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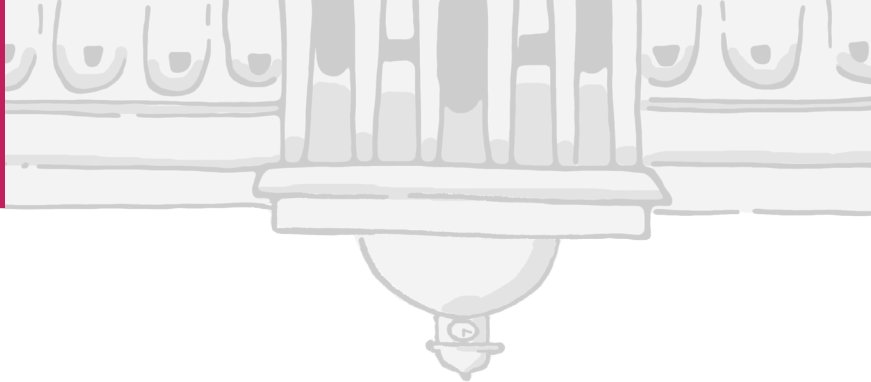
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## Welcome to Roorkee, dear freshman!

It is very likely that this magazine does not find you in the best state of mind. In all probability, you would have already fostered some hate for your roommate, grown weary of the unappetizing food in the mess, cried a couple of times because you miss your family, and in an effort to make new friends, wrecked every social interaction you participated in. You might also be coping with the disappointment of finding out that a visit to the LHC does not, in fact, mean a chance to witness the Large Hadron Collider in action. Consequently, you might want to tear this glossy magazine - that we made with much love, and so kindly delivered to your doorstep - as an expression of your ever-growing frustration.

That's how most of us spent our first week at this place; and we'd love to tell you that it gets better as time goes by and how it's all duck-soup from here on. But (as you will soon find out by yourself), we'd be lying if we told you so.

However, with hearty assertion, we can claim that you will, in fact, not be the only one who shall:

- 1) *Soon be surprised at how quickly you're running out of money, even though you'll spend it only on instant noodles and photocopying notes*
- 2) *Wrestle with the fact of having to do your own laundry*
- 3) *Fail to juggle your social life and academic responsibilities*
- 4) *Skip meals, classes, deadlines, much of your syllabus and*
- 5) *Lie to your parents about going to bed early*

And that, although not fully appeasing, is something you should hold on to. Roorkee is painful, but marvellous; and most of it's glory is hidden in the generous, bountiful empathy you'll find in its people. Everyone you see around you is almost as confused as you are. Perhaps even the guy who's been here a year or two is also still stumbling through his days at R and doesn't quite have it all figured out.

Unlike him, however, you have the very first edition of The Freshman Issue to welcome you to this beautiful campus. The nice people at **Watch Out** hope that this 14-page booklet - and all of its dark, over-used, often inappropriate sarcasm - makes the initial couple of weeks at R just a little bit easier!

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# The Student Affairs' Council

The Student Affairs' Council of IIT Roorkee is a student-managed body which discusses the grievances of the student populace with the administration. It functions as a two-tier body, operating at both the institute level and the bhawan level (subordinate bhawan council) for every hostel. The institute level positions are elected by the students in the latter half of the spring semester through secret ballot.

The major issues that will reveal themselves unto you will be met - and, competently, we may add - by these students.

An open Facebook group by the name of SAC IITR 2017-18 serves as the forum for discussing all issues the students have; you are welcome to post your queries on this forum, or drop a message to these students, who'd be happy to help you out.

The seven elected students for the 2017-18 session, and their corresponding duties are:

**General Secretary, Academic Affairs | Saksham Agrawal (UG) & Rajesh Kumar(PG)**

- Coordinates the affairs for the Institute Library, the Computer Center and the Placement Office
- Represents the students' point of view on academics and curriculum

**General Secretary, Hostel Affairs | Sambhav Anand Jain**

- Ensures proper implementation of bhawan level affairs, activities and initiatives
- Is responsible for undertaking inter-bhawan activities in the campus

**General Secretary, Alumni Affairs | Manik Verma**

- Point of contact for communication between students and alumni
- Plans and drives initiatives for student guidance and networking with the alumni

**General Secretary, Technical Affairs | Punit Dhoot**

- Student representative of all the student run technical bodies in the campus
- Coordinator of IIT Roorkee in annual inter IIT technical team
- Serves as the SAC representative in the Cognizance Organising Committee

