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After Reaching Chennai:

The IIT Madras campus is located on the Sardar Patel Road, about 12km from Chennai Central and about 14km from the Chennai airport. Prominent landmarks around campus are the Guindy Snake Park, Gandhi Mandapam (Anna University Stop), Madhya Kailash Temple and the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) campus. The different ways in which to reach the institute from railway stations, the airport, and the Chennai Bus Terminus (CMBT) are mentioned below:

Railway Stations

The two major railway stations in Chennai are the Chennai Central and the Chennai Egmore.

Chennai Central

Option 1: City Bus

- The direct buses to campus are 5C and 19B. The bus stop for getting on these buses is opposite Chennai Central; the stop to ask for is CLRI/ Cancer Institute/ Madhya Kailash/ IIT
- Alternatively, there is Bus No. 18 to Saidapet and from there: 5B, 47, 47A, 47D, 147, or 23C to campus.
- Another option is to take one of the following: 1LSS, 4LSS, 1A, 1C, 6A to the Adyar Signal and then take 5B, 47, 47A, 47D, 147, or 23C to campus. The bus stop is right opposite to the IIT Madras main gate.



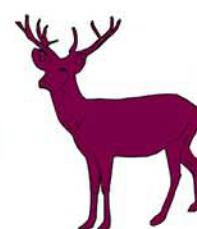
- One can also take the 221H to the Madhya Kailash stop, from which point the main gate is a short walk.
- Keep in mind that all these buses are to be boarded after crossing the busy main road; so this mode of transport is recommended for light travelers.

Option 2 : Taxi / Auto

- There exists a Fast Track prepaid taxi kiosk near the exit of platform 10, where one can avail taxi services.
- Further down near the main exit is a Prepaid Auto Stand.
- The fares range from Rs. 320-370 for a taxi, and Rs. 200-250 for an auto for drops to the respective hostels. These are an average of 3km from the main gate.
- Trips between 10pm-5am may be more expensive.
- Another viable option is Ola Cabs, where one can call an auto, a ‘mini’ (small vehicles like the Indica), a sedan, or an SUV depending on the size of luggage or the number of accompanying people. Different rates are applicable to different vehicle options, as specified by the company. It is advisable to download the Ola application and have a sufficient mobile data plan to use this facility. Uber is also a similar option.

Option 3 : Local Train

- One can go to the Park Town Railway Station opposite Chennai Central and take an EMU (local) train to Kasturbai Nagar Station (Adyar). From here, the main gate is a 15 minute walk away.
- This is the cheapest mode of transport in the city, but is advisable to only those with light luggage. Trains are available between 6:30am to 10:00pm only.



Chennai Egmore

Option 1 : City Bus

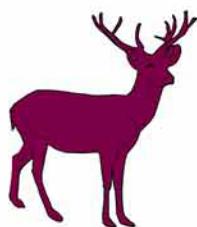
- From the bus stop right opposite to the station one can catch the bus 23C to the Institute.
- Otherwise one can take the 23E, 23A, 23G to Adyar Signal and then catch another bus like 21G or 152L to the campus.

Option 2 : Auto/Taxi

- Prepaid taxi and auto are available right outside the station.
- The standard fares from the station to campus are Rs.220-260 for an auto and Rs.350-400 for a taxi.

Bus Terminus (CMBT)

- The Chennai bus station is called the Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus (CMBT).
- Bus No. 570S, 570C and 570 from CMBT to Kelambakkam/Siruseri stops at the Gandhi Nagar Bus Stop.
- One can reach the Institute by taking bus No. 23M and getting off at CLRI/Madhya Kailash bus stop.
- An alternative is to take Bus No.M70 and ask for the stop at Gandhi Road. The rear entrance of the institute is right next to this bus stop. However, this is a wicket gate only two wheelers can enter. From this gate you have access to the Institute shuttle facility.
- Bus No.21G and T70 from CMBT drops you at the CLRI bus stop.
- Call taxi and auto are other possible options.



