Biweekly updates from the Office of the Registrar, Indian Institute of Science (IISc)

The University Grants Commission has accorded 12B status to IISc. This is an approval for including the institute in the list of deemed universities under section 12B of the UGC Act. This status is a pre-requisite for any funding including SAP and project funding from UGC. Departments and faculty may download the 12B approval copy from the following link: https://goo.gl/I3wUFc.

## Workshop on Vigilance and Discipline

To acquaint faculty and officers in administration with key procedures and topics, a familiarization workshop on Vigilance and Discipline was organised on 9<sup>th</sup> May. The workshop had two sessions, one on "What is vigilance angle?" by Mr. Srikumar, former Vigilance Commissioner, and the other on disciplinary proceedings by Prof. V. Nagaraj, NLSIU, Bangalore. This is the first in a series of such workshops.

## **Review by UGC Committee**

A committee constituted by the UGC under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ajit Keshav Kembhavi, IUCAA, Pune, visited the Institute between 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May, to review the continuation of deemed university status given to IISc. The committee visited various departments and facilities and held interactions with faculty, students and employees. The result of the review will be intimated in due course.

### New crèche on campus

The Institute has considered the recommendations of a committee, to set up a modern crèche for the wards of faculty members and staff. M/s. BVV Learning has entered into an agreement with the Institute to offer their services from this summer. The agency has already started to set up the facility with modern equipment in Bungalow No. 10. The crèche is likely to start functioning from the first week of June.

# **Distributed composting**

The Institute has started composting leaf and garden waste at distributed locations on campus. This will eliminate accumulation of such waste in a single location (near Jubilee gardens) and transportation of the compost back to various locations. Around 40 compost pits have been dug up for collecting and composting garden waste. We request the institute community to avoid dumping any other material, especially non-biodegradable material like plastic, in such pits.

# **Restoration of bore wells**

The CCMD has restored six bore wells which were defunct for one reason or other. This has helped the institute mitigate the shortage of water in the campus effectively.

### Preparation for the monsoon season

The Institute community is requested to ensure that the terraces and sun shades are cleared of dried leaves. The outlets for rain water in the buildings have to be kept clean for free flow of water. These actions will prevent stagnation of water in the terraces and sun shades, consequent seepage of water into the walls, and fungal growth leading to health problems. Together, let's make campus life better.