



# STUDENT AFFAIRS HIGHLIGHTS

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**READY YOUR WEAPONS.**

Astra has seriously levelled up the sports culture at IIIT-Delhi, and the hype is only going to increase each year.



# HIGHLIGHTS



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# THE BRIEF

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IIT-Delhi's Sports Council proudly presented its inaugural sports fest - Astra. Scheduled from 24th March to 26th March, the event comprised of an array of exhilarating sports and cultural activities. The event also had a prize pool exceeding 10 lakh rupees.

The Cultural Council organised a Holi Event on the 7th of March 2023. Celebrated with Colours, and Thanks to tasveeriitd for covering the event and capturing the moment and saltnepperiitd for providing everyone with warm and loving drinks and refreshments.





The Office of Student Affairs conducted an orientation for the Insurance Policy and the Visit App was conducted on 15th March 2023, where Students were guided over the insurance policies and the claim process.

Benefit Name	Sum Insured
In- Patient Hospitalization Cover	INR 1 Lac
Room Rent Limits / Room	Restricted to 2% of SI for Normal
ICU Limit	4% of SI for ICU
Pre and post hospitalization Expenses	Covered pre 30 days and post 60 days respectively
Road Ambulance	Covered Up to INR 1000
Special Condition	Liability for Nasal Sinus Surgeries upto Rs.35,000
Special Condition	Hospitalisation arising out of Psychiatric ailments upto Rs.30,000.
Special Condition	Lasik surgery covered above +/- 7.5
Special Condition	Internal Congenital disease is covered and external Congenital disease is covered under life threatening situations.

Eye camp organised for all the Students was organised on 31st March 2023. More than 100 students had registered for the camp.

**policybazaar** **IIITD**

**Better Eyes, Better Life!**

**Introducing Free Vision Checkup Camp**

31<sup>st</sup> March '23  
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Looking forward to see you at the camp!!

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A session on Well-being was conducted on 31st March 2023 on Social media and internet addiction that discussed the impact of social media on students and their lifestyle. This session helped the students to control the use of social media. This was organised by **Well-being Cell**, in association with **YourDost**.

**Well Being Cell** In Association with **YourDOST** Presents

**Social Media & Internet Addiction**

A Workshop Not To Be Missed

Friday 31st March, 4:30 PM onwards  
Room no C-21, Old Academic Block, IIIT-Delhi

By **Priyanka Manchanda**  
Organisational Psychologist

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Discuss the impact of social media on your life
- Take the ultimate quiz to assess your tech-usage
- Explore ways to disconnect from screens
- Brainstorm strategies to build healthier routines

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**Soft Induction:** IIITD conducted a soft induction for the batch of 2021 on 20th March. The session was to get students ready for the next academic year. There was a session on placements and DAC followed by High Tea.



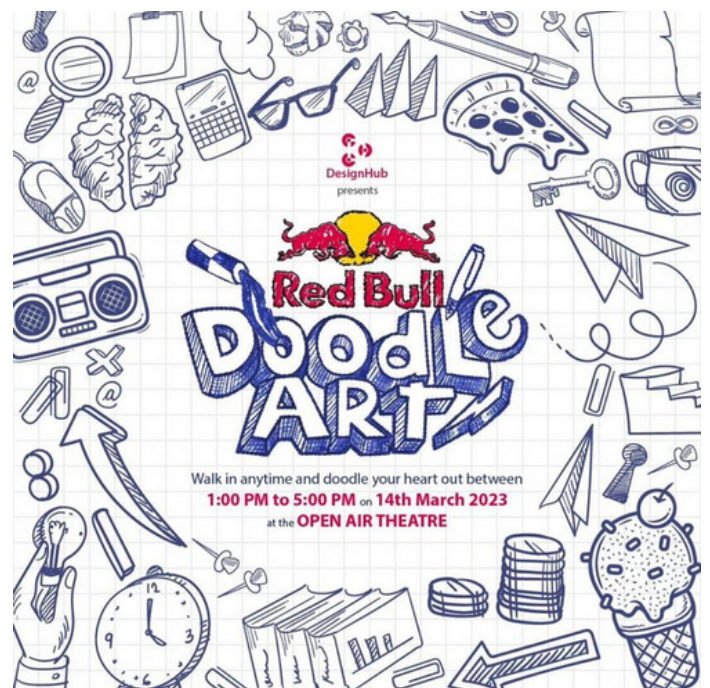
**Finnexia** organized the "Trading Titans" online Mock Stock event. It was a week-long event from 20-24th March. This was an excellent opportunity for students from all over India to test their trading skills and learn about the stock market in a fun and competitive way.



