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# THE TEAM

Our team, that put together this issue, consists primarily of just-turned-second year'ites, with our now-aging seniors keeping a watchful eye to ensure the standards of excellence never fall. The culmination of the collective efforts of which have resulted in what you're reading right now: the Summer Issue of the BITS Herald, the official newsletter of BITS Pilani - Goa campus.



# THE TEAM

The intention of this special issue is to guide you all, the aspiring BITSians of the 2009 batch, to take judicious decisions regarding your future in this campus, and to give you a little peek into what life's really like here! Consider this your essential little lamp, to light the right track for you, and then keep you warm as you traverse the unknown path towards your heaven for four years. Cheers!





# THE CAMPUS

BITS Pilani is one of the most reputed and engineering and technological institutes in India. It has a classic history of academic excellence since its inception as a deemed university in 1964.

Founded by the eminent industrialist G. D. Birla, BITS Pilani has also benefited greatly by support from the Ford Foundation and an alliance with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. BITS Pilani established campuses elsewhere too starting with Dubai (2000), Goa (2004) and Hyderabad (2008).



BITS Pilani is the only university in India to offer the B.E. (Hons.) degree programme as well as the Dual Degree system wherein a pure science degree can be completed with an engineering degree.

According to Asiaweek's Science and Technology school rankings in the Asia-Pacific region in 2000, BITS Pilani was in the top 5 in terms of student selectivity. [<http://www-cgi.cnn.com/ASIANOW/asiaweek/features/universities2000/scitech/sci.stusel.html>]

BITS Pilani and its sister campus at Goa were consistently ranked in the top 5 engineering colleges by India Today until the year 2005 after which BITS has opted out of the rankings due to a pending court case between BITS and India Today.

The Washington Accord recognizes degrees from the IIT's and BITS to be on par with other institutes in the accord.

Outlook ranked BITS Pilani 6th in India for undergraduate engineering in the year 2007-08.





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Q. I have achieved an AIR in the IITJEE as well as a decent score at BITSAT. On the basis of which factors do I make my decision of choosing one of the 2 institutes?

A. The prime factor for deciding the institute in which you should enroll is your preferred stream of choice. Candidly speaking, there are several branches of engineering and technology offered in the IITs which may lead to a productive research-oriented career. However, some of their courses might be niche areas of technology which have not seen significant development in India or the rest of the developing world. For studying such courses in the IITs, you must be sufficiently motivated to pursue a career in those fields and be ready to adapt and acclimatize yourself to the difficulties posed by a highly specialized and concentrated frontier of technology. At your level of understanding (10+2) of the technical world, you might not be sure exactly where your talents and true interests lie with regard to the various branches of engineering.



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A. So, a wrong choice may result in a loss of motivation and interest in the technical field you might select. Meanwhile, a broader branch will help to get your fundamentals clear and equip you to survive better in the engineering industry. A wider range of subjects also gives enough exposure to all types of technical problems and you can easily learn where your strengths lie. This offers an opportunity for specialization at a later stage of your education- that is, at the postgraduate level. An engineer must be versatile and hence a more basic branch improves his employability. Thus, reader; we advise you to construct your decision by weighing your stream of choice as the most influential factor. And, of course, the prestige of being a BITSian is equivalent to that of being an IITian!





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Q. I have achieved a score somewhat lower than I expected in BITSAT. I wish to pursue engineering but I'm worried that I might not be able get such a seat or my preferred branch of engineering with my BITSAT score. What should I do?

A. Fear not, reader; the BITS system of education is flexible and anticipates cases like yours to crop up. For those of you who won't be able to obtain an engineering seat can still have their stream of choice offered to them after the first year. This is the unique Dual Degree system of the BITS campuses. You can choose a pure science (M.Sc.-Group B) or technical (M.Sc. Tech.-Group C) field of your interest and get enrolled in any one of the 3 campuses. After the 1st year, on the basis of your CGPA, engineering branches are offered to the Group B students again. This time, you have primary priority for getting awarded an engineering seat. (nearly all Group B students are offered the Dual Degree scheme) After 5 years, you are awarded 2 degrees simultaneously- 1 in science, the 2nd in engineering and this gives you a cutting edge as a research oriented technical professional.





