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# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

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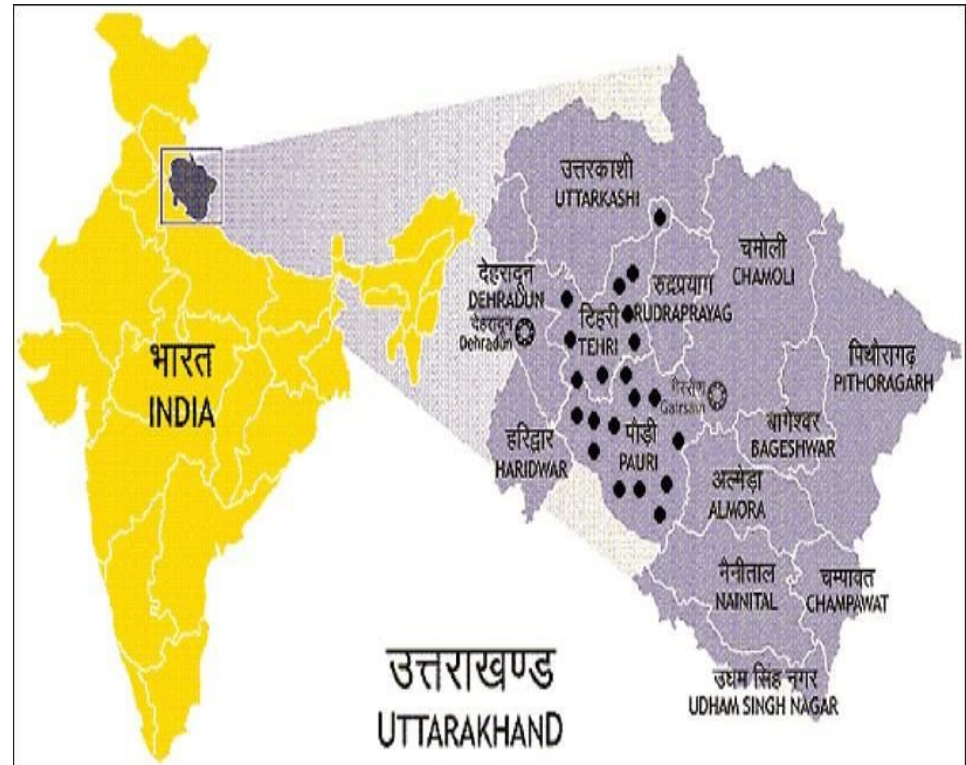
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**About Roorkee**

Country	India
State	Uttarakhand
District	Haridwar
Type of Govt.	Municipal Corporation
Elevation	268m (879 ft)
Population (2012)	2,89,478
Official Local Language	Hindi
Time Zone	IST (UTC +5:30)
Pin	247667
Telephone Code	91 1332
Distance from New Delhi	172 kms (107 miles)
Currency	Indian Rupees



### About IIT Roorkee



The Institute has a standing of about 164 years, 55 years as University of Roorkee and 10 years as IIT Roorkee. It has its roots in the Roorkee College, which was set up in 1847 and was renamed as the Thomason College of Civil Engineering in 1854. The College laid the foundation of modern engineering education and the use of civil engineering practices in the infrastructure development of the country. The Thomason College of Engineering got elevated as the first Engineering University of the country in 1948. In 1955, the University Roorkee also became the first institution in the country to offer postgraduate programmes in engineering and technology. The Institute has completed 150th year of its existence in October 1996. On September 21, 2001, an Ordinance issued by the Government of India declared it as the nation's seventh Indian Institute of Technology. The Ordinance is now converted into an Act by the Parliament to make IIT, Roorkee as an "Institution of National Importance".

IIT Roorkee is one of the biggest technical institutions in the country having the largest number of academic units. It has 21 academic departments covering engineering, applied sciences, humanities & social sciences, and management programmes, 1 academic centre, 3 centres of excellence, 5 academic service centres and 3 supporting units.

The Institute offers Bachelor's Degree courses in 10 disciplines of Engineering and Architecture and Postgraduate's

Degree in 55 disciplines of Engineering, Applied Science, Architecture and planning. The Institute has facility for doctoral work in all Departments and Research Centres.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUu-siay5Io>

## **ON ARRIVAL IN INDIA**

On completion of the immigration formalities, you can take a prepaid taxi from the airport itself. Book a prepaid taxi to reach Roorkee within 5 hours. The fare would be around Rs. 4000/-

You might want to take a short break at Cheetal Grand midway of Roorkee and New Delhi for using the restroom facilities and relishing on some sumptuous snacks.

The other option is to take the aero metro and reach New Delhi railway station and take the train from there. In case you plan to travel by train you will have to book your tickets in advance. For making reservations please visit [www.indianrail.gov.in](http://www.indianrail.gov.in)

## **HOW TO REACH IIT ROORKEE**

Roorkee is 180 km North of Delhi on National Highway 58 which connects New Delhi to Dehradun, Haridwar, Rishikesh and Badrinath. The present traveling time from Delhi is about four hours by road and three and a half hours by train. Good rail and road connections are available. The highway is in the process of being converted into a full four-lane highway, which should reduce the travel time drastically.