Photowalk by **Tasveer** in collaboration with **Madtoes**: From the steps of Madtoes to the sights of Majnu Ka Tilla, the photowalk was filled with energy, creativity and an unforgettable journey. Held on 19th of march 2023



On March 14th, a Red Bull Doodle Event was held on campus by **DesignHub IIITD**, to provide a break from the academic grind and encourage creativity. All skill levels were welcomed to join the fun-filled doodling session. Attendees were encouraged to let their imagination run wild and unleash their inner artist. Complimentary Red Bull was provided to keep energy levels up during the event. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to doodle to their heart's content and had a great time exploring their creative sides. Overall, it was a successful event that allowed individuals to express themselves and improve their doodling skills.



**Foobar** organized ProSort[105] to encourage participation and problem-solving among the attendees. The event aimed to provide interesting challenges to solve and foster collaboration and teamwork. All individuals were highly encouraged to participate in the event to showcase their skills and abilities. The ProSort event was a great success, with many individuals participating and showing their problem-solving capabilities. The attendees enjoyed the experience and benefited from the opportunity to work together to solve complex problems.

**PhiloSoc** organised a talk event on 'Expanding moral consideration to nonhuman animals'. Prof. Oscar Horta, a renowned moral philosopher at the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, gave an interactive talk on his work on antispeciesism and wild animal suffering. He is a founding member of Animal Ethics and has published his first book in English, *Making a Stand for Animals*, in 2022. Oscar has been advocating for veganism and antispeciesism for almost 30 years and believes in leaving a better world for all sentient beings. The event was a great success and attendees enjoyed the opportunity to engage with Oscar's work.

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**Évariste** conducted a Zero Prerequisite Contest where participants had to answer questions based on the given material. Cash prizes and club membership were offered to the winners, who would also get a chance to make the next ZPC along with the coordinators. The event took place on Friday, 17th March.

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**The Double Trouble Showdown** was a fun and exciting chess tournament where two-player teams competed in a Bughouse chess variant. Players work together to outsmart their opponents using quick moves and strategic teamwork. The tournament is fast-paced and promises to be a thrilling experience for all participants. The winning team will have to be the best in the game.

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**LDA** organized a book club meeting focused on the works of Jane Austen. The event is open to all bibliophiles and promises to be an engaging discussion about the famous author's literary contributions. Participants will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on Austen's works and engage in a lively discussion with fellow book lovers.

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On 24th March 2023, the **CAI (Infosys Centre for Artificial Intelligence)** organized a Symposium on Computational Creativity. The event included free canvas and paints for attendees, free entry to the symposium (worth Rs 1200), exciting cash prizes of Rs 5000, Rs 3000, and Rs 2000 for the first, second, and third place winners, respectively, and refreshments for all. It was a great opportunity for participants to showcase their creativity and engage with the community while enjoying free refreshments.

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**Évariste** organized a Theory Talk on 23rd March, which was presented by Dr. Manuj Mukherjee, an Assistant Professor at IIIT Delhi. The talk covered the topic of Introduction to Interactive Coding, where the audience learned about noise-resilient two-way interactive communication protocols. Dr. Mukherjee discussed the use of tree codes for interactive coding and demonstrated their existence. The talk was aimed at those interested in math, theory, and communications and was accessible to a general audience with only basic familiarity with big-O notation and probability. It was a mathematically scintillating event that was well received by the attendees.