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A. All 4 BITS campuses have a superb infrastructure for developing your engineering skills and to mould you into a highly trained professional. The textbooks used for the courses are renowned worldwide and belong to international publications such as John Wiley, Pearson, Prentice Hall, Oxford, McGraw-Hill etc. The course structure is more rigorous than that of regional engineering colleges and emphasis is given more to conceptual depth and understanding rather than mere mindless application of formulae. A heavy stress is placed upon basic science courses in the 1st year so that you may become an innovative technologist rather than only an engineer. We have state-of-the-art labs, workshops and practical training centres. BITS offers students 2 practice schools- PS-I after the 2nd year and PS-II in the 4th year. These are internships where one can carry out research projects as well as gain sufficient exposure to actual industrial problems and work environments. Projects and hands-on work are completely encouraged. Practice school stations include leading companies and research institutes such as Dreamworks, Cypress Semiconductors, National Instruments, B.A.R.C. Mumbai, N.P.L. Delhi and a lot more!

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Q. How should I draw comparisons between BITS and the new IITs or NITs? Why are the cutoffs for the Pilani campus higher than Goa?

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A. The new IITs have been recently established (2008) and hence their reputation, quality of tuitions and brand value is yet unknown. While IIT's suffer from the bane of reservation, the only way to secure admission to BITS is by merit, which is BITSAT. So, here in BITS, there is a highly competitive environment created because the people who get enrolled are only those who deserve it by pure merit and efforts.

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The reason that the Pilani campus is held in greater esteem by the general academics related public is because it is a much older campus and has a long and prestigious history. BITS Pilani is totally established in terms of its academic system and placements and has maintained a tradition of producing quality engineering minds. Goa and Hyderabad campuses are only 5 and 1 yr. old respectively. Yet, the Goa campus has made significant progress considering its still young age. Anyway, the basic grading system and course structure (syllabus, textbooks, practicals, etc.) is exactly the same for all 4 campuses.



Q. What are the advantages of being a student of BITS Pilani while applying to pursue an M.S. or any other postgraduate degree in engineering abroad?

A. For admission to the academic year 2008-09 (Fall 2008), a total of 140 admits were received for BITSians from internationally well known and elite universities. A total of 463 admits were received by 140 students.

The universities that took a great deal of interest in BITS students were- Texas A&M Univ., Purdue, Univ. of Southern California, North Carolina State Univ., Univ. of Minnesota, Georgia Tech., Arizona State Univ., etc. Thus, reader, we'd like to conclude that you would definitely stand a chance to have a bright future as a skilled and highly qualified engineer if you graduated from BITS Pilani and pursued a postgraduate degree in any of these foreign universities!

Harvard  
MIT  
Princeton



# FOREIGN ADMITS

Campus	Dubai	Pilani	Goa
Number of admits	70	263	130
Number of students applied	27	76	37

Branch	CS	EEE	Mech.	Civil	Chem.
Admits	165	203	45	16	9

Industrial	Bio. Sc.	Pharmacy	Maunufacturing
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If there was one word that scored high on any BITSians vocabulary, the word FLEXIBILITY would, without doubt, rank right among the top. In fact, if there were any word that could describe our education structure with utmost conciseness and comprehensiveness, it is flexibility : to exemplify why I say so, I cite the following few systems that make studying here so much more special (and yes, so much more unique).

### **1. Dual Degree:**

Championing the cause is the system of awarding Dual Degrees – two degrees at a go !!! You enter with M Sc Biological Sciences, and at the end of five years, you go out with an additional B .E. in Electrical and Electronics (and mind you, the five years include an additional Practice School, something normal B.E. aren't lucky enough to get). The second degrees are awarded on a competitive basis at the end of first year (and no, they are not as difficult as they sound), and the best thing is, if you happen to be an M Sc student, you are sure to get a B.E. in some discipline or the other.



