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The Centre

Foreword

It is a matter of great pride to present the Twenty First Annual Report for the year 2010-2011.

The Centre has been emerging as one of the leading institutions in the country for higher learning and research in frontier areas of science and engineering. The Centre has also been recognized as a Deemed University.

This year significant progress has been made in all spheres of academic activities at the Centre. A series of programmes were organized by Education Technology Unit (ETU) and Hall of Science toward the promotion of science education such as organising a lecture for the summer school participants of Bangalore Science Forum; program on 'Physics for students and teachers'; a program to award the Outstanding Science Teachers for the year 2009; programme on 'Biology for students and teachers', are among the few. To celebrate the International Year of Chemistry, 2011, ETU compiled the book titled 'Chemistry Today' authored by Prof. C.N.R. Rao. ETU worked in collaboration with the World Scientific Publishing Company, Singapore in completing the book titled 'Climbing the limitless ladder – A life in Chemistry' authored by Prof. C.N.R. Rao. It was launched by Shri. Kapil Sibal, Hon'ble minister for Human Resource Development at New Delhi on July 16, 2010.

There is a steady increase in the number of research students at the Centre pursuing various academic programmes. During the year, 72 students (51 students for M S/ Ph D and 19 students for Integrated PhD) and 2 for Post Graduate Diploma in Materials Science have been admitted. The present student strength has reached to 217. 18 students were awarded Ph D, 4 students M S (Engineering) and 9 M S (Int. PhD) degrees have been awarded. The academic, research, fellowship and extension programmes have been progressing as envisaged. The publication record is growing steadily. The faculty members have made significant scientific contributions. It is a matter of great honour that Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Chairman, Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and National Research Professor, has been offered the KFUPM Chair Professorship by the King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals, Saudi Arabia. Award of the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar prize to Prof. Swapan K. Pati and Prof. Umesh Waghmare has added pride to the Centre. The continuous recognition of our faculty members with several honours has reflected our standing within academic peers.

Prof. P. Rama Rao, the Chairman of our Council of Management has been awarded Padma Vibhushan by the Government of India.

This has been an another year of significant scientific discoveries made by our faculty and students; to name a few, Prof. C.N.R. Rao's group along with the group of researchers led by Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare have found a new way to go around the tough challenge that scientists and industries face while trying to store hydrogen in a solid matrix. They have devised a unique storage medium — extremely thin graphite flakes called Few-Layer Graphene — which can capture the gas and release it upon heating or ultra-violet irradiation. Our knowledge about nanocrystals has been advanced by the research findings of Prof. G.U. Kulkarni and B. Radha (Ph.D. student, CPMU). They have developed a simple, inexpensive direct micromolding method for patterning Au nanocrystal superlattices using an elastomeric stamp hosting microchannels. Dr. Subi J. George (NCU) and Dr. M. Eswaramoorthy's group (CPMU) have designed highly fluorescent novel hybrid hydrogels by mixing clay materials with fluorescent dye molecules. US Patent is granted to Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu, Selvi BR, Kishore AH, Mantelingu K for their invention related to ellagic acid (TBBD) and its derivatives as site-specific inhibitor of histone methyltransferase, especially CARM1 arginine methyltransferase. The Indian Patent Office has granted Patent (No. 245033) to JNCASR and the University of Mysore, for the invention "Derivatives of 4,6-Disubstituted 1,2,4-Triazolo-1,3,4-Thiadiazole, A Process and Uses Thereof", inventors being Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu, Dr. Varier R.A., Mr. Shivananju N., Dr. Basappa, Prof. Rangappa K.S. The invention reports anti squamous cancer (cervical and oral) specific compounds having tremendous potential to be used as lead molecules.

The Science Outreach Program has become an important academic component of the Centre. It is heartening to note that many school children and teachers get exposed to the excitement of Science through various programmes at the Centre. The C N R Hall of Science and Education Technology Unit conducted various programmes for children in their endeavour to popularize science among the young

students. Prof C N R Rao delivered lectures at various places followed by multimedia presentations on Learning Science.

The Centre has been expanding its formal ties with other research organizations in India and abroad. A Coordination Agreement has been signed for a collaborative project under the Seventh Framework programme of the European Community for the project “Modeling of Nano- scaled Advanced Materials Intelligently (NONAMI). A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and JNCASR has been signed for the project on Development of Test Facility for different studies. The Centre has also signed MoUs for collaborative research with Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology (RRCAT); GE India Technology Centre; Shell (I) Ltd; Intel Technology India Pvt. Ltd; Sasya Gentech Pvt. Ltd; CSTEP; iCeMS (Japan).

The Centre maintains its vibrant academic activities through conferences, seminars, colloquia and discussion meetings. The infrastructure is being constantly upgraded to meet the academic requirements.

The Centre has also witnessed a tremendous growth in the infrastructural facilities for both scientific and student activities. All these developments would not have been possible without the continuous support from the Department of Science and Technology.

M R S RAO
President



INTRODUCTION

The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bangalore, a premier research institute in the country, was established in the year 1989, the birth centenary year of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, by the Department of Science and Technology. The objectives of the institute shall be to pursue and promote scientific research and training at the highest level in the frontier and interdisciplinary areas of science and engineering. The number of publications in international journals of repute and the filing of patents are steadily increasing year by year. The Centre, which is just twenty two years old, is creating news regularly in the scientific world with its breakthrough discoveries. The Centre has research collaborations with several national and international institutions. In recognition of the achievements of the Centre, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (GOI) has accorded the status of Deemed University, to enable the Centre to train quality manpower. The faculty members of the Centre have received national and international recognitions. Several faculty members of the Centre are Fellows of National and International science and engineering academies.

Prof C N R Rao, the founder of the Centre, held the office of President from 1989 to 1999. He is presently the Honorary President of the Centre and Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Prof V Krishnan, who succeeded him, served as its President from 2000 to 2003. Prof M R S Rao is presently the President of the Centre.

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Centre are:

- To carry out front-line research in selected thrust areas of science and engineering;
- To promote collaborative research with scientists at the Indian Institute of Science and other institutions in the country;
- To provide a national and international forum for in-depth discussions on important scientific topics in areas of vital interest to scientists of the Centre and in the country at large;
- To organize periodic winter and summer schools in certain areas, where young talented scholars would be associated;
- To provide opportunities for talented young students to carry out research projects;
- To provide facilities to visiting scholars and faculty, from all over India and abroad, to work for extended periods with the faculty of the Centre;
- To publish monographs and reports on frontier and futuristic areas of science as well as monographs of educational value.

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PROGRESS

The Centre has just completed 22 years encompassing several memorable and exciting moments. In addition to Chemistry and Physics of Materials Unit, Educational Technology Unit, Evolutionary and Organismal Biology Unit, Engineering Mechanics Unit, Geodynamics Unit, Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit, and Theoretical Sciences Unit, new Unit/Centres like the International Centre for Materials Science, New Chemistry Unit, and the Centre for Computational Materials Science are the newer in the lot. The new Nanoscience Centre is equipped with the state of the art facilities for advanced research in materials science.

The Centre is equipped with good quality Library, an excellent computer support facility, Lecture Halls, a Chemical Education Laboratory, Conference and seminar halls, Faculty Offices and the Administrative Office. A seminar hall, a well-furnished accommodation for academic visitors and a Visitor House are also located at IISc campus.

During the year 18 students were awarded Ph D, 4 students M S (Engineering) and 9 with M S (Int. PhD) degrees. Currently about 217 scholars are pursuing their research career. The research training at the Centre has led to the award of 91 Ph D degrees, 25 MS (Engg.) 29 MS degrees, one MS (by research) and one M Sc (by research) degree so far. The Centre has emerged as a place for interdisciplinary research, with effective interactions among scientists with backgrounds in biology, chemistry, engineering and physics. The JNC community has been working not only in pursuit of research, but also on dissemination of science-related activities reaching out to the common man.

The Centre's faculty members have received number of national and international recognitions. Prof C N R Rao, Chairman, Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and National Research Professor, has been offered the KFUPM Chair Professorship by the King Fahd University of Petroleum & Minerals, Saudi Arabia. Prof C N R Rao has also been awarded with Dhirubhai Ambani Life Time Achievement Award 2010 by Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai and EDGE Award for leadership in education for the year 2011. Prof P Rama Rao, the Chairman of our Council of Management has been awarded Padma Vibhushan by the Government of India. Prof R Narasimha has received the prestigious Kamal Kumari National Award for Science and Technology, 2009. Prof. Swapan K. Pati and Prof. Umesh Waghmare have been awarded Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for the year 2010. Dr. A. Sundaresan has been awarded the prestigious CRSI bronze medal for the year 2011. Prof Amitabh Joshi has been awarded with Lakshmi Pat Singhania National Leadership Awards – Young Leader in Science and Technology for the year 2010. Prof G U Kulkarni has been honoured with MRSI-ICSC Superconductivity and Materials Science Annual Prize, 2011. Prof N Chandrabhas has been felicitated with the prestigious Sir C.V. Raman Young Scientist Award of the Karnataka State. Dr M Eswaramoorthy has received MRSI Medal in Materials Science and Dr Tapas Kumar Maji has been chosen Young Investigator in the field of Chemical Sciences by the Journal Chemical Communications, 2011, published by Royal Society of Chemistry. Other prestigious awards which were bagged by our faculty members are Dr T Govindaraju with Innovative Young Biotechnologist Award (IYBA) 2010; Dr Meheboob Alam with DAE-SRC Outstanding Research Investigator Award in 2010 and Dr Ganesh Subramanian with INAE Young Engineer Award, 2010. In addition, many faculty members have been elected for the fellowships like Indian Academy of Science Fellowship, Indian National Science Academy Fellowship, Ramanujan Fellowship, etc.

The Faculty members of the Centre have published around 311 scientific papers in reputed international journals during the year 2010-11, some of them with very high impact factor.

Many patent applications were filed for new inventions. Details are provided in a separate section on "Intellectual Property".

The interactions with academic institutions and universities globally have continued and the Centre is expanding its formal ties in respect of collaborative research, exchange of graduate students and consultancy projects.

Honorary Faculty Members of the Centre have continued to play an important role in guiding academic and extension activities of the Centre.

Summer Research Fellowships, Project Oriented Chemical Education Programme, Project Oriented Biological Education Programme, Visiting Fellowships, Extension Programmes and Academic Exchange Programmes have attracted wide attention and have been highly successful.

For the Summer Research Fellowships programme, Out of the 108 fresh fellowships that were awarded in 2010, 82 fellowships have been utilized in the same year. 87 fresh fellowships were awarded in 2011. For POCE, 10 meritorious students were offered the fellowship. Under POBE, 10 candidates were offered fresh fellowship. The POCE and POBE students who have completed their 3-year projects successfully were given Diploma (Chemistry and Biology respectively) from JNCASR.

Ten candidates from R&D institutions have been offered Visiting Fellowships for 2010-11.

Seven candidates from R&D institutions have been offered Visiting Fellowships for 2009-2010. Out of the eight candidates who joined DST Postdoctoral Fellowships in Nano Science and Technology – 3rd series, four have been continuing in the programme at JNCASR, IISc, IIT Kanpur, IIT Bombay and SINP-Kolkata.

Since the beginning of the financial year 2010-11, 29 Discussion Meetings, International Conferences, Workshops, and Schools were supported, either wholly or partially. About 76 seminars and 9 JNC Colloquia were held. Five Endowment Lectures by eminent scientists were also held in addition to seven guest lectures during the year.



HIGHLIGHTS OF RESEARCH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Research

Chemistry and Physics of Materials Unit

In the field of Molecular dynamics, the low frequency dynamics of room temperature ionic liquids has been characterized using atomistic and ab initio molecular dynamics simulations, as well as using large scale, normal mode analyses. An existing controversy between two experimental groups on the nature of these modes in the far-infrared region has been resolved through our work. These modes are interionic in character have been demonstrated and also proved that they are reasonably delocalized in space.

Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana and his research group have been involved in field of Raman and Brillouin spectroscopic study of material properties. The group has worked on materials such as fast ionic conductors, graphene oxides and reduced graphene oxides, glasses, nanotube, pyrochlores to understand their properties by changing pressure and temperature.

Mimicking biological systems which can change their conformation and composition in response to external stimuli in present day materials is an ongoing challenge and has huge implications in various fields. One of the current tasks is to design and synthesize these materials with dynamic changes in structures and functions. Various functional aspects of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have been explored, such as luminescence properties, hydrogen storage, guest induced magnetic modulation and guest specific stepwise adsorption. The work on cyanometallate system has resulted a new bimetallic pillared-layer coordination framework $\{[Mn_3(bipy)_3(H_2O)_4][Cr(CN)_6]_2 \cdot 2(bipy)_4(H_2O)\}_n$ which has been constructed using $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$ and an organic linker (4,4'-bipyridyl).

MOFs have been developed from mixed-ligand system as they happen to be structurally flexible and hence interesting adsorption properties. Recently, a 2D flexible metal-organic porous solid, $\{[Ni(1,3-adc)(bpp)-(H_2O)_2](H_2O)(EtOH)]_n$ has been reported, that has been synthesized using flexible organic linkers (bpp = 1,3-bis(4-pyridyl)propane, 1,3-adc = 1,3-adamantanedicarboxylic acid). Silver nanorods have been synthesized in a novel, facile, and eco-friendly way through a simple chemical reduction method using 2,3-dihydroxyfumaric acid in aqueous solution under aerobic conditions. The system, $YFe_{1-x}Mn_xO_3$ has been investigated for its extraordinary properties such as spin-orientation, magnetization reversal, magnetoelectric effect and magnetocaloric effect. A flat GaN film on Si(111) surface has been formed by using the $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$ Ga superstructure as template for GaN growth at 400°C, showing superior structural, optical and morphological properties. There has been active work on nanocarbons. Important contributions have been made in the area of carbon nanotubes as well as graphene, and some of the contributions in this area have received international attention.

New Chemistry Unit

Prof. C. N. R. Rao has pursued several aspects of the chemistry of materials. These include transition metal oxides, nanomaterials and carbon materials. In transition metal oxides, multiferroic and magnetoelectric oxides are of interest. Dr. T. Govindaraju has found that the development of chemosensors for various metals is important due to their roles in medical and environmental sciences. Dr. Subi Jacob George has concentrated on various aspects of functional organic materials and some of the specific research areas are organic/supramolecular synthesis of π -conjugated systems, organic-inorganic hybrid materials, stimuli responsive/supramolecular polymers and chiral nanotechnology. Dr. Jayanta Halder and his research group has synthesized and characterized various derivatives of Vancomycin (last resort of antibiotic to treat gram-positive bacterial infection). Some of the derivatives showed quite promising antibacterial activity against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. Dr. Sebastian C. Peter is focusing in the fields of inorganic and solid state chemistry such as structure-property relations in rare earth based intermetallics; rare earth doped chalcogenide glasses for optical and photonic applications; and heteropoly compounds and its catalytic activity. Prof. H. Ila's research activities revolve mainly around design and development of new general, highly efficient synthetic methods for biologically important five and six membered heterocyclic compounds using novel organosulphur building blocks/synthons derived from broad range of active methylene compounds. The research interest of Prof. Swapan K. Pati's research group encompasses a broad spectrum of condensed matter phenomena including excitation characteristics, low-temperature thermodynamics and dynamical behavior of a range of quantum systems. Dr. Sridhar Rajaram has found that the Hydrogen bond promoted reactions is an important subset of organocatalysts. Enzymes exercise precise control over the positioning and orientation of hydrogen bonds in their active sites to enhance reactivity as well as selectivity. Dr. Ranjani Viswanatha has conducted

research based on colloidal synthesis of semiconducting and metal nanocrystals. Tunable dimensions and shapes of the individual particles as well as the ease of manipulating them into a complex interacting structure make colloidal nanocrystals well suited for studies of size- and structure-dependent quantum-mechanical interactions as well as ideal building blocks for nanoscale engineering.

Education Technology Unit

The Unit has been actively involved in the concept, development and production of multimedia CDROMs and books especially for school students and teachers in various disciplines of science. The Six CDROM titles in Kannada are: Rasayanshastrada Arivu (Chemistry), Bhugola Parichaya (Geography), 'Vignyana Kaliyona' samputa 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Learning Science series). All the CDROM titles and book were developed and produced by ETU. ETU worked in collaboration with the World Scientific Publishing Company, Singapore in completing and designing the cover for the book titled 'Climbing the limitless ladder -A life in Chemistry' authored by Prof. C.N.R. Rao. The Vision Group on Science and Technology, Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka entrusted ETU to supply 2100 nos, of both the CDROM and book titled 'Nanoworld: An introduction to nanoscience and technology'. The book titled 'Chemistry Today' was translated by Mrs. Indumati Rao and formatted and completed for printing by ETU for Kamataka Rajya Vignyana Parishat for distribution to schools and colleges.

Engineering Mechanics Unit

Research in aeronautical fluid dynamics led by Prof. Roddam Narasimha has continued on novel wing plan forms for turboprop aircraft. An international patent has been filed for the invention, and the designs have been registered. Prof. Rama Govindarajan and her group of researchers have studied in the area of instability of vortical flows. It was shown that a light-cored vortex can be unstable and a heavy cored vortex can be stable for certain density gradients. The reason for this counter-intuitive result was explained by wave interactions. Prof. S M Deshpande and his group of researchers have worked in the areas of "Development of Meshless Solver, Point clouds" and "Numerical simulation of multiscale supersonic flows with low dissipation shock capturing schemes. Dr. Meheboob Alam and his group of researchers have studied in the area of investigating the rheology and the dynamical patterns and related bifurcation phenomena in driven granular systems. Dr. Ganesh Subramanian and his group of researchers have studied in the area of Atmospheric Sciences: A fundamental mistake in prevailing emissivity schemes that attempt to model the nocturnal boundary layer was pointed out, and a resolution of the same was proposed.

Evolutionary Biology Unit

During the year 2010-2011, the faculty of EOBU continued their researches in the broad areas of evolutionary genetics, chronobiology, neurogenetics, animal behaviour/phylogeography and population dynamics. This research, which is largely unique in the Indian context, has contributed significantly to understanding of diverse aspects of evolution, ecology and behaviour. Some salient research findings are: Drosophila also show "nocturnal sex drive" (enhanced night time activity and loss of sleep), and this is male driven and olfaction mediated, via the olfactory receptor 47b (Or47b); Circadian organization of Camponotus ants is adaptively plastic and their clocks can be entrained by social interactions; Molecular mark-recapture censusing of an Asian elephant population in Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia, in collaboration with WWF-Cambodia, to enable estimation of population size otherwise difficult due to landscape and low density of elephants.

Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit

In Chromatin Biology Laboratory, work in the chromatin TP2 is acetylated in vivo as detected by anti-acetylated lysine antibodies and mass spectrometric analysis. Recombinant TP2 is acetylated in vitro by p300 and PCAF. p300 acetylates TP2 in its C-terminal domain which is highly basic in nature possessing chromatin condensing properties. *Molecular Parasitology Laboratory* has focused on understanding metabolism in the malaria parasite *Plasmodium falciparum*. Towards this end the enzymes involved in purine nucleotide metabolism in the parasite are being studied.

The *Human Molecular Genetics Laboratory*, in a study of over 750 families with non-syndromic hearing loss, has examined several deafness-causing genes (*Cx26*, *Cx30*, *TMPRSS3*, *TMCI*, *HAR*, *CDH23*, *PDS* and *TMIE*) and identified a large number of pathogenic mutations in these genes. This work has substantially extended allelic heterogeneity at these genes and provided a collection of mutant alleles for potential use in cell biological, biochemical and structure-function correlation studies. Another significant contribution made by the lab is the identification of a locus, DFNA59 for prelingual, profound, sensorineural hearing loss at chromosome 11p14.2-q12.3.



In *Vascular Biology Laboratory*, a comparative approach has been made by using embryonic stem cell models, mouse developmental biology and *Drosophila genetics*, to decipher the roles of novel genes expressed early in the cardiovascular and hematopoietic systems. Recently two new sibling human embryonic stem cell (hES) lines from discarded embryos have been derived and differentiated to cardiovascular derivatives that can be cultured to purity. These are called BJNhem19 and BJNhem20 and have been deposited in the UK Stem Cell Bank.

Molecular Virology Laboratory has screened a large number of Indian clinical samples and identified an immunodominant B-cell epitope in the cysteine-rich domain of Tat only in the HIV infected people. This finding has a direct relevance for HIV vaccine design.

The Transcription and Disease Laboratory has focused on understanding the role of epigenetic modifications, histone chaperones and non-histone chromatin proteins in chromatin dynamics and transcription regulation. These studies are carried out with special emphasis on disease and therapeutics. Through an interdisciplinary approach a small molecule modulators of chromatin modifying enzymes have been searched and nanoparticles have been used to deliver these in animal model system.

The researchers in *Molecular Mycology Laboratory* have studied centromeres of a pathogenic yeast, *Candida dubliniensis* and compared centromere sequences with those of a closely-related yeast *Candida albicans*. The studies indicate that centromeres are evolving at a rate faster than any other genomic region in these two species.

Theoretical Sciences Unit

The work done in the Theoretical Sciences Unit continued to use a combination of analytical techniques and state-of-the-art computation in order to study the properties of materials, design new materials, and also apply the techniques of theoretical physics in order to gain insight into biological processes such as evolution.

The group of Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan continued to use density functional theory to study and design novel materials, with a special focus on surfaces and nanomaterials. They predicted and studied a new long-range-ordered surface alloy of bulk-immiscible components, viz., Fe-Au/Ru(0001).

Prof. Srikanth Sastry's group conducted research in the areas of liquid-liquid transition in silicon, crystal nucleation, relevant length scales in glass forming liquids, the role of spatial dimensionality in glassy behavior, jamming, gelation, fragility of glass formers and mechanical behavior of glasses.

In the area of nanomaterials, the group of Umesh Waghmare has theoretically analyzed the stability and properties of graphene-like nano-structures based on $(\text{BN})_x\text{C}_{(1-x)}$ and transition metal-Si complexes, leading to the prediction of domain-structure in the former and a 2-D piezomagnet based on CrSi_2 .

Prof. Swapan Pati's research group worked on a broad spectrum of condensed matter phenomena including excitation characteristics, low-temperature thermodynamics and dynamical behavior of a range of quantum systems. The role of dark states in resonance energy transfer beyond Forster formulation has been explored.

The group of Dr. N S Vidhyadhiraja continues to investigate effects of strong correlation in models and materials. For example, they studied the Mott metal-insulator transition within the Hubbard model. A new perspective of the hysteresis and avalanches across the inhomogeneous Mott transition as observed in various vanadium oxides is being developed.

Dr. Kavita Jain's group has looked at the evolutionary dynamics of deterministically and stochastically evolving populations on complex fitness landscapes, and have also worked on the calculation of asymptotic maximum value distributions for a class of non-independent random variables.

Dr. Subir Das' primary research involvement has been in the statistical mechanics of phase transitions and areas related to that. He has investigated condensed-matter systems both at and away from equilibrium.