Airport

- If you arrive at the Chennai International Airport, you can make your way to the Institute in an auto, taxi or call taxi (yes there is a difference).
- Try booking a Govt. Approved prepaid taxi (black and yellow) as they are the cheapest around. A taxi till the hostel zone will cost you around Rs.350-400.
- Alternatively, if you want to come by bus you can take PP21 to the Institute or 21G to Gandhi Mandapam, which is on Sardar Patel Road, about half a kilometre from the main gate.
- You could also take a bus from the airport to Saidapet and take another bus to the Institute.

From the Main Gate to the Hostel

Within campus we have a shuttle service every 15 minutes that follows the route Main

Gate – Gajendra Circle – Velachery Gate to the Hostel zone and back again. These run from 6 AM to 9:45 PM.

Take a look at the board on the front of the bus for the destination to avoid confusion.

Travelling in the City

Common modes of transport in the city are buses and autos. Buses are usually crowded, especially in the peak hours.



Keep an eye on your belongings when taking public transport and beware of pickpockets.

Autos have meters with a minimum charge of Rs.25 for the first 1.8km and Rs.12 for every subsequent kilometre one travels. Using the meter isn't a common practice amongst most auto drivers. They usually have a fixed price beforehand. So decide the price before getting in. The drivers will quote a very high price so haggle to bring it down.

Chennai also has a system of call taxi services where you can call a taxi operator and book a cab. The taxi will be sent to pick you up and take you to your destination. These turn out to be quite economical especially if you're travelling in a group of 6-7 people.

| Call Taxi Operator | Phone Number |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fast Track | 044-2473 2020 / 044-6000 6000 |
| Ola Cabs | 044-3355 3355 |
| NTL Cabs | 044-3000 3000 |
| Taxi for Sure | 044-6060 1010 |
| Bharathi | 044-3000 2000 |
| Orange Cabs | 044-6565 6464 |
| Chennai Call Taxi | 044-2598 4455 |

Android and iOS applications can be downloaded for Ola Cabs, Taxi for Sure and Uberwhich can be used to arrange for cabs on short notice.



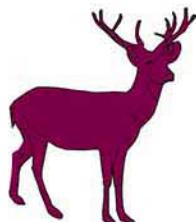
Things you will need to get you going on campus:

- A strong, durable lock from any hardware shop (with 3 keys); approximately Rs. 400
- A bucket, mug, and miscellaneous toiletries
- A mattress, pillows, and bedding
- Stationery including a scientific calculator (991MS/991ES), mini drafter, etc.
- A pair of khaki uniform and black leather shoes for workshop (applicable only for B.Tech./ Dual Degree students)

Therefore mentioned items can be purchased at the Students Facilities Centre in the hostel zone. Sim Cards of various service providers will also be sold during the orientation period in front of the Himalaya dining area. It would be advisable to get one as soon as possible, so that this local number can be provided for bank account creation, hostel registration, etc. It is worth noting that Airtel and Vodafone have the best coverage throughout the Institute.

A bicycle will also be required to travel in the campus. This can be bought at shops in Adyar or Velachery. Which are just outside campus. There will also be a cycle sale in the campus at discounted prices during the first few days. Despite these arrangements, some students prefer buying their cycles from main outlets outside campus which offer a broader variety of cycles. Some of these are:

- BSA Hercules Exclusive Store- Velachery and Adyar
- TI Cycle World- Velachery
- Just Buy Cycles- Velachery



Sites and Major Landmarks

Our campus has 4 gates- the Main Gate, the Velachery Gate, the Taramani Gate and the Krishna Gate. It is important to note that only the Main Gate allows for four wheeler entry/exit, while the others can be used for two wheelers as well.

Some major landmarks are:

Gajendra Circle (GC)- this is the main crossing and the most important reference point to go anywhere on campus. It can be identified by two elephant statues, and is almost equidistant from the main gate and the hostel zone (except Sarayu, Sharavati and Sabarmati hostels which are right next to the GC).

Student Activity Centre (SAC)- this is the building where the registration will be organised. It has a music room, badminton courts, a large auditorium, and more.

Central Library- this five storeyed building is home to a large number of books and journals, and is located very close to the Gajendra Circle. It also has a book bank where one can borrow textbooks for a semester.

