

Which college shall triumph over the 'Tides of Time'?

Once again Waves, the college fest at BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa Campus is here, and bigger than ever. Café checks in with the organisers to know what is special this year at the event



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The day is finally here. Every year colleges come together at BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa Campus to participate in various events so that they can prove their mettle and brag about being the best college not only in town but in the country. This year, the theme brings back reminiscence of what it is to celebrate Wave, a collegiate event running for years on end. "Last year, we had 100 participating college, and a footfall of 40,000 plus. We're expecting the same this year," says Rujuta Kelkar, the event head.

This year, the theme of the yearly event brought to you by Birla Institute of Technology and Science is 'Nostalgia' with the tagline 'Tides of time'. "Waves is celebrating its 10th edition this year. It's basically going to be a flashback to how it's grown as a fest and how we have grown with it," says Rujuta. This year as part of the celebration, besides the competitive streak between colleges, there will be nights dedicated to coming together of all colleges to celebrate dance, music and other on stage events. Nucleya, one of the biggest names in the Indian Electronic dance music circuit, will perform on the first night. He is a bass heavy electronic artist from New Delhi, who co-founded the Bandish Projekt in the

late 90s and has also played a number of gigs across the country, including a set at The Bacardi Weekender 2011. He has performed at numerous music festivals around the world including Glastonbury, Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Lille 3000 and the Electron Festival, where he performed alongside the likes of Diplo and Modeselektor.

Another act to look forward to at Waves 2016 is that of Kenny Sebastian, a stand-up comedian who will perform during the Comedy Night. Being born into a middle class family and raised across different cities in India has helped the 25-year-old Kenneth Sebastian develop a keen sense of observation of culture, people and stereotypes, all of which have found their way into his comedy. A graduate from an art school, he dabbled with painting, music and filmmaking with an editor's credit on a feature film, before he found his true calling in the form of stand-up comedy. Having performed in over 500 shows in the last five years, written and hosted a show on Comedy Central that completed one season, and having released four comedy specials online along with India's first sci-fi comedy web series, Kenneth is well on his way to change the face of comedy in India.

The colleges are also excited about another

special act by a film composer, musician, singer and lyricist working in Bollywood; Amit Trivedi. He will be performing live here.

But this is going to happen after all the contestants have had their taste of battle. This year, as always, the Big Four events will help the teams seal their place in the competition. "Natyajali, the group dance event; Mr and Mrs Waves, the personality event; Searock, India's biggest semi pro band competition and FashP, the fashion parade put on display will showcase some of the best talent in the country," says Rujuta.

Besides the Big Four events, Waves 2016 will host many more on stage as well as off stage events. The stage will be set for singers to display their prowess in the Jukebox competition. Those contestants that make it to the finals of the stand-up comedy event will be judged by Kenneth Sebastian himself. Nostalgia - Tides of time will see colleges competing to be the best in India.

Waves 2016 will be held from November 4 to 6, 2016 at BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa Campus, Sancoale, Goa

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