

11/09/2019, 6 pm in UDH

TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES(PG's)

- **Accommodation in P sheds:**

Answer: A precast accommodation with 360 seat capacity will be constructed by the end of June 2020.

Second phase has already started. End of 2021 June. Then will get more capacity.

- **Transportation:**

Vehicle ban and crowd in buses

Answer: Motorized vehicles are not allowed as we have buses in every 15 minutes 24*7. CSO will monitor the dynamic nature of crowd and can increase the no. of buses at that time.

- **Stipend extension: present we are getting 5 years is there any possibility increase one more year?**

Answer: Stipend is generated by MHRD.(it is not under our control). But your guide can give from his/her project.

- **Progress report in every 6 months:**

Answer: first 3 years yearly progressive report, from 4th year onward we will look into it (if you didn't get any paper before 3 year of your phd then 4th year onwards each 6 months you have to give progressive report).(we will definitely look into it).

Answer: If you finish your PhD with in 4 and a half years, then for the next 6 months we will try to give 50K of bulk amount so that in the next 6 months you can search for job or PDF.

- **Drinking water:**

Reliability of bottled water.

No RO water filters

Answer: Planning to start drinking water treatment. Removing plastic water bottle. and we are going to ban single use plastic in our campus.

- **No portal where authorities can listen to us directly**

Answer: Director is collecting all the issues and has started addressing every issue. So the follow-ups will send to all the student community including deadlines.

- **Washrooms in P block for girls**

5 washrooms for 125 people.

Answer: By 3rd October it will be ready.

- **Less no. of securities in P block**

Answer: Director will look into it.

- **Bus shelters:**

Need for bus shelters inside IITH as well as outside the main gate.

Answer: within 2 months will construct bus sheds near the main gate and hostel circle. A bus stop will be requested in meeting with TSRTC official,

- **Spam mails:**

Can we have a platform for found and lost etc.

Answer: Already someone is looking into it. It will come soon. (By LPN Sir)

- **Medical facilities:**

Answer: (Prabhu sir) – Hospital management software from next week for cashless reimbursement.

Doctors will be there 24*7 soon. Health checkup camps. For cashless transactions, a book is placed in pharmacy.

For diagnostics, a sample collection center is going to be established for some hours.

Getting a Physiotherapist soon. 5 specialist doctors will come once a week.

ICU on wheels by December.

- **Study room:**

Answer: Access to the dining hall and academic block 24*7. Director is looking forward to convert one classroom in each block to a study hall with power sockets.

- **Newspaper in P sheds:**

Answer: It is provided based on student's request. Asked to put an mail regarding that. It can be kept in the recreational room.

- **Mess related issues:**

So many mails regarding the quality of food in mess.

Answer: Discuss the rules regarding the extent/suspension of the contract. Include mess sec, Gymkhana president, General secretary in tendering process.

Collect feedback from students every month.

(Prabhu sir): The Tendering process takes time. So changing caterers suddenly is not possible. Feedback from the students was satisfactory.

- **Subscription to well-known journals**

Answer: Director is trying for that. Trying to collaborate with other IIT's, IISC, etc.

- **Students are not aware of the feedback of the mess.**

Answer: Mess secretary will share it soon.

- **Fellowship hike for project funded students**

Answer: Depends on project funding agency and guide. Have to ask their respective guides

- **Collaboration with foreign universities**

Answer: Two different programs can be introduced. JDP (Joint doctoral program) and JSP (Joint supervision program). It may take some time.

- **Maintenance of instruments**

Answer: If it is a central facility institute will take care of it(by the institute). But for project funded instruments guide has to take care of it(from his own project).

- **Training of the instruments and certification**

Answer: Full semester courses can be introduced mainly focusing hands-on training on the instruments. (credit-based).

Certificates can be given by faculties but not the institute.

- **Problems with guides**

Answer: There are two committees running inside IITH. Academic grievance committee and student grievance committee. you can go and get help from them.

- **Sitting space in the library.**

Answer: After the second phase construction is over, we will have a full-fledged library. Now more priority will be given to e-books. (we are searching for the place.)

- **Transportation fees**

Answer: From the next semester, they won't take it. Traveling outside the campus can not be free.

- **Accommodation of married students**

Answer: It will be there after the second phase.

- **Why do we need to pay extra accommodation charge for vacation**

Answer: The semester fee does not include accommodation fees in vacations.

- **Fees hike**

Answer: Only 5% increase in the fees. Water consumption is very high. It is about 17800 per person per annum. But actually which is just 8000 allowed by MHRD.

- **Male counselor**

Answer: One male counselor will soon get appointed.

- **Vending machine in P blocks**

Answer: They are looking for space in the P block to establish a vending machine

- **Less focus in extracurricular activities from IITH**

Answer: New coaches will be appointed for different games.

- **Ac problem in mess.**

Answer: Director will look into it.