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**Finnexia**, the Finance Club of IIIT Delhi, recently organized a Fintalk by Mr Inder Kapoor, founder of Learner's Lounge and a renowned Finance Trainer. During the talk, Mr Kapoor shared his expertise and passion for finance, emphasizing that it is not just about money but also about making smart decisions to achieve personal goals. The talk provided valuable insights for anyone looking to start a business, invest in the stock market, or manage their finances. The event was well received and helped to educate students about the practical applications of finance.

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**Évariste** the math club of IIITD organised a speed proving tournament. It was a Tournament style proving competition, where knockout draws were made based on the number of participants, and a pair of participants were called and given a problem/statement to prove on the board. Winners were given amazing cash prizes and a chance to organize the next club event.

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After the amazing Design101 workshop on blender, **DesignHub** the design club of IIITD conducted the event 3D Render Challenge where participants got a chance to showcase their newly learnt skills.

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**IEEE IIIT-Delhi** organized a nerve-wracking Puzzle Day with teams of four or less, which proved to be an exhilarating experience for everyone. Participants had to vanquish other teams and claim the throne in a multi-staged battle. The top three puzzlers were given cash prizes.

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**LDA** organized an open Mic with everything from Poetry to Storytelling, and even shayari was welcome on the stage. Participation was in teams as well as single participation. Everyone enjoyed this laid back event, with some of the most talented people of IIITD up on the stage.

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**LDA** back with another Book Club meeting. The meeting revolved around the theme "Evolution of romantic relationships in media". People present were marked as a part of member-exclusive endeavors that will be occurring in the near future.

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**IEEE IIIT-Delhi** back with its flagship event Tech Talks, but with a fresh format where people had fun and discussed controversial tech topics from layoffs to web3 to GPT at IEEE's "Tech Picnic". From AI to blockchain, there was something for everyone with an afternoon of great food, stimulating conversations, and lots of fun.

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# THE VIEW

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## *The (un)cultured Cultural Section*

All alone, I wander alone,  
 Looking for love, I can proudly own.  
 Scourging sins sans remorse,  
 In pursuit of peace, the real boss.

Pain and agony, the only constants,  
 People I meet daily, mere contestants  
 In a soap opera that I sincerely detest.

What to do? I ask myself the very question.  
 Wide, apologetic, and varied are all options,  
 Each path, gurgling acids in tumulting waves of constipation,  
 Unending knots tied with barbed wire of one sensation,  
 Guilt.

