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HANDBOOK

SCALING THE HEIGHTS

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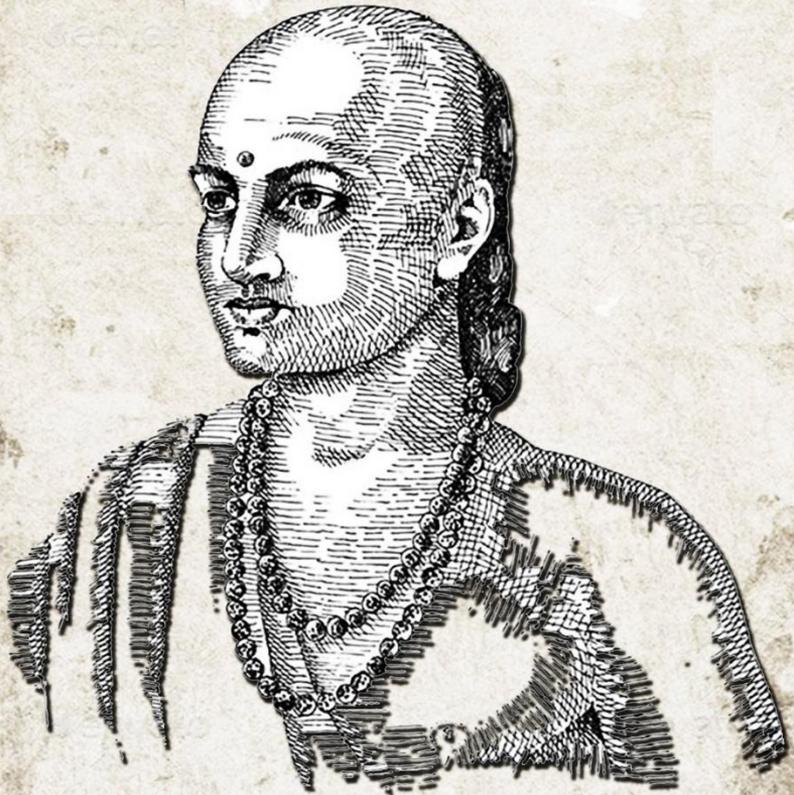
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Dean Students Secretariat

"Life is a math equation. In order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert negatives into positives."
-Aryabhata

Foreword

Dear Students,

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to this picturesque campus of IIT Mandi situated in the lap of Himalayas. I am proud of each one of you as you selected IIT Mandi to pursue your professional career. I also congratulate all your parents who supported you in this decision making.

Now it is time for action. Every moment of your stay here must be associated with positive energy, creative thinking, transformative attitude and holistic lifestyle that will make you the person of character and a lead- er in your chosen field. This requires a BIG dream that you build for you based on your nature aided by your hard work and dedication.

While you go through the usual schedule of class room teachings along with the rigors of quizzes, assignments, lab sessions and other evaluations, you need to be involved in out-of-the-box thinking as well. The globe is in a cross-road with global warming, environment pollution, and the perceived threat of possible extinction of human race. Such a situation naturally impels us to come out of your selfish goals and to embrace the Universal brotherhood by becoming empathetic and mindful of social needs.

In this context, each one of you can become the instrument of change with the holistic use of science and technology. Instead of borrowing western ideas, lets be indigenous by appealing the spirit of this great nation. To embark upon such a challenging journey, we are ensuring that you feel this campus as home away from home. There are many support systems for you in terms of staff at dean, students, faculty advisor, student mentors and caring health centre.

As you settle in the campus, you will get many opportunities to lead, participate and run many Institute activities. Through Student Gymkhana, Senate, Board of Academics and Class Committees you will be able to express your opinion as well. This will enable to you to learn and grow as a leader.

As IIT Mandi as a community strives hard to become one of the best, you will also play a very important role in this endeavor. There will be endless opportunities for each one of you as innovators and researchers. Remember a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step. Let us walk this journey side by side with each other until we help you realize your career aspirations.

I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all of you.

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera
Directo

Message from Dean (Students)

Dear IIT Mandi Students,

Welcome to the institute! This handbook is designed to serve as a guide to the campus for the newly joined students. The institute has lots of resources to explore about it, and the presented book is one of them. The book may act as an initial learning of the institute in terms of academic- and student-activities/facilities.

IIT Mandi is not producing just an engineer, however, determined to produce an all-rounder technocrat with exposure to academic as well as non-academic activities viz. the cultural, the technical, the literary and the sports. The institute caters students with some of the unique activities such as hiking, trekking and mountain-biking. You should use every resource very carefully and with a sense of the responsibilities.

The book briefs about available facilities in terms of the academic, the hostels, the canteens, and the student gymkhana. The book has also enlisted some of the frequently asked questions which can be beneficial to understand the system at ease. It also includes details of many issues you may encounter in the institute. The useful contact details of the key people such as the gymkhana secretaries, the useful office- and hostel-staffs under the deanery of the student affairs, are herewith mentioned.

I wish you fruitful studies and student-life at the campus. I believe that you will contribute to the development of the institute as well as the nation, while becoming a responsible citizen of India.

Dr. Tushar JAIN
Dean (Students)

Message from Chair SAP

I heartily welcome you on behalf of the IIT Mandi Students' Gymkhana. Our Students' Gymkhana is a confluence of multiple societies which are there to nurture your academic, technical, cultural, physical and social skills. These societies also play a major role in strengthening the Institute's perception and its overall development. Hence, I enthusiastically invite you and look forward to your active participation in all the activities which the Students' Gymkhana has to offer. Let's start our journey with a vision that together we shall scale all the heights!

Dr. G. Shrikanth Reddy

Message from Chief Warden

I am delighted to welcome you on behalf of the Institute Hostel Administration of IIT Mandi. I believe your energy and excitement enrich our vibrant campus life. We look forward to learning, exploring, and growing together. I trust you will find unlimited opportunities for growth here at IIT Mandi. As an institute dedicated to educating the next generation of engineers and scientists, we are excited to partner with you as you pursue your dreams.

Dr. Ramna Thakur

Message from Student Gymkhana

The Student Gymkhana, IIT Mandi extends a warm welcome to you all to this beautiful place of learning. It is more often than not said that what sets an IIT apart from the rest is the student environment and learning that takes place beyond the walls of the classrooms. The Gymkhana along with the various representatives of the clubs and their respective faculty advisors play a significant role in this 'learning outside the classroom'. As the highest Student Body of an institute in its developing stage, we strive to grow and develop to become a Self-Governing body that is Independent, Innovative and Irreproachable. We encourage the students to do the same by participating in various student activities, exploring them to their fullest extent, and scaling new heights. We wish you all the very best for an exciting and memorable journey during the next four years.

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HOSTELS

It is the practice of IIT Mandi to name the Hostels after the lakes of Himachal Pradesh. Eleven hostels spread over campus provide reasonable accommodation and each of them have several study rooms and a common room

HOSTELS

Each hostel has several study rooms and a common room, which is equipped with LCD TVs, TT table, electric kettles, ironing boards and boxes, microwave oven etc. Laundry rooms are equipped with washing machines (fully automatic for those who prefer to exercise solely the index finger). You may receive visitors in the common room till 10:00 p.m. on a given day. Depending on the room size we have single, double and triple occupancy rooms. Each student is given an almirah, spacious enough to secure all belongings, a table and chair. All hostels have internet facilities. Please use only Institute Wi-Fi to access institute subscribed resources at the hostel/institute.

Hostel Complexes

It is practice at IIT Mandi to name the hostels after the lakes of Himachal.

Girls Hostels

Renuka: Renuka is made up of B3, B4 & G3 (South Campus) and an annexe next

to the Medical Unit in the south campus. The annexe is a renovated building, with a clutch of new rooms built around the shell of an old building - the architectural equivalent of old wine in a new bottle.

GauriKund: Situated in the north campus, Gauri Kund hostel comprises B16, B21, B22 and B20 buildings.

Chandratal: The most recently built girls hostel B8 of IIT Mandi lies parallel to the banks of Uhl river. It is a multiblock hostel with high capacity

Boys Hostels

Prashar: B1, B2, and G2 form Prashar hostel. Though 'B' does not stand for boys, they are meant for boys only. The construction has been done in such a way that the rooms have excellent insulation, i.e., they remain really cool during hot summers and fairly warm during cold (very cold!) winters.

Nako: It was the first student settlement on Kamand campus, comprising four blocks known popularly as Bamboo Barracks. After the Nako hostel in Sauli Khad in Mandi town was shifted to Kamand campus in 2014, the bamboo blocks were renamed Nako. Today, Nako comprises two of the most comfortable buildings in south campus B6, B7 & G4. The students were shifted on April 25,2015 to the new G4 block on Kamand campus - a historic milestone in campus history! For the gender sensitive, 'G' stands for Gypsum, the construction material used and not for girls!

Suvalsar: Suvalsar, the first hostel for boys, was earlier in Mandi transit campus next to the academic block and accommodated the first year students till 2013 B.Tech. batch. Building B5 is called Suvalsar hostel.

Beas Kund: Situated in the north, Beas Kund includes buildings B13, B14 and B23.

Dashir: Situated in the north Dashir hostel comprises buildings B9, B10, B12, B17 and B25.
We are expecting more buildings to be ready for occupation and more hostel blocks to be created in the north campus.

SurajTaal: Situated in North Campus, it consists of 5 hostel buildings i,e, B8, B11, B18, B19 & B15. First year B.Tech students(boys) reside in Suraj Taal.

Manimahesh: Situated in South campus (B9 South Campus) along the riverside, is a multiblock hostel which accommodates masters & PhD students. It is the largest hostel of IIT Mandi.

Rewalsar: Situated at the end of South campus along the riverside, which is expected to accommodates masters & PhD students. It is the most recently built hostel of IIT Mandi.