Open Air Theatre (OAT) - It is an amphitheatre located between the GC and the Hostel Zone, where the Film Club screens movies every Saturday. It is also the site of Saarang and Shaastra Pro-Shows.

Administration Block- It is located near the GC. One might have to make frequent trips to the academic section on the fourth floor during their stay here.



Class Room Complex (CRC)- It is located between the Administration Block and the Velachery Gate, on Alumni Avenue. This is where most classes are held during the first year.

Office of the Dean of Students (DoST)- It is situated adjacent to the west end of the Administration Block.

Central Lecture Theatre (CLT)- This air-conditioned theatre is located a little ahead of the Central Library, in the Humanities and Sciences Block. It is often used as the venue for quizzes, special lectures, cultural activities, and more.

IC&SR Building- This is located opposite to the Humanities and Sciences Building on Alumni Avenue. The auditorium here has hosted distinguished lecturers such as Kiran Bedi, Kamal Hassan, etc.

Stadium- This large open air stadium is situated on Delhi Avenue and is used for various sports activities, Air Shows during Shaashtra, and more.

Gurunath- This is the main hub for commodities and eateries on campus, situated next to Himalaya in the middle of the Hostel Zone.

Sports Complex- This newly constructed building is the hub of all kinds of gymming and indoor sports activities. It is located ahead of the OAT on the straight road leading from the GC to the hostel zone.

Himalaya- This is a dining hall adjacent to Gurunath, containing majority of the messes.



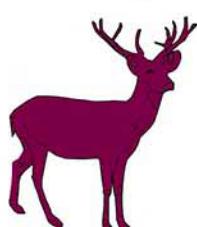
Facilities

Student Facilities Centre (SFC)- Commonly known as Gurunath, this is the main commodity centre. It is situated opposite to Nar-mada hostel. This place sells pretty much everything that you will need during your stay. It includes: Sri Gurunath Departmental Stores, Xerox Shop (Technographix), Gift Shop, Leo Confectionary, Gurunath Fried Chicken (GFC), Andavaar Fruits and Juices, Electronics Shop, Canara Bank ATM, Travel Agency (All India Travels

Shopping Complex- It is located in the residential area on Delhi Avenue. It contains: General Store, Fruit and Vegetable Shop, Tailoring shop, Salon, Sweets Shop, Travel Agency (Oasis Tours India Pvt Ltd), Ice Cream Shop, Canara Bank ATM, Bakery

Banks- There are two banks and six ATMs inside campus. There is also a Swipe and Withdraw service by SBI in Gurunath Departmental Stores, SFC.

| Bank/ATM | Location |
|-------------------|---|
| SBI ATM 1 | SBI, Near GC |
| SBI ATM 2 | Taramani Guest House, Hostel Zone |
| Canara Bank ATM 1 | Canara Bank, Near Campus Shopping Complex |
| Canara Bank ATM 2 | Students' Facility Centre |
| ICICI Bank ATM | CCW Office |
| Indian Bank | Near Ladies Club (Delhi Avenue) |



Post Office- Located opposite to the SBI Bank near GC.

Mobile Recharge Facility and Telephone Booths- mobile phone recharge facilities are available in the SFC; several shops outside the Taramani, Krishna and Velachery gates.

Xerox- SFC, Sarayu Hostel, Shopping Complex

Cycle repair shops- Near Alakananda Hostel, close to the Taramani Gate; near Sharavathi Hostel; in the shopping centre.

Laundry Facilities- There is a laundry facility operated by Wassup Laundry, located near the Brahmaputra Hostel between 10am-8am (Sunday holiday)

Institute Hospital- Upon following the road from the post office towards Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), one can find the Institute Hospital on the right. Visit <http://www.hospital.iitm.ac.in> for more information.

Food Joints

1. Gurunath Eateries

Located in the SFC (students facilities centre) with ample seating space, Guru is the mother of all insti food spots. They have got food varieties that can satisfy the Gordon Ramsay in you with sandwiches, noodles, fried rice and our very own GFC (insti KFC). It also has a dosa corner and a chaat vendor nearby.



