



Residencies at the Sanskriti Kendra

Modernisation, although improving quality of people's lives in many ways, has also taxed their artistic and aesthetic sensibility. This is particularly conspicuous in the case of India with its rich and varied cultural heritage. No doubt the vitality of such a heritage lies in its ability to adapt itself to the changing socio-economic milieu. Yet the pace of change is such that this heritage, which was earlier self-sustaining, is now playing a diminishing role in our daily lives. Sanskriti Pratishthan, a registered Charitable Trust, was founded in 1979 to help nurture some of the most essential elements of this heritage. Its faith is in culture as a catalyst and as a part of everyday life. The Sanskriti Kendra with its rich variety of indigenous plants, three Museums - Everyday Art, Indian Terracotta and Indian Textiles exemplify the Sanskriti approach.

Location

The Sanskriti Kendra is located approximately 15 km (10 miles) south of New Delhi's centre and 12 km (8 miles) from Indira Gandhi International Airport. Located on the Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road, the Kendra is approx. 7 km from the nearest commercial centres, malls located in Gurgaon.



Residency

Sanskriti Pratishthan invites both established and upcoming artists and scholars from any discipline to apply for residency at the Sanskriti Kendra.

The Kendra provides studio/workspace, boarding and lodging facilities to its residents inclusive of vegetarian breakfast, lunch, dinner and 2 teas at a fixed rate. Sanskriti does not offer any grants to the artists. Applicants must arrange funds for international/local travels, insurance, and materials on their own.



Application

Applications should be sent 4 to 5 months in advance of the proposed dates of residency. However, the applications are received round the year. For information contact the residencies coordinator at residencies@sanskritifoundation.org.

Booking

The residency period may last from 2 to 12 weeks. Extensions may be granted if the project requires. As the residential facilities at the Kendra are limited and booked months in advance, last minute cancellation or postponement means the denial of an opportunity to other deserving candidates. The residents are also advised to plan their interim

travel either in the beginning or towards the end of their residency in order to maintain maximum occupancy of the studio. In case of last minute cancellations (2 months or later before commencement date), the 25% advance deposited shall be forfeited at any given time. On arrival, any rescheduling/ cancellation of confirmed bookings shall not be entertained.

Selection Procedure

Applications for residencies are considered for selection by a panel of experts. After receipt of application, Sanskriti normally takes two weeks for processing. If selected, you will be notified of approved residency dates. Please pay particular attention to these dates and plan your travels accordingly. Requests for change before or after the approved dates can only be entertained subject to availability of studio space.

Visa

Please note that foreigners need a visa and passport to travel to and within India. Contact the Indian Embassy in your home country.

Medical Insurance and advice

Please inform of any infectious, transmittable disease which the applicant may be suffering from.

- Immunisations: please check with the department of Tropical Disease in your local hospital.
- Recommended vaccinations: Hepatitis A, B, and C, Tetanus, Meningitis, Tuberculosis, Typhoid.
- Due to major differences in food and climate, most visitors experience stomach infections. To be prepared for eventualities like this, you may carry: Malaria tablets, Antihistamine, Antibiotics, Flu-Tablets, Multivitamins, Antiseptic, Bandages.
- If you are on prescribed medication, make sure you have enough to last the period of residency.

Residents must make their own arrangements for medical insurance. Medication should be taken only under the guidance of licensed Medical practitioners.

Arrivals

If you are arriving in New Delhi by air, the Indira Gandhi International Airport is located 12 km (approx. 8 miles) from the Sanskriti Kendra. When travelling by train, arrivals at the New Delhi Railway Station or the Old

Delhi Railway Station are about 25 km (about 16 miles) from the Kendra. Pre-paid cabs are available at the airport from where cabs can be hired by the visitors. Kendra office can also arrange the same on prior intimation in advance as per actuals

Average Temperatures

Month	Day/Night (°C)	Month	Day/Night (°C)
January	15/5	July*	40/23
February	15/6	August*	40/29
March	21/12	September	35/18
April	30/18	October	25/16
May	35/19	November	15/6
June	42/23	December	15/3

* Note: These months experience large amounts of rainfall

Accommodation

Sanskriti Kendra provides accommodation inclusive of bed linen and towels.

a) Studios

There are eight studios intended for the use of visual artists, writers and scholars. Each has an independent access. The studios are equipped with worktables, work counters, storage space and kitchenettes. Each workspace has ample natural lighting and opens into a private courtyard. A comfortable furnished bedroom and a bathroom upstairs completes the unit.

b) Dormitories

This set of four workspaces is designed specially for workshop participants & group residencies. Each one-room unit can accommodate 4 to 5 persons and opens into a central courtyard. These dorms are larger in size than the studios.

Spouses/Partners

Sanskriti Kendra does not offer lodging to the spouses/family/friends of the residents. Requests for exceptions can be considered against charge and should be conveyed in advance to the coordinator before the guest's arrival for necessary arrangements.

Guests

Residents are requested to see off their guests by 10 pm at the latest. No guest shall be allowed entry into the Kendra after 10 pm even if accompanied by the resident artist.

Dining

The Kendra has a fully-functional kitchen



to provide a range of simple, nutritious vegetarian meal. If informed in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate special dietary requests. Electric kettles and other pantry facilities in each studio can be provided on request. Meals are served buffet-cum-sitting style in the dining room, or if weather permits, in the lawns outside.

Breakfast is served between 8.00 am and 9.00 am Noon and evening meals are served promptly on schedule at 1.00 pm and 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm respectively. Guests are requested to keep in mind the vegetarian lifestyle being followed at the Kendra.

