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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE



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1 NITC

1.1 NITC TODAY

National Institute of Technology Calicut (NITC) is one of the 31 institutions of national importance set up by an Act of Parliament namely the 'National Institute of Technology Act 2007', and is fully funded by the Government of India. The mandate of the Institute is to provide higher technical education and conduct research in the various branches of Engineering, Science, Technology and Management. Originally established in 1961 as a Regional Engineering

College (REC), it was transformed into a National Institute of Technology in 2002. The Institute offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in Engineering, Science, Technology and Management. With its proactive collaborations with a multitude of research organizations, academic institutions and industries, the institute has set a new style for its functioning under the NIT regime.



1.2 ABOUT KOZHIKODE

The region of Malabar that hosts the Institute is the northern part of the State of Kerala and is a destination for ecotourism. The region is fast developing and is vibrant in all spheres of human life; there is no smoke and choke of heavy industries. Local business, small-scale industries and the overseas jobs of the local population combined with the revolutionary practices of land reforms have resulted in a uniform distribution of development across the region.

Malabar is historically known for its spices and trading with the Middle East.

As an institution of higher education and research, NIT Calicut has taken the lead in regional development and the infrastructure for testing, research and development and is undergoing continuous improvement.

Kerala is a state located in the southwestern region of India. It is known for its rich cultural heritage, lush green landscapes, and unique social and economic indicators. Nature's bounty, vibrant culture and exotic cuisine bespeak the land's tourist slogan "God's Own Country".



1.3 HOW TO REACH KOZHIKODE

To reach Kozhikode, India, you have several travel options. You can start by booking a flight from your country to Calicut International Airport. If there are no direct flight options, you can consider booking a connecting flight from another major Indian city based on your budget and travel preferences. Alternatively, you may opt to book train tickets to Kozhikode Railway

Station or explore bus options to reach the KSRTC Bus Stand in Kozhikode from your starting location within India.

Your choice of transportation will depend on factors such as cost, convenience, and the location from which you are beginning your journey.

1.4 HOW TO REACH THE NITC KOZHIKODE CAMPUS

Direction to NIT Calicut
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/cUtbP9fAWkPEQrnSA>

FROM AIRPORT TO NITC CAMPUS

Taxi or Cab The most convenient option is to take a taxi or cab from the airport. You can easily find prepaid taxi

counters at the airport. Inform the driver that you want to go to NIT Calicut, and they will take you directly to the campus. This is a relatively quick and hassle-free option. The price range may vary from 1000 to 1500 rupees, depending on factors such as the time of day and traffic congestion.

Auto-Rickshaw Auto-rickshaws are also available outside the airport. While they are a more affordable option, they are less comfortable and may not be suitable if you have a lot of luggage. Be sure to negotiate the fare with the auto-rickshaw driver before starting the journey.

Public Bus The Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) operates public buses in the area. You can take a bus from the airport to the nearest bus stop to NIT Calicut. However, this option may be less convenient if you have a lot of luggage, and you'll need to be familiar with the local bus routes and schedules.

BY TRAIN

App-Based Ride Services (Ola) You can use Ola service, which operates in the Calicut area. Simply book a ride through their

apps, and a driver will pick you up at the Railway station.

Auto-Rickshaw As mentioned for the airport, you can find auto-rickshaws near the Kozhikode Railway Station exit as well. However, it's essential to negotiate the fare with the auto-rickshaw driver to ensure a fair and reasonable price for your journey.

PUBLIC BUS

You can take a public bus to reach the NITC Campus, with options available from either Palayam Bus Stand or the KSRTC Bus Stand. Links to these bus stands are provided below for your convenience.

Palayam Bus stand

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/iPiKbzpAbpUPYSDA9>

KSRTC Bus stand

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UTNjkvstB3LSKuPNA>

By City Bus As mentioned earlier, you have the option to take a city bus from either Palayam or the KSRTC Bus Stand, or a nearby bus stand within Kozhikode, based on your convenience and location.



1.5 AFTER REACHING NITC



A PERSON TO CONTACT ON ARRIVAL

On arrival at NITC, you will be provided accommodation in any one of the hostels based on pre-arrangement and against prepayment for the same. You will be assigned a buddy as soon as your admission at NITC is approved. Before arrival, you can reach out to the staff of the Office of International or Buddy.

1.6 ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION



Before you can start studying at NITC, it is essential to complete the immigration registration process. Upon arrival, you will need to check in at the hostel, which has been pre-booked for you by the Office of International and Alumni Relations (IACR). Within 24 hours of your arrival in India, you must submit the C-form at the Hostel Office. If you plan to travel around India before reaching the NITC campus, you will have to complete the C-Form registration at the hotel where you are staying, within 24 hours of your arrival in India.



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND ALUMNI RELATIONS (IAR)

The next step is to visit the International Affairs and Relations (IAR) office for document submission, orientation, and registration in the database. Obtain all the necessary forms for registration. NITC has established IAR to enhance its initiatives in the field of international outreach.



DEPARTMENT

The third step is to visit the academic department concerned, meet the faculty and Head of Department (HoD), and discuss your courses and program at NITC. Obtain the signatures of the HoD and the faculty advisor on your 'Joining report'.



ACADEMIC SECTION

The fourth step is to visit the Academic section and submit the 'Joining report' which must be signed by your Faculty Advisor (FA) and Head of the Department (HoD). Once submitted, you will be assigned a Student Registration Number which is also known as a 'Roll Number.' You will also be issued an Identity Card, after which you will need to complete the online S-form registration within 48 hours of your arrival. Please note that delays

in registration will result in penalties for the student. Some students may also need to visit the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) if it is mentioned on their passport.

Your student ID card is necessary to access facilities such as the Library, Medical facilities, sports centre, and examination hall. Your student ID card is an essential item that must not be lost or damaged, so please take good care of it. Before leaving NITC International students have to submit “No Dues” (clearance) certificates from the Hostel/ central Library/Department to the Academic Section, with a copy to the Office of International Relations. Close your bank account after making sure all bank transfers and payments are Complete.



EXTENSION OF YOUR STAY

If you wish to extend your stay at NITC, you will have to apply for an extension with the international exchange coordinator at IAR and submit a permission letter from your home Institution in case of Exchange students. The student also has to apply for an extension of accommodation arrangements and visa before the permit expires.

If you wish to visit places outside Kozhikode and Kerala, keep the hostel warden, Faculty advisor, NITC Buddy or the Office of International and Alumni Relations informed and provide your contact numbers.



BEFORE LEAVING NITC

Extension of your stay : If you plan on extending your stay at NITC, you will need to apply for an extension through the Office of International Relations. Exchange students must also include a permission letter from their home institution. Ensure that you apply for an extension of accommodation and visa before the permit expires. If you plan on travelling outside Calicut Or Kerala, please inform the hostel warden, faculty advisor, or the Office of International Relations. Additionally, provide them with your contact numbers to assist you in case of any emergency.

