

## IX COMMUNITY WELFARE

The Community Welfare and International Relations Unit (CWIRU) has two major roles to play. It aims to look into the welfare and recreational activities of the students and staff members of the Institute. It also takes initiative to enhance relations with various universities and research institutes abroad for fruitful academic collaborations.

### Medical Centre

The medical center is providing good services and facilities with the dedicated services of Medical Superintendent and Physician Dr. R. P. Pareek and his team. There is a Gynecologist & Obstetrician, Dr. Sanjana R. Bhat working fulltime at the Centre. A General Duty Medical Officer from Birla Sarvajanik Hospital is there to assist in the evening hours. Dr. Sanjay Katewa, the dentist is available on every Saturday evening while the ENT specialist, Dr. H. S. Sankhla is available on every Monday evening for expert opinion. Services of an Ayurvedic Specialist, Dr Ramesh P. Jajoo are available on every Sunday morning.

The center has a well-equipped clinical laboratory with a semi-auto-analyzer for Biochemical tests, computerized ECG machine for the diagnosis of heart ailment and an ELISA Reader for the diagnoses of other diseases. The laboratory has upgraded facilities to test glycosylated hemoglobin, which is one of the most important tests for diabetes. A Dental X-ray unit and a basic Physiotherapy unit are located in the centre. The center has a computerized Spirometer, to help in the diagnosis of respiratory problem of the students and staff of the Institute.

During the year around 30,000 persons were treated at the Medical Centre and about 3250 persons were tested in the laboratory for various hematological & biochemical tests. Patients utilized the physiotherapy facility and about 500 patients were tested by ECG, Spiro meter and Elisa Reader instruments.

Three camps were held to make people aware of osteoporosis. Bone Mineral Density (BMD) was measured by ultrasonography unit and computerized analysis was done. Reports with comments were given to all the persons attending the camps. Around 100 people were examined in each camp. These camps were sponsored by pharmaceutical companies.

The new record keeping system is working well after its introduction in the centre in May 2007. All the faculty and staff members with a PSRN have been given ID cards for all members of their family and separate files are maintained to keep the records. The Medical shop in the centre provides the medicines prescribed by the doctors on credit on production of the ID card and this has reduced the cash transaction and paper work. Same process is followed for the Clinical investigations also. Most of the medical center operation is computerized so as to make all the reports and records in digital form.

### Infant Care Centre

The Infant Care Centre (ICC) is run by the voluntary effort of faculty wives, (ten) and takes care of the pre-school needs of the children in the age group of three to five years. Infant Care Centre is primarily for children of staff of BITS and the other sister organizations. During the year 2009 the Centre had 85 students. The Centre celebrated its Annual day on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2009. Prof. G.Raghurama (Deputy Director, Academic), was the Chief Guest at this function. The children of the Centre also participated in Gandhi Jayanti celebration organized by the institute on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009.

### Celebration of National Days

Three National days namely Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti were celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 and 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2009 respectively. The Students and staff members actively participated in the functions organized by the Institute on these occasions. Gandhi Jayanti programme started with the presentation of National Songs by the children of Infant Care Centre followed by 'Vaishnav Jan' and other favorite bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi by BITS (Gurukul) students. Prof. L K Maheshwari was the chief guest for the program and administered the Pledge. He also appreciated the performance of infant care students and BITS students. He added that students should get inspiration from such performance and start chanting for at least 10 minutes everyday. In the end national anthem was rendered and everyone paid their homage to Mahatma Gandhi by offering flowers.

## Activities managed by this unit

Community Welfare and International Relations Unit (CWIRU) arranged a 'Walk for Health' on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 on occasion of the 'World Health Day'. This was well supported by BITS students, faculty members and their families. Prof. L.K. Maheshwari inspired over 50 participants by leading the walk himself.

Prof. Suman Kapur organized a summer science workshop, "Science Imagination and Discovery (SID-2009), a joint venture of BITS-CEERI for school students between the age group of 12-15years. 68 students actively participated in this eight days long event. All the kids gave an overwhelming response by showing their interaction and enthusiasm during the event.

For the benefit of staff community of BITS Pilani a mutual adaptive car pool arrangement has been initiated for travel between Pilani – Delhi and Pilani - Jaipur. Staff members interested in such an arrangement share their plans of journey in an open register kept at CWIRU Office. This information is made available to other interested faculty members and after mutual discussion and suitability they jointly plan to travel together. During year 2009, 29 staff members registered their names for car pool facility at CWIRU office.

The unit provided several routine services to the staff members like tax deposition preparation & submission of the Income tax forms and providing an authorization for new domestic gas connection etc. The division also organized the institute functions such as Founders Day on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009, Holi Milan on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 and Diwali Milan on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2009. Services of six non-teaching staff members were recognized by honoring them with "Best Performance" awards in the Founder's Day function.

## BITS Staff Housing Group

The BITS Staff Housing Group constituted in the year 1989-90 by the Institute. For helping the BITS Staff members for having personal houses in the new campus, 'Gyan Vihar'. The Institute has provided Rs. One lac Fifty Thousand as soft loan to staff members for the construction of the houses. Forty staff members have constructed their houses and many other staff members are planning to start the construction work soon. Both the sectors have been provided with urban electric supply. Two new-cemented road of 300 feet long has been added in sector number one. Streetlight has also been provided. All activates of the Gyan Vihar are under Public Relations Unit

## Recreation Activities Forum (RAF)

The Executive Committee of RAF selected and screened many good Hindi and English movies, which were enjoyed by the members and their guests during the year. During the two semesters RAF membership for both Hindi & English sections together was:

Second Semester 2008-2009:	1461
First Semester 2009-2010:	2003

During the year, RAF executives had also helped to organize cultural events involving students of the Institute in the succeeding year.