A Word on the Surroundings

IIT Mandi, located in one of the most picturesque, unspoiled areas of rural Himachal, features the majestic Himalayas, lush mountains, and silvery streams cutting through the confined valleys.
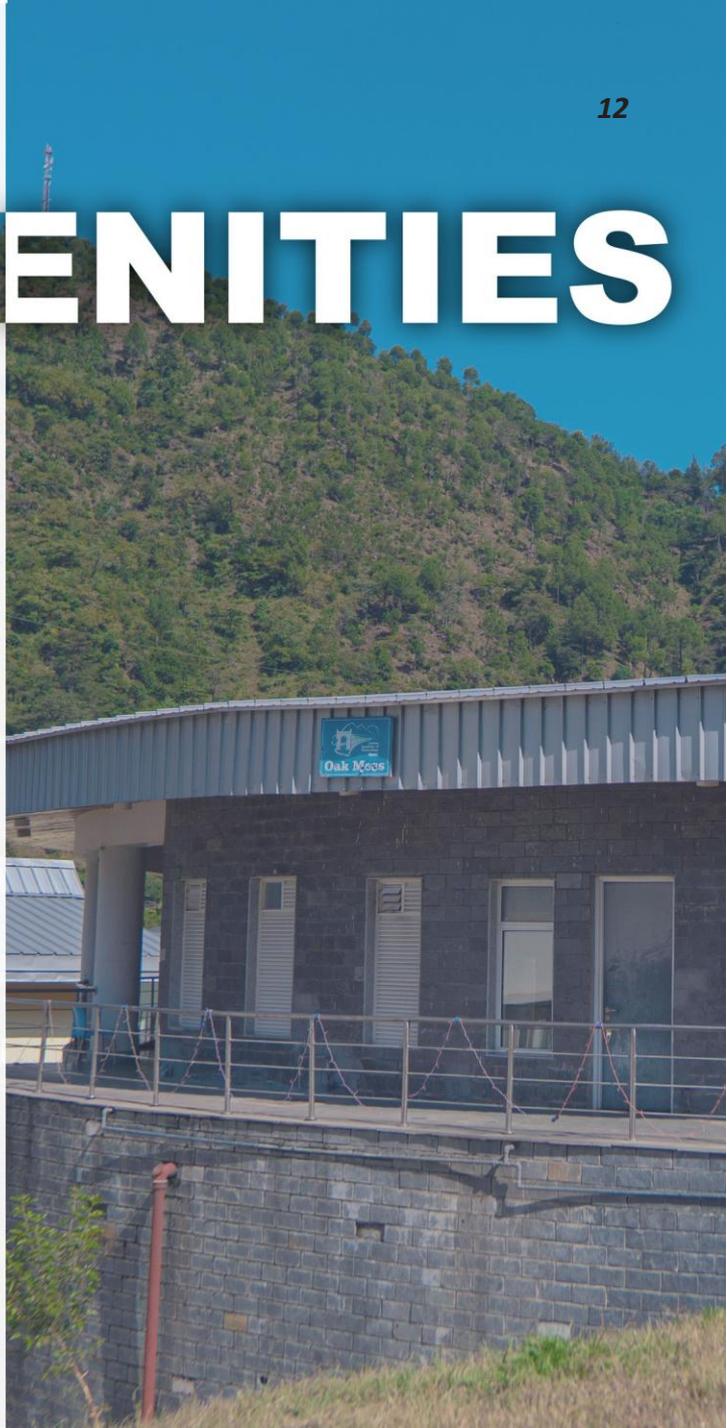
In the morning, the sound of birds fills the hillside. During early spring, you get to witness the breathtaking display of wild rhododendrons. Adding to all this is the soft rustle of river Uhl, flowing down to join the Beas, enticing you to take a swim in its icy cold waters. However, it is never safe to get in these tricky mountain rivers.

Then there is the majestic peak of Khani separating the two campuses. Begin your journey from one campus and end it in another. Another place you can trek to nearby the campus is the Griffin peak. The beautiful view of both the campuses from the top is completely worth the tiring trek.

Present right next to campus is the Kamand village, giving a glimpse of the local *Himachali* life. During the night, with its moonlit clear skies, it provides a perfect escape from the busy college life. Simply stroll along the road while listening to the river run directly below you to lift your spirits.

AMENITIES

The institute makes sure that students have access to all the essential amenities they need, including 24-hour medical services, banks and ATMs, transportation options, meal facilities, etc. A number of canteens are located on campus to sate students' appetites also.

AMENITIES

Canteen

On campus, there are many canteens working from 8 a.m. to midnight. The canteens are named after birds of Himalayas. We have Magpie, Bulbul, Tragopan, Parakeet, Redstart, Drongo, Monal, Treepie and Cukoo. Together, the canteens offer a reasonable assortment of food, mostly north Indian. If you like to have instant soups and noodles you can always use the microwave facility in your hostel common room!

Dining Facilities

There are five mess halls in the south campus, Cedar (D1), Maple (D2), Gulmohar (G3) Amaltaas and Sanobar mess and f i v e m e s s h a l l s in the north campus, Pine, Oak, Peepal, Alder and Tulsi. They are named after mighty trees of Himalaya. The mess halls are managed by students. The Mess halls have been built in a round shape (with glass walls and mesmerizing views) and are spacious enough to serve food for a large number of students and faculty. It is well ventilated and has several noise-cancellers

The food served is 'home-like'. There are separate counters for veg and non-veg food. The mess has washrooms as well. An automatic dish-washer is used to wash your plates and clean glasses. You get a valley view while eating if you are lucky enough to get a table close to the glass wall ;). Of course, you can always take your plates outside and sit at the tables in the open under the shade of an umbrella

Provision Store and Amenity Shops

The stationery shops on campus caters to the academic needs of the students and provides other services like Xerox copying, printing, stationery products, mobile recharge etc. The Auditorium Complex in North campus and D-1 mess in South campus have Provision stores. A unisex salon, an Ayurvedic shop, a shop for technical equipment and an apparel shop have also been opened recently in South campus, ground floor of Auditorium complex, North Campus.

Medical Unit and Ambulance

We have a well- equipped hospital in the north campus and a small medical unit in south. Both provide you 24x7 medical support. There are doctors, staff nurses and pharmacists. Medical facility is well equipped for diagnostics. It also has an ambulance round the clock for emergencies. There is an efficient zonal hospital in Mandi besides many private hospitals. Also, IIT Mandi is visited by specialist doctors on daily basis.

GCS

At the Guidance and Counselling Service or GCS, you are offered a hand of friendship. You do not need a reason to visit them. If you have any concern or problem, be it academic, social, emotional or psychological, you can talk there in confidence. The centre helps you find your own answer to the problems you may encounter. This team does the student orientation for the freshers besides organising mentoring programs by senior students. It works unassumingly in the background all the year through.
[Insider Tip: Nice joint to relax! Recline on a bean bag and forget your blues!]

Transportation to Mandi

We have a very reliable system of transport between Mandi-Kamand and south-north campus round the clock. The shuttle system between Mandi and Kamand starts at 7 in the morning and is available frequently until 10:00 p.m. There are other government and private run buses as well as smaller vehicles which routinely commute between Kamand and Mandi. The bus schedule is available on the Institute website.

Banks

There are branches of two banks (SBI & PNB) in Kamand. Banks are open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Two ATMs (SBI/PNB) ensure that you do not run out of the stuff.

Book Nook

If you are still in the habit of reading books, this is the place for you. It is stocked with popular fiction and recreational reading. You may rent any book at 10% of its actual price and can even take novel home during the semester break at the same prices. It is like having online bookstore at your door step!

Upcoming facilities

A hostel with state-of-the-art facilities of more than 1400 capacity is taking shape and will be ready by the end of this year. A students village square in front of the B19 hostel, North campus is planned. It will provide a place for students to conduct various recreational activities. A road connection between North and south campus is in progress will soon be ready.

Nature's Palette

IIT Mandi campus is blessed with rich flora and fauna. The floral rainbow of nature is seen throughout seasons. Throughout the year, your senses will be enticed by beautiful flowers, fruits and berries growing on our campus. In summer nature treats you to Raspberries, Mulberries (found near the Cedar mess and A5 building), *Kaafal*, *Kashmal* (a black color fruit seen near the roadside), Figs, and the like. As residents of pristine Kamand valley you would see beautiful and useful flowers. As summer sets in, the red colored *Simbal* and beautiful Erythrina blossoms and looks like *'Kumkum'* on the valley's forehead. The crisp pinewood air will keep your lungs healthy and fresh. You could visit the Botanical garden and try to identify some of the trees planted.

Other than bestowing us with flowers, fruits and fresh air, the trees and plants provide habitat for a vibrant bird and insect community. You can easily spot birds like hawk, cuckoo, magpie etc. If you are a keen observer, you would notice the seasonal variation in the avian residents and the occasional visits from migratory birds. Some days you may be treated to the fascinating spectacle of huge birds encircling the campus. These are The Great Himalayan Griffon, scavenging birds of an endangered species. Leopards are also reported in the forests of Kamand. But always remember that nature loves harmony and animals only attack in self-defense when their territory is invaded.

Tip: Get up early in the morning, pick up your camera and just go around the campus. Nothing will be more rewarding!

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

"An investment in knowl-
edge pays the best
interest." – Benjamin
Franklin

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

Academic Block

Currently IIT Mandi has several academic blocks: In North campus we have A9 block which comprises of all administrative offices such as Directorate, all Deaneries, Registrar office and Finance and Audit section. Adjacent to this building we have Robotronics lab. Most of the undergraduate labs are located in the North campus. South campus also houses research centers like AMRC lab, C4DFED center etc. IIT Mandi also has Drone lab and iHub.

Library

At IIT Mandi, we have a central library at North Campus (A16 block) along with satellite libraries in both north (A9 block, third floor) and south campus (A5 block, first floor). At present, the library houses over 24,000 books and provides access to more than 50,000 e-resources. The satellite library at North Campus also houses hard copies of all the institute theses.

The library also has the facility of low-voice discussion rooms. The libraries remain open from 8 am to midnight on working days and till late on weekends and holidays. Circulation time is restricted to working hours.

Lecture halls

North campus houses most of the classroom complexes of IIT Mandi (A10, A11, A13, A17 and A18). They have various lecture halls of varying capacities. A18 building consists of classrooms big enough to seat 300 students. All classrooms are equipped with modern facilities and have projectors and green boards, allowing for both modern and conventional methods of teaching.

Career and Placement Cell (CnP)

All placement associated activities are handled by the Career and Placement Cell (CnP) of the institute. The CnP consists of a CnP faculty advisor, executive, JS and student volunteers working round the clock to provide the best possible services to the visiting organizations. The cell works on creating the best possible placement opportunities for students. Students can also become a member of CnP in their 3rd year (of course, through a selection procedure) and make the best use of their communication skills for the placements of their batch mates.