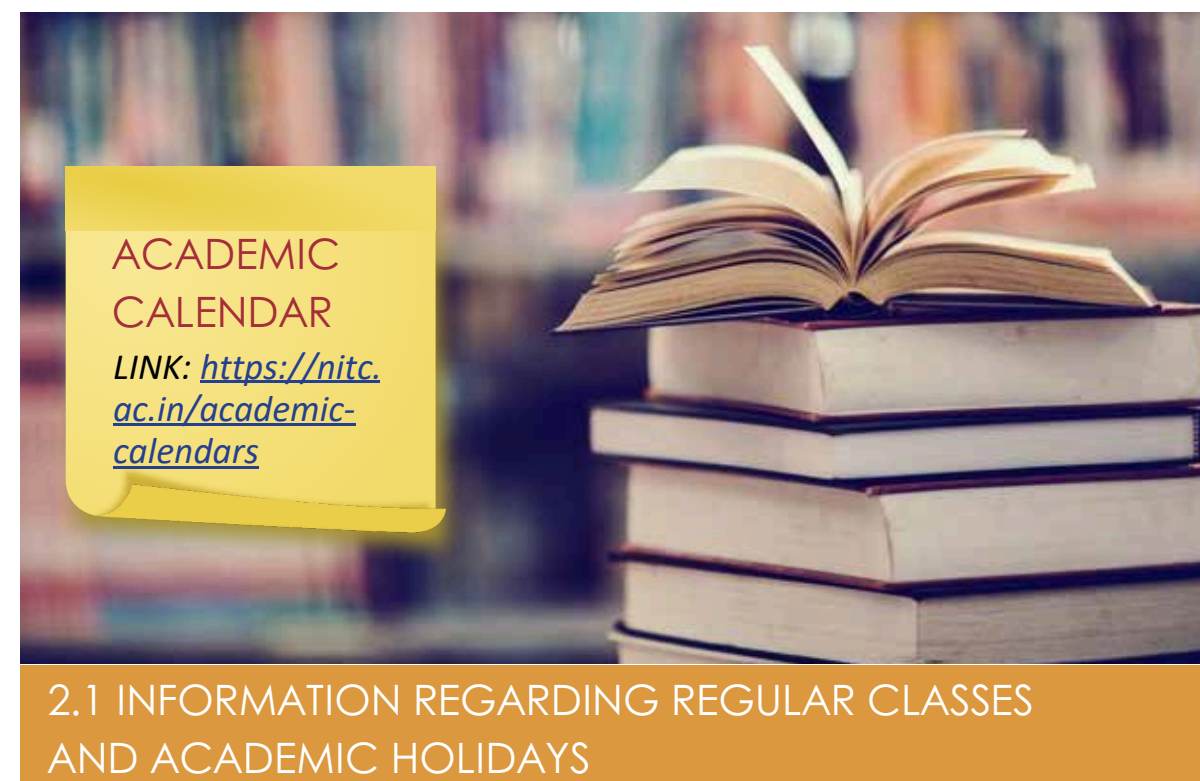


WHERE CAN I MAKE PHONE CALLS FROM?

All the hostels have hostel offices located within the hostel premises, from where you can make local calls. You can buy SIM cards from the BSNL office or service providers in the store on campus.

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ACADEMIC LIFE AT NITC



Regular classes generally run from 8 am to 6 pm, with specific schedules varying based on the department, batch, and year. There is a general lunch break from 1 pm to 2 pm. The academic calendar, provided at the beginning of the semester, outlines semester holidays, dates for cultural and technical events, sports days, and examination schedules, helping students prepare accordingly.

| DURATION | SEMESTER | SEMESTER |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| TERM | Monsoon Semester (August to November) | Winter Semester (January to April) |
| CLASSES | Last week of July to last week November | 1st week of January to last week April |
| ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION | Third week of July | Last week of December |
| EXAM (subjected to change) | Mid Sem - September End Sem - Mid of November | Mid Sem - February End Sem - Mid of April |

2.2 THE CENTRAL LIBRARY



The Central Library at NIT Calicut stands as a premier technical library in South India, a witness to its rich history dating back to the college's establishment in 1961. Covering an impressive floor area of 11,340 square meters, it boasts a remarkable collection of over 135,000 technical and scientific books. The Central Library plays a pivotal role in the academic and research life of the institution catering to a diverse user base of over 8000 individuals, including undergraduate and postgraduate students, research scholars, faculty, and employees from various Departments. The Library operates around the clock.

2.3 COMPUTER CENTRE

Central Computer Centre (CCC) is the central facility in NIT Calicut which caters for the computing requirements of the whole community of this institution. The Centre has state of the art infrastructure with four fully operational terminals spanning over three floors of the building. Decision Support System (DSS) of the institute also operate from the Centre building. The Centre has 190+ client machines and has a capacity to include 400+ machines.

2.4 BUDDY PROGRAM

All International students are assigned a buddy as soon as they are admitted to our programs and before arrival at NITC. The buddies can help International students to acclimatise to academic and cultural life at NITC

2.5 MEET AND GREET

The Office of International Relations (OIR) organizes a number of Meet and Greet days. All incoming international students are greeted at the Kozhikode International Airport on their arrival. Office of International Relations will organise an informal welcome meeting after two weeks after their arrival for a casual discussion and take feedback from International students on every aspect of their visit and stay on campus.

2.6 CLUBS

CULTURAL CLUBS LITERARY & DEBATING CLUB

The Literary and Debating Club (LnD) is the institution's oldest club, honoured as the 'Best Cultural Club' in 2022. LnD's initiatives center on fostering free expression and understanding the student community. Notable initiatives include Crowtalks, the flagship program, which spreads campus awareness with a satirical touch. The Book Club nurtures a reading culture through engaging discussions. Sunset by the Main offers open mic performances, and Page Turners is a

well-received book exchange program. HONIT (Humans of NIT Calicut) shares inspiring stories from campus individuals, while Conclaves provide a platform for diverse opinions and expert perspectives. LnD collaborates with NGOs, such as Kanak, to support various causes. Debutante is the club's flagship event in schools, promoting confidence and co-curricular skills. LnD is committed to LGBTQIA inclusivity and hosts Mental Health Awareness Week in May to promote awareness and a safe campus environment.



INDIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

The Indian Cultural Association (ICA) at NITC actively promotes art and culture within the student community and beyond. They host events like Carpe Diem, an open mic event, Swaraa for classical music enthusiasts, and online initiatives like Chords and Kalaa. Additionally, their web series, Colossal Chaos, provides relevant college

experiences through reels and IGTV videos, and they organize workshops with industry experts to help students learn new skills. ICA also addresses important societal issues, aiming to make a positive impact in the student community and beyond, all while embracing and unearthing cultural treasures.

INDUSTRIAL AND PLANNING FORUM

The Industrial & Planning Forum (IPF) at NITC, established in the 1960s, primarily focuses on bridging the gap between students and the industrial world. They nurture an entrepreneurial mindset, offer insights into today's industries, and host the NITC On Campus Edition of the Hult Prize competition. This club also organized NITCMUN, a global debate event. During the pandemic, they

utilized social media for informative content on the business world, launched a podcast series, and created 'Side-hustlers' videos, highlighting students pursuing their passions alongside their studies. IPF's mission is to empower students with essential professional skills and connections in the corporate realm.

AUDIO VISUAL CLUB

The Audio Visual Club at NIT Calicut is a talented group of web developers, illustrators, content creators, and photographers. Established in March 2017, their goal is to engage the NITC community through various initiatives. They host entertaining events like competitive gaming, immersive podcasts, and movie nights. Their podcast series, "I Think Your Mic Is Turned Off"

(ITYMITO), and comic strip series add a humorous twist to classic cinema scenarios. The club also pays tribute to stars like Nedumudi Venu and Quentin Tarantino with "Timeless Tributes" and hosts a Valorant tournament called "Rise to Radiant." The open mic event, "Hakuna Matata," showcases the college's talent, making the Audio Visual Club a hub for visual and aural enjoyment.