**General Secretary, Sports Affairs | Shubham Vij**

- Representative of the Institute Sports Council, IIT Roorkee
- Coordinates inter-bhawan and inter-collegiate sports tournaments
- Serves as the SAC representative in the Inter-IIT sports meet

**General Secretary, Cultural Affairs | Prajwal Bhatt**

- Head of the Cultural Society, IIT Roorkee
- Responsible for cultural activities inside the institute
- Serves as the SAC representative in the Thomso Organising Committee

# Campus Facilities

## Lecture Halls |

The institute has 2 main lecture halls, both conveniently located near the Central Library. The older one, connected to the Department of Management Studies (DoMS), has 2 halls of a comparatively larger seating capacity. The new lecture hall complex is a more recently constructed, 4-storied building, behind the DoMS. Each boasts satisfactorily designed, air-conditioned lecture halls with multiple projectors.

## Library |

The Mahatma Gandhi Central Library (MGCL) is an impressive institution in itself. The library houses more than 3.5 lakh books as well as many age old publications. It also has computers for public use, and a reading room along the right side of the ground floor. During exams, the MGCL remains open for all of 24 hours. The library offers a Textbook Loan Scheme, or TBLS, for the entire semester.

## Banks |

The Institute has branches of two national banks, the Punjab National Bank (PNB) and the State Bank of India (SBI). The former is located next to the Students Club while the latter flanks the Senate Hall in the Main Building. SBI and PNB, combined, have 6 ATMs around the campus, one each in the respective main branches and the MAC, one SBI ATM next to the canteen in Cautley Bhawan and one on the CBRI Road.

Apart from the departments and the hostels, the campus of IIT Roorkee has other buildings you are likely to frequent as a part of your everyday life, or to deal with certain trivialities. Here is a list of the most important ones.

## Institute Hospital |

The Institute Hospital is a 50-bedded medical care centre offering OPD, emergency and IPD, a laboratory, X-ray & ECG services (among others) to the faculty, staff and the students of the institute, for no charge. Ambulance services are also available for in-house and off-campus referrals at all times.

## Training and Placement Office |

The TPO is where you'll probably end up in borrowed suits a couple of years down the line. Situated opposite the Convocation Hall, this is where companies interview the candidates that apply for placements and internships.

## The Post Office |

The Post Office is located beside Georgia and next to PNB, and is often surrounded by fruit vendors during the best part of the day. It serves the usual postal services and facilitates regular mail. This facility is quite useful for the transfer of larger packages and hard-mailing transcripts to various national and international universities.



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## **Institute Computer Center (ICC) |**

The go-to place for resolving all software and internet-related issues, the Computer Center is located just behind the Chemistry Department on the road leading to Hobbies Club. Everything from Channel-i registration to LAN registration gets done here. It also houses the lab of the Information Management Group (IMG) lab.

## **Multi Activity Center (MAC) |**

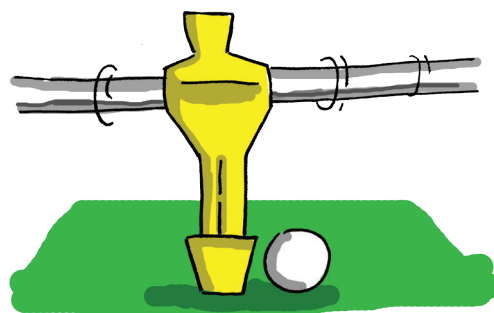
The MAC comprises an impressive auditorium, rooms for indoor games, eateries, dedicated rooms for sections of the cultural council and an open air theatre. The offices of Cognizance and Thomso are in this building along with the SAC office. The top floor is occupied exclusively by Team Robocon. A heavily subsidised Cafe Coffee Day outlet and an Amul Parlour are also situated here.

## **Tinkering Lab |**

Just as the name suggests, this place is designed for the students to tinker with ideas. It was developed in association with Oxigen, with the grand vision of producing 100 entrepreneurs from the campus. The lab boasts top-notch facilities for product design and development. It also houses the incubation center for budding start-ups, offices of the Entrepreneurship Development Cell and the Counselling Cell.

## **Train Reservation Office |**

Situated at the end of the road leading to the hospital, this place has three functioning ticket windows. Discount forms are also available for students to avail cheaper tickets during vacations.



