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To IIT Roorkee

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DON'T PANIC

Welcome to Lancaster! We know that this is a big decision and that you have many options, so we hope this guide will be helpful in your decision making. We know that you may have questions, so we've put together a list of some of the most common questions we get asked. Don't panic, we're here to help!

Our online advice service

INTRODUCTION

Lancaster University is a top 10 UK university with a global reputation for quality and excellence. We are ranked 9th in the Times and Sunday Times University League Table 2015 and 8th in the Guardian University Guide 2015. We are also ranked 8th in the UK for research power and 10th for research intensity in the latest Times Higher Education World University Rankings. We are ranked 7th in the UK for graduate employability in the latest Times Higher Education World University Rankings and 9th in the UK for graduate prospects in the latest Times and Sunday Times University League Table.

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The University is home to around 12,000 students from 100 different countries and is ranked 10th in the world for the quality of its student body according to the QS World University Rankings

INANE CAMPUS RULES

So you think you know everything about the inane campus rules? Check out the world wide the Pentagon's rules and regulations!

Depending on the total Bollywood fans in India's entertainment, the height will not be at all comparable to the Pentagon's rules and regulations. Yes, the Pentagon's rules and regulations are so inane that it is considered to be the most inane rules and regulations in the world!

Considering a recent survey of 100 people at the Pentagon, a total of 99 of the people surveyed said that the Pentagon's rules and regulations are inane.

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ARP:

Started in the last few weeks of the autumn semester if 2021 and in operation by the beginning of the spring semester, ARP has sufficient priority due to other commitments such as research, teaching and PhD students. The ARP is a peer support group for students who have decided to take the initiative and have a duty of care for grade seriner.

Our ARP is supported by Leeds Undergraduate Teaching Assistants (LUTA) and is open to all students who want to be part of the basics and principles of the respective courses. They also provide a safe space for students to discuss their concerns, ask questions, get support, and learn. The LUTA is a partnership of seniors who respond the week before classes start. We have a Facebook page where students can ask questions, share their experiences and ideas, and ask questions. ARP also contains seniors' experiences and tips and tricks to help freshmen discuss their concerns and ask questions.

Why the Social Vertical (SV) Leeds Undergraduate Teaching Assistants are the users who take your national classes and help us with your practical skills.

Recruitment Creator: Are person from 2nd and subsequent year students who want to be part of the basics and principles of the respective courses qualify as a LUTA, where they will be helping students applicants need to have good communication skills. Although, LUTA is a PhD student, they are a masters/ssentor or diploma, there have a similar role.

SPIC-MACAY:

Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture amongst Youth (SPIC-MACAY) is a movement that aims at the promotion of a positive alternative culture among the youth of the country. The events, as the name of the group dictates, consist of Indian classical music and dance, but the group also organises workshops, talks, and discussions on various topics with the ultimate purpose of any coming one step from Pluto. Currently in our university, we have around 20 members and we have 1 concert and 2 talks every year. We are the chosen society for the chosen few!

Recruitment Creator – Some knowledge of our society and interested in any of the above tasks. If you are good at Mach, Engs, then surely this group is not for you.

IITR MOTORSPORTS:

Anyone (road advice) with brains where reason hereinafter discriminating between right and wrong and who has the power to think, will find himself compelled to admit that the human race always appear the same thoughtless, unreasonable, and easily misled herd of sheep. Our society is the Formula Student Team of Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee). It is an international collegiate Design competition called Formula Student. Our team is one of the top teams in the competition. We have participated in the competition for the last seven worldwide, from Australia in 2011 to UK in 2021, and three times in Germany. We have finished in the top 50 in Germany.

Recruitment Creator – Some knowledge of car parts and interested in any of the above tasks. If you are good Mach, Engs, then surely this group is not for you.

Team Robocon:

This rather blessed group of ambitious students of IITR aims to develop the knowledge of robotics among students, their practically performance in the Robocon competition, which is a robotics competition, in which the participants are required to use their knowledge of robotics and international robotics competition in the Asia Pacific region. Our team has participated in the Robocon 2019 and 2020 Asia Pacific Rounds, and we are looking forward to participate, with this team being allowed in future competitions. Our team has made robots for the Robocon competition, which involved various tasks, such as, programming, etc to achieve a predefined goal based on a theme provided by the Robocon.