Student Exchange

IIT Mandi provides international Masters and Ph.D. students opportunities to spend up to a year at IIT Mandi. International students can work with institution's faculty on collaborative research topics involving institutional, regional, and national interests. IIT Mandi also provides a platform for faculty members from international universities to teach and to research. IIT Mandi has MoU with TU9 Germany, BIT Sweden, HEI Finland, ITU Denmark, HEPIA Switzerland, McMaster Canada, WPI USA, ICTP Italy etc. enabling exchange of students and faculty. You can go to the universities with whom we have an MoU on an exchange program for a semester or two as an integral part of your program of study. We have an active International office who would guide you further.

Visits of Foreign Students

The campus has a fair amount of students visiting from abroad, staying and studying for a semester or two. The DAAD exchange program (RISE) facilitates the exchange of students from German universities.

The Interactive Socio-Technical Practicum (ISTP) is a kind of major capstone project for B.Tech students. This is done in collaboration with students from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Students from both institutions join up to form project teams under the guidance of faculty from IIT Mandi and WPI. Since 2018 we have also been welcoming Masters and PhD students from SAARC countries. In the coming years we are planning to increase diversity and welcome students from Africa and other parts of Asia.
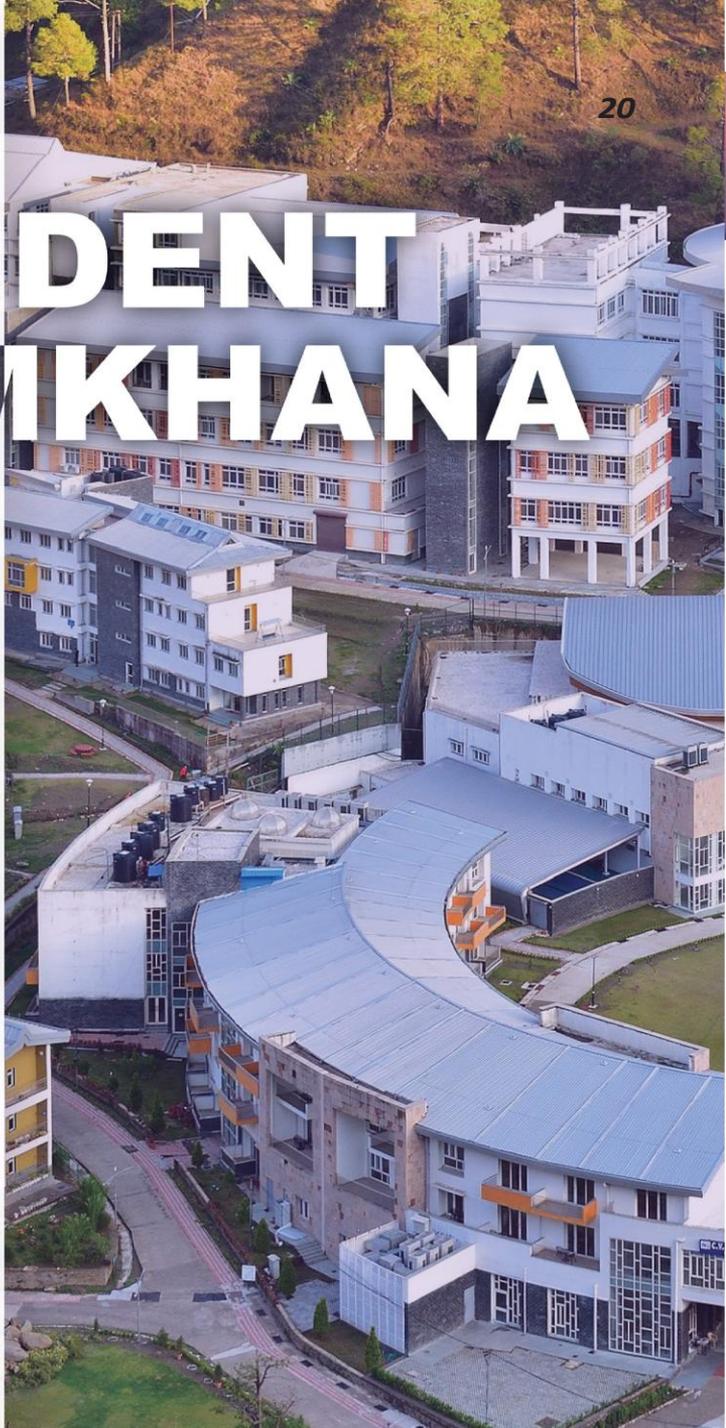
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STUDENT GYMKHANA

The Gymkhana of IIT Mandi was established in 2011, and since then it has been instrumental in the growth and development of the Institute and its students through its elected secretaries.

The Gymkhana has nine secretaries: General, Technical, Sports, Cultural, Literary, Academic (UG/PG), Hostel Affairs and Research, all organising collective student activities in their respective spheres.

GYMKHANA

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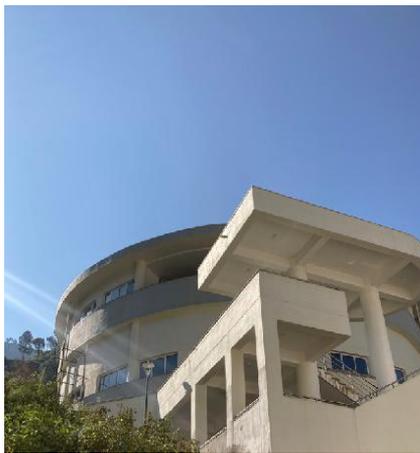
"We shape our Institution and these in turn shape our lives."

-Winston Churchill

Gymkhana Office

The Gymkhana (various societies and clubs under it) will officiate its activities from A19 building. The Gymkhana, A19 is spread among two floors. The first floor has the technical society and its clubs. The 2nd floor has a Cultural and Literary society and their clubs. The floor also has a common meeting hall

Student Clubs

Gymkhana consists of Societies which are Technical (SnTC), Cultural, Literary, Research, Academic. Each Society is operated by its elected secretary. Every Society has a Faculty Advisor who supports Societies in its administration. Each Society has its own clubs that cater to diverse interests of students. Every club is handled by a club coordinator who oversee the various activities of the club.

Robotronics Club

Robotics + Electronics = Robotronics. This club works in the fields of both robotics and electronics. In the electronics domain, it works on analog and digital electronics helping in developing practical skills in building and designing circuits. On the other hand in robotics it provides everything that students need to build robots: workspace, tools, supplies, money and expert answers to questions and help with projects. Most of the projects are aimed at either solving day to day problems by means of smart machines or just building something incredibly awesome.

KamandPrompt - Programming Club

An enthusiastic or aspiring coder? Here is the club for you. It is a club dedicated to competitive programming, software development, information security and machine learning. It keeps you updated with all the programming related activities and competitions happening world-wide. It also organizes several competitions, hackathons and sessions to improve your coding skills. The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Chapter at IIT MANDI collaborates with the programming club to organize various guest lectures and tutorials for you from time to time.

Space Technology and Astronomy Cell (STAC)

The Space Technology and Astronomy Cell has a host of equipment at its disposal. The club will soon be having its own astronomical observatory, taking the astronomical observational capabilities to a new level. STAC is working to make its own Radio telescope and motor mounts in the coming semester. STAC is also involved in astrophotography and stargazing events. This club has been quite active since its inception and has been participating and winning in events in other institutes.

SAE Collegiate

The exhilaration of seeing prodigiously potent, open cockpit machines whizzing past the cameras at staggering speeds can't be lost on us. Each of us has been dreaming of stepping into the race seat, tackling corners, hitting the pedal to the metal, and leaving the competition in smoke. Since its inception in September 2012, the SAE Collegiate Club at IIT Mandi has grown from being the most anticipated club to being one of the most active ones in the institute. Starting with a CAD modelling workshop just after formally beginning operations, the club has gone on to conduct diverse range of activities ranging from imparting training to beginners and getting people acquainted with the world of automobiles and unique opportunities that SAE offers, to helping automobile and mechanical design enthusiasts from all disciplines to explore new horizons in vehicular design and development.

Entrepreneurship Development Cell (E-Cell)

The E-Cell is a student organization with a vision to establish, promote and foster the spirit of entrepreneurship at IIT Mandi. The E-Cell is committed to build a strong platform for budding entrepreneurs. Its target is to help students learn about entrepreneurship, the difficulties faced and the possible solutions.

It enables interaction among students, entrepreneurs, mentors, firms and corporate and thus helps towards the development of an entrepreneurial ecosystem. The E-Cell is now proud to have Catalyst, a technology business incubator established in May 2016. E-Cell was also instrumental in organizing the first TEDx event at IIT Mandi in May 2017.

Yaantrik Club

As a part of the SnTC of IIT Mandi, this club plays a crucial role in the field of mechanical engineering. It focuses on developing green and effective energy methods. It organized several activities and participated in various award-winning competitions like arCAD, MechFest. It was instrumental in setting up the SAE collegiate society at IIT Mandi that made the formula car for SAE SUPRA 2014. They also undertook various projects like offline maps of surrounding local areas besides a

small scale wirelessly controlled car powered by a 3cc IC engine.

Nirmaan Club

Nirmaan Club aims at creating a realization among students of the importance of Civil Engineering aspects in day-to-day which are often ignored by organizing events, workshops, quizzes, projects etc. The club organizes dam visits across the state, organizes sessions on AutoCAD and helps its members participate in competitions in other colleges.

Kamand Bioengineering Group (Bio Club)

Bioengineering is the aim of the Bio Club. The aim of the Kamand Bioengineering Group is to flourish knowledge, skills, networks, and experiences of individuals in the field of bioengineering. Development of a vibrant student community by making a network among members and alumni of the club. To make strong industry, academia and business networks of the club by building a strong network of the IIT Mandi community and think-tanks in these fields. To participate in international and national competitions in the field of bioengineering.

Photography and Movie Making Club

The photography club brings together the Institute's enthusiastic photographers. Have a nag for photography but don' t know the technical aspects? Don' t worry, we've got you covered. The club is there to teach as much as you want. Regular photography tours and trips in the region besides professional workshops give you a chance to hone your 'shooting' skills. The club also covers all the college events and keeps them updated at photoclub.iitmandi.ac.in, which is hosted on the IIT Mandi Intranet. Being located in one of the most scenic campuses of India, it is natural to develop a sense of cinematography and video making and that is precisely what the club caters to in the college. The club has made remarkable progress by consistently giving out quality videos and short films. Be sure to follow its official channel on YouTube!