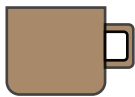
## **Students' Club |**

A 40-inch LCD television combined with huge space for pool, billiards and snooker tables make this (arguably) the best hang-out in IITR campus. Indoor games like chess, carrom, foosball and table-tennis are also available here. The open space in front of the club, called the UG Floor, becomes the most happening place during Cognizance, Thomso, Holi and Diwali.

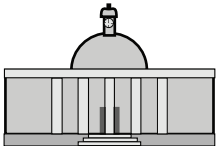
# Campus Map



**MAC (Multi-Activity Centre)**



**Georgia Café**



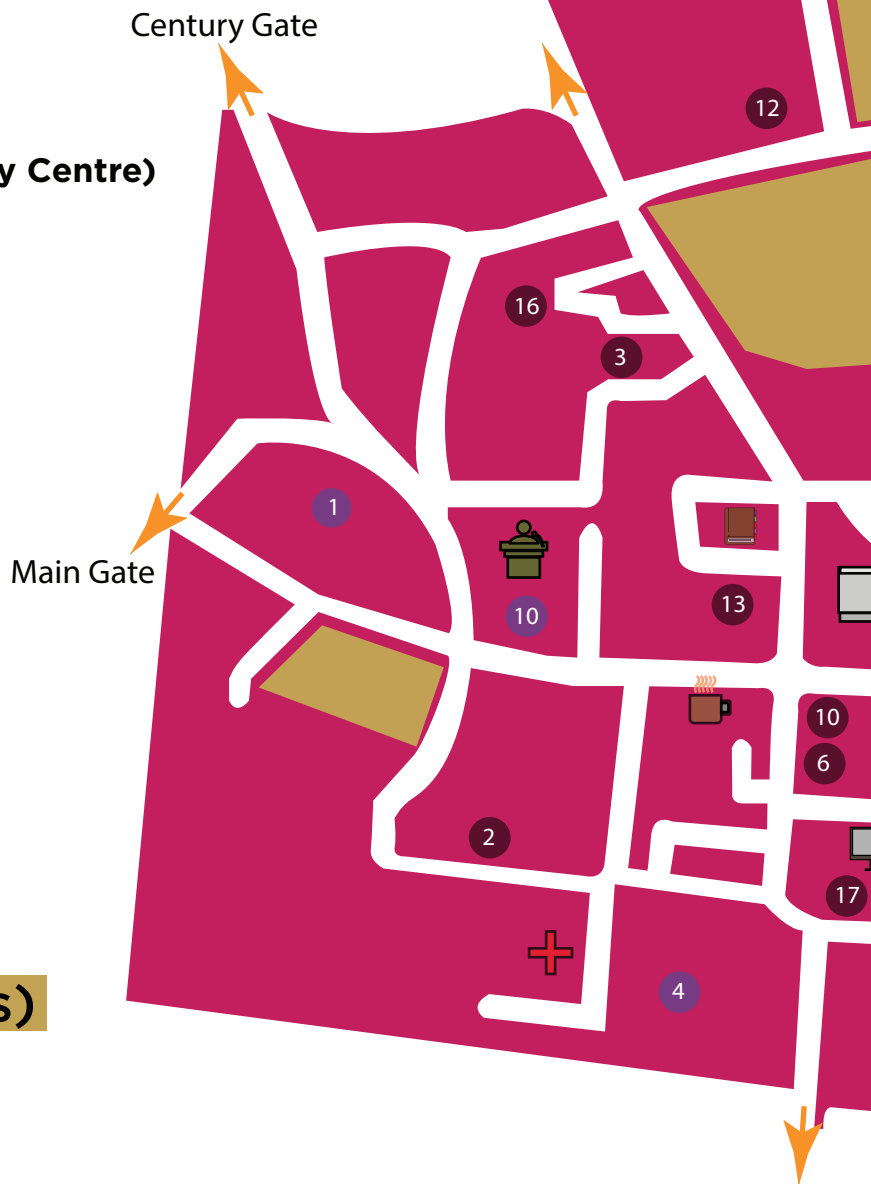
**Main Building**

## Hostels (Bhawans)

1. Azad Bhawan
2. Cautley Bhawan
3. Ganga Bhawan
4. Govind Bhawan
5. Jawahar Bhawan
6. Kasturba Bhawan
7. Radhakrishnan Bhawan
8. Rajendra Bhawan
9. Rajiv Bhawan
10. Ravindra Bhawan
11. Sarojini Bhawan



