Logistics and Settling Down
MIT India Pre-Orientation, 30 July 2014, Bangalore
To-do in India

Travel

To-do in the US
28 – 30th July: MIT India Pre-Orientation

26 Aug: Arrive at MIT English Test

1. Orientation at MIT + GSC events
2. Get phone #, bank account numbers etc

Check in with ISO, complete your Websis Account/SEVIS account

Hurray!! Semester starts

2 Sept – Reg Date

JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
To dos in India

**Visa and Immigration**
- Valid passport with valid visa
- Valid I-20
- MIT Offer Letter

**Air Tickets**
- Boston Logan Airport
- Try to arrive during the day if possible
- Will ease transport to MIT etc
To-dos in India

- MIT Athena account
  - Web certificates
  - Storage space
  - Personal website

- Vaccinations and Medical Form
  - Prepare your medical records/history to carry
To-dos in India

- Housing – coordinate dates and times
  - On campus - Get in touch with Housing Office
  - Off campus - Get in touch with landlord
  - Resources to find off-campus housing: off campus housing website, rent monkey, Craigslist
To-dos in India

To buy

- Indian utensils, Pressure Cooker (not sure)
- Spices, Maggie, MTR ready to eat, snacks etc
- Skype Credit/ Google Calling Credit/VOIP credit
- Basic First AID + any medicines that you might need
To-dos in India

- **NOT to buy**
  - Rice, lentils etc – Indian store (Shalimar) – 15-20 min walk from campus
  - Clothes – specially winter jackets and coats

You will get suitable clothes in Boston!! Fashions are different!
Join Mailing Lists
- Junta
- Reuse
- Vultures – free food list
Travel

- Carry cash – include some small change – might need for
- Demand draft/traveler’s cheque
- Safe pouch for documents
- Carrying valuables
- Print out housing confirmation and address of your new residence
Travel light

Pack only what you can declare at US Customs

http://travel.state.gov/

Weigh your luggage – even hand luggage!!
Airport to MIT

- Subway
  - Silver Line: Airport towards South Station
  - Red Line: South Station towards Alewife
  - Get off at Kendall MIT

- Taxi - $50 (Add 15% tip) or Uber

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Welcome to MIT!! 🌟 🌟

- Check in into your dorm

- Connect to Wifi
  - MIT Guest
  - MIT Secure – Username and password same as your MIT email id ones.

- Download MIT Mobile App (Preferably do it in India itself)
  - http://whereis.mit.edu/
Familiarize yourself with MIT

• Google Maps

• MIT Map -- http://whereis.mit.edu/

Key streets/places to note
• Massachusetts Avenue
• Memorial Drive
• Kendall T Station
• Student Center (W20)
• Central Square – Shalimar
• Dorms – Tang Hall, Edgerton, Warehouse, Sidney Pacific and Ashdown
• Cambridgeside Galleria Mall – Free shuttle from Kendall
Things to do at MIT

- Check in with ISO (Building 5)
  - Complete your Websis/SEVIS account information
  - Go personally to register for ISO orientation

- Check in with your department

- Get your MIT ID, phone number and bank account number -- Student Center (W20)
Things to do at MIT

- Social security: ISO for guidelines
- State ID/Liquor ID/Driving License: [http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/RMV/](http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/RMV/)
Things to do at MIT

- Get your phone number –
  - Student Center or Cambridgeside Galleria Mall
  - 4 different providers – AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, T-mobile
  - Contract phones

- Open bank account
  - MITFCU, Bank of America, Citibank
  - Checking account and savings account
  - Credit card – cash back/reward points
Things to do at MIT

Food
- Star Market (Shaws)
- Harvest
- Whole Foods
- Shalimar (India)
- Trader Joes
- Lots of Restaurants!!

Free shuttles to Trader Joes and Whole Foods on Sundays!
Things to do at MIT

Shopping

- Furniture – organized IKEA trips! Second-hand furniture from reuse!
- Winter coats and clothes – Burlington Coat Factory (Porter Square)
- Fall and Winter clothes – Cambridgeside Galleria Mall
- Textbooks and office supplies: MIT Co-op, Staples
Final Checklist

✓ Check-in to your dorm
✓ Check-in to the ISO and complete the ISO orientation (~2-3 hours)
✓ Student ID, bank account (and credit card) – Student Center
✓ Social security, Phone Connection, Liquor ID/Driving License
✓ Shopping
  • Food, Clothes and Furniture