Drinking Water

Drinking water on the Kendra is filtered. Bottled mineral water is available against payment.

Local Transportation

Sanskriti Kendra is well connected to the city via metro. The metro station is at a walking distance from the campus. Taxi service is available and can be arranged by the Kendra Coordinator for local and outstation tours, if required. Booking for the same should be made a day in advance to avoid non-availability of vehicle.

FACILITIES

Art Gallery

Space has been allocated for the exhibition of art works by visual artists. This gallery is available to resident artists, but must be booked in advance.

Ceramic Centre

The Ceramic Centre provides potter's wheels and the possibility of firing (wood, electric as well as gas kiln). The artists have to bear the cost of the raw material and a nominal fee for the use of the Ceramic Centre.

Enamel Centre

The Kendra has a well-equipped Enamel

Centre equipped with three kilns. Artists can use the facility against payment.

Additional Facilities :

Multipurpose Hall / Amphitheatre / Seminar Room / Mind Space

The Multipurpose Hall along with the art gallery space can accommodate 100 pax for a conference and can also be used for exhibitions depending upon availability.



Amphitheatre or the open air auditorium has a seating capacity of up to 200 people. Seminar Room and Mind Space is ideal for yoga, conferences and meditation workshops for a group of about 35 people.

Library

Sanskriti Kendra has a modest but growing reference library housing over 2000 books, catalogues, and magazines. Books will be issued between 11am to 5pm. Residents are requested to ensure the return of all books before leaving the Kendra. The periodicals and magazines should not be taken out of the library.

Equipment

A slide projector, overhead projector, A/V playback equipment (TV & LCD) a photocopier are available to residents if requested in advance.

Internet

Internet access is available at Sanskriti. Data cards are provided to artists for the duration of their stay. However, there is a data limit on these hence the residents are advised to use it judiciously. Data cards are



made available only to be used within the campus and should not be carried outside the facility.

Mail

Incoming mails may be collected by residents from the Kendra office.

Electricity

The electric current is 220-240V AC, 50 cycles. Sockets are of a 3 or 2 round pin variety, similar to European sockets. To avoid damage to electrical & electronic residents are advised to bring their own surge protectors.

Laundry

Laundry services are available against payment. Dry cleaning can be arranged if requested.

Currency Conversion

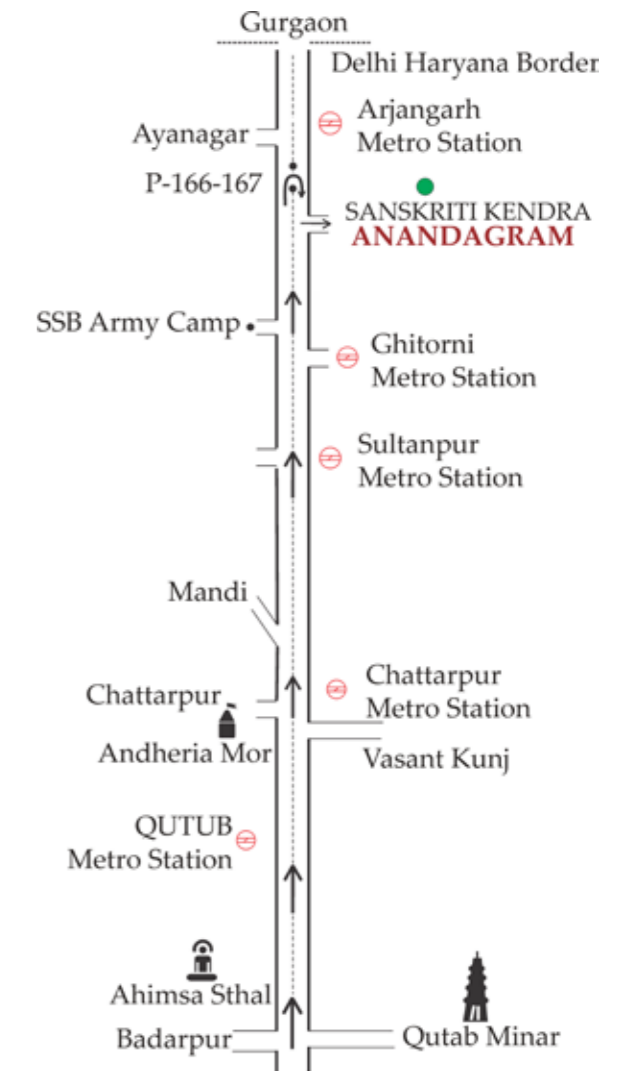
Sanskriti Kendra is not licensed to convert foreign funds to Indian Rupees or vice versa. You may exchange currency at any of the major banks in Delhi. There are ATM facilities all over the city. The major international credit cards are acceptable in large cities. Sanskriti Kendra has no facility to accept credit/debit cards. Travellers cheques are also easily changeable. The prevailing exchange rates are available in newspapers and websites. Please always check the official rates before conversion.

Medical Care

It is advisable to carry with you prescribed medicines as per your medical requirement. A first-aid kit is available at the Kendra. In case of an emergency, help can be summoned.

Miscellaneous

- Umbrella • Torch • Sun protection (cream, glasses, hat etc).
- Insect Repellent
- Warm clothes. (If you plan to come between November & February. Although the average temperature during the day is 15°C, there might be cold winds and fog in the mornings and evenings. At night, temperatures may drop to 4°C).



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