

IIT-Bombay asks three popular eateries on campus to shut shop

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MUMBAI: Three popular eateries on IIT-Bombay's campus will be shutting down this summer. While two have failed to fulfil safety norms laid down by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the most popular joint - Campus Hub - has been asked to shut shop to make way for a food court. In an audit conducted for eateries across the campus recently, KReSIT Canteen and the Amul Parlour failed to fulfil hygiene standards and did not even have the mandatory FSSAI licence to operate on campus. "The KReSIT Canteen was not adhering to FSSAI norms and, therefore, has been asked to shut down. It has been given time to operate for a couple of months till another alternative - a food bus - starts operating on campus," said a student body representative. The Amul Parlour has been asked to shut down as it failed to meet hygiene standards.

While no lapses were found in the third eatery - Campus Hub, located near hostel 5, and serving snack items, the operators have been asked to vacate the premises. "There are plans to set up a food court with at least three outlets and seating arrangements. We conduct thorough audits once in a while and take decisions based on the findings," said an official. The contract for Campus Hub is set to expire on May 31.

A person associated with the outlet said that they had cleared three rounds of mandatory checks by the FSSAI and have still been asked to shut shop. The outlet is managed and operated by a former student from the institute. A second food court and a coffee shop are also in the pipeline. A popular food chain is also likely to set up shop on campus.

Meanwhile, BMC has submitted the report on the food sample collected from hostel 10 after the food poisoning incident. An official said, "Though we are yet to go through the entire report, it looks like there was no contamination in the food sample collected from the hostel on March 9, when the incident was reported." A student, however, said the report

has not been made public yet. The hostel mess is still shut and students said they were facing a lot of inconvenience as they had been accommodated across messes in other hostels on the campus.

An official on the campus denied that the audits of the eateries were carried out after the food poisoning incident in the girls' hostel.