

Honest Food Reviews: DTU Edition

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HPMC

4.5/5 Stars

Recommended: Blackcurrant Shake, Butterscotch shake, Mixed Fruit Juice

Review: Your saving grace during summers, HPMC has a wider variety of shakes and juices than all of GTB put together. Priced at only 20 bucks, their Nimbu Pani is our prime recommendation for recovering from a particularly wild night. There are also mixed shakes available, where you can choose from a variety of ingredients and create food-blogger worthy drinks. Overall, the serving size and price point make the place quite accessible. We are, however, knocking off some points for the 'token' system, which makes no sense for a shop that is smaller than our hostel rooms.

Pro Tip: Skip the straws and go for the glass mugs!



Nescafe

3.5/5 Stars

Recommended: Iced Tea, Kit-Kats

Review: If you are returning from the admin block after a particularly tiring day spent begging for marksheets (in vain), then you know that an iced tea from Nescafe is basically your serotonin source. While the food here is served in very low quantities, and the burgers are exorbitantly overpriced, the beverages mostly make up for it. It's the only place on campus where you can find an espresso that would actually wake you up. Plus points for the chocolates and amazing playlists. Minus points for the bees and circular seating (a nightmare for introverts everywhere).

Pro Tip: Order 2 glasses of iced tea, always. Your friends are going to finish the first one after asking for a 'sip'.



MechC

3.5/5 Stars

Recommended: Samosa, Spring Roll, Paneer Dosa, Chai, Singapuri Chowmein

Review: If DTU had a human body, MechC would be its heart. This place is packed from 8 AM to 8 PM, with kids on every table trying to sneak in a bite before another 2 hour lecture. Ofcourse, the extra long queues, the pushing and shoving, the inability to get mobile network, dirty tables and the lack of air-conditioning might put a damper on your mood. But nowhere else can you find samosas that cost less than the loose change in your pocket, or a plate of chilli potatoes that keep changing their taste, or a cup of chai that would wake you up instantly. This place is where memories are made, with a designated table for different college societies. Love it or hate it, MechC is an inseparable segment of the DTU experience.

Pro Tip: Don't order anything exquisite if you wish to get to class in time. It's going to take a whole extra hour, and would never be worth it.



Mic-Mac

2.5/5 Stars for the food, 5/5 for the legacy

Recommended: Masala Soda, Maggi, Chicken Parantha, Mix Parantha

Review: Sometimes, people make places better. Mic-Mac is one of those spots. The 'night canteen', located far away from other food hotspots, is frequented by hostellers, tech teams, and curious freshers trying to catch a glimpse of Chandan Bhaiya. With broken benches and a very limited food menu, the place always manages to be bursting with people sipping on masala soda served in some questionable bottles. The true essence of MicMac does not lie in the plate of rajma-rice you order, but instead in the process of ordering it. As sacrificial lambs students make their way to the counter, only to be warmly greeted by Chandan Bhaiya, they realise how their meal is going to cost a lot more than the MRP.

Pro Tip: Always keep your change ready.



Amul

3/5 Stars

Recommended: Brownie, Choco Stix

Review: While the circular seating makes 'Amul' a prime hangout spot, most people get acquainted with the little shop while buying a bottle of water to escape the scorching heat. However, the fan favourite is the Amul Choco Stick, which you can find in every hand after a particularly horrible mid-sem exam. This small shop has a very expansive menu: from sandwiches, to coffee, and especially those large chocolates that make for an acceptable birthday gift.

Pro Tip: Best place to feed the puppies!