

Clothing is very important in India. Culturally, the way we dress can (even unintentionally) distract or disrespect someone.

Be prepared to know that you sweat a lot. Dress “light.” Here are some guidelines as you prepare to pack your clothes:

Girls:

- Nothing sleeveless
- Pants & dresses should be mid-calf length
- Avoid form-fitting or figure-flattering clothing
- If wearing pants, wear longer shirts that cover your bottom
- Suggestions:
 - Wear a dress that covers your bottom with leggings underneath

Guys:

- Short-sleeved collared shirts (polo style or button-up style) are preferred
- T-shirts are ok, but nothing flashy. Most Indian men will be wearing collared shirts.
- Nice jeans are ok. Khakis are necessary for church services.

All:

- You will take your shoes off frequently when going into homes and churches. Shoes that are easy to take off are helpful.
- Travel: Either in a vehicle or by plane
 - No shorts but comfortable clothes and sandals are ok.
- Shorts are okay in hotel rooms, but not in someone's personal home or in public settings.

Ultimately, remember you are representing Christ by your words and how you carry yourself. Your clothes should not distract someone from the message you are giving. When in doubt, modesty is key.