International Centre for Materials Science

ICMS has several ongoing research programmes on Solid-State Lighting, Surface Physics, Polymers, High-Resolution Electron Microscopy, Soft Condensed Matter and Chemistry for Materials. This facility houses specialized instrumentation maintained and run by experts. The facility consists of Ultra High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope, FESEM, Pulsed Laser Deposition, Molecular Beam Epitaxy System, Confocal Microscope, Optical Tweezers, High Resolution Thin film X-ray Diffractometer, NMR, Gas Chromatograph with Mass Spectrometry detector, High pressure liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer Instruments, Surface Area and related measurements. ICMS is in the process of expanding

its facility by installing additional equipment like SQUID Magnetometer, Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA) system and Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) system. The Centre for Computational Materials Science (CCMS) of ICMS has established a High Performance Computing Facility, an instructional computing laboratory with 30 computers for hands-on training of the students. The centre has many collaborative agreements and programmes with various universities, like Cambridge University, Northwestern University, Mesa+ at the University of Twente, National Institute of Materials Science in Tsukuba, Japan and with the Nano Institute in University of Waterloo, Canada.

Centre for Computational Materials Science

Using multiple computational tools, researchers in CCMS have examined five candidate crystal structures for beta-carbonic acid, a molecular crystal of environmental and astrophysical significance. These crystals comprise of hydrogen bonded molecules in either sheet-like or chain-like topologies. The use of density functional theory to study and design novel materials has been continued, with a special focus on surfaces and nanomaterials. A new long-range-ordered surface alloy of bulk-immiscible components, viz., Fe-Au/Ru(0001) has been predicted and studied.

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Fellowship & Extension Programmes

Under the Summer Research Fellowships Programme, 108 fellowships were awarded. For the JNCASR-CCSTDS Fellowship, eight students from different countries were selected and worked with faculty of various host institutions in the country. For the Project Oriented Chemical Education (POCE) 10 undergraduate students have been offered with fresh fellowships. Under the POBE programme ten students have been offered with fresh fellowships. Ten scholars (9 under physical sciences and 1 under life sciences category) have been offered Visiting Fellowships for 2010-2011. Out of 8 candidates joined for DST Postdoctoral Fellowship in Nano Science and Technology programme, 4 were continuing their fellowship. In order to provide opportunities to teachers and others to obtain training and for carrying out science education projects, the Centre is offering a post graduate diploma programme in science education.

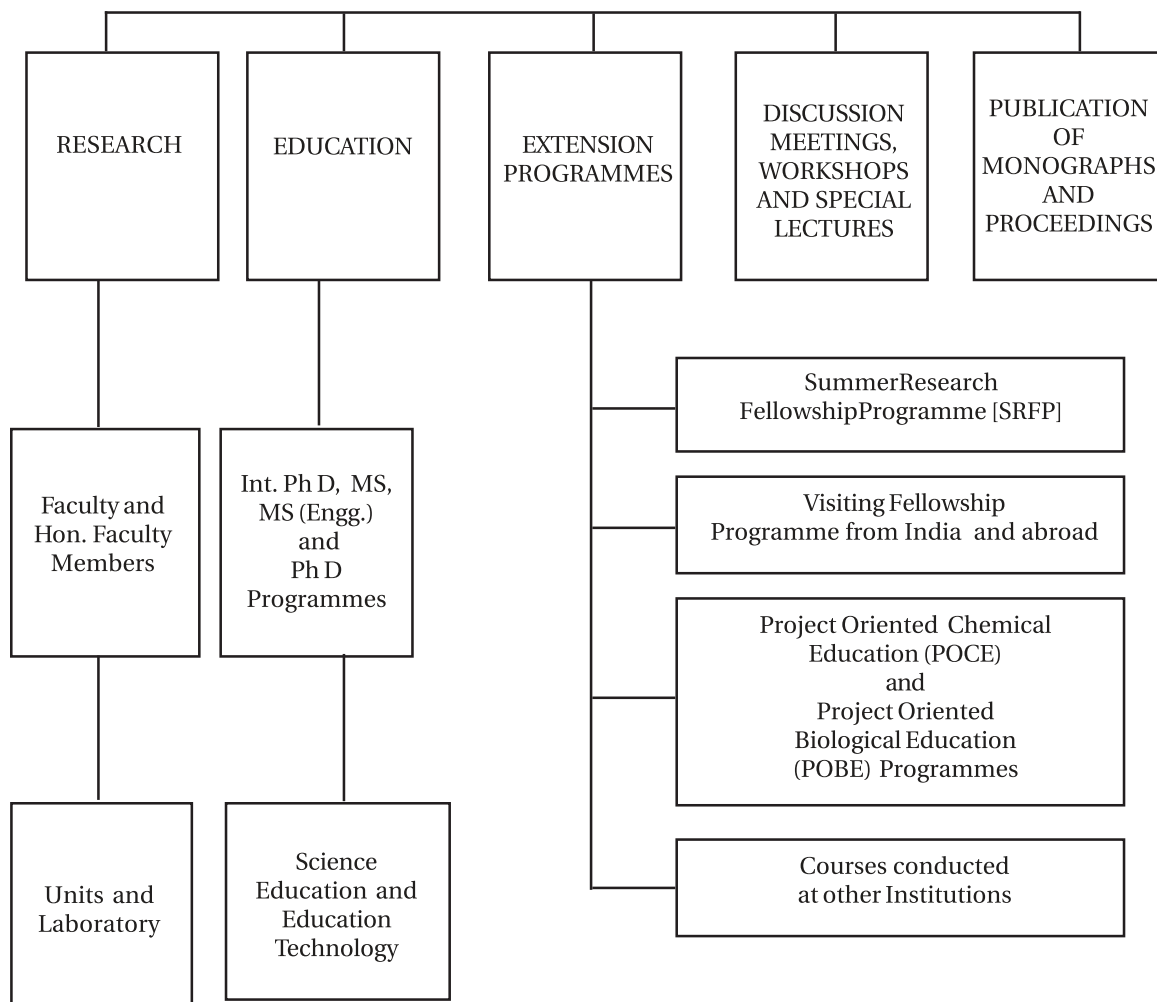
Reservation, Official Language and Implementation of the judgments/orders of the CAT

The Centre follows the national policy on reservation and official language as per rules and orders issued by the Government of India with necessary guidelines from the Council of Management from time to time. During the current year there were no cases pertaining to the Centre appeared before the CAT.



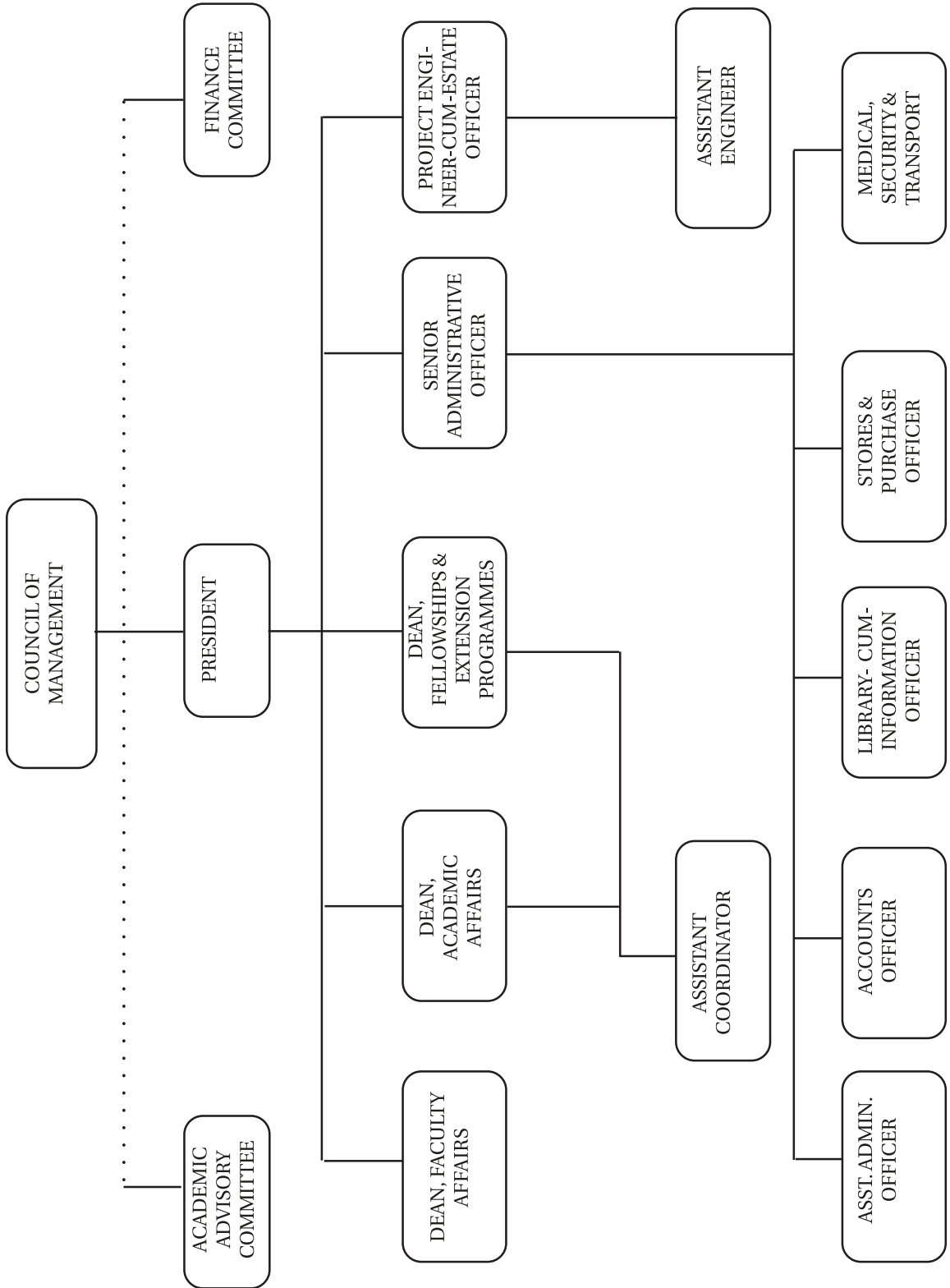
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ORGANISATION CHART



THE ORGANISATION

1. Council of Management

Administration and management of the affairs and finances of the Centre are conducted by the Council of Management. The Council of Management of the Centre meets twice a year.

The following are the members of the Council:

P Rama Rao ISRO Brahm Prakash Distinguished Professor, ARCI, Hyderabad	Chairman
M R S Rao President, JNCASR	Member
T Ramasami Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi	Member
C N R Rao Linus Pauling Research Professor and National Research Professor, JNCASR	Member
S K Joshi National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi	Member
Sheila Sangwan Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi	Member
P Balaram Director, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
Bikash Sinha Director, VECC & Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata	Member
S Chandrasekaran Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
A N Jayachandra Sr. Administrative Officer, JNCASR	Secretary

2 The Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the Centre scrutinizes all financial proposals, and makes recommendations to the Council of Management.

The constitution of the Finance Committee is as follows:

M R S Rao President, JNCASR	Chairman
C N R Rao Linus Pauling Research Professor and National Research Professor, JNCASR	Member
Sheila Sangwan Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi	Member
S Chandrasekaran Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
Revathi Bedi Finance Officer, JNU, New Delhi	Member
R S Gururaj Accounts Officer, JNCASR	Member
A N Jayachandra Sr. Administrative Officer, JNCASR	Secretary



3. The Academic Advisory Committee

The functions of the AAC include planning, execution and coordination of research and other academic activities of the Centre. It also regulates the courses of study, procedure for admission of students, examination, etc. It meets at least twice a year. The Committee makes its recommendations to the Council of Management on all academic matters.

The members of the Academic Advisory Committee are:

M R S Rao President, JNCASR	Chairman
C N R Rao Linus Pauling Research Professor and National Research Professor, JNCASR	Member
Chandan Das Gupta Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
Dipankar Chatterji Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
D D Sarma Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore	Member
Devang V Khakar Director, IIT-Mumbai	Member
K Vijay Raghavan Director, NCBS-TIFR, Bangalore	Member
K B Sinha Dean, Faculty Affairs, JNCASR	Member
Hemalatha Balaram Dean, Academic Affairs, JNCASR	Member
N Chandrabhas Dean, Fellowships & Extension Programmes, JNCASR	Member
A N Jayachandra Sr. Administrative Officer, JNCASR	Secretary

4. Faculties

All the faculty members are involved in various academic activities of the Centre and assist the Academic Advisory Committee in discharging its functions. The last Annual Faculty Meeting was held in November 2010 which included lectures by the faculty on the advances made in various research areas. Local faculty meetings were held in August 2010 and February 2011 to review the progress and provide inputs wherever required.

5. Administration

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UNITS, CENTRES, COMPUTER LABORATORY, LIBRARY AND ENDOWED RESEARCH PROFESSORS

Chemistry and Physics of Materials Unit

In the field of Molecular dynamics, the low frequency dynamics of room temperature ionic liquids has been characterized using atomistic and ab initio molecular dynamics simulations, as well as using large scale, normal mode analyses. An existing controversy between two experimental groups on the nature of these modes in the far-infrared region has been resolved through our work. These modes are interionic in character have been demonstrated and also proved that they are reasonably delocalized in space. Thus, they cannot be assigned to any specific motion such as the hydrogen bond stretching or bending. The liquid-vapour interface of ionic liquids with symmetric cations has been studied using MD simulations. These show that the interface is more structured than those found for liquids with asymmetric cations. The calculated surface tension of these liquids compare well with experimental data.

Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana and his research group have been involved in field of Raman and Brillouin spectroscopic study of material properties. The group has worked on materials such as fast ionic conductors, graphene oxides and reduced graphene oxides, glasses, nanotube, pyrochlores to understand their properties by changing pressure and temperature. In addition, the group has looked at understanding the interactions of therapeutic proteins (Aroura Kinase A and B) and potential drug molecules using SERS. Two M.S. Theses have been completed as part of the Integrated PhD and successfully defended. The group has published over 10 journal papers in this period and presented 6 invited lectures in national and international conferences.

Mimicking biological systems which can change their conformation and composition in response to external stimuli in present day materials is an ongoing challenge and has huge implications in various fields. One of the current tasks is to design and synthesize these materials with dynamic changes in structures and functions. Structurally flexible materials are advantageous over rigid solids in many aspects like selective sensing, separation, increased storage, facile delivery and on-off switches (switchable properties). Coupling porosity with flexibility would be highly essential for selective entrapment of dyes, small biomolecules, heavy metal ions, toxic gases etc. One such organic-inorganic hybrid material which modifies their framework structure in response to external chemical or physical stimuli is metal organic frameworks (MOF). Structural and pore flexibility is absent in the case of mesoporous silica, zeolites and mesoporous carbons which limit their usage in various sensing applications. Bringing softness (flexibility) into these systems is highly crucial and is quite challenging. Considering all these aspects a 'flexible porous layered carbons' containing nanographene domains by graphitizing glucose within the galleries of clay template by nanocasting technique has been rationally design.

The salient features of this report are:

- o Mesostuctured carbons obtained in our methodology shows flexibility in pore and structural ordering with applied mechanical force.
- o Furthermore, the flexibility in the pore size has been exploited for a size selective separation of dye molecules.

The functional clay was used as the template to organise the dye molecules for light harvesting applications.

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The growth and characterization of GaN and InN has been worked upon. GaN nanowall network and nanocolumns spontaneously on c-plane sapphire has been successfully formed for the first time by MBE. A small parametric window has been determined in which these nanostructures are formed with superior structural and optical properties.

The controversy of the band gap value of InN films on sapphire has been investigated by studying the growth of InN by MBE at different temperatures. It has been shown that the band gap observed is independent of oxygen or indium cluster presence and depends only on the morphology and structure of the overlayer. The studies of the adsorption of Ag nanoparticles on GaN nanowall network show enhancement of the GaN band edge emission and also the dependence of the emission wavelength on Ag particle size.

A flat GaN film on Si(111) surface has been formed by using the $\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}$ Ga superstructure as template for GaN growth at 400°C , showing superior structural, optical and morphological properties.

In addition to the above, there is lot of activity related to graphene and nanomaterial patterning. Both these aspects are being used in device fabrication.

There has been active work on nanocarbons. Important contributions have been made in the area of carbon nanotubes as well as graphene, and some of the contributions in this area have received international attention. More importantly, in addition to the nanotubes and graphene made of carbon, graphene analogues of other inorganic layered materials have been synthesized and characterized in this laboratory.

Direct write methods have developed which make use of a variety of metal-organic complexes as single source precursors to produce micro and nanoscale patterns of metals, oxides, sulfides, nitrides as well as of alloys. A desired interface can be easily obtained by exercising control over the chemical treatment. Based on this principle, a few devices such as strain sensor, have been produced. The direct methods not only cut down the number of process steps but also the cost and importantly, enable design of material interfaces which are beyond the conventional lithography.

New Programmes

Computational work has been undertaken on various aspects of carbonic acid in both its gas and crystalline phases are being undertaken. Computations act as a predictive tool in this work.

In order to study nanomaterials and their phonon properties in device conditions, especially, its acoustic properties, it is necessary to develop a micro Brillouin spectroscopy. The group has developed the micro Brillouin spectroscopy setup and has demonstrated the ability to get Brillouin spectra from a few micron samples. This would be used to study the Nanotubes in device geometry to understand electron phonon coupling and its involvement in conduction in these systems a very vital question in these materials. Such a facility is first of its kind in India. The Light scattering Laboratory has received in 2010 the patent from Republic of South Africa for the Nucleic Acid (RNA) detection by SERS.

A new Indo-Spain program has been initiated supported by DST to investigate nitrides and oxynitride systems.

A novel experiment to study the growth of InN under the same growth conditions on differently surface modified substrates is in the process of designing. The results should enable to determine the cause of the variation of band gap values in literature.

The study the formation and structure of the GaN hexagonal nanowall matrix and evaluate for its utility in thermionic emission, thermoelectric power and in water splitting experiments due to its large surface area, tunable band gap, thermal stability and high carrier concentrations has been proposed.

The mechanism that is responsible for the dislocation driven GaN nanostructures on sapphire and silicon surfaces is proposed to be indentified.

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New Chemistry Unit

The New Chemistry Unit is a relatively new Unit currently with a few core faculty members and Prof CNR Rao as Chairman. Several faculty members from the other Units of the Centre are also associated with the NCU. The Unit works on interdisciplinary aspects of chemical science. The most important areas that are actively pursued are at the interface of chemical biology, chemical science and materials science.

The Unit admits students for the PhD degree programme as well as integrated PhD in Chemical Sciences. The Unit also admits students for integrated MS-PhD programme in Chemical Sciences through project-oriented chemical education (POCE). The students admitted for these programmes would undergo extensive course work and research training before continuing for dissertation work.

Prof. C. N. R. Rao has pursued several aspects of the chemistry of materials. These include transition metal oxides, nanomaterials and carbon materials. In transition metal oxides, multiferroic and magnetoelectric oxides are of interest. Work on inorganic nanomaterials includes synthesis, characterization, study of properties and phenomena. Carbon nanotubes and graphene are the important aspects being investigated.

Dr. T. Govindaraju has found that the development of chemosensors for various metals is important due to their roles in medical and environmental sciences. In his laboratory, one of the projects involves the development of sensitive chemosensors for various metal ions. His research group has developed novel class of conformationally constrained chemosensors for selective detection of Al^{3+} which exhibits dual toxicity (to plants and humans). This design strategy has been extended to develop novel chemo-(bio) sensors for various other metal ions such as Cu(II) and Zn(II). In another project, he is working on developing biomimetic materials as they find applications as biomaterials, drug delivery systems, composites and optoelectronic materials. In particular, he is using cyclic dipeptides and linker appended amino acids or small peptides as the modular building blocks to build biomimetic materials with nanoscale order which mimic natural materials. Similarly, he uses biomimetic approach to tune the morphology of naphthalene diimide (n-type organic semiconductor) nanostructures. These materials will find applications as biomaterials, sensors materials, composite materials and optoelectronic materials.

Dr. Subi Jacob George has concentrated on various aspects of functional organic materials and some of the specific research areas are organic/supramolecular synthesis of π -conjugated systems, organic-inorganic hybrid materials, stimuli responsive/supramolecular polymers and chiral nanotechnology. Recently, his research group has developed a novel non-covalent amphiphilic strategy for the design of 1-D stacks of charge-transfer (CT) nanowires, from the co-assembly of donor and acceptor molecules, which would furnish highly conducting nanowires through inherent doping and hence can be a viable tool for nanoelectronics. Preliminary studies have shown remarkable conductivity for these nanowires and the design of new D-A systems using similar design principles is in progress. In addition, he has also concentrated on the molecular design and advanced synthesis of novel p-type and n-type semi conducting π -conjugated systems. In this context, he has carried out the synthesis of various coronene bisimide and tetraimide derivatives with solubilizing alkyl side chains, with high electron affinity and environmental stability, which could make them excellent candidates as a new class of n-type semiconductors. Since molecular engineering of graphene and carbon nanotubes, such as solubilization, chemical functionalization in solution and tailoring its electronic properties in the solid state are some of the challenges for exploring its applications, he has targeted the non-covalent functionalization of carbon nanomaterials with various aromatic donor and acceptor molecules (in collaboration with Prof. C. N. R. Rao) to form novel class of hybrid materials exhibiting ground- and excited-state charge-transfer, energy transfer and tunable opto-electronic properties. Another focus was on the design of highly fluorescent hybrid materials, by using inorganic silicate materials as templates, which would provide ideal spatial organization for the chromophores to facilitate energy transfer induced amplified emission from molecules such as perylene and coronene.

Dr. Jayanta Haldar has set up a chemistry lab (where organic synthesis will be performed) and a biology lab (where both antibacterial as well as antiviral studies will be done) which will provide a platform to integrate organic chemistry and material science with biology, to combat infectious diseases. Within this



short period his research group has synthesized and characterized various derivatives of Vancomycin (last resort of antibiotic to treat gram-positive bacterial infection). Some of the derivatives showed quite promising antibacterial activity against both gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria. He has been involved in synthesizing and exploring various biodegradable antimicrobial polymeric (both synthetic and natural) materials for various biomedical applications.

Since Dr. Sebastian C. Peter's joining on 29th November 2010 in the Centre, he has worked towards establishing his research lab wherein his research is focusing in the fields of inorganic and solid state chemistry. His research is focused on the following research projects: Structure–property relations in rare earth based intermetallics; Rare earth doped chalcogenide glasses for optical and photonic applications; Heteropoly compounds and its catalytic activity.

Presently, he has one PhD and two R&D students working in his research group.

Prof. H. Ila's research activities revolve mainly around design and development of new general, highly efficient synthetic methods for biologically important five and six membered heterocyclic compounds using novel organosulphur building blocks/synthons derived from broad range of active methylene compounds. The various methodologies involve transition metal (especially palladium and copper) catalyzed C-C and C-N bond formation reactions, regio- and chemoselective C-C and C-heteroatom bond formations with various carbon and heteronucleophile on these synthons, heteroaromatic annulations with bifunctional heteronucleophiles and cycloadditions with activated isocyanato methylene compounds on these substrates.

The research interest of Prof. Swapan K. Pati's research group encompasses a broad spectrum of condensed matter phenomena including excitation characteristics, low-temperature thermodynamics and dynamical behavior of a range of quantum systems. The role of dark states in resonance energy transfer beyond Forster formulation has been explored. Current constraint method has been developed to understand transport phenomena in nanoscale systems. Novel electronic transport properties like negative differential conductance (NDC), spin filter, half-metallicity and high mobility are found in many molecular-, 1D- and 2D- systems. Kagome antiferromagnetic clusters with Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction have been studied to understand the magnetic behavior.

