

HOW TO REACH IIT MADRAS

AFTER REACHING CHENNAI

The IIT Madras campus is located on the Sardar Patel Road, half-way between the Raj Bhavan and the Adyar bus terminus, i.e. about 12 kms from Chennai Central. The other landmarks are the **Guindy Snake Park** adjacent to the IIT main gate and the **Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI)** campus lying opposite to ours. The travel time from the airport, railway stations or Koyambedu bus terminus is approximately 45mins.

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Once you reach the In-gate, there are buses to Gajendra Circle (near the administrative block and Central Library), the academic zone and the hostels (they are around 3.8 km from the main gate) almost every 15 minutes during 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The following are the ways to reach IIT from railway stations, airport, and bus terminus.

FROM CHENNAI CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION

Taxi

If you have heavy luggage or with a group of more than 3 persons, it would be convenient for you to hire an auto or a taxi. The Chennai Central Railway Station has a system of pre-paid autos and taxis. Else, you can travel by call taxi. There is a token booth for call taxis outside the station. Alternatively, you may also choose to hire an auto or taxi yourself. The fare to the campus from Chennai Central will be around Rs. 250- 300/- for a taxi, which will drop you at the hostels, which are about 3.2 kms from the IIT main gate. Taxis can either be pre-paid (the facility is available just outside the Chennai Central railway station), or can be booked with any taxi operator like Ola or Uber.

Auto rickshaws

It is important to note that auto rickshaws in Chennai do not run on metre. The fare quoted by the driver is generally unreasonably high, so it is advisable to bargain and haggle, starting with about Rs.30-50 lesser than the quoted fare. The fare will be about Rs. 130/- for an auto-rickshaw.

Local Train

1. Use the subway and cross the street in front of the Chennai Central Railway Station, to reach Park Town station.
2. Get tickets for train going to Kasturibai Nagar (Adyar). You can get a train every 20 minutes on weekdays during 4:20 am to 10:30 pm and every 30 minutes on weekends during 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
3. On reaching Kasturibai Nagar, get down and ask for Sardar Patel Road or IIT Madras. The In-gate of IIT Madras is at a walking distance of 5 minutes from the station. You can also go to Park Railway Station opposite the Central station and take a local train to Guindy or Saidapet station and reach the campus from there by the buses mentioned below. **We advise you not to use this mode if you are travelling with a heavy luggage.**

City Bus

If you are travelling with light luggage, you can take a city bus to IIT. The bus stop is right opposite the Central Station. You could use the subway to cross the road which is perpetually busy. Your options are:

1. **The direct buses to the campus are 19B and 5C.** If you take any of them, get down at Gandhi Mandapam or CLRI, which is at walking distance from the IIT main gate.
2. You can also take any bus to Saidapet and from there, any bus heading for Adyar or Besant Nagar Adyar (5B, 47, 47A, 47D, 23C etc.) which will drop you right in front of the IIT gate, on the opposite side.
3. You could also take any bus to Adyar; there are frequent buses from Adyar Signal to the campus.

FROM CHENNAI EGMORE RAILWAY STATION

You can take 23C to IIT or a 23E, 23A, 23G to Adyar signal from where there are a number of buses to IIT. Current auto and taxi fares from Egmore are around Rs. 120/- and Rs. 180/- respectively. You can also make use of Call Taxi, Ola, or Uber. Alternatively, a local train to Guindy can be taken.

FROM CHENNAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

If you arrive at the Chennai Meenambakkam Airport, you can make your way to the Institute in a Call Taxi, Ola, or Uber. PrePaid Taxis from the airport to inside the campus cost about Rs.250. Or take a bus, PP21.

FROM BUS TERMINUS, CMBT, KOYAMBEDU

Chennai interstate/intercity bus terminus is called Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus, commonly known as CMBT. From CMBT, you can come to institute by taking city bus 23M or by Call Taxi, Ola, or Uber. On the way if your bus stops at Anna University or CLRI.