Nehru Hall Modernization Project



Nehru ka Tempo High Hai!

Beginning in April 2021, many of the alumni, high on their spirit of **'Nehru Ka Tempo High Hai,'** initiated the modernisation and renovation work on the Nehru Hall.

As of December 2024, significant progress has been made.

More ambitious plans are in the foray to make Nehru Hall at IIT Kharagpur a symbol of the New India - a shining star on the international education map.

A lot more, however, remains to be done….and

We need your support right now!

Visiting the Nehru Hall today, what do we see?

70 Years of wear and tear and a few unsightly additions (that need to be demolished)




Room




Dining Hall



Existing kitchen

The VISION

1. Completion of the renovation of the remaining rooms - 84 ROOMS & 7 WASHROOMS TO GO





2. A dining hall to match the Institute stature



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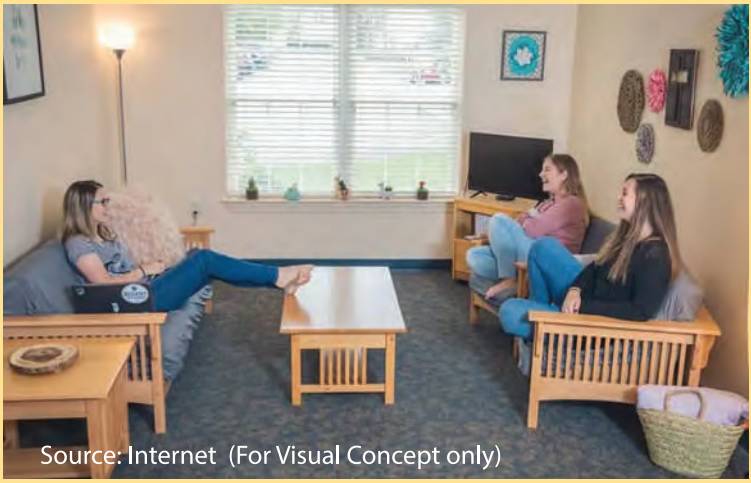
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FOR THE US & EUROPEAN COLLEGES THE DINING ROOM IS THE SYMBOL OF THEIR GREATNESS. - IT IS WHAT IS NOTICED

3. Recreational areas

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A COMMON ROOM WITH TELEVISION AND SEATING



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A GYM WITH LATEST FITNESS EQUIPMENTS



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MUSIC ROOM -RECORDING STUDIO



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TRANSFORMATION OF AREAS BETWEEN THE WINGS – PATIO, VOLLEYBALL, OTHER


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NEW ADDITION TO D BLOCK - TWO OR THREE OR 4-STOREYS

4. An endowment

For the long term, Nehru Hall needs an endowment. It will pay for the maintenance of the facilities we plan to develop and for the programs that the hall can choose to create in the future.

The Super Patrons (Contributors to Nehru Hall renovation)

Here is a list of the alumni who have contributed to the renovation work

Batch	Donated USD	#	Donated INR	#	Batch	Donated USD	#	Donated INR	#
1963	$208.00	1			1994				
1964					1995	$1,019.94	1	₹100,000	1
1965					1996				
1966					1997	$20,695.46	10	₹200,000	2
1967			₹5,000,000	1	1998	$1,486.92	5		
1968	$84,049.51	6	₹8,800,000	5	1999	$10,024.96	14		
1969	$52,598.27	7	₹500,000	1	2000	$736.63	5		
1970	$109,032.00	3	₹2,500,000	1	2001	$981.13	3		
1971	$20,000.00	1	₹250,000	1	2002				
1972	$19,784.18	3	₹300,000	1	2003				
1973					2004			₹10,000	1
1974					2005				
1975	$7,087.00	2			2006	$2,450.00	1		
1976					2007				
1977					2008				
1978	$3,811.35	1			2009				
1979	$2,048.73	2			2010				
1980					2011				
1981			₹500,000	1	2012				
1982					2013				
1983					2014				
1984	$312.54	1			2015	$52.23	1		
1985					2016	$104.15	1		
1986					2017				
1987	$50,000.00	1			2018				
1988					2019				
1989	$146.54	1	₹550,000	1	2020				
1990	$1,100.83	4	₹1,354,000	7	2021				
1991	$2,200.00	2	₹1,000,000	1	2022				
1992	$10,384.84	1	₹50,000	1	2023				
1993	$4,722.98	3	₹250,000	1	No Year	$25,234.74	21	₹422,538	8
Grand	**$430,272.93**		**101**		**₹21,786,538**			**34**	

Batchwise Contributions

Number of Batches	61
Participation in USD	25
Participation in INR	15
Batches with no Participation	33

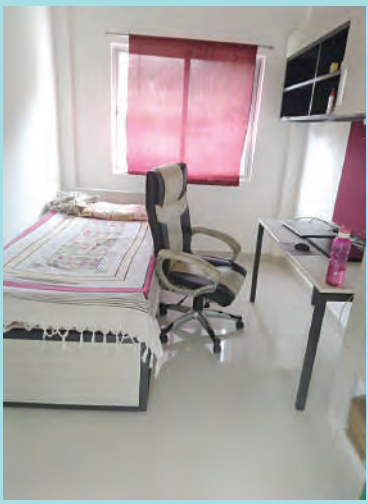
Our participation percentage towards contributing for the betterment of the Nehru Hall has been extremely low at **135 out of over 4,000** Nehru hall residents over the preceding 66 years which is **less than 4%.**

There has been nil participation from half of the batches.

