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Topic	The topic of our petition is providing daily walk-in mess service. It is essential as the students are compelled to pay for mess service even when they do not want to eat at the mess every day.
Target audience	The target audience are mess officials, student council and administrative council of IITGN.

## Avail Daily Walk-In Mess

### Content:

What are the essential requirements for a human body to live a life? It is a trivial question to be asked with an obvious answer: water, air, shelter, and most importantly, food. As quoted by Luciano Pavarotti-

"One of the very nicest things about life is the way we must regularly stop whatever it is we are doing and devote our attention to eating."

Nevertheless, today we live in a world where eating has transformed into a chore that needs to be performed. The students' housing across the institute exemplifies such an environment. Therefore, we, the petitioner, are addressing the concern of the students being obligated to pay mess charges compulsorily while accommodating in a hostel when an alternative of daily walk-in mess could be provided. It is a rigid rule that is detrimental not only to students but also to mess.

The majority of institutes like ours have a certain set of rules and regulations regarding accommodation. These explicitly state that for a hosteller, it is compulsory to avail of mess service, the fee for which is charged at the beginning of each semester. However, throughout the semester, there are various instances where one would want to avoid dining in a mess and may prefer to eat elsewhere. This does not necessarily conclude that the mess food served is not edible or detrimental to health. According to [1], "continuing its commitment for ensuring food safety and promoting healthy eating, IITGN has bagged the Eat Right Campus Award with a five-star rating from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the second consecutive year." The fault here could be the monotonicity of the mess menu with the same old flavors. It can be taxing for students to get up every day to repeatedly have the same menu for the week.

Although, there are more appropriate courses of action than compulsorily compelling the students to get mess service. We, as students leaving the shelter of our homes, need the freedom to choose what we want to eat. This way, we can plan our diet without any limitations and restrictions that the mess timings implement on us. Alternatively, students tend to waste food when obliged to eat from the mess, even though they would rather not. [2] indicates the amount of food wasted. Food wastage when the majority of the world is hungry for days is shameful and regretful. Therefore, the guilt of wasting food prevents students from taking their meals elsewhere, leading to a financial burden.

Furthermore,[3] evidently states that a minority of students take all 4 meals in a mess. It could be due to their schedule or the food being served. In such circumstances, if the student has walk-in service, they would rather use that money to eat as their time permits. This unconventional method, once adopted, can reduce the labor work that mess workers put in to make vast amounts of food, prevent food wastage, save time and money for students. This is adapted in IIT Bombay as mentioned in [4]," a form will be circulated before each semester to ask for details of those who would like to go for non-messing during the coming semester." According to [3], 90.7 pct agree that mess should charge students according to the meal taken by the student.

Therefore, it is essential to put forth an optimized solution that benefits all the communities involved. One solution is that students can buy coupons every week, which the student body can use when they want to eat in a mess. We also welcome other alternatives that can be adapted for the welfare of everyone.

To conclude, a daily walk-in mess option can save money, reduce labor, and prevent wastage while allowing us to plan our diet without limitations or restrictions. This is also an essential contribution to society as it contributes to sustainability. Therefore, we the undersigned, beseech the council to support our petition and acknowledge the significance of availing a walk-in mess. Let us bring forth our culture of enjoying a meal rather than making it a chore!

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#### Rhetorical design::

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## Presentation script

### Content:

Good evening, Administrative body of IITGN, Student Council, and Mess officials. Thank you for taking the time to listen to us today. We are here to speak about an issue that affects many of us here at IITGN, and that is the compulsory mess charges that we are required to pay as hostel residents at the start of every semester. Therefore, we are presenting a petition that calls for an alternative daily walk-in mess option to be provided for students. I urge you to hear our plea and support us in our efforts.

As members of the Student Council, holding prestigious positions of responsibility, we have always been taught to uphold principles of freedom and choice. However, when it comes to the basic need for sustenance, we find ourselves bound by a rigid rule that forces all of us to pay for mess services compulsorily. This also does not necessarily conclude that mess food served is not edible. These are some of the trusted sources that evidently convey that the mess served is rated five stars by the FSSAI. The fault here could lie within the same old flavors and monotonicity of the menu that we have to eat every day.

Food is not just a basic necessity for survival; it is a source of comfort and joy. How can we forget those days when we used to share our tiffins during the lunch break at our school! What made that experience so exciting? The answer is that you had no idea what new item you would get to eat that day from your buddy's box. However, it has become a chore for students living in hostels that needs to be performed as a repetitive routine. Bored by the monotonous mess menu, even if we wish to eat something different someday, the sense of wasting the money paid for the mess food haunts us. This not only puts a financial burden on us but also leads to the wastage of food. Moreover, realizing that a small wish to eat elsewhere can do unjust to thousands of people sleeping hungry out there makes one feel guilty. As responsible citizens, it becomes our moral duty to avoid food waste as much as

possible.

Why should you believe us? So now let us look at the evident statistical data that further reinforces the requirement of our petition. First, is an image clicked from one of our messes in our institute, where to support my partner's point, there is a wastage of 15 to 20 kg of food on average daily. Not to forget that is data collected from one out of three messes. We have also done a survey from which we can infer that maximum students eat 2 to 3 meals per day while skipping others, which can be due to their class schedule. To be much more specific, the meals skipped include breakfast and snacks, with 57.4 and 53.7 pct. However, in such circumstances eating at an outlet every day can be a financial burden, and the majority of students in the survey will agree to this, as can be inferred from our data. About 90.7 pct agree that mess should charge students according to the meal taken by the student. Non-messing, although uncommon and unconventional, is followed in IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi, which we gathered in our evidence.

Now, we have presented our arguments and the supporting evidence. The question that begs to be asked is: what could be done? Just identifying the problem will be of no help! An obvious solution could be to float a form every day. However, as we can all agree, no student is interested in filling out a form daily. Therefore, our next proposition could be handing out coupons to students, which they could buy at the beginning of every week. Adapting to this method may be unusual; however, this unconventional idea could take root and help students and the mess people with time.

To conclude, by providing a daily walk-in mess option, we can save money, reduce labor, and prevent wastage while enjoying the freedom to plan our own diet without limitations or restrictions. Therefore we, the undersigned, entreat the council to acknowledge and support our petition. We also welcome suggestions so that we all can devise an optimized solution to a pressing issue and uphold the principles of freedom and choice that are fundamental to our institution. Let us bring back the joy of sharing a meal and make eating a pleasure, not a chore.

#### Multimedia components:

[Petition PPT Group1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lr7j6QMoqzOc5-u1IzbeesfIGMR2i4iSv-Ek8tcit_c/edit?ts=641)

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Rhetorical technique 1:	<p>Rhetorical Questions</p> <p>Why should you believe us? So now let us look at the evident statistical data that further reinforces the requirement of our petition.</p> <p>Now, we have presented our arguments and the supporting evidence. The question that begs to be asked is: what could be done? Just identifying the problem will be of no help! An obvious solution could be to float a form every day.</p>
Rhetorical technique 2:	<p>Emotive language</p> <p>How can we forget those days when we used to share our tiffins during the lunch break at our school ! What made that experience so exciting ? The</p>

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Rhetorical technique 3:	<p>Statistical figures</p> <p>To be much more specific, the meals skipped include breakfast and snacks with 57.4 and 53.7 pct. However, in such circumstances eating at an outlet everyday can be a financial burden and the majority of students in the survey will agree to this as can be inferred from our data. About 90.7 pct agree that mess should charge students according to the meal taken by the student.</p>
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