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I am Sauradeep Paul and I graduated from IIT Ropar in 2016 after pursuing my B.Tech in Electrical Engineering. Currently, I work at Saavn Media as a software development engineer in Mumbai. Getting into a new place with so many different people was tough and, for many, scary. But from the perspective of an alumnus, who has felt it all I shall put forth a very unbiased true opinion as to what I really signed up for and what most future students will eventually get to feel.

Obviously I miss my days at IIT and the feelings attached to this place are hard to describe. But there are definite and objective things that I noticed over the course of my stay there that can be presented without getting very vague and subjective. The most obvious was how I was exposed to young minds from all over the country, how that affected me and for that matter how they were in turn affected by me, all for the better. On similar lines, my alma mater provided me with very qualified professors and academics who made sure that we were the best at what we did. They also looked over the internships and placements of all the students, and also provided guidance to students who were interested into going for higher studies. And undoubtedly students have been able to nab good positions and get selected in very prestigious institutes and universities. Moving on, sports and cultural activities were always a part of our lives and helped us get moulded into people against the common stereotype of IITians being drowned in books. Festivals, talks, guest lectures and competitions provided us with much more than what a conventional curriculum provides. And providing all the infrastructure through a transit campus while maintaining a lot more than an IIT's standards is not a cup of tea.

But even that is too will change for the better, thanks to our new director and his team, who are on the verge of completing the initial phase of the permanent campus. Imagine the vastitude of possibilities then. This will provide a huge boost to how our college has been perceived solely based on how we have operated from a relatively small campus. Also, a last

point that is usually overlooked is how my alma mater helped change me to a better person. If it was a possibility to make my first year self stand beside me, people would take us for eerily identical but weirdly different twins. Accepting the world which is more than our own little comfortable circle of family and friends and the presence of vastly different cultures and ideas is what makes a person wise, tolerant and mature, and the way we were chiseled made us ready for the outside world irrespective of the sphere of careers and cultures that we end up in. Lastly, I am confident that while we all leave the college gates for the very last time we shall feel a pang of pain but also the feelings of gratitude and happiness for these would be moments that will forever be cherished.

Thank you,
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