Till now we have been able to raise Rs. 5.6 Crores or $700,000 for the renovation of the Nehru Hall which works out at an average of a little more than Rs. 4 lacs or $5K USD

The progress as we see it today

Rooms completed	
Single rooms	194
Double Rooms	7
Washrooms	7









Miles to go before we sleep

- 91 Rooms left to renovate
- The dining room is still the way it was
- An unsightly addition used for storage
- The kitchen remains unchanged
- The Common room needs an upgrade

The rooms are being renovated and with all of us pitching in, we will be able to transform Nehru Hall while KEEPING its CORE intact (the architecture and the green doors are never going away!) The renovations will be true to its original design.

Funds: Independent Control and Transparency
We have an agreement with the Administration that we will make payments directly to the vendors and contractors that means:

- No Overhead - No bureaucracy
- Voluntary Nehruite Project managers
- Architecture by Open Competition
- Five-person Judge - Send us your name

Five years that went by so quickly

Parents, brothers, and sisters, all came to send us off at the train station. As we got onto the "bogie" and parked our luggage, we saw the tears. Why did we have to go away? This was it. We were going away and it was never going to be the same. Going in as boys and girls, we were going to come out as men and women in whom a nation had invested its technology dreams.

We got off at the longest platform and got onto a rickshaw that took us to the Nehru Hall. The "nice" seniors guided us to the desk where we checked in and located the rooms we had been assigned. We met our roommates - in the allotted double rooms - and little did we realize that they were going to be our friends for life. That day, and the days that followed, joined us with boys from all over India, boys from villages in Haryana, boys from places like Bhagalpur and Nadia and the more sophisticated ones from schools like La Martiniere and St Xavier's. They came from across the country, West Godavari and Kotayam and the smooth ones from the city of dreams, Mumbai. We were bound by just one exam - the JEE. A realisation gradually sneaked in - **we were never again going to live with such a brilliant and diverse group of boys ever again.**

Soon we got set into the rhythm of IIT. It carried us through Hall Days, Exams and PT Files. Somehow we managed to find those who took great class notes and those who made us laugh. We had actors and musicians amongst us. We had those who scored goals for the Hall and could perform pole vaults. We even had bodybuilders and boxers.

It is hard to describe the variety of classes we endured or loved. Some are vivid even after these fifty-five years. We can't forget the beauty of Fourier transform itself in the magical lectures of Prof Seth; or working in the foundry to create a mould to be filled with molten iron.

Professors we don't remember and Professors we can't forget.

Our days at **"Institute of our Dreams"** were not always without their share of clouds. Fate had a way of intruding and sad news from home and the pressure and expectations sometimes got the better of us. We found our place as best we could as the years flashed by. Every day, as we opened our green doors and saw our friends, we felt comforted and rode our bikes to go to the classes. Getting up in the morning, joining our friends and wingmates, walking down the stairs to the corridors and walking into our dining rooms; lining up for our breakfast with friends around us. On every table there existed a familiarity of friendship. There wasn't much of a breakfast though.

Walking out with our department and hall mates riding around the oval and turning left on Scholars Avenue! Riding past the Jnan Ghosh Stadium, VS Hall, BC Roy Hall, and of course SN Hall. Then through the gate. Yes, the GATE! A simple elegant gate that framed our entrance into the legendary Institute of Technology.

It was just another day. But entering through the gate represented years of dedication and excellence that got us through the crazy hard JEE. What it had taken to get us there made every entrance through that simple gate a special event.

One hot summer day, our idyll was over. As we said our goodbyes, presented the Hall staff with our last gifts and got onto the rickshaw with our belongings, we knew it was over. Our happiest days were over.
A rough and tough world full of challenges and opportunities awaited us.

The Nehruites' footprints across the world

As the early graduates went out and created the **"IIT Brand"**, the graduates from IIT became some of the most sought-after graduates - yes, Nehruites. The transformation was both in India and abroad. While only a few US universities were admitting IITians in 1970, most of whom were Nehruites, today there are numerous US universities with faculty from Nehru Hall.

Some stayed technical and got their Ph.D and joined faculties at various universities around the world, others went on to pursue MBAs from Harvard and Wharton and then ran Corporations and Consulting organizations around the world. Their talent stands recognized and rewarded today.

Both in India and abroad, Nehru Hall graduates are the wealthiest among all college graduates - comparable with the Ivy League graduates from Oxford and Cambridge. Unfortunately, while the Nehruites have prospered, Nehru Hall itself has continued its slow decay with little improvements. ***That is what this brochure is about - it is your time to give back***

Give NOW.
Give what you Can!

Gifts so far range from Rs. 2,500 to $100,000
We request you to extend your best possible support to your once–upon–a–time second home that gave you the happiest gladdest years along with a few friends for life; even half a century later you can just drop by and carry on like you never left!

While MIT has a USD 24.6 billion endowment, the Nehru Hall endowment if not more, should at least be $20 MN which is less than one-tenth or 1% of that of MIT. With your donations let's make Nehru Hall the BEST COLLEGE HALL amongst the top university residential halls across the world.

- We urge the Nehruites to pitch in and get the Nehru Hall fund rise to a sum of USD$20MN to keep the renovation work ongoing
- Many of you are major donors to the US Universities, it's time for you to give back to your alma mater
- We have turned a corner and have taken the infamous bureaucracy OUT
- Your donation will be well spent - and some will be kept in an endowment for the future

What You Get:
Naming Opportunities:



- Your OWN Room named after you in perpetuity
- A new Dining hall Named for you in perpetuity
- A new Health Club, Indoor court, and Recording studio named for you in perpetuity
- Specific directed endowments in your name



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