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छात्र संकायाध्यक्ष एवं  
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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 (and your parents/guardians/well-wishers) 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 hostel life at IITD. The hostel culture in our campus is very strong - bonds created in hostels will resonate throughout your lifetime. Starting with sharing rooms with your peers and learning how to live/operate together in teams, hostel life plays a major role in your transformation into responsible independent citizens of India and the world. All hostels have a very active social, cultural, creative and sports environment. Regular competitive and non-competitive intra- and inter- hostel events are organized by students throughout the year. These provide you chances to explore, and excel, in activities of your choice. It is also important for you to know that maintenance and upkeep of hostels, including operations of cooperative messes, are predominantly in the hands of students only, under the mentorship of wardens assisted by dedicated student-sensitive staff. Please do reach out to your peers, hostel caretakers and hostel wardens for any assistance.

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 regarding taking leave, on-boarding, de-boarding, room vacation, entertaining of guests etc.

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 well-being. 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. Student Mentors, from amongst existing students, have been allotted to you to help you start your journey. Please be in touch with your mentor regularly, for any type of help or guidance with respect to academic or campus life. We wish you all the success in your endeavours and look forward to receiving you on campus.

Best wishes,

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