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Dr. M. Eswaremoorthy and his research team have synthesized clay-polymer composite spheres by layer-by-layer adsorption method. The aminoclay used in this process in place of positively charged electrolyte can be exfoliated to a different extent depending upon the pH. By introducing this aminoclay layers in between the polyelectrolyte layers they were able to show the reversible swelling behaviour of the composite with respect to pH. This property was utilized for pH induced release of drug molecules. They have also prepared mesostructured carbons (porous layered carbons) showing pore-switching behaviour using aminoclay as the template. The flexibility of the pores as against the rigid carbon pores has been exploited for the size selective separation of dye molecules. Furthermore, they have used the functional clay as the template to organise the dye molecules for light harvesting applications.

Dr. Sridhar Rajaram has found that the Hydrogen bond promoted reactions is an important subset of organocatalysts. Enzymes exercise precise control over the positioning and orientation of hydrogen bonds in their active sites to enhance reactivity as well as selectivity. In typical organocatalytic systems, control over substrate selectivity in activation is hard to implement. This is mainly because the orientation and acidity of hydrogen bonds cannot be tuned in a controlled manner. In his laboratory, he along with his research group is developing modular systems wherein the orientation and acidity of the hydrogen bond can be varied independently. This will lead to good control over substrate selectivity.

Dr. Ranjani Viswanatha's primary focus of research is the synthesis of semiconductor nanocrystals and metal-semiconductor hybrid structures using colloidal chemistry. She is also interested in studying optical and electronic properties of these materials. In the past few months, she is setting up a laboratory to conduct research based on colloidal synthesis of semiconducting and metal nanocrystals. Tunable dimensions and shapes of the individual particles as well as the ease of manipulating them into a complex interacting structure make colloidal nanocrystals well suited for studies of size- and structure-dependent quantum-mechanical interactions as well as ideal building blocks for nanoscale engineering. Understanding the mechanisms at work in these tiny particles can have very important implications in the areas of photovoltaics, displays, biotagging and drug delivery, memory storage and optoelectronic devices. Fundamental research into the synthesis of these nanocrystals by various wet chemical routes, as well as studying and understanding the size dependent electronic, optical and magnetic properties of these materials will constitute the major research activity.

New programmes launched

- Organized "JNCASR Chemistry Symposium-2011" in celebration of International Year of Chemistry-2011 (IYC-2011) on January 10, 2011.
- Organized a programme for students jointly with Education Technology Unit (ETU) in celebration of International Year of Chemistry-2011 (IYC-2011) on January 11, 2011.
- Integrated PhD programme in Chemical sciences has been started in the academic year 2010-2011.



- A new building for the Unit with facilities such as conference room, NCU office, laboratory for Integrated PhD in Chemical Sciences and few research labs, has been inaugurated on December 06, 2010.
- I2CAM School and Conference on “Emergent Properties and Novel Behaviour at the Nanoscale”, April 19-27, 2010. (Prof Swapan K Pati, Convenor)
- Winter School on “Chemistry and Physics of Materials”, December 6-10, 2010. (Prof. Swapan K Pati, Convenor)

Dr. Sebastian C. Peter (Ramanujan Fellow) and Dr. Ranjani Viswanatha (Associate Faculty Fellow) have joined the Unit.

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Education Technology Unit

Activities and Achievements

The Unit has been actively involved in the concept, development and production of multimedia CDROMs and books especially for school students and teachers in various disciplines of science. The Unit has been involved in developing and producing CDROMs and books in vernacular Indian languages.

Education Technology Unit has undertaken a project from Vision Group on Science and Technology, Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka for supplying a package of six Kannada CDROM titles and the English book and CDROM titled Nanoworld: An introduction to nanoscience and technology to Government schools and Colleges. 7500 CDROM boxes (each containing six Kannada CDROM titles) and 1500 Nanoworld books and CDROM's were completed and handed over to the Principal Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Dept. of IT, BT and Science & Technology for distribution to schools and colleges of the state at a function held at the Centre on June 30, 2010.

The Six CDROM titles in Kannada are: Rasayanshastrada Arivu (Chemistry), Bhugola Parichaya (Geography), 'Vignyana Kaliyona' samputa 1, 2, 3 & 4 (Learning Science series). All the CDROM titles and book were developed and produced by ETU. All the inlay cards along with an attractive box to hold the CDROMs were designed and print-ready materials were given for bulk printing.

ETU was entrusted with the task of formatting and completing the book titled 'Chemistry Today' authored by Prof. C.N.R. Rao. All the graphics/pictures were sourced and converted into suitable format for the book. The entire formatting was completed in ETU. The book was brought out to celebrate the International Year of Chemistry, 2011. 7000 copies were printed.

ETU worked in collaboration with the World Scientific Publishing Company, Singapore in completing and designing the cover for the book titled 'Climbing the limitless ladder -A life in Chemistry' authored by Prof. C.N.R. Rao.

ETU was given the task to format and design a book for the Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, The book titled 'India as a global leader in science' was formatted and the cover was designed along with the graphics used in the book by ETU. A print-ready copy was sent for printing and 5000 copies were printed. The book was released by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The Vision Group on Science and Technology, Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka entrusted ETU to supply 2100 nos, of both the CDROM and book titled 'Nanoworld: An introduction to nanoscience and technology'. This was completed and handed over to VGST. 2000 Nanoworld books and CDROM's were handed over to the Principal Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Dept. of IT, BT and Science & Technology for distribution at the 'Bangalore Nano 2010' held during 8th 9th December 2010.

The book titled 'Chemistry Today' was translated by Mrs. Indumati Rao and formatted and completed for printing by ETU for Karnataka Rajya Vignyana Parishat for distribution to schools and colleges. 3100 copies were printed.

ETU took up the project of bringing out the Book 'Nanoworld' in Kannada. Mrs. Indumati Rao carried out the translation. The editing, formatting and completing the printready copy for printing was taken up by ETU.

The CDROM titled 'Understanding Chemistry' with suitable modifications was replicated for distribution at the IYC function.

Organisation of Programs

The C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science and Education Technology Unit conducted various Teachers-students programs/workshops during the period January December 2010 at the Madan Mohan Malaviya Amphitheatre, C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science. The workshops/programs were conducted in different subjects like Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science and Education Technology Unit conducted a lecture program for the summer school participants of Bangalore Science forum on May 06, 2010.



On June 30, 2010 C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science and ETU organized the program to award the Outstanding Science Teachers for the year 2009 donated by the C.N.R. Rao Education Foundation. Ms. Kusum Tiwary and Ms. Remani Karthiyayani were awarded the prizes.

The following programs were conducted: Biology for students and teachers' July 15, 2010, 'Chemistry for students and teachers' August 26, 2010, Physics for students and teachers September 20, 2010, Biology for students and teachers October 27, 2010, Program in physical sciences for teachers November 19, 2010 and 'Program in life sciences for teachers' on December 10, 2010.

In the area of science popularization, 'A Celebration of Chemistry' 'Nanoworld', 'Learning Science' and 'Vignyaana Kaliyona' (a science popularization program in Kannada for the benefit of Kannada medium school children) programs were conducted.

The Inaugural session of Project Oriented Chemical Education 2010 was conducted at the C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science. ETU presented a one hour multimedia presentation of the CDROM titled 'Nanoworld' and certain modules from the CDROM 'Understanding Chemistry' to the POCE participants.

'A celebration of chemistry' was conducted at Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam on 13 March, 2010, on October 1, 2010 at Amrita University, Kochi, at Thiruvananthapuram on October 25, 2010 and in association with National Institute for Science Education & Research, Bhubaneswar on 12 November 2010.

The program 'Nanoworld' was conducted at 2010 Asian Science Camp (August 17-21, 2010) at Mumbai, At the TWAS meet in Hyderabad during 17-21 October 2010. Prof. Rao gave the lecture titled 'Nanoworld' followed by a Multimedia Presentation of excerpts from the CDROM titled 'Nanoworld'. As part of Science Outreach Program, lecture programs by Prof. CNR Rao were conducted at Delhi (IIT), Hyderabad (BITS), Delhi (St. Stephens), Pune (NCL/IISER) and Hassan (UAS).

Chemical Research Society of India in association with Division of chemical sciences, IISc organized a function on January 1, 2011 to declare open 'The International Year of Chemistry' by Prof. C.N.R. Rao at the J.N. Tata Auditorium. The book titled 'Chemistry Today' produced by ETU was released at this function and was also distributed to the participants.

ETU and NCU jointly organized the 'Programme for students' on January 11, 2011 to celebrate the International Year of Chemistry' IYC-2011. The program was conducted at the Madan Mohan Malaviya Amphitheatre, CNR Rao Hall of Science. There were lectures by Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Prof. K.N. Ganesh, Prof. Uday Maitra and Prof. Samuelson along with many experimental demonstrations,

On January 24, 2011 C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science and ETU conducted the program 'Program in Engineering sciences' for engineering first semester students. About 200-225 students and teachers attended the program.

As National Science Day Program C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science and ETU organized a half day program 'Chemistry in our lives' in celebration of IYC 2011. All the participating students and teachers were from different Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (Mangalore, Bidar, Wynad, Bagalkot, Davangere and Shimoga). On March 9, 2011 C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science and ETU conducted a lecture program as part of the National Science Day Program 'INSPIRE' for selected students and teachers. There were three lectures, one each in Physics, Chemistry and Biology

Ongoing Projects

The unit is engaged in translating the book 'Understanding Chemistry' in Kannada.

ETU has taken up the project of assembling 200 College chemistry Kits for training teachers in its use and distribution to Colleges from all over Karnataka.

CNR Rao Hall of Science and Education Technology Unit will be organizing teachers/students workshops/ programs in different subjects like Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Nanoscience during June-December 2011. It is proposed to have lectures and demonstrations with different themes in a particular subject. In all the above programs faculty from JNCASR, IISc and other institutions will participate.

Future Plans

The unit will be organizing a large number of science popularization programs for the school children and teachers.

The unit will also be bringing out the book 'Chemistry Today' authored by Prof. C.N.R. Rao in Hindi and Bengali.

ETU has plans to develop a separate website highlighting the CNR Rao Hall of Science Programs/ workshops for students and teachers.

The unit will continue its work to develop and produce educational CDROMs and books focusing on learning aspects. These will essentially be for high school children and for teachers to aid in the teaching process.

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Engineering Mechanics Unit

Research in aeronautical fluid dynamics led by Prof. Roddam Narasimha has continued on novel wing plan forms for turboprop aircraft. An international patent has been filed for the invention, and the designs have been registered. Experiments on cloud flows have successfully reproduced many observed cloud forms and the results have been reported at two international conferences.

Prof. Rama Govindarajan and her group of researchers have studied in the area of instability of vortical flows. It was shown that a light-cored vortex can be unstable and a heavy cored vortex can be stable for certain density gradients. The reason for this counter-intuitive result was explained by wave interactions. Chaotic flow arising out of mode competition is shown to occur in the wake of an inline oscillating rectangular cylinder. In a study of the shallow water equations, it was shown that these equations are not valid in the neighbourhood of unit Froude number, i.e., when inertia and gravitational forces are of the same order of magnitude.

The normal and tangential forces acting on a static liquid drop sitting on an infinitely hysteretic inclined plane are written down, and it is shown that the plate may aid gravity over a portion of the drop while acting against gravity in the other.

Prof. S M Deshpande and his group of researchers have worked in the areas of “Development of Meshless Solver, Point clouds” and “Numerical simulation of multiscale supersonic flows with low dissipation shock capturing schemes.

Dr. Meheboob Alam and his group of researchers have studied in the area of investigating the rheology and the dynamical patterns and related bifurcation phenomena in driven granular systems. One particular work during 2010-2011 is the development of a "Ginzburg-Landau-type order parameter theory" that describes finite-amplitude patterns in a sheared granular fluid.

Our analysis of the related Landau equation suggests that the "shearband" formation in a granular fluid originates from a competition among three types of bifurcations with increasing density from (i) the “bifurcation from infinity” in the Boltzmann limit to (ii) “subcritical” bifurcations at moderate densities and finally to (iii) “supercritical” bifurcations in the dense limit.

The predicted bifurcation scenario of our analytical theory agrees qualitatively with earlier findings of molecular dynamics simulations as well as of a numerical bifurcation analysis of the same problem.

Dr. Ganesh Subramanian and his group of researchers have studied in the area of Atmospheric Sciences: A fundamental mistake in prevailing emissivity schemes that attempt to model the nocturnal boundary layer was pointed out, and a resolution of the same was proposed. The generic nature of the error, in terms of its occurrence in any frequency-parameterized scheme (outside of a line-by-line calculation) was emphasized. In light of this error, we have shown that the Ramdas layer can only occur in a heterogeneous atmosphere, and therefore proceeded to obtain evidence for the radiative forcing due to suspended aerosols that are responsible for such heterogeneity. Lab experiments conducted with the traditional two-plate set up have revealed pronouncedly asymmetric temperature profiles – a feature that can only be explained by medium heterogeneity. (Student: Ms. V.K. Ponnulakshmi).

Vortex Dynamics: The continuous spectrum of general vorticity profiles, and the approach of the associated eigenfunctions towards the Rankine form was characterized. The response of a generic vortex column to a critical layer forcing was identified, and in particular, the crucial difference between such a vortex column, and the theoretical Rankine profile, was emphasized. (Student: Mr. Anubhab Roy).

Spheroidal particles in shearing flows: The drift of spheroidal particles, due to inertia and viscoelasticity, as a function of aspect ratio was obtained analytically. The aspect ratio was a parameter that could be varied to enable one to access the whole range of orientation dynamics from slender fibers to flat disks. An effort was initiated to investigate the nature of the drift as a function of the Deborah number in cases where the polymeric relaxation is no longer asymptotically small. (Former Student: Mr. Vivekanand Dabade and Student: Mr. Navaneeth M).

Hydrodynamics of bacterial suspensions: A collaborative effort with Prof. Donald Koch at Cornell University has helped make further progress in understanding the nature of the collective dynamics in bacterial

suspensions; in particular, the non-trivial alteration of the collective dynamics due to chemotaxis. (Collaborator: Prof. Donald L. Koch).

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Evolutionary & Organismal Biology Unit

During the year 2010-2011, the faculty of EOBU continued their researches in the broad areas of evolutionary genetics, chronobiology, neurogenetics, animal behaviour/phylogeography and population dynamics. This research, which is largely unique in the Indian context, has contributed significantly to understanding of diverse aspects of evolution, ecology and behaviour. Most of this work is long-term, much of it based on selection experiments. Broadly, research is ongoing in the areas of (a) evolution of maternal effects, (b) evolution of adaptations to crowding, especially the interplay of food deprivation and waste buildup, (c) biogeography of large mammals in the Western Ghats, (d) social organization in Asian elephants, (e) fruitflies as a model system for neurodegenerative disorders, (f) mechanisms of developmental plasticity in circadian organization in ants, (g) behavioural, neurogenetic and molecular studies on aspects of *Drosophila* circadian organization.

A few of the most salient research findings are summarized below.

Drosophila also show “nocturnal sex drive” (enhanced night time activity and loss of sleep), and this is male driven and olfaction mediated, via the olfactory receptor 47b (Or47b).

Circadian organization of *Camponotus* ants is adaptively plastic and their clocks can be entrained by social interactions.

Molecular mark-recapture censusing of an Asian elephant population in Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia, in collaboration with WWF-Cambodia, to enable estimation of population size otherwise difficult due to landscape and low density of elephants.

Social structure in female Asian elephants may be more complex (multi-tiered) than previously thought.

Drosophila species with differences in circadian activity-rest rhythms also show neuroanatomical differences in clock neuronal networks.

During this year, the EOBU also started offering the first Integrated PhD programme in Evolutionary and Organismal Biology in the country; 4 students were admitted.

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Geodynamics Unit

Science Outreach Programme in Uttarakhand

Organized Science Outreach Programme, funded by the C.N.R. Rao Hall of Science as follows:

At Nainital, hosted by Kumaun University

Date: May 4, 2010

Colleges Involved: 12

Students Participated: 58

Teachers Participated: 7

At Almora, hosted by Uttarakhand Sevanidhi Paryavaran Siksha Sansthan

Date: May 6, 2010

Colleges Involved: 5

Students Participated: 52

Teachers Participated: 7

At Gangolihat, hosted by Himalayan Gram Vikas Samiti Date: May 8 and 9, 2010

Colleges Involved : 10 Students Participated: 56 Teachers Participated: 14

At Gangolihat, hosted by Himalayan Gram Vikas Samiti

Date: November 19 & 20, 2010

Colleges Involved: 16

Students Participated: 102

Teachers Participated: 20

Special Lectures

Centre for Earth Science Studies, IISc., Bangalore

7 lectures between August and September 2010

Geological Society of India Annual General Meeting

Keynote Address as Chief Guest, 12th October, 2010

Institute of Seismological Research, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

7 lectures from 28th October to 12th November, 2010

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

INSPIRE Programme, 3 lectures 18th to 21st January, 2011.

Books

The Making of India: Geodynamic Evolution, Macmillan, Noida, 2010, 816 p.

Ek Thi Nadi Saraswati (in Hindi), Aryan Books International, New Delhi, 2010, 111p.

Geography. Peoples and Geodynamics of India in Purans and Epics, Aryan Books

International, New Delhi (In Press)

Research Papers

Geological framework and tectonics of Western Ghat, In: Madhav Gadgil et al (Eds) Western Ghat Ecology (a public domain website), Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, Bangalore.

Some burning questions remaining unanswered, Sent for publication in Journal of Geological Society of India.

Geodynamic history of Uttarakhand Himalaya, Journal of Nepal Geological Society (In Press)

Some geodynamic hotspots in India requiring urgent comprehensive investigations (Sent for publication in Current Science)

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Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit

The Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit (MBGU) of the centre is well recognized for its research programme in biomedical and biological sciences. With eight laboratories conducting cutting-edge research, MBGU attracts some of the best students from all over India for its PhD and Integrated-PhD research and training programme. Research in the MBGU labs span diverse areas of biology. The current areas of research comprise infectious diseases, human genetic diseases, chromatin organization and transcription regulation, stem cells and cardiovascular development and molecular mechanism of chromosome segregation. Research programs in the unit are supported by grants from several national and international funding agencies and from biotechnology companies.

Chromatin Biology Laboratory

Work in the chromatin TP2 is acetylated in vivo as detected by anti-acetylated lysine antibodies and mass spectrometric analysis. Recombinant TP2 is acetylated in vitro by p300 and PCAF. p300 acetylates TP2 in its C-terminal domain which is highly basic in nature possessing chromatin condensing properties. Mass spectrometric analysis showed that p300 acetylated 4 lysine residues in the C-terminal domain of TP2. Acetylation of TP2 leads to significant reduction of its DNA condensing property as studied by the CD and AFM analysis. Colocalization studies using GC-selective DNA binding dyes chromomycin A3 and 7-amino actinomycin D and AT selective dye DAPI indicate that TP2 is preferentially localized to the GC-rich sequences. Interestingly, as spermatids mature, TP2 and GC rich DNA moves towards nuclear periphery and in the later stages of spermatid maturation TP2 is predominantly localized at the nuclear periphery. Another interesting observation is the mutually exclusive localization of GC and AT rich DNA in the elongating and elongated spermatids. A combined immunofluorescence experiment with anti-TP2 and anti-TP1 antibodies revealed several foci of overlapping localization indicating that TP1 and TP2 may have concerted function role during chromatin remodeling in mammalian spermiogenesis. Chromatin remodeling factor BRDT has been cloned and expressed in insect cells. The recombinant BRDT shows histone chaperone activity in vitro. Gene expression perturbation following down regulation of *mrhl* RNA has been studied. Pathway construction has indicated that *mrhl* RNA plays an important role in the wnt signalling pathway.

Molecular Parasitology Laboratories

Research in this lab is focused on understanding metabolism in the malaria parasite *Plasmodium falciparum*. Towards this end the enzymes involved in purine nucleotide metabolism in the parasite are being studied. Comparative structure-function analysis is also being carried out on the homologues from humans and archaea. Adenylosuccinate synthetase from *M. jannaschii* has been characterized biochemically. It is an archaeal enzyme that is 100 amino acids shorter than its counterparts from both eukaryotes and prokaryotes. This thermostable enzyme exhibits a biphasic Arrhenius plot with a switch in the rate-limiting step in catalysis contributing to the bend in the plot. GMP synthetase from *P. falciparum* has been kinetically characterized. Our studies show that the parasite enzyme exhibits different inhibition profile from that of the human counterpart suggesting its suitability as a drug target. Characterization of *P. falciparum* adenylosuccinate lyase indicated that the parasite enzyme has retained its specificity for both the substrates, SAMP and SAICAR. The presence of SAICAR specificity suggests that this is probably the only activity of the de novo purine biosynthetic pathway that is retained in the parasite.

Active recombinant *P. falciparum* SIR2 has been successfully expressed and purified. Screening for modulators of Sir2 activity led to the identification of surfactin, a depsipeptide produced by *Bacillus subtilis* as a potent inhibitor of the parasite enzyme competing for the NAD⁺ binding site.

Another Parasitology Lab in the unit is focusing its efforts on the role of *Plasmodium* kinases in host-pathogen interactions.

Human Molecular Genetics Laboratory

In a study of over 750 families with non-syndromic hearing loss, this lab has examined several deafness-causing genes (*Cx26*, *Cx30*, *TMPRSS3*, *TMC1*, *HAR*, *CDH23*, *PDS* and *TMIE*) and identified a large number

of pathogenic mutations in these genes. This work has substantially extended allelic heterogeneity at these genes and provided a collection of mutant alleles for potential use in cell biological, biochemical and structure-function correlation studies. Collectively, mutations at these genes are responsible for about 40% of recessive, nonsyndromic, sensorineural, severe-to-profound hearing loss in Indian populations. Indeed, about 25% of the hearing loss was found to be due to mutations at a single gene, connexin 26 and the high prevalence of a particular connexin 26 mutant allele, W24X, was attributed to an approximately 8000-year old founder effect. Knowledge of the relative contributions of these genes to the load of hereditary hearing loss in Indian populations has helped devise a 'genetic algorithm' that has important implications for early detection of this disorder.

Another significant contribution made by the lab is the identification of a locus, DFNA59 for prelingual, profound, sensorineural hearing loss at chromosome 11p14.2-q12.3. Using a whole genome-based linkage mapping approach, his laboratory has defined the critical genomic region between the markers D11S929 and D11S480, which is proposed to harbour a hitherto unknown deafness-causing gene.

Vascular Biology Laboratory

A comparative approach has been made by using embryonic stem cell models, mouse developmental biology and *Drosophila* genetics, to decipher the roles of novel genes expressed early in the cardiovascular and hematopoietic systems. Our approach has given useful insight into gene function as well as ontogeny of the heart, blood and blood vessels. Analysis of these genes in the context of human development as well as in clinical studies with a focus on tumor angiogenesis and progression has been undertaken. Current studies are focused on understanding mechanisms that control cardiovascular development using ESCs and mutant mice.

Recently two new sibling human embryonic stem cell (hES) lines from discarded embryos have been derived and differentiated to cardiovascular derivatives that can be cultured to purity. These are called BJNhem19 and BJNhem20 and have been deposited in the UK Stem Cell Bank. The lines are also listed on the European hESC registry. The laboratory is currently involved in the International Stem Cell Initiative (ISCI) project on accumulation of genetic defects in ES cell cultures.

Molecular Virology Laboratory

The laboratory screened a large number of Indian clinical samples and identified an immunodominant B-cell epitope in the cysteine-rich domain of Tat only in the HIV infected people. This finding has a direct relevance for HIV vaccine design. Differential transcription factor binding to several sites in the viral promoter has been delineated in subtype-C HIV-1 promoter region.

