



## Office of International & Alumni Relations

### Project Report

#### Himalaya Mega Dining Hall

#### Kailas & Neelkant Wings funded by 1976, 1977 & 1978 Batches

Dining at Himalaya is an integral part of student life for most students at IITM. Catering to majority of male students, with the food courts also open to a few female students Himalaya often becomes a frequent arena for student interaction.

Embedded in this mountain range are 6 different messes namely Kailas, Neelkant, Kanchejunga, Nanda Devi, Annapurna and Nanga Parbat. During Breakfast (6 45-9 am), Lunch (12-2 pm) and Dinner (6 45 – 9 pm) students throng this age old building. It is rather fortunate that clean bathroom facilities have been provided at close proximity to the messes as students often don't get the opportunity to visit their hostels in between classes.

Most messes have the capacity to accommodate 100-200 students at a time. Comfortable steel tables with seatings attached to them have been provided to the students so that they can have a happy meal. The mess halls are well ventilated and fitted with ceiling fans to battle the stifling Chennai heat.

'The comfort of the mess halls makes eating bearable given that the quality of the food is often debatable', says Aju Basil James a final year student. 'We have a lot of good memories here at Himalaya, some of the best jokes we shared were across these dining tables', joins Kurian. Facing a beautiful lawn and a well groomed garden it is heartening to notice how Himalaya has captured a striking spot in the heart of IITM and also of the students here. Standing strong like its namesake this beautiful building continues to defend its place in the history of IIT Madras.