2. Leo Confectioners

Located Next to Gurunath Stores is our very own pastry shop ‘Leo’. From muffins to pastries to puddings; you name it, they’ve got it. But Leo is not an all-sweet guy; if you ever feel like having a puff and some tea after a long day of lectures, head to Leo. The egg and veg puffs priced at 7/- and chicken at 8/- are the lowest prices in insti.

3. Andavar Juice Shop

It’s nothing but juices in there. Andavar is by far the most pocket friendly juice shop in insti, which really is its selling point as far as I am concerned. You could try out a bunch of combinations that they come up with everyday, like apple-fig or guava-honey, all of which taste good.

4. HUL Kiosk

You won’t be hearing this name all that much, since it usually goes by the name ‘Bru’. Located in Himalaya (the mess), Bru is the one place you can head to if you ever feel like having a paneer roll in the middle of the night. Besides that, they have a lot of sandwiches and rolls, all of which are vegetarian; but who cares as long as the food’s good?

5. Zea Gourmet Shop

Located on the first floor of Himalaya, Zea offers burgers, hot-dogs, nachos, sandwiches, wraps, pastas, and ice golas to name a few. It’s a cute little stall with a few stools here and there, and ideal for late night snacks.



6. Ramu Tea Stall

This is it, our all-night tea stall. It was so good that we had to have two of them, the first being located near Himalaya and the second at Vindhya mess, soon to be relocated to the newly constructed SFC. The type of food Ramu offers is typical tea stall variety stuff like puffs, samosas, rolls and other snacks along those lines. In addition to this, they have basic bakeries including biscuits, chips, and so on. A must try is their 5/10/15 rupee coke that they give out in glasses..

7. Suprabha

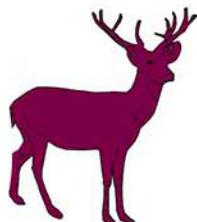
With a menu as elaborate as its own, Suprabha qualifies more for the title of a hotel than a cafeteria. The menu consists of different types of dosas, Indian breads and the other dishes you would find at a typical vegetarian restaurant. Suprabha ensures that the hungry child in you wouldn't have to cry all night.

8. Campus Cafe

Located near the Central Workshops, this facility offers typical South Indian Food and meals and is the best place to grab a bite before heading to the 8 o'clock class or during the lunch break at 1. The place is extremely pocket friendly with their yummy ghee roasts costing roughly 15/- . You'll find yourself at 'CC' nibbling a perfectly 'gheed-up' Dosa around the last week of a month, when you're practically broke.

9. Cafe Coffee Day (CCD)

We've all been in that place where we've asked a girl out on a



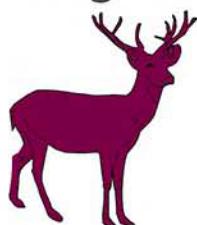
date (and she said yes!) and have no clue about where to take her. I am kidding! We're IITians; most of us don't have a love life. But for the few fortunate people out there, this is the place. Formerly operated by Kickstart, the place is right next to the Department of Management Studies. However the contract has been transferred to Cafe Coffee Day, and we're sure this place need no introduction to you folks. The place is set to be on par with international standards, with a wide range of bites at affordable prices. So next time you're bringing a date here remember, "a lot can happen over a cup of coffee".

10. Coffee Day Express

The place offers decent food and a regular cafe menu with cakes and brownies. It is located right next to Himalaya with a couple of tables in place and could well function as the substitute for Cafe Coffee Day as far as the date setting is concerned. Jokes aside, the shop is a decent place to hang out and chat.

11. Zaitoon and Parfait 3

When was the last time you saw a menu with Al-faham Chicken, Tandoori Chicken, Dragon Fish, Paneer Hariyali Tikka, Shawarma Roll, and Frankies? Well, here in insti we see it every day. Though it is considered one of the 'upscale' food spots in insti, the fact that there has never been a shortage of people coming in to Zaitoon shows its popularity among insti 'junta'. Not just Arabic, Zaitoon offers you all kinds of cuisines that you would get at a standard restaurant outside insti. The fact that Parfait 3 has opened up right next to the billing counter at Quark Complex is the icing on the cake, pun intended. It is a regular cake/snack shop with cakes like German Forest, Chocolate Truffle; we could go on and on.