THE ADVENTURE CLUB

The Adventure Club NITC, known as TAC, is a prominent club at the National Institute of Technology, Calicut. Established in the 1960s, TAC is dedicated to providing entertainment and recreation for the college's students. Over the years, it has organized exciting events like Escapade, Road to Tathva, and Adrenaline.

Even during the pandemic, TAC adapted and successfully conducted online events like Fan-fight and Country bluff, with both participants and coordinators enjoying the experiences. The club has maintained its vibrant spirit throughout its journey, offering students engaging adventures and activities.

CLUB MATHEMATICA

Club Mathematica, a distinguished club at the National Institute of Technology, Calicut, focuses on fostering students' logical reasoning and critical thinking skills through standardized events. Established in the early 2000s, the club offers a platform for students to expand beyond academics. Infinitum, one of their flagship events, has witnessed significant growth over the years,

with the latest online edition attracting over 22,000 participants from various regions. The competition is open to students in grades 7-12 and offers substantial prizes. Club Mathematica is dedicated to promoting mathematical exploration and enhancing students' problem-solving abilities.

ENQUIRE QUIZ CLUB

Enquire is NITC's quiz club with a rich two-decade tradition, making it one of India's largest college quiz fraternities. The club is not just for quiz enthusiasts; it welcomes anyone with an open, logical mind. Enquire aims to promote quizzing at NITC and beyond, offering a platform for diverse talents to flourish. They are looking for individuals interested in quizzing, talented

designers, event managers, tech enthusiasts, and curious learners. Joining Enquire means becoming part of a prestigious club, representing NITC at various quiz events, collaborating with like-minded individuals, gaining behind-the-scenes event experience, and networking with supportive seniors.

INDIAN SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) at NIT Calicut is committed to promoting technical development and personal growth through creative and innovative initiatives. In recent years, they have focused on improving their digital presence, launching a new website, and hosting engaging events. These include the successful monthly webinar series "Newton Speaks," featuring renowned experts, and

collaborations with organizations like TEQS, Make a Mail, HerMoney talks, and Geeksforgeeks to offer workshops, hackathons, and fundraising efforts. They also provide educational content through their blog, 'Techquila,' and a monthly web series called 'TechSorted,' aimed at simplifying complex tech topics for all to enjoy. ISTE at NIT Calicut strives to nurture knowledge and creativity in the field of technology.

HUMAN VALUES GROUP

Human Values Group revolves around promoting and fostering positive human values such as empathy, kindness, compassion, respect, and tolerance. The club always aims to create a supportive and inclusive community where

members can discuss, learn, and practice these values in their daily lives and conduct events that encourage personal and societal growth through the cultivation of these essential human values.

MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club at NIT Calicut, established in the early days of the institution, plays a pivotal role in fostering a diverse musical culture among the student community. In addition to the annual 'Tathva Music Club Nite,' the club regularly hosts Jam Nites and performs at various events within the NITC campus. Over the years, it has been a nurturing ground for several bands, some of

which have achieved recognition at inter-college band competitions across South India. The Music Club welcomes members from various cultural clubs, degree programs, and even faculty, promoting inclusivity and a shared love for music. You can find their base above the NITC auditorium, a haven for music enthusiasts.

CLUB UNWIRED

ClubUnwired(CUW). Unwired as in radio-controlled modelling. Unwired as in freedom, the freedom to think and dream big without boundaries or restrictions. The club consists of passionate and dynamic students of the National Institute of Technology Calicut -one of India's premier engineering institutes. Even though R/C

modelling is the primary area of focus of CUW, we envision it to be a comprehensive Science & Technology club. Club Unwired is a platform for creative and original ideas with innovation at its core. CUW sees itself as a part of a global community. It stands by the motto-"think global, live local".

THE ROBOTICS INTEREST GROUP (RIG)

Robotics Interest Group (RIG) was formed out of the passion for robotics, to facilitate learning and research in the areas of Mechatronics/ robotics and Intelligent Systems, Automation, Advanced Control Systems, Modelling and Simulation, and Sensors & Algorithms. We aim to acquire knowledge and appropriate hands-on experience, to meet the needs of these rapidly changing technologies and provide services to the industry for promoting new technologies as well as designing and manufacturing commercially viable products, for the development of our country. Along with technological advancement, taking up socially relevant projects that can be brought to the aid of common people is of prime importance to us. We also make sure that the knowledge acquired is shared with students, by conducting workshops, exhibitions and talks; thereby introducing them to this stream and

invoking an interest among them in the same.

- AEROUNWIRED
- FOSS CELL
- IEEE

IEEE Student Branch NIT Calicut is a dynamic community of over 210 students working as one with the motto "Advancing Technology for Humanity". As a hub for aspiring engineers, scientists, and technology and management enthusiasts, Student Branch provides a platform to explore, learn, and create at the intersection of cutting-edge and real-world applications. The club strives to enable the all-round development of students both at NIT and from external colleges students with knowledge, hands-on experiences, and a vibrant network of like-minded individuals, united by a shared passion for pushing the boundaries of what's possible.

OTHER CLUBS

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

National Service Scheme (NSS) is a central sector scheme of the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. It produces opportunities to the student youth to take part in various government-led community services and

programs. With this organization, the students can build their character, maintain discipline, create leadership and become a person who understands human nature.

CLUB INNOVATION (SEF)

Social Engineering Forum (SEF) is an Innovation Club that initiated the activities long back to provide technical solutions for problems relevant to society. Dr. G. Unnikrishnan, Professor in the Department of Chemistry of NIT Calicut, was the Faculty-In-Charge for the club. AAVISHKAAR was initiated by SEF and later it became a part of the Tathva. Recently, Dr. Gangadhara Kiran Kumar L, Asst. Prof in the Department of Mechanical

Engineering of NIT Calicut took the responsibility of an Innovation Club, Social Engineering Forum (SEF). In the meeting held on 19th July 2017, it was decided to popularize the Social Engineering Forum as "Club Innovation (SEF)". Both Management and Technical Committees will be formed in every academic year to plan and organize the Club activities.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

The 'Aims' of the NCC laid out in 1988 have stood the test of time and continue to meet the requirements expected of it in the current socio-economic scenario of the country. The NCC aims at developing character, comradeship, discipline, a secular outlook, the spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service amongst young citizens.

Further, it aims at creating a pool of organized, trained, and motivated youth with leadership qualities in all walks of life, who will serve the Nation regardless of which career they choose. The NCC also provides an environment conducive to motivating young Indians to join the armed forces.

