

Indian Institute of Science Bangalore: Joining Day Tips

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- **Don't forget to bring...**

- Passport size and stamp size photographs.
 - Take as many as you can as you need them for a new cell phone connection or your Mess ID Card.
- All relevant documents like mark lists, certificates and relieving letter (If applicable).
- Offer letter for admission, proof of Fees paid...
 - Photostat copies of all the above documents
- If you have the tickets of travel (to and fro) of the day on which you attended the admission test and interview, bring them.
 - You may get the money back.
- If you have an existing Bank Account in SBI or Canara Bank, bring the account details.
- If you have PAN Card, bring it and its Photostat copy. It is required to start a new Bank Account, if you wish so.

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- **Reaching IISc Campus (Remember, IISc = TATA Institute)**
 - Indian Institute of Science is locally known as TATA Institute.
 - Auto rickshaw drivers and bus conductors may not know IISc, but they know TATA Institute.
 - From Bengaluru International Airport
 - City Taxis are available at the airport who charge on the taxi meter.
 - Distance to the campus is roughly 30km and you may have to pay around Rs.500.
 - From Majestic (Kembagowda Bus Station or SBC – Bangalore Railway Station)
 - Distance to the campus is roughly 8km and you may have to pay around Rs.10 for BMTc buses, Rs.60 for Auto rickshaw.
 - Take the buses to Yeshwantpura. IISc gate comes after Malleshwaram 18th Cross. There is a bus stop.
 - From any other points, board buses that go to Yeshwantpura. Take ticket to 'IISc or TATA Institute.'
 - Students' Council of IISc may arrange for transport from Railway Stations and Bus Stations. Contact phone number is:
 - +91-80-22932653
 - Visit the following link for other contact details of Students' Council (2009):
 - <http://www.iisc.ernet.in/scouncil/index.php/team-2009-10>

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- **Hostel Accommodation and Mess**

- The first thing to do after arriving at the campus is to get your hostel room.
- Go to the Hostel Office.
 - Help is available, ask anyone for directions. Once you get there, show the proof of hostel fees paid.
- You will be assigned a room randomly.
 - There is an option for room change after three months.
- The Room Allotment letter will be issued.
 - This is considered as your proof of residence.
 - Photostat copies of this document is needed to take a mobile phone connection or new SBI/Canara Bank accounts.
- You will also get Mess ID Card.
 - There are three types and you can get admission to any one of them.
 - 'A' Mess: Pure Vegetarian Mess
 - 'B' Mess: North Indian Vegetarian and Non Vegetarian Mess
 - 'C' Mess: South Indian Vegetarian and Non Vegetarian Mess

- **Food is available at:**

- 'Nesara' restaurant that opens by 7:00AM in the morning.
- 'Kabani' Canteen also opens by that time.
 - Both of them are near to the Hostel Office.
- A Tea Kiosk known as 'Tea Board' opens by 9:00AM.

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- **On Joining Day**

- The formalities like mark list verification, issuing temporary ID Card, issuing SR Number... happen on this day at Faculty Hall in the IISc Main Building.
- Have an early breakfast, come early to the hall and appear in your best dress and makeup.
 - Because, your photograph for the IISc ID Card will be taken there.
 - Imagine my situation when I arrived at the place out of breath with unkempt hair and unshaven face!
- Most probably, you will see a queue.
 - Token numbers are issued according to your position in the queue.
 - Admission procedures are completed according to this token number.
 - Moral: come early.
- You may have to write your name and address a million times in many documents.
- You may have to stick your photo in many documents.
 - Glue is usually provided.
- The procedure ends with the issue of temporary ID Card that has a unique SR Number.
 - You will need this SR number virtually for everything as it is your identification number.
 - Learn it by heart and write it somewhere for easy reference.

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- **Bank Account for Scholarship**

- You need to have a bank account for getting scholarship from IISc.
- The bank account should be in SBI or Canara Bank
 - Accounts in other banks are not encouraged, for some strange reason.
 - Inside the campus, SBI and Canara Bank branches are there. Getting an account is easy.
 - You can use your existing SBI or Canara Bank accounts or you can transfer the accounts to IISc Campus Branch.
- If you are taking a new Account at SBI Branch in IISc
 - You will be issued ATM Cum Debit card.
 - Online Banking will be enabled.
 - Special request need to be separately given for allowing IISc to automatically deduct Mess Bill from your SBI Account. This is known as 'Regularize' the account.
 - Special request is needed to register and link your mobile number with the bank account. Third party account transfer needs this linking of mobile number.
- I don't have first hand experience with Canara Bank of IISc.

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- **Mobile Network and New Connections**
 - IISc campus has a BSNL Customer Care Centre where new pre-paid connections can be purchased.
 - Student plans are available.
 - Post paid connections were not available last year (2008).
 - Students' Council of IISc allows a vendor to sell SIM cards of private operators in the campus.
 - In 2008, Airtel had the best coverage in the campus than other operators.
- **Other Facilities**
 - Students' Council of IISc allows vendors to sell beds and pillows in the campus.
 - Items like bucket, soap, shampoo, clothes hangers... are available in a stationary store near Hostel Office.
 - Tailor shop, Barber shop, Medical shop... are also there.
- **Moral of the whole story:**
 - Travel light. Bring only the necessary items. You are in Bangalore, everything can be purchased from here.

All the very best!