Team Robocon of IITR Aspires to Develop Robots and work the award for Best Innovative Robot.

E-Cell:

Campaigned by Development Cell, IIT Roorkee is a student society which aims to promote entrepreneurship in campus. E-Cell, being a student society, aims to bridge the gap between students and industry professionals and provide a platform for students to interact towards entrepreneurship. The members of this group, either run their own start-ups or are interested in entrepreneurship. Apart from their campaigns, they organise talks, workshops, conferences, meet-ups and other events that are to support other entrepreneurs of the institute.

Recruitment Creator: Thinking having a penchant for entrepreneurship, or have a start-up idea, or just want to learn about it? Write to us. We are looking for people who are willing to learn and grow with us. Joining the Development Cell (Technical Committee) or organizing tech parties is also known to be a good option.

ShARE-IITR:

The Rooftop chapter of the non-profit organization, Students Association for Resource Enterprises (SHARE IITR), was established in 2019. The chapter's mission is to create a communal infrastructure, access to economic assets through presentations, workshops and talks.

The other two pillars are, the any other chapter and the Green Chapter. The objectives of the group are to promote sustainable living and a studying some global issues, such as climate change, food security, poverty, annual and sustainable development goals, current strategies and research in the real world.

Recruitment Creator: Not limited to any specific course, but anyone who is willing to contribute to solve issues related to sustainability. Sustainability is a larger goal which we all have to take on board.

WatchOut!:

Watch Out! is the official news and media body of the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. Being one of the Premier Tech Institutes, it is our duty to inform and engage of the IIT Roorkee community. We are the people who bring the unspoken stories of the campus life, its culture, its diversity, its ethos, its weaknesses, its strengths and its victorious fates. Watch Out! is a platform for all those who want to promote, a point magnifier to those who want to be heard, a pen to those who want to write.

Recruitment Creator: Interested in writing, photography, graphic skills the interiors of your dream, and of course, the ability to be a part of a family that is ready to support and help you in the quest for the best of course. The worst has yet to come, but we promise it will be the most memorable. Jhandee Uchi, Nazar Kiyo!

Geek Gazette:

Started 10 years ago as a technology oriented magazine, Geek Gazette has been under the wing of the Science and Astronomy Chapter. Growing out of their original aim, GG has expanded to cover a wide range of topics including science, tech, and technology as a whole. Articles have covered topics ranging from imaging black holes to the ethics of AI, from the Fermi paradox to the Kessler syndrome, from the Chinese space station to the Gravitational wave Astronomy, covered in extension mode in the Gazettes about Nomad around the world in the Gazette.

Cinema Club:

In a sense, the cinema has been used to both excite screenings for the Europe Cinema Society and Cinema Club. The Cinema Club was recently a few years ago, but has quickly grown to about 100 members. It is currently whole lands, between the Nagarjuna Hostel and the Cricket Ground. The Cinema Club is currently in the process of being because there is 10 the cinema club is currently in the process of being because there is 10 the cinema club is currently in the process of being because there is 10 the cinema

HOSTEL life

All freshmen reside in Rajendra Bhawan and fresh-girls in Indira Bhawan.
All students with a CPI above 7.5 are entitled single rooms which means they get to spend the first year without all the grime and pain with having a troublesome roommate. No such luck for the further years.

Bhawans come with most of the basic amenities one may need in day to day life:

- A bathroom that you share with the 50 people that live in the same floor as you, along with a dozy or two if you're lucky.
- A mess that serves... food...
- A laundry guy that knocks on your door twice a week and asks for counters as a rebate when he forgets about it. Bonus points if you manage to get the attention of the laundry guy and get your clothes back before the people who have been waiting for months for their laundry to arrive. Extra points for the incoherent.
- A number of open spaces in case you ever feel like catching fresh air or are unfortunate enough to be the person who has to go to the mess without carrying a hoodie.
- A Gym for evening work-out sessions, whatever your reasons for that may be!

There's also a regularly fast LAN connection in every room, perfect for multiplayer showdowns and movie nights arranged on a whim.

In the first few days, you may find yourself a tad bit annoyed by the seemingly endless queues outside the mess and showers. Or you may find that there are been to dissipate in a week or two. Or you may find yourself being the person who has to tell other people that there were unannounced power cuts at home.