There are other duals as well : for instance, B.E. + B.E., MSc(Tech) + B.E., MSc+ MSc, but the admission modality is slightly different. For more information, I suggest you look up the website, or feel free to contact any seniors.

## **2. Practice School:**

Similar to the traditionally called 'internship' in most Indian institutions of higher education, the system of Practice School is a fully centralized, hassle free system of providing students an exposure to the rigours of industry at stations scattered all over the country and abroad. B.E. students have it twice – at the end of 2nd year and another one in the 4th year (the second one is a whole semester long) - while Dualites have another one (again, this one is also a semester long), providing BITSians with an experience unmatched to any other in the league. No wonder they call BITSians the smartest in the industry !



### **3. Placements:**

For those of you who are worried about the placement scenario (and trust me, there are many like you), the on-campus and off-campus placements here are encouraging enough to come here. Check out our website for more info – I am sure you don't need any more encouragement. For those, however, who are more inclined towards pursuing further education, there are equally as many reasons to cheer – countless seniors have made it to premier educational institutions abroad – Harvard, Stanford, et al. There are plenty of scholarships for serious research in the basic and engineering sciences – in short, you are guaranteed your rightful place in the increasingly globalised world.

### **4. Foreign Collaboration:**

Our University first started in collaboration with the famed MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and this relation with top class foreign universities continues to this day – apparent in the internationally acclaimed textbooks that are prescribed for the various courses.

I guess that sums up well enough what the education structure we are so proud of is all about!! For more, you have to come here and see for yourself!!

For those of you who thought BITS is ONLY ABOUT STUDYING and NOTHING ELSE, you cannot get more wrong than that (of course, there is no denying the fact that studies and exams will become habitual after some time - FRESHERS, ask any senior and they will tell you just the same). You take your first step inside the campus, look around and you will realize exactly what I am talking about – the Student's Activity Centre (we call it SAC, pronounced 'sack') has more to offer than one could imagine – badminton, table tennis, basketball, volleyball, lawn tennis, et al – you name it and WE ARE BOUND TO HAVE IT. (Hey, Did I forget to mention Martial Arts classes: Yes, we have them as well!!) The newly renovated Cricket Ground is being done under the supervision of the BOARD OF CONTROL for CRICKET in INDIA (you heard it right: BCCI!!); the football ground plays host to practice sessions by none other than the famed SALGAOCAR Football Club – no wonder BITSians are already earning an enviable reputation of being the meanest and the best players of sport in the region. The icing in the cake is of course our annual sports fest – we call it "SPREE", and trust me, with all its workshops etc, you have never seen a celebration of such proportions all your life (unless of course the reader is a fellow BITSian !!), attracting people from places as far away as Trichy and Hyderabad.



BITS Pilani, Goa Campus also plays host to an equally large Cultural Festival ('culfest' for short) – we call it “Waves”, and as much as the name suggests, this festival is uber cool (add a super to it, or two if you like). Essentially it's an extravaganza of proportions unheard of in this part of the country – a flurry of activities, contests, informals and workshops – drama, dance, cooking classes and craft lessons; salsa, tango, deafening metal and awesome classical music; featuring masters in the trade and wannabe novices alike; mime shows that are a class by itself, food stalls that never fail to leave your well filled pockets empty; I can go on and on but I can never finish bragging about it: for those who are giving (or have given) BITSAT this year, come here and find out all about it for yourself; for those of who are not yet old enough, I can do little else but offer my sincerest apologies. For the rest of the year, we have a host of clubs that are like centres of perfecting various arts – the Mime Club, the Literary and Debating Club, the Dance Club, the Photography Club and a host of others that induct new members every year. And then there are a few others that seldom get all their much due attention but are nevertheless among the most important – the Backstage Club, for instance, or the Firewallz; readers, I am sure I have unintentionally forgotten to name countless others, but kindly be a little forgiving: there are so many it is perfectly human to miss out on a few. And then, we have screenings of all the latest movies the whole year round – undoubtedly, they too form a special part of every BITSians life. And we recently had the Goa Chapter of SPICMACAY established in our campus: connoisseurs of fine art and music, you are in for a treat (and a very grand one at that!!).



