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Satellite-based educational programme for doctors, students

The city-based Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), along with the Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), has launched a satellite-based educational programme for medical students and practitioners. Under this initiative, COSME Farma Laboratories will install satellite dishes with technical support from ISRO. A classroom-like teaching module will be adopted, where the course content developed by FOGSI doctors will be disseminated live through satellite to over 100 municipal and government medical colleges in India.

Centre for fluid mechanics

With an international conference on "Frontiers in fluid mechanics" scheduled between October 26 and 28, the Bangalore University Centre for Fluid Mechanics, attached to the university's Department of Mathematics is now in spotlight.

Established in February 1967, the Centre was upgraded by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to a Centre for Advanced Studies in Fluid Mechanics (CAS), the first of its kind in India in fluid mechanics.

The Centre has as its objective, academic excellence in teaching, research, guidance and extension. A majority of students selected have rural background. Over the years, the Centre has been active in research in different areas of Fluid Mechanics, such as linear and non-linear internal gravity waves, heat and mass transfer, flow through and past porous media, stability of flows, environmental pollution, unconventional energy and design of new effective antenna. So far, the centre has guided about 75 students for their Ph.D. degree. At present, 25 students are doing research. The centre has published 500 research papers in national and international journals. To mark the silver jubilee of the UGC Special Assistance Programme sanctioned in 1980 and extended successively, the Centre has instituted a SAP Silver Jubilee Endowment Lecture with the financial support of its alumni.

The first lecture will be delivered by K.R. Sreenivasan, Director, The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy.

On this occasion, the centre will present awards to K.R. Rajagopal and K.R. Sreenivasan for their contributions to fluid mechanics.

Lokayukta with students

The Lokayukta N. Santosh Hegde was at the Sri Sai College for

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Women recently to tell students to build their mind against the evil of corruption.

Delivering the S. Nijalingappa Endowment Lecture on "Role of students in the battle against corruption," he said he had visited 11 educational institutions after he took charge and the response from students was encouraging.

The present generation must strive towards restricting corruption and build a platform for the next generation to eradicate it. Regretting the corruption among public servants, he said they must learn to live within their salary.

He said successive governments had refused to grant permission to prosecute corrupt officials. This had made the Lokayukta a mere spectator.

Admission

The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) has invited applications for research programmes (Ph.D./M.S.).

The completed applications should reach the Assistant Academic Coordinator, JNCASR, Jakkur P.O., Bangalore: 560064, on or before November 25.

Details on qualifications and so on can be accessed at www.jncasr.ac.in/radm.

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