

# Infrastructure and Development Initiatives

## Restructuring of Institute Divisions

Institute is taking major initiatives to re-organize some of its divisions to meet the demands of the rapidly changing field of cancer research and the national priorities. To facilitate the same, the division of Cytopathology which was operating as two independent divisions have been merged into a unified division. Apart from this, four new divisions have been proposed and are under development namely, Divisions of Bioinformatics and Drug Designing, Vaccinology, Behavioral Oncology and Cellular and Molecular Diagnostics. Division of Ultrastructure has been merged.

## Staff Recruitments

During last couple of years several new scientists (One Asst. Director, One Senior Research Officer, two Research Officers) and staff (three Research Assistants) have been recruited at various levels to cope-up with the loss of expertise due to superannuation of some of the senior colleagues or their untimely demise. Intense administrative activities are also being pursued to fill up all the vacated position by suitable candidates. Attempts are being made to attract talented researchers to raise the scientific standard of the institute.

## Research-cum-Clinical Complex – Noida Becomes Operational

The work related with the construction of ICPO complex and various other extended works like air-conditioning, laboratory furniture, water treatment plant, Biomedical Waste Management System and Garage Building has been completed and the Institute has been shifted from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi to ICPO Complex, Sector-39, Noida and all the laboratories are functioning smoothly. It may further be stated that because of initiation of various new activities including most ambitious HPV vaccine project, it is planned to expand the existing Animal Test Research to add another two floors for creating animal experimentation with BSL3 facility for laboratory testing of vaccines. Necessary administrative formalities including tendering for the same have already been initiated.



In view of the expanded research activities of the Institute, it is proposed to construct an auditorium with a sitting capacity of 350 persons. This has been felt essential because ICMR Institutes located in Delhi including ICMR Headquarter do not have any auditorium of their own for conducting meetings, conferences, and award ceremonies. Therefore, such facility will be highly desirable as it will be used by ICMR Headquarters and its all institutes in Delhi and NCR.

Institute is also planning to construct Research-cum-Training hostel as the Institute is running a number of extra-mural projects, the JRF, SRF, Research Associate and the staff appointed will be provided hostel accommodation. In addition to this, there are number of students/

scientists are on fellowship, in-service training, Ph.D. and M.D. programmes who essentially require the accommodation. The Institute has initiated programme for School of Cytology for which Research-cum-Training Hostel facility is urgently required.

There is also a proposal for construction of common cafeteria for various meetings/conferences/ ICPO staff/students, trainees, guests etc. All the above construction activity has the approval of Building Committee members and the same has been sent to the Council for approval.

The plot has been allotted in 1991 for construction of Residential Complex at Sector-35, Noida measuring 2.4 acres. It has been planned to construct 50 residential quarters of different categories in respect of existing and future needs of the staff of ICPO and other ICMR institutes of New Delhi.

This will be extremely important to provide clinical base with facility of 20–25 beds to facilitate in-depth research for testing newer treatment modalities, clinical trial of new drugs and the vaccines developed by the institute.

Attempts are being made to develop field stations with the help of Primary Health Care Services in rural settings for testing research hypothesis and findings in the community/field set-up for their efficacy and feasibility for prevention and control of cancer.

## Residential Complex Sector-35, Noida

## Development of Clinical Wing for Research and Treatment

## Field Stations for Preventive Oncology Programme