Dramatics Club

This group aspires to stage everything from short skits to plays, both in English and Hindi. The club has been a star performer at many inter-college fests including the Inter-IITs and has delivered exceptional, powerful performances. Among other skits and plays, the members of club participate in *Nukkad Natak* at the college's annual cultural festival-Exodia and various other fests at different colleges. Open mic events are a delight to watch.

Music Club

Learn to play an instrument, if not tune it. And if you can't sing, just sing along. Karaoke will do the rest for you. By the way, the music club has all the work to crank up the decibel levels. Run by highly talented members and equipped with specialized musical instruments, the section is scripting success stories in all cultural events. From organizing musical nights to performing at fests in Mandi, the Music club performances are the ones not to miss!

Uhl Dance Crew (UDC) Dance Club

If dance is your love, then this is the group for you. It all started with the Hip-Hop & Bhangra fusion at the Institute's first cultural event 'NAISSANCE' held in IIT Roorkee. Going by the name, Uhl Dance Crew, the club now performs in Hip-Hop, lyrical Hip-Hop and Bollywood styles, being open to learning many more. With regular guidance under professional choreographers and workshops, the club plans to perform and compete at various competitions in IITs and other colleges alike.

Designauts - Design Club

This is the umbrella club for all the expressions of digital creativity. From newbies to experts, Designauts provides a platform to all! Stir and explore the cauldron of posters, logos, digital art, animation, photo-editing, UI-UX and even 3-D modelling! Become a part of the learning experience for recreation or even unlocking a new career opportunity.
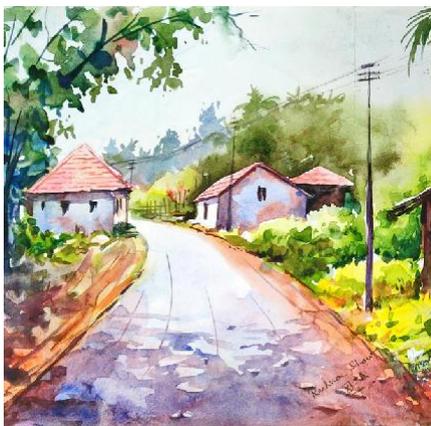
Art Geeks - Fine Arts Club

It is the fine arts club of IIT Mandi and covers all forms of art. Artists, art enthusiasts, who want to be artists all are welcome to join this club, all you need to be is a Geek, not for studies but for Art! From decorations for every event to wall paintings for fests, this

club handles it all beautifully. *Vibgyor*, the two-day intra-college art fest is organized by the Art Geeks for everyone to explore the artist within. In the company of many talented artists extraordinary things are bound to happen.

EBSB- Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Club

The EBSB Club is another addition in The Cultural Society. The club conducts activities which help in restoring the traditional art forms of our country. It aims to enhance interaction & promote mutual understanding between people of different states/UTs through the concept of State/UT pairing. The club carries out activities to promote a sustained and structured cultural connection in the areas of language learning, culture, traditions & music, tourism & cuisine, sports and sharing of best practices, etc.

SPIC-MACAY

The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY) is a voluntary youth movement which promotes intangible aspects of Indian cultural heritage. Currently, we focused majorly on 3 aspects- Indian classical music, classical dance and craft. Apart from this, we will organize various interactions with great personalities, in the cultural field who secured Padma-Bhusan, Sangeet-Natak academy awards etc.

German Club

This club aims to promote German as a language and also the rich German culture and traditions. We aspire to prepare for various certification courses related to the German language and create a community for sharing knowledge.

Quizzing club

The quizzing club transforms traditional notions of a quizzer and makes quizzing a social hobby. Apart from mainstream events like General Quiz, India Quiz, etc., it also organises off-beat themes based events like Marvel Quiz, Anime Quiz, Bollywood Quiz etc. Thus everyone gets a chance to present their genre of knowledge. The club has brought laurels to the institute by finishing 2nd in the Inter-IIT IIM quiz organised by IIT BHU

Writing club

Writing club's vision is to help people pen down their thoughts by providing various platforms to facilitate them to write in their own style at their own pace. The club organises events like essay writing, open mics, poetry nights, etc. at regular intervals. Another feature of the club is its focus on technical writing skills. The club also publishes the institute' s annual student magazine, *Griffinsight*. One of the club's members was qualified for the top 6 in STELLAR 2022, a story-telling event organised by Tape a Tale, India's largest storytelling plat- form

Debating club

The Debating club is aimed at making people express their thoughts without any sort of restriction. The club organises various events like open GDs, parliamentary debates, MUNs, etc. The club has also participated in various fests like ROSTRA(BIT Mesra) and brought laurels to the institute by winning different events such as Newsroom and Youth Parliament. They also qualified for the JAM finals in *Antaragni*, IIT Kanpur and Rendezvous, IIT Delhi.

Student Media Body - Griffinsight

The club gives members a forum to express their views and engage in free-flowing discussions about any topic. Griffinsight endeavours to enliven and enrich the com- munity by disseminating authentic information and encouraging healthy conversations about relevant issues.

The IIT Mandi research society headed by the Research Secretary is engaged in facilitating, supporting, and developing research activities in order to address the needs and research related challenges of the students and institute. The society consists of SCRI, IEEE, ACM, and ACM-W organise frequent events to keep students in the swim. With events like research fair-Anusandhan, AMRC day, Sports day, PG - UG interaction, personality development program etc., it is possible to interact with like-minded graduates and scholars, as well as make and maintain career and research relationships all inside an internal network. The Research Council, constituted by the Research Secretary, assists the smooth functioning of societies by conducting meetings, work- shops, and so on.

Society for Collaborative Research and Innovation (SCRI)

SCRI at IIT Mandi is a forum that encourages students to pursue innovations and collaborative research. SCRI provides a venue for engagement with research scientists and faculties on a variety of creative initiatives (these collaborations may result in an MTP, ISTP or Design Practicum idea). The IIT Mandi technical journal ESSENT has been published by the club. The SCRI also funds research programmes to encourage undergraduate students to pursue research careers. The Journal Club is a subsection of the SCRI. Students convene to debate relevant journal pieces. Against the backdrop of fresh waves of growth, IIT Mandi's objective is to "be a leader in science and technology education, knowledge production, and innovation in an India marching towards a

fair, inclusive, and sustainable society." IIT Mandi is always looking for innovative ways to promote research and innovation. It has served as a springboard for the SCRI, which seeks to provide a collaborative platform for extensive, effective, and long-term re- search and innovation. SCRI is a platform that offers excellent chances to students from any degree or discipline, as well as exposure to Interdisciplinary Research fields.

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

IEEE Student Branch IIT Mandi is a stu-dent-run chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). We provide opportunities to meet and learn from fellow IEEE students and Graduate Student Members and engage with professional IEEE members locally and globally. We offer programs, activities, and professional networking opportunities

that build critical skills for students and help them in their academic journey. An IEEE Stu- dent Branch gives students a community of peers and a connection to faculty and industry professionals who drive innovation in countless technical fields. Student involvement in Branch activities, whether special projects, social and technical meetings, outreach programs, conferences, local Section or Regional opportunities, etc. can help develop a record of accomplishment and capabilities beyond the norm. The IEEE Student Branch IIT Mandi encourages technical and professional excellence, this is achieved by conducting workshops, lectures, competitions and other events on both national and local levels. It helps interested students (UG and PG) in their re- search projects through awards and global recognition.

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

ACM IIT Mandi is a student chapter organisation of the Association for Computer Machinery, a global computing learning society. It began with the goal of carrying out ACM International's ideals at the grass- roots level in IIT Mandi. Our primary focus has been on organising multiple events to share computing and technical knowledge at the undergraduate level, as well as to assist students in participating in different ACM-held conferences and schools. ACM hosts flagship events on a regular basis to explore trends in science and technology, as well as to commemorate ACM's spirit and professional accomplishments in computing. At ACM events, research scholars, professionals, industry experts, and faculty members discuss their work and share their experiences, perceptions, and ground realities of a PhD, as well as their professional lives. Following that, selected organisations and institutions demonstrate

their research credentials, recruitment, and career development strategies. In an interactive setting, the audience consists of students, academics, and industry leaders from various organisations.

Association for Computing Machinery - Women (ACM - W)

The ACM-W Student Chapter at IIT Mandi seeks to materialise the dynamic image of women in the field of computers and information technology by providing a platform for them to demonstrate their technical talents. We encourage, promote, and support women's participation in all parts of computing by offering a variety of activities and programs to ACM members and working in the greater community to enhance the contributions of technical women. The ACM-W Student Chapter at IIT Mandi strives to emulate their efforts to build a community in which everyone is given equal chances and everyone works in harmony. The ACM-W Student Chapter is solely for women, in- tending to demonstrate that women are just as capable as men in

the field of technology. To do this, we plan a variety of activities and events designed to bring out the coder and genius in every individual. We want to provide a positive environment for women that encourages them to take risks and demonstrate their abilities. The ACM-W Student Chapter believes that putting women's visions into action will lead to a better future. We seek to create an atmosphere in which women can learn from one another and become excited about being computer scientists, whether through academic and profession-al skill development seminars or mentoring events with alumni and local industry leaders. We continue to address the issue of women's engagement in computer science and engineering, and we hope that information and education regarding women's contributions to technology will motivate our members to achieve their ambitions. Professional Development Workshops, Algorithms Contest, Academic And Technical Seminars, Networking Events With Industry Representatives, Algohack, Frosthack, Mentorship Events, and B3B Coding Con- tests are examples of events and activities conducted by ACM-W.

Research Council (RC)

The RC at IIT Mandi was established to fa-cilitate, support, and develop research activities in order to address the needs and research challenges. The RC was established to oversee the institutes' s research operations. The members of RC meet on a regular/as-needed basis to discuss re- search-related activities and other aca- demic problems of research scholars, and to provide suggestions/recommendations to the concerned authority for further approval/processing. RC emphasises and supports research scholars to progress by prioritising their mental health. We encourage as much involvement of scholars as possible in national and international seminars, conferences, and workshops.

SPORTS

IIT Mandi wishes that students perform the best in every field and hence provides its students with world class facilities for sports and games. Today, the Institute has some of the best facilities in a number of games and sports and awards proficiencies in more than 11 games. The tradition continues, as students of the institute keep making use of the marvellous sports facilities to excel in sports and games.

