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Open Day 2020

IISc's annual Open Day will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020. All departments and centres should plan a programme of events, including tours, lab visits, posters, demos, displays, lectures, scientific games and competitions. This year, safety will be an important theme. The Safety Officers will circulate guidelines on safety, and movies related to safety will be screened at the Chokshi Hall. To ensure fire safety, dried leaves are being removed across campus on priority. Two or three fire tenders and three ambulances will be available on campus. The major roads, especially Gulmohar Marg, will be demarcated with lanes and temporary barricading to manage crowds and allow smooth movement of Transvahan vehicles. Parking will be permitted only at the Gymkhana ground and the government college ground near Circle Mariamma temple.

New Activities at Sarvam

Two new shops have been set up in the Sarvam complex: Sri Sagar Samrat, a fruit juice centre, and Wonder Wash Pvt. Ltd., a mechanized laundry services provider, both operating since January 27, 2020. A new cake and snacks shop called Grand Bakers will also be opened shortly. On January 24 and 25, a Hindustani vocal music workshop was conducted by Padma Bhushan awardees Pandit Rajan Misra and Pandit Sajjan Misra. At the Sarvam complex, a new makery for students is also being set up, enabled by generous philanthropic support from Mr. Sunil Nahar, CEO, Commonwealth. The makery will have an ideation center and a well-equipped lab to build systems and test models, as well as a discussion room to brainstorm projects and scale up ideas.

Town hall Meetings

Town hall meetings have been initiated at the students' hostels, during which the Director and members of the administration visit the hostels and interact with the students and Students' Council representatives. During the meeting held in December 2019, the Director, the Deputy Directors, the Registrar, the hostel wardens, the Project Engineer-cum-Estate Officer, the Security Advisor and other administrative officers visited block 1 and block 2 of the new hostel complex and interacted with the students. Several issues were discussed, including infrastructure and maintenance issues, traffic-related issues, mental health/wellness, safety and issues related to sports and the messes. The next meeting will be held in March 2020.

New Women's Hostel Blocks

Construction of a new 500-room women's hostel on campus is nearing completion. Block A, along with the mess hall, has been constructed with a philanthropic grant from Jindal Aluminium Limited, and block B with a grant under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited. Both blocks have been inaugurated. A third block is also under construction. Currently, the process of joint checking by the hostel office and CCMD has commenced for blocks A and B. The external services are nearing completion and integration with the Institute's existing services is planned by February 1, 2020.

Fence-raising

Currently, construction work on the western boundary wall and fence-raising is in progress. The southern wall and fence was raised in 2016-17. However, some portion of it does not meet the revised norms, which will be raised after completion of the western side.