The Institute started its working from 2010. The temporary campus is located in Govt. Polytechnic, Srinagar Garhwal (Distt. Pauri Garhwal). Srinagar Garhwal i.e., 105 km from Rishikesh on National Highway No. 58 leading to Badrinath (193 km from Srinagar). Rishikesh is the nearest Railway Station.

Haridwar, a major Railway Station in Uttarakhand is 130 km from Srinagar. Nearest Airport at Jolly Grant, Dehradun is 125 km away from Srinagar. Taxis are available for Srinagar from Airport. Buses and Taxis are available for Srinagar from Rishikesh/Haridwar. It takes 4 to 5 hours to reach Srinagar from Rishikesh.

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A new temporary campus is also functional at old ITI Campus near Government Polytechnic. Presently the Institute is running full time B. Tech. Program in Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering with intake of 60 students in each branch.