Its not like BITSians are not aware of the responsibility they hold towards improving the state of the unlettered and the downtrodden – we have two fantastic institutions called the NIRMAAN and ABHIGYAN who have been shouldering the responsibility of carrying out some remarkable projects with great success –I suggest you Google it to know more about it (my stern editor has set a stringent word limit and I have a lot of ground still to cover)

Other noteworthy events include Elections (oooh! They are such a fun!), great cultural nights, book review sessions (thanks to MATRIX, for more on it I again refer to that universal weapon of yore: GOOGLE it) and a lot more (again I can't cover anything thanks to my editor; otherwise I can assure you it will turn into a book, perhaps a bestseller !!). But I have saved the best for the last – we have a secret weapon called DC: for those who have heard about, you know what I am talking about. For the rest, I only wish you could come here and find out yourself; divulging much will spoil all the fun. Sayo Nara.



## QUARK

This is the annual technical festival organised by the students of BITS Goa. Last time's Quark was inaugurated by former president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. It had a multitude of events from all genres including ones related to robotics, programming, aero modelling and much more. One of the highlights of the festival was Matka, the gaming competition. Participants included the top two Counter Strike clans and the top Age of Empires clan of India. The fest also had some very interesting workshops which were open for everyone to participate in and learn new things. Also the special nights included a demonstration of ACYUT, India's first humanoid robot by its creators from BITS Pilani. This fest had something for everyone from the hardcore gamer to the fundoo programmer or even the laid-back spectator.

TECHNICAL RENAISSANCE  
**QUARK**  
2009





## WAVES

The hottest college fest of India truly lived up to its name. The fest comprising of three fun filled days didn't give its participants time to even breathe. It included the IBIBO Sea Rock show, in which rock bands from all over the country performed for the top honours. Performances encompassed a wide variety of Rock Music, ranging from Alternative Rock to Brutal Death Metal. This included Rainbow Bridge, a band from Chennai which has played in the Great Indian Rock festival and has been identified as one of the top 10 most promising bands in India by Rolling Stone. The special nights were truly a treat with a show by Indian Ocean with their unique brand of music which is an eclectic mixture of Indian Classical, Rock, Jazz and Fusion; and one by performers from Australia; The Carnival of Divine Imagination. All in all the fest was three days of pure ecstasy which by the end of it had everyone addicted and begging for more..

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## SPREE

SPREE is the national sports festival of BITS Goa. Started in 2006 as an intra-college sports meet, SPREE has achieved national status in a matter of two years and now is the biggest sports festival in Goa. This year SPREE was bigger, better and the competition fiercer than ever before. Presented by the Salgaocar Sports Club in association with All Sports Magazine and the Sports Authority of Goa, events included football, basketball, cricket, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, chess, caroms and tennis. Apart from these, there were also fun events like Futsal, Sports Quiz and traditional sports like Kho-Kho and Kabaddi. Spree also had a host of interesting workshops like the Cardio Kick-Boxing Workshop and The Open Marathon, an event held to raise money to be donated to Help Age India and Nirmaan which has undertaken the School Adoption Program (SAP). The special nights included a Kalaripayattu (the oldest living martial art in the world, originated in Kerala) demonstration, and a Mallakhamb performance. With the right mix of events, fair play, amazing nights, fun games and hundreds of students infused with the spirit of sportsmanship, it couldn't get better than this.