Outside Campus

ATMs near IIT Madras

HDFC Bank

No. 3A,100, Taramani Road,
Tansi Nagar, Velachery,
Chennai - 600042

SBI

Opposite Ascendas IT Park,
Taramani Road,
Chennai

Axis Bank

Adyar, No 18,
Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Shastri Nagar,
RANE (Madras) Ltd. 61,
Velachery Road

Standard Chartered Bank

No.6, Lattice Bridge Road
Adyar

Hospitals

Government Royapettah Hospital

Royapettah High Road
Royapettah
Chennai - 600014
Tel: 28483051-56

Fortis Malar Hospitals

Ltd 52, 1st Main Road,
Gandhi Nagar
Near Adyar Bridge
Chennai - 600020
Tel: 24914023

Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd

21, Greams Lane
Thousand lights Area
Chennai - 600006
Tel. : 28293333
Ambulance Service: 28292111



Eating Joints

Phoenix Market City Food Court

**Phoenix Market City
Velachery, Chennai**

Rain Forest

**Adyar, Chennai
Phone No: 9840509009**

Liu's Waldorf

**#14, Sardar Patel Road
Adyar, Chennai - 600113
Phone No: 044-22350499**

Ascendas Food Court

**Ascendas IT Park
Taramani, Chennai**

Copper Chimney

**CSIR - Taramani Road,
Next to Ascendas IT Park,
Taramani, Chennai**

Places to Stay:

Places to stay around IIT can be found at this website <http://www.placetostay.in/>

There are many places available as guest house and service apartments. In localities option, add Velachery and Adyar to filter them out.

Please note that the above has been only 'suggested' for your convenience and the choice is absolutely based on individual preferences.



IIT Madras does not hold any responsibility towards the services made available at these places.

For any queries regarding more hotels or for verifying the mentioned specifics, do feel free to use Just Dial Services at 088888-88888 or 044-6999-6999 and state your needs.

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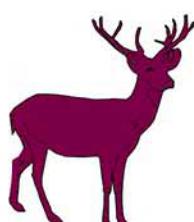
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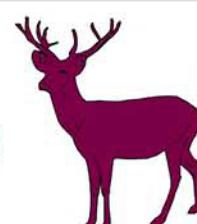
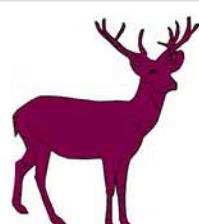
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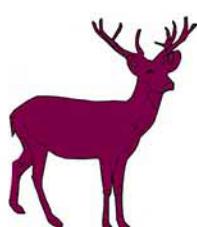


Scholarships

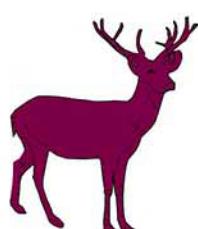
We are sure that your parents must be proud as you have cleared all the hurdles to reach to IITM. But this shouldn't content you. IIT Madras offers a lot of scholarships which are solely based on the financial condition of the student or the academic performance of the student. There are also scholarships which are based on both financial condition and academic performance of student. For scholarship details, check www.iitm.ac.in-/scholarships.

Some of the types of scholarships are mentioned below:

| Scholarship | Eligibility/Condition | Benefits of scholarship |
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| Institute Merit-cum- Means Scholarship | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Annual Income of Parents should not be more than INR 4,50,000 p.a.2. Awarded to only 25% of the students admitted3. Renewal of scholarship every semester is subjected to a minimum GPA of 5.0 in the previous semester | <p>Amount of Rs 1000 p.m.</p> <p>Reduction on Tuition fee of Rs 25,000 per semester</p> |



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| Institue SC/ST Scholarship | <p>Annual Income of Parents should not be more than INR 4,50,000 p.a.</p> <p>Renewal of scholarship every semester is subjected to a minimum GPA of 5.0 in the previous semester</p> | <p>Exemption of full tuition fees and hostel fees</p> <p>Award of Rs 250 p.m</p> |
| Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Gol. Central Sector/- Scholarship for SC students | <p>Only for top SC students, based on JEE rank</p> <p>Parental Income must be less than INR 2,00,000 p.a.</p> | <p>Personal PC Rs 45000 (one time), reimbursement of full fees</p> <p>Living Expenses Rs 2200 p.m.</p> |
| Aditya Birla Scholarship | The selection will be made by the Aditya Birla Group among the top 20 students in JEE Rank | Rs 60000 per annum and renewable every year subject to norms fixed by the Aditya Birla Group |
| OPJEMS | Awarded to 20 students based on JEE ranks or having CGPA among Top | Rs 65000 per annum for Btech students |



