

INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES

1. Malaria clinic

The malaria clinic continued to run in the centre providing diagnosis and treatment to the patients. During the year a total of 26 patients reported to the clinic of which 2 were found positive for *P. vivax* (Slide Positivity Rate 7.7%).

2. Computer facility



A view of the Server room

The existing IPA VSAT was upgraded to DVB VSAT for enhancement of Internet facility in the centre. Local Area Networking (LAN) facility has been established with a provision for altogether 41 nodes (clients) and at present a total of 31 nodes have been connected to the LAN in both administrative and laboratory buildings. The server room was renovated in the administrative building for LAN having 2 switches and router for providing internet and networking facility to all the scientists and other staff members. Efforts are on to develop institute's own website and payroll system.

3. Publication and Information section



A view of the Library

The library of this Centre continued to provide information and reprographic services to the scientists and other research staff during the year. In the area of reference activities the library played an important role by providing resources of the databases such as Proquest, JCCC search and other online retrieval activities through internet services. The Medline service was continued. In this year the library installed LibSys 4, an useful library software and the cataloguing is in progress. A total of 51 national and international journals were subscribed in the library during the year, some bound volumes of journals were added, and 45 books were procured that raised the book holding of the library to a total of 1889. Other regular activities such as indexing of books and journals, updating scientific publications of the Centre, news paper clippings on health sciences were persued.

4. Animal House



A view of the *Mastomys* colony in the Animal House

The animal house of the centre is registered with Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA), Chennai under registration no. 73/1999/CPCSEA. The stock position of various animals being bred in the Animal House as on 31.04.2005 is given in Table-13. A Veterinarian of the centre routinely monitors the health of all animals and treat the sick animals as per CPCSEA guidelines.

Table-13 : Stock position of various laboratory animals maintained in Animal house

Sl no	Name of animal	Strain	Number
1.	Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	Swiss albino	252
2.	Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	BALB/c	215
3.	Rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	Wistar	160
4.	Golden hamster (<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>)	Syrian	71
5.	Rabbit (<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>)	Belgian	72
6.	Sheep	Indigenous	03
	Total		773