Watching the last rays of the sun disappear behind the horizon, I realized it was the last sunset that I would admire as a first year'ite. The golden evening sun seemed to peep out from behind the fluffy clouds and stay just a second longer as if to say "My!! What a year! I'll miss you all!" We'll miss you too dear Goan sun and yes, you're right....what an eventful year it has been.....

HOW TIME FLIES!! Yes, yes.....I know this sounds so clichéd, but this time TIME didn't fly alone, it brought along with it CHANGE. I vividly remember my first walk around the campus as a scared little fresher afraid of being ragged (although the seniors turned out to be a decent lot of people....not the scary bullies they were portrayed to be!!!) and afraid of losing my way. I recall the badminton courts, tennis courts and volleyball grounds as I had seen them then....and .....my! Do they look different today!





Although each hostel room has an individual LAN connection, there were separate timings for internet access in the hostels last semester. It amuses me to think how we used to rush to our hostels to check our emails or else we would have to wait another 2 hours to access the internet (although the Computer Centre is always at our service!). But now thanks to the bandwidth being doubled, we have no such restrictions any more.

I break into a grin as I remember how we used to crib and cry about the nearest Dominoes Pizza outlet being in Panjim...which meant no one delivered pizza in our campus. But you (aspiring BITSians 2009) can throw your worries aside as we now have weekly pizza delivery although the 30 minute guarantee doesn't hold here because it's a 1 hour drive to Panjim!

As I walk across the shopping complex, I look at the 2 laundry shops in contrast to only 1 that I had seen during my 1st week. Apart from the laundry shops, we also have hostel to hostel laundry service adding to our list of luxuries!



No more anxieties of how to get to Panjim because apart from the daily bus service to Vasco, we have a weekly bus service to Panjim as well. Next semester shall also see new and better mess contractors and a whole new general store and cafeteria.

I wave as I see familiar faces passing by, who were once, during my first stroll, complete strangers. As I keep walking, I imagine myself standing still and I let the campus pass by (motion is relative, remember!) and I see it moving ahead, changing and progressing. As I bid adieu to the last sunset, there is a renewed eagerness to watch the first sunrise next year because along with it will come only new hope and greater change for the better...



# QUOTE

"My GRE score wasn't very good-it was 1380(out of 1600). My CGPA was 9.42 when I applied. I applied to 11 universities out of which I got offers from Harvard, Cornell and Ohio State. Projects are very important. I had stints at various research institutes, likethe Indian Institue of Astrophysics at ISRO. These institutes, while offering internships take into account your CGPA and recommendations from faculty. The BITS brand name is huge, all over the world. My research is in electrical engineering - image processing, under Prof. Naveen Khaneja from IIT Kanpur. Extra internships help a lot while applying. I have a fellowship by the institute. I will get complete tuition waiver and a stipend of \$2300. Meanwhile, I did not appear for placement interviews for many companies. I got placed in Cognizant."

**Akash Raman,**

an alumnus of BITS Pilani - Goa presently pursuing his Ph. D. at Harvard University with a full tuition waiver. On being asked about how he accomplished this spectacular achievement.





I think for most of you like me the last two years must have been the most gruelling time of your school life. Getting up really early after hardly sleeping for a few hours, rushing through all the morning chores so you can make it to your school or junior college on time, then listening to lectures for hours (sometimes losing track of what is being taught in the class), then practising sums from scores of books always worrying as to what might finally turn up in the question paper. You have time for nothing except preparing for your boards or some entrance exam (we have many of them). But finally when I made it into one of the most prestigious colleges (I am talking about BITS of course) there was a sense of utter relief.

The first week here is spent in admission procedures, orientation, junior-senior interaction :P and other such stuffs. In the first few weeks of the semester I was still getting up at 5AM (OMG), rushing through stuff and reaching classes at least half an hour before and so on. But soon I started relaxing as the classes here were not too taxing and mostly enjoyable, you have a lot of time for pursuing many activities besides polishing your chair and the hostel life is just too good for anyone who has left home for the first time in his life. It was like one huge party within the campus (okay we did study when it was necessary). Then there are the inductions to the many departments and clubs .One can try out for these based on their interest though we end up trying out for all of them.



