

## Talent Bundle Rahul Bose Reveals his Passion at BITS Pilani OASIS 2009 Inauguration

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Sky gazers on Tuesday had a twin treat at Pilani, as the Moon and the Jupiter formed a conjunction over the evening sky and the renowned actor Rahul Bose walked into the auditorium of BITS Pilani to give a mind blowing start to Oasis 2009.

The Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani provides an atmosphere that nurtures techies and whiz kids who are encouraged to do what they believe in. October each year is the time of metamorphosis of the Institute and the quaint town Pilani in the Shekhawati region of Rajasthan turns into a pulsating amalgam of youth.

For BITSians OASIS is the widening of the mind and of the spirit and epitomizes the process by which a person becomes all that they were created capable of being. With "Flipside" as the theme, the 39th All India Cultural Festival OASIS 2K9 is scheduled from 27-31 October 2009. The 96 hours of nonstop excitement and entertainment has a spectrum of On Stage and Off Stage Music, Dance, Theatre, Poetry, Photography and whole lot of Creative events.

For the college youth of the nation, OASIS indeed is much more than an isolated area of vegetation in a desert and once in a lifetime experience that no one even remotely connected with it once, would even dream of missing ever again. For BITSians OASIS is all about Passion driven by Passion and that is why it continues to remain as the jewel in the crown among college festivals in India.

Youngsters from all over the country have converged at Pilani for this year OASIS to experience the "Flipside" which promises the tranquility, the hysteria, the liberation and the celebration of the unconventional. The popularity of OASIS year after year itself is a testimony to Brand BITS Pilani. No wonder that this year OASIS has a fantastic bundle of sponsoring organizations.

On 27th evening, Rahul Bose the actor, screenwriter, director, social activist as well as rugby player who in short is a bundle of talents gave OASIS 2009 a thought provoking start. Rahul mesmerised the audience with his I have a dream speech and in short his dream wished for the absence of every known evil one could think of. According to him, while there are a thousand manifestations of evil on this planet, perhaps the single most instinctive evil is discrimination.

Rahul who is the founder of the NGO Foundation which aims to remove all kinds of discrimination is also on the board of Citizens for Justice and Peace, a Global Ambassador for the American India Foundation and a World Youth Ambassador for the World Youth Peace Movement

More importantly, it was an eye opener when Rahul pointed out that in the college everyone has 80 percent idealism and 20 percent responsibility while as one moves out of college it is 80 percent responsibility and 20 percent idealism. He urged the youth to carry on a greater percentage of idealism even after moving out of college.

Rahul Bose also interacted with senior officers of the Institute and shared his thoughts and concerns on issues pertaining to climate change etc. On 28 October 2009 morning at the Lecture Theatre Complex of BITS Pilani, Rahul Bose had an intensive interactive sessions on a whole range of issues for over two hours with the students and faculty members of BITS Pilani.

One thing for sure that has emerged is that to prove that there are no dreams too large and no frontiers beyond reach, Rahul Bose has taken up social causes as a mission with passion.

About BITS Pilani: The Birla Institute of Technology and Science - BITS Pilani is a Deemed to be University established vide Sec.3 of the UGC Act, 1956 under notification No. F.12-23/63.U-2 of June 18, 1964. NAAC - National Assessment and Accreditation Council reaccredited BITS with 3.71 CGPA out of 4 and awarded "A" grade "Very Good" status. It is indeed a matter of pride that for the year 2009, BITS Pilani has been ranked among the top ranking universities along with IITs in various Magazine surveys such as India Today, Outlook, LiveMint etc. BITS offers degrees in various disciplines presently at Pilani, Dubai, Goa and Hyderabad campuses. BITS Pilani has done pioneering work in industry university collaborations in terms of Practice School and Work Integrated Learning Programmes.

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