

Press Release

Date: 1st August, 2017

IIT Mandi welcomes the new batch of B. Tech. Students on 1st August 2017

IIT Mandi extends a warm welcome to its new batch of B. Tech students, who are joining the Institute in the first week of August. The registration process starts on 1st August 2017. The students, accompanied by their parents, reached Mandi from all parts of India on 31st July 2017.

IIT Mandi attracted 150 bright students in the year 2017 through JEE (Advanced) admission procedure. Out of them, 40 students are admitted to the Computer Science (CS) branch, 40 to Electrical Engineering (EE) branch, 40 to Mechanical Engineering (ME) branch, and 30 to the Civil Engineering (CE) branch.

The Institute's policy to encourage girls students to join IIT Mandi is continuing to yield results. IIT Mandi, despite its remote location, has 22 female students joining the Institute this year. This is 15% of the incoming batch, a significant increase over previous years.

IIT Mandi is arranging interest-free loans for those students whose household income does not exceed Rs. 9 lakhs per annum. These loans are being arranged for eligible students through campus banks SBI and PNB.

The Institute is providing hostel accommodation at its Kamand campus to all students. It has arranged for the provision of necessities to new students by calling vendors from Mandi town. These vendors will set up stalls and sell items like bedding, linens and toiletries.

A Unique Pedagogical Experiment: The 5-Week Induction Programme (5WIP) at IIT Mandi

In 5WIP 2016 at IIT Mandi, first year B. Tech. students spent their first 5 weeks in an intense 6 am to 10 pm daily programme. Their regular classes began after the 5WIP. The components of the 5WIP may be classified into four categories: Exploring Engineering, Academic Skills, Life Skills, and Inspirational Activities.

The 5WIP at IIT Mandi is characterized by several unique features, of which four are listed here:

- Students are mentored in small groups of 20 by faculty, and not by external experts. This facilitates bonding between students and faculty which enriches the rest of the 4 years.
- There is great emphasis on the excitement of engineering, leading into the regular curriculum.
- There is considerable emphasis on the creative arts and sports as well for holistic development of students.
- The unique Himalayan location of IIT Mandi facilitates outreach activities directed towards the Himachali community.

Inspired by the experiences of IIT Mandi, IIT Gandhinagar, IIT BHU and IIT Patna, the IIT Council has recommended that all IITs run an induction programme of at least 3 weeks duration. MHRD has likewise requested all engineering colleges to follow suit.

For more information, contact:

The Registrar, IIT Mandi,

registrar@iitmandi.ac.in

Phone no.: 01905-267015



Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves, Director, IIT Mandi, addressing during the Induction Program, 2017



Faculties, Staffs, students and parents at the Induction Program