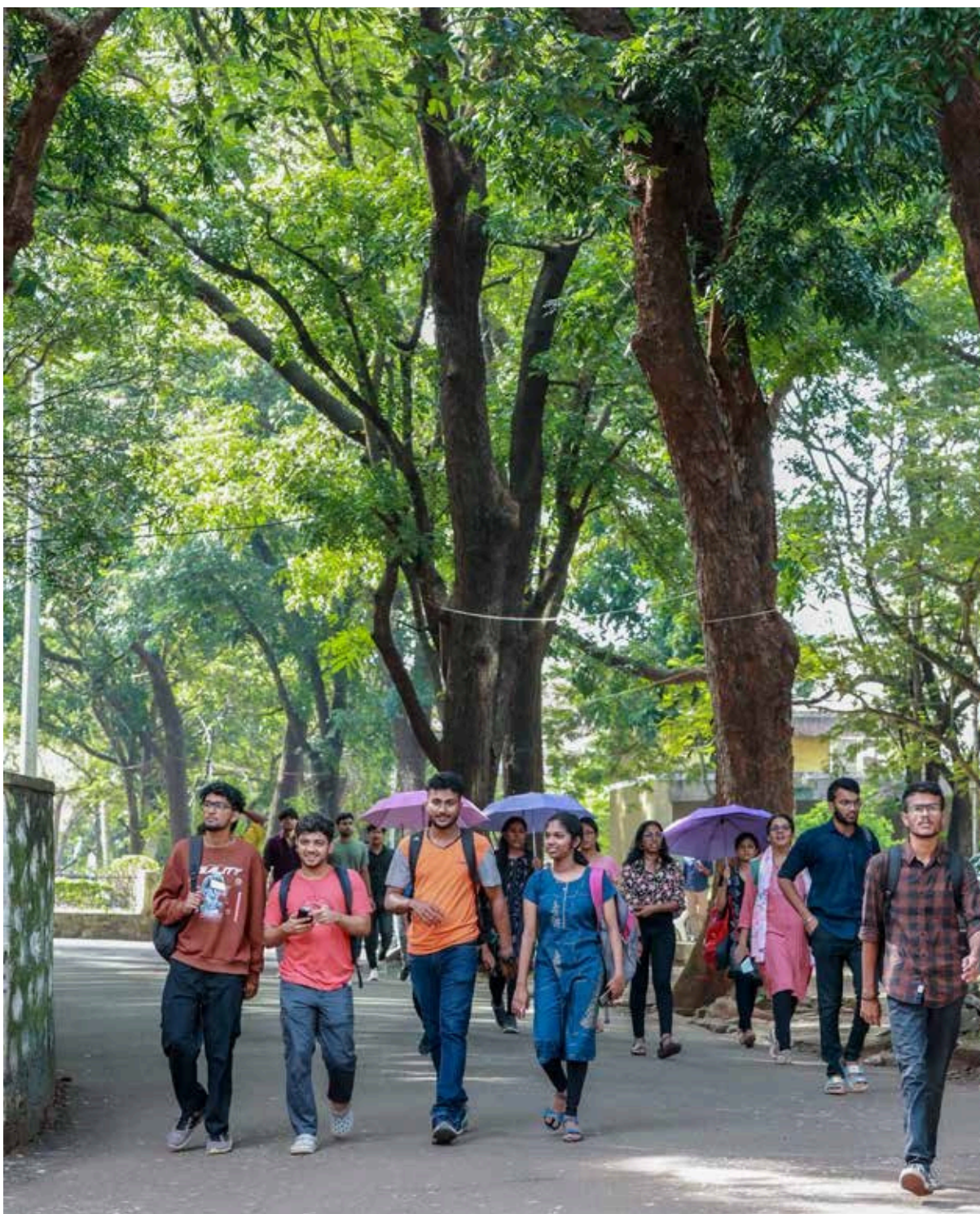
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CLUB

The Artificial Intelligence Club is a platform for students and teachers to collaborate on innovative AI-based technologies. Advances in AI and Deep Learning have increased the demand for trained professionals. AI Club has helped build a community for enthusiasts to collaborate and create together. The club works on challenging research projects, conducts workshops on the

latest AI topics and hosts seminars by leading professionals in the field. In the two years of its existence, the club has conducted national and international level workshops, published numerous papers and bagged medals in various competitions.

CPHUB

CP Hubisa programming club focused primarily in the domain of Competitive Coding. CP Hub aims to foster a Competitive Programming culture in NIT Calicut and help students tackle challenges involved in problem-solving through computer programming and in turn advance their career development.



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LIFE ON CAMPUS



3.1 NITC CAMPUS MAP

Departments

- ① Architecture and Planning
- ② Chemical Engineering
- ③ Chemistry
- ④ Civil Engineering
- ⑤ Computer Science and Engineering
- ⑥ Electrical Engineering
- ⑦ Electronics & Communication Engineering
- ⑧ Mathematics
- ⑨ Mechanical Engineering
- ⑩ Physics
- ⑪ Career Development Centre
- ⑫ Physical Education
- ⑬ Bioscience and Engineering
- ⑭ Material Science and Engineering
- ⑮ Management Studies
- ⑯ Humanities Arts and Social Sciences
- ⑰ Department of Education

Campus Infrastructure

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ① Health Centre | ⑱ Swimming pool |
| ② Institute Guest House | ⑲ Health Club |
| ③ Students Amenity Centre | ⑳ Old Library/Cafeteria |
| ④ Main canteen | ㉑ SBI ATM |
| ⑤ Canteen | ㉒ Post Office |
| ⑥ SBI Branch | ㉓ Central Library |
| ⑦ SBI ATM | ㉔ Cooperative Store MBH 2 |
| ⑧ SBI ATM | |
| ⑨ PNB ATM | |
| ⑩ Day care centre | |
| ⑪ Administrative block B | |
| ⑫ Open Air Theatre | |
| ⑬ Auditorium | |
| ⑭ ⑮ ⑯ Reprographic Facilities | |
| ⑰ Main Cooperative Store | |

KOZHIKODE CITY MAP



3.2 ACCOMMODATION, DINING, AND LIVING COST

HOSTEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The campus boasts 11 men's hostels and 2 women's hostels, accommodating over 6000 individuals. An international hostel caters to guests, while a new mega hostel for boys is nearing completion. Each hostel offers common rooms, recreational centres, and access to newspapers, magazines, and indoor sports facilities. Guest rooms are available for visitors, and 24-hour internet and computing facilities are provided. Continuous water and electricity, along with backup power, are ensured. Amenities like canteens, bookshops, and fruit stalls are conveniently located.

The men's hostels provide a range of sports facilities including basketball, volleyball, table tennis, and more. Two power laundries are also available. The women's hostel features a gym, stitching centre, library, fitness Parlor, indoor sports facilities and night canteen enhance the amenities.

NITC ensures students enjoy a comfortable stay, providing everyone with a well-appointed double room equipped with essential amenities like a bed, cupboard, and study table. This ensures a conducive environment for focused study and personal space for relaxation.

DINING

NITC has a common dining facility for its students, staff, and faculty. Both north Indian and south Indian varieties are served in the dining hall (You can also buy extras if you wish to). The quality of food is regularly inspected by the student representatives and the wardens.

There are 14 messes serving food with wide variety of menu, associated with men's hostels out of which, C mess is south Indian vegetarian B mess is north Indian vegetarian and 4 messes in ladies hostel cater demands of students from all over India.

On Campus Café



3.2. HOST FAMILY

To start with we can plan to find host families with international students and be exposed to different cultures. It is a great way for them and/or their children to meet

3.3 FESTIVALS AND EVENTS AT NITC

TATHVA (TECHNICAL FEST)

Tathva is the annual techno-management fest of National Institute of Technology, Calicut. Workshops featuring a multitude of topics on technical advancements and scientific exploration will be held on 3 days of fest. A group of tech-savvy students started a fiesta at the beginning of a new century and called it Tathva, which translates to "Principle". When it first appeared in 2000, it provided young people with a vast stage to demonstrate their technical ingenuity and learn cutting-edge information.