You might wonder how to spend all those free hours here, but fear not you will have none. Everyone is busy doing something or the other as there are many ways to keep oneself busy around here. You can just study ,play games in SAC(Student Activity Centre ),go roaming around the campus, play multiplayer games on LAN(awesome),watch TV (trust me it's more fun when you watch matches in huge groups) and so on. Then we have these fests at regular intervals where one can just party all day (and night) and also many cultural nights where the different clubs (dance, music, drama etc) perform.

Buts it's not all fun and no work over here, you have these regular tests and comprehensives where you are tested on everything taught. You usually find people slogging through the night to clear these tests .During this time people are either in their rooms studying or in others rooms explaining them. This is the only time of the year when nerds are respected for what they are. You can find people running behind them for notes or for syllabus. So somehow we all manage to finish the exams and then it's again time to chill out. There are few things which you miss a lot though and one of them is good food, the mess food it edible but nothing close to what you are used to generally at home. And also managing your laundry becomes a big headache though you have excellent laundry facilities here. But overall the time you spend here will be packed with thrills and surprises. In fact I am awaiting the day when I return to BITS, my home away from home.

## The First Year @ Hyderabad

This is for all of you who have doubts about joining the Hyderabad campus in 2009 or after... Let me first clarify a couple of things. I'm not a Hyderabadi nor am I related to A.P. in any way (no distant, long lost relatives, no forgotten friends, nothing of that sort...). My score was good enough to clear Pilani cutoffs for the same Branch (293, Msc (hons) Economics). So why on earth did I join a place where there were 150 acres of rocks and 3 half complete buildings?

Relax guys, you've probably realised by now that BITSians are a bit eccentric. And none more so than the bunch that stayed back at Hyderabad the 500 people who had faith in a great institute and knew that despite the massive roadblocks(and rocks!) that lay ahead, they would be fine at the end of the day. "Do you regret it?"; "What, joining BITS, you kidding me?"; "Na, I mean joining Hyderabad and a new, still to be constructed insti?" Definitely not. I mean there were times when I felt I was a fool, but after things really kickstarted on campus, it was great!



After a difficult first month here, things started looking up. We got to start all the clubs, we got to organise a fest in our first year itself, basically the experience that you would get as a senior in Pilani or Goa we are going to get for the next 4 years!

Sure, lack of seniors does pinch and sometimes, it pinches real hard. But you needn't worry, as the '08 batch will be there to help you out. I mean we are the scapegoats, and we have accepted the fact gleefully, we walk to the gallows of the professors' offices without turning a hair, an art that you will probably learn too.

As far as infrastructure is concerned, don't worry one bit. The rooms are single and as good as you will get in India. The mess food, to be fair, is good, and as a guy from Pilani put it- "Dude, only Carnegie Mellon has such a mess!" You have guest lectures and all that geekish stuff in abundance, and clubs are just waiting to rope in new people. You have a chance to lead, without the infinite struggles that we had to face. Everything is set for you, and you have a chance to do much, much more. Don't doubt the potential of the Hyderabad campus. It's already close to the best. Come, make it the best.

*Shruthi Vishwanath*



First of all, the name of the institution is BITS, Pilani - Dubai & not BITS Dubai, referred to from now on as BPD. The degree offered is from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani - Rajasthan (the grade sheets mention Dubai, Goa & Hyderabad Campus). The institute was accredited recently by NAAC, India and got an A grade along with Pilani & Goa. Class of 2013 will also get a BITS- Pilani, Rajasthan Degree! The college is undergoing an accreditation process from the Education Ministry of UAE & by ABET.

BPD is based on a 15 acre piece of land at the Dubai International Academic City (soon going to be the academic hub of the Middle East with quite a lot of foreign universities & students). The current student strength of the institute is 1730, divided in 7 engineering programmes (at present no post graduate degree is offered). There is NO entrance examination as there is a supply & demand gap, with seats increasing every year. The ratio of GCC (students from gulf countries) to NON GCC students is about 50-50 & the cut of f% for a non-GCC student varies between 80-85%.

