

Report of the Committee

A Committee was constituted vide Office Order DIR/IITK/OO-64 dated Aug 22, 2022, to review the current accommodation status of students and suggest measures for improvement. The report of the Committee is provided below.

A. Current situation – The current student accommodation situation was discussed. There are about 6100 rooms and 7100 beds under the normal accommodation arrangement. However, the student strength in 2022-23-I is about 9000.

This indicates a gap of about 2000 beds or normal accommodation being affected for twice or more number of students. With double and triple sharing, about 4500 students are affected by the crunch

As of August 2022, there were about 250 PhD students who had completed six years in the program occupying single rooms while the Y22 PhD students are in the crunch mode; and about 50 hostel rooms were occupied by degree extended Masters students. Also, about 60 units of the SBRA/NRA were occupied by PhD students who had completed six years or more in the program while the wait time for those students in the normal duration of study is more than a year.

B. Measures in some other IITs – The measures in some of the other IITs to handle the accommodation crunch were reviewed. These are summarized below.

1. Accommodation policies -

(i) Degree extended students - Some of the older IITs have restrictions for degree extended students, with 0-2 semesters extensions permitted with shared accommodation.

(ii) Normal duration - Some of the older IITs have not provided accommodation for the students within the normal duration of study, e.g. Y22 male PG students, local students etc.

2. Utilization of non-student accommodation - One of the IITs utilized the non-student accommodation (guest house etc.) to house the students.

3. New hostels – Many are planning for more hostels.

C. Recommendations

The Committee recommends these measures for alleviation of crunch in the halls.

1. Strive towards no crunch in the hall allocation policies -

The hall of residences (which include the rooms, washrooms, mess, water supply etc.) are designed for accommodating a certain number of students. Currently there are no guidelines for defining the maximum limit of overload in student accommodation a hostel can sustain. The Committee recommends that ideally the hall allocation must strive towards having no crunch/overload in the halls over and above the designed capacity. The Committee also recommends that, taking the size of the single room in Hall 1 [$\sim 8.4 \text{ m}^2$] as a standard single room accommodation, overcapacity limits of each hostel be defined and agreed upon, by taking holistic standards of comfort, health and hygiene parameters.

2. Delinking accommodation from admission -

As a residential campus, the Institute is obligated to provide accommodation to registered degree students. The Committee recommends that the Institute reviews the current policy of linking accommodation to admission and delinks Institute accommodation (Halls, SBRA/NRA etc.) from admission.

3. Delinking accommodation vis-a-vis academic status -

There is a minimum residence time for every academic programme. However, there is a normal duration of the programme which is more than or equal to the minimum residence time. As per the current practice, accommodation is provided as long as the student is academically registered, which could be beyond the normal duration of the academic program. The Committee recommends that the Institute reviews the current practice of linking accommodation to the academic status and prescribes a maximum duration of Institute accommodation. The recommended maximum durations of the Institute accommodation for the programs are provided below in Table 1.

Table 1

Sl. No.	Program	Normal duration (semesters)	Accommodation upon degree extension
1	BT/BS	8	9 th and 10 th semester on shared accommodation. No accommodation beyond.
2	Dual Degree etc.	10	11 th and 12 th semester on shared accommodation. No accommodation beyond.
3	Masters (MSc, MTech, MBA etc.)	4	No accommodation
4	MSR	6	No accommodation


5	PhD	10	11 th and 12 th semester on shared accommodation. [For those students who joined the PhD program after BTech, these are 12 th and 13 th semester on shared accommodation]. No accommodation beyond.
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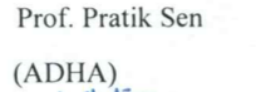
As for semester leaves, only approved medical leaves would be taken into consideration for determining the normal duration of the program which commences from the date of registration. Also, exceptions under extenuating circumstances could be permitted by a Committee.


After the recommendations are accepted, it is suggested that the Implementation Committee looks into the then prevailing conditions while formulating the implementation measures.


4. More hostels –


The Committee recommends more hostels to be built to address the needs of the increased student population.



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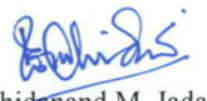

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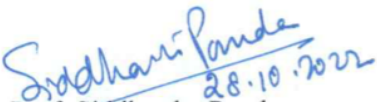

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