

# Town Hall Meeting 1.0

Date-11-02-21

## **A.General Issues**

**1)PROBLEM**-Call on allowing all the students to come back to the campus?As students are facing internet issues, mental stress, and some personal issues like lack of space at home. And already IITB, IITBBS, IITG, IIT Bhilai have given the official notices regarding 2nd semester to be conducted offline .

**Decision**-The maximum number of students accommodated following the social distancing norms is 1200.We have 850 students as of now on campus.Accommodating all the students for quarantine is difficult.

**2)PROBLEM**-Allowing students who are on campus to use library facilities through a slot basis.

**Decision**- The matter will be looked into.

**3)PROBLEM**-Reducing the quarantine period from 14 days to 3-7 days(with a 96 hour Corona Negative Certificate)

**Decision**- It will be difficult to have different quarantine rules for different sets of students.Till the next notification,14 days mandatory quarantine will be enforced.

**4)PROBLEM**-Looking at other viable options for Printouts for students.(except Gymkhana Printers)

**Decision**-It is possible to provide one gymkhana printer for every 2-3 hostel blocks with a limit of 15 pages per month for every person. (Gymkhana will be taking responsibility for these printers).

**5)PROBLEM**- Restarting the reading room services again maintaining the social distancing norms.

**Decision**-This will be looked into and will be resolved following social distancing norms.

**6)PROBLEM**-Arranging a fridge(on each floor) as it gets really difficult to prevent our fruits and other items from being rotten in the summer.

**Decision**- It is not possible to provide a fridge for every floor. Alternatively, a fruit vendor can be allowed to sell fruits in the campus everyday by following social distancing. Along with this allowing to use the pantry area can also be allowed.The concerned authorities are looking into it.

**7)PROBLEM-**Btech's senior and junior interactions are lacking due to the online semester.

**Decision-** A one on one interaction between seniors and juniors can take place on campus. Online activities can also be done to ensure interactions among students.

**8)PROBLEM-** Allowing the delivery of food services (swiggy) at the circle like before.

**Decision-**This matter will be looked into. The CSO along with the gymkhana will be looking into this.

**9)PROBLEM-** Allowing few students to return to the campus in February.

**Decision-**Last batch of students returned to campus on 25th of January, so it would be difficult to manage another batch of students in the 1st week of february. HOD's were requested for the list of students, who are required to complete essential lab courses. But this was given a deadline of 25th of February, so the arrival of the next batch of students is postponed to the first week of March.

**10)PROBLEM-**Allowing students of 3rd year Btechs to stay on campus during summer due to connectivity issues for internships (work from home).

**Decision** - This matter will be looked into and will be resolved.

### **B.Mess related Issues**

**11)PROBLEM-** Mess food charge is very high and quality of the food must be improved, as students are facilitating many health issues.

**Decision-**This is due to less number of students dining in campus. It was not due the mess food. In future by any chance students face such issues to the mess a serious action will be taken.

**12)PROBLEM-** Requesting to make available the following details in the mess menu itself: Nutrition details per day one consuming in mess & How much one needs for a balanced diet and how much one gets from the mess food?

**Decision-** These will be provided shortly.

### **C.Sports related**

**13)PROBLEM-** Opening of indoor sports and gym facilities.

**Decision-**Some of the indoor games facilities have been allowed for now maintaining the social distancing norms.It will take some time to avail the gym facilities.

### **D.Mtechs/Phds related**

**14)PROBLEM-** Many lab oriented courses for Mtechs are now teaching in a way more theoretically and lost the practical exposure. Request to allow the mtech students to come to campus and start labs with practical exposure.

**Decision-** All the lab courses will take place once the student returns to campus.

**15)PROBLEM-** “Why are we charged with ‘lab and other facilities fees” in the past two semester, when we were not even allowed to visit any of the facilities at least? Request to refund ‘labs and other facilities fee“

**Decision-**All the lab courses will be held once the campus reopens and at that time extra fee will not be charged. Funds are constantly required for maintenance of the lab and only a very small portion of that is being taken from the students.

**16)PROBLEM**“My complaint is against the rule made by the academic section regarding M.Tech stipend. The rule is 'for the release of MHRD stipend after the month of march 2021, students have to compulsorily upload the original degree certificate and grade sheets. If the students fail to do so, then stipend shall not be released. I am complaining because I have passed out in 2020 and my college is affiliated to a state university which takes around 1 year of time to dispatch the original certificates to its students and this coronavirus pandemic added salt to the wounds. I have already uploaded the provisional certificate and an undertaking from my college to consider the provisional certificates as original but the IITH academics denied to accept it. I missed 3-4 classes to obtain the undertaking from my college, still it didn't resolve my issue. ”

**Decision-**Students are requested to obtain their Original degree certificate as soon as possible, in case the university is unable to provide a original degree certificate, date for the submission can be extended on a case to case basis.