

UPGRADATION OF LAB FACILITIES

MB/bact-240 (Photo: inside of back cover) system which was procured and commissioned in 1999 is a fully automated rapid colorimetric method of isolating mycobacterium tuberculosis and carrying out sensitivity profile for anti-TB drugs. This facilitates in getting the results four to five weeks earlier compared to the conventional method. It is proposed to initiate a study on Evaluation of yield of Extra-pulmonary isolates using MB/BacT 240 system in collaboration with SDS Sanatorium, Bangalore.

Turnkey project : The National Dairy Development Board has initiated the turn key project to establish the negative pressure room for carrying out culture work. Orders have been placed for bio-safety cabinets. Once they are installed the work can be commissioned.

Microscope imaging system (Photo: inside of back cover) along with personal computer received from World Health Organization (WHO) was commissioned in the month of November 2000 for demonstration of sputum smear slides stained by ZN method. A report on its working was sent to WHO representative at New Delhi with a copy to DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi.

Awards

Dr **VK** Chadha, Sr. Epidemiologist was selected for Dr C. Srinivasa Rao Award by the TB Association of India, New Delhi, for his paper "The annual risk of tuberculous infection in a south Indian metropolitan city" presented at the 55th National Conference on TB and Chest Diseases held at Calcutta from 7 – 10th Dec 2000.

Administrative

Smt S Susheela Rani, Head Clerk and Smt Sujatha Sathyanarayana, UDC were deputed to DGHS, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi to look into the NTI proposals viz., Recruitment Rules, V-CPC related matters pending with DGHS and offered on the spot clarifications for accelerating the movement of files.

Celebrations

Independence day was celebrated at the Institute on 15th August 2000 in which the staff and the trainees of 84th Training Course participated. The National Flag was hoisted by the Director, which was

followed by patriotic songs by the staff and the trainees.

The 'NTI Day' was celebrated at the Institute on 14.9.2000 along with 'Hindi Day'. All the officers and the staff participated. Sri Ajit Agarwal, Sr. Executive, Widia India Limited was invited as the Chief Guest for the function.

For the first time in the Institute, Mahatma Gandhi Birthday in the new millenium was celebrated on 2nd Oct 2000 with a great gaiety and a difference was that the flag hoisting was done near the NTI gate. Patriotic songs were sung. The flag hoisting is now made as routine affair and is in accordance with National flag norms.

Hindi Rajbhasha

Hindi Praveen exam marks cards in respect of the 16 staff of NTI who successfully completed the course were received from Hindi Teaching Scheme, Bangalore and were distributed among the concerned officials.

Sri Muralidhar, LDC who was deputed to Hindi typing course for 40 days at the Hindi Teaching Scheme, Koramangala, has successfully completed the same on 27th July 2000.

The Hindi Week was observed from 7th to 13th Sept 2000 and various activities like essay writing, letter writing, quiz, translation, etc were conducted during the period. Prizes were given to the participants.

Director, NTI was invited as the Chief Guest for "Hindi Divas" observed by the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bangalore, on 3rd October 2000.

Vigilance

The Vigilance Awareness Week was observed in the Institute from 31st Oct - 4th Nov 2000 as per the direction received from Director, Admn & Vigilance, DGHS, New Delhi. The proceedings were organized by the Vigilance Officer, Dr V.K. Chadha, Sr Epidemiologist. The Pledge was administered to all the faculty and staff members on 31st Oct 2000, in Hindi by Director and in Kannada by Dr L. Suryanarayana, CMO, for honesty and discipline while executing the work with integrity and to observe probity while dealing with the public. The staff members participated in the "Poster/Cartoon" writing as well as in Speech Competition. They spoke on "Corruption - A social evil" and

"Corruption – Measures to control". Prizes were distributed to the best of 3 participants. A

compliance report was sent to Director (Admn & Vigilance), DGHS, New Delhi.

Visitors

| Sl. No. | Date of visit | Name/Designation of visitors | Name of the Organization | Purpose |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | December | Dr GK Kullu, HOD of Bio-chemistry | Postgraduate Institute, Chandigarh | Visited the Institute and had discussion with the Director and Dr VK Challu, veterinarian regarding the on-going collaborative project at Animal Model Research Unit. |

NTI staff

a) Recruitment

| Sl. No. | Name of the official | Designation | Date of appointment |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Group 'C' | | | |
| 1. | Sri Manjunath G Chari | Laboratory Technician | 7 th Sept 2000 (F.N.) |
| 2. | Miss Malathi Joshi, | Statistical Assistant | 7 th Dec 2000 (F.N.) |
| 3. | Sri Ramesh Kumar Srivastava | Field Investigator | 26 th Dec 2000 |
| Group 'D' | | | |
| 1. | Sri Vidyasagar | Chowkidar | 18 th Sept 2000 (F.N.) |
| 2. | Sri G Ravi | Chowkidar | 11 th Sept 2000 |
| 3. | Sri J Balachander | Field Assistant | 18 th Dec 2000 |

b) Promotions

| Sl. No. | Name of the official | Promoted as | Date of promotion |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | Sri Lakshminarayana, FI | Investigator | 5 th Dec 2000 |
| 2. | Sri V Magesh, FI | Investigator | 5 th Dec 2000 |

c) Transfers & Deputation

| Sl. No. | Name of the official | Designation | Date of transfer / deputation |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Group 'A' | | | |
| 1. | Dr(Mrs) Chitra Nagaraj - on transfer from CGHS, Chennai | Chief Medical Officer | 7 th Aug 2000 |
| 2. | Miss PA Mini - on transfer from ISS, Delhi | Statistical Officer | 14 th Sept 2000 |
| 3. | Sri R Murugesan, - transferred to ISS Dept, New Delhi | Statistician | 14 th Sept 2000 (F.N.) |
| Group 'C' | | | |
| 4. | Smt Sujatha Satyanarayana - on deputation from Dept of Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi | UDC | 28 th Aug 2000 |

d) *Retirements*

| Sl. No. | Name of the official | Designation | Date of retirement (S=Superannuation/ V=Voluntary) |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1. | Sri BK Narayanamurthy | Laboratory Technician | 31 st July 2000 (A.N.) (S) |
| 2. | Sri K Ramu | Chowkidar | 31 st July 2000 (A.N.) (S) |
| 3. | Sri AV Nagaraj | Investigator | 1 st Aug 2000 (F.N.) (V) |
| 4. | Sri A Krishna | Group 'D' | 1 st Sept 2000 (F.N.) (V) |
| 5. | Sri B Doddaiiah | Laboratory Attendant | 30 th Sept 2000 (A.N.) (S) |
| 6. | Sri N Anantha | Investigator (EPS) | 8 th Nov 2000 (F.N.) (V) |

e) *Termination*

| Sl. No. | Name of the official | Designation | Date of termination |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Smt Padma | Leave Vacancy – as Librarian | 11 th Sept 2000 (F.N.) |

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शुक्रिया

कैसे हों, कामयाब, बताने का शुक्रिया ।
डॉक्टर को, अडवोकेट बनाने का शुक्रिया ।।
करता है साज़े दिल का हरएक तार शुक्रिया ।
सौ, सौ, जुबाँ से, आपका सौ बार शुक्रिया ।।

(एडवोकेसी क्लास के बाद में पढ़ा गया 'शेर')

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