Transcription and Disease Laboratory

This lab is focusing on understanding the role of epigenetic modifications, histone chaperones and non-histone chromatin proteins in chromatin dynamics and transcription regulation. These studies are carried out with special emphasis on disease and therapeutics. Through an interdisciplinary approach we search for small molecule modulators of chromatin modifying enzymes and use nanoparticles to deliver these in animal model system. Based on their several original discoveries, the group is aiming towards unraveling the epigenetic signatures of diseases like cancer, diabetes and AIDS.

The researchers in this Lab have been working on the Chromatin dynamics and transcriptional regulation in humans with special emphasis on disease and therapeutics. They have made several original contributions in this area which include the discovery of human transcriptional coactivator PC4 a functional component of Chromatin organization, a Nucleophosmin (NPM1) as a histone chaperone and transcription regulator, hyperacetylation of histones and also NPM1 have been causally linked in the manifestation of oral cancer. They have discovered several inhibitors of Histone acetyltransferases which could serve as a lead reagent to design therapeutic and could be also used to study cellular functions of HATs. Most recently, by using carbon nanospheres conjugated to small molecule HAT activator CTPB (discovered by them) have been able to activate the histone acetylation both in cultured cells and in the mice brain.



Molecular Mycology Laboratory

The researchers in this Lab have studied centromeres of a pathogenic yeast, *Candida dubliniensis* and compared centromere sequences with those of a closely-related yeast *Candida albicans*. The studies indicate that centromeres are evolving at a rate faster than any other genomic region in these two species.

The laboratory also initiated a new programme to study the structure-function relation of centromeres in three *Candida* species: *C. albicans*, *C. dubliniensis* and *C. tropicalis* and to investigate the mechanism of this rapid change in centromere DNA sequence.

Structure-function analysis of centromeres of pathogenic yeasts *Candida* and *Cryptococcus*. Gene indexing and epigenomics in *Candida albicans* by histone H3 variants. Ploidy and pathogenicity - is there a connection? Molecular mechanism involved in rapid evolution of the centromere DNA sequence.

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Theoretical Sciences Unit

The work done in the Theoretical Sciences Unit continued to use a combination of analytical techniques and state-of-the-art computation in order to study the properties of materials, design new materials, and also apply the techniques of theoretical physics in order to gain insight into biological processes such as evolution. In many cases, the work done was of a multidisciplinary nature, and involved a close collaboration between experimentalists and theoreticians.

Below, some of the highlights of the work done in each research group in the TSU is listed below.

The group of Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan continued to use density functional theory to study and design novel materials, with a special focus on surfaces and nanomaterials. They predicted and studied a new long-range-ordered surface alloy of bulk-immiscible components, viz., Fe-Au/Ru(0001). This was successfully synthesized by their French collaborators. They showed that, surprisingly, the main driving force for mixing in this system is magnetism and not stress relief. This work was published in *Physical Review Letters*, and later covered in *New Scientist*. They also suggested a novel yet practicable way of controlling the morphology of Au nanoclusters on an oxide substrate, by doping the substrate. This can induce a three-dimensional to two-dimensional crossover in the cluster shape, which has considerable relevance for catalytic applications. They also studied carbon materials (using graphene as a model system) for natural gas storage, and a variety of nanosystems for magnetic properties such as spin spirals and magnetic anisotropy energies. They have also looked at transport in photoswitching molecules.

Prof. Srikanth Sastry's group conducted research in the areas of liquid-liquid transition in silicon, crystal nucleation, relevant length scales in glass forming liquids, the role of spatial dimensionality in glassy behavior, jamming, gelation, fragility of glass formers and mechanical behavior of glasses. The work in the group has established that a negative pressure liquid-liquid critical point exists in supercooled silicon (to be published in *Nature Physics*), and a new interesting crystal nucleation mechanism associated with this transition has been analyzed in more recent work. It has been shown that the relationship between configurational entropy and relaxation, called the Adam-Gibbs relation, is obeyed independently of spatial dimensionality. A new method has been employed to analyze void space in particle packings, which has been applied to the study of jamming in hard sphere packings.

In the area of nanomaterials, the group of Umesh Waghmare has theoretically analyzed the stability and properties of graphene-like nano-structures based on $(\text{BN})_x\text{C}_{(1-x)}$ and transition metal-Si complexes, leading to the prediction of domain- structure in the former and a 2-D piezomagnet based on CrSi_2 . They have also determined the impact of stress and Stone-Wales defects on the buckling behavior of graphene in both bulk and nano-ribbon forms. They have predicted spontaneous organization of small gold clusters to form 1-D chains when they interact with a bundle of carbon nanotubes. Their most significant achievement in the area of smart materials has been a scheme to derive a generalized Landau theory of structural phase transitions from first-principles, with a demonstration for the transition in ferroelectric BaTiO_3 . They have also estimated the efficacy of various exchange correlation functionals in the density functional theory in predicting temperature-dependent phase transition behavior in ABO_3 ferroelectrics.

In the area of materials for energy and environment, they have identified the structural origin of high oxygen storage capacity M-doped of CeO_2 , relevant to its role in environmental catalysis. In exploration of materials for H-storage, they have shown how the interactions between dopant Li and H-vacancy strongly affect kinetics of Hydrogen release.

In Prof. Swapan Pati's group, the interest encompasses a broad spectrum of condensed matter phenomena including excitation characteristics, low-temperature thermodynamics and dynamical behavior of a range of quantum systems. The role of dark states in resonance energy transfer beyond Forster formulation has been explored. Current constraint method has been developed to understand transport phenomena in

nanoscale systems. Novel electronic transport properties like negative differential conductance (NDC), spin filter, half-metallicity and high mobility are found in many molecular-, 1D- and 2D- systems. Kagome antiferromagnetic clusters with Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction have been studied to understand the magnetic behavior.

The group of Dr. N S Vidhyadhiraja continues to investigate effects of strong correlation in models and materials. For example, they studied the Mott metal-insulator transition within the Hubbard model. A new perspective of the hysteresis and avalanches across the inhomogeneous Mott transition as observed in various vanadium oxides is being developed. This work is a part of the collaboration with Prof. Erica Carlson of Purdue University. A comprehensive study of the crossover from mixed-valent to Kondo regime in heavy fermion materials has been completed, and is being drafted for publication. They have also been investigating the effects of a combined thermal and voltage bias on ballistic transport through nanodevices within the Landauer-Buttiker formalism. This study is a part of a collaboration with Prof. Tim Fisher of Purdue University. In collaboration with Prof. A. Sundaresan of CPMU, they have examined recent experimental results of magnetization reversal in doped orthoferrites. They have developed a new model which yields excellent agreement with experimental results and provides new insight into the effects of doping upon the magnetic interactions in these materials. They continue to collaborate with Prof. K S Narayan of CPMU, and in recent work, they have developed a theoretical model for lateral photocurrent scanning of donor and acceptor polymers on graphene coated substrates. An ongoing collaboration with Prof. Arghya Taraphder and Dr. Debabrata Parihari at IIT Kaharagpur has resulted in the completion of two studies, one being field dependent dynamics in the metallic regime of the half-filled Hubbard model and the second being a new proposal for the charge density wave formation in dichalcogenides.

In Dr. Kavita Jain's group, they have looked at the evolutionary dynamics of deterministically and stochastically evolving populations on complex fitness landscapes, and have also worked on the calculation of asymptotic maximum value distributions for a class of nonindependent random variables.

Dr. Subir Das' primary research involvement has been in the statistical mechanics of phase transitions and areas related to that. He has investigated condensed-matter systems both at and away from equilibrium. In particular following topics have been his focus in the last year: Phase Transition and Critical Phenomena, Kinetics of Phase Separation in Multicomponent Mixtures, Structure and Dynamics in Confined Systems, and Nucleation and Wetting Phenomena.

New Programmes Launched During the Year

The faculties of the Unit were involved in organizing several conferences and workshops during the past year. Some of these events are listed below:

- JNCASR re joined a collaborative programme to develop better cathode materials for Li-ion batteries (partner institute C-STEP).

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Srikanth Sastry Ph D

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N S Vidhyadhiraja	Ph D
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International Centre for Materials Science

ICMS is the first international centre of its kind devoted to high impact, interdisciplinary scientific research, education and extension in materials science, established in the confines of a scientific cum educational institution under the direction of Prof. C. N. R. Rao. The Centre was envisaged by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research took the necessary steps to establish ICMS with the financial support of DST. The centre was inaugurated and dedicated to the nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh.

Being a first centre of this kind it has been ensured that the centre not only fulfils its objectives but also creates new traditions in carrying out research, extension activities and international collaborations. The centre has ongoing research programmes on Solid-State Lighting, Surface Physics, Polymers, High-Resolution Electron Microscopy, Soft Condensed Matter and Chemistry for Materials.

Objectives of the Centre are

- Carry out in-house research of high quality in selected areas of materials science.
- Promote well-planned programme of collaboration in research and education with important centres and individuals in India and abroad.
- Provide opportunities to students as well as faculty through exchange programmes between ICMS and other centres.
- Conduct discussion meetings, schools and workshops.
- Organize Winter/Summer Schools on Materials.
- Provide visiting fellowships to teachers and young research workers from other institutions in India.
- Provide sophisticated instrumental and analytical services of the highest quality to facilitate materials research.

ICMS has established major scientific research facilities to serve both in-house researchers and researchers from other institutions. This facility houses specialized instrumentation maintained and run by experts. The facility consists of Ultra High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope, FESEM, Pulsed Laser Deposition, Molecular Beam Epitaxy System, Confocal Microscope, Optical Tweezers, High Resolution Thin film X-ray Diffractometer, NMR, Gas Chromatograph with Mass Spectrometry detector, High pressure liquid Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer Instruments, Surface Area and related measurements. ICMS is in the process of expanding its facility by installing additional equipment like SQUID Magnetometer, Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA) system and Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) system.

The Centre for Computational Materials Science (CCMS) of ICMS has established a High Performance Computing Facility, an instructional computing laboratory with 30 computers for hands-on training of the students. It also provides variety of analytical and computational tools.

The centre has various programmes as PhD and MS programmes, two semesters (one year) Post Graduate Diploma in Materials Science programme, Senior and Junior Fellowships under RAK-CAM Programme and Short term visiting programmes. Four students have graduated under the Post Graduate Diploma in Materials Science programme and 21 visitors have visited for collaborative research under short term visiting programmes.

The centre has many collaborative agreements and programmes with various universities, like Cambridge University, Northwestern University, Mesa+ at the University of Twente, National Institute of Materials Science in Tsukuba, Japan and with the Nano Institute in University of Waterloo, Canada. Several young scientists from other countries as well as from India have carried out short term research activities in the centre. Recently ICMS signed an MoU with Scuola Internazionale superior di Studi Avanzati (SISSA), Trieste. It is in process of establishing collaborations with Weizmann Institute of science and Cambridge University.

In addition to carrying out innovative research, ICMS also organizes various seminars, schools, workshops and conferences in collaboration with colleagues in JNCASR and elsewhere. The centre organizes an annual International Materials Lecture by eminent scientists from all over the world, and has many collaborative agreements and programmes with various universities. The first lecture was delivered by



Prof. Tobin Marks, Northwestern University on February 4, 2009. The second lecture was delivered by Prof. Stuart Parkin, IBM Almaden Research Center on December 11, 2009 and the third lecture by Prof. Sir Richard Friend, FRS, Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge on December 7, 2010.

ICMS organizes seminars, schools, workshops and conferences in collaboration with colleagues in JNCASR and elsewhere. To name few, Winter School on Chemistry and Physics of Materials with University of Cambridge, Chemistry of Materials meeting arranged in collaboration with Swedish Academy of Sciences, JNCASR research conference on Materials in Kerala in collaboration with National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Trivandrum and Frontier Lectures on Advances in Materials Science in universities. ICMS has also sponsored various schools and workshops conducted by other organizations.

Fellowships of National and International Institutions

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RAK-CAM Programme

This programme has been very successful in awarding Senior and junior fellowships. We have also received additional grants from RAK-CAM. It is also proposed to organize an annual “Sheik Saqr lecture”, an international lecture series partly using the funds received from RAK-CAM to support the travel and an honorarium.

Short term visiting programmes

The centre offers short term visiting fellowships under these programmes. The visiting period may vary from one month to six months. The visiting fellows will be associated with the ICMS faculty and associate faculty to carry out the research work. Several young scientists from other countries as well as from India have carried out short term research activities in the centre. We have had 21 visitors under these programmes. Several scientists from ICMS have also visited other institutes under these programmes.

New Programmes launched

ICMS will launch a new Annual “Sheik Saqr Materials Lecture”, an international lecture series. RAK-CAM for Advanced Materials and the International Centre for Materials Science will support this annual lecture series. It is planned to invite an eminent scientist from anywhere in the world to deliver a lecture on Material Science.

A short term Visiting Fellowship Programme for 3 to 10 teachers and research scholars has been started to help the best of young researchers and teachers to obtain appropriate exposure to research.

A research programme on “Hydrogen Energy and Artificial Photo-synthesis” has been initiated.

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Dr Rajesh Ganapathy Ph D (IISc.)

Dr Sridhar Rajaram Ph D (University of Utah)

Adjunct professorship and other honorary positions

Prof Timothy Fisher, Purdue, Adjunct Professor

Prof Vinayak Dravid, Northwestern University, Adjunct Professor

Prof Pulickel M. Ajayan, Rice University, Adjunct Professor

Prof Vinod Subramaniam, University of Twente, Adjunct Professor

Prof U Ramamurty, Indian Institute of Science, Hon. Faculty

Prof S M Shivaprasad, Professor, ICMS, RAK-CAM Sheik Saqr Senior

Fellowship

Mr Rakesh V, RAK-CAM Sheik Saqr Junior Fellowship

Senior Fellows

Prof K S Narayan, (March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2010)

Prof S M Shivaprasad, (March 1, 2010 onwards)

Junior Fellows

Dr S R C Vivekchand, (March 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

Mr Rakesh Voggu, (July 1, 2009 to September 20, 2010)

Mr Pranab Mandal, (November 1, 2010 onwards)

Fellows and scientists visiting ICMS

Prof Venkatesan Manivannan from USA

Mr Tran Duc Hoang from Vietnam

Mr Jafar Hoseini from Iran

Ms Nguyen Thi Mua from Vietnam

Mr Joey Mangadlao from Philippines

Dr Sharmin Kharazzi, Iran

Mr Bello Adedeji Abdulhakeem from Nigeria

Mr Dzade Nelson Yaw from Ghana

Mr Kasper Wenderich from the Netherlands

Dr Nusrat J. M. Sanghamitra from Saudi Arabia

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Ms Nabanita Saikia, from India

Mr Biswajit Choudhury, from India

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Chemical Biology Unit

Design of an HA2-based Escherichia coli expressed influenza immunogen that protects mice from pathogenic challenge

Influenza HA is the primary target of neutralizing antibodies during infection, and its sequence undergoes genetic drift and shift in response to immune pressure. The receptor binding HA1 subunit of HA shows much higher sequence variability relative to the metastable, fusion-active HA2 subunit, presumably because neutralizing antibodies are primarily targeted against the former in natural infection. We have designed an HA2-based immunogen using a protein minimization approach that incorporates designed mutations to destabilize the low pH conformation of HA2. The resulting construct (HA6) was expressed in Escherichia coli and refolded from inclusion bodies. Biophysical studies and mutational analysis of the protein indicate that it is folded into the desired neutral pH conformation competent to bind the broadly neutralizing HA2 directed monoclonal 12D1, not the low pH conformation observed in previous studies. HA6 was highly immunogenic in mice and the mice were protected against lethal challenge by the homologous A/HK/68 mouse-adapted virus. An HA6-like construct from another H3 strain (A/Phil/2/82) also protected mice against A/HK/68 challenge. Regions included in HA6 are highly conserved within a subtype and are fairly well conserved within a clade. Targeting the highly conserved HA2 subunit with a bacterially produced immunogen is a vaccine strategy that may aid in pandemic preparedness.

Lanthanide sensitization using a novel strategy

A novel strategy for the sensitizing lanthanides in a hydrogel matrix through a non-covalently bound sensitizer has been devised. The selective sensitization of Eu(II), Tb(III) and their mixtures has been achieved in a gel phase leading to tunable emission characteristics. It has also been shown that these materials retain the luminescence even in the dried state. The lyophilized powder ('xerogel') has been further processed to coat glass surfaces with these luminescent coatings. A functional hydrogel has also been devised for easy and selective detection of enzymes using a "pro-sensitizer" approach.

Interaction of minor groove binding ligands (MGBL) with DNA

DNA adopts different conformations not only based on novel base pairs, but also with different chain polarities. Besides several duplex structures [A, B, Z, parallel stranded (ps)-DNA, etc.], DNA also forms higher-order structures like triplex, tetraplex, and i-motif etc. Each of these structures has its own biological significance. The ps-duplexes have been found to be resistant to certain nucleases and endonucleases. Molecules that promote triple-helix formation have significant potential. These investigations have many therapeutic advantages which may be useful in the regulation of the expression of genes responsible for certain diseases by locking either their transcription (antigene) or translation (antisense). Each DNA minor groove binding ligand (MGBL) interacts with DNA through helical minor groove recognition in a sequence-specific manner, and this interferes with several DNA-associated processes. Incidentally, these ligands interact with some non-B-DNA and with higher-order DNA structures including ps-DNA and triplexes. While the design and recognition of minor grooves of duplex DNA by specific MGBLs have been a topic of a number of reports from our laboratory, limited information is available on the binding behavior of MGBLs with non-duplex DNA. We have initiated various attempts of the interaction of new synthetic MGBLs with ps-DNA and DNA triplexes.

Following are the members of the Unit:

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Prof. Goverdhan Mehta

Prof. Raghavan Varadarajan

Condensed Matter Theory Unit

Significant Research Accomplishments

The members of the Condensed Matter Theory Unit (CMTU) are engaged in theoretical research on a wide variety of topics in the general area of Condensed Matter Science.

During the period from 2010-11, they achieved significant progress on several problems in this area in which support from JNCASR has been acknowledged, and these are summarized below.

Quantum Condensed Matter, especially Strongly correlated Systems

- The two fluid model of manganites was extended to achieve an understanding of their anomalous optical properties. This work has been accepted for publication in Phys. Rev B.
- A strong coupling expansion was developed for quantities that are directly experimentally measured in systems of ultra-cold bosonic atoms in a deep optical lattice as described by the Bose-Hubbard model with a trap potential, for parameter regimes when super fluid regions are present. The expansion works well in much of the experimentally relevant regimes.
- A generalized gradient approximation to go beyond the local density approximation in handling strongly correlated inhomogeneous systems such as ultra cold atoms in a trap was developed.
- In recent studies several important issues (effects of "blocking" and role of grain boundaries) related to the observation of "super-solid" behavior in solid He in torsional-oscillator experiments have been addressed.
- A model was developed combining the concepts of resistance and bosonization to describe transport through systems of quantum wires including junctions. Charge pumping in both an infinitely long wire and a ring was also studied.
- An understanding of topological phases, symmetry breaking and zero energy Majorana modes in one-dimensional systems with spins and electrons was achieved
- An understanding of the edge states in a simple fractional quantum Hall system was developed using bosonization and numerical analysis
- Transport of electrons through potential and magnetic barriers on the surface of a three-dimensional topological insulator was studied
- Quenching of a parameter of the Hamiltonian of models with topological degrees of freedom was studied, and it was shown that the effects depend crucially on the topological sector.

Soft Condensed Matter and Nonequilibrium Statistical Physics

- Numerical studies using atomistic molecular dynamics simulations revealed a number of interesting properties of water molecules in narrow carbon nanotubes and nanorings. These also provided theoretical support for the experimental observation of single-file diffusion of water molecules in carbon nanotubes.
- Using finite-size scaling for a four-point susceptibility that characterizes dynamic heterogeneity and numerical evaluation of the corresponding four-point correlation function, the existence of a growing length scale in a realistic glass-forming liquid was established for the first time.
- Studies of six classes of problems in the area of turbulence have been Systematized, namely, (I) the dynamic multiscaling of time-dependent structure functions in fluid and passive-scalar turbulence, (II) dissipation reduction by polymer additives in fluid turbulence, (III) the statistical properties of turbulence in two-dimensional fluid films, (IV) the effects of hyperviscosity in hydrodynamical equations, (V) the magnetic-Prandtl-number dependence of the dynamo boundary and the statistical properties of magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) turbulence, and (VI) the persistence problem in turbulence.
- Furthermore, studies have been carried out of spiral- and scroll-wave dynamics in a variety of mathematical models for cardiac tissue ranging from simple, two-variable models, which account for the transmembrane potential V and a slow, recovery variable, to state-of-the-art models, which



include V and several ionic currents, gating variables for the associated voltage-gated ion channels, ion pumps, and ion exchangers.

- Work was continued on (i) con_ved liquids and the glass transition (one paper submitted, under review), electrophoresis, sedimentation, and related phenomena in driven colloids, and active matter. On the last subject an important paper was published (Nitin Kumar, Sriram Ramaswamy and A K Sood, see below) combining experiment and theory, on some rather remarkable symmetry properties in the noisy self-propulsion of a tapered macroscopic rodlike particle on a surface. The paper was selected as an Editor's Suggestion in Phys Rev Letters, and has attracted much attention.
- A major review article was authored (Sriram Ramaswamy, see below) on the area of Active Matter. The work summarizes the remarkable progress made in recent years, substantially by his group, in understanding the collective behaviour of self-driven particles, such as motile organisms, cytoskeletal extracts of motors and filaments energized by ATP, or some remarkable non-living analogue systems. The article appeared in the inaugural issue of the Annual Review of Condensed Matter Physics, by invitation of its Chief Editor James S Langer.
- The problem of the spreading of a liquid drop containing self-propelled filaments was formulated and solved. This work is currently under review with J Fluid Mech.

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Centre for Computational Materials Science (CCMS)

Research Achievements

Using multiple computational tools, researchers in CCMS have examined five candidate crystal structures for beta-carbonic acid, a molecular crystal of environmental and astrophysical significance. These crystals comprise of hydrogen bonded molecules in either sheet-like or chain-like topologies. Gas phase quantum calculations, empirical force field based crystal structure search, and periodic density functional theory based calculations and finite temperature simulations of these crystals have been carried out. Results suggest crystals with one-dimensional hydrogen bonding topologies (chain-like) to be more stable than those with two-dimensional (sheet-like) hydrogen bonding networks. We predict that these structures can be distinguished on the basis of their far infra-red spectra.

The use of density functional theory to study and design novel materials has been continued, with a special focus on surfaces and nanomaterials. A new long-range-ordered surface alloy of bulk-immiscible components, viz., Fe-Au/Ru(0001) has been predicted and studied. This was successfully synthesized by our French collaborators. It was showed that, surprisingly, the main driving force for mixing in this system is magnetism and not stress relief. It was suggested that a novel yet practicable way of controlling the morphology of Au nanoclusters on an oxide substrate is by doping the substrate. This can induce a three-dimensional to two-dimensional crossover in the cluster shape, which has considerable relevance for catalytic applications. We also studied carbon materials for gas storage, and a variety of nanosystems for magnetic properties such as spin spirals and magnetic anisotropy energies. We have also looked at transport in photoswitching molecules.

