

Shopping @ Delhi

The list below contains some of the most important shopping destinations in Delhi. Unless your need is very specialized, you will surely find whatever you want at one of the places listed below or at one of the malls in Delhi. All distances are from IIT Delhi campus.

Panchkuian Road Furniture Market, near Ramakrishna Mission metro station (16 kms)

Ideal place to buy mid-range furniture, mainly bed, sofa-set, center-table, plastic furniture, garden/balcony swings. It is also one of the very few places in Delhi where you will find cane furniture. It also has a good collection of all home decor items like artificial flowers, vases, decorative lights, lamp shades, water fountains and the like. This market was earlier on Panchkuian Road near CP but has now moved to Bhai Vir Singh Marg (near Gole Market and Ramakrishna Mission metro station). It is compactly housed in a 4-storey building which makes it easier to navigate all the shops without having to walk long distances. Since there are many shops selling similar items with slightly varying prices, people are advised to scan through at least a few shops in order to get a good bargain.

Kirti Nagar (27 kms)

Dedicated 2-3 kms stretch of furniture shops and showrooms. Has furniture for all budgets. Its the biggest furniture market in Delhi and you may have to walk around a lot to get what you want since there is no one shop with a comprehensive stock of various furnitures. Some shops specialize in sofas and some in beds. Strangely, we did not find any shop selling "dewan".

One could also get a good collection of furniture at outlets like Home Centre (Lifestyle) and Home Town (Future group).

Munirka (2 kms)

A good place to buy almost anything you may need from toothbrush to even furniture. Notable stores are Rama Store, Giri Store and Haryana Handloom. Rama Store is located at the end of Munirka near the Vasant Vihar Bus Depot and is a great grocery store. Giri Store has a good collection of stuff for rituals+ceremonies and also has a small section on books related to spirituality. Haryana Handloom is a very good place for bedsheets, curtains, mattresses, pillow-covers and the like. It is located just behind the Munirka bus stop.

Yusuf Sarai (2 kms)

This is a long stretch of shops located on Aurobindo Marg (on the way to AIIMS from IITD). Apart from furniture, all household items are available here. Though this market is smaller than Munirka, the quality of products is somewhat better here. Some notable shops here are Munilal Bishan Swarup (utensils and many other kitchen+home items), Atul Electronics (home appliances) and Patanjali Chikitsalaya (ayurvedic medicines and lot of other grocery items).

On Aurobindo Marg, there is another market called "Aurobindo Market" which is a reasonably good place to shop. In front of Aurobindo market is a shop called "Amorino" which is a very good place to buy gift items and other stuff related to home-decor.

Sarojini Nagar (4 kms)

Good place to buy lots of useful stuff including clothes, accessories, home decor items, kitchen-ware. This place is also home to vendors selling all kinds of vegetables and fruits throughout the year. Some of the stores of repute are Grover Furniture and Balaji Electronics.

South Ex (6 kms)

This is one of the most popular high-end markets in Delhi. Almost all the major brands have their exclusive showrooms in South Ex.

Lajpat Nagar (7 kms)

Another good place to buy a wide variety of household items. Very close to South Ex. This place is better for buying slightly more expensive stuff as compared to Sarojini Nagar.

Other places for buying items for home decoration are shops on Baba Kharak Singh Marg (CP), Central Cottage Industries Emporium (Janpath) and Khan Market (near Lodhi Road), Defence Colony Market (near South Ex).

Plant Nurseries

If you are fond of plants and would like to grow some in your home, the following places can provide a good starting point:

- Yogi Nursery (near Nehru Place)
- Nurseries on Anuvrat Marg
- Chirag Nursery, near Chirag-Delhi flyover
- The Garden Shop (opp. IITD Adchini Gate)

A good website to buy things online : www.flipkart.com

A good website to compare prices of books across all online stores: www.indiabookstore.net

Malls

Some of the most popular malls near IITD are Ambience Mall (Vasant Kunj), Select City Walk (Saket) and DLF Place Mall (Saket). Adjacent to Ambience Mall are two other malls : DLF Promenade and DLF Emporio. There is also another Ambience Mall in Gurgaon (same owner). This mall in Gurgaon and The Great India Place (TGIP, Noida) are two of the biggest malls of India.

From IITD campus, the nearest Big Bazaar is at Vasant Square Mall (Vasant Kunj).

Every year at Delhi, an India International Trade Fair (IITF) is also organized between Nov 19 to 27 at Pragati Maidan.