## Loan facilities for Staff members

### (i) Staff Furniture Loan

Under this scheme the staff members get interest free loan re-payable in twenty four monthly installments. Institute provided Rs. 10, 17, 795/- loan to 101 staff members for the purchase of various furniture items.

### (ii) Computer Loan

This facility was started in the year 1999 for the purchase of computer for personal use by staff members with a simple interest of 6% per annum. It is being utilized effectively by faculty. This year Rs. 4, 90, 000/- has been given to 15 staff members for this facility.

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### **Earn While You Learn**

Earn While You Learn (EWYL) scheme is also coordinated by the CWIR unit where in the students devote their time for the institute's activity. The honorarium for the work is decided on a case-by-case basis depending upon the quantum and level of work done by the student. Total of 19 students of BITS have taken the advantage of this scheme in 2009.

### **BITS Coop.**

The BITS Consumers' Cooperative Stores Ltd. Continued to extend its services to the staff and students of the Institute. Its total membership as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 was 1169 consisting of 567 staff members and 602 students. They were holding 499 major and 1017 minor shares of the stores. The scope of its activities covers the following:

- i) Supply of groceries and vegetables to the students' messes;
- ii) Sale of groceries and vegetables to the staff members;
- iii) Supply of stationery & general merchandise;
- iv) Supply of consumables, stationery, equipment and other materials to the Institute and Books to Library;
- v) Supply of books to the students;
- vi) Running a bookshop and organization of a permanent book exhibition;
- vii) Providing computer repair services; and
- viii) Running a Medical Store in the Medical Centre of the Institute.

The cashless transaction facility was extended for the purchase of medicine from Medical Store. The sale of fruits and vegetable was computerized and the credit facility in this section was also extended to the members.

## **COMMUNITY WELFARE AT GOA CAMPUS**

During the calendar year 2009, following activities have been facilitated to promote community welfare:

Medical centre has been providing OPD services as well as 24 x 7 emergency medical services to all the campus residents. An in house pharmacy is available at the medical center and a lab collection point to provide diagnostic facilities has been set up with a tie-up with a local diagnostic laboratory, Ranbaxy and Thyrocare. Following specialties are available for routine and on call basis for out patient care:

General Medicine / General Surgery / Orthopaedics / Dermatology.

A Cashless Medical Reimbursement Scheme has been operational to provide easily accessible medical care to the staff of the campus. The Scheme can be accessed through a health card, which can also be used to receive treatment for various medical and surgical ailments from Specialists in Goa.

All food handlers are screened for communicable diseases as per the guidelines of the Health Department, Govt. of Goa. Periodic testing of water, food and beverages as well as utensils used for serving is carried out for all the food outlets on campus to ensure that they are maintaining good hygienic standards.

A Children's Activity Centre is being run which operates as a playschool for infant children in the morning and a Day Care in the afternoon. It provides invaluable support and care to the children of BITS faculty and staff. The center is equipped with all necessary facilities (toys, activities, educational material, etc.).

Provision for Community Prayer Hall is made in Students' Activity Centre. It is being used by the campus community for various activities such as yoga and meditation, chanting of Vishnu Sahastranama, Sunderkand Path, Holy Mass and Choir practice, etc. The provision is also being used to conduct classes for Hindustani music, Carnatic music, Veena, Harmonium and Violin.

A Chapter of SPICMACAY has been started at the Campus. Under the aegis of the Chapter, live performances of flute maestro Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasiya, and Kathak exponent Pt. Birju Maharaj were arranged on 6th February and 20th August 2009 respectively.

## **COMMUNITY WELFARE AT HYDERABAD CAMPUS**

### **Medical Facilities**

The Institute has a Medical Centre which is available round the clock to the faculty, staff and students. It has a Resident Doctor, one male nurse and one female nurse.

The institute has tied up with reputed corporate hospitals in the city. The services of specialists in the field are sought periodically. An advanced Medical Lab to cater to the needs of the students and staff will be operational soon. An ambulance has been procured to help in emergency situations. The Institute reimburses 90% of medical expenses to all its employees as per rules.

The community welfare unit coordinates the welfare and recreational activities of the students and staff members of the institute. There is a recreational activity forum (RAF) that looks after community welfare.

RAF regularly organizes screening of movies, cultural events and recreational trips for the staff children. A free dental camp for students and staff members was organized by Army Dental College on 30/08/09.

### **Earn While You Learn Program**

The Library initiated the Earn While You Learn Program, where the library staff will draw a training program for the students to assist in book selection process, data entry, understanding the library software and using them for lending services. 5 students have been selected under this program. 7 students have been selected to work for ARCD.

### **Transport and Other Facilities**

The Institute has procured an Ambulance to support medical emergencies to students and staff members. APSRTC also has regular bus service between Secunderabad Railway station and the campus.

The Commercial Complex in the campus has a super market (MORE ) and a Bank (State Bank of Hyderabad),Vegetable shop, a book shop run by Higginbothams, a public telephone, a laundry shop, a hair salon, Tailoring shop, a beauty parlour, a stationery shop with photocopying machine, courier facility, a bakery, a restaurant and a medical shop. The main building has a cafeteria also.