

## **Hostel Messes at IIIT-H**

There are 4 messes available in the campus:

- a) Kadamb/Parijat Nivas first floor mess (NBH Mess): serves North-South mixed menu
- b) Kadamb/Parijat Nivas second floor mess (Yuktahaar Kendra): serves simple healthy food
- c) Palash Nivas first floor (South Mess): serves South Indian food
- d) Palash Nivas second floor (North Mess): serves North Indian food

The first three messes are run by the Institute. The last mess (North Mess) is run by external caterer.

The first mess (NBH Mess) serves veg - non veg mixed menu. The other three messes serve only vegetarian food.

### **Mess Rules:**

1. All bona fide student residents of the hostel are eligible for student mess services and they are required to join one of the hostel messes.
2. Students need to pay the prescribed mess fee advance at the time of semester registration. The advance amount is decided by Mess Warden(s) based on cost of food.
3. Mess Registration is to be done by the residents through an online Mess Portal as per the guide lines given by the Mess Portal administrators. Mess portal is managed by the student administrators.
4. Students may register in any of the 4 messes and may change their preferences using the Student Mess Portal.
5. It is expected that students will take all their meals in the IIIT-H student mess. At times, students may have to go out of town to visit parents/relatives/friends or for some other important work. To facilitate this, students are permitted a maximum of 5 days per month off from the student messes. During semester breaks, this exemption limit is increased to 15 days per month. It is the responsibility of the students to cancel their meals in the Mess Portals before they leave the campus. If not cancelled, students will be billed for the meal even if they do not use it. One day off/cancellation is defined as cancelling one or more meals in a day.
6. Mess exemption is permitted to a student on the following grounds:
  - a. Medical reasons, if student messes are not able to serve the food advised by the doctors. Such requests should be supported with medical reports, duly authorized by the Institute's Doctors and Mess Warden(s).
  - b. In case a student is away from the campus to undertake an Internship or for any other academic and unavoidable personal reason. This absence should be duly approved by the concerned faculty advisor or the Dean (Academics).
7. In case a student does not register for the student mess and has not taken prior exemption from Mess Warden(s), student is not allowed to register for the Semester.
8. Taking food/utensils/crockery items etc. outside the dining hall is not permitted.

9. In special circumstances like sickness/physical disability, food may be served in the rooms on prior intimation. There is a provision for sick diet.
10. Students are advised to be courteous with the mess staff. In case of any disagreement or complaint, they may write in the complaint register and inform *Student Mess committee*.
11. Students should show their Identity card if asked by the mess staff.
12. A student entertaining guest(s) must accompany them to the dining hall and pay cash directly at the mess counter.
13. In addition to the guidelines prescribed here, students are required to follow all instructions given by Mess Wardens from time to time.

**Mess Timings:**

Mess Timings in the Hostels are as follows:

Breakfast	:	7:30 – 9:30 AM
Lunch	:	12:30 – 14:30 PM
Snacks	:	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Dinner	:	7:30 – 09:30 PM

**Messcom:**

There is a student Mess Committee (Messcom). They are expected to assist Mess Wardens and Mess Administration in decision making and for smooth functioning of the mess.

Any resident student may apply to become a Messcom member. Mess Wardens nominate the Messcom every year based on the applications received, in consultation with the student body. It works under overall guidance of Mess Wardens.

The following sets of students are not eligible to become Messcom members:

1. Who have pending dues against them
2. Are repeating the semester or are under academic probation
3. Are under some disciplinary action against them

Student Messcom members who are not contributing as per expectations may be removed from the Messcom by Mess Wardens.

**Mess Account:**

Student's Mess a/c is maintained by the Mess Accountant. Books of a/c are subject to internal/ external audit every financial year. The mess advance collected at the time of semester registration is utilized depending on monthly billing of the student and balance, if any, is adjusted in the following semester. In case of passing out students who complete the program, mess credit balance, if any, will be refunded after submission of No Due Certificate.