Research conducted in the areas of liquid-liquid transition in silicon, crystal nucleation, relevant length scales in glass forming liquids, the role of spatial dimensionality in glassy behavior, jamming, gelation, fragility of glass formers and mechanical behavior of glasses. Established that a negative pressure liquid-liquid critical point exists in supercooled silicon (to be published in Nature Physics), and a new interesting crystal nucleation mechanism associated with this transition has been analyzed in more recent work. It has been shown that the relationship between configurational entropy and relaxation, called the Adam-Gibbs relation, is obeyed independently of spatial dimensionality. A new method has been employed to analyze void space in particle packings, which has been applied to the study of jamming in hard sphere packings.

Research interest encompasses a broad spectrum of condensed matter phenomena including excitation characteristics, low-temperature thermodynamics and dynamical behavior of a range of quantum systems. The role of dark states in resonance energy transfer beyond Forster formulation have been explored. Current constraint method have been developed to understand transport phenomena in nanoscale systems. Novel electronic transport properties like negative differential conductance (NDC), spin filter, half-metallicity and high mobility are found in many molecular-, 1D- and 2D- systems. Kagome aniferromagnetic clusters with Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction have been studied to understand the magnetic behavior.

Stregnth of γ - γ' interface in Ni-Al Superalloys: Ni-Al superlloys are used in turbine blades and vanes in the most advanced gas turbine engines. The availability of such superalloys led during past decades to a steady increase in the turbine entry temperatures and hence efficiency and the trend is expected to continue. These alloys typically consist of Ni-matrix (γ -phase) with precipitates of Ni₃Al (γ' -phase) and the properties of the interface between these two are critical to mechanical behavior of Ni-based superalloys, while the γ' which is largely responsible for the elevated-temperature strength of the material and its incredible resistance to creep deformation. With Kaushlendra Kumar from DMRL, we have extensively studied the tensile and shear strength of γ - γ' interface through determination of cleavage and generalized stacking fault (at the interface) energies using first-principles density functional theory-based calculations. We



have also determined the tendency of segregation of additives like Mo and W to the interface and estimated their effects on the interface strength.

Modeling of dielectric properties of composites for Stealth application: With Alok Dixit of DMSRDE, we have developed a computer program that uses Green's function based approach of scattering theory to simulate propagation of electromagnetic waves in a heterogeneous (e.g. a composite) material. This method has been tested and benchmarked through simulation of simple structures where the exact answer is known. The main accomplishment is that the same technique can be used to simulate a meta-material as well as a photonic crystal. A manuscript on this work (method development) is being prepared for submission to Computational Materials Science. Subsequently, it will be used in design/ optimization of properties with proportion of filler and host materials to achieve desired performance for stealth applications. e.g. 20 dB in desired frequency region e.g. 2-18 GHz.

Graphene-like nano-materials: With KPSS Hembram (funded by DRDO project), we have carried out first-principles simulations to understand (a) buckling transition in graphene, (b) properties of B and N doped graphene in terms of ordering of B and N, (c) interaction of carbon dioxide with graphene-like BCN (d) properties of BN in graphene-like structure, (e) hydrogen storage capacity of bi-layer graphene, and (f) mechanical stability of metal hydrides relevant to hydrogen storage applications.

First-principles Ginzburg-Landau theory of ferroelectrics: With Anil Kumar, we developed a methodology that derives a generalized Landau theory of ferroelectrics, which can be used for both bulk and nano-scale materials.

Pnictide superconductors: We have shown in complement to Raman spectroscopic measurements in AK Sood's lab how the spin-phonon coupling in pnictide superconductors is very strong and gives rise to anomalies in Raman spectrum.

New programmes/schools/conferences

A large program written in Fortran90 to carry out normal mode analyses of a bulk condensed system was developed successfully.

CCMS funded programmes:

JNCASR/SISSA/IBM School on First Principles Simulations, November 29 – December 2, 2010, organized by Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan.

JNCASR-UCL Workshop on Multiscale modeling and simulations of materials, January 11-13, 2011, organized by Prof. Umesh V Waghmare.

Programmes with external funding from CCMS:

Hands-on School on First Principles Simulations, ICTP, Trieste, January 2011. (Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan, Co-Director)

I2CAM School and Conference on "Emergent Properties and Novel Behaviour at the Nanoscale", April 19-27, 2010. (Prof. Swapan K Pati, Convener).

Winter School on "Chemistry and Physics of Materials", December 6-10, 2010. (Prof. Swapan K Pati, Convener)

The Physics of Glasses: Relating Metallic Glasses to Molecular, Polymeric and Oxide Glasses", April 12 - July 9, 2010, KITP, Santa Barbara, USA. (Prof. Sastry, Co-Coordinator)

Research publications for the period April 2010 to March 2011: about 57 papers were published during April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

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DST Unit on Nanoscience

Conversion of inorganic carbonates to methane has been carried out using mixed metal carbonates as an alternative way to capture and convert the carbon dioxide(1) an important environmental problem. It was observed that presence of cobalt facilitate the complete conversion of carbonate to methane.

Aminoclay is a layered magnesium organosilicate with the structure analogous to 2:1 trioctahedralsmectites, such as talc but with covalently linked organosilicates in place of inorganic silicates, with an approximate composition $R_8S_{18}Mg_6O_{16}(OH)_4$ (R= alkylamine covalently linked to Si). This clay is easily exfoliable in water into nano sheets due to protonation of amino groups. These functional groups are very efficient in stabilizing metal nanoparticles to form clay-metal nanoparticles. Composite film made with the aminoclay slabs and the polymer, polyvinylalcohol, showed enhanced strength without compromising its ductility, a problem commonly encountered in using inorganic filler with the polymer in macro composites. These composite film incorporated with Ag and Au metal could be used as food packaging materials.

We have developed direct write methods which make use of a variety of metal-organic complexes as single source precursors to produce micro and nanoscale patterns of metals, oxides, sulfides, nitrides as well as of alloys. A desired interface can be easily obtained by exercising control over the chemical treatment. Based on this principle, a few devices such as strain sensor, have been produced. The direct methods not only cut down the number of process steps but also the cost and importantly, enable design of material interfaces which are beyond the conventional lithography.

There has been substantial effort in the recent past towards fabricating devices on soft substrates and realise sensors which can be integrated to our surroundings. The additional possibility of incorporating stretching and bending capabilities of such products introduces valuable features which can be incorporated in novel design concepts.

In this group, there has been work on nanocarbons from the very beginning. Important contributions have been made in the area of carbon nanotubes as well as graphene, and some of the contributions in this area have received international attention. More importantly, in addition to the nanotubes and graphene made of carbon, graphene analogues of other inorganic layered materials have been synthesized and characterized in this laboratory.

Recently, we have discovered magnetism in nanoparticles of otherwise nonmagnetic inorganic materials where the surface defects give rise to such unexpected magnetism. We have also shown that the surface ferromagnetism can be combined with ferroelectricity to give multiferroic properties.

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Following are the members of the Unit:

Faculty members

Prof. C. N. R. Rao
Prof. G. U. Kulkarni
Prof. K. S. Narayan
Prof. Swapan K. Pati
Dr. A. Sundaresan
Dr. M. Eswaramoorthy
Dr. A. Govindaraj

Technical Assistance

Ms. N. R. Selvi

Computer Laboratory (CompLab)

During the financial year April 2010 – March 2011, the Computer Laboratory has undertaken many initiatives to upgrade and enhance the IT infrastructure at JNCASR as per international industries standard. The internet bandwidth has now been increased to 120Mbps (100Mbps from BSNL and 20Mbps from HCL) which will further be increased to 1.2 Gbps in the near future. The 1Gbps link from BSNL is tied with NKN (National Knowledge Network) of the Government of India – a part of this bandwidth (about 850Mbps) will be used for connecting the knowledge institutions across the country. The 20Mbps HCL-link is a radio-link which means that even a fibre-cut will not make much hurdle to connect to the entire world. Presently we have 1Gbps backbone in core switching and the entire campus network is cabled with CAT-6 and fiber-optical cables. All units of JNCASR have independent wireless internet connection. The users are free to use internet in their mobile devices in entire hostel as well as in few units inside the campus.

We have installed a new Email-solution which is supported by Deeproot Linux via two web interfaces. Two Email-servers (16 core) are configured with active-active load balancing and are connected to the Netapp storage via SFC port for fast convergence. During this year, we have procured and implemented a new Netapp-2040 Storage and Backup system for all major servers in JNCASR. Our storage and backup system runs on SAS HDD, SATA HDD and a Tape library. Our data are stored in a highly secured environment. Our Fortigate Firewall and Analyser provide security to our network from outer threat. Presently we are in a position to handle security challenges for the World Wide Web. All Windows-based servers and desktop at JNCASR are secured with the Kaspersky Antivirus. Complab's desktops have been upgraded to latest hardware (Intel Core i5 with 4GB DDR3 and 2TB HDD) and software (Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1). Users can safely browse and can take printout with two high-end XEROX colour and black and white printers. JNCASR users use latest OS like Microsoft Windows 7 Professional and latest softwares like Microsoft Office 2010 and Adobe Acrobat X.

The following are the members of the CompLab:

Head

Meheboob Alam PhD

R & D Assistants

B Madhushree, Vishnu Pradeep

Consultants

Vikas Mohan Bajpai, Ripon Medhi

Engineer (Facility Management from Locuz)

Ashish Purna



Library

The Library presently has a collection of 8498 books and access to over 4000 Scientific Journals. The Library continued to acquire, organize and disseminate information resources to render need based information services to faculty, students and researchers.

Collection Development

Overview of Collection

Books	
Books added during the financial Year	451
Total books in collection	8,498
Journals	
Online journals subscribed	127
Print journals subscribed	4
Patent database (Derwent Patent Index)	1
Abstracting and Indexing database (Web of Science)	Web of Science, SciFinder
Online journals in collection (Subscription + consortium resources)	Over 4000

Books Acquisition and Budget spent

In the financial year 2010-11, 451 books worth Rs. 19,53,011 (Rupees Nineteen lakhs fifty three thousand and eleven only) have been procured in the library based on the recommendations of JNCASR Faculty members. With the procurement of books for the financial year, the total books in stock has reached 8,498 (Eight thousand four hundred and ninety eight).

Journal Subscription and Budget

The total amount spent for the subscription of both print and online journals for the year 2010-11 is Rs. 1,23,30,278 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Three Lakh Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight only).

Document Delivery Service (DDS)

323 DDS requests have been successfully fulfilled during the year 2010-11 on requests received from faculty and students. The journal articles have been procured from libraries across the country and abroad.

Following are the library staff members:

Library-Cum-Information Officer

Ms. Nabonita Guha

Library Assistants

Mrs. Nandakumari, E.

Mr. Nagesh Hadimani

Mr. Senthil Kumar, N.

Library Trainee

Ms. Kalpana S.

Helper

Mr. Rajeeva, J.

ENDOWED RESEARCH PROFESSORS

D S Kothari Chair

M M Sharma

F R S, F A Sc, F N A

Hindustan Lever Chair

T V Ramakrishnan

F A Sc, F N A, F T W A S



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Academic Activities

At JNCASR, research is carried out in six Units: Chemistry and Physics of Materials Unit (CPMU), Evolutionary and Organismal Biology Unit (EOBU), Engineering and Mechanics Unit (EMU), Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit (MBGU), New Chemistry Unit (NCU) and Theoretical Sciences Unit (TSU). The research undertaken is inter-disciplinary in nature.

The Centre offers Ph D, Integrated Ph D, MS (by research) and MS Engg.(by research) degree programmes in Science and Engineering. Students are admitted to the six Units mentioned above. The minimum academic qualification required to apply for the MS/Ph.D programmes of the Centre is MSc/BE/BTech/ME/MTech/MBBS degree/s. Candidates applying for MS/Ph.D programmes should have at least 50% in their highest University examination, and should also have qualified in GATE/UGC-CSIR-JRF/ICMR-JRF/DBT-JRF/JEST/equivalent examinations. Candidates applying for Integrated Ph.D Programme of the Centre should have at least 55% marks in their Bachelor's degree in any area of Science or Statistics.

The Centre selects candidates on the basis of their academic record, performance in GATE/UGC-CSIR-JRF/ICMR-JRF/DBT-JRF/JEST/equivalent examinations, recommendation from referees and performance in the interview. The selected candidates are offered course work, provided with research facilities and on successful completion offered with the degree.

Research Admissions

47 and 22 students were selected in the MS/Ph D programme in August 2010 and January 2011 sessions, respectively. With this the present student strength has reached to 217.

Degrees Awarded

The Centre is a Deemed University, and awards Ph.D, M.S (by research), M.S (in Chemical Sciences) and M.S (Engg. by research) degrees. Following are the students who have been awarded degrees during April 2010- March 2011:

M.S (in Materials Science) as part of the Integrated Ph.D Programme in Materials Science

Ms Ritu Gupta
Mr Nitesh Kumar
Mr Piyush Kumar Chaturbedy
Ms Urmimala Maitra
Mr Bivas Saha
Ms Vini Gautam
Mr Soumik Siddhanta
Mr Abhay Kumar Tiwari
Ms Nisha Mariam Mammen

M.S (Engg.by research)

Mr Rahul Bale
Mr Konduri Aditya
Mr Vivek N Prakash
Ms Gayatri Das

Ph D

Mr Arun N
Ms Rinki Ratna Priya
Mr Subhra Prakash Chakrabarty
Mr Srikanth Gadad
Ms Jayasha Shandilya
Ms Gayatri G
Mr Shibu Saw
Mr Venkatesh Prasanna Kashi
Ms Archana N
Ms Gomathi A
Mr Gopal Krushna Pradhan
Mr Anil Kumar
Mr S Venkataprasad Bhat
Ms Ruthrotha Selvi VB Vikru
Mr Jyothi Ranjan Sahu
Mr KM Satish
Mr Rakesh V
Mr B Vinay

Discussion Meetings/Workshops

1. *International conference and school under ICAM-I2CAM on Emergent properties and novel behaviour at the nanoscale*, April 19-27, 2010, Prof Swapan K Pati and Prof Umesh V Waghmare, JNCASR.
2. *Lecture workshop on nano science and nano technology*, April 28-30, 2010, Prof Umesh V Waghmare, JNCASR.
3. *School and Conference on "Emergent Properties and Novel Behavior at the Nanoscale"*, April 19-27, 2010.
4. *Science Outreach Programme in Eastern Uthar Khand*, May 4-9, 2010, Convener: Prof K S Valdiya.
5. *Advances in Magnetism: Phenomena and Materials* at Manali, June 3-5, 2010, Convener: Prof. A. Sundaresan (JNCASR).
6. *Nucleation Aggregation and Growth*, July 26-August 8, 2010, Convener: Prof. Srikanth Sastry (JNCASR).
7. *Hematological Malignancies Meeting*, August 2, 2010, Convener: Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu.
8. *International Symposium on Nanotechnology – Present and Future Trends – INSYN-2010*, August 25-26, 2010, Convener: Prof J P Raina, VIT, Vellore.
9. *Workshop on Basics of Nanomaterials & Applications in Energy Conversion*, August 20-21, 2010, Convener: Prof G U Kulkarni.
10. *6th Kannada Vignana Sammelana*, September 15-17, 2010, Convener: Prof. K.I. Vasu, Swadeshi Vijnana Andolana, Bangalore.
11. *EUCLOCK & Indo Europe Chronobiology Meetings*, October 2-9, 2010, Convener: Prof V K Sharma, JNCASR.
12. *JNCASR-FCBS Annual Workshop for Post-graduate students and teachers in Chemistry*, October 25-27, 2010, Convener: Prof. M.V. George, NIIST, Trivandrum.
13. *JNCASR Research Conference*, Alleppey, Kerala, October 2-5, 2010.
14. *Winter School on "Chemistry and Physics of Materials"* with University of Cambridge, UK, December 6-10, 2010.
15. *National Symposium on Frontiers Main Group & Organometallic Chemistry (NSFMOC)*, November 20, 2010, Prof. A.G. Samuelson, IISc.
16. *Frontiers in Inorganic Chemistry (FIC-2010)*, December 11-13, 2010, Prof. Sreebrata Goswami, IACS.
17. *3rd meeting of the Asian Forum of Chromosome & Chromatin Biology*, December 4-6, 2010, Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu, JNCASR.
18. *International Conference on Quantum Effects in Solids of Today (I-Con QUEST-2010)*, December 20-23, Prof. R.C. Bhudhani, IITK.
19. *JNCASR/SISSA/IBM School on First Principles Simulations*, December 29, 2010 – January 2, 2011, Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan, JNCASR.
20. *AIM Network Meeting, January 2011*, Prof. Rama Govindarajan, JNCASR.
21. *JNCASR-UCL Workshop on Multiscale Modelling and Simulations of Materials*, January 11-13, 2010, Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare, JNCASR
22. *Discussion on Ferroelectric and Piezoelectric Materials*, Dr. Dr. Joseph T. Evans , Jr. President of M/S Radiant Technologies Inc., USA on 20-01-2011.
23. *International Womens Day*, March 8, 2011, Mrs. Padma Vasudevan, IISc
24. *Winter School*, December 6 -10, 2010.
25. *DST Nano School*, January 18- 22 2011.
26. *MBGU Symposium: Prof. Xiankai Sun*, Prof. Matthew A. Lewis, Prof. Kevin M. Bennett, Prof. Vikram D. Kodibagkar February 15, 2011.



Colloquia

The following special lecture under the series JNCASR Colloquia were held during the period:

The following colloquia were held during the period:

1. *Turbulence in Rayleigh-Benard convection*, Dr. Mahendra K. Verma, Dept. of Physics, I. I. T. Kanpur, April 01, 2010.
2. *Constructing Earth-like dynamo models*, Dr. Binod Sreenivasan, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, IIT Kanpur, June 8, 2010.
3. *Geometry and Kinematics of the Fold-Thrust Belt and Structural Evolution of the Major Himalayan Fault zones in the Darjeeling "Sikkim Himalaya"*, Dr. Kathakali Bhattacharyya, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Rochester, July 28, 2010.
4. *Global instability computations of separated flows*, Prof. Jitesh S.B. Gajjar, School of Mathematics, The University of Manchester, Alan Turing Building, Manchester M13 9PL, U.K, August 20, 2010.
5. *Chemical Heterogeneities and Microstructure*, Dr. Arvind Kumar, Ecole des Mines de Nancy, France, August 25, 2010.
6. *Two-dimensional Instabilities in Fluidised Beds*, Prof. Yuri Dumaresq Sobral, Departamento de Matematica, Instituto de Ciencias Exatas, Universidade de Brasilia, Campus Universitario Darcy Ribeiro, 70910-900 Brasilia - DF, Brazil, August, 26, 2010.
7. *Plasticity: A discrete dislocation dynamics perspective*, Dr. Guruprasad, P J, Centre des Matériaux, Ecole des Mines de Paris (Mines Paris Tech), Paris, September 02, 2010.
8. *Introduction to Methodologies and Challenges in Engineering Optimization*, Dr. A. Deshpande, October, 13, 2010.
9. *Subgrid modeling: gaining insights from the subgrid conservation equations*, Dr. Sanjiv Ramachandran, Postdoctoral research associate, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, USA, USA, January 5, 2011.

ENDOWMENT LECTURES

1. **A V Rama Rao Foundation Lectures in Chemistry: *Advances in the Strategies of Gene Transfection***, Prof. Santanu Bhattacharya, IISc, Bangalore; and **Prize Lecture: *A Building Block Approach to Porous Solids***, Prof. R Murugavel, IIT Bombay, Mumbai, May 5, 2010.
2. **Prof. V. Ramalingaswami Memorial Lecture, *The challenge of chronic non-communicable diseases in India needs an inter-disciplinary response***, Prof. K. Srinath Reddy, President, PHFI, New Delhi, July 13, 2010.
3. **CNR Rao Oration Award Lecture, *Olfactory Receptor Mediated Nocturnal Male Sex Drive in Drosophila***, Prof. Vijay Kumar Sharma, EOB, JNCASR, August 9, 2010.
4. **ISRO-Satish Dhawan Lecture: *Two Cultures Revisited: Reflections on the Environment Growth Debate***, Mr Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Environment and Forests, September 28, 2010.
5. **DAE-Raja Ramanna Lectures in Physics: *Strongly Correlated Superconductivity in Rh17 S15***, Prof S Ramakrishnan, TIFR, Mumbai; and **Prize lecture: *The Flavours of Synchrony in the Natural World***, Prof Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, JNU, New Delhi, September 30, 2010.
6. **Michael Faraday Lecture: *Personalized Energy for 1 (X 6 Billion)***, Prof. Dan Nocera, The Henry Dreyfus Professor of Energy & Prof. of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, March 21st, 2011
7. *Reflections on the book "Climbing the Limitless Ladder: A life in chemistry"*, Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Linus Pauling Research Professor, JNCASR, July 30, 2010.

GENERAL LECTURES

Guest Lectures

1. *Basics of Linkage Analyses; Basics of Quantitative Trait Locus Mapping*, April 13, 2010.
2. *Challenges in analyzing genome-wide case-control data; Family-based Tests of Association*, Dr. Saurabh Ghosh, Human Genetics Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata, April 14, 2010.
3. *A Stretch-activated ion channel in Plasmodia*, Dr. Kempaiah Rayavara, NIH, USA, June 16, 2010.
4. *Development of novel therapeutic strategies for HIV and Cancer by understanding the role of INI1/hSNF5*, Prof. Ganjam V. Kalpana, Professor, Department of Genetics, Professor, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, Mark Trauner Faculty Scholar in Neuro-oncology, July 12, 2010.
5. *Anti-HIV RNA aptamers for use in hematopoietic stem cell therapy*, Prof. Vinayaka R. Prasad, Professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology Director, AIDS International Training and Research Program Member, Einstein Global Health Center Steering Committee Albert Einstein College of Medicine, July 13, 2010.
6. *Patent Risk Analysis*, Dr. Kalyan C. Kankanala, Chief Knowledge Officer and Co-Founder, BrainLeague IP Services, December 13, 2010.
7. *IP Valuation*, Ms. Anjana Vivek, Founder, VentureBean Consulting, November 9, 2010.

Seminars

1. *Torsional electromechanics of carbon and inorganic nanotubes*, Dr. Nagapriya Kavoori Sethumadhava, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, April 6, 2010.
2. *Synthesis and structure property relations in rare-earth based intermetallic compounds*, Dr. Sebastian C. Peter, Department of Chemistry, Northwestern University, April 9, 2010.
3. *Mechanistic insights to DNA ligases through biochemical and structural studies*, Dr. Pravin A. Nair, Molecular Biology Program, Sloan-Kettering Institute, New York, USA, April 12, 2010.
4. *Autophagy in organelle degradation and unconventional secretion*, Dr. Ravi Manjithaya, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, San Diego, April 15, 2010.
5. *Force-induced melting of constrained DNA*, Prof. Sanjay Kumar, Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, April 20, 2010.
6. *Identifying cellular signals in CNS disorders using complex culture paradigms*, Dr. Prithi Rajan, Christian Medical College, Vellore, April 23, 2010.
7. *1-dimensional nanostructures: vapor-liquid-solid process mediated growth and possible applications*, Dr. Soumitra Kar, NanoScience Technology Center, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, USA, May 6, 2010.
8. *Physical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy*, Dr. Ranjani Viswanatha, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM, USA, May 12, 2010.
9. *Demonstration experiments in chemical engineering*, Prof. K. Kesava Rao, Department of Chemical Eng., IISc, Bangalore, May 26, 2010.
10. *A Stretch-activated ion channel in Plasmodia*, Dr. Kempaiah Rayavara, NIH, USA, June 16, 2010.
11. *Time Resolved Gene Expression and Regulation of Transcription*, Dr. Xavier Darzacq, Functional Imaging of Transcription, Institut de Biologie se l'Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris, France, June 17, 2010.
12. *Anisotropic Growth and High Performance Organic Field Effect Transistor (OFET)*, Prof. Subhasis Ghosh, School of Physical Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, June 11, 2010.
13. *Conservation of Asian elephants in Sri Lanka*, Dr. Prithviraj Fernando, JNCASR, Bangalore, June 18, 2010.
14. *Shock propagation in granular media*, Prof. Purusattam Ray, Professor, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, June 29, 2010.