With more than two decades of growth, this festival became South India's largest techno-management fest, garnering nationwide attention. Tathva's motto is to combine technology, innovation, and fun to create an experience unlike any other. It hosts many

events, ranging from insightful workshops, enlightening lectures, exhibitions, and competitions lined up and judged by experts to pro nights - a musical extravaganza, crowd-pulling games, and much more to make the fest even more fun. The events of Tathva have always been a platform to shine and showcase students' tech skills for the rest of the world to watch and admire and gain more experience along the way.

Over the years, Tathva has allured the masses with its plethora of events, workshops, competitions, and pro-nights, living up to the legacy of its name with a great 300,000+ hits, a great footfall of over 35,000 people, and public relations with over 1,200 colleges nationwide.

RAGAM (CULTURAL FEST)

Ragam is the annual inter-college fest of the National Institute of Technology, Calicut. Being an extremely massive crowd-puller, Ragam blends a broad arsenal of fine arts, socio-cultural and literary events as well as a wide variety of workshops, exhibitions and informal celebratory events. Due to its extreme popularity, coverage, tradition and distinguished standards, Ragam is rightly considered one of India's largest, most celebrated college fests.

Ragam offers a plethora of events, catering to the needs of participants possessing a wide array of skills. Each event provides a fun, enthralling experience and an excellent platform that pits some of the nation's brightest, creative minds against one another. Ragam mainly consists of four main events, namely Treasure Hunt, Crime Scene Investigation to stimulate our inner Sherlock Holmes, Mr and Mrs Ragam, a personality-based event to identify campus kings and queens and Mock Court. Couture Boulevard

(The Ragam Fashion Show) and Choreo-Nite (Inter-collegiate dance competition) are two of Ragam's highlight events, with the latest edition boasting a massive turnover as usual. The Take One short film competition is another prestigious event that constantly promotes and gives flight to the dreams and aspirations of young, budding filmmakers. Various literary events are conducted, such as Just a Minute, Debate, Extempore, and twist in the tale. Musical events such as Swararaga and Amplified, among others, draw in musical enthusiasts of all sorts of genres. Artistic events such as Pencil sketching, Mehendi, and Face painting are also included. Mime, Movie Spoof, Street play, Mono-act etc., are events that appeal to one's inner drama merchant. The biggest highlight is indeed the famous Ragam Pro shows. These events bring together acclaimed artists and musicians of the highest pedigree to provide a complete musical extravaganza.

3.4 SPORTS AND RECREATION



NIT Calicut takes pride in its comprehensive sports program, fostering an active and healthy lifestyle. We offer a wide range of sports, including Athletics, Swimming, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Cricket, Hockey, Handball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Chess, and Power Sports. Our experienced coaches and top-notch facilities, such as courts, swimming pools, and gymnasiums, support our students in achieving their full potential. Students have the opportunity to participate in various tournaments, including National Championships, State Championships, and Inter-University and Inter-NIT competitions, as well as events during our annual festivals, Ragam and Tathva. Also, you can meet new people and engage in activities like chess, carom, and other games in the recreation and friendship rooms located between the hostel buildings.

3.5 MEDICAL FACILITIES



You can visit a hospital on campus for any medical emergencies, where prescriptions are free and medicines are offered at a discount of 80% in the hospital's medical store (You need to carry a medical booklet which you can get from the hostel office).

You can also dial 0495 228 6661 to get an ambulance.

3.6 BANK ON CAMPUS



State Bank of India (SBI), the Canara Bank, and HDFC bank branches is available within the Campus.

3.7 POSTAL /COURIER SERVICES



The India Post office in NIT Calicut has now got an exclusive PIN Code i.e.673601. It is a full-fledged Sub-Post Office offering not only postal services but also a lot of other services such as 1. All the booking services (Registered letters, parcels, Speed Post, Money orders)
2. All financial services (Savings Bank, Recurring Deposits, Sukanya Samridhi, Time Deposits, Monthly Income Scheme, Senior Citizen Scheme and PPF)
3. Insurance Services (Postal/Rural Life Insurance); and
4. India Post Payments Bank (Online, mobile banking services and Aadhaar enabled payment services)

Direction to NITC Post Office

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/hVyM7yYbGtuS4yWT8>

3.8. DAILY NEEDS AND SHOPPING IN NITC CAMPUS



campus where you can get all types of groceries and daily necessities.



INDIA AND ITS CULTURE

4.1 INTRODUCTION TO INDIA

One of the oldest civilisations in the world, India is a mosaic of multicultural experiences. With a rich heritage and myriad attractions, the country is among the most popular tourist destinations in the world. It covers an area of 32, 87,263 sq. km, extending from the snow-covered Himalayan heights to the tropical rain forests of the south. As the 7th largest country in the world, India stands apart from the rest of Asia, marked off as it is by mountains and the sea, which give the country a distinct geographical entity.

Since ancient times, India has been known for its culture, heritage, and tradition. India's glorious

traditions and rich cultural heritage are closely related to the development of tourism. Its magnificent monuments attract a large number of tourists from all over the world.

India is the birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, and other religions. ... India is one of the most religiously and ethnically diverse nations in the world, with some of the most deeply religious societies and cultures. Religion plays a central and definitive role in the life of many of its people.

4.2 CULTURE AND LIVING IN INDIA

India is a diverse country, amazingly rich in culture and heritage. Here, one can experience a huge variety in everything- seasons, natural beauty, historical sites, magnificent architecture, weather, modern infrastructure and much more. Before you head out for a trip to India, it's really important to gather a bit of knowledge about the culture and lifestyle of India.

Just like the vast geography of the country, the lifestyle of India also exhibits variety. Indian people staying in different parts of the country vary from each other in terms of clothing, cuisine, language, habits, religion, festivals and so on. Despite the differences in their day-to-day life,

people in India live together exemplifying "Unity in Diversity". Moreover, Indian people believe a lot in values and customs. Therefore, several different customs and traditions are followed in different regions.

Indian culture is the heritage of social norms, ethical values, traditional customs, belief systems, political systems, artefacts and technologies that originated in or are associated with the ethno-linguistically diverse India. The term also applies beyond India to countries and cultures whose histories are strongly connected to India by immigration, colonisation, or influence, particularly in South Asia and Southeast Asia.

India's languages, religions, dance, music, architecture, food and customs differ from place to place within the country.

Indian culture, often labelled as a combination of several cultures, has been influenced by a history that is several millennia old, beginning with the Indus Valley civilization and other early cultural areas. Many elements of Indian culture, such as Indian religions, mathematics,

philosophy, cuisine, languages, dance, music and movies have had a profound impact across the Indosphere, Greater India and the world. Specifically Southeast Asian and Himalayan influence on early India, had lasting impacts on the formation of Hinduism and Indian mythology. Hinduism itself formed from various distinct folk religions, which merged during the Vedic period and following periods.

4.3 KOZHIKODE AND KERALA

ABOUT KERALA

The state is flanked by the Arabian Sea to the west and the towering Western Ghats on the East and boasts a network of 44 interconnected rivers. Kerala is blessed with a unique set of eco-geographical features that have made it one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in Asia.

