

About IIT Madras

Indian Institute of Technology Madras is one among the foremost institutes of national importance in higher technological education, basic and applied research in India.

The Institute has sixteen academic departments and a few advanced research centres in various disciplines of engineering and pure sciences, with nearly 100 laboratories organised in a unique pattern of functioning. A faculty of international repute, a brilliant student community, excellent technical & supporting staff and an effective administration have all contributed to the pre-eminent status of IIT Madras. The campus is in the city of Chennai, previously known as Madras. Chennai is the state capital of Tamil Nadu, a southern state in India.

Reaching IIT Madras

IIT Madras is situated on Sardar Patel Road and is flanked by localities called Guindy, Adyar, Taramani and Velachery. The campus is half-way between the Raj Bhavan and the Adyar bus terminus. Other landmarks around the campus include the Guindy Snake Park, the Cancer Institute (Adyar) on one side of the IIT main gate and the Madhya Kailash temple on the other side. The campus is situated opposite to the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) campus and close to the Anna University - Guindy campus.

From Railway Stations

Chennai receives trains mainly at the Chennai-Central station (from North and West) and Chennai-Egmore station (from South).

Chennai-Central

City Bus

If you are traveling with light luggage, you can take a city bus to IIT. The bus stop is opposite to the Central Station. The direct buses to the campus are **19B** and **5C**. You can always take any **18** to Saidapet and from there a bus that goes to Adyar (**5B, 47, 47A, 47D, 147, 23C etc.**) will drop you in front of the IIT gate. Or else you can take a bus to Adyar Signal (**1LSS, 4LSS, 1A, 1C, 1D, 6A**) and then get to IIT easily by another one (**5B, 47, 47A, 47D, 147, 23C**).

Auto or Taxi

If you have heavy luggage, it would be convenient for you to hire an auto or a taxi. The Chennai Central Railway Station has a system of pre-paid autos and taxis. Mention at the counter that you need to go to IIT Campus. Alternatively, you may also choose to hire an auto or taxi by yourself. UBER, OLA cab services are also available.

Local train

There are two train lines from Chennai central. If you do not have heavy luggage, the MRTS Station called 'Park' on the Beach-Velachery line, opposite to Chennai-Central station, is a good option. From there, you can take a train to Kasturba Nagar (Adyar) and walk to campus. Another EMU (local) train station (also called 'Park' station) is on the Beach-Tambaram line.

From there, you can take a train to Guindy and reach the campus from Guindy station by bus or auto. We advise you not to use this mode if you are traveling with heavy luggage.

Chennai-Egmore

You can take **23C** to IIT or a **23E, 23A, 23G** to Adyar signal from where there are several buses to IIT. Alternatively, a local train to Guindy station on the Beach-Tambaram line can be taken.

From Airport

If you arrive at the Chennai Airport, you can make your way to the Institute in a Pre-Paid Taxi. Mention at the pre-paid counter that you need to go to IIT campus. UBER, OLA cab services are also available.

From Bus Terminus

Chennai interstate/intercity bus terminus is called Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus, commonly known as CMBT. From CMBT, you can come to institute by taking city bus **23M** or by Call-Taxi.

Inside IIT Campus

Once you reach the 'In' gate, there are buses to Gajendra Circle (near the administrative block and Central Library), the academic zone and the hostels (they are around 3.8 km from the main gate) almost every 15 minutes.

Accommodation

Accommodation for students can be arranged at the Institute student hostels. The other faculty and industry participants can be accommodated at the Institute Guest house or the Ginger Hotel at the IITM Research park.

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