For further details please visit-

[http://www.iitr.ac.in/institute/pages/How\\_to\\_reach\\_IIT\\_Roorkee.html](http://www.iitr.ac.in/institute/pages/How_to_reach_IIT_Roorkee.html)

## **AFTER REACHING IIT ROORKEE**

Once you reach IIT Roorkee, you have to go to Khosla International House, where your room will be ready for you. After settling in, you should visit the office of the Associate Dean, Foreign Students to complete the registration formalities

and other course related paper work. You should also visit the Office of the Dean, Alumni Affairs & International Relations to register.

## **CAMPUS LIFE AT IIT ROORKEE**

IIT Roorkee offers a vibrant campus life. It is a safe and secure campus. Students will find the beautiful and peaceful campus a great place to live in. Along with academically sound environment, it provides the perfect haven for pursuing your varied interests and hobbies. Or take up new ones. There are a lot of choices available to students to pursue and take part in the various events. There are many recreational facilities, hobbies club, sports facilities and cultural societies on campus.

[http://www.iitr.ac.in/campus\\_life/pages/](http://www.iitr.ac.in/campus_life/pages/)

## **TRAVEL & TOURISM**

There is a lot to see and experience in India. It is a multicultural and diverse nation full of colors and festivities. The state of Uttarakhand also known as the gateway to the great Himalayas, nestles many beautiful places which suits the temperament of different individuals.

### ***Hill stations***

Hill stations of Uttarakhand are gateways to some veiled enchanting place offering beauty with exquisiteness. Uttarakhand is almost entirely situated on the mountains of the gigantic Himalayan range. There are numerous hill stations in Uttarakhand offering serene environs, captivating views and salubrious weather. **Kausani, Mussoorie, Lansdowne, Nainital, Tehri Garhwal, Ranikhet, Chakrata and many more**

### ***Wildlife***

Uttarakhand has 12 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries covering 13.8 percent of the total area of the state where you can capture the indisputable expressions of various animals and birds. The various Parks and Sanctuaries are located at different altitudes varying from 800 mts to the high altitude protected areas at 5400 mts. Apart from these there are two Conservation Reserves- The Asan Barrage and Jhilmil Tal conservation Reserves, two World Heritage sites of the Nanda Devi Biosphere reserve and Valley of Flowers National Park.

If you are an avid nature lover, photographer, traveler, adventurer or wildlife lover then Uttarakhand is the place where

you will meet all your needs. **Corbett National Park, Rajaji National Park, Valley of Flowers, Nandadevi National Park, Govind Wildlife Sanctuary, etc.**

### ***Trekking***

Uttarakhand is the first name that comes on the mouth of all the adventurers looking for treks. The trekking routes in Uttarakhand are categorized under easy, moderate and strenuous section. The treks of Uttaranchal are capable of entertaining both amateur and professional trekker as well. People from around the world visit Uttarakhand to do trekking and explore the hidden jewels of Uttarakhand and to walk on the less travelled paths.

**Roopkund, Dodital, Pindari Glacier, Valley of flowers, Gandhi Sarovar, Deorital, Kapleshwar, Mori**

### ***Pilgrimage***

Uttarakhand is also revered as the 'abode of gods' because of the uncountable ancient temples situated here. Every mountain, every rock and every stream of Uttarakhand is somewhat associated with the mythological background of India. The sacred shrines of Char Dham, holy Panch Prayag, Lord Shiva's Panch Kedar, Lord Vishnu's Panch Badri and numerous other renowned temples are situated in Uttarakhand. **Badrinath, Haridwar, Kedarnath, Baijnath, Devprayag, Piran Kaliyar Sharif**

### ***Paragliding***

Fly like a bird in Himalayas; Catch the eagle eye view of surrounding nature!! If you want a fusion of great heights and open spaces try paragliding!

Paragliding in Uttarakhand can be done at Ranikhet, Mukteshwar and Naukuchiayatal in Kumaon region. Some other ideal gliding places Dayara and Bedini Bugyal (Uttarkashi-Gangotri road), Pratap Nagar and Dhanaulti Ridge.

## **VISA AND REGISTRATION**

<http://boi.gov.in/content/general-informationinstruction>

<http://boi.gov.in/content/requirements-during-stay-india>

<http://boi.gov.in/content/requirements-during-arrival-foreigners-india>

[http://boi.gov.in/content/general-instructions-registration-foreigners\(\(Registration of Foreign Nationals Visiting India\)](http://boi.gov.in/content/general-instructions-registration-foreigners((Registration of Foreign Nationals Visiting India))

<http://boi.gov.in/sites/default/files/RegForeigners-11.pdf> (Registration of Foreign Nationals Visiting India)

<http://www.immihelp.com/nri/foreigner-registration/foreigners-regional-registration-officers.html>