

Letter from the Apex

Dear You,

Start at the ice-cream stall. Treat yourself to something sweet. You're in college, it's something to celebrate. Welcome to IIIT! They are all probably telling you that the coming years will be the best of your life. But you are apprehensive. It's natural to be. You have probably received a whole lot of advice from family and friends about how to make the best of your college life, what to do, what *not* to and the whole string. We hesitate to offer more. But you need to know this - if done right, the next 4 or 5 years are going to sculpt you, change you into the person you want to be.

The place you're stepping into is more than an abbreviated 4 letter word. It's a place brimming with opportunities, ideas, people that you're going to come to call friends, professors and mentors who are going to guide you when you find yourself in an academic rut and otherwise - a place to make your own and call home. Get to know the college, its views and beliefs and let the college get to know you. This is the time when you can really explore anything and everything and find out where your interest lies. It's a real chance to uncover your strengths and become better at them. It's also an opportunity to explore things that you have never tried. You will realize that showing up in classes and learning to manage your time are more important than you thought. The only thing you need to come armed with is a curious mind and a resolve to try harder than you have ever tried before.

There are a number of things that make IIIT-H unique in its own stead and it's up to you to discover or create your own niche. We're a small, close-knit community and we make multi-dimensional relationships with the people we interact with - be it playing a sport as a team, sharing the stage on numerous events, working together under a faculty guide or as teaching assistants in classrooms, separated only by a thin boundary. College is not just going to be about attending classes, excelling at few or all of them, joining research labs and doing good work, it's also going to be about a calendar packed with campus activities, cultural and sports competitions. The Fresher's Talent Showcase, Cult Night, November Jam and most of all Felicity - our very own college fest are celebrations that every student looks forward to. They are an experience truly

unique to college life and make sure you don't let anyone or anything stop you from experiencing them.

For realizing a smooth transition process, the institute has constituted a Mentoring system, wherein the student mentors assist the freshmen in overcoming any hurdles that they might be experiencing in finding their bearings in the college. We have an Apex body of students who, in conjunction with their Faculty guides, will be coordinating with your direct mentors. A set of guidelines are present for the freshmen as well as for the senior students, to help in making the coordination seamless. Your mentors, and we as Apex Body of Mentors, shall always be there to help you. Our phone numbers are given below for you and your parents to get in touch with us at any point of time. It's not uncommon for a freshman to feel out of place in his or her new surroundings. It's not something to be ashamed of or to hide. Indeed, it happened with many of us. But our mentors helped us out; They tried to smoothen the transition for us to the best of their capacities. It is our duty and pleasure to do the same for you. More on this when we meet during the official orientation meeting. Till then, enjoy home food!

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