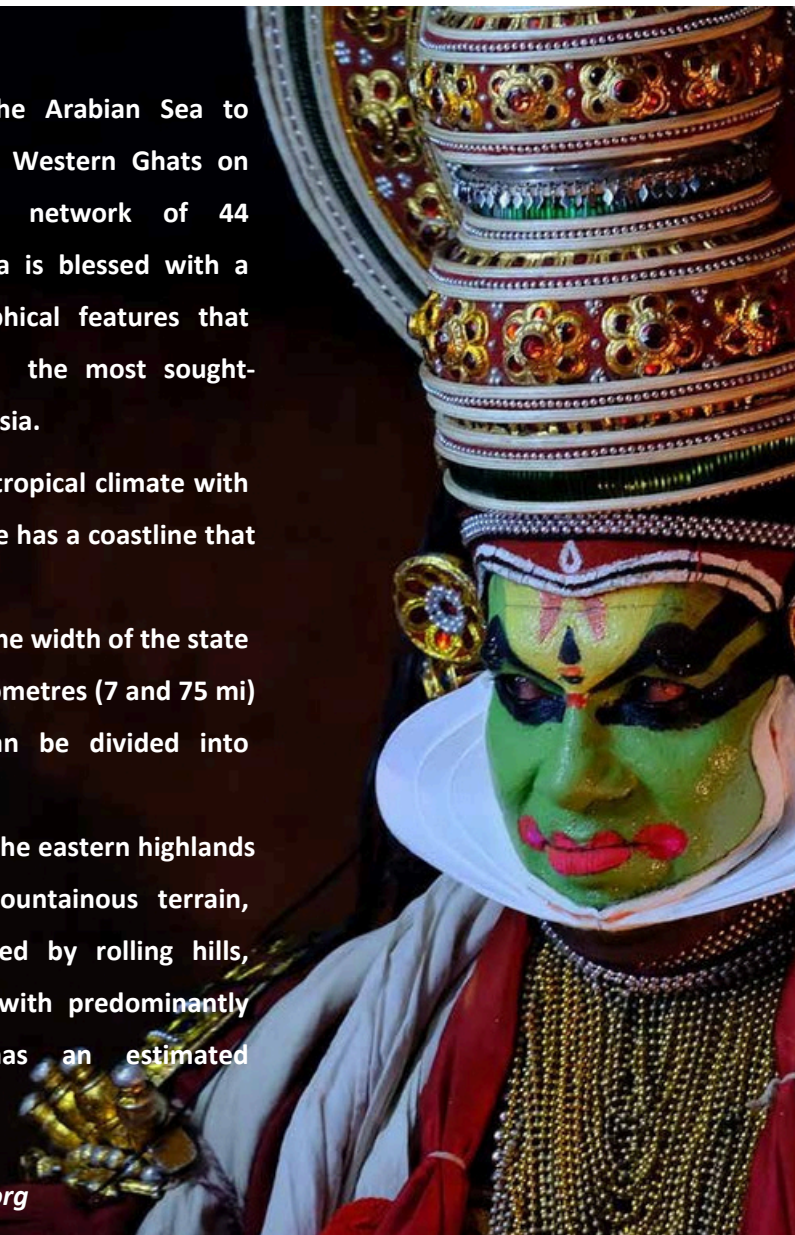
Kerala experiences a humid tropical climate with occasional cyclones. The state has a coastline that

is 590 km (370 mi) long and the width of the state varies between 11 to 121 kilometres (7 and 75 mi). Geographically, Kerala can be divided into three

climatically distinct regions: the eastern highlands with rugged and cool mountainous terrain, the central midlands marked by rolling hills, and the western lowlands with predominantly coastal plains. Kerala has an estimated population of 35 million.

Places to visit in Kerala:

<https://www.keralatourism.org>



ABOUT KOZHIKODE (CALICUT)

The Harbour of Honesty, was once the capital of the powerful Zamorins and an important trading centre in the Malabar region. Today, it is a popular tourist destination due to its natural beauty, lush green countryside, serene beaches, rivers, hills, wildlife sanctuaries, unique culture, and warm and friendly atmosphere. The place holds significant historical importance, as it was here that the Portuguese navigator Vasco Da Gama discovered the sea route to India. Da Gama landed on the Kappad seashore with three vessels and 170 men, and a monument now stands to commemorate his historic arrival. The Portuguese, Dutch, French, and British all fought to claim Kozhikode due to its irresistible beauty and prosperity.



Explore Places around the City of Kozhikode

- Mananchira Square, a man-made fresh water lake situated at the heart of the city
- Sweet Meat Street
- Kozhikode Beach, which offers beautiful sunset views
- Kozhikode Planetarium / Regional Science Centre
- Kappad Beach
- Beypore
- Kallai
- Kadalundi Bird Sanctuary

4.4 HOTELS IN KOZHIKODE

- The Gateway Hotel
- The Raviz Calicut
- Dimora Kozhikode
- Sarovaram Biopark

4.5 WORDS OF COMMON USE IN MALAYALAM

1. Chetta -older brother; used for the informal address of males older than us.
2. Chechi - older sister; used for the informal address of females older than us.
3. Vellam - water
4. Namaskaram - Hello/formal greeting
5. Mazha - Rain
6. Kuda - Umbrella
7. Paal - milk
8. Ravile -morning
9. Ucha - afternoon
10. Vaikuneram - Evening
11. Rathri - Night
12. Pakal - Day
13. Innu - Today
14. Naale - Tomorrow
15. Ayycha - Week
16. Masam - Month
17. Varsham- Year
18. Pazham - Fruits
19. Pachakari - Vegetables
20. Mutta - Egg
21. Kodukkuka -Give
22. Vanghuka - Take
23. Venam/Venda - Want/Don't want
24. Cheruth - Small
25. Valuth - Big
26. Chor - Rice
27. Panjasara - Sugar
28. Aduth - Near
29. Doore - Far
30. Pineed – Later



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GENERAL INFORMATION

5.1 VISA TYPES/IMMIGRATION (FRRO)

VISA TYPES

STUDENT VISAS

- S-1 For higher education (including South Asian University and Nalanda University), provisional student visa, for a short term course and for those coming under student exchange program
- S-2 For school education in India
- S-3 For studying Yoga, vedic culture, Indian system of music and dance and Buddhist studies
- S-4 Theological Studies and Missionary students
- S-5 For Research scholar, visiting research faculty, research scholar on bilateral exchange programme, members of botanical scientific, anthropological etc. expeditions
- S-6 For those coming for internship in India (including those coming under French VIE programme)

DEPENDENT VISAS UNDER STUDENT VISA CATEGORY:

- S-1X For dependent of student of regular courses in universities imparting higher education
 - S-3X For dependent of student studying Yoga, vedic culture, Indian system of music and dance and Buddhist studies
 - S-5X For dependent of student for Research scholar, visiting research faculty,
- research scholar on bilateral exchange programme, members of botanical scientific, anthropological etc. expeditions
- NOTE: *For dependents of those coming under S-1, S-3 and S-5 Visas only. For other category visas, no dependent visa will be granted**

CONFERENCE VISAS

- C-1 For participants of conferences organized by Government authorities
- C-2 For participants of conferences organized by Non-Government authorities

