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Dear Students,

The hostel room allocation policy (eligibility of hostel room) has been in place since 2016, and has been circulated to students from time to time, with only minor modifications. The latest email that is sent to students notices on this subject (August 18, 2022) is applicable to all the students on roll. There is no change in the policy. You may access the same from the following link:

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While it is our strongest desire and endeavour to provide every student an individual room, or a room designed from the start for sharing, students need to keep in mind that we currently have a severe shortage of rooms, for two main reasons. First, there has been a significant increase in student intake due to the implementation of EWS quota and female supernumerary seats, as well as an increase in the number of PhD students overall. Second, we have lost three hostels (H7, H8 and the old wings of H4) which had to be demolished due to structural issues making them unsafe for occupation.

You would appreciate the fact that the institute had expedited the construction of two new hostels (H17/18) despite COVID-19 pandemic. However these were not enough since we subsequently lost H4 and H8 due to structural issues. We therefore initiated planning and construction of H19 about 3 years back, and soon after alumni started planning for replacement of H8. We also started planning for replacement of H4. Due to numerous regulatory (especially tree clearance) and other hurdles, we could only start construction of two of the hostels about 6 months back, and H4 construction will start soon.

We expect to have these hostels ready in the second half of 2025. We have also initiated planning of an extension wing to H12-13-14, which will also add a new mess. We will also soon start planning for two more large hostels, one of which will be a girls hostel, but these require demolition of existing buildings, and can start only after one or more of the initial set of hostels is ready. Such a massive expansion of facilities requires planning and funding, and we are thankful to all those involved in the planning, to the government of India for funding via HEFA loans, and particularly the alumni donors (and more recently some CSR donors) who have made the expansion possible.

But until the new hostels are ready, we have to make do with what is available. We have had to house two students in rooms that were designed for single occupancy. These are not ideal, but still preferable to asking students to stay outside in a city where housing is exorbitantly expensive (some other IITs have done this, especially for PG/PhD students). As you are aware we require all UGs to stay in shared rooms till their final year (and in some cases even then), our PG students also share rooms for the first year, and in some cases even for the second year. PhD students are offered single rooms for years 2, 3, 4 and 5, which is much better than for other students. We would like all our PhD students to graduate within 5 years, but are

students. We would like all our PhD students to graduate within 5 years, but are cognisant that in some cases it may take a little longer. We therefore allow accommodation for 1 extra year, but in a shared room, due primarily to the shortage of rooms, but also to disincentivize unnecessary extension of PhD period either by students own choice, or due to faculty pressure, which results in shortage of rooms for others. Further as per rules students have to leave after 6 years in the hostel. But taking into account covid related difficulties we have allowed students one extra semester in single occupancy after completion of year 5, followed by 1 year in double occupancy, subject to availability, but this will not be feasible after Spring 2024. This was made possible only by repairing/renovating rooms that were not in good condition.

Further, we have reduced the PhD intake in non TA category for the past two years, to accommodate existing students.

We would like to place on record our sincere thanks to a large number of senior PhD students who have cooperated with us, keeping in mind the constraints. But if anyone does not move on time, planning for incoming students is severely impacted.

Students therefore need to strictly comply with the emails sent by respective hostel managers as far as shifting to shared accommodation/vacating the room is concerned.

We thank you for your continued cooperation.

With best wishes,

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