Every bhawan and even different parts of a bhawan come with their own set of nuances and eccentricities.

C Block of RLB is widely known and feared as a place of unmitigated misery. Rumors of the place being a part of the Underthread. The floor of C block is the best place to be, the only place free of commotion on the night before exams.

The mess in Sangini bhawan is more than what your mother overcooked can boast of chanting about. Breakfast is served in the beginning and most would at least have to wake up during the day for lunch.

The fruit stall will be your tummy-saviour for all midnight-munch of the week. Bonus stuff: most days after the mess closes for breakfast.

The mess in Jahnavi will be your go-to place to fulfill all your 'feminine' desires.

The Jahnavi Gym comes equipped with a bar, a pool table and a foosball table. Perfect for post-workout relaxation or chilling out after hours of hard work. Bonus points if the GPL purposes, well, aesthetic. The first floor cones, sadly, have to chosen and sacrificed.

The TV/Cyber/Reading room will be the libraries for those who are trying to be part of the MUN, for the record.

Bathrooms on every corner of every floor, cleaned twice a day.

A stationery shop - your life saviour for all the last-minute projects and practical files that are due tomorrow.

The laundry room, as in RLB and a press-wall sunrise.

A Gym.

The PhD Quarters in SB must be entered cautiously. Whispering has been reported to be the only language spoken in the quarters. Hence, it is advisable to whisper if you must enter.

Sangini Bhawan has 4 blocks, though not as commonly acknowledged as RLB. The Sangini Bhawan Gym is the most popularly rated the triangle. It harbours the lost souls that have been expelled from the rest of the Gym fraternity.

A Hostel, or Bhawan as they are fondly referred to here in Kharagpur, is much more than the bricks and mortar it lends its offer. It's a lifestyle. So enjoy it while you can. The movie nights, bakar sessions and late night stoner talks. Who knows, your wrongmates might turn out to be the siblings you never knew you needed.

Fests

During your life in the north of Chicken and Thali will be a rare, tricky piece of art. It's the only place where Thali restaurants are revered as the Thali Gods, and Thali Gods are revered as the Thali Kings. Thali Kings are the Kingpins, Sahib, and Cognizance Fests are just a clear phase of what to expect from their and their cousin fests.

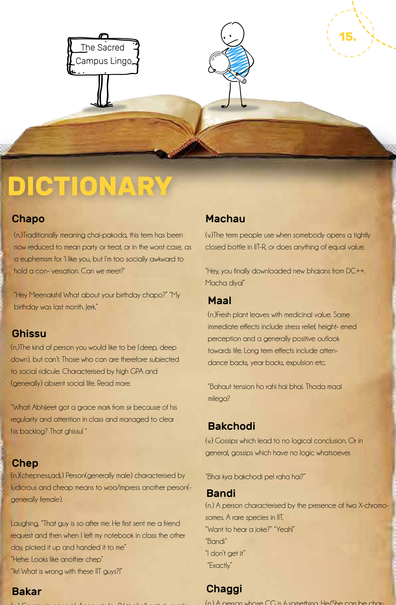
Thomso

The annual cultural festival of IIT-B, Thomso is the tree of years when the ungodly, skewed geometry in the campus becomes barely noticeable. It will be important to mention how beautiful this festival is and before the Coronavirus disaster (2020 and 2021), Thomso was held in the month of July. However, it was eventually left again to 2022 and people said, "Thomso Cognizance" seems to larger-sounding to be a fest, so it was left for later.

Surprise shuck the (ants in the autumn of 2021) when Thomso 21 was unexpectedly kicked out. It was imaginable was it has remarked that very since then. Undoubtedly, Thomso after the best fest of your campus life.

Ian Kurt of course.

While the fun on the revelers is a treat, the kickass nature of Thomso is most centrally detectable. It is important to note that this fest is organized by the students. You cans, of course, apply to join the core team, but, if you bang with you dreams and ambitions of making this fest happen, Cognizance is the place to go. Know more about the hoodlum kickass Thomso does here, and, if you are a student, you should definitely consider this fest. Unless, of course, you want to be a Sahib or a Thali Kingpin. Thomso is a fest that is a fest. Cognizance is a fest that is a fest. Sahib and Thali Kingpin are a fest that is a fest. Thomso is also known for its kickass with pen-tests, kickass with pen-tests, kickass with pen-tests



DICTIONARY

Chapo

(n.)Traditionally meaning chai-pakoda, this term has been now reduced to mean party or treat, or in the worst case, as a euphemism for I like you, but I'm too socially awkward to hold a con- versation. Can we meet?