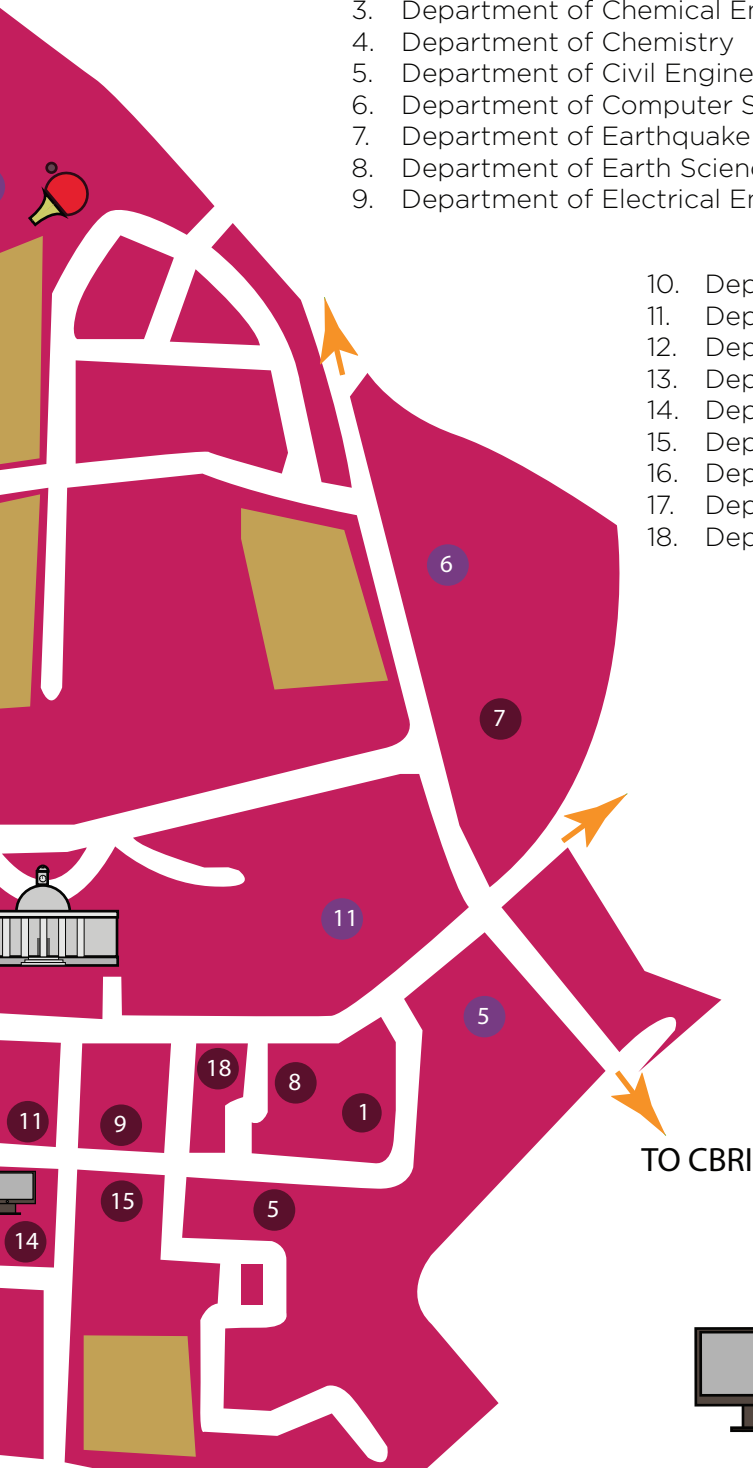
**LHC (Lecture Hall Complex)**





## Departments

1. Department of Architecture & Planning
2. Department of Biotechnology
3. Department of Chemical Engineering
4. Department of Chemistry
5. Department of Civil Engineering
6. Department of Computer Science & Engineering
7. Department of Earthquake Engineering
8. Department of Earth Sciences
9. Department of Electrical Engineering
10. Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering
11. Department of Humanities & Social Sciences
12. Department of Hydrology
13. Department of Management Studies
14. Department of Mathematics
15. Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering
16. Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering
17. Department of Physics
18. Department of Water Resources & Management



**Mahatma Gandhi Central Library**



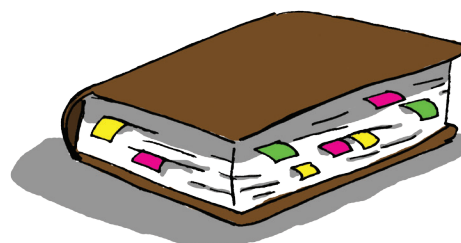
**Institute Computer Centre**



**Institute Hospital**

# Campus Dictionary

Here's a handy glossary that explains the mildly amusing terms people from Roorkee frequently incorporate in their vocabulary. You might want to do so yourself, if you want to fit in!



