

Welcome to IIT Bombay, Mumbai



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# 1 Commuting to (from) the Institute

IIT Bombay is located in Powai, one of the northern suburbs of Mumbai. In order to reach the institute

## 1.1 From the Airport

Mumbai's airport is referred to as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) hereafter. The airport has two terminals: T1 and T2. International flights land at T2, which is about 10 km from IIT Bombay. Domestic operations are spread across the two terminals. Terminal T1 is about 15 km from the institute. Call taxis and Pre-paid taxis and autorickshaws are available at both the terminals (mention "Powai" as the locality if asked). Radio cabs Uber are also available. Indian radio cabs like Ola, Meru etc. have pre-paid booths at airports. Approximate cab fare from airport to IITB campus may vary between INR 300-400/- depending on traffic.

While going to the airport from campus, radio cabs can be booked online or one could go by rikshaws (3-wheeled cab like black-yellow vehicles) and local taxis available easily outside both main gate and Y-pointgate of IITB campus. Take care to mention the terminal while taking the cab.

Commuting to or from airport by means of transportation not mentioned here maybe cumbersome and confusing for non-mumbai residents.

## 1.2 From the Railway stations

The best option for new comers to Mumbai is to take radio cab or pre-paid taxi to reach IIT Bombay campus.

# 2 Daily Life on Campus

Entry to the campus is from three gates Main Gate, Lake side gate, and Y-point gate (some call market gate). One has to show proper identification or the valid purpose of visit document to the security personnel at the gates in order to get inside the campus. One can travel around the campus via autorickshaws. A map of the campus is available at InstiMap.

Most of the information provided here and other prominent information of the campus is provided in the institute app "InstiApp" available on android from google play store.

**Working hours:** The official working hours in IITB campus are 1000 hrs to 1700 hrs.

The laboratories and departments are open  $24 \times 7$ ; entries are subject to official access.

Central library timings are as follows – 0900 to 2300 hrs on Monday through Friday, and 1000 to 1700 hrs on Saturdays / Sundays / Holidays

## 2.1 Dining inside Campus

**Gulmohar Restaurant:** Located on the second floor of Gulmohar Building

- Available for lunch and dinner
- Timings: Open from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm and 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm

**Gulmohar Garden Restaurant:** Located on the ground floor of Building (outdoor seating).

- Suitable for breakfast and light snacks.
- Timings: Open from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm

**Staff Canteen:** Located near the Security Office in the Main Building

- Serves for quickmeals - breakfast and lunch.
- Timings: Open from 9 am till 2 am

**Brews and Bites Cafe:** Located outside hostel-8

- For coffee and light bites.
- Timings: Open from 11.00 am till 2.30 am

## 2.2 Daily needs

**Internet access:** IITB-WiFi and Eduroam networks are available in public areas of hostels and academic area (inside departments and in lecture halls). Participants will be provided with guest login details to access IIT-B WiFi.

**IIT Market Gate (YP Gate)** Plenty of small grocery and stationery shops and fresh fruit stalls inside the campus at YP gate.

**Haiko Supermarket** Global grocery store located in Hiranandani gardens about 2Kms from the campus.

**Dmart Supermarket** Indian grocery store few metres ahead of Haiko supermarket

## 2.3 About Systems and Control Engineering

*Location:* The Systems and Control Engineering building is located behind the central library (if one is facing the entrance of the library). Blue direction boards to the department are

1. on the road behind the library and
2. on the road between academic block and NCC grounds.

*Department Building:* Most of the faculty offices and labs are on the first floor. A map of the department is at the entrance of the department and on the wall facing the first flight of stairs to first floor.

*Letter of Invitation:* The department will send a personal invitation to those who require it for travel funds or visa purposes. However, this is not to be regarded as a promise for funding on behalf of the organizers or the department.

For further information, kindly contact the following department incharge for the workshop.

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### 3 General Information about Mumbai

**Climate** Mumbai's climate is moderately hot with high level of humidity. Its coastal nature and tropical location ensure that temperatures won't fluctuate much throughout the year. The month of January sees the winter season when average temperatures are around  $27^{\circ}C$ .

**Languages** The official languages of India are English and Hindi. Generally, everyone speaks some English, even if only a little. Marathi is also the official language of Mumbai and the state of Maharashtra, and is spoken widely in the city. English is widely spoken in IITB campus community.

**Visa requirements** A valid passport and visa are required to travel to India. The specific details can depend on the country of the visitor. We recommend following official government website for details - <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>

**Electricity** Alternating current, 230 Volt, 50 Hz. You may need to buy appropriate converters.

**Currency** Indian rupee (INR) is the currency used all over India. The nearest foreign exchange center is Thomas cook, located at Delphi Wing, Hiranandani Business Park, about 2 km from IITB campus. There are many others located in various parts of the city.