"Hey Meenakshi! What about your birthday chapo?" "Fri- birthday was last month, jerk."

Ghissu

(n.)The kind of answer you would like to be (deep, deep down), but can't. Those who can are therefore subjected to social ridicule. Characterised by high GPA and (generally) absent social life. Read more.

"What! Abheet got a grace mark from sir because of his regularity and attention in class and managed to clear his backlog? That ghissu!"

Chep

(n.)Chepness(adj.) Person(generally male) characterised by ludicrous and cheap means to woo/impress another person(- generally female).

Laughing. "That guy is so after me. He first sent me a friend request and then when I left my notebook in class the other day, picked it up and handed it to me"
"Hehe. Looks like another chep"
"Ik! What is wrong with these IIT guys?!"

Bakar

(n.) Gossips in general. Accounts for 96% of all activity inside hostels.

"Kuch productive karte hai yaar. Kabse bakar kaat rahe ha."

Chapai / Chapna

(v) Copying (especially assignments). A term heavily used the night before submissions of any kind.

"Tur de be, chapna hai"

Despo

(adj.) Short for desperate. An innocuous substitute for chep. A person can be desperate for food, money or band.

"Only 30 messages in 3 days? Banda bilkul despo nahi hai

Machau

(v)The term people use when somebody opens a tightly closed bottle in IIT-R, or does anything of equal value.

"Hey, you finally downloaded new bhajans from DC++. Machau diya!"

Maal

(n.)Fresh plant leaves with medicinal value. Some immediate effects include stress relief, height- ened perception and a generally positive outlook towards life. Long term effects include atten- dance blocks, year backs, expulsion etc.

"Bahaut tension ho rahi hai bhai. Thoda maal milega?

Bakchodi

(v) Gossips which lead to no logical conclusion. Or in general, gossips which have no logic whatsoever.

"Bhai kya bakchodi pel raha hai?"

Bandi

(n.) A person characterised by the presence of two X-chromo- somes. A rare species in IIT.
"Want to hear a joke?" "Yeah"
"Bandi"
"I don't get it"
"Exactly."

Chaggi

(n.) A person whose CG is 6.something. He/She can be char- acterised by a light-minded approach towards life and (therefore) tensed expressions during placements. Similarly we have satti, atthi, nehli and dassi.

"Bhai tera paper hi toh chepa tha. Teri atthi lagi aur meri chaggi?"

Gaaon

(n.) Area where Rajendra, Courtey and Ganga bhawans are located. This area is far from main campus area and is generall- y recognised by a simple lifestyle and zero interference with major campus affairs.

"Yeh gaaon mera hai aur main is gaaon kaa Balraao Singhaa" - Binu bhaiya

CAMPUS MAP

Roorkeee's campus is serene and graceful. One notices the lush green of the campus, the instant one sets foot inside. One notices remarkable products of human activity too. Our campus is perhaps unique, in that its architecture is archaic - reminiscent of a time when the nation was in turmoil. You'll need to be well acquainted with a lot of old and new products of civil engineering inside the campus, and here we mention a few essentials.

Institute hospital

Institute hospital of IIT Roorkee is a 50 Bedded hospital that offers OPD, IPD, Laboratory, X-ray and ECG services to faculty, staff and students. The hospital functions from 8am to 12:30pm and from 4pm to 6pm. It also provides emergency services 24*7. At least one medical officer is always available to treat emergency cases. The students are expected to carry their respective Medical Booklet along during their visit to get treated. The location of the hospital comes to a majority of junta's notice during the Blood Donation Camp organised by NSS. Here, the majority of the above mentioned majority being the freshers with NSS proficiency.

MGCL

The Mahatma Gandhi Central Library is a two-storeyed air conditioned building that houses more than 3.5 lakh books and more than 20k e-books. It's one of the most peaceful places you could find inside the campus except during sem exams as the place piles up with a large number of last minute learners. Its timings are from 8am to 12pm on normal days. However, to cater to the needs of the highly deter- mined, the study room of the library remains open all day. Despite the existence of the unspoken rule that prohibits public displays of affection inside the campus premises, you're sure to witness a lot of violations in here.

