



An Informal Introduction To IIIT Hyderabad

IIIT Hyderabad is a university that provides the quintessential college life. The college's curriculum is a perfect blend of core courses and non-technical courses, designed to give a complete college learning and a platform to build our lives on in the future. It has a heavy emphasis on research areas helping build depth of knowledge and foundations for the students' careers and most importantly, help solve real-life problems. The college is efficiently organized as research centers and labs to facilitate interdisciplinary research and brilliant network for exchange of knowledge and ideas. Here, the curriculum allows the student flexibility in selecting courses and projects. The Institute's unique human values program at the undergraduate level has already gained attention at the national and international levels. The perfect blend of core, science and humanities courses is a highly balanced program. The Institute offers students a unique environment that promotes cultural, sports and societal contributions, art, self-governance and human values.

Academics



Most probably, you chose IIIT Hyderabad because of its high academic standard. While the college does provide its students with an excellent academic environment, it also expects a fairly responsible behavior from them. At IIIT H, the academic model allows for greater freedom and flexibility in terms of what you wish to study, but with great powers come great responsibilities. If you are given the opportunity to choose electives right from your 5th semester, and most of your course of education from there on, you should do so in a responsible manner. But do not fear, there are a lot of experiences and opportunities at IIIT H that'll help you become a responsible student too - but it would require you to let go of preconceived notions and see the world from a perspective of innovation and research. This also means having a third eye open to look at the bigger picture - and courses from various disciplines of humanities, from polity to economics, classical texts to modern philosophy - should help you widen your horizons.



Convocation at IIIT Hyderabad

Weather and Greenery

Hyderabad, for the larger part has a wonderful climate. Incredibly moody at times, you can expect to see a very sunny, windy and rainy weather all in a day! The winters are favorably cool and some days cold but rarely does the temperature drop below 10° C. The summers are generally hot with the threshold being 35-38 degrees but thankfully, the summer vacations begin just as the weather gets unbearable. The mornings and evenings are usually pleasant. The best part is walking around campus after it has rained; the trees seem greener than ever and the world feels like a happy place!

The college believes in protecting the environment, and encourages planting of trees. You will find different kinds of trees

and flowers here, which give us cool shade and clean air. One such tree is a big banyan that will greet you as you enter the campus, which also finds its place in the IIIT-H logo. There is a SBI branch inside the college premises and an ATM just outside the gate. There are also various other ATMs and shops about 1 km away in the Indiranagar area.

Felicity

IIIT Hyderabad has a rich cultural atmosphere, as is evident from its numerous cultural events, most notably our very own national level annual techno-cultural fest, "Felicity". Reveling in 3 days of intense celebration and excitement, it has grown in presence and stature, witnessing performances by major artists, hosting talks by eminent personalities, and drawing participation from all over the country. There are innumerable events spanning the entire scope of possibilities that can be conducted. Threads - the technical part of Felicity and will give you a chance to cut your teeth into the highest level of intellectual abilities at the collegiate level. For the literary fiends, a mix of quizzes, debates, group discussions, creative writing contests, all with a different style will drown you in ecstasy. For the Electronics dreamers, the various competitions give an experience worth remembering.

The more exciting events include the immensely popular gaming event ZombieZone, comprising of Counter-Strike, DotA, Age of Empires3, Need for Speed and FIFA with players coming from multiple universities vying for the top spot. This alone is probably a reason to attend the festival!

The centerpiece of the whole cultural atmosphere here - the real reason one MUST attend Felicity - is the immortal "Music Nights" performed by renowned bands from all over India, playing popular genres including Rock, Pop, Heavy Metal, Blues and others.

For the artistically inclined, and those who paint the world in their own colors, Kalakshetra is the place to be. This popular event includes Face-Painting, Graffiti, Paper Dressing and Rangoli, and is truly the place for the hidden artist in all of us to shine.

Another important event to participate in is Futsal - our version of football! Here, players prove their mettle against the toughest competition in the whole state in teams of 5!



FOOD :D

IIIT offers a very interesting approach in terms of mess food. There are 4 messes, and students can choose where they want to eat, for each meal of the day. Each mess serves its own type of food, with OBH-FF serving South Indian food, OBH-GF serving North Indian food, Yuktahar serving healthy oil-free food, and NBH serving a mix of both Indian cuisines. The canteen serves as the Non-Vegetarian Mess three times a week (Lunch + Dinner). Laden with two more cafeteria serving snacks, it puts to rest the fears of so many students of the "Dirty Hostel food" stereotype.

