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Dear Student,

Congratulations on your admission to IIT Delhi (IITD)! The Office of Dean, Student Affairs (ODSA) welcomes you to the Institute. By choosing IITD, you have already taken a major step towards your own holistic development. On one hand, your pursuit of academic excellence is guided by world class faculty through a state-of-the-art academic curriculum at IITD. On the other hand, your quest for self-discovery and growth is guided by teams of students and faculty through various avenues via the ODSA.

While providing an excellent academic environment, IITD allows for nurturing your existing (outside-the-classroom) skills/hobbies. Additionally, you will get ample opportunities to explore new activities. As you may know already, IITD has some of the best sports facilities (both indoor and outdoor). In addition, there is also a very vibrant culture of music, theatre/drama, dance, fine arts, photography and literary activities amongst others. All activities are managed by students themselves, with faculty mentors assisted by very dedicated and able staff. We hope you will actively participate in as many activities that appeal to you thereby not only enjoying but also contributing constructively to campus life.

Now some information about campus accommodation at IITD. While IITD has over 13000 registered students (including UG, Masters and PhD), available in-campus accommodation can cater to only a little over 7000 students. Therefore, unfortunately it is not possible to allot in-campus accommodation to everyone. However, as and when vacancies arise, the available accommodations are communicated to the whole student community, and an unbiased process is followed to allot them.

The freedom you experience at IITD also comes with responsibility. During your stay in the IITD campus, you are expected to maintain a decorum at all times, so as not to disturb or offend the sensibilities of other members of the community (students, staff and faculty, families). Being mindful of your own safety as well as the safety and privacy of others in the campus (including hostels) is mandatory. You are requested to follow all rules and regulations that are put into place from time to time.

The cosmopolitan environment in IITD helps you inculcate values of respect without prejudice and unconditional tolerance that will serve you for life. In this regard, it is important for you to know that there are no individual decisions taken at IITD. Proper mechanisms exist in which students, faculty and staff collectively discuss and decide on various courses of action, through various bodies. This ensures that the integrity of the system is not disturbed by personal opinions/biases of any individual. Thus, it is important to appreciate/follow the systems and hierarchies put in place, while improving their operations by addressing limitations through proper processes.

Finally, it is important to emphasize that the whole system at IITD is geared towards ensuring your mental and physical wellbeing. In order to find the best in you, you also need to be careful in not getting swayed by what appears to be "cool" to others - rather you must decide what is "cool" for you. Please do not believe anything based on hearsay, whether it is in person or through any kind of social media or any other outlet. Authentic information comes only from authentic sources - the recognized bodies operating at IITD. The ODSA is fully committed to meet the needs you may have from time to time. In case you need any help or support with non-academic/campus matters, please feel free to reach out to us. We wish you all the success in your endeavours and welcome you to IITD.

Best wishes,

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