



## Essentials Guide

### **Disclaimer:**

**This list includes almost everything a student might need at IIT Mandi. But don't worry — you don't have to bring everything. Some items may not be useful for everyone. Choose what suits your needs, and pack accordingly. Most things are also available on campus or nearby, so you can buy them later if needed.**

### 1. Clothing & Accessories:

Under Clothing its up to you what you wear and what not. (Below is a General List)

- Clothes & Other Wearables (Pack enough clothes to last 7–10 days, because let's be honest—you'll definitely put off doing laundry out of sheer laziness):
  - ☐ T-shirts
  - ☐ Jeans
  - ☐ Lowers / Shorts
  - ☐ Shirts
  - ☐ Jackets
  - ☐ Hoodies / Sweatshirts
  - ☐ Track-Suit
  - ☐ Flip-Flops / Slippers / Sandals (Bring Rain Friendly Footwear)
  - ☐ Shoes: Sport shoes, Formal Shoes, Sneakers, Non-Marking Shoes (For Badminton, Table Tennis and some other indoor sports)
  - ☐ Shoe Polish / Cleaning Kit
  - ☐ Hankies
  - ☐ Undergarments
  - ☐ Thermal Inner-Wears
  - ☐ Socks
  - ☐ Belts
  - ☐ Wrist Watch
  - ☐ Spectacles / Goggles

- ☐ Hair Clips / Bands
- ☐ Any bracelet or Necklace / Chain or Ear-Rings
- ☐ Caps / Hats
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Other Woolen Wear (muffler, thermals, etc – Recommended but not necessary)
- ☐ Formal Clothes & Ethnic wear (Recommended but not necessary)
- Umbrella (Can buy in IIT)
- Raincoat (Not Necessary)
- Backpack (Prefer the one with a rain cover)

## 2. Bedding & Laundry:

Mattress is preferred to buy in college or from Mandi Town as it will be difficult for you to carry it to college.

- ☐ Bedsheets (2 at least, thick for winters, thin for summers)
- ☐ Pillow covers (2 at least)
- ☐ Blankets (At least of 2 different thickness, 3 will be good)
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Laundry bag (To keep dirty clothes)  
(Stand to dry clothes is provided by IIT)
- ☐ Laundry detergent / powder (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Cloth catchers / drying clips
- ☐ Cloth hangers
- ☐ Mattress (Preferred to buy in IIT)

## 3. Cleaning Essentials:

Most items below are also available at **IIT's Supermarket**

- ☐ Toothbrush
- ☐ Toothpaste
- ☐ Bathing towel × 2
- ☐ Hand towel × 2
- ☐ Soaps (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Hair Care Products (Shampoo, Conditioner, any other similar stuff) (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Hair oil / Serum (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Facewash (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Hairbrush / Comb (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Face cream + body lotion (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Nail cutter

- ☐ Scissors (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Earbuds / Ear-tips
- ☐ Deodorant / Perfume (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Bucket + Mug (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Any extra cleaning material you personally use

#### 4. Stationery & Study Items:

Except table lamp, other stuff can be bought from Stationary shop inside IIT Mandi

- ☐ Scientific Calculator (Can buy in IIT)
- ☐ Pens
- ☐ Geometry Box: (pencils, scale, eraser, sharpener, and other geometric devices)
- ☐ Notebooks, Highlighters, files, sticky notes (Depends on how you make notes)
- ☐ A dedicated folder for documents and certificates
- ☐ Stapler and Staples
- ☐ Books (if you like to read any) (Study related books are not required)
- ☐ Pen Stand, Table Lamp (Table Lamp will be useful, especially in exam days if your roommates sleep early)

#### 5. Electronics:

A Major focus of your packing should be on this as these things are very important but still easy to forget

- ☐ Laptop + charger
- ☐ Laptop Stand (Not recommended and not necessary)
- ☐ Mouse for Laptop (Highly Recommended)
- ☐ Phone + charger
- ☐ Trimmer + charger
- ☐ Smart Watch + Charger
- ☐ Extension board
- ☐ Earphones/headphones (Wireless Air pods / Buds Recommended)
- ☐ Power bank (Not Necessary)

#### 6. Kitchen & Utensils:

Electric Induction and Microwave are provided in every Hostel, so kindly don't bring any such heating devices with you.

You can buy Fruits, Veggies, Milk Products, Snacks and other stuff in college

- ☐ Cooking utensils (Help a lot)

- ☐ Steel cup, plate, spoon, fork
- ☐ Small knife + peeler
- ☐ Tupperware box / containers to keep eatables and other stuff
- ☐ Lunch Box (Might come in handy, just in case)
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Cleaning Liquid for utensils, Sponge / Scrub

## 7. Documents:

On the day of Document verification, there is a big rush everywhere. So, better keep printed copies of everything with you prior to arriving. As getting photocopies on that day might delay your verification.

Recommended to prepare a single folder with all original photocopies together in it and also online format of each document just in case. (These and Electronics are the most important for you, cause any other stuff can be bought nearby.)

- ☐ Aadhaar card photocopies (2-5)
- ☐ Passport size photos (2-10)
- ☐ Medical certificate
- ☐ Other necessary documents that will be mentioned in the official mail from IIT.

## 8. Other Essentials:

- ☐ Money: Wallet (Any cards you keep and/or for keeping cash)  
(SBI Branch is present here and is fully functional)  
(Online mode of payments are preferred everywhere in messes, canteens and other shops)  
(If you don't / can't have online mode of payment, don't worry, there are 2 solutions)
  1. Ask your Friends/Room-mates to do payments for you and keep some extra cash and pay them later
  2. Or simply keep no cash, ask your Friends/Room-mates to do payments for you and later ask your parents to pay on their number.)
- ☐ Basic medicines (fever, cold, pain relief, band-aids)  
(Medicines and other medical equipment are all available in Medical Centres at IIT but better to keep some basic medicines with you.)
- ☐ Antiseptic Cream
- ☐ Safety Pins
- ☐ Sewing kit (Needle, some extra buttons, thread)  
(A tailor shop is also present in IIT Mandi)

- ☐ 2 Locks + keys
- ☐ Cleaning cloth
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Torchlight
- ☐ Waste Newspaper (To keep in almirah and becomes useful in some cases)
- ☐ Room Freshener

## 9. Optional / Hobby Items:

- ☐ TT racket & ball, Badminton racket & shuttle
- ☐ Cricket Kit, Sticks for Football
- ☐ Chess Board (If you love playing Chess)
- ☐ waist bag or small backpack (Not Necessary)
- ☐ Small mirror (Not Necessary)
- ☐ Any mosquito repellent / Odonil like stuff (Not recommended)  
(There will be no mosquitos in your room if you keep the mesh window closed with glass window opened or closed and also door not always open)
- ☐ Musical instrument (if you play one)
- ☐ Diary / Journal (Not Necessary)
- ☐ Any books you like

**Online delivery of major e-commerce portals is available in campus.**