



# Chitthi Aye Hai

## ON THE SPRING 2004 EDITION OF SANDPAPER 2.0

It was good to learn about the activities of fellow BITSians through Sandpaper. We are having a reunion of our 69 batch in Washington from Aug 27 - 29. The effort is being led by a great BITSian by the name of Jasbir Saini. Please contact him at [jssaini@yahoo.com](mailto:jssaini@yahoo.com). It may be too late to announce that in the Sandpaper but in the future he can keep you informed about our batch's upcoming activities. Thanks for doing a great job, as a BITSian you have acquired the rights to visit us in Houston and even get a meal or too that includes a sweet dish also.

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I very much appreciate your efforts in bringing our Sandpaper in an excellent way. My interview has been reproduced quite correctly. Thanks for the reporting and I am happy that it has been received well. With best wishes to you and all others who have made this paper quite attractive,

**Dr. L.K. Maheshwari**, Director – BITS Pilani  
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Amazing write-up.....I am zapped with the dept.....you most positively were high when you wrote it weren't you ?...Exactly my thoughts about looking back at 50-60 and being able to say that life was fulfilling and I've had a good run.....Keep up the good work.

**Sumit Misra** [mish\\_sumit@yahoo.com](mailto:mish_sumit@yahoo.com)

I simply enjoy reading SandP - it gets me inspired, nostalgic and reconnects me with BITS a lot more than other things do. Keep up the great work!

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Just managed to read the entire Sandpaper! It was wonderful reading and you guys have put in tremendous effort. I think it is a great job. I am now in the USA (Glen Rock, NJ) and can be reached on my cell phone 513-225-2749.

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Spectacular efforts. Kudos.

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## WHAT'S DELHI COMING TO ? - A HANDICAPPED PERSON INCIDENT

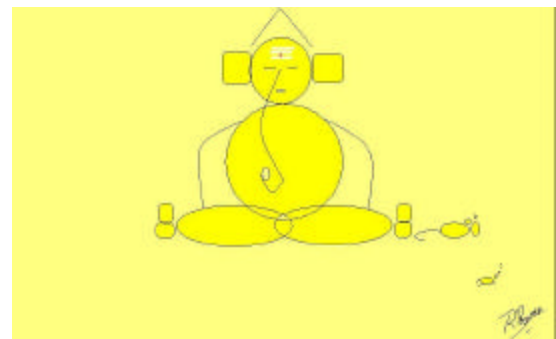
I would like to share one incident which has become very common for handicaps in Delhi. Even employees of reputed companies like LG India behave improperly. I was accompanying my brother, who cannot walk properly, for the office bus at District Center in West Delhi and crossed a crowd of few people standing on the footpath and waiting for bus. They insulted my brother for his disability. He cried and could not say anything. It gave me shock that highly educated, well mannered guys, people from elite group also behave in such a bad manner that it hurts very much to handicaps. I also could not say anything.

**Vikas Sarin**

## ART BY BITSIANS

I came across the [bitsaa.org](http://bitsaa.org) website, I am a BITSian (1994 C5), thought I should share some of the stuff I do. I am an artist and I do paintings, sketches and also these days' electronic sketches (MS Paint). I am sending you a sketch to share with BITSians – an electronic sketch (MS Paint) of Ganesha with geometric figures for Ganesh Chaturthi. (*see below or go to "Art by BITSians" in Photo Galleries on the BITSAA Sandpaper website*)

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## ON THE THREAT OF SONIA BECOMING PM – AND INDIA EMBRACING RAHUL'S GIRLFRIEND

Wake up people. Or be ready for Rahul Gandhi's girl friend to be the next PM!!!!

I guess the problem should be not with her foreignness...I would not mind having any of these guys (as PM):

- **Mark Tully** (BBC's voice of India for over 30 years)
- **David Frawley** (aka Pandit Vamadeva Sastri, pioneered Ayurveda and a way of living called Hinduism)
- **Robert D. Blackwill** (former US ambassador for India)
- **Kenneth Keniston** (Director of MIT India program)
- **Geoffrey Boycott** (May be he knows more than Sonia about our cricket craziness) or
- **Michael Witzell** (who strongly supports Aryan invasion theory)
- Or even **VS Naipaul** (who called India a huge area of darkness.)

Because they all embraced India because they chose to. Not because they had to. (Embracing the son of PM of a country is all together different from embracing a country).

**Kesava Mallela**

### ADMISSIONS TO PILANI (Hundreds of alums have written about this)

There should be a cut-throat hard examination to get into BITS. Let all students from all over India compete for getting the best. Like they do for IIT's, preparing 1-2 years

to get there. I think this will bring more visibility and quality to college admissions.

**Saurabh Kumar**

### A YAHOOGROUP FOR BITSIANS PREPARING FOR MBA ADMISSIONS

We've started a new yahoo group ("bits2bschool") for BITSians who are aspiring for a professional management career and have set their sights on an MBA degree from leading bschools in the world. The group welcomes all BITSians who would want to master the bschool admissions process and get that coveted seat in their dream schools.

Here, we'll discuss the applications, the essays, the options, the rankings, the financing; in short, everything that happens after your GMAT and before your first day at bschool. Not just this, BITSians who have already gone through this process will be sharing their experiences with all of us. So if you are planning to do an MBA and have a dream of making it to Harvard/Stanford/Wharton, this is surely the place to be. I'll appreciate your co-operation in restricting this group to BITSians only.

**Abhinav Gattani** ♦

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