

A Review & Miscellaneous:

- Get a driving license and a IDP (international Driving Permit)
- Get at least \$750 if you get paid within one month of arriving and at least \$1500 if you get paid after a month and a half of arrival. If you have a very good friend well settled at the place where you are going to, you may take some less cash with you as you can borrow from him and repay later. You'll have several deposits to pay for the first month of stay like gas, telephone, and electricity. You'll have to pay a months rent as deposit and a months rent advance (around \$250 per person/month).
- Get your application material if you wish to reactivate your applications at a better place for the next quarter/year.
- Get a set of transcripts in case you apply all over again for a PhD.
- B.Tech. Degree certificate (lamine it in thin plastic is possible).
- Get 2-3 passport size photographs.
- Get an address/phone number diary.
- Have a set of copies of visa, passport, I-20 in each piece of luggage.
- Depending upon the weather in your area get a folding umbrella.
- Carry Rs.300 - Rs.500/- for airport tax and Rs.600/- for the \$20 you'll get inside the airport.
- If you are having a camera then get it endorsed on your passport.
- Have a RBI permit ready for the dollars you are carrying with you.
- Take all your Hindi songs cassettes.
- Get a good leather purse that has several sections of "visiting cards" size, you'll need those for the bunch of credit cards/key cards/ID's, etc. you'll accumulate in no time in US.
- Carry medical prescription for all your medicines you bring.
- If you have glasses, get a through eye-check-up before and get 2 extra pairs of glasses.
- Keep passport, visa, I-20, and other admission documents in the handbag you'll carry on your shoulders all the time.
- Confirm your ticket a couple of days prior to the flight directly through the airlines you are flying no matter how reputed your travel agent is.
- Let me repeat this, get a driver's license and an IDP.
- Get lots of Indian stamps and inland letters and postcards. You'll need them to write letters, which you can send with anyone who is going to India.
- Hindi film songs cassettes.