EMPLOYMENT VISAS

- E-1 All cases of employment (except intra company transferees and employment in NGO's)
- E-2 Intra company transferees
- E-3 For employment in NGO's
- E-4 For those coming to exclude projects in power and steel sectors

Dependent Visas under employment visa category:

- E-1X For dependents of employment visa holders
- E-2X For dependents of Intra company transferees
- E-3X For dependents of employees employed in NGO's
- E-4X For dependents of those coming to exclude projects in power and steel sectors

BUSINESS VISAS

- B-1 For those coming to establish an industrial/business venture, those required to travel frequently on long-term business activities and for investors B-2 For all other business activities (other than those covered under B-1 and sports persons) B-3 For sports persons and coaches including those engaged in commercial sports events in India on contract with remuneration
- ***Dependent Visas under business visa category:***
 - B-1X For dependents of those coming to establish an industrial/business venture, those required to travel frequently on long-term business activities and for investors B-2
 - X For dependents of business person coming for all other business activities (other than those covered under B-1 and sports persons)

DIPLOMATIC VISAS

- D-1 Diplomat assigned in India (on diplomatic passport only)
- D-2 Diplomat on a visit to India for official purpose (on diplomatic passport only)
- D-3 Diplomat assigned to non-UN international organization in India
- UD-1 UN Diplomat assigned to India
- UD-2 UN Diplomat on a visit to India
- on a visit to India for official purpose (on diplomatic passport only)
- D-3X Dependent of diplomat (Diplomat assigned to non-UN international organization in India)
- UD-1X Dependent of UN diplomat assigned to India
- UD-2X Dependent of UN diplomat on a visit to India

Dependent Visas under diplomatic visa category:

- D-1X Dependent of diplomat (Diplomat assigned in India (on diplomatic passport only)) D-2X Dependent of diplomat (Diplomat
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DOUBLE ENTRY VISA (ONLY FOR BANGLADESH NATIONALS)

- X-Double Entry - (Double Entry Visa)

e-Emergency X-Misc VISA

- eXM- e-Emergency X-Misc VISA

ENTRY VISA

- X-1 - For persons of Indian origin and spouse and children of an Indian citizen / Person of Indian origin /OCI card (other than those registered as OCI cardholder)
- X-2 - For those coming to join Auroville Foundation, Aurobindo Ashram, Missionaries of Charity, Templates or similar approved organizations
- X-Misc - For those categories for which X-Misc visa has been specified in various chapters of the Visa manual and for purposes which are not covered by any other visa category

e-VISA

- e-BV - (e-Business Visa)
- e-CV - (e-Conference Visa)
- e-Med V - (e-Medical Visa)
- e-Med X V - (e-Medical Attendant Visa)
- e-TV - (e-Tourist Visa)

FILMS VISA

- F - For foreign nationals coming for shooting of feature films, reality TV and web shows/series, commercial TV serials/shows and web shows / series and for location recce

JOURNALIST VISAS

- J-1 – For Journalists accredited in India and also journalists visiting India for any purpose including tourism, conference etc
- J-1X – Dependent of journalists accredited in India and also for journalists visiting India for any purpose including tourism, conference etc.
- J-2- Foreign nationals involved in shooting advertisement / documentary films etc.

LONG TERM VISA

- L- Long Term Visa

MEDICAL VISA

- MED-1- For patients
- MED-2- For foreign nationals coming as Medical Attendants

MISC SP PERMISSION VISA

- MISC – Misc SP Permission

MISSIONARY VISA

- M-1- Missionary / religious worker of approved organization
- M-1X- Dependent of missionary / religious worker of approved organization

MOUNTAINEERING VISA

- MX – Mountaineering expeditions

OFFICIAL VISA

- O-1-Non-diplomatic official assigned to a diplomatic mission in India (official/service/special passport only)
- O-1X- Dependent of non-diplomatic official assigned in India
- O-2- Non-diplomatic official on a visit to India for official purpose
- O-2X- Dependent of non-diplomatic official visiting India
- UO-1- UN non-diplomatic official assigned to India
- UO-1X- Dependent of UN non-diplomatic official assigned in India
- UO-2 - UN non-diplomatic official on a visit to India
- UO-2X- Dependent of UN non-diplomatic official on a visit to India

PLIGRIM VISA (ONLY FOR PAKISTAN NATOINALS)

- PG-1- Pilgrim Visa(under religiousprotocol)
- PG-2- Group pilgrim visa for minority communities in Pakistan

TOURIST VISA

- T– Forrecreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, attending a short term yoga programme and short duration medical treatment including medical under Indian systems of medicine

TRANSIT VISA

- TR-Travellingthrough India to a destination outside India

VISA-ON-ARRIVAL

- VoA-Visaonarrival for Japanaese and South Korean nationals

VISITOR VISA (ONLY FOR PAKISTAN NATIONALS)

- V – Visitor Visa

VISA PROVISIONS / POLICIES

| Sl. No. | Type of Visa | Period for which granted | Entry Single (S) Multiple (M) Double(D) | Documents required with application | Extendable while in India |
|---------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| 1. | Business Visa | 5 years | M | Documents to prove bonafide purpose (Company letter etc.) | YES |
| 2. | Employment Visa | 1 year/ period of contract | M | Proof of employment (appointment document), terms and conditions | YES |
| 3. | Student Visa/ Research Visa | Period of course/ 5 years | M | Proof of admission in Indian Institution | YES |
| 4. | Intern | Duration of the Internship or One year, whichever is less | S/D/M | Letter from the indian company/educational institution/NGO concerned sponsoring the foreign national for the internship programme clearly indicating the period of internship. | Non-extend-able. |

VISA EXTENSION

- For certainvisa types, it is possible to extend your visa while still residing in India. Extension of such visas can be done online through the e-Foreigners Regional Registration Office (e-FRRO) portal.
- Assistance for Visa extension shall provided by the International Relations office upon request.
- The visa extension fee shall be borne by the foreigner
- Documents to be provided by the institute shall be given by the Academic/International Relations office
- Visa extension request is to be made 60 days before the visa expiry. The International Relations office is not responsible for any issues faced during visa extension if it is done directly by the foreigner without the knowledge of the International Relations office. If not informed, the International Relations office is not answerable to the e-FRRO in case of any overstay by the foreigner.

5.2 IMMIGRATION DETAILS

Website

<https://indianfrro.gov.in/eservices/home.jsp>

Foreign nationals visiting India for study, do research, for work, or visiting India to stay for more than 180 days (6 months) on Student visa are required to get themselves registered with concerned FRRO, within 14 days of their arrival, irrespective of their duration.

GoI has launched e-FRRO. e-FRRO is mandatory to avail services at FRROs/FRO.

e-FRRO involves completely online application submission and document upload, for which no facilitation is required by any intermediary / agents etc. The foreign nationals are required to apply online by themselves. It is advised not to believe or fall in trap of any middlemen/agent that claim speedy/express grant of e-FRRO and charge money for it. For any clarification or doubt, you may contact FRRO.

Foreigner would be liable for prosecution/fines as per Indian laws, for any delay in fee payment/ document upload/interview etc.

1. This service is not applicable for diplomats/ officials who are under jurisdiction of CPV Division, Ministry of External Affairs.
2. Foreigners are encouraged to upload documents and photographs in good quality.
3. Foreigners should use their own email id to ensure data privacy and data security as important communication would be sent to your email. Services rendered though e-FRRO
4. can be cancelled by the Civil Authority any time, upon field enquiries and verification.