Education Loan

If you wish to avail loan services from bak, it is very easy to get here at any bank. For the banks within the campus - "Studying in IIT is a sufficient criterion in selecting students for loan". It means it is very easy to get loan if you submit an application with necessary documents. Following are some of the documents which need to be submitted by Student:

- 1)Mark sheets from 10th standard onwards
- 2)Copies of letter conferring scholarship (Applicable only, if you . are already getting a scholarship)
- 3)Schedule of payment, along with total fees to be paid
- 4)Receipts of advance payments made
- 5)Bonafide certificate from Institute showing full fees and dura. . tion of the course (You can get it easily from Academic section, IIT Madras)
- 6)Letter of Admission (You must have got a letter mentioning your course and the respective campus)
- 7)Two passport sized photographs of the borrower(s)
- 8)Proof of identity of borrower
- 9)Proof of Residence

Parent / Guardian / Spouse:

- 1)Two passport size photographs
- 2)Proof of Identity - Electoral ID card, Passport, Driving License, PAN Card, ID cards of reputed employers, Govt' Defence ID



cards and Pension Payment orders issued to retired employees of State & Central Governmental Departments, Photo ID card issued by Post Offices

3. Proof of Residence - Electoral ID card, Passport, Telephone Bill, Credit Card statement, Income/Wealth Tax Assessment Order, Letter from reputed employer, Ration card, Bank account statement, and Pension payment orders issued to retired employees of State & Central Government Departments.

4. Statement of bank Account/ copy of Passbook for last 6 months, evidencing salary/pension credits or business transactions

5. Statement of all loan accounts (as per CIBIL) for last 6 months

6. Latest three months' salary slips

7. Two years' Form 16 and IT Returns

After attaching the above mentioned documents with your duly filled form, you can submit it at SBI, IIT Madras branch.

Institute Related links:

<https://www.iitm.ac.in/> - The official Institute website

www.mitr.iitm.ac.in - The official Mitr website

www.saathi.iitm.ac.in - The official Saathi website

www.t5eiitm.org - The Fifth Estate

<https://ccw.iitm.ac.in/> - Office of the Hostel Management

<https://workflow.iitm.ac.in/student/> - IITM Students Academics Portal

<https://alumni.iitm.ac.in/> - Office of Alumni Affairs



<https://www.iitmaa.org/> - IIT Madras Alumni Association

<https://www.cfi-iitm.org/new/> - Centre for Innovation, IIT Madras

Useful sites for online courses:

Some popular sites for video lectures and online courses include but are not limited to Coursera, NPTEL, Udacity, edX, etc

Free and open source software downloading sites:

<http://www.xfig.org>

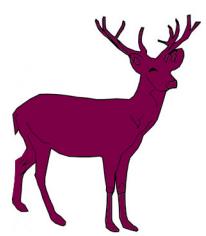
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End Note:

Please keep this booklet handy during the initial days at the Institute, you might find it useful.

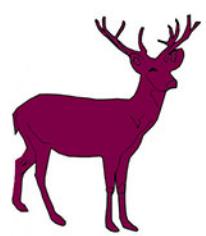
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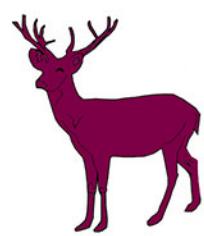


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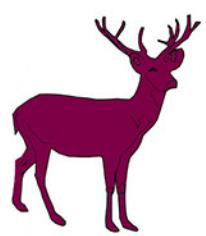
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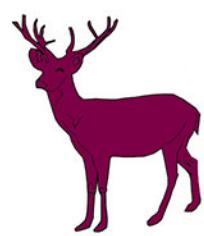


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