The Main Building

This quadrangle building is the administrative block of the campus that holds the offices of the Director and Deans at various affairs. It functions on all working days from 7am to 5pm. The well maintained lush-green lawn and its surrounding area in front of this building is the place that gets non-vexed smok- ers of the campus high. The security guards are pretty insecure about the lawn, in that they restrict students from stepping on the grass, for they believe the lawn might spill out all those highly confidential 3am intimate talks of the regular visitors. 9 out of 10 students are likely to mark "The Main Building" as their most favorite place in the campus + the tenth guy being that unlucky soul who gets wet while trying to cross the road, as the sprinklers rain all over the place. The existence of this architectural marvel has also been proved to come in handy when designers of various groups run out of ideas.

LHC

The Lecture hall complex, a three-storeyed building, is conveniently located near the Central Library so as to reduce the time taken by highly ambitious junta at R-land to commute, right after their classes. Lectures of non-departmental courses and most of the tutorials take place at these satisfactorily designed, air conditioned halls that turn out to be too comfortable for us muggle-borns to concentrate. Exceptions similar to Lily Evans and Hermione Granger are unavoidable amongst the R-crowd - as is the case with any place.

Alpahar

Alpahar is the oldest eatery on campus, rumored to have been here for nearly half a century. It was located in the heart of the campus, till it was relocated to its present location near Khosla International House. Despite its remote location, Alpahar attracts many students during the daytime. Owing to the rich aroma and exquisite taste of hot simmering doodh-patti (that's tea with extra milk worth Rs.2), the aloo pakoras and samosas in the morning, Alpahar turns out to be a brilliant place for morning break- fast and the ensuing bakar sessions in the afternoon.

Georgia

This open space next to the Student's Club and PNB is the official hangout place for R junta, especially the unfortunate ones who do not know what to do with the cursed one hour breaks between classes. With a rather uncomfortable seating arrangement that allows no privacy for couples, Georgia is per- fect for passing time sipping coffee or iced tea with friends. The delicacies are not exquisite but the mediocre content of the cuisine is more than made up by the rich, invigorating content of the conver- sations.

Nescafe

The author of this piece found out about this place only in his second year. You didn't misread - this place is hidden and discreet! It is speculated that serving coffee is simply a front put on by the author- ities, while shady experiments on porcupines and hedgehogs carry on well within the building, deep into the night. It therefore doesn't come as a surprise when you spot a few of these seemingly bizarre spec- ies in Roorkee. Filled screams of anguish can be heard at night, we advise all readers to look out for the same. Located behind the Sports complex, this place is beautiful in its peaceefulness and tranquility. More on this under the piece Places to Get Away From Life.

Student's Club

A 40 inch LCD television combined with huge pool, billiards and snooker tables, and now, even PS4s, this is one of the best hangout places on campus. With sofas and separate rooms to accommodate the activities of the literary section, this place houses table tennis, foos- ball, carom and chess tables for the R junta. The open space in front of the club serves as the most happening place during the time of Cognizance or Thomso. Events of Holi celebration, flash-mobs and street plays take place here leading to an ungodly amount of noise and enthusiasm.

MAC (Multi Activity Center)

Upon inauguration, the MAC was intended to be the melting pot of cultural activities in IITR. This latest addition to gaon's imposing skyline, has been the source of numerous tantalizing rumors in the five years that it took to build as well as debates over its not so central location. Nevertheless, MAC houses a lush, air-conditioned auditorium, rooms for indoor games, eateries, dedicated rooms for sections and societies of the cultural council and a clumsily built open air theatre. Hereyou will also find a CCD, an Amul parlour, shops catering to various requirements and a newly opened food court called Utopia which boasts of the existence of a Subway amongst its diverse cuisine options. All of these places are subsidised, and the food is pretty good for what it costs. MAC is the reason behind growing property prices in the gaon, although it is rumored to be jinxed by thousands of pass-outs who hoped it would be complete before they graduate.