15. *The eukaryotic genome is remarkably stable in vegetative growth and meiosis*, Dr. K.T. Nishant, Dept. Molecular Biology & Genetics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, July 15, 2010.
16. *The eukaryotic genome is remarkably stable in vegetative growth and meiosis*, Dr. K.T. Nishant, Dept. of Molecular Biology and Genetics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, July 15, 2010.
17. *Behaviour and evolution of larval and adult Drosophila in wild populations*, Dr. RaA Godoy-Herrera, Department of Cellular Biology and Genetics, University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, July 28, 2010.
18. *TSU In-house Symposium*, JNCASR, Bangalore, August 09, 2010.
19. *Coordinating DNA replication by means of priming loop and differential synthesis rate*, Dr. Manjula Pandey, Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, NJ, USA, August 10, 2010.
20. *Coordinating DNA replication by means of priming loop and differential synthesis rate*, Dr. Manjula Pandey, Prof, Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854, USA, August 10, 2010.
21. *What happens when a bee stings? Insight into the action of antimicrobial peptides*, Dr. Durba Sengupta, University of Groningen, August 11, 2010.
22. *Self Assembled Nanomaterials and Their Applications in Materials and Medicine*, Dr. Praveen Kumar Vemula, Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology, Harvard Medical School, September 06, 2010.
23. *Bulk Fe₁₆N₂ and its Magnetic Properties and (2) Metal Organic Frameworks and Their Hydrogen Storage Properties*, Dr. S. G. Sankar, Advanced Materials Corporation, Pittsburgh, USA, September 9, 2010.
24. *Manipulation and Characterization at Nanoscale*, Dr. Stephan Kleindiek, Kleindiek Nanotechnik, Germany, September 20, 2010.
25. *Chemistry, Energy and Climate Change*, Dr. Richard Pike, Royal Society of Chemistry, London, September 21, 2010.
26. *Fermionic Many Body Physics Across Broad and Narrow Feshbach Resonances*, Professor. Vijay B. Shenoy, Centre for Condensed Matter Theory, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, September 21, 2010.
27. *Non-coding RNA's & RNA Binding Proteins: Implications of their Individual and Mutual roles in Regulation of Gene Expression*, Dr. Srikanta Goswami, Department of Dermatology Research, Madison, WI, 53706, USA, September 21, 2010.
28. *DNA replication and translation in the apicoplast: searching potential drug targets in Plasmodium*, Dr. Saman Habib, Scientist, Division of Molecular and Structural Biology Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, September 23, 2010.
29. *T.Cadherin mediated cell signaling: implications in metabolic disorders*, Dr. Manjunath B Joshi, Dept. of Biomedicine, Switzerland, September 27, 2010.
30. *Structure-Property Relationship in Polymer and Biological Systems*, Dr. Balaji Iyer, Postdoctoral Fellow, NanoEngineering, UCSD, September 28, 2010.
31. *Signaling the glycoshield in Candida albicans*, Prof. Joachim F. Ernst, Institut für Mikrobiologie, Molekulare Mykologie, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Universitätsstr, Germany, September 29, 2010.
32. *Small: Micro and Nano*, Dr. Dinesh Jegadeesan, Post Doc, University of Toronto, September 29, 2010.
33. *Carbon Nanotubes and Graphene Nanostructures for Energy Conversion*, Prof. Prashant V. Kamat, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Radiation Laboratory, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, October 05, 2010.
34. *Microscopic modeling*, Dr. Bhaskaran Muralidharan, Nano-engineering, MIT, October 5, 2010.
35. *Publish or Perish*, Prof. Prashant V Kamat, Deputy Editor, Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters, October 5, 2010.

36. *Strained Endotaxial Nanostructures with High Thermoelectric Figure of Merit*, Dr. Kanishka Biswas, Department of Chemistry, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois 60208, USA, October 6, 2010.
37. *Fluctuation relations for systems driven far away from equilibrium*, Dr. Punyabrata Pradhan, Institut für Theoretische Physik, Universität Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany, October 7, 2010.
38. *Interfaces and Patterns in Functionalized Graphene*, Dr. Abhishek K. Singh, Assistant Professor, Materials Research Centre, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, October 19, 2010.
39. *Nanion Technologies: Smart tools for ion channel research*, Dr. Alison Haythornthwaite, Munich, Germany, October 22, 2010.
40. *Introduction to Research at NIMS*, Prof. Sukekatsu Ushioda, President, National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS), Japan, November 2, 2010.
41. *Prof. Christoph Schneider*, Institut of Organische Chemie, Universitt Leipzig, Johannisallee 29, D-04103 Leipzig, Germany, December 14, 2010.
42. *Imaging and spectroscopy of wet electron states on TiO₂*, Prof. Geoff Thornton, London Centre for Nanotechnology and Chemistry Department, UCL, December 14, 2010.
43. *Advanced Electron Microscopy Study of Nanoscale Structures and Defects in Functional Materials*, Prof. Jiaqing He, Department of Chemistry, Northwestern University, December 16, 2010.
44. Prof. David Cahen, Weizmann Inst. of Science, Israel, December 20, 2010
45. *Fluctuations, Response, Entropy and Temperature in Granular Packings*, Professor Bulbul Chakraborty, Physics Department, Brandeis University, Waltham, December 21, 2010.
46. *Expanded Self-Similarity Works for Burgers Equation - and Why*, Uriel Frisch, December 23, 2010.
47. *Spin dynamics of a strongly interacting quantum dot coupled to ferromagnetic lead*, Dr. Sourin Das, Department of Physics and Astrophysics, University of Delhi, Delhi - 110 007, December 24, 2010.
48. *Retrieving Quantum Information Despite Decoherence*, Professor. Sushanta Dattagupta , Indian Institute of Science Education & Research Kolkata, Mohanpur Campus, West Bengal, December 28, 2010.
49. *How Can Cells Robustly Sense Their Microenvironment to Respond Correctly*, Professor Michael Sheetz, Columbia University, USA & Mechanobiology Institute, Singapore, December 29, 2010.
50. *Mechanosensing and control of bacterial pathogenesis*, Professor Linda Kenny, University of Illinois, USA & Mechanobiology Institute, Singapore, December 29, 2010.
51. *EMBO Lecture series*, January 7, 2011
52. *Retroelements in the brain: boon or bane?* Josep Mathew Anthony, Sunny Brook Health Sciences Center, Toronto, January 11, 2011.
53. Prof. Santhosh Kar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, January 13, 2011.
54. *Towards a cure for cancer*, Dr. Shiladitya Sengupta, Medicine and Health Sciences and Technology, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital, USA, January 13, 2011.
55. *CTBP is a critical determinant of the Retinoic acid signaling pathway*, Dr. Prashanth Kumar B R, Dept of Molecular Carcinogenesis, Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam, January 27, 2011.
56. *Plasmodium Enolase: Attempts to Understand its Biological Functions*, Prof. Gotam K Jarori, Department of Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, January 31, 2011.
57. *Local probe investigation of spin transport and dynamics in organic semiconductors*, Dr. A. J. Drew, Queen Mary University of London, February 7, 2011.
58. *Electrochemical studies of conducting polymers and nanomaterials*, Snehangshu Patra, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, February 8, 2011.



59. *Modelling properties of protein-solvent systems*, Dr. Juergen Pleiss, Institute of Technical Biochemistry, University of Stuttgart, Germany, February 8, 2011.
60. *Nanotechnology: some aspects and application in biomedicine*, Dr. Supratim Giri, Post Doctoral Fellow, Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, University of Toronto, Canada, February 8, 2011.
61. *Beyond Oil and Gas*, Prof. G. K. Surya Prakash, Professor and George A. and Judith A. Olah Nobel Laureate Chair in Hydrocarbon Chemistry Director, Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute and Department of Chemistry, University of Southern Cal, February 17, 2011.
62. *Epigenetic regulation of skeletal muscle differentiation*, Prof. Reshma Taneja, Department of Physiology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore, February 18, 2011.
63. *Observations near Transitions in Combustion and Flow Phenomena*, Dr. T.M. Muruganandam, February 22, 2011.
64. *Frustration and Field Induced Neel order on the honeycomb lattice*, Dr. Arun Paramakanti, University of Toronto, February 22, 2011.
65. *DNA Demethylation during Zebrafish Development and Colon Cancer*, Dr. Kunal Rai, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard University, Boston, MA, February 23, 2011.
66. *Discovery and functional analysis of a novel human epigenetic mark*, Dr. Chandrima Das, Dept. of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX 77030, USA. March 1, 2011.
67. *Molecular simulation studies on gas-hydrates*, Prof Sudeep N Punnathanam, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore – 560012, March 1, 2011.
68. *Exploring the Nano-Bio Interface with Molecular Dynamics Simulation*, Dr. Bob Johnson, Institute for Computational Molecular Science, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, March 7, 2011.
69. *Probing Electrons and Phonons in Graphene by Resonance Raman Scattering*, Prof. Marcos A. Pimenta Departamento de Fisica, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), Belo Horizonte, Brazil, March 7, 2011.
70. *Perfect Entanglement Transport in a Quantum Spin Chain System*, Dr. Sujit Sarkar, PoornaPrajna Institute of Scientific Research, Bangalore-5600 80, India, March 7, 2011.
71. *Tuning the Optical and Structural Properties of Organic Semiconductors*, Dr. Suchi Guha, University of Missouri, USA, March 9, 2011.
72. *Recent Developments in Organolanthanide Chemistry*, Dr. Ajay Venugopal, Humboldt Research Fellow, Institute for Inorganic Chemistry - RWTH, Aachen, Germany, March 10, 2011.
73. *Tuning optical and structural properties of blue-emitting polymeric semiconductor and Triplet excitations in polymer devices*, Prof. Sushismita Guha, University of Missouri, USA, March 18, 2011.
74. Dr. Murali Gururajan, Dept. of Hematology/Oncology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California, USA, March 28, 2011.
75. *MicroRNAs: Role in human B cell differentiation and B cell derived diseases*, Dr. Murali Gururajan, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, USA, March 28, 2011.
76. *Dense granular flows: Correlation-response relations in a far-from-equilibrium system*, Professor. V Kumaran, Chemical Engineering Department, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore-12, March 29, 2011.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Extension Programmes

Summer Research Fellowships Programme

The Centre offers summer fellowships for two months to bright undergraduate and M.Sc students (renewable for a second year for selected students). This programme has proved to be popular and competitive; each year, about 4000 students from all over India apply for the 80- 100 fellowships awarded. The fellowships are supported by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India; by the Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies, New Delhi, and by the Centre. Students are placed under faculty at the Centre or with scientists elsewhere in India. They are paid travel expenses and a stipend of Rs. 6000.

Category	No. of applications Received (for 2011)	No. of Fellowships offered in 2011	No of fellowships offered in 2010	No of fellowships utilized in 2010
Life Sciences	916	20	24	21
Engineering Sciences	798	23	30	23
Atmospheric Sciences	160	-	03	03
Physical Sciences	878	16	20	11
Chemical Sciences	346	21	27	23
Mathematics	219	04	05	01
Materials Sciences	108	03	02	02
Total	3425	87	108	82

JNCASR-CCSTDS Fellowship

This Fellowship programme is jointly instituted by the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) Bangalore and the Centre for Co – operation in Science & Technology Among Developing Societies(CCSTDS), Chennai to encourage mobility of scientists from developing countries. CCSTDS is a Unit of the Indian National Science Academy (NISA), supported by the Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi. This programme aims to promote co – operation among developing regions.

The fellowship covers short – term research, training or participatory research work in physical, chemical, biological or engineering sciences in reputed scientific institutions in India including JNCASR. The applicant must be a scientist, teacher or a research scholar, affiliated to a scientific or academic institution in a developing country in Asia (other than India), Africa, Latin America and Arab region. Travel support in the form of a prepaid Ticket Advice (PTA) and fellowship is provided for selected candidates by JNCASR. The duration of the fellowship is for 3months. The fellowship covers boarding, lodging (for the individual only) at the affiliated institution and other subsistence expenses in the form of an adequate allowance in Indian currency provided by CICS, Chennai.

The first fellowship under this programme was announced during 2009-10 and of the five individuals, who were offered, three have utilized their fellowships and the rest have yet to join.

Fresh Fellowships have been offered for the year 2010-11.

List of Selected Candidates



Sl. No	Name of the awardee	Country	Host institution where the awardee is placed
1	Mr. Buddhika Dilhan Madurapperuma. A.A	Srilanka	Tezpur University, Assam Indian Institute of Integrative
2	Mr. Md. Nabur Rahman	Bangladesh	
3	Dr. Dzoyen Jean Paul Medicine, Jammu	Cameroon	
4	Mr. Oludele Banji Ogunrinala	Nigeria	Anna University, Chennai. NICED, Kolkata
5	Mr. Kehinde Adewale Akinsinde	Nigeria	
6	Dr. Olajuwan Bakai Ishola	Nigeria	IIT, Madras.
7	Dr. Karlygash Seytomarovna Absattarova	Kazakhstan	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee.
8	Dr. Nurbanu Kilishpekovna Akhmetzhanova	Kazakhstan	

Project Oriented Chemical Education (POCE)

Advertisement for POCE-2011 was placed in nine newspapers and on the website of JNCASR. Ten students have been offered with fresh fellowships.

The POCE batches of 2009, 2010 and 2011 will be coming during May 2011 and work under faculty of CPMU, NCU, ICMS and TSU of the Centre. Students of 2009 and 2010 batches had undergone project training during their mid- semester break . The batch of 2009 will be receiving their Diploma certificates this summer on successful completion of their 3 year project training.

Project Oriented Biological Education (POBE)

Advertisement for POBE-2011 was placed in nine newspapers and on the website of JNCASR. Ten students have been offered with fresh fellowships.

The POBE batches of 2009, 2010 and 2011 will be coming during May 2011 and work under faculty of MBGU and EOBU of the Centre. Students from POBE 2009 will be receiving their Diploma certificates this summer on successful completion of their 3 year project training.

Visiting Fellowships – 2010-2011

For the year 2010-11, out of 15 applications received, 9 were selected from Physical Sciences category and 1 from Life Sciences category.

Sl. No	Name of the visiting fellow (Physical Sciences)	Guide's name
1.	Dr. Mane Vishwas Ganpatrao	Prof. C.N.R Rao
2.	Dr. Syed Khasim	Prof. K.S. Narayan
3	Dr. Vijay Kumar Lamba	Prof. Swapan K. Pati.
5	Dr. Satish Kumar Maruri	Prof. G.U. Kulkarni
6	Dr. Joy Mittra	Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare
7	Dr. K. Subaharan	Dr. M. Eswaramoorthy
8	Dr. Elankumar Kannan	Dr. A. Sundaresan
9	Dr. Anandavadivel	Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare

Sl. No	Name of the Visiting Fellow (Life Sciences)	Guide's Name
1.	Dr. Suvroma Gupta	Prof. TK Kumdu

National Science Day

Keeping in view that the year 2011 was declared as the International Year of Chemistry by the UN General Assembly; the Centre held a Chemistry Symposium during January 2011 which saw scientists from abroad as well from the Centre give a series of lectures on different topics related to Chemistry at our Centre. These lectures were followed by chemistry based programmes for students at Prof. CNR Rao Hall of Science.

This Chemistry Symposium was considered part of the National Science Day celebration which the Centre held on 24 February, 2011. On this day, the Centre organized series of lectures for students and teachers from different Navodaya schools of the state at Prof. CNR Rao Hall of Science. There was an overwhelming participation from the schools with teachers and students having an interactive session with the scientists after the lectures. Eminent educationist Prof. CNR Rao gave the introductory lecture followed by scientists from IISC and JNC.

New programmes launched

In order to provide opportunities to teachers and others to obtain training and for carrying out science education projects, this Centre is offering a post graduate diploma programme in science education. Some of the aspects covered in the proposed programme would be courses related to subject content, laboratory experiments, research experience and experience in education technology. The training will be provided through projects and few formal courses. The programme will be for one year (for full-time students), at the end of which they will be given a post-graduate diploma in science education. The programme will take two years for teachers in service who do this on a part-time basis. Advertisement for this programme was published in all major newspapers of the country.

Large number of applications have been received and a committee has been constituted to select candidates for this programme.



Intellectual Property

The Centre fosters the spirit of IP generation and has inculcated IP culture into the academics without diluting its mission. It has an enabling mechanism for obtaining IPR and its commercialization.

The Intellectual Property Management Committee addresses all issues concerned with IP generation, valuation, protection and valorization. So far, 15 patents have been granted (India-6, USA-5, EPO-1, South Africa-2, Australia-1), registered 1 industrial design and holds copyright over a number of educational monographs and multimedia packages on interesting areas of science and technology.

Five patents were obtained during the current year of the total 87 applications filed (India-29, PCT-18, USA-22, EPO-9, Japan-3, South Africa-2, Australia-1, Brazil-1, Vietnam-1, China-1). Rests of the applications are under prosecution/examination. It has also received one registration certificate for an industrial design.

To date, Centre has licensed 7 inventions including 4 inventions during this year. A few of the inventions are at various stages of commercialisation. Negotiations are on with a number of companies (including Invention Capitalists) for licensing of the inventions.

The IPM Committee met several times and reviewed number of inventions generated by the faculty. Twenty one patent applications for 14 inventions were approved. Of these, 5 Indian Applications, 12 National Phase Applications (USA-7, Europe-3, Japan-2), and 4 International Patent Applications under PCT have been filed and are listed below:

Indian Patent Applications filed for the inventions of:

- Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, Jayasha Shandilya, Parijat Senapati (No. 1758/CHE/2010, 23/6/2010)
- Inventors: Kavassery Narayan Sureswaran, Gautam Vini, Bag Monojit (No. 1822/CHE/2010, 28/06/2010)
- Inventor: Thimmaiah Govindaraju (No. 1914/CHE/2010, 6/7/2010)
- Inventor: Udaykumar Ranga (No. 1973/CHE/2010, 12/7/2010)
- Inventors: Thimmaiah Govindaraju, Manjula Basavanna Avinash (No. 159/CHE/2011, 17/1/2011)

International Patent Applications under PCT

Optimal Wing Planforms for Reducing Wing Induced Drag of Aircraft Driven by Wing-Mounted Tractor Propellers

Inventors: Roddam Narasimha, Suresh Madhusudan Deshpande, Chandrashekarappa Praveen and Belur Raghavan Rakshith (No. PCT/IN2010/000448, 5/7/2010)

Artificial Retina Device

Inventors: Kavassery Narayan Sureswaran, Gautam Vini, Bag Monojit (No. PCT/IB2010/0002170, 2/9/2010)

Inhibition of Histone Acetyltransferases by CTK7A And Methods Thereof

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, Mohammed Arif, Kempegowda Mantelingu, Gopinath Kodaganur Srinivasachar (No. PCT/IB2010/053998, 6/9/2010)

A Synthetic Cyclic Dipeptide And A Process Thereof

Inventor: Thimmaiah Govindaraju (No. PCT/IB2010/054533, 7/10/2010)

USA Patent Applications

Intrinsically Fluorescent Carbon Nanospheres And A Process Thereof

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, MUTHUSAMY Eswaramoorthy, Bharathavikru Ruthrotha Selvi, Dinesh Jagadeesan (No. 12/681,596, 2/4/2010)

Nanoparticles Composition And A Process Thereof

Inventor: Chandrabhas Narayana (No. 12/739,395, 22/4/ 2010)

A Template Free Metal, Polymer Free Metal Nanosponge and a Process Thereof

Inventors: Muthusamy Eswaramoorthy, Katla Saikrishna (No. 12/935,129, 28/9/2010)

Formation of Palladium Sulfide

Inventors: Giridhar UdapiRao Kulkarni, Boya Radha (No. 12/881,700, 14/9/2010)

Site-Specific Inhibitors of Histone Methyltransferase (Hmtase) and Process of Preparation Thereof

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, Bharathavikru Ruthrotha Selvi, Annavarapu Hari Kishore, Kempgowda Mantelingu (No. 12/905,927, 15/10/2010)

Tat DNA Sequences, Gene Constructs, Vaccine And Processes Thereof

Inventor: Udaykumar Ranga
No. 12/988,341, 18/10/2010

Polynucleotide Sequences And Processes Thereof

Inventors: Kaustuv Sanyal, Sreedevi Padmanabhan, Jitendra Thakur
No. 13/061,937, 2/3/2011

European Patent Organisation Applications

Intrinsically Fluorescent Carbon Nanospheres And A Process Thereof

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, MUTHUSAMY Eswaramoorthy, Bharathavikru Ruthrotha Selvi, Dinesh Jagadeesan
No. 08836300.7, 21/4/2010

Tat DNA Sequences, Gene Constructs, Vaccine And Processes Thereof

Inventors: Udaykumar Ranga
No. 09 746 294.9, 18/10/2010

A Template Free Metal, Polymer Free Metal Nanosponge And A Process Thereof

Inventors: Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy, Saikrishna Katla
No. 09746288.1, 2/11/2010

Japan Applications

Tat DNA Sequences, Gene Constructs, Vaccine And Processes Thereof

Inventors: Udaykumar Ranga; No. 2011-509084, 14/10/2010

A Template Free Metal, Polymer Free Metal Nanosponge And A Process Thereof

Inventors: Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy, Saikrishna Katla; No. 2011-508052, 16/12/2010



Patents Granted for the following inventions

Derivatives Of 4,6-Disubstituted 1,2,4-Triazolo-1,3,4-Thiadiazole, A Process and Uses Thereof

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, Kanchugarakoppal Subbegowda Rangappa, Badi Sri Sailaja, Radhika Ashish Varier, Nanjundawamy Shivananju, Basappa

Applicants: JNCASR and University of Mysore

India: Patent No. 245033, 29/12/2010

Highly Specific Polyclonal Antibodies of Individual Core Histone And Uses Thereof

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, Febitha Kandan Kulangara, Radhika Ashish Varier, Chandrima Das

India: Patent No. 239873, 6/4/2010

Modulators (Inhibitors/Activators) of Histone Acetyltransferases

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, Karanam Balasubramanyam, Venkatesh Swaminathan

USA: Patent No. 7,750,047, 6/7/2010

Site-Specific Inhibitors of Histone Methyltransferase (HMTase) and Process of Preparation Thereof

Inventors: Tapas Kumar Kundu, Bharathavikru Ruthrotha Selvi, Annavarapu Hari Kishore, Kempegowda Mantelingu

USA: Patent No. 7,875,741, 25/1/2011

A High Sensitivity Assay for Molecular Typing of Biological Sample, Probes and a Kit Thereof

Inventors: Udaykumar Ranga, Narayana Chandrabhas, Narayana Jayasuryan

Republic of South Africa: No. 2009/03128, 28/4/2010

Industrial Design Registration

Wings for Propeller Driven Aircraft

Inventors: Roddam Narasimha, Suresh Madhusudan Deshpande, Chandrashekarappa Praveen and Belur Raghavan Rakshith