## 1. Chapo :

(n.) Traditionally meaning chai-pakoda, this term has been now reduced to mean party or treat, or in the worst case, as a euphemism for 'I like you, but I don't really have any topic to talk with you. Can we meet?'

*"Hey Meenakshi! What about your birthday chapo?"*

*"My birthday was last month. Jerk."*

## 2. Macha diya :

(v.) The term people use when somebody opens a tightly closed bottle in IIT-R, or does anything of equal value.

*"Hey you landed an intern in Bangkok? Macha diya!"*

## 3. Ghissu :

(n.) The kind of person everyone wants to become, but can't; and therefore subjects those who can to social ridicule. Characterised by high GPA and (generally) absent social life.

*"What! Abhijeet got a grace mark from sir because of his regularity and attention in class and managed to clear his backlog? That ghissu!"*

## 4. Bakchodi :

(v.) Gossips which lead to no logical conclusion. Or in general, gossips which have no logic whatsoever.

*"Bhai kya bakchodi pel raha hai?"*

## 5. Bakar :

(n.) Gossip in general. It accounts for 80% of all activity inside hostels.

*"Kuch productive karte hai yaar. Kabse bakar kaat rahe hai."*

## 6. Bandi :

(n.) A being characterised by the presence of two X-chromosomes. A (very) rare species in IIT.

*"Want to hear a joke?"*

*"Yeah?"*

*"Bandi"*

*"I don't get it"*

*"Exactly!"*

## 7. Chhapai / Chhapna :

(v.) Copying (specially assignments). A term heavily used the night before submissions of any kind.

*"Tut de bey, chhapna hai"*

## 8. Chaggi :

(n.) A person whose CG is 6-point-something. He/She can be discerned by a light-minded approach towards life in the first three years and consequently tensed expressions during placements. Similarly we have the sattis, atthis, nehli and dassis.

*"Bhai tera paper hi toh chepa tha. Teri atthi lagi aur meri chaggi?"*

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## 9. Gaaon :

(n.) The area where Rajendra, Cautley and Ganga bhawans are located. This area is far from the more active campus areas, distinguished by a simple lifestyle and zero association with major campus affairs.

*"Yeh gaaon mera hai aur main is gaaon kaa Bajirao Singham."*

## 10. Room-baap :

(n.) The senior who stayed in the same room in which you are staying in 1st year.  
a.k.a

The douche who broke the corner leg of your bed and scribbled unmentionable somethings on your wall.

*"Jaanta hai mera room-baap kaun hai?"*

## 11. Tut :

(n.) Short for tutorial. Refers to an assignment professors give in the unrealistic hope of students completing it by themselves. They affect - to an extent - your final CGPA, so don't even try solving these yourself. May result in several backlogs and/or unintentional hatred directed toward those who copied it and got dassis.

*"This Maths tut is like a girl's attention. I just don't get it."*



## 12. Poly :

(n.) An intentional, pre-meditated act of building "contacts" through stirring oration, good looks and (if nothing else works) running around doing menial jobs in Thomso or Cogni, through which you snatch away opportunities from more deserving candidates. Short for politics.

*"Mere department mein bahaut poly chalti hai yaar"*



## 13. Fachcha :

(n.) A fresher in college, i.e, someone in the first year of his college. Exudes die-hard optimism and clings dearly to his/ her high hopes, both of which become obscured by the dying smoke of sutta and effect of certain liquid carbon compounds.

*\*In an interview of any section\**

*"Haan, Kabir. Why should we select you in our group?"*

*"Sir, Main udna chahta hoon, daudna chahta hoon, girna bhi chahta hoon, bas rukna nahi chahta"*

*"Bas kar fachche. You're in."*

# Campus Dictionary

## 14. DC++ :

(n.) Designed to share files, documents and videos of all sorts, DC++ comes in handy when downloading complete seasons of Prison Break at ultra-fast speeds.

