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Dear Students,

Congratulations on your admission to the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the IIT Delhi academic community.

Your admission to IIT Delhi is a significant achievement, but it is also the beginning of a new kind of learning journey. You will gradually move from a largely structured academic environment to one that offers considerable freedom—to explore, question, experiment and shape your own educational pathway. With this freedom comes the responsibility to make thoughtful choices and take ownership of your learning.

You are joining IIT Delhi at an exciting time. The Institute has recently undertaken a major revision of its undergraduate curriculum to make learning more flexible, interdisciplinary, experiential and future-ready. While your programme will provide a strong foundation in your chosen discipline, you will also have opportunities to explore areas beyond it through electives, minors and other academic options, projects, research experiences and internships. The curriculum increasingly emphasizes hands-on and project-based learning, emerging technologies, sustainability, responsible innovation and the ability to work across disciplinary boundaries.

A distinctive feature of education at IIT Delhi is that learning extends well beyond the classroom. Laboratories, research groups, technical clubs, innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives, student societies, competitions, cultural activities and sports together create a vibrant environment in which you can build, create, collaborate and lead. I encourage you to explore these opportunities, but also to learn the important art of balancing them with your academic responsibilities. You do not need to do everything; choose thoughtfully and engage deeply.

Your teachers can play an important role in your journey. Attend classes regularly, participate actively, ask questions and interact with faculty members beyond the classroom. A course, a project or even a conversation with a teacher may open an entirely new direction for you. Make use also of your academic advisers, mentors and the support systems available at the Institute.

As IIT Delhi looks towards IITD Vision 2035, it aspires to build an even more student-centric, interdisciplinary, research-intensive, globally connected and socially responsive academic ecosystem. You will not merely be beneficiaries of this journey; through your ideas, initiatives and contributions, you will help shape the future of the Institute.

We expect you to be curious, hardworking and intellectually honest; to respect differences and contribute to an inclusive community; and to use the freedom available to you responsibly. There will be successes, but there may also be setbacks. Learn from them, seek guidance when needed and continue to move forward.

During your time at IIT Delhi, explore broadly, learn deeply and contribute meaningfully. Read beyond the syllabus. Enter a laboratory. Join a club. Build something. Work on a problem whose answer is not yet known. Most importantly, use these years not merely to earn a degree, but to grow in knowledge, judgement, confidence and purpose.

On behalf of the academic community of IIT Delhi, I warmly welcome you and wish you an enriching and memorable journey ahead.

With best wishes,

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