SPORTS

Sports can be a co-curricular as well as extra-curricular activity. In fact, in the first year, you are expected to choose from among NSO, NSS and Hiking & Trekking. You are expected to put in 40 hours of participation in any one of these activities. NSO encourages athletics, football, cricket, hockey, volleyball, table tennis, lawn tennis, badminton, and basketball, and it has dedicated coaches for most games. The Campus has facilities for all these games including tennis, swimming and squash.

You can also use the NSO route to get into one of the IIT Mandi sports teams and take part in the annual Inter-IIT Games, held usually at one of the IITs. IIT Mandi teams have started making a mark at these games.

Gym & Fitness Club

The Institute has three well equipped gymnasiums. One of them is only for female. Get to use these often and keep fit! You may also try aerobics or yoga at the Fitness club sports complex in the south or north.

Jogging , Walking, Cycling

The South and North Campuses have beautiful roads snaking through to nearby villages. Enjoy the scenic splendor as you walk to it, or jog up to 'Peepul Point' (2.8 km from the Director's Office). Of course, you can also go to nearby villages from the north. And if you are lucky, as you most certainly will be, you can join your Professor/Mentor on the trail. You can lend yourself a cycle from the mountain biking club and huff and puff your way down to one of the neighbouring villages.

Hiking and Trekking

The spirit of adventure beckons you. Join the H & T club and explore the great Himalayan outdoors! Places like Prashar, Rewalsar, Kamand, Manikaran, Bijli Mahadev, Barot etc., are ideal for trekking. With the Director and many faculties themselves having keen interest in hiking, the club arranges trips to various places on a regular basis. Students have trekked to Beas Kund, Parashar lake, Naina Devi Temple, Shikari Devi Temple, Bijli Mahadev, Kamrunag Temple and to the hill tops adjoining the campus.

Mountain Biking club

Taking full advantage of our local advantage, we have active adventure enthusiasts including a mountain biking club. They routinely organise events like expeditions, rappelling, river crossing etc. As our student community expands we are hoping for more activities and enthusiasm.

increase in the size of our community, we aspire to climb further up this ladder.

Inter IIT Sports meet

Annual Students' Inter-IIT Sports Meet is the most awaited and prestigious inter-college sports tournament for all IITs including IIT Mandi. IIT Mandi has participated in the Inter-IIT sports tournament since 2010 and has shown good competition year after year while moving up the Inter-IIT general championship ladder. During the 2024 Inter-IIT Sports Meet we have won 2 medals in two games i.e. Silver medal in Aquatic-Women and Silver individual Athletics (High Jump) Meet.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

As IIT Mandi is situated in an ecologically sensitive area, the NSS plays an important role in raising the awareness level of students and faculty in conserving the fragile environment, and in learning to live in harmony with the neighbourhood in this essentially rural habitat.

This group comprises three broad sections: The Health section conducts various campaigns right through the year, promoting blood donation, and creating awareness about major diseases. The Literacy section consists of a group of students devoted towards spreading education and literacy. It helps the poor and the financially disabled by providing them free study materials and guiding them through their course structure. It organises free classes for the students in our own campus. The Awareness section thrives to create awareness about all sorts of evils which are present in the society, be it the evils related to child labor, ill effects of smoking, and poor hygiene etc.

Recently, Government of Himachal Pradesh has extended a support of INR 2 lakhs for NSS IIT Mandi.

Tip: Want to help society? Become part an active participant of NSS and satisfy your inner soul.

STUDENT EVENTS

Celebrating the unique culture of the IIT of the Shivaliks, the student body organises a number of intra and inter-college events with great grandeur and splendour.
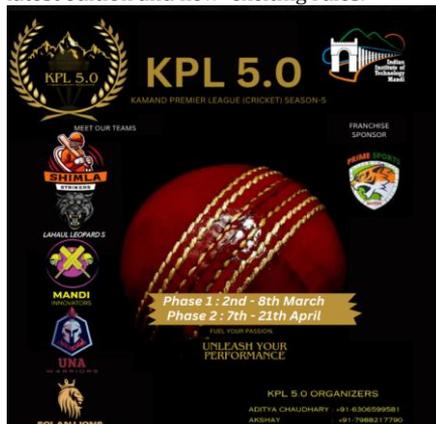
Aagaaz

This is an inter-year sports competition, organised by the Sports Society during the even semester. Students eagerly look forward to this event. And going by the record, this is an occasion when junior teams often put the seniors in their place.

KPL

Kamand Premier League, KPL, is one of its own open, interdisciplinary, and a one of its kind sponsored tournament. The auction has been arranged for all the player. It has 8-10 teams which have leaders and approximately 10 members each. The teams are formed by an online IPL type auction. The tournament consists of various rounds by different clubs and the team which gets the highest points in all rounds wins the tournament. KPL 7.0 was organised in 2024, and the tournament is ready to kick-off this year again with its latest edition and new exciting rules.

Xpecto (Inter College Tech Fest)
Xpecto is the annual inter-college technical, fest of IIT Mandi.

Aakarshan

Aakarshan is the inaugural cultural event of the Cultural Society, and is meant mainly for freshers. You get to know the full range of activities of the Society, not to speak of the talent of your seniors on view.

Astrax

AstraX is the inter-college astronomy themed fest organised annually by the students of STAC Club. Spanning multiple days and including several engaging events, talks & workshops, it is the centre of attraction for students and professors with an inclination towards computational and theoretical astronomy. From 2022 onwards AstraX will be organised within Xpecto.

Exodia (Inter College Cultural Fest)

Exodia is the annual cultural fest of IIT Mandi. Exodia got into its own stride and established its glory. Colleges from all over North India came and participated in the fest. Several cultural events like Synchronians, the group dance competition, were fought vigorously. Various new cultural events like Rap Battle and Open Mic had been introduced in the last edition of Exodia, and in the coming year, more such events have been added. Plenty of Informal events including a PhotoWalk, were also organised by the students.

Exuberance

Exuberance is the inter-hostel cultural event of IIT Mandi and takes place in the even semester. This event has performances from all the cultural clubs. Dance groups and music bands form the mainstay; besides artworks created by the Art Geeks and photo exhibits of the PMC lend colour to this event.

The winners of various events are awarded with goodies and prize money. Exodia provides students the perfect opportunity to learn how to organize and coordinate a fest of this scale.

Kala

Kala is the annual intra-college cultural event organised by the cultural society from 2020. The various innovative activities organised by the clubs under the society in addition to the exhilarating auction during selection of teams, ensures that Kala educates students about teamwork, dedication and of course, the cultural society. It acts as a wonderful forum to interact with peers from across both campuses and compete for the coveted prize- being the winning team

Hostel General Championship

A name that requires no further details, the Hostel GC is one of the major events that is fought between hostels with much fervor and enthusiasm. Organised during the even semester, in combination with Exuberance, the cultural aspect of this over- all championship, Hostel GC hosts various sports matches ranging from Basketball, Hockey, Football, Table Tennis, Badminton, Volleyball and Cricket. Rest assured, the movies do no justice to the amount of friendly competition during the championship as students fight to bring glory to their hostels.

SPICMACAY

The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth, commonly known as SPICMACAY, is a non-profit organization founded

with the noble objective of promoting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of India. The essence of SPICMACAY lies in providing a platform for students to directly experience and engage with the maestros of Indian classical arts. By bringing renowned artists to educational institutions, SPICMACAY creates a unique opportunity for students to connect with the cultural roots of the nation.

IIT Mandi, during the previous year, organized many cultural events under the aegis of SPICMACAY.

In February, IIT Mandi celebrated the Indian National Heritage Festival, VIRASAT, marking its second consecutive year. The festival commenced with a five-day workshop on Chamba Rumal, conducted by the renowned artist Ms. Anjali Vakil from Chamba, Himachal Pradesh.

The following week, the campus community experienced the rich cultural heritage of India through a series of three cultural evenings. The first evening featured Vidushi Geeta Chandran, a Padmashri and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee, who captivated the audience with her spellbinding Bharatanatyam dance performances and profound storytelling. The third evening showcased Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan, a maestro of the Etawah Gharana and Padma Shri recipient, who mesmerized the audience with his soulful music. The final evening highlighted the traditional dance form of Odisha, Mayurbhanj Chhau, presented by Rakesh Sai Babu, a Sangeet Natak Akademi recipient.

Gallery

Frequently Asked Queries

1. Why there is no separate hostel for PG students?
A: For interaction and camaraderie, IIT Mandi follows a tradition of mixed hostels where UG and PG students are put up in the same hostel. Each program may be allotted a floor or wing so that students can stay with their classmates.

2. I want to change my hostel room, what should I do?
A: Any issues related to hostel, you are required to approach your allotted hostel caretaker.

3. How is the mess food?
A: The mess food is nutritional and offers a huge variety from *matar-paneer* to *chole-bhature* and not to mention the special dinner at every month end. In case you are unhappy about the mess food you can give feedback in the feedback register provided as well as talk to your mess secretary.

4. How many people will stay in a hostel room?
A: Hostels have rooms of different sizes. First year UG students usually get rooms on sharing basis.

5. Is there any restrictions in hostel?
A: Though hostels are 24 hrs open, residents are to follow some rules for their own safety. Go through Appendix V hostel rules for more info.

6. How is the weather in Kamand like?
A: Weather becomes chilly after mid-October, and in winter, there is the occasional snowfall, especially in the mountains above Kamand. But in general, we have a long winter vacation from early December until mid-February to keep the cold at bay. The weather is usually pleasant, especially in the evenings and is ideal for nature enthusiasts who want to explore the serene surroundings of IIT Mandi.

7. What is the holiday schedule of IIT Mandi?
A: A generous holiday schedule is followed in here. We have a five-day working week, and at times there are other holidays in between too. Semester breaks are from December to Mid February for winters and from mid June to early August in summers.

8. What about sports?
A: Sports activities are coordinated by the Faculty Sports Advisor and PTIs. A team of highly experienced coaches and ground staff work under their direction to help you take part in the games of your choice. Participate in various tournaments like Inter-IIT, Aagaaz, Rann-Neeti and other in-house tournaments.

At Kamand, we have playgrounds for Cricket, Football, Hockey, and indoor/outdoor Basketball, Tennis, Squash, Badminton, TT and Volleyball courts. TT and Foosball tables are also available in most hostels. There is also Swimming pool, gym and yoga room etc.

