

# Information for International Students visiting IIT Mandi



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## **Reaching Mandi**

The usual travel route to Mandi is via Delhi or Chandigarh. Please see below for different travel options.

### **From Delhi:**

*By bus/taxi:* From ISBT (Interstate Bus terminus) platforms 20-22, Kashmere Gate, Delhi, one can board buses towards Manali or Mandi. You can opt for different bus types ranging from ordinary to luxury. For more details, please visit the Himachal Road Transport Corporation website (<http://www.hrtchp.com/hrtctickets/>) or Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation website (<http://hptdc.gov.in/bus.htm>) for ticket bookings. Private buses are also available and could be checked online on RedBus website (<https://www.redbus.in/>) or MakeMyTrip website (<https://www.makemytrip.com/>). The road distance between Delhi and Mandi is about 475 km. It usually takes approximately 10-12 hours by bus between Mandi and Delhi (depending on traffic and other conditions). Traveling by taxi or personal vehicle generally reduces journey time by an hour.

*By train:* An alternative route to reach Mandi from Delhi is to travel by train up to Kiratpur Sahib by Delhi-Una Himachal express (Train number 14553). It takes approximately 3.5 hrs to reach Mandi from Kiratpur by road. The Kiratpur Sahib railway station is very small and a bit far from the bus stand. Thus you may need to travel by taxi between the railway station and bus stand. All the buses going from Delhi and Chandigarh to Mandi pass through Kiratpur Sahib bus stand. Another option to travel between Mandi and Delhi is to take a train up to Chandigarh (where, several trains are available). From Chandigarh, one needs to travel by bus or taxi to Mandi. For train bookings, please see the following IRCTC website (<https://www.irctc.co.in/eticketing/loginHome.jsf>).

*By flight:* The nearest airport to Mandi is Bhunter (Kullu) at a distance of about 75 km. This is a small domestic airport housing propeller aircrafts. The journey from Mandi to Bhunter (Kullu) takes about 1-hour by a taxi (a bus may take longer). There is an Air India flight AI 9805 between Delhi and Bhunter in the morning (Departing Delhi at 6:35 am); however, flights to Kullu are prone to delays and/or cancellations in monsoon and winter months due to adverse weather conditions in the hills. Another option is to fly to Gaggal airport (Dharamshala) and then take a bus/taxi between Dharamshala and Mandi. For Delhi – Dharamshala flights, please see this website: [https://www.makemytrip.com/flights/new\\_delhi-dharamshala-cheap-airtickets.html](https://www.makemytrip.com/flights/new_delhi-dharamshala-cheap-airtickets.html). It takes about 3-4 hours to travel between Gaggal airport and Mandi.

### **From Chandigarh:**

*By bus/taxi:* The buses from Chandigarh to Mandi are available at the Sector 43A bus stand in Chandigarh. The other option to travel between Chandigarh and Mandi is by a taxi. The distance between Chandigarh and Mandi is approximately 200 kms. This distance can be covered in approximately 6 hours by bus. By taxi, it usually takes around 5 hours to travel to Mandi.

## **Reaching IIT Mandi**

IIT Mandi's main campus is located at Kamand, a village 20 kilometers from Mandi bus stand. After your arrival in Mandi town, you can come to Kamand campus by taxi or IIT Mandi shuttle buses. There are buses at every hour between IIT Mandi's Mandi campus and IIT Mandi's Kamand campus. IIT Mandi's Mandi campus is located close to Paddal ground, which is in front of Mandi bus stand.

You'll get hostel accommodation at Kamand campus once you reach here. You can contact Mr. Pavin Samuel, Deputy Administrator (students) for accommodation options

(Email: [pavinaas@iitmandi.ac.in](mailto:pavinaas@iitmandi.ac.in)). Later, you can contact your faculty coordinator for issues related to academic activities. You need to visit the International office (within Director's Office Complex) and contact Ms. Chandan Sharma to fill Form C upon arrival. Please deposit copies of your documents like passport, visa, passport-size photographs etc. with Chandan (Chandan's Email: [oir@iitmandi.ac.in](mailto:oir@iitmandi.ac.in)). If you plan to visit a place beyond Mandi town, then you need to inform your hostel as well as Chandan at the International office before you leave.