*"Bhai DC++ ni hota toh mera kya hota!"*

## 15. TA :

(n.) An abbreviation for Teaching Assistant. Avoid getting into trouble with them as far as possible.

*"Duniya mei teen cheezei kabhi underestimate mat karna: I, me, aur apne T.A. ki chaud"*

## 16. Chaud :

(n.) IIT-R speak for aukat. Your reputation on the campus and your relationship status largely determine your chaud. People with a higher positive value of this variable can get shit done quickly. People with low or negative values can usually be spotted flocking around them.

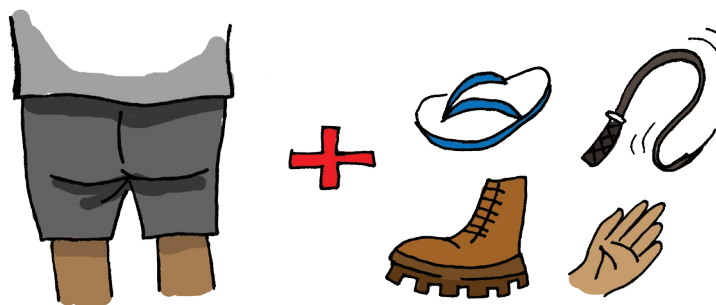
*"Hello sir. Mai Munna Jazbaati. Suna hai iss college mey aapki kaafi chaud hai?"*



## 17. Kholu :

(n.) Literally meaning opener, in IITR this term refers to the person who opens the institute and/or branch by fetching the best rank in JEE-Adv. in the institute or the corresponding branch.

*"Humaari branch ka kholu kaun hai be?"*



## 18. GPL :

(n.) The exact full-form of this acronym remains a controversy, so we will provide you with a less gross version. GPL stands for Grand Picchhwada Laat. It is the holy ceremony of constant butt-smashing that takes place:

- On your birthday, at 12:00 am sharp
- On any day your friends feel like.

GPL is instantaneous. GPL is brief. GPL is fun. (Not for the person at the receiving end).

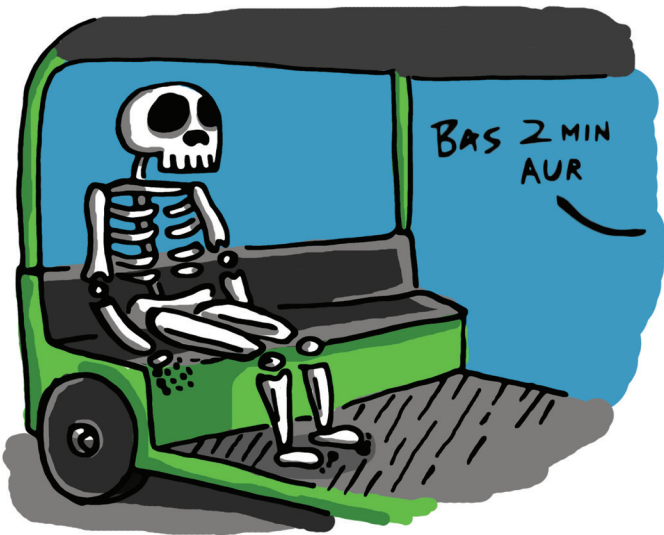
*"Yar, the Prof made me Class Representative today."*

*"Abey dekh kya rahe ho, GPL lo saale ki!"*

*For an unabridged version of this dictionary, and some rather useful pieces of advice, we advise you to check out  
The Ultimate Freshman's Guide to IITR.  
wona.co.in/guide*

# Making a case for Cycle Rickshaws

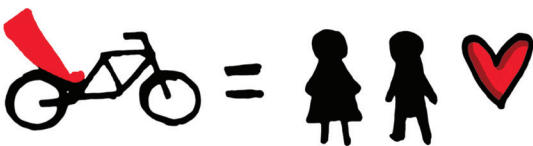
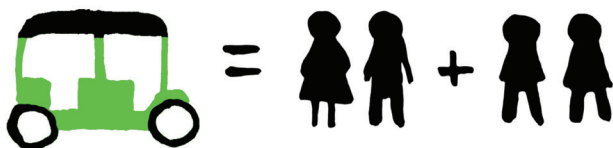
The convenience that the e-Rickshaws bring to life at Roorkee might make you wonder why we still have the few cycle rickshaws in our campus. We'd ask you to stop thinking about pointless things like these, but: being ourselves, we did some thinking, too, and that led us to come up with four completely rational reasons why the cycle-rickshaws totally have a place in our campus.