On the other hand, the city is famous for its 'Hyderabadi Biryani' and 'Hyderabadi Haleem'. The availability of almost all international and national cuisines makes it worth the wait to try them out, provided you have the time for it. More relevant to the students is the availability of multiple eateries just a walkable distance from the college which include Dominoes, Cafe Coffee Day, Pizza Corner and more. There are also 'bonda' stalls a short walk away near the DLF building. The college allows you to have your food delivered, so you can enjoy your biryani or pizza in the college campus itself!

Every place has a lifeline – something that it thrives on, without which its existence would be diminished. For IIIT-H, it would without a doubt be the juice canteen. Need to brainstorm over a new idea? Chat up with a friend? Chill out after a deadline? Somebody's birthday treat? Or just plain dehydrated? The juice wala bhaiya's ever smiling face will remember the exact combination of fruits and sugars you want in your glass.

Sports



The college has considerable facilities for sports including a basketball court, a football ground, badminton courts, an open-air volleyball and a throw ball court and a huge ground typically used for playing cricket. Also, many TT tables are present in the hostels themselves.

The college also has a Gym with sufficient facilities and a Yoga hall for respective uses. Sports events are highly encouraged with competitions between the four Houses (Prithvi, Agni, Aakash and Vayu)

The Annual Sports Meet is conducted every year for students to prove their worth in all categories of Athletics. Inter-House competitions are held in all the above-mentioned sports like Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Cricket, Badminton, Throw ball

and TT. Teams from IIIT-H have also won accolades and awards in Inter-College meets in various sports. The neighboring Gachibowli Sports Stadiums is a huge advantage for the students, since it offers world-class swimming, Hockey and Badminton infrastructure at discounted rates!

We also have the awesome IIIT-H Adventure Club that regularly organizes events like rappelling, trekking and chimney climbing under trained professionals to make weekends more exciting here.

Hostel



We have a total of 5 hostels. Palash Nivash (OBH), Kadambh Nivas (NBH), Bakul for the boys, Parijat Nivas(GH) and Parul for the

girls. The hostel facilities are quite good with spacious rooms and housekeeping crew available everyday regularly. The hostels also have their own laundry service with a small general store situated in them. Almost every hostel has a mess inside it - thus making it very convenient for the students. The Hostels also have multiple TV rooms for the usage of students at any time - specially during cricket season! The biggest advantage of hostel residency here is that they have no curfew. Students are free to walk in and out of the hostel and campus area at any time of the day/night.

The Workspace and the Library

The Workspace is a focal point of interaction for the freshers. It is where you find the computer systems with internet connections for your own particular use. Only UG1 students use the workspace, so you can discuss and work together here.

The Library in IIIT is right below the Workspace, and it houses an extensive collection of reference books on various subjects. The college also subscribes to a lot of academic material and magazines, some of which are online and can also be accessed by you. There are literary works also available in different languages. You can also request for a book that is not available in the library!

Interactions

IIIT-H has a tradition of healthy interaction between seniors and juniors. This interaction makes it possible for a junior to fit in faster to the upheaval he/she faces in the first semester of college.

The TA (Teaching Assistant) system here includes students who assist the Lecturer in conducting the course by taking charge of Labs and Tutorials. This system, coupled with the rigour and discipline of IIIT-H, not only helps the students interact better and learn faster, it also helps the TAs themselves to understand the topics better, and gain tutoring experience.

The Faculty-Student interaction is another plus point, with the Faculty always visibly open to doubts and ideas of the students. Innumerable students have been able to gain from this cooperative interaction both in academics and personal character. The balanced curriculum with emphasis on personality development (with Human Values and Physical Training) helpfully complement the technical courses.

Events at IIIT

On an artistic level, IIIT-H conducts various cultural events like Cultural Night (or Cult Night), where all the four houses compete with each other to win in a torrent of dances and plays. The October Flakes is another event for upcoming bands of all genres to showcase their latent talent and experience their passion (All musicians, GEAR UP!) .

We also have the Felicity Buzz, which is a run-up event to the annual fest Felicity. This event is similar to the Felicity but on a smaller scale, consists of Gaming and many other events for a blast of enjoyment for the newly-joined freshers.

The Informals are a couple of free-for-all interaction events with the seniors of all batches so the freshers can get to know the seniors faster and better

The most relevant and important cult event for the freshers is the Freshers - Flair event. This is Freshers only event where Freshers from all houses compete for their respective house's glory - winning the rolling trophy! Flair is the event which tests the individual participants in all their cultural and character traits, ultimately culminating in the crowning of the Mister Fresher and the Miss Fresher of the batch. (It's a coveted honour, so once again, GEAR UP!)

