

This is a list of things that you will ever require during your stay at IITK. For those of you who have lived at a hostel, you would be having a better idea of what all you need, how hostels are etc, but the rest would be very anxious and may be this list just helps a bit. This is from my experience at hostel for a year, and I have tried to include everything that I could think of.

You need not bring everything from home, as most of the things are available in the campus at your arrival. Otherwise, Kanpur city is always there. I have marked the things that you can buy in campus with (C), while the ones you need from home are marked (H). Some insights/comments about each item are included to give a better feel.

ITEM	To bring or not to	Comments
Bedding		
Mattress	C	A sufficient variety on arrival. Only if special needs , get from home. Or if you are a local
Pillow	C	They sell them along with mattress
Bedsheets	H	Also available at campus
Pillow Covers	H	Also available at campus
Blankets	H	Need them in late Nov,Jan-Feb. If you have one at home, get along. Can buy from campus, though not many options. Can visit Kanpur city
Shawl	H	To don when chilled. Available at campus. If possible, get from home.
Stationery		Easily available in the campus
Pen,pencil,sharpener, eraser	C	Only if you have extra at home, get some for the initial days. Available at your hall shops.
Notebooks	C	Why get heavy bags from home?
School Bag	H	The one you have been using will suffice
Scientific Calculator	H	Very needful. Better to get from home. Although available at campus but not many options to choose from. Or as always, order online.
Scissors	H	Get from home. Available in campus
Dictionary	H	No elucidation.
Cello Tape	C	You will need them, better to get from shops here
Stapler	H	Get it if you have. Available at campus.
Personal Care		Easily available in the campus
Toothbrush(1-2)	H	Available at campus. Get the extra ones from home.
Toothpaste	H	

Bathing Soap	C	
Hand Wash	C	
Washing soap/ detergent powder + scrubber	C	You will be washing the undergarments. Once in a while the Dhobi misses dates.
Hair Oil	C	Unless leakproof, don't get from home
Shampoo	C	Same reason
Comb	H/C	
Vaseline	C	Helps in the winters
Bucket/Mug	C	Easily available on arrival
Nail Cutter	H/C	
Medicines	H	Your mom won't let you leave without a box of these.
Spectacles	H	Get an extra pair along.
Mosquito repellent	C	Its a GREEN campus, with lots of mosquitoes.
Footwear		Better to get from home, or go to Kanpur City
Sports Shoes	H	You will require them for compulsory PE. Get from home, not much variety in campus.
Slippers	H	Get a comfy pair.
Non Marking Shoes	H	If you wish to play indoor sports like squash, TT, Badminton etc.
Clothing		
Undergarments	H	You may be washing them yourself. Not a problem to have plenty.
Shirts	H	Dhobi comes twice a week. 4-6 will suffice
T-Shirts	H	Need them for PE. will be wearing them for most of the day
Pants/Jeans	H	
Shorts	H	Summer is hot.
Lower	H	You'll learn to wear them to class too.
Belt	H	Mess food.
Swimming gear	H	We have a swimming pool
Towels	H	
Lab Coat	C	If you have a full sleeved one at home, get it along. Else get it from senior/ buy in campus. Half-sleeved ones will also do.
Sweaters	H	2 full sleeved + 1 Half at least.
Jackets	H	If sweaters are not your thing,
Electronics		
Mobile phone + charger	H	Get one from home, possibly a dual sim. Sim Cards are very easily available. Most people keep two cards, local and home.

Earphones/Headphones	H	Internet speed will baffle you.
Alarm Clock	H	Morning PE is at six.
Table Lamp	H	If you wish to study, whilst your roomie wishes to sleep. (a rare phenomenon.)
USB cable + pendrive	H	Remember the internet speed?
MISC		
Bicycle	C	1024 acres is huge. Easily available on your arrival, sufficient options to choose from.
Water Bottles	H	We have common water coolers
Locks	H	For room, cycle, almirah, and one extra. Keep the extra keys safe! Easily available in campus as well.
Cloth Pins	H	Remember you will be washing some clothes.
Rope to hang clothes	H	Mostly they will be already present in common area. However, if you wish to put one in your room get one along.
Umbrella/Raincoat	H	Its called the monsoon semester for a reason! (Umbrella is usually more convenient)
Sports Equipment	H	Bat, Racquets, balls and any other gear, if you are into sports.
Newspapers	H	To line your cupboard.
Plastic Bags	H	Always handy.
Dusting cloth	H	
Food, dry snacks	C	You might choose to keep a stock of these. Will help when you miss your breakfast.