9. What are the co-curricular activities and clubs at IIT Mandi?
A: We have very active clubs who take care of all co- curricular activities. These are already detailed in the Handbook and for more info have a look at the link below https://students.iitmandi.ac.in/gymkhana/

10. I want to be a member of a club, what should I do?
A: Any student can become a member of a club, but sometimes there may be auditions to verify certain skill-sets.

11. Is there Ragging? Does IIT Mandi have policies against it?
A: I I T M a n d i h a s Zero Tolerance Policy against ragging. We have the following committees to take care of any issues: Student Welfare and Disciplinary Committee (SWDC), Anti-Ragging Committee (ARC).

12. Is IIT Mandi safe from wild animals?
A: The campus is safe. No incident involving wild animals has been reported so far.

13. What all are unique activities at IIT Mandi?
A: Due to its pristine location, students can enjoy hiking and trekking, mountain biking etc. We have active student clubs who coordinate these activities.

14. What are the good places to hang out in Mandi town?
A: Mandi has a fairly good market, which can provide you with almost anything. Hotels like Raj Mahal, Regent Palms, Treat are good for dinners. Dominos, Raman Bakers, Sai Sweets have their share of fast food fanatics. Indira Market, built around a sunken lake, - the Mandi version of a super mall - is a delightful place for making little discoveries.

15. What will be the courses in 1st sem of B.Tech?
A: Please contact Academic department for the same.

16. The WiFi is not working what should I do?
A: IIT Mandi has a very efficient service request tool. Any issues with the infrastructure, raise a service ticket and the concerned person would get in touch with you provide assistance. https://insite.iitmandi.ac.in/service_request/

17. I am facing some personal and academic issues and not able to focus on my studies. What should I do.
A: For personal issues, we have the GCS Cell and Expert Counsellor to guide you and provide counseling. Faculty advisors and Academic Affairs Secretary are there to help you with any academic issues that you may face. There are also Women's centre, Internal Committee, Anti Ragging committee etc. to look into different types of problems faced by students. Just ask and help is always available at IIT Mandi!

Anti Ragging Committee: Ragging has ruined countless innocent lives and careers. The focus of this body is to prohibit, prevent and eliminate the scourge of ragging including any conduct

by any student or students.

Internal Committee: Sexual harassment results in violation of fundamental rights of a woman to live and work with dignity. The mandate of Internal Committee (IC) is to evolve a mechanism for the prevention and redressal of sexual harassment complaints and other acts of gender-based violence at IIT Mandi.

Student Welfare & Discipline Committee: To maintain a healthy, disciplined and conducive environment for students for teaching, learning and living.

Academic Disciplinary Action Committee: The committee determines the appropriate disciplinary action/ remedial measures for cases of misconduct in coursework, research and academics related areas.

GCS: https://students.iitmandi.ac.in/main/gcs/

Women's Centre: https://iitmandi.ac.in/womencell

ICC: https://iitmandi.ac.in/ic

Grievances: https://iitmandi.ac.in/grc

SWDC: https://students.iitmandi.ac.in/main/grievances/swdc/index.html

Anti-Ragging Committee: https://iitmandi.ac.in/antiragging

APPENDIX- I
Code of Conduct

- Defines the boundary between acceptable and non-acceptable conduct of students.
- These self-proclamation by students, which also entails the expectation from the students of IIT Mandi
- Rational for each of the codes is also given along with the code.

We, the students of IIT Mandi undertake that each of us shall conduct himself/herself in a manner befitting his/her association with the standing of IIT Mandi as an Institute of National Importance. We are fully aware that IIT Mandi envisions being a leader in technical knowledge creation, education and innovation, in an India marching towards a just, inclusive and sustainable society. Every one of us shall be rooted on collective human values and the rich moral, ethical and cultural values of our country, while pursuing excellence in academics. We shall not indulge in any activity which is likely to bring down the prestige of the Institute. We shall give due respect and courtesy to faculty and staff members, fellow students and visitors.

➢ We will be honest and forthright in our academic studies. Students of IIT Mandi shall be leaders in the fight against corruption and hence we shall refrain from academic violations of any kind such as plagiarism, copying, cheating, fabrication etc. We will adhere to the institute policy and if found involved in any such activity then the Student office or academic office can take necessary disciplinary action without consideration to any mercy plea.

➢ Ragging is a criminal offense and there shall be no mercy if cases are identified. Hence, we shall not do any activity which can be considered as Ragging. If any incident related to ragging is observed. we shall inform it immediately to relevant authority, not informing is also a punishable offence.

➢ We are aware that health, safety and academic performance of the students are of prime importance to IIT Mandi. Hence we shall try to avoid smoking, consumption of alcohol, narcotic drugs etc. that may harm our health and our academic performance. We shall not possess, use, consume, manufacture, sell, or distribute any such intoxicating materials within the premises of the Institute. We will adhere to the institute policy and if found involved in any such activity then the

Student office can take necessary disciplinary action without consideration to any mercy plea.

➢ We will carry our valid identity cards issued to us by the Institute and produce it whenever asked for by any security personnel of the Institute, whilst inside the premises of the Institute. We understand that this will help the Institute to identify genuine students and manage the security for everyone. In case an ID card is lost then it's our responsibility to lodge an FIR and submit a copy to student office for issuance of new ID card. If a student is found without ID card then competent authorities can take necessary disciplinary action on the individual.

➢ We understand that the Institute wants to maintain a friendly atmosphere where success is sought through team work. Hence we shall not impair, interfere with or obstruct the orderly conduct, process or function of the Institute or any of its students, faculty members, staff members or guests.

➢ We are committed to protecting the rights and dignity of all students and seeking to maintain an environment that is free from all forms of unlawful harassment and discrimination. Hence we will not tolerate or do any form of unlawful harassment such as sexual harassment, bullying, body shamming etc. among us. We shall also refrain from discrimination of every kind such as regional, lingual, gender, caste, religion etc. We will adhere to the institute policy and if found involved in any such activity then the Student office can take necessary disciplinary action.

➢ We believe that the Institute aims to impart world class education to its students to make us global leaders in science and technology. In order to achieve this goal, it is important that we conduct ourselves in a manner conducive for excellent teaching and learning.

➢ We know that IIT Mandi is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Government of India and hence destroying, damaging, misusing or defacing any Institute building, facility or property will amount to the damage of public property as almost everything in the Institute is built mainly through public funding. We shall not indulge in any such indecent act. Competent authorities will take appropriate disciplinary action against those who are involved in such activities.

➢ We will not violate any law of our country as we understand that being students of IIT Mandi we have the responsibility of not only being leading scientists and engineers but also of law abiding citizens.

➢ We understand that the environment where we live and study is fragile and has to be preserved and protected from any kind of damage. We shall respect the environment of the campus and will do everything possible to maintain it clean and

green. We are also aware that the institute is the place where faculty, staff, students etc. live together, hence we will maintain decency in the public places, academic and hostel premises and refrain from using abusive language, loud noise/music, crowding in such places.

➢ We will not, through act or omission, assist another student, individual, or group in committing or attempting to commit a violation of this code of conduct. Any student who has knowledge of another committing or attempting to commit a violation of the code of conduct shall remove him or herself from the situation and report the same to Institute authorities. We understand that our failure to do so when reasonable under the circumstances may lead to punishment.

➢ We will refrain from spreading rumours and false information about our peers, Institutes and all the entities affiliated to it. We shall present our grievances to designated authorities only following proper protocols as prescribed by competent authority within the Institute. Institute/competent authority can take necessary disciplinary action if any individual violates the communication protocol.

➢ We will seek redressal of all our grievances through relevant authority only by following proper official protocol as prescribed by competent authorities. While communicating through emails we will address to the relevant authorities only and will not do mass emailing on behalf of a group or a community unless we are authorized by competent authority to do so. We shall not keep personnel in our emails who are out of prescribed protocols.

➢ We will not intimidating Hostels or Dean(s) office staff and authorities in any manner such as emails, messages through parents or influential personnel will not be entertained. If such communications are received then further disciplinary action will be taken. Mass emailing on behalf of a group or community is prohibited (unless the person is authorized to do so).

➢ General Email-Hierarchy:

For Academic related issues:

Faculty advisor – School Chair – AD courses or AD research – Dean Academics

For Hostels or Mess related issues:

Caretaker – Resident warden– Warden – Chief Warden – Dean Students

Skipping the email hierarchy will result in non-redressal of the issue and attracts disciplinary action. Communication must be always professional without hiding the facts.

➢ Student organizations (Student Secretaries and coordinators) shall also adhere to the same standards of conduct applicable to individual students.

We understand that the violation of this code of conduct may lead to the following disciplinary measure (s)/actions but are not limited to:

1) Community/social/technical services
2) Charging with fine
3) Disciplinary probation
4) Debarring from becoming student representative
5) Debarring from representing the Institute in any internal or external events 6) Debarring from examinations and from the campus placement process.
7) Rustication from the hostel and or Institute
8) Expulsion for specific period from the hostel or Institute

Director IIT Mandi is the final authority and his decision will be final and binding.

APPENDIX II
Hostel Rules

1. **ACCOMMODATION**

1.1 Hostel accommodation shall be subjected to availability to all registered students of the Institute.

1.2 B.Tech-BS/MSc/MA/MBA students shall occupy a seat/room only during the semester. No B. Tech-BS/MSc/MA/MBA student will occupy a room during vacation. However, he/she may be permitted by the Hostel Warden, if he/she is involved in a project, he/she must be recommended by the project supervisor clearly stating the project topic and role of the concern student in it.

1.3 Hostel accommodation is available to all registered M. Tech./M.Sc./MA/MBA students for a maximum period of two years. At the end of the programme they have to vacate the Hostel.

1.4 Hostel accommodation (Subjected to availability) will be provided to M.S/MTech(R) and Ph.D. scholars throughout the year till 5 years for PhD students and 3 years for MS-Mtech(R) students or till submission of thesis whichever comes first. Part time scholars may be provided accommodation for a maximum of 6 months, further extensions are subjected to availability. Scholars shall vacate the Hostel even in the middle of a semester once they are relieved from the Institute. However, they have to pay hostel charges on a pro rata basis for a period of stay in the hostel. The MS/MTech(R) and PhD scholars availing Hostel accommodation are not eligible for HRA.

1.5 Students going on semester exchange may be exempt from paying the hostel fee, provided they vacate the hostel room completely. Students who temporarily leave the hostel for a workshop/exchange program for less than a semester have to pay the hostel Charges.

