



## Urgent Concern Regarding Closure of Food Court Services and Lack of Daytime as well night Food Outlets on Campus

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Sun, 4 Jan at 11:37 AM

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Respected Sir/Mam,

We wish to bring to your kind attention a matter of serious concern for the student community of NITK. As communicated, from 15th January, no services will be provided at the Food Court, as the existing tender period is coming to an end. Additionally, the Deepak Restaurant near ISH has already been closed for the past 2–3 months due to similar reasons.

With the closure of both these facilities, there will be no functional food outlets on campus during the daytime as well in late evening where students can gather, sit, and have meals apart from the mess.

While we fully understand that mess services are operational, we respectfully submit that:

- Many students may occasionally choose not to eat in the mess
- Students often receive family members or relatives from outside
- Participants, guests, staff members, professors and visitors frequently visit the campus for events, competitions, academic programs, and official purposes

In the absence of any food outlets, it is unclear where these individuals will have access to meals on campus. This has become a genuine and pressing concern for the entire student community.

We would also like to respectfully submit that these concerns have been raised multiple times earlier before the competent authorities; however, we have not yet received any clear assurance, or indicative timeline regarding the restoration or operation of food outlets on campus.

We kindly request you to please let us know:

- Whether there is any alternative arrangement or interim plan being made after 15th January, or
- Whether temporary or substitute food outlets at Subsidise price are being planned during the tender transition period

If any such plan exists, we request that it may please be shared with the Students' Council, so that we can communicate the same clearly to all students and avoid confusion.

However, if no alternative arrangement is currently in place, we humbly request the administration to urgently consider opening temporary or additional food outlets at **Subsidise** price inside the campus at the earliest. The prolonged closure of the Deepak Restaurant near ISH has already caused inconvenience, and with the Food Court also becoming non-functional, students will be left with no accessible daytime food options on campus.

In this regard, we would also like to inform you that the Students' Council has conducted a detailed student survey on food outlets and campus amenities, capturing student preferences and requirements. We are attaching the survey responses with this mail for your kind reference. These inputs may be helpful while planning suitable and multiple food outlets within the campus.

We are ready to discuss and extend our full support in planning commercial outlets for the welfare of students.

Sir, we request your kind understanding of the situation. The absence of basic food facilities can lead to serious inconvenience and unrest among students, which we wish to avoid through timely planning and communication.

We sincerely request your guidance and support in addressing this issue at the earliest, in the best interest of students and campus welfare.

Warm Regards,

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Respected Sir/Madam,

This is a reminder regarding the closure of food outlets on campus. The Food Court will stop services from 15th January due to the tender ending, and the Deepak Restaurant near ISH has already been closed for the past 2–3 months. As a result, there will be no functional food outlets on campus apart from the mess.

This is causing serious inconvenience to students, visiting parents, guests, faculty, staff, and participants attending campus events.

**On average, around 700–800 students used to take meals daily from these outlets during their working hours, apart from the mess.**

Additionally, the prices of items at existing outlets such as Nandini, Nescafe, and the bakery have already increased, further affecting students.

We kindly request to know whether any interim arrangement or temporary food outlets at subsidised prices are planned during the tender transition period. If so, we request the details be shared with the Students' Council for proper communication.

In case no arrangement is planned, we humbly request the administration to urgently consider temporary food outlets in the interest of student welfare.

We would be grateful for your kind guidance on this matter.

Warm Regards  
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**Vice President Students' Council NITK** <studentvicepresident@nitk.edu.in>

Mon, 19 Jan at 1:44 PM

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Respected Sir

I hope you are doing well.

This is with reference to the concerns already raised in the ongoing email thread regarding the closure of campus food facilities. The matter has been communicated multiple times; however, we have not received any response or guidance from the administration so far.

Given the time-sensitive nature of the issue and its impact on a large section of the student community, the absence of clarity is causing increasing concern. Students who were dependent on these facilities are currently uncertain about access to food on campus, particularly in cases where the mess is not an option.

In view of this, we respectfully request a response at the earliest and seek direction on the interim operational plan that will be put in place until a permanent arrangement is made and the tender process is complete. Clear communication and timely implementation are essential to avoid further inconvenience to students.

We request your kind intervention and guidance in this matter and look forward to your response. Kindly update us on the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Tejaswini M  
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**Director NIT Karnataka, Surathkal** <director@nitk.edu.in>

Mon, 19 Jan at 2:45 PM

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Cc: Prof Govinda Raj Mandela DEAN SW NITK Surathkal <deansw@nitk.edu.in>, Director NIT Karnataka, Surathkal <director@nitk.edu.in>

Hello Tejaswini and Gopal,

The Institute is well aware of the situation. Multiple functionaries are working, often beyond office hours and other pressing priorities, to evolve the best possible solution for food supply outside mess hours. The plan was to create a top-class food court in NITK, comparable to those in private institutes like Manipal and Sahyadri, and make some temporary arrangements till then. The student council is welcome to evolve the design of a multi-cuisine restaurant, its construction plan, and business model. Alternately, we can just repaint the current food court and get back to business as usual. Let me know the consolidated views of the student council: short-term gain for long-term pain, or short-term pain for long-term gain?

