



2 July 2020

Frequently Asked Questions on the next semester fee payment and mode of conduct of the semester:

1. Is the next semester completely online?

Looking at the present situation, the chances of opening in the middle of the semester is very minimal. The academic semester will start tentatively by 03 August 2020 in the online mode. The Director may review the decision by mid-semester if it is required. We give the highest priority to students' health and hence, we may take our own stand even if MHRD or the IIT Council takes a decision otherwise on being given the provision to do so. Also, please note that we do not have the sufficient infrastructure required for a proper quarantine facility for all our students. The moral is, be mentally prepared for a complete online semester, with the possibility of coming back to the Institute in December.

2. What is the curriculum for the next semester? What about labs?

Official information can be given only by the Senate agreement, which is yet to happen. As soon as it is done, it will be informed to you.

3. I am at home. Why do I have to pay the hostel fee?

Sorry for the confusion in the mail from AR Academics. People who are presently at home need not pay the hostel fee (Even though we still have to pay a huge rent to Ahalia, thanks to our administration for hearing our concerns on this).

4. I had paid my mess fee for the last semester but the Institute closed early. Why am I not getting the refund?

The following information was circulated to all students on 30 June 2020.

"The amount eligible for refund is kept ready with the accounts section. This amount will be transferred to the student account once the official formalities of leaving the Institute are completed. The graduating students will be given a form to fill up which will also register you as the Alumni of the Institute officially. You will be informed of the details soon. Please let me know if you face any issues in the process."





@students The same process is applicable to all of you at the time of graduation hereafter regarding the fee rebate. The batches of B.Tech 2016,2017 and a few research scholars are also eligible for some refund owing to A-Diet caterers quoting lower than Sakthi Kitchen in the Nila campus. This is also approved and the records are maintained."

5. Why is there no relaxation in the tuition fee component?

Please see the appendix to find the request to the Honourable Minister, MHRD, undersigned by the General Secretaries/Presidents of all the 23 IITs with a copy to the IIT Council. The tuition fee (amount as well as the payment mode/date) is followed up by us as per the Govt. Of India guidelines. The Minister or the IIT Council has not given an update on this; we are awaiting a reply. It is completely understandable that a lot of our friends find it difficult to pay at these times, hence we had decided to represent the concern properly. The point of the matter is, unlike Mess/Hostel fee, this cannot be directly negotiated with the Institute. MHRD has to take a call and we are hopeful that the Union Govt. will consider our grievances.

However, a letter will be sent to the Director asking for an update on the same as well as asking for a relaxed period for the payment of the fee.

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General Secretary

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Academic Affairs
2. Secretary, Hostel Affairs
3. All students





Appendix

All IITs Students' Council

Date :29 June 2020

To,

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank',
Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Government of India
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi

Respected Sir,

The entire nation is going through an unprecedented period of hardship due to the ongoing pandemic. The impact of this event has been nothing short of a calamity for the residents of the country, crippling many families in terms of health and wealth. In these trying times, loss of life, livelihood and resources has made it very difficult for many to make two ends meet, even for basic amenities like electricity, food etc.

In all likelihood, it appears that the coming semester will most probably be conducted online, either wholly or in part, almost until December, since students will be called back in batches. The increased load on Institutes to provide accessible educational content that meets the standards of IIT education notwithstanding, many students will be using neither the academic nor the non-academic resources that IITs usually provide them with. The professors will be teaching through the internet and even though they may leave no stone unturned, the quality and quantity of content will invariably be affected perhaps due to the huge disparities in infrastructural facilities available to the families, particularly in terms of availability and access to stable internet connections in different parts of the country.

IITs are composed of students with pure talent and many of our brilliant students come from small towns and villages where proper infrastructure is lacking, who, due to the challenges highlighted above may not be able to muster up the Fees for the coming semester.





On behalf of all the students studying in the 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), we humbly request you to consider our petition to MHRD for providing some relaxation in the fees of IITs for the coming semester.

We humbly solicit your unequivocal support and cooperation in this endeavour and hope that due consideration is given to this issue.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours Sincerely,
All IITs Students' Council

