

You're a *Vella* and would be mostly sitting (read: sleeping, texting, ogling at people) in the middle rows of a class. Sleep and Facebook-these two things define your life. You're popularly known as 'The lovebirds', 'The dudes', 'The gangsters', 'The good-for-nothing', etc. You love to while away your time on social networking sites, LAN games or sleeping.



Mostly Cs:

You're a stud. To you, college is just something you get through by doing as little as possible. You don't care about knowledge or learning. You'll find yourself going on night-outs or attending parties frequently. Often, you're only seen by your classmates during fests or exams.

**Rather than being a Ghissu, Vella or Stud, you must strive hard to maintain a perfect balance between your academics and extracurricular activities and hence, be an all-rounder. You should explore as much as possible in these four years, join the right societies, party hard and be successful in life altogether, without escaping your responsibilities.**

# The NSIT Map

**1. Boys' Hostel** – Home away from home; the adda for guys.

**2. Girls' Hostel** – fun unlimited... but beware the 'Cinderella time'!

**3. Sports Complex** – Where soccer is played in the badminton court. A must visit for the non-sporty adventure seekers and a oft trodden path for the sports addicts.

**4. Nesci Lawns** – For the sunbathers, picnic-ers, card-players or generally lazing around.

**5. Mini Zayca** – Better known as the canteen opposite Nesci Lawns. The chocolate pudding – must try!

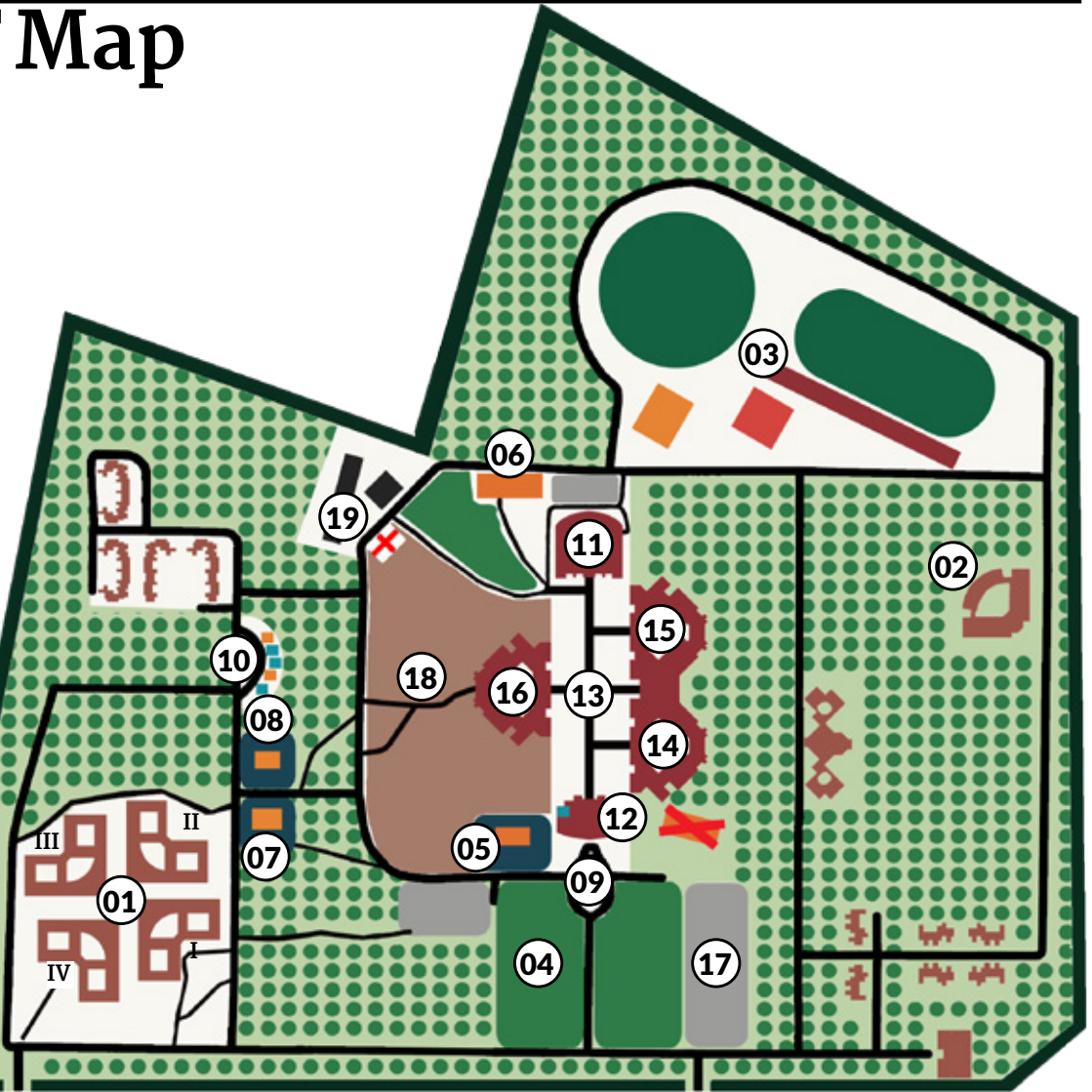
**6. Zayca** – From spring rolls to dal makhani to chicken. This sit-down, concrete canteen is where many poor pockets are looted for free food.

**7. McCain** – Some good food, great company and shared bills. That's what college is all about!

**8. Just Café** – You can gorge on 'just' about anything here! Parathas in rainy season, a must try!

**9. NSIT Guitar** – 'The music in my heart I bore...' Who said engineers were lackluster geeks? (Climb onto the admin block's roof, you'll know what we are talking about.)

**10. Shopping Complex** – From paneer paratha to whiteboard marker, you get it all here. Ask an NSITian to show you to Bablu ki dukaan. It's going to be your lifeline.



**11. Library** – Few cross its threshold... but come placement session, beware of them!

**12. Admin** – The one place you'll know the moment you join the college.

**13. Fountain Area** – Do NOT ask 'When did the fountain actually last sprout water?'

**14. ECE/BT Block** – The graveyard

parallel works. The quietest block with everyone grinding their axes like good ghissus.

**15. COE/IT Block** – The elite lot studies here. The future CEOs of Google and Facebook, all under one roof!

**16. ICE/MPAE Block** – A more happening block will be hard to come by. Vellas to Ghissus, you get them all here. Freshers, all your labs will be found here.

**17. Parking Lot** – Cars are parked here. Badum-ching!

**18. Moksha Ground** – The haloed grounds where our annual fest MOKSHA comes to life!

**19. Workshops** – The only break in NSITians sedentary lifestyle, with heavy duty welding, filing and fitting, sheet-metal and foundry.



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