

## FOREWORD

I am extremely pleased to present the annual report of the institute's scientific activities during the year 2005-2006. It sounds like a cliché when I say that the year gone by was a momentous year for the institute. But there is no other way to sum up the institute's performance. It has become a tradition of the institute to achieve something remarkable every year as seen from the annual reports year of past few years.



The institute has continued its march towards scientific excellence amidst intense construction activities for the additional three new floors. This is reflected by the increase in number of scientific publications, extramurally funded projects, Ph.D. students enrolled, training and counseling programs etc. during the last year. The institute also hosted two international conferences one on Global Forum for Health Research and the other on Stem Cells to provide intellectual opportunities to researchers within the country and also across the globe. The other major highlights during the year were the completion of construction of new laboratories for stem cell biology and structural biology. I am happy to note that the researchers at the institute are making good use of the modernised infrastructure and emerging technologies in their research programmes and have made proteomics, genomics and structural genomics related tools an integral part of their research programmes.

Once again, I express my confidence in the capabilities of scientists at the institute. Their efforts have catapulted the institute as one of the excellent research organizations in the area of reproductive health. The Council is extremely proud of the institute's scientific achievements. I am certain that the institute will sustain its momentum in terms of its scientific output and continue working towards ensuring good reproductive health for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. K. Ganguly', written in a cursive style.

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