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Thank you for the opportunities, I have had throughout my time on campus.

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KID: 20200324 Enjoy your life to the fullest

I am Isha Goel, coming from the town of Rishikesh. I did my bachelors from BITS Pilani and M.TECH from IITH in medical biotechnology. I am currently pursuing my PhD from The University of Tokyo in Bioengineering. Other than the research I like visiting new places and trying out clichéd photography.

IITH rose from nothing to a well distinguished University both metaphorically and literally. The small size of the batch for masters and its relations with Japan made me join IITH.

I enjoyed studying Molecular Mechanics the most. It was a new subject for me, and I loved the enthusiasm of the instructor, Dr. Raghavendra, for teaching.

Nothing much other than studies. Sometimes I would hang out with my friends for dinners and

bioengineers. So, when I needed it, there was no one, in particular, to guide me. That's where my master's training helped me. Moreover, it creates a good impression here that I know all those experiments.

There are a lot of good moments. The walks in ODF campus, moving from ODF to Kandi, and hanging out in the pod, hanging out in the balcony during the storms. They were all some of the best moments of my IITH life.

We saw the Kandi campus growing in front of us like a baby from just two buildings to so many now and always making something better than before.

Just enjoy your life to the fullest and get all the knowledge you can get. Enjoy the hostel life. All the universities have such good hostels. Visit

outings.I worked in Prof. Anindya Roy's lab. We worked on DNA repair and I learnt all the molecular biology, from bacterial culture to cloning of genes and protein expression in the lab.

In my current lab, nobody really knows Molecular Biology since they are all Sangareddy often!

The campus and its ever flexibility is always trying to get the newest of the things, technology, buildings are the best part about it. I still think there can be an improvement in management.

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I remember the spams we used to get in email. As much annoying they were, the reasons were almost always genuine like taking care of dogs, mess food issues, blocking the emails of students who spam for cab sharing etc.

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Looking at research-oriented Curriculum, come to IITH

Hi, I am Shivani, currently working as a Research Associate in Sysmex Cooperation. I pursued my PhD from The University of Tokyo and graduated in September 2020. I did my MTech for IITH, Biotechnology Department and graduated in July 2017.

I heard from my seniors that the Biotechnology Department in IITH has a young faculty and are open to new challenges and even new research areas. Considering these facts, I selected IITH.

I enjoyed most of the subjects taught at IITH, as the courses are different and research-oriented. I haven't seen such a curriculum in other Universities. However, I didn't like that the program of assigning labs for the Master's project. I faced many difficulties when I was applying for my PhD because of that. I feel that everyone should be given hands-on training with Wet lab and Dry lab because the Master's project defines your future. I recall the moment of being shifted from ODF to Kandi as my best memory from IITH.

I would like to say to the current students to be sure what you want to do in the future either going for higher studies or going for a job. Don't try to sail on two boats, as you would be dividing your concentration into two things, and you would take the opportunity from some other person.

The curriculum is the best thing about IITH. I would like that the Master's thesis program should be changed for Biotechnology Department and involve both wet lab and dry lab experience to the students because the students will represent IITH, Biotechnology Department in the future and should be taught the best.

You can reach me out on Facebook.

Biotechnology was a small and relatively new Department in IITH. Therefore, we didn't have the opportunity to have hands-on experience with most of the experiments. However, we were given the basic knowledge about the various experiments and the results obtained by the seniors.

Ms. Shivani Dixit Class of 2017 MTech Biotechnology