Unlike eRickshaws, they won't make you wait for ages until they exhaust their seating capacity.



They move slow enough for you to get some time alone with your thoughts.



You won't have to worry about third-wheelers when you want some time with your s/o.

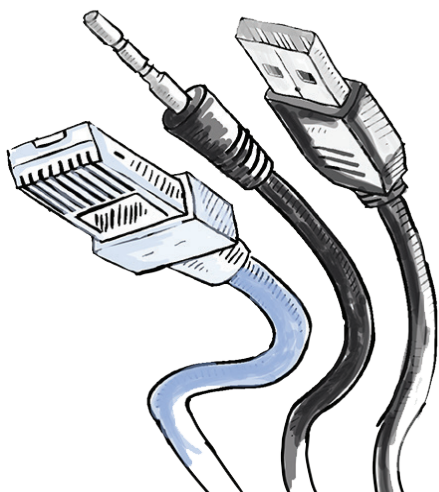


Although eRickshaws are cheaper, after all the hard work the rickshaw-puller puts in, you wouldn't mind spending the extra money to make him smile.

# Take it from us!

## Things you should do online as soon as you get your LAN connection:

1. Let your friends on Facebook know you've started studying at IIT Roorkee.
2. Click a picture in front of the James Thomason Building and put it up as your profile picture. Let this serve as a reminder to your friends on Facebook that you've started studying at IIT Roorkee.
3. Drop a message to your ex (the one you broke up with thinking you'd find someone better here). Get rid of the delusion and rekindle the romance.
4. Send a friend request to everyone who has ever studied at R - except your roommate. Let them send you one. Establish dominance. Let them know who the alpha is.
5. Sell your roommate's stuff online. Blame it on the guy next door.
6. **Follow Watch Out.** We're a bunch of opinionated people who share constructive commentary on issues related to IIT Roorkee, along with the occasional ~~useful~~ useless advice on how to make it here.



## Ways you can reveal to your parents that you're actually a huge let-down:

Judging by the fact that you made it to one of the best engineering colleges in the country, your parents must be pretty pleased with you. As they bask in your glory back at home and step up their expectations from their wunderkind (i.e. you), the whole idea of not matching up to their hopes and dreams might scare you, and even make you wonder if this is the right time to subtly fool your parents into believing that their prodigious child is actually one big disappointment. If so, you might want to try one (or all) of these questionable shams that we feel would get them off your back!

1. Stop getting haircuts and/or grow your beard out.  
*If you're a girl, go bald and/or grow your beard out.*
2. Get thrown out of a class because you were wearing shorts.  
*Which you wore instead of the pair of pants they got for you. Even though they weren't on sale.*
3. Call them to ask for some money on Mother's/Father's Day.  
*Spend that money on anything but a nice gift for them.*
4. Get cast as a villain in one of the Dramatic Section's plays.  
*Send your picture to your parents with the caption 'I think I found my true calling.'*
5. Text them at 3 am telling them how you are unhappy with the death of your favourite Game of Thrones' character.  
*That way they'll know you have an unhealthy obsession with fictional characters and an unhealthy sleep-cycle.*
6. Not star in a viral YouTube video even after your parents sent you to IIT Roorkee.  
*They probably won't feel 'like paradise/on top of the world' after that.*
7. Date a member of Watch Out.  
*Home run!*

# Watch Out Picks

The ten movies, books and TV shows  
you should definitely see/read!

## Movies



Dead Poets Society  
Whiplash  
The Breakfast Club  
Pulp Fiction  
Forrest Gump  
Social Network  
The Big Lebowski  
The Usual Suspects  
Schindler's List  
A Separation

## TV Series

Arrested Development  
Orange is the New Black  
Silicon Valley  
Rick and Morty  
The Office  
Westworld  
Mr. Robot  
Seinfeld  
House, M.D  
Dexter



## Books



The Great Gatsby | **F. Scott Fitzgerald**  
To Kill a Mockingbird | **Harper Lee**  
The Catcher in The Rye | **J. D. Salinger**  
The Perks of Being a Wallflower | **Stephen Chbosky**  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy | **Douglas Adams**  
Great Expectations | **Charles Dickens**  
1984 | **George Orwell**  
The Book Thief | **Marcus Zusak**  
The Sense of an Ending | **Julian Barnes**  
The Grapes of Wrath | **John Steinbeck**



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