Registration Certificate No. 223622, 29/4/2010

Intellectual Property Rights Lectures organized at the Centre:

1. *Intellectual Property Valuation* by Ms. Anjana Vivek, Founder, M/s. VentureBean Consulting, Bangalore on September 9, 2010.
2. *Patent Risk Analysis* by Dr. Kalyan C Kankanala, Chief Knowledge Officer and Co-Founder of M/s. Brain League IP Services Pvt Ltd., Bangalore on December 13, 2010.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Research Areas

There are ongoing research programmes in several frontier, interdisciplinary areas of science and engineering. The main areas of research interest at present are:

- Nanomaterials, nanofabrication, molecular crystals
- Raman and Brillouin spectroscopy in the study of materials
- Chemistry of materials
- Organic electronics & optoelectronics, device-physics & photophysics, solution processing & patterning, soft matter & hard properties, biophotonics
- Molecular modelling of materials
- Nanomaterials and catalysis
- Magnetism, superconductivity and multiferroicity
- Surface science, heteroepitaxy and nanostructures
- Self-assembled molecular materials: metal-organic coordination networks (MOFs)
- Granular matter and other complex fluids
- Complex fluids and flows
- Minimal molecular dynamics
- Fluid mechanics and heat transfer
- Computational fluid dynamics
- Evolutionary genetics and population ecology
- Circadian rhythms
- Neuronal circuits in fruitflies
- Large mammal behaviour and phylogeography
- Neotectonics and environmental geology
- Soft materials
- Materials of the future
- Organic materials and organocatalysis
- Physics and chemistry of nanomaterials
- Exciting new chemistry
- Organic synthesis, peptide and protein chemistry & bionanotechnology (biomaterials)
- Antimicrobial research laboratory
- Functional organic and supramolecular materials
- Designing new ways to 'small molecule heterocyclic scaffolds'
- Inorganic chemistry, solid state chemistry
- Synthesis of nano materials and applications
- Molecular mechanisms of human genetic disorders
- Chromatin biology and genomics
- Mechanisms underlying host-pathogen interactions in malaria
- Protein engineering and molecular parasitology
- Molecular, genetic and developmental analysis of the cardiovascular system
- HIV
- Transcription regulation and chromatin dynamics; implications in disease and potential therapeutics
- Autophagy and related pathways



- Mechanism of chromosome segregation: a molecular approach
- Novel physics and chemistry at the nanoscale
- Non-commutative probability and geometry: mathematics of quantum mechanics
- Advanced quantum theory: molecules to materials
- Phase transformations and dynamics in soft condensed matter and biological systems
- Addressing materials challenges of the future
- Correlated electron systems and organic electronics
- Statistical physics of equilibrium and nonequilibrium condensed-matter systems
- Nonequilibrium statistical physics of complex systems
- Electronic structure, especially strongly correlated electron systems
- Equilibrium and non-equilibrium statistical mechanics of soft condensed matter and other complex systems

Research Facilities

- 1 Drosophila activity monitors
- 2 X Ray photon electron spectrometer for chemical analysis of synthetic materials
- 3 NET APP disk based backup system
- 4 Digital mono cool camera for imaging quantification of drosophila tissues and fl. Tagged antibodies
- 5 Energy dispenser Xray Micro analysis system with LN2 free and flash detector
- 6 Leica Trinocular microscope for bacterial and virus work
- 7 Hall measurement system for electrical measurement of nitride films grown by MBE
- 8 Versa doc 4000 MP for temporal reporter gene analysis
- 9 Volumetric velocimetry particle image system with telecentric lenses
- 10 Air conditioning with clean air system
- 11 RFID Security system at Library
- 12 Laboratory furniture
- 13 HPC node clusters four sets
- 14 Clean air facility at Animal House
- 15 Unified storage facility at computer lab
- 16 Super micro workstation Tyrone Janus
- 17 Transmitted base illumination for existing SZX9 microscope
- 18 SDS Page Unit mini protean tetra cell
- 19 Julabo Immersion cooler
- 20 Spectra Max Luminescence micro plate reader
- 21 Millipore Q direct water purification system
- 22 Nikon Japan Inverted Research microscope
- 23 Huber K6MPC NR Refrigerated bath circulator
- 24 Examina probe system for existing microscope
- 25 Co₂ Incubator
- 26 Spectrography system
- 27 DC Magnetometer MPMS SQUID Evercool dewar
- 28 EDS Quantax 200 for SEM LEICA 440isystem
- 29 MCO-5AC CO₂ incubator
- 30 LEICA DMIL Led Trinocular phase fluorescence microscope
- 31 Thin film measurement system

- 32 Direct heat air jacketed Co₂ incubator
- 33 Monochromator CPL UV900
- 34 Brushless DC servometer
- 35 Electrorheological cell
- 36 Drosophila Chambers DR36VL
- 37 Servers, additonal 2TB Storage
- 38 Savant integrated speedvac system
- 39 Residual gas analyzer
- 40 NBS benchtop refreragator incubator shaker
- 41 Gatan single tilt rotation N₂ cooling holder
- 42 TECAN Infinite 2-PRO Multi mode reader
- 43 TKA Water purificiation system
- 44 Glove box work station
- 45 Tellus Elephant GPS Collar & GSM download
- 46 Oriel Sol3 Class AAA Solar simulator
- 47 LDS Shaker
- 48 Mini Arc melter
- 49 Bioruptor Sonication device
- 50 Thermal gas analysis system
- 51 Semiconductor characterization system
- 52 Tensor 27 FTIR Spectrometer
- 53 Lambda UV/VIS Spectrometer
- 54 JASCO Dichroism spectrometer
- 55 Optima 7000 dual view ICP Spectrometer
- 56 Autolab Potentiostat Galvanometer
- 57 Computer gel documentation system
- 58 Ultraspec 2100 PRO classic system
- 59 Benchtop 4KZL Freezer dryer system



Sponsored Ongoing Research Projects

Sl.No.	Project Investigator	Project Name	Funding Agency	Duration
1	Prof. K. S. Narayan	Development of semi conducting polymer based devices for spatially resolved photocurrent	DAE	3 years
2	Prof. R. Narasimha	Research programme on flow instabilities	DRDO	3 years
3	Prof. G. U. Kulkarni	Post doctoral fellowship in Nano-Science and Technology	DST	5 years
4	Prof. Ranga Uday Kumar	Immunological and molecular characterization of HIV-1 Tat and long terminal repeat (LTR) cloned from Indian patient with and without dementia and/or opportunistic infection	ICMR	3 years
5	Prof.G.U.Kulkarni	Unit on Nano-Science & Technology-UNANST - DST	DST	3 years
6	Prof.Tapas Kumar Kundu	Chromatin modifications (Methylation, Acetylation, Deacetylation) - a new target for cancer therapy and diagnostics.	DBT	3 years
7	Prof. Namita Surolia	X-Ray Crystallographic Analysis of the Proteins involved in the Fatty Acid Biosynthesis of plasmodium falciparum	DBT	3 years
8	Prof.M.R.S.Rao	NMITLI project on "A prospective study to correlate gene signatures with clinical outcome of astrocytomas and identification of potential therapeutic target(s) under the New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative scheme"	CSIR	3 years
9	Prof. Maneesha S Inamdar & Dr. MM Panikar	Training and research facility for human embryonic stem and human embryonic carcinoma cells	DBT	3 years
10	Prof.Anuranjan Anand	Investigator Award to Prof.Anuranjan Anand. Project title "Whole Genome-based Studies to Identify Novel Molecular Genetic Pathways Causing Human Epilepsy Syndrome"	DAE	5 years
11	Prof. S.Bala-Subramanian	Centre for Computational Materials Science	DST	5 years
12	Prof. Namita Surolia	Genetic Manipulations and Apicoplast Targetting Studies with Plasmodium Type II FAS proteins	DBT	3 years
13	Prof. M.R.S.Rao	"J.C. Bose Fellowship to Prof.M.R.S. Rao, President, JNCASR"	DST	5 years
14	Prof. Ranga Uday Kumar	Delineating viral determinants of HAD using SCID mice	AECOM	2 Years
15	Prof. Ranga Uday Kumar	Design and characterization of stable folded fragments/derivatives of HIV env for use as Immunogens	DBT	3 years

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16	Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu	Structure function analysis of Tumor suppressor, p53 interacting proteins: structural basis of p53 activation	DBT	3 years
17	Dr. Kaustuv Sanyal	Characterization of an evolutionarily conserved kinetochore protein Mtwlp: A tool to analyse kinetochore structure of the human fungal pathogen candida albicans	CSIR	3 years
18	Prof. Namita Surolia	Development of triclosan for treating human malaria and inhibitors of fatty acid synthesis especially enoyl-ACP reductases of anti-malarial agents	DBT	2 years
19	Prof. Namita Surolia	Structure-activity relationship of Plasmodium falciparum B-Ketoacyl-ACP reductase (FabG0)	DST	3 years
20	Prof. K.B. Sinha	Bhatnagar Fellowship -2005 Award to Prof.K.B. Sinha "Quantum mechanics - a Mathematical tool to study non-equilibrium processes and dissipative systems in physical sciences, Geometry and information theory"	CSIR	5 years
21	Prof. G.U. Kulkarni & Prof. Timothy S. Fisher, Purdue University, USA	Indo-US joint networked R&D centre on "Nanomaterials for Energy"	IUSSTF	2 years
22	Prof. K.R.Srinivas	Investigation of Lift and Thrust in Asymmetric Fight"	DST	2½ years
23	Prof. Namita Surolia	Functional Genomics based approach to Novel anti-malarial targets and agents	ICMR	3 years
24	Prof. K.R. Sreenivas	Experimental studies on the generation of internal waves by the motion of self propelled under water bodies in stratified water medium and their characteristics: Observations measurements with visualization techniques and optical probes	NPOL	1 year
25	Prof. S.M. Deshpande	NMITLY Project on "Mesoscale modeling for monsoon related weather predictions - Phase II"	CSIR	2½ years
26	Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan	Self-organized nanostructures at surfaces	IFCPAR	3 years
27	Prof. S. Balasubramanian	"Swarnajayanthi Fellowship" award to Prof.S.Balasubramanian	DST	5 years
28	Prof. Swapan K. Pati	Opto-Electronic Properties of conducting Polymers	CSIR	3 years
29	Prof. S.M. Deshpande	Development of TKFMG solver and its application to flutter prediction in turbo machines	GTRE	2½ years
30	Prof.S. Balasubramanian	DST-DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) joint research Project entitled "Computer Simulation of Ionic liquids"	DST	2 Years

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31	Prof.K.R. Sreenivas	Design, development and establishment of experimental facility at NPOL for studies on internal wake and wave fields generated by self propelled bodies in stratified water medium	NPOL	1 year
32	Prof. Meheboob Alam	Contract to establish a partner group of the MPI-MM "Partner Group for Topography Formation"	MPI	2 Years
33	Prof. K.S.Narayan	Studies of organic FETs and 3-terminal structures for switching memory and imaging applications	DST	3 Years
34	Dr. Kaustuv Sanyal	Characterization of factors required for determining centromere identity using human pathogenic yeast candida albicans as a model system	DST	3 Years
35	Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu & Dr. M. Eswaramoorthy	Cellular Interaction of Nanoparticles; Effect on epigenetics and thereby its role in gene expression: Implications from Drug delivery to diagnosis	DBT	3 Years
36	Dr.Tapas Kumar Maji	SERC fast track scheme " Microporous metal-organic coordination networks (MOCNs): Application towards H ₂ -Storage"	DST	3 years
37	Prof.Umesh V.Wagmare	Density functional theory calculations	P&G	1 Year
38	Prof. Swapan K. Pati	AOARD-08-4008	AOARD	1 Year
39	Prof. M.R.S.Rao	Chromatin Biology: Epigenomics of chromatin and chromatin remodelling during male germ cell differentiations and glioma progression	DBT	3 Years
40	Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu	Structure-Function analysis of histone chaperones: Role in chromatin dynamics and transcriptional regulation	IFCPAR	3 years
41	Prof. K.R. Sreenivas	Lift Generation Mechanisms in Flapping Flight	AOARD	2 years
42	Dr. TNC Vidya	Ramanujan Fellowship to Dr.TNC Vidya, JNCASR	DST	5 years
43	Prof. Sundaresan (Dr. Y. Tanka,- Niais, Japan)	India-Japan co-operative programme (DST-JST) 2007 - joint Project entitled "Feasibility study on the application of multiple order parameters in materials to information processing.	DST- JST	3 years
44	Prof. K.B. Sinha	British Council Grant "Quantum probability, Noncommutative Geometry and Quantum information	LANCASTER	3 years
45	Prof. G.U. Kulkarni	ICPCNanoNet Coordination and support action	ICPCNN	2 years
46	Prof. Swapan K. Pati	Award of Swarnajayanthi Fellowship and the project to Dr. Swapan K. Pati, TSU, JNCASR	DST	5 years

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47	Dr. Kaustuv Sanyal	Functional Analysis of Dynamic Kinetochore- Microtubule Interaction in the human Pathogen Candida albicans	DBT	3 years
48	Prof. S.M. Deshpande	Numerical simulation of multiscale supersonic flows with low dissipative shock capturing schemes	DST	2 years
49	Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu	Bovine Mastitis: Unraveling molecular details of host microbe interaction and development of molecular diagnostic methods	ICAR	3 years
50	Dr. Sheeba Vasu	Award of Ramanujan Fellowship to Dr. Sheeba Vasu	DST	5 years
51	Prof.G.U. Kulkarni; Prof. Hemalatha Balaram; Prof. M. Eswaramoorthy	Extended applications of Highly Sensitive Nanometal Raman substrates, Paper based Nano Silver/Gold SERS Substrates (Plain Substrates, Au/Ag metal sponge based SERS Substrates), Specialised Substrates Bio-Chip, Nano silver - Antibacterial Products	YNL	1 year
52	Dr. Santosh Ansumali	Award of Ramanujan Fellowship to Dr. Santosh Ansumali	DST	5 years
53	Prof.Umesh V. Waghmare	DAE-SRC Outstanding Research Investigator Award for R/P "Multi scale modeling and simulations of functional Materials	DAE	5 years
54	Prof. K.S. Narayan	DAE-SRC Outstanding Research Investigator Award for R/P "Electronic, optoelectronics and photonic properties in soft matter and device exploration	DAE	5 years
55	Prof. Meheboob Alam	MOU between BARC and JNCASR "Development of Test Facility for Thermal Hydraulics studies/Basic research Salt Water/ Fine Hydrogen Bubble Test Facility for simulation of Hydrogen Transport - Management/ Fire safety behaviour/ Containment thermal hydraulics/pollution dispersion studies"	BARC	3 years 5 months
56	Prof. Namita Surolia	"Understanding pathogenesis of Malaira and strategies to treat it"	DBT	3 years
57	Prof.Swapan K Pati; Prof.Anna Painelli, Univ. Degli Studi, Italy	Indo-Italian research Project:"Designing Novel Photosystems for Enhanced charge Transfer efficiency: A detailed theoretical modeling"	DST	3 years
58	Prof.Swapan K. Pati & Vinayak P. Dravid, North- Western Univ., Il, Usa	Indo-US joint Research Centre of Excellence in "Advanced Materials Research"	IUSSTF	3 years
59	Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu	Role of multifunction human histone chaperone NPMI in transcription and stress associated chromatin dynamics: Relevance in cancer manifestation	DBT	3 years



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60	Prof. Umesh V.Waghmare	IBM Faculty Award 2009	IBM	1 year
61	Prof. G.U. Kulkarni	Indo-Italian Research Project: "Innovative catalytic patterns for nanowire growth"	DST	3 years
62	Prof. Srikanth Sastry	India-European Union Research Project "MONAMI Modeling of Nano-scaled Advanced Materials Intelligently"	DST	3 years
63	Prof. Maneesha S. Inamdar	Lineage specification and differentiation from single embryonic stem cells tracked by live cell imaging of reporter gene expression	DBT	3 years
64	Prof. Ranga Uday Kumar	Optimization of the performance of DNA vaccine by engineering molecular strategies: use of HIV-1 tat as model antigen	ICMR	3 years
65	Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan	Theoretical Investigation of Oxide Supported Metal Nanoparticle Catalysts	DST	3 years
66	Prof. Hemalatha Balam	Examination of the metabolic fate of fumarate a TCA cycle intermediate in Plasmodium falciparum	DST	3 years
67	Prof. Maneesha S. Inamdar	Analysis of conserved functions of rudhira in development, homeostasis and lifespan	DBT	3 years
68	Prof. Hemalatha Balam	Structure-function studies on Plasmodium falciparum and Methanococcus jannaschii guanosine monophosphate (GMP) synthetase: enzymes with ammonia channels	DBT	3 years
69	Dr. TNC Vidya	Dominance Relationships in Female Asian Elephants	CSIR	3 years
70	Prof. Anuranjan Anand	National Bioscience Award for career development 2008 project entitles "Towards isolation of a novel gene for non- syndromic hearing loss at the 11p14.2-q12.1 locus"	DBT	3 years
71	Prof. R. Narasimha	Optimization of wing for RTA-70	NAL	1 year
72	Prof. S.M. Shivaprasad; Prof.N.G. Galkin, IACP, FEB, RAS, Russia	Indo-Russian Project - "Physico technical basics of the creation of new silicon-metal nanostructures on vicinal silicon surfaces"	DST	2 years
73	Dr.TNC Vidya	MOU between JNCASR & WWF-Cambodia project entitled "Asian elephant molecular mark-recapture censusing in the Eastern Plain Landscape, Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia	WWF	1 year
74	Prof. H. Ila	INSA Senior Scientist	INSA	5 years
75	Dr. TNC Vidya	Dominance relationship in female Asian Elephants	NGS	1½ year

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76	Prof. Ranga Uday Kumar	"Evaluation of molecular and immune status of the blood lymphocytes of subject who participated in the Siddha Clinical Trial CTRI/2008/091/000021" at JNCASR	DST	6 months
77	Dr. T.Govindaraju	Developing new synthetic routes for the preparation of unnatural amino acids and their use as metal (Bio-) sensors and chiral ligands in the asymmetric catalysis	DST	3 years
78	Dr. TNC Vidya	Dominance relationship in female Asian Elephants	NGS	1½ year
79	Prof. K.R. Srinivas	Design, development and establishment of experimental facility at NPOL for studies on internal wake and wave fields generated by self propelled bodies in stratified water medium	NPOL	1 year
80	Prof.K.R. Srinivas	Experimental studies on the generation of internal wakes by the motion of self propelled under water bodies in stratified water medium and their characteristics: Observations measurements with visualization techniques and optical probes	NPOL	1 year
81	Prof. Ranga Uday Kumar; Co-PI: Dr. Suniti Solomon Director, Yrgc For Aids Res. and Edu., Chennai	Evaluation of host immune responses to the Tat antigen of HIV-1 in the Indian clinical cohorts	DBT	3 years
82	Prof.Ranga Uday Kumar Co PI: Prof. Shobha Broor Dept. of Microbiology AIIMS, New Delhi	Mechanisms of Chikungunya virus disease: Determinants mouse model, virulent and fitness and the development of novel therapeutics	DBT	3 years
83	Dr. Rema Krishnaswamy	Award of Ramanujan Fellowship to Dr. Rema Krishnaswamy	DST	5 years
84	Prof. Shobhana Narasimhan	Swedish Research Links Programme entitled "Computational studies of the electronic, magnetic and transport properties of interfaces for nanospintronics applications.	SRC	3 years
85	Prof. Ranga Uday Kumar	Targheed delivery of anti-retrovirals using stealth immunoliposomes	ICMR	3 years
86	Prof. A Sundaresan	Indo-Spanish Joint Programme of cooperation in S&T entitled "Synthesis and properties of nitride-based nanomaterials"	DST	3 years
87	Prof. Maneesha S. Inamdar	Analysis of asrij in Drosophila hematopoiesis and immunity	DST	3 years

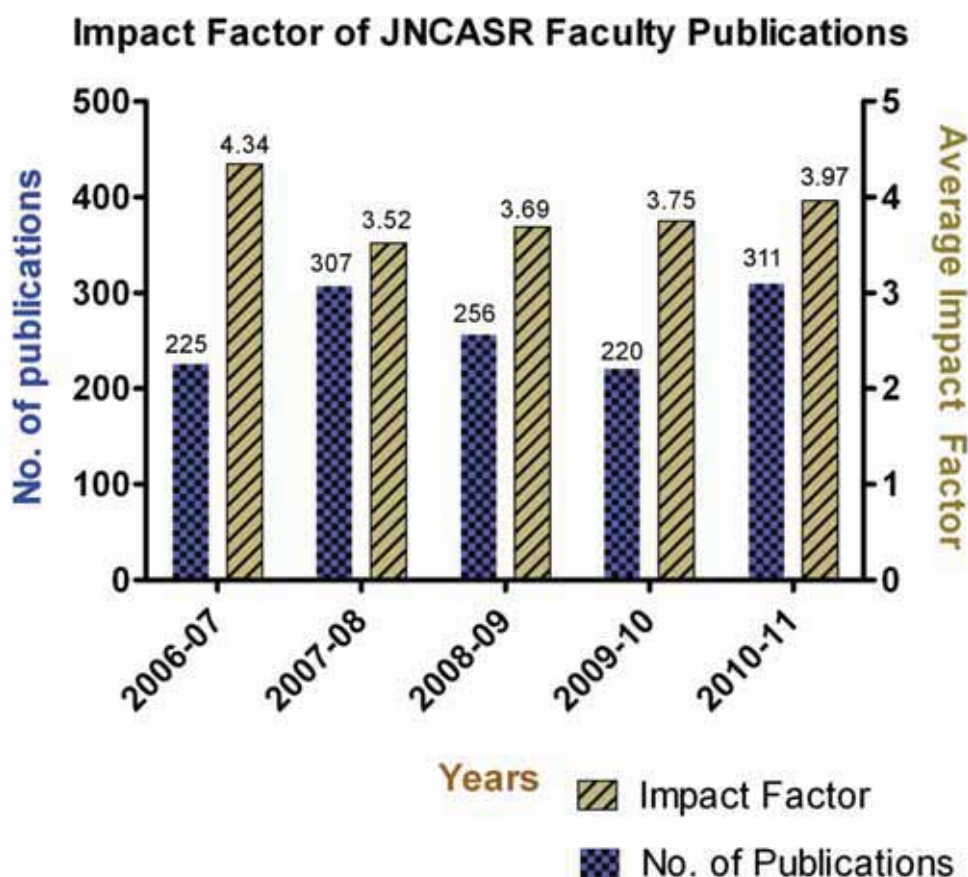
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88	Prof. Umesh V.Wagmare	First-principles determination of thermal properties in nano-structured hexagonal solids with doping modifications for thermal energy harvesting	AOARD	1 year
89	Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu	J C Bose Fellowship to Prof.Tapas Kumar Kundu	DST	5 years
90	Dr. Subir Kumar Das	Award of Ramanujan Fellowship to Dr. Subir Kumar Das	DST	5 years
91	Dr. Jayanta Halder	Award of Ramanujan Fellowship to Dr. Jayanta Halder	DST	5 years
92	Dr. Sebastian C Peter	Award of Ramanujan Fellowship to Dr. Sebastian C Peter	DST	5 years
93	Dr. Jayanta Halder	Development of Novel biodegradable surface coatings for biomedical application	DST	3 years
94	Prof. S.M. Deshpande	Development of Meshless Solver, Point Clouds and preprocessor in Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)	NAL	3 years
95	Dr. Abhishek Kumar Mishra CCMS, JNCASR	Study of conformation and conformational dynamics of some conducting polymers in their neutral and doped forms using vibrational spectroscopy and quantum chemical methods	DST	3 years
96	Prof. Umesh VWagmare	India-European Union (EU) research project entitled " ATHENA Advanced theories for functional oxides: New routes to handle the devices of future"	DST	3 years
97	Prof. Hemalatha Balaram	Plasfalsyn Structure/Function studies of plasmodium falciparum GMP synthetase	DBT	3 years
98	Prof. Namita Surolia	Indo-Brazil Megaproject entitled "to decipher biological processes of organisms causing diseases of clinical importance in both the countries" (1) Profiling of FAS genes in populations of Plasmodium sp. In the Amazonian region Brazil; (2) Electron microscopy characterization of the intracellular traffic pathway of Apicoplast proteins in falciparum and Toxoplasma gondii and Relationship between the endoplasmic reticulum and the Anicoplast (3) Effect of drugs interfering with FAS biosynthesis pathway on Toxoplasma gondii, Trypanosoma cruzi and Leishmania	DST	3 years

