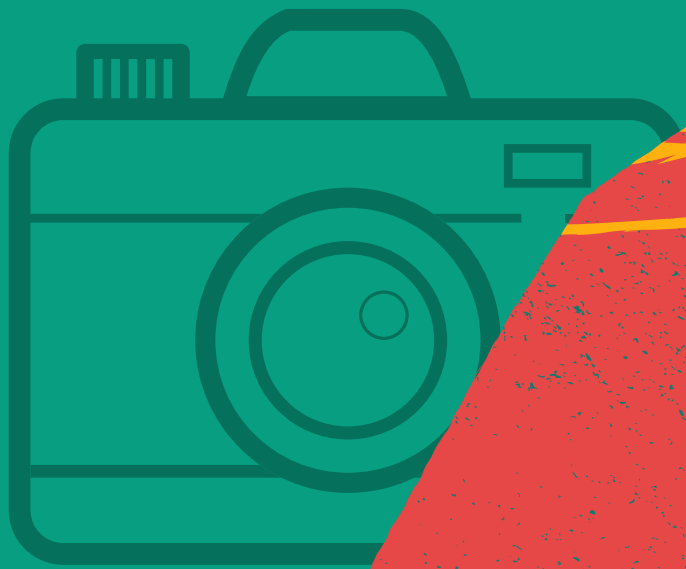


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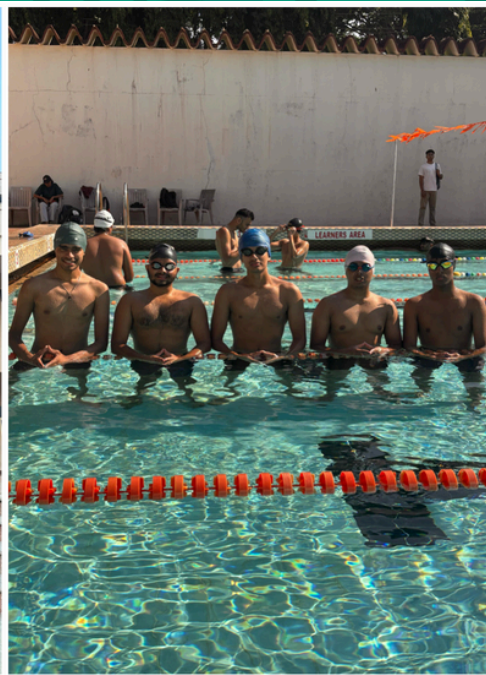
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"The campus had no pool.

So we built a wave."

*~Abhishek Virendra Kamat
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In my final year at BITS Goa, I started something that hadn't been done before—we formed the first unofficial BITS Goa Swimming Team. Despite having no pool on campus, we set our sights on Arena, and ended up securing second place overall. It was a journey driven by passion, not resources.

Finding swimmers was the toughest part. With no help from the sports secretary, I turned to my friends—Dhruv Pai Angle shared my call for swimmers on Instagram, which gave the search much-needed reach. I found Arya Kulkarni through a LinkedIn search for "Swimmer & BITS Goa." Slowly, our team came together—Arya, Neel Ghate, Yatharth Rawat, Govind Nair, and Pratham—all incredibly talented individuals who made this dream real.

We had just one practice session before the event, at Fatorda pool, just to feel the water again. But what we lacked in training, we made up for in determination—and talent. Arya and Yatharth in particular were phenomenal. Their techniques were so refined that even basic gym work kept them in peak condition. Watching them swim was like watching poetry in motion—they blew away the competition.

We received no reimbursement, being an unofficial team, but honestly, it didn't matter. This experience was about more than funding or medals—it was about starting something new.

I truly hope BITS Goa finally invests in building a swimming pool. It would be a shame for such talent to go unrecognised or unpolished in the future. What we've started is only the beginning.

*Throwback from 1st year when we laid
foundation to the friendship that will
last decades.*

*~Ishaan Kapoor
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~Aditya Shripad
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Participating in Natyanjali was an unforgettable experience for all of us from the Unify- Dance Club BITS Goa. The elimination round on 28th October 2023 marked our first competition in three years, and 21 of us poured our hearts into it. Building the performance from scratch was hectic but incredibly rewarding. From long rehearsals to last minute changes, every moment brought us closer as a team. Qualifying for the finals was a dream, and performing on 29th October and emerging as runners-up was truly surreal. It was a very special day, one that holds a permanent and cherished place in our hearts.