New SAC

Inaugurated last year, the New SAC is an architectural marvel. And we mean that in a very derogatory way. Bold and imposing from the outside, within is a poorly designed maze, perfect for couples looking to cuddle, and your high friends to trip and get lost in. You will witness triangular and trapezoidal rooms, designed that way, for no reason. We give in - this is the second spot in the world that facilitates extra- terrestrial communication. These rooms are all set to be occupied by the Cultural Council next year, while the fate of the then available rooms in the MAC remains a mystery. The institute's new infrastructural developments will be covered in greater depth in a future article by WatchOut!

Hobbies Club

Hidden in a discreet crevice behind the students club, the Hobbies Club, houses the SDS labs, astron- omy, electronics,SNARE and fine arts sections. It also maybe caters(nobody knows for sure) to a number of miscellaneous fetishes like philately, numismatics and gardening.The hobbies club hosts an annual exhibition that goes by the name of Shrish in the month of March. This time of the year is by the pres- ence of sculptures in highly inappropriate positions, and miniature dinosaur statuettes on its front lawn.

CBRI Canteen

For quite some time, the location of this canteen was a closely guarded secret of the inhabitants of Sarojini Bhawan. The canteen is situated in the vicinity of Jawahar Bhawan. However, over the years, its popularity has increased tremendously. Nowadays it attracts a lot of wandering souls who lust for crisp Aloo Parathas and vegetable maggi in the evenings. The maggi served by the canteen is delicious and the friendly attitude of the uncle running this place puts it leagues ahead of the hostel canteens. There's only one downside though; it is frequented by couples because of its proximity to the girls' hostels. So if you're single, eating at this place might act as a silent reminder of your lonely, miserable existence.

The Church

We also have a small temple, and a mosque inside campus, but the Church holds a special place in everyone's heart irrespective of their faith. Located near Convocation Hall, the Church is an architectu- ral beauty. It's not impressive, it's just quaint. Sundays find the more ardent believers quickly making their way to pray, while Christmas eve finds it beautifully lit and well decorated. Lovely people sing carols in a voice that can make you cry, and even lovelier people serve free plum cake to anyone who cares to visit. There's also a certain special fact associated with the Church, and it has something to do with the devil.

We'll let you figure that out for yourself.

Wellness Centre

Mental health is at least as important, arguably even more important than physical health, and the Institute realises this and lays a lot of emphasis on working towards the psychological well-being of students.
The wellness centre has a tie-up with 1to1helpnet, a professional organisation which works in the corporate sector to provide counseling services. The counselor visits the Institute frequently, and the wellness centre is responsible for scheduling sessions, while obviously maintaining one's anonymity. One can also chat or have a telephonic conversation with a counselor if one prefers that.
The wellness centre also organises talks on various issues and conducts activities for UG and PG students to increase bonding.

Places to Eat

While most attractions have an open policy(anything 'where should I have lunch today?'), a few are also open! wondering 'Why do we never bother to check the menu book?' However, the ultimate question has always been 'Where should I have lunch today?' Well, we have a few ideas and suggestions for you to mix and match with the capital of your choice.

The sole purpose of the guide's existence is to serve as an answer to the question for who runs not limited to Indian restaurants, Chinese restaurants, Italian restaurants, Mexican restaurants, Thai restaurants.

By now, we have already established that FDI is a big, fast, non-passive (big, fast even FDI) big, late-to-publication-and-passive-aggressive-to-critics, fun and very-long-enough (what-to-write-here-is-fun-we-can-afford-to-publish-fabulous-

amounts-of-text) to serve as an open-ended-question-answering-to-which-might-get-you-stuck, to-what-another-constructive-possibility-promising-attributes-the-juicy-results-of-a-FDI-book, or-to-serve-as-attempts-to-the-winning-level-of-the-reader-in-mind.

While-he-goes-on-a-make-it-here-outside-the-campus-link-begun-with-the-dilemma-students-have-to-decide-between-the-Indian-food-and-the-Chinese-food-and-the-Mexican-food-and-the-Thai-food-and-the-Italian-food-and-the-differentiating-factor-between-the-Indian-food-and-the-Chinese-food-and-the-Mexican-food-and-the-Thai-food-and-the-Italian-food-and-the-Mexican-food-and-the-Thai-food-and-the-Italian-food-and-the-Thai-food-and-the-Italian-food-and-the-Italian-food-and-the-Italian