Students need to take TOEFL before gaining admission. But if you haven't taken the TOEFL, your application will not be rejected and once you gain an admit you can always take it once you are on campus (within 2 weeks of joining). BITS conducts regular tests on campus & the first attempt is free of cost! Well, I think you have had enough of the college's description. Let me share some of my experiences. Who am I? I am Arjun, from New Delhi, and my school was Delhi Public School - Mathura Road. I joined the Mechanical Engineering Dept. in 2004, and am currently on my way to Cornell University to pursue a Master's in Mechanical Engineering.

I have been a hostel'ite throughout, having changed/shifted 3 hostels in the process. The Al Barsha 3, The Al Mansoori, and now finally the BITS Boys Hostel at ACAD City, Block C. By the way, there are 4 blocks for boys, A, B, C, and D, with C being for the senior most batch. The girls have G, H block. Probably they have kept E & F for future construction (Yes, construction will commence soon). The rooms are rotated on a yearly basis.





There are 2 reverse osmosis drinking water machines on each floor. The boys hostel corridors are monitored by CCTV (to look in to the maar peet, chori chakaari cases). Don't worry girls don't bother about CCTV's. There are none for you! The windows don't open, unfortunately. But everything is air-conditioned, so it's not much of an issue. Each room has a tube light, bed, mattress, 2 plug points, LAN point, chair, cupboard, electronic locker and, of course how can I forget the Smoke Detector for the naughty ones ! One thing we hate is that internet is slow & they charge for keeping a refrigerator in the room. The question of average spending comes again & again. Here people from all strata of society come, but the monthly average is about 300-400 AED

Placements at BPD are good. The Mechanical & EEE/ECE Engineers need not be worried at all. The average pay scale is 6K + Perks (housing & transport) but anything above this is awesome! The highest that has been recorded this year is 247000 AED per annum @ DNV Maritime. I would like to make one point that the recruiters will overlook your grade points & the one thing that matters is the confidence & personality of the candidates.



The college also has various clubs like Reflexion - The PhotoClub, tRebel - the music club, Paribhasha - a very popular drama club, Pixel - the graphics club & there are many professional societies like IEEE, SAE, & ASHRAE.

The website is now being made by students and we too are coming up with a BITS 360 which will be online soon thanks to expertise and training from BITS - Pilani, Goa Campus.

**Arjun A. Goyle,**

an alumnus of BITS Pilani - Dubai, currently pursuing his M. Eng. from Cornell University, speaking about the Dubai Campus.

# QUOTE

"BITS gives you a lot after you pass out....Peers...I've got a chance to meet loads of BITSians here...Its fun to see so many ppl in the Bay Area from BITS...I can discuss with them about PS-1,PS-2, CP1, courses, profs, experiences...So much in common...So surely BITS as a univ gives you an awesome ready-made network...Secondly, it gives you recognition...If you say BITS people know where your from...So its definitely helps!...Third, Confidence... Damn I don't remember having so much confidence way back in high school...but BITS helped!"

**Roshan Sumbaly,**

an alumnus of BITS Pilani - Goa, currently pursuing his MS from Stanford University, on being asked about the spectrum of opportunities provided by being a BITSian.

To have a look at the BITSAT 2008 Cut Offs, point your browser to:

**<http://www.bitsadmission.com/fd/cutoffscores.htm>**

Mail us at: **[djbpgc@gmail.com](mailto:djbpgc@gmail.com)**

For further admission-related queries, spend some time on the BITS360 forum:

**[www.bits360.com/forum](http://www.bits360.com/forum)**

We are eagerly waiting to welcome you all!

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### **Did You Know?**

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has re-accredited our institute with an A grade and a CGPA of 3.71, which is the highest rank among all re-accredited universities!



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