Best Wishes,

Prof. B. Ravi, *Director*

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**Vice President Students' Council NITK** <studentvicepresident@nitk.edu.in>

Thu, 22 Jan at 12:48 PM

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Respected Sir,

Thank you for your response and for sharing the Institute's long-term vision of developing a world-class food court at NITK. We appreciate the efforts being taken by the administration to address food availability beyond mess hours.

The Student Council fully supports this long-term objective and is keen to contribute meaningfully. In fact, we have attempted to provide inputs in every possible way, including conducting a student survey to capture preferences, affordability concerns, and expectations. However, over the past three months, students continue to face difficulties on the ground, leading to a perception that their feedback is not adequately reflected in interim decisions. It is understood that the tender process will take time and will be a prolonged effort and hence the request to look at a solution for the transition was made these past months. Students now are facing the issue of having no food source on campus and it's a combined request and demand of the the student community on the whole to have a canteen that is functional as soon as possible.

While long-term planning is essential, we strongly believe that effective temporary arrangements are equally important for student welfare during the transition phase. Recent price hikes at campus outlets such as Nandini, Bakery, Nescafé, and Suprabha have added to student concerns. Food being a basic necessity, affordability and student perspective must remain central to decision-making.

Since these measures are being undertaken in the name of student welfare, we respectfully request formal student representation in discussions related to food services. As a democratic institution, student suggestions should be meaningfully considered in both short-term and long-term planning.

Additionally, we request transparency regarding the approved price list of items sold at campus outlets. As a public institute, this information should be accessible to students, or at least to the Student Council, so that we can monitor concerns, gather feedback, and responsibly address student grievances.

In summary, the consolidated view of the Student Council is to adopt a balanced approach—ensuring affordable temporary solutions in the short term while collaboratively working towards a robust, high-quality food court for the future.

We look forward to your guidance and support in addressing this matter in a participative and student-centric manner.

Yours sincerely,

Warm regards

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**Vice President Students' Council NITK** <studentvicepresident@nitk.edu.in>

Wed, 28 Jan at 3:09 PM

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Respected sir,

We recognise and appreciate the efforts being made to establish an improved long-term food facility on campus. However, an interim operational plan should have been anticipated and implemented prior to the expiry of the previous vendors' contracts and this we seek an update on the current food situation.

At present, there is no reliable canteen or food outlet providing meals during the day. The day canteen that has been opened is limited to snacks, does not have the capacity to service the student population, and frequently runs out of

food, becoming non-functional on days when there is a grand dinner. As a result, even boy students do not have a dependable food source on campus.

Additionally, girl students currently do not have access to any functioning night canteen, further worsening the situation. In cases where a student is unable to eat at the mess due to unavoidable circumstances, there is no alternative arrangement available.

This is a critical concern affecting student welfare and requires immediate intervention. We respectfully request that effective interim arrangements be finalised and implemented at the earliest.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Yours sincerely,  
Tejaswini M

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**Director NIT Karnataka, Surathkal** <director@nitk.edu.in>

Wed, 28 Jan at 3:19 PM

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What do you suggest?

Best Wishes,  
B. Ravi  
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Respected Sir,

Kindly consider our suggestions regarding the proposed renovation and initiation of work on the Food Court plan. We would like to bring to your notice that the Student Council had already shared several suggestions during the months of October and November, and a student survey was also conducted to understand students' preferences regarding the food outlets and services to be introduced.

The student community strongly supports the development of a high-standard Food Court with best facilities. However, we respectfully request that the work be initiated at the earliest and treated as a priority, as food availability remains a major concern for students.

In this regard, we would like to place the following suggestions for your kind consideration:

1. Initiation of Food Court work at the earliest, while ensuring quality standards.
2. Allow reputed food outlets such as Domino's (with a global menu) as they have "University Model" facility at least in the initial phase, to immediately address student needs.
3. Day-time canteens to be opened at designated locations with a full and extended menu.
4. Night Canteens (NCs) to operate from 7:00 PM onwards with improved menu options.
5. Permission for girl students to access existing NCs in Block-7 through the outside gate.
6. Extension of NC services from the hostel side in GH Canteen and Block-8.
7. Faster and streamlined processing of approvals so that these measures can be implemented without delay.

We believe that initiating these steps—especially introducing Domino's, extending NC timings and access for girl students, and starting day canteens at specific locations—will significantly benefit the entire student community and also support the institute in planning and executing long-term food infrastructure improvements.

We sincerely request your kind consideration and guidance on the above, and we assure you of our full cooperation if the things are for student's welfare and in democratic way in implementation.

Yours truly,  
Tejaswini M  
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