Cancellation would be duly intimated to the foreigner and necessary action, as per Indian Laws, would be taken against the foreigner.

5. Foreigners are advised to apply at least 2 weeks in advance.

C form – Proof of Residence

- Foreigners are requested to fill in the C form (Proof of residence) at their respective hostel front office/guest house office within 24 hours of their arrival to the institute.
- Foreigners are expected to collect the soft copy of their C form after submitting the same on the immigration portal. The C form
- is to be filled even for those who come under dependent visas. Those staying outside the
- campus are required to fill the C-form themselves or request their landlord to do so on their behalf. The C-Form mechanism helps authorities locate and track foreigners in
- India to enhance security and safety. Failure to comply with reporting requirements could result in fines and imprisonment of up to 5 years. Documents needed: Photo (less than 50kb) Link for the C form:
- <https://indianfrro.gov.in/frro/FormC>
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S form - Foreign Students Information System

- The FSIS (Foreign Students Information System) is used to capture information about foreign nationals admitted in Indian educational institutions. It is mandatory for all educational institutions in India admitting foreign students for various courses to register themselves first.

- The S form is to be filled at the GE office by the foreigner within 2 days of their arrival at the institute. Upon submission of the S form,
- a number of the format UGY***** is generated. A soft copy of this number is sent
- to the foreigner's email by the GE office for future reference. The S form is the same as the FSIS number. Documents needed: Photo
- (less than 50kb) The link for the S form:
- <https://indianfrro.gov.in/sform/>
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General information regarding Indian visa and immigration rules, including the addresses and telephone numbers for the FRRO offices, can be found at the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs website for its Bureau of Immigration at <https://boi.gov.in/>

- The FRRO offices in Kerala are located in Kozhikode, Kottur, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kavaratti, Kannur, Kozhikode, Kottur, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Kavaratti, Kannur. Foreigner's Regional Registration officer,FRRO Kozhikode Address: Castle View, 20/1305, Captain PV Vikram Rd, Near BSNL Office, Panniyankara, Kozhikode, Kerala 673029

Document Requirement

1. Photo and documents to be uploaded Online Application Submission option then upload
2. the photo and required

3. document(s). Photographs which are edited or modified by Photoshop or any other Software/ Mobile App will be rejected. Only one copy of each document type has to be
4. uploaded. Scanned documents should be in PDF format. The single supporting document
5. can have multiple PDFs. The maximum size of
6. each PDF should be 1 MB. Only completely filled application along with photo and document(s) uploaded to generate pdf. Only
7. permanently saved application is available for Re-Printing. Photo Requirements: Format - jpg Size - Maximum 1 MB Photo should
8. present Full face, front view, eyes open
9. head from the top of hair to bottom of the chin The

- background should be plain light-coloured or white background
- No shadows on the face or on the background
- Bring the same photo along with the application form.
- Upload Photo in passport size (3.5 x 3.5 cm or 3.5 x 4.5 cm)

FAQ:

1. What is e-FRRO?

e-FRRO is online FRRO/FRO Service delivery mechanism for foreigners without requirement of visiting FRRO/FRO Office.

2. Who needs to apply for e-FRRO?

All foreigners who desire Visa and Immigration related services in India viz. Registration, Visa Extension, Visa Conversion, Exit Permit etc need to apply for e-FRRO.

3. How to apply for e-FRRO?

Foreigners are required to create their own USER-ID by registering themselves online on the e-FRRO portal. Afterwards, they are required to apply online through a registered user-id for various Visa and Immigration related services in India viz. Registration, Visa Extension, Visa Conversion, Exit Permit etc, without any hassle and obtain the service(s) without coming to FRRO/FRO office.

4. Do I need to visit FRRO/FRO office

after applying through e-FRRO?

No requirement of taking appointments and visiting the FRRO/FRO office unless specifically called upon by the FRRO/FRO concerned. Intimation would be sent through SMS/email on the registered mobile/email-id.

Important Instructions:

- e-FRRO is now applicable for foreigners in the jurisdiction of all FRROs/FROs. e-FRRO is
- mandatory for availing services at FRROs/FROs. Services would be granted at
- FRRO/FRO office only in case of exigency/emergency. The foreigner is
- required to appear for interview if any, at scheduled time/date, as intimated by FRRO through email/sms alerts. Foreigner should
- check their inbox daily for email alerts.

5.3 FOREIGN CONSULATES AND DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION IN SOUTH INDIA

- UAE Consulate General- Trivandrum
- Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission-Chennai
- Bangladesh Deputy High Commission-Chennai
- US Consulate General -Chennai
- UK Deputy High Commission- Chennai

5.4 SOME USUAL QUERIES AND ANSWERS

5. What is the typical voltage rating in India?

230AC, 50 Hz.

6. Where can I book railway tickets and flight tickets?

IRCTC: Indian Railways

<https://www.irctc.co.in/nget/train-search>

The website <https://www.irctc.co.in> is a reliable way of booking tickets.

7. How can I reach railway station or Bus station (KSRTC)?

BY TRAIN

App-Based Ride Services (Ola) You can use Ola service, which operates in the Calicut area. Simply book a ride through their apps, and a driver will pick you up at the Railway station.

Auto-Rickshaw As mentioned for the airport, you can find auto- rickshaws near the Kozhikode Railway Station exit as well. However, it's essential to negotiate the fare with the auto-rickshaw driver to ensure a fair and reasonable price for your journey.

PUBLIC BUS

You can take a public bus to reach the NITC Campus, with options available from either Palayam Bus Stand or the KSRTC Bus Stand. Links to these bus stands are provided below for your convenience. **Palayam Bus stand**
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/iPiKbzpAbpUPYSDA9>

KSRTC Bus stand

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/UTNjKvstB3LSKuPNA>

By City Bus As mentioned earlier, you have the option to take a city bus from either Palayam or the KSRTC Bus Stand, or a nearby bus stand within Kozhikode, based on your convenience and location.

8. How to open a Bank Account?

Fill out the paperwork with the required documentation by visiting the SBI or Canara bank on campus.

9. Where to get safe drinking water?

It is available on every floor of the hostels and academic blocks.

10. Whom to contact for hostel related problems?

You can contact the hostel officer or respective Hostel Representative for hostel related problems.

11. Whom to meet if some major difficulty arises?

You can meet the HoD/Faculty advisor for academic related issues, the Dean of Students/ Dean of International Relations related to living on campus or staff at the office of International Relations in case of any major problem. Buddies can help you as well.

12. What things do you need to buy once you are on the Campus?

You may want to buy a good padlock, a bucket, a mug, a mattress and a pillow. All these are available at the Cooperative stores and can be procured from there. You may also want to own a bicycle, which can be bought at shops in Kozhikode.

13. What things do you need to bring?

Documents, medicines and books which you would like to bring, bedspreads & covers, and cotton wears. It is also available in NITC campus and Kozhikode city.

You can carry some ethnic wears of your country to showcase the culture during the events organised for students and exclusively for International students

14. How to make a call from outside India?

International code + Country code + City code + local number.

00 + 91 + + _____

For the numbers starting with 9, the city code is not necessary.

5.5 IMPORTANT WEBSITES OF NITC

<https://nitc.ac.in/>

<https://ir.nitc.ac.in/>



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