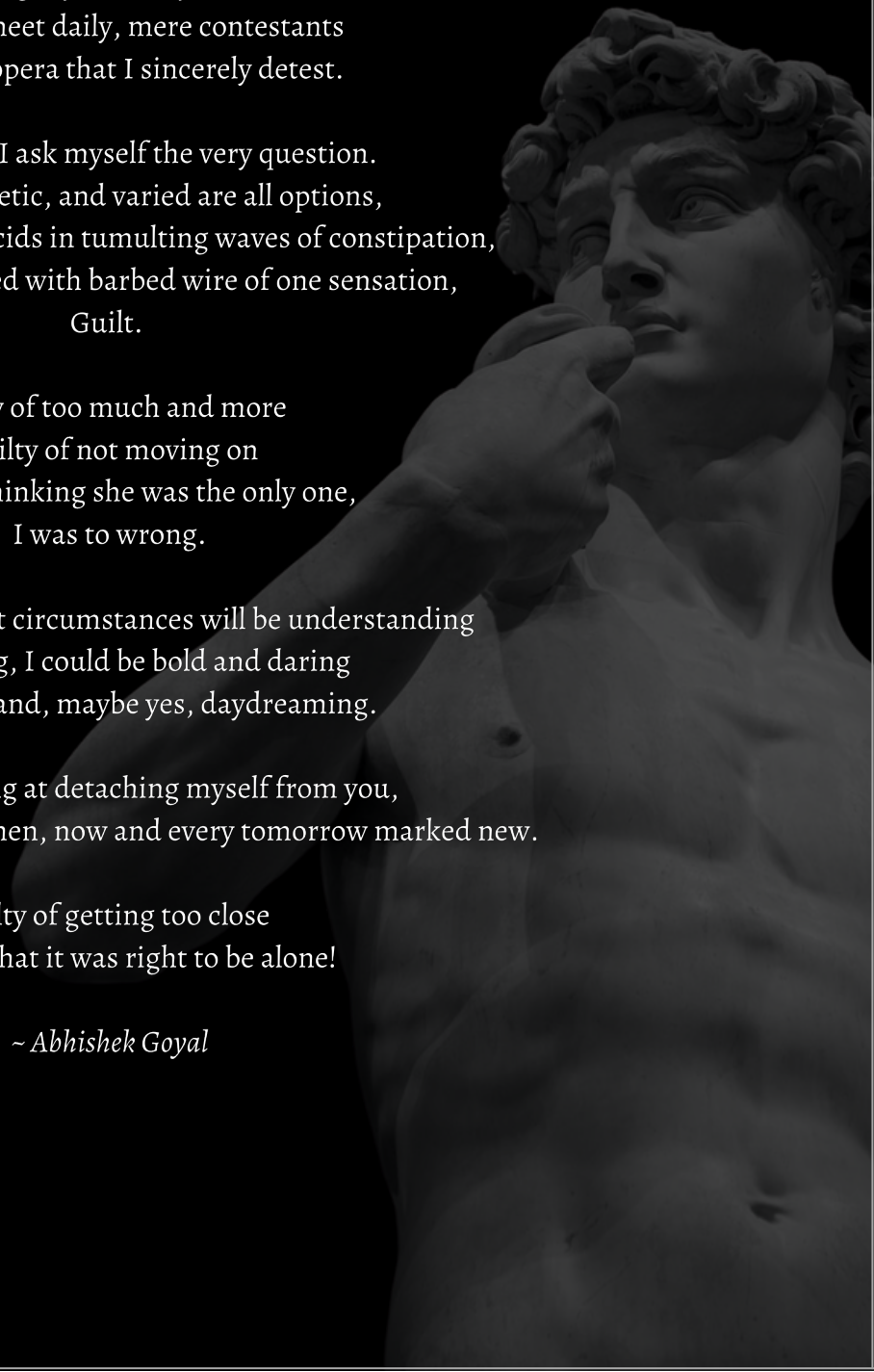
Guilty of too much and more  
 Guilty of not moving on  
 Guilty of thinking she was the only one,  
 I was to wrong.

Guilty of hoping that circumstances will be understanding  
 Of thinking, I could be bold and daring  
 Of believing and, maybe yes, daydreaming.

Guilty of failing at detaching myself from you,  
 Guilty of being a failure then, now and every tomorrow marked new.

Guilty of getting too close  
 So close that it was right to be alone!

~ *Abhishek Goyal*





# TIME OFF

STUDENT SUGGESTIONS: CINEMA

## TOP GUN: MAVERICK, IMDB: 8.3



'Top Gun: Maverick' is fantastic, simply put. It's an excellent sequel, arguably better than its predecessor. I was expecting it to be good, but it's actually much more enjoyable than I had anticipated. The callbacks to the original are expertly done, the new characters are strong/well cast, it has plenty of meaning, music is fab and the action is outstanding - the aerial stuff is sensational.

The story is superb, with each high stake coming across as intended - parts even gave me slight goosebumps, which is a surprise given I'm not someone who has a connection to the 1986 film. It's all super neatly put together, I honestly came close to giving it a higher rating.

Tom Cruise is brilliant as he reprises the role of Maverick, while Miles Teller comes in and gives a top performance. Jennifer Connelly is another positive, though her role does kinda feel a tiny bit forced in order to have a love interest; given Kelly McGillis' (unexplained) absence.

Monica Barbaro stands out most from the fresh faces, though I actually did enjoy watching them all - which is something I thought the film may struggle with, adding new people, but it's done nicely; sure Jon Hamm and Glen Powell are a little cliché. A great watch - I'd highly recommend it, though naturally would suggest watching the previous film first if you haven't already.



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