1.6 Hostel accommodation (if available) may be provided for a limited period to a project staff. If accommodated, he/she is required to pay all applicable fees and rents and any other charges as decided by the Hostel Management. The project staff residing in a Hostel is governed by the same rules and regulations as applicable to regular border of the Hostel and shall not be eligible for HRA.

1.7 Application for admission to the Hostel must be made in the prescribed form, which is available in the Hostel office or in the Academic Section of the Institute. Accommodation would be provided subject to availability and after the receipt of requisite fees and rents as decided by the Hostel Management from time to time. All charges and rents prescribed in the application form

or any other documents are subject to change as per the decision of the Institute authorities without prior notice.

1.8 No student will be allowed to stay in the Hostel without formal admission and allocations of the hostels.

1.9 The Hostel administration has the right to refuse admission to anyone and/or withdraw permission already granted, if it is found that he/she has submitted incorrect information or violats hostel, institute code of conduct.

1.10 Under special circumstances, the Director/Dean Students may permit a student to reside with his Parent/Guardian within a reasonable distance from the Institute. Such a student shall, however, be attached to a Hostel of Residence and will be required to pay seat rent, hostel establishment and other charges if hostel leave is not permanent. However, this permission may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Director/Dean Students, at any time considered appropriate without assigning any reason.

2. ROOM ALLOTMENT

2.1 All the hostel resident are required to submit a duly filled prescribed Personal Data Form containing the current address, mobile and/or the telephone number and the e-mail address of the parents/guardian. At the time of admission in the hostel and at the beginning of every year. Any change in this information at any point of time has to be intimated to the Hostel office in writing. Failing to do so or giving false data will result in disciplinary action.

2.2 The Hostel Management will generally provide a minimum set of furniture and fittings in each room. Upon going on vacation or permanent leave the hostel/room amenities must be in the same conditions as allocated. Damages such as wall attachments, graffities, door paints etc. will attract hefty fines of 1000 Rs per wall in case where walls or doors are discolored, damaged or existing paint is damaged along with disciplinary actions. Residents have to ensure that the condition of the room should remain the same as it was allocated. Merely paying a fine will not dissolve disciplinary action as it will be on record and applicable to various processes such as restrictions in placements, internships, academic activities etc. Apart from paying a fine, students have to get the damages repaired by themselves.

2.3 Allotment of rooms and process of allocation shall be the sole discretion of the hostel administration.

2.4 Students must occupy the respective room allotted to them. Rooms once allotted to the students for an academic year will not be changed without the permission of hostel administrations. Under no circumstances the hostellers should exchange seats/rooms without the permission of the hostel administration.

2.5 Hostellers shall respect the equal rights of their roommates.

2.6 In emergencies or if required the Hostel Management, without assigning any reason, may shift hostellers from one room to another.

2.7 If the status, on the basis of which a hosteller was allowed accommodation in the hostel changes during the period of stay in the Hostel, he/she is required to inform the hostel warden(s) immediately. Such students may be asked to vacate the Hostel if the Hostel Management finds that he/she is no longer eligible for Hostel accommodation.

2.8 The students are entitled for accommodation in the hostel as long as they are full time registered students. Any student, whose name has been removed from the Rolls of the Institute, will automatically cease to be a hosteller of the Hostel. Such students shall immediately leave the Hostel.

2.9 Before vacating the rooms, the students have to fill up the Vacate Room form available with the Dean (Students) office and Website. The furniture, electrical installations including the fan(s) and any other fixtures that were provided in the room, all have to be handed over in proper condition to the Hostel Management at the time of vacating the room.

3. ACCOMMODATION OF GUESTS

3.1 Day scholars and other relatives of borders are not permitted to stay in the Hostel as guests. Entertaining unauthorized guests will lead to severe punishment, which may include a monetary fine and expulsion from the Hostel. In addition, such cases will be referred to the Institute Disciplinary Committee for further necessary action.

4. VISITORS

4.1 The visit of male students to the women's Hostel and vice versa is allowed up to the common Room of the ground floor till 10 pm. Between 10 pm and 6am, opposite genders should return to their own hostel. Violation of this rule will lead to disciplinary action and expulsion from the hostel with no reconsideration.

4.2 Any kind of religious gathering, speeches, calling religious person or any other nonacademic groups are prohibited inside hostel, any notice of such gathering outside of campus can only be posted in MESS notice board.

5. USE OF APPLIANCES

5.1 The use of any personal electrical / electro-mechanical equipment, gadgets, appliances, such as electric stove/iron/refrigerator/infrared cooker, is strictly prohibited in or outside the rooms. Private cooking in the rooms or anywhere in the Hostel is strictly forbidden. Any such appliance found in a Hostel room will be confiscated and shall attract both monetary fine and disciplinary action by the Hostel Management.

5.2 Hostelers may use heaters during the winter months not earlier than October and up to February only. A minimum heating facility will be provided in the study rooms by the Hostel Management.

5.3 The hostelers who wish to use their own heaters/blowers, may use them by paying Rs. 200/- per week per room (students should divide the cost among the roommates) towards electricity charges. However, the heaters/blowers should not be more than 800W. Only one heater/blower is allowed per room.

5.4 The hostelers should pay the same in the bank account and provide the receipt to the caretakers, who in turn will collect and share the details with the Dean (Students) Secretariat and Finance & Accounts office.

5.5 Undertaking: Students are responsible for using heaters on their own & to pay any damages that may occur due any incident of fire caused by the heater being used by them. Any hostelers using this facility will automatically be considered to have agreed to the undertaking.

5.6 The use of audio systems/speakers are prohibited inside the hostel rooms. The use of personal TV, VCR, VCD/DVD, etc. is also strictly prohibited.

5.7 When the boarders go out of their rooms they should switch off all the electrical/electronic appliances, and lock the doors (at all times). Violation of this rule will attract suitable penalty and punishment as decided by the Hostel Management.

6 MESS

6.1 The weekly menu will be prepared by the Mess Committee and the menu will be displayed on the Notice Board. Changes in the menu, if necessary, can be made by the Mess Committee.

6.2 Discipline should be maintained in the dining Hostel.

6.3 Food will not be served in rooms and the hostellers are not supposed to take food or Mess utensils from the mess to their rooms. If a hosteller is ill, the Hostel Management will make suitable arrangements for his/her food.

6.4 The hostellers (except mess committee members) should not enter the kitchen.

6.5 Mess Off rules The students can avail mess off only if they are leaving hostels due to the following reasons:

● Mid-Semester break.

● Institute related official work.

● Personal leave as sanctioned by respective authorities.

● On Medical Leave. Further, the days of Mess off will be counted as per the duly approved hostel

vacate form. Apart from above conditions there are no other provisions for mess off.

6.6 Mess allocation In the beginning of semester the hostel admin or secretary may ask for mess preference. Due to spatial limit in the dining areas, hostel admin will allocate mess which could be an individual's non primary preference. Once allocated students can not change their mess for a period of the whole semester.

6.7 Mess Maintenance Committee To oversee the day to day activities of mess especially during meals time following committee is constituted:

i) Warden (of one of the hostel near to the mess as appointed) -- Chairperson

ii) Assistant Warden(s)

iii) Mess- coordinators

iv) Hostel Maintenance Coordinator

v) Mess caretaker --- member secretary

All mess coordinator shall report to the chair of this committee and Mess coordinator will always eat in the allocated mess only.

7 HOSTEL MAINTENANCE AND CLEANLINESS

7.1It is the responsibility of the Hostel Management and residents to look after and take care of the general maintenance and cleanliness of the Hostel premises including the building, courtyards and the toilets. All hostellers shall whole-heartedly cooperate in these endeavours.

7.2 The hostellers should take care of the cleanliness of their rooms by themselves. Hiring an external person or staff to clean rooms is strictly prohibited.

7.3 Hostel Maintenance Committee To plan, supervise and carry out the responsibilities mentioned at 7.1, a Hostel Maintenance Committee consisting of the following members shall be constituted:

i) Warden --- Chairperson

ii) Assistant Warden(s)

iii) Hostel General Coordinator

iv) Hostel Maintenance Coordinator

v) Resident Warden

vi) Hostel Caretaker --- member secretary

8 RAGGING:

8.1 Ragging in any form is banned. Severe punishment, including expulsion from the Hostel and the Institute, shall be imposed on any resident without considering mercy plea if he/she is found to have indulged in ragging or related activity. If necessary the concerned individual will be handed over to law enforcement agencies as per prevailing laws for ragging.

8.2 Any fresher, or any resident, if subjected to any form of ragging, must report the incident immediately to the Wardens, Resident Wardens and Chief Warden. Non-reporting of the incident by a victim shall also be considered as an offense which attracts disciplinary action.

8.3 Any resident, if witnesses to an incident of ragging, must report the same immediately to the concerned resident wardens, wardens and Chief Warden. Failure to do so shall be considered as a serious offense and shall be dealt with at par with the perpetrators of ragging.

8.4 When the students/hostellers committing or abetting the crime of ragging could not be identified, collective punishment on the involved group or all the hostellers/students present will be imposed.

8.5 All boarders and day-scholars attached to the Hostel are required to sign an Anti-Ragging undertaking as per stipulated guidelines and submit these to the Hostel office.

9 MATTERS RELATED TO TIMING AND ABSENCE FROM HOSTEL

9.1 You should be within campus by 10:30 pm (campus is defined between security barrier checkpoint, opposite Govt School and security barrier checkpoint, near last Security Check Post for South campus; between security barrier checkpoint near the bridge and security barrier checkpoint on Arnehar road behind A18 for North campus).

9.2 If you enter the campus after 10:30 pm, then make an entry at the security post after producing your Institute ID card, and show the approval (if any) for the same. Strict action will be taken against those who enter after 10:30 pm without prior approval.

9.3 B.Tech., M.Sc., MA, M.Tech., I.Ph.D. and M.S. students need to make an entry with signatures in the hostel register or with their finger print on the biometric system between 10 pm and 2 am every day (no proxies).

9.4 PhD scholars are exempted from compulsory hostel attendance, provided an undertaking regarding the same is provided by the PhD scholars.

9.5 If any hostellers wants to go out of campus and not beyond Mandi town between 6.00

AM and 9.30 PM, They should enter their names in the register kept in the Hostel office for this purpose indicating the time of leaving the Hostel and expected time of return with dates, PhD and MTech(R) students are exempt.