## **Two Campuses at Kamand**

There are two IIT Mandi campuses at Kamand: North campus and South campus. There is frequent bus shuttle between two campuses. Most of the buildings and academic activities are on the South campus and one can easily walk around. The North campus is currently getting constructed to accommodate a growing Institute.

## **Facilities at IIT Mandi**

The Institute provides several facilities for sports, cultural activities, and hiking. Please see the student's handbook for more details.

## **Medical Facilities**

IIT Mandi has a small Medical Unit and it provides round the clock medical care to campus residents. There are two Medical officers and two nurses and other staff to provide general medical care. There is one ambulance to attend emergencies (Emergency Number: 9816663003). The Institute has tie-ups with several private hospitals in Mandi town. These include:

1. Mandav Hopital- Phone number: +91 -1905 - 221922, 221923
2. Harihar hospital- Phone number: +91- 1905 – 246600, 246605
3. Jagriti Hospital-Phone number: +91-1905-237037, +91-9816003020, +91-9816203020

## **Some Usual Question and Answers**

### **Is there a bank on campus?**

There are two banks on Kamand campus: State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank. These banks are located opposite Director's office, near security post. Banking hours are generally from 9 am to 3 pm on weekdays. Banks may also be open on every alternate Saturday of the month.

### **Where I can book Railway tickets and flight tickets?**

For railway tickets, please see: <https://www.irctc.co.in/eticketing/loginHome.jsf>

For flight tickets, some popular websites include: <https://www.makemytrip.com/>, <https://www.yatra.com/>

### **Where to get safe drinking water?**

All the hostels and messes have water purifiers. You may also buy bottled water from general store, near Cedar (D1) mess.

### **Whom to contact in case of Hostel related problems?**

Mr. Pavin Samuel, Deputy Administrator (Students) on +91-1905-267016 (or via email: [pavinaas@iitmandi.ac.in](mailto:pavinaas@iitmandi.ac.in)). In addition, each hostel has a caretaker and wardens. You can find details about caretaker and wardens from your hostel's notice board.

### **Whom to meet if some major difficulty arises?**

Your Faculty Advisor.

**What things do you need to bring?**

Documents, medicines and books which you would like to bring. A sleeping bag may be useful. It is essential to have appropriate health insurance while studying at IIT Mandi. You will be provided with only out-patient facility at IIT Mandi's Medical Unit (located on-campus). Thus, you should obtain a personal health insurance policy for yourself, which covers sickness and accidents before leaving your home country.

**How to get local sim for cell phone?**

There is a stationery shop outside Cedar (D1) mess. You can get a local cell number very easily after depositing a copy of your identity proof, passport size photographs etc.

**How to access WiFi in the hostel?**

Please get in touch with Mr. Lalit Thakur (Email: [lalit@iitmandi.ac.in](mailto:lalit@iitmandi.ac.in) Phone: +91-1905-267129).

**How to travel to and from Mandi?**

There are frequent buses between Mandi and Kamand. Please enquire about the bus schedule from Mr. Pavin Samuel or campus security. Also, one can hire the taxi from Mandi to Kamand and Kamand to Mandi. The rate is close to INR 650 for a small car and INR 750 for large (Toyota Innova type) car. Please contact Mr. Sanjay for this purpose (Phone: +91-94184-00034). Mr. Sanjay can also assist you with local tours within the Himachal Pradesh state or travel to Chandigarh or Delhi.

**Sightseeing in Mandi**

There are lot of places for sightseeing around Mandi district. Please see the following links for more details:

<http://travel.india.com/mandi/places-to-visit/http://travel.india.com/mandi/places-to-visit/>

<https://www.ixigo.com/places-to-visit-see-in-mandi-lp-1098799>

<http://www.himachalworld.com/tourism-in-himachal/tourism-in-mandi.html>

**Important Phone Numbers:**

Director office: +91-1905-267001

Registrar office: +91-1905-267015

Dean (Students) office: +91-1905-267062

Office of International Relations (IR; Ask for Chandan Sharma): +91-1905-267132

Associate Dean (IR): +91-1905-267041, +91-862-797-4036

Advisor (IR): +91-1905-267122; +91-783-896-6476

Deputy Administrator (Students): +91-1905-267016

Medical Unit Office: +91-1905-267014 (Emergency number: 981-666-3003)

Security office: +91-1905-267098

Assistant Registrar (Academics): +91-1905-267058

Library: +91-1905-267059

Police: 100

Fire: 101

Ambulance: 108