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99	Prof. Hemalatha Balaram	Indo-Brazil Megaproject entitled " to decipher biological processes of organisms causing diseases of clinical importance in both the countries" (1) Determination of the structure of Plasmodium falciparum proteins involved in the purine nucleotide synthesis by X-ray srystallography	DST	3 years
100	Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu	India-Japan research project: "Hematopoeitic Stem Cell Differentiation: Role of SAM Biosynthesis Arginine Methylation and p53	DST	2 years
101	Prof. K.S. Narayan	Advancing the Efficiency and Production Potential of Excitonic Solar cells (APEX)	DST	3 years
102	Prof. Meheboob Alam	DAE-SRCH Outstanding Research Investigator Award for the project titled "Dynamics and patterns in granular fluid: Theory and experiment"	DAE	3 years
103	Prof. H. Ila	Synthetic Investigation Heterocyclic scaffolds	CSIR	3 years
104	Prof. Umesh V Waghmare	Alloy development and mechanical behaviour	GEGR	2 years
105	Prof. Chandrabhas Narayana	Swedish Research Links Programme: "Multiplexed immune and DNA-based diagnosis of tuberculosis"	SRL	2 years
106	Prof. C.N.R. Rao; Prof. G.U. Kulkarni	INDO-IRAN Collaborative Programme in "Nano Science & Technology" at ICMS, JNCASR	DST	2 years
107	Prof. C.N.R.Rao	Collaborative projects between JNCASR and DRDO	DRDO	5 years
108	Prof. C.N.R.Rao	CSIR - COE	CSIR	5 years
109	Prof. C.N.R.Rao	Collaborative projects between JNCASR/ICMS & DST	DST ICMS	3 years
110	Dr. T. Govindaraju	Developing new synthetic routes for the preparation of unnatural amino acids and their use as metal (Bio-) sensors and chiral ligands in the asymmetric catalysis	DST	3 years
111	Prof.Ranga Uday Kumar	"Evaluation of molecular and immune status of the blood lymphocytes of subject who participated in the Siddha Clinical Trial CTRI/2008/091/000021" at JNCASR	DST	6 months



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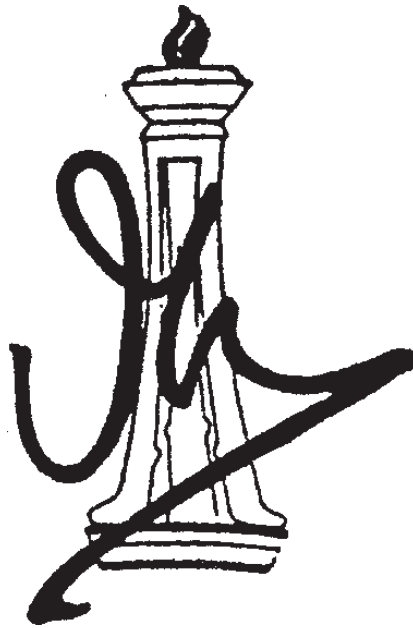
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We report that:

1. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
2. In our opinion proper books of accounts as required by law have been kept by Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced scientific Research so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
3. The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Receipts and Payment account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account.
4. The Balance Sheet and Income and expenditure Account dealt with by this report are prepared in accordance with the Accounting standards issued by the Institute of Chartered accounts of India subject to the following observations:
 - a) Non-provisions of accrued liability in respect of leave encashment which is not in benefits in conformity with the Accounting, Standard 15 (Accounting for retirement the financial statements of employers) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. (Refer Note No. 3 of Schedule No. 24)
 - b) The amount spent grants/ subsidies on acquisition of fixed assets has been deducted from the total received in the Income & Expenditure account. This is not in conformity with the Accounting Standard - 5 issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. It has been explained that this format has been consistently used to present the accounts before the authority who grant the funds.
5. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us and subject to notes on accounts and our qualifications in para 4 above, the said accounts give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:
 - i) In the case of Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research as at March 31, 2011; and
 - ii) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

For M/s. P.V. Prabhu & Co.,
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-
(Nagaraja)
Partner

Membership N0.205345
ICAI Firm Regn No. 050121S

Place : Bangalore
Date : 20.09.2011



JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2011

Description	Schedule	Current year		Previous year	
		2010-11		2009-10	
		Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
LIABILITIES					
Corpus/Capital Fund	1	1,558,321,561.54		1,416,934,717.54	
Reserves & Surpluses	2	3,341,615.34		326,214.16	
Earmarked and Endowment Funds	3	181,713,717.72		156,708,169.05	
Secured loans and Borrowings	4		0.00		0.00
Unsecured loans and Borrowings	5		0.00		0.00
Deferred Credit Liabilities	6		0.00		0.00
Current Liabilities and Provisions	7	13,586,621.63		11,830,468.28	
Other funds-Cluster Studies		39,541.00		39,541.00	
Scheme Balances		98,562,761.33		106,630,809.46	
Total		1,855,565,818.56		1,692,469,919.49	
ASSETS					
Fixed Assets (gross)	8	1,558,321,561.54		1,416,934,717.54	
Investments-Endowment Funds	9	171,028,500.00		140,178,858.00	
Investment - Others	10		0.00		0.00
Current Assets, Loans, Advances etc.	11	126,215,757.02		135,356,343.95	
Total		1,855,565,818.56		1,692,469,919.49	
Significant accounting policies	24				

Schedule 1 to 24 form integral part of Accounts

For Jawaharlal Nehru for Advanced
Scientific Research

This is the Balance sheet referred
to in our report of even date.

for **PV PRABHU & CO**
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Sd/-
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MNO. 205345
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Accounts Officer

Place : Bangalore
Date : 20.09.2011

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Prof.M.R.S.Rao
President

**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011**

Description	Schedule	Current year		Previous year	
		2010-11		2009-10	
		Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
Income					
Income from services	12	1,159,160.00		812,605.00	
Grants/Subsidies received	13	480,366,778.00		487,959,748.00	
		481,525,938.00		488,772,353.00	
Less: Extent of fixed assests procured		141,386,844.00		243,869,588.00	
		340,139,094.00		244,902,765.00	
Income from Fees/Subscriptions etc	14	1,621,649.00		1,070,756.00	
Income from investments	15		0.00		0.00
Royalty Income,Publication,Licence fee etc	16	1,630,684.63		197,016.87	
Interest earned	17	3,389,929.35		758,855.57	
Other income	18	26,439,713.00		18,129,347.50	
Increase/decrease in stocks	19		0.00		0.00
Total		373,221,069.98		265,058,740.94	
Expenditure					
Establishment expenses	20	159,266,070.00		124,095,711.00	
Other administrative expenses	21	202,774,833.80		137,098,330.55	
Expenditure on Grants,Subsidies etc	22		0.00		0.00
Interest & bank charges	23	164,765.00		27,853.00	
Total		362,205,668.80		261,221,894.55	
Excess of income over expenditure		11,015,401.18		3,836,846.39	
Balance brought forward		326,214.16		1,489,467.77	
		11,341,615.34		5,326,314.16	
Transferred to Corpus Fund Account		8,000,000.00		5,000,000.00	
Balance carried to Balance sheet		3,341,615.34		326,314.16	
Significant accounting policies	24				

Schedule 1 to 24 form an integral part of Accounts

For Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research

This is the Income and Expenditure account referred to in our report of even date.

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**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2011**

OPENING BALANCES & RECEIPTS	2010-11 Rs Ps	2009-10 Rs Ps	PAYMENTS & CLOSING BALANCES	2010-11 Rs Ps	2009-10 Rs Ps
I. Opening Balances:			I. Expenses:		
a. Cash in hand & Imprest at centre	475,506.00	561,864.00	a. Establishment Expenses	159,266,070.00	124,095,711.00
b. Bank balances:			b. Administrative Expenses	199,882,352.80	137,098,430.55
<i>In savings bank Accounts:</i>			c. Expenditure of endowments	1,914,711.00	2,285,846.00
At Canara bank	17,484,984.49	8,308,064.06	II. Payment made against funds for various projects:	361,063,133.80	263,479,987.55
At Union Bank of India	77,692.00	1,631,688.00	III. Investments and Deposits made:		
<i>In Deposit accounts:</i>					
At IDBI bank					
At HDFC trust	12,125,000.00	12,125,000.00			
At GOI Bonds(SHCIL & SBI)	38,900,000.00	47,900,000.00			
At Union Bank of India					
At Canara Bank	84,941,750.00	76,480,750.00			
	154,004,932.49	147,007,366.06	IV. Expenditure on Fixed assets and Capital Work-in-progress:		
II. Grants Received:			a. Purchase of fixed assets	138,330,800.00	243,869,588.00
From DST-Grant in aid	480,000,000.00	480,000,000.00			
From DST for Collaborative programmes	0.00	3,600,000.00			
From DST for Meeting/Seminars	366,778.00	2,086,498.00			
From other international agencies	0.00	2,273,250.00			
On behalf of Endowments	9,045,841.00	482,000.00			
	489,412,619.00	488,441,748.00	V. Refund of surplus money/Loans	0.00	0.00
III. Income on Investments from:			VI. Finance charges(Bank charges)	164,765.00	27,853.00
A. Interest on FD's:					
a. From Earmarked/Endowment Funds	14,043,585.67	8,353,197.00			
b. From Own funds	1,940,450.35	186,841.47			
	15,984,036.02	8,540,038.47			
IV. Interest received:					
a. On Bank S.B A/c	1,449,479.00	572,014.10			
Balance Carried Over	660,851,066.51	644,561,166.63	Balance Carried Over	499,558,698.80	507,377,428.55

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**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2010 (Contd....)**

OPENING BALANCES & RECEIPTS	2010-11 Rs Ps	2009-10 Rs Ps	PAYMENTS & CLOSING BALANCES	2010-11 Rs Ps	2009-10 Rs Ps
Balance Brought Forward	660,851,066.51	644,561,166.63	Balance Brought Forward	499,558,698.80	507,377,428.55
V. Other Income:			Other payments:		
a. Royalty	1,482,672.63	57,678.87	Earnest money deposit returned	0.00	4,549,518.00
b. Licence Fee	148,012.00	139,338.00	Staff advances	60,599.00	100,250.00
c. Collections from Visitors, Guest room etc	3,374,394.00	3,538,045.50	Caution money deposit returned	59,185.00	294,824.69
d. From fee, subscription etc	1,621,649.00	1,070,756.00	TDS on interest	560,184.00	490,729.00
e. CSIR fellowships, SRFP reimbursements	15,449,946.00	1,007,802.00	Contingent Advances paid	0.00	0.00
f. Overhead recoveries	6,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	Other advances given-Vijyoshi prog	4,974,470.65	6,928,825.00
g. From services	1,159,160.00	812,605.00	Payment to sundry creditors	5,654,438.65	12,364,146.69
h. From others	1,615,373.00	3,583,500.00			
VI. Amount borrowed	30,851,206.63	20,209,725.37	VIII. Closing Balances:		
VII. Other receipts:			a. Cash in hand & Imprest at centre	713,613.00	475,506.00
Earnest money received	841,284.00	0.00	b. Bank balances:		
Recoveris from current assets	6,928,825.00	0.00	<i>In savings bank accounts:</i>		
From Sundry creditors	0.00	0.00	Canara Bank	22,769,251.69	17,484,984.49
Other advances recovered	279,042.00	8,769,776.73	Union Bank of India	155,663.00	77,692.00
TOTAL	8,049,151.00	8,975,615.73	State Bank Of India	486,759.00	0.00
	699,751,424.14	673,746,507.73	<i>In deposit accounts:</i>		
			At canara bank	124,388,000.00	84,941,750.00
			At SHCIL	11,700,000.00	38,900,000.00
			At HDFC trust	34,325,000.00	12,125,000.00
			TOTAL	194,538,286.69	154,004,932.49
				699,751,424.14	673,746,507.73

This is the Receipts and payments account referred to in our report of even date.

for P V PRABHU & CO
Chartered Accountants

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(NAGARAJA)
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MNO. 205345
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Place: Bangalore, Dated: 20.09.2011

For Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Schedule forming part of the accounts

Description	2010-11		2009-10
	Rs.	Ps.	Ps.
SCHEDULE 1- Capital Fund			
Balance as at the beginning of the year		1,416,934,717.54	1,173,065,129.54
		1,416,934,717.54	1,173,065,129.54
Less : Depreciation up to the end of previous year		306,428,939.30	246,580,248.30
		1,110,505,778.24	926,484,881.24
Add : Addition to Fixed Assets during current year		141,386,844.00	243,869,588.00
		1,251,892,622.24	1,170,354,469.24
Less : Depreciation for the current year		60,044,523.98	59,848,691.00
		1,191,848,098.26	1,110,505,778.24
Add : Depreciation Reserve per contra		366,473,463.28	306,428,939.30
TOTAL		1,558,321,561.54	1,416,934,717.54
SCHEDULE 2- Reserves And Surpluses:			
General Reserve:			
Surplus In Income and expenditure Account		3,341,615.34	326,214.16
SCHEDULE 3- Earmarked / Endowment Funds:			
A : Infrastructure Corpus Fund			
Opening Balance		112,149,339.65	97,097,051.65
Additions during the year		8,600,000.00	5,000,000.00
Funds-Income from Investments made		7,711,333.89	10,052,288.00
Total : Infrastructure Corpus fund		128,460,673.54	112,149,339.65
B : Other funds			
Opening Balance of the Funds		44,558,829.40	43,849,658.40
Add : Additions :			
Funds/Donations/Grants/Royalties		8,445,841.00	482,000.00
Funds-Income from Investments made		2,163,084.78	2,513,017.00
		55,167,755.18	46,844,675.40
Less : Funds-utilisation/Expenditure incurred		1,914,711.00	2,285,846.00
Total : Other Funds		53,253,044.18	44,558,829.40
Grand Total - Infrastructure Corpus and Other Funds		181,713,717.72	156,708,169.05
SCHEDULE 4-Secured Loans And Borrowings:		0.00	0.00
SCHEDULE 5-Unsecured Loans And Borrowings:		0.00	0.00
SCHEDULE 6-Deferred Credit Liabilities:		0.00	0.00
SCHEDULE 7- Current liabilities and provisions			
Sundry Creditors EMD		1,656,829.00	815,545.00
Sundry Creditors CMD		0.00	59,185.00
Sundry Creditors for others		11,929,792.63	10,955,738.28
TOTAL		13,586,621.63	11,830,468.28

Sd/-
R.S. Gururaj
Accounts Officer

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
Schedule forming part of the accounts

Description	2010-11		2009-10	
	Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
SCHEDULE 8- Fixed Assets:				
Land - Free Hold	17715351.00		17715351.00	
Buildings :				
General	79984160.26		79658165.26	
Hostel Building	15570835.00		15570835.00	
New Lab Building - AMRL	25930339.00		25930339.00	
Animal House	6787344.00		6787344.00	
Staff Housing	4156168.00		4156168.00	
ETU Building	3091348.00		2048814.00	
Engineering & Mechanical Unit Block	7426272.00		7426272.00	
Other buildings like extn to Hostel, College etc.,	11883626.00		11,883,626.00	
Nano Science Block	7042909.00		7042909.00	
Extension to Pauling Building - Biology Block	4680084.00		4680084.00	
Dining Hall & Kitchen Block	12404330.00		12404330.00	
Radio Active Lab	203233.00		203233.00	
International Centre for Material Science	47414359.00		45408202.00	
Lecture Hall & Academic Block	9636712.00		9636712.00	
Hostel Phase II	19552377.00		19552377.00	
STP Building	291699.00		291699.00	
Hostel Phase III	27425891.00		19005471.00	
International house	23142418.00		20845705.00	
CNR Rao Hall of Science	10186569.00		10186569.00	
Extention to HIV lab	1016085.00		1016085.00	
Security Office Block	232612.00		90373.00	
Animal House - Additional Block	8284752.00		8275189.00	
Residential Quarters (Sr.AO)	3110495.00		1097925.00	
Child Care Centre	728827.00		343644.00	
New Biology Lab	25845905.00		11146723.00	
Hostel Phase IV	18455896.00		16841044.00	
SCADA - DG Room	240660.00		0.00	
President's Residence	172000.00		0.00	
Visiting Students Hostel	1895000.00		0.00	
	376,792,905.26		341,529,837.26	
Infrastructure Facilities:				
Roads, Streetlights, Drianages, partitions etc	80515671.32		68488873.32	
Tubewells and water supply	248912.00		248912.00	
	80,764,583.32		68,737,785.32	
Plant/Machinery/Equipment:				
Scientific Equipments/Plant/Machinery	557561403.45		526189107.45	
ICMS-Laboratory equipments & facilities	81355879.00		63752358.00	
Equipments - Chemistry & Physics of Materials	74,041,456.00		74,041,456.00	
	712,958,738.45		663,982,921.45	
Others :				
Vehicles	2018246.00		2018246.00	
Furniture and fixtures	52579464.87		45587937.87	
Office equipment	11167098.63		7009106.63	
Computer/peripherals	59074680.00		48964989.00	
Electrical installations	112738560.00		103891761.00	
Library Books	23549543.21		20856762.21	
Library Journals	108962390.80		96640019.80	
TOTAL	1,558,321,561.54		1,416,934,717.54	
Less - Depreciation up to the end of previous year	306,428,939.30		246,580,248.30	
Depreciation for the current year	60,044,523.98		59,848,691.00	
Written down value of the assets as at the year end	1,191,848,098.26		1,110,505,778.24	
Add - depreciation reserve per contra	366,473,463.28		306,428,939.30	
TOTAL	1,558,321,561.54		1,416,934,717.54	

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
Schedule forming part of the accounts

Description	2010-11		2009-10
Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
SCHEDULE 9- Investments -Earmarked/Endowment Funds:			
Long Term Deposits			
Fixed Deposits with HDFC Trust	34,325,000.00		12,125,000.00
Govt of India 8% Savings Bonds 2003 [SHCIL & SBI]	11,700,000.00		38,900,000.00
Fixed Deposits with Canara bank	124,388,000.00		84,941,750.00
Interest accrued on Fixed Deposits with banks	615,500.00		4,212,108.00
TOTAL	171,028,500.00		140,178,858.00
SCHEDULE 10- Investments - Others			
Short Term Deposits - SCHEMES		0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00		0.00
Schedule 11 Current Assets, Loans, Advances etc.,			
Cash & Bank Balances (Schemes)			
Cash in hand - Schemes Account	75,487.00		52,354.00
Cash at Bank -Schemes - Canara Bank	8,487,274.33		42,677,240.63
Cash at Bank -Schemes - State Bank of India	0.00		1,922,046.83
Fixed deposit with Canara Bank (Schemes)	90,000,000.00		61,979,168.00
	98,562,761.33		106,630,809.46
Cash & Bank Balances - Centre			
Cash in hand at Centre	74,018.00		84,157.00
Cash at Bank - Canara Bank	22,769,251.69		17,484,984.49
Cash at Bank - Union Bank	155,663.00		77,692.00
Cash at Bank - SBI	486,759.00		
Imprest balance	30,472.00		27,472.00
Imprest with Faculty	609,123.00		363,877.00
	24,125,286.69		18,038,182.49
Loans and Advances			
Advances to staff	350,916.00		290,317.00
Contingent Advance VIJYOSHI	0.00		6,928,825.00
Other advances	919,884.00		1,198,926.00
TDS receivable	1,795,436.00		1,235,252.00
Amount receivable from Income Tax Department	461,473.00		461,473.00
Interest receivable (Endowment Account)	0.00		572,559.00
	3,527,709.00		10,687,352.00
TOTAL	126,215,757.02		135,356,343.95
SCHEDULE 12-Income from sales / services			
Consultancy fee	957,360.00		657,005.00
DNA sequencing fee	201,800.00		155,600.00
TOTAL	1,159,160.00		812,605.00

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Schedule forming part of the accounts

Description Rs.	2010-11		2009-10
	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
SCHEDULE 13 - Grants/subsidies :			
Grants - DST	480,000,000.00		480,000,000.00
Grants - Discussion meetings/Seminars		0.00	2,086,498.00
Grants - Travel grants	366,778.00		0.00
Grants - DST towards Indo Iran collaborative programme		0.00	3,600,000.00
Grants - Other international agencies		0.00	2,273,250.00
TOTAL	480,366,778.00		487,959,748.00
SCHEDULE 14-Income from Fee/Subscriptions etc :			
Income from fee, subscriptions,medical contribution etc.,	1,621,649.00		1,070,756.00
TOTAL	1,621,649.00		1,070,756.00
SCHEDULE 15-Income from investments:		0.00	0.00
SCHEDULE 16-Royalty Income,Publication,Licence fee etc :			
From Royalty	1,482,672.63		57,678.87
Licence fee	148,012.00		139,338.00
TOTAL	1,630,684.63		197,016.87
SCHEDULE 17-Interest earned:			
From Term deposits	1,940,450.35		186,841.47
From SB accounts with nationalised banks	1,449,479.00		572,014.10
TOTAL	3,389,929.35		758,855.57
SCHEDULE 18-Other income:			
From Visitors house, Guest rooms, Students residence etc,	3,374,394.00		3,538,045.50
CSIR Fellowships, SRFP reimbursement etc.,	15,449,946.00		1,007,802.00
Overhead recoveries	6,000,000.00		10,000,000.00
From others(tender fee & other fee collected)	1,615,373.00		3,583,500.00
TOTAL	26,439,713.00		18,129,347.50
SCHEDULE 19 - Increase / Decrease in stock:		0.00	0.00

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Schedule forming part of the accounts

Description	2010-11		2009-10	
	Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
SCHEDULE 20 Establishment Expenses:				
SSalaries & Scholarship to students	114,432,537.00		97,011,550.00	
Wages	30,153,701.00		17,483,695.00	
Allowances (Medical reimbursements etc.,)	4,206,920.00		3,301,569.00	
Bonus	203,786.00		203,128.00	
Contribution to CPF	2,630,259.00		2,141,666.00	
Contribution to new pension sceme	1,465,004.00		904,690.00	
Retirement benefits paid	0.00		989,672.00	
Contribution to Group Gratuity Scheme	4,465,577.00		1,462,198.00	
Leave encashment benefits	600,121.00		168,551.00	
LTC	1,108,165.00