9.6 It is mandatory for all students (including PhD students) to submit the hostel leaving/ intimation form in case they are proceeding to hometown/personal/official visits outside the institute campus. The purpose of leave must be clearly stated, merely writing 'personal' will not be acceptable.

9.7 Students with less than 18 years of age and BTech, MSc, MA, MBA, Mtech(R) should seek written permission from the warden upon acknowledgement of their parents to go out of campus and beyond Mandi town during any time of the day and night.

10 Conduct inside hostels

10.1 All hostellers are required to maintain standards of behavior expected of students of an Institute of National Importance. They are expected to behave courteously and fairly with everyone inside and outside the Hostel and campuses.

10.2 You need to keep noise-level low after 10 pm on campus (thus, you are not allowed to make loud noises by shouting, clapping etc. between 10pm & 6am).

10.3 The rooms, common areas and surroundings of the Hostel should be kept clean and hygienic.

10.4 Any acts of vandalism shall be dealt with disciplinary action.

10.5 All hostellers are required to produce, whenever asked, their valid identity cards issued to them by the Institute. In absence of an ID-Card it is the duty of the concerned to notify the same to the Dean (Students) office. If the ID card is lost, then an FIR must be lodged and a copy of the same need to be submitted to the Dean (Students) Office. If a student is found without ID card or without executing the process in case the card is lost then competent authorities can take necessary disciplinary action on the individual.

10.6 Defacing the walls, doors, windows, and shelves of the hostel rooms is prohibited and shall be met with disciplinary action. Clauses mentioned in section 2.2 are applicable here.

10.7 A room is allotted to a student on his/her personal responsibility. He/she must take care of the cleanliness and maintenance of his/her room.

10.8 Hostellers must also take care of the Hostel and its environment.

10.9 If any maintenance work (Civil, Carpentry, Electrical, and Sanitation) is required to be carried out in the rooms, corridors, toilets or any other place in the Hostel premises, boarders should bring it to the notice of the Caretakers & Wardens.

10.10 Borders must cooperate in carrying out maintenance work and vacate their rooms completely when the Hostel Administration requires the rooms for this purpose. On such occasions, the Management shall provide alternative accommodation.

10.11 The resident of a room is responsible for any damage to the property in the room during his/her occupancy or at the time of vacating the room. If any furniture or fixture under the responsibility of the resident is found to be damaged or broken, the Hostel Management shall take strict disciplinary action including levying a monetary penalty.

10.12 In case of any damage or loss of Hostel property, the cost of repairing/replacing the same will be recovered from the boarders responsible for such damage or loss, if identified; otherwise, the same will be recovered from all the students of the wing/Hostel, as decided by the Hostel Management. Here involved students will be subjected to disciplinary action.

10.13 The resident shall not move any furniture from its allotted place. If there is any additional item in a room other than those belonging to the Hostel, the occupant of the room shall hand it over to the Hostel staff, failing which he/she will be charged a penal rent as decided by the Hostel Management.

10.14 The resident shall not remove any fitting or fixture from any room or common area.

10.15 Hostellers should not participate in any anti-national, antisocial or any other undesirable activity within or outside the campus.

10.16 The boarders will be responsible for the safekeeping of their own property. In the event of loss of any personal property of a resident due to theft, fire or any other cause, the Hostel Management shall in no way be considered responsible.

10.17 Ragging is strictly prohibited. Any violations shall be dealt with very severely (as per law in force) and could lead to expulsion from both hostel and the Institute. In this case the action mentioned in section 8 will be applicable.

10.18 Any undesirable activity designed to disturb others or cause bodily harm or danger to others shall attract disciplinary action.

10.19 The entry of opposite genders in a hostel (boys in girls' hostels and girls in boys' hostels) is restricted to the study room/common room on the ground floor till 10 pm. Between 10 pm and 6am, opposite genders should return to their own hostel.

10.20 You shall not possess any weapons that can be used to cause harm to others. If found a suitable disciplinary action will be taken.

10.21 All visitors to the hostel including parents / guardians shall have to make necessary entries in the visitors' book available with the Caretaker/ Security guard.

10.22 No crockery/utensils shall be taken from the mess to the hostel room except for sick/convalescing hostellers. Violation of the same shall attract disciplinary action.

10.23 Any complaints or suggestions regarding the quality of food and water in the hostel should be brought to the immediate attention of the Warden/Asst. Warden/General Sec. /Mess Coordinator for corrective action.

10.24 Kindly refrain from ordering fast/packed food to the hostel rooms from any outside agencies.

10.25 The use of electrical appliances such as immersion heaters, electric stoves, electric irons is strictly forbidden in the hostel and so is cooking inside the rooms. Such appliances, if found, shall be confiscated and fines will be imposed.

10.26 Hostellers must observe decorum in the hostel, especially in the common rooms and dining areas. Please be dressed properly.

10.27 Parties, functions, or any meetings within the hostel premises are not allowed. Students can use Mess/canteen for the same upon permission from the Chief Warden.

10.28 Engaging personal attendants is prohibited.

10.29 In the Hostel premises the following acts are strictly prohibited: Violation will attract disciplinary action or immediate expulsion with no reconsiderations. • Smoking • Consumption of alcoholic drinks • Consumption of drugs • Sexual abuse • Gambling • Intimidation or violence • Willful damage to property • Entering the Institute or Hostel premises in an intoxicated state • Using abusive languages (which include gender specific language or body shaming) • Employing unauthorized persons for personal work such as washing clothes, etc. • Cooking in the room or on the Hostel premises • Using two-wheelers and/or motor vehicles of any kind.

10.30 Hostel management reserves the right to make surprise inspections in order to ensure that this code of conduct is followed both in letter and in spirit. Hostel management includes but is not limited to Dean (s), Chief Warden, Warden, Resident Warden, Caretaker, Security Officer and Security Supervisors and Security Guard. No prior intimation will be given for such inspection. During inspection it is required by the residents to open the rooms and storage area if asked by the authority.

11 DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

11.1 Any hostellers, who are found in violation of hostel or Institute Code of Conduct they will be immediately subject to strict disciplinary action which may include immediate rustication from the Institute and or forwarding the case to SWDC. The actions on Violation within hostel premises will be under purview of Warden and Chief Warden.The nature of disciplinary action are mentioned in the code of Conduct. The disciplinary action will result in processes such as Restrictions in sitting for placements, internships, exams etc, representing institute in internal or external

events, standing as students representatives or volunteers. The Dean(s) office reserves the right to impose the suitable disciplinary action if the violation of hostel or institute code of conduct are identified.

11.2 Apart from dean students office each hostel will have a disciplinary committee to make sure the discipline is maintain in the hostel Hostel Disciplinary Committee: Chairperson – Warden Members – Assistance Warden Resident Warden

11.3 Hostel Office reserves the right to provide prior information for imposing disciplinary actions. No communication will be made with the individual while imposing the disciplinary actions if the offence are of nature such as: Ragging, substance abuse, gender abuse, body shaming, damage to institute property etc.

12 GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

If any border feels aggrieved on any matter concerning running of the Hostel or its Mess, he/she may approach the Hostel Management in writing for help, guidance and/or redressal of the grievance. Depending on the nature of the grievance, the Hostel Management may refer the case to the Institute Students Welfare and Disciplinary Committee for further action. In case of identified offence competent authority will take direct action with no redressal.

13 RIGHTS OF HOSTEL MANAGEMENT

The Hostel Management reserves the right to initiate amendment of the rules and regulations stated hereinbefore from time to time as felt necessary. The hostellers shall be informed of any amendment becoming effective through email circulars and displayed on the Hostel notice boards.

14 APPELLATE AUTHORITY

➢ In case of Institute and Hostel expulsions, Dean (Students) is the Appellate Authority. For approaching Dean(s) recommendation of following authorities is must:

- In case of Hostel related disciplinary action and expulsions: Chief warden's recommendation is must.

- In case of Gymkhana related disciplinary action and expulsions: Chair-SAP recommendation is must.

- Intimidating Hostels or Dean(s) office staff and authorities in any manner such as emails, messages through parents or influential personals will not be entertained. If such communications are received, then further disciplinary action will be taken. Mass emailing on behalf of a group or community is prohibited (unless the personal is authorized to do so).

➢ In case of Academic related disciplinary action -Dean Academics is the Appellate Authority.

➢ All students communicating through emails must write to relevant authorities only. Writing to or keeping cc to non-relevant or outside institute authorities for internal matters related to the institute is strictly prohibited. The emails must follow a proper channel of communications.

➢ We will seek redressal of all our grievances through relevant authority only by following proper official protocol as prescribed by competent authorities. While communicating through emails we will address to the relevant authorities only and will not do mass emailing on behalf of a group or a community unless we are authorized by competent authority to do so. We shall not keep personals in our emails who are out of prescribed protocols.

➢ **General Email-Hierarchy:**

For Academic related issues:

Faculty advisor – School Chair – AD courses or AD research – Dean Academics

For Hostels or Mess related issues:

Caretaker – Resident warden– Warden – Chief Warden – Dean Students

Skipping the email hierarchy will result in non-redressal of the issue and attracts disciplinary action. Communication must be always professional without hiding the facts.

➢ Director IIT Mandi is the final authority and his/her decision will be final and binding.

Important forms

1. HRA form
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oLm4ahxSDjWPwZByJbD6Wgxyf2frqBIM/view?usp=drive_link

2. Hostel Vacate form
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G2P1C0tIZbkfzqExTcB4SkTvCVDwjJLb/view?usp=sharing

3. Intimation form for leaving the campus and Mandi town
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qyDpCnm41_tjnv1kMEx_7P7I0Zmzez99/view?usp=drive_link

4. Application form for students with vacation to use hostel facilities.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1T_brtDc88exOMpdnYdddNXzS7syO70r9/view?usp=drive_link

Charges OM Link

https://insite.iitmandi.ac.in/circulars/show.php?ID=ITMandi/Students/Hostel/2022-23/171

5. Hostel Extended stay form

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m_Wdi_FRHDl89muMBuwgMgfekPtE9wSt/view?usp
=sharing

Charges OM Link

https://insite.iitmandi.ac.in/circulars/show.php?ID=IITMandi/Students/Hostel/2021 22/204

6. Address proof/duplicate id card/Character certificate issue form

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1k9pkhCUDsmOY0hYrKM5zeLcMzwjw4wvo/view?usp=shari
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7. Heater charges OM Link

https://insite.iitmandi.ac.in/circulars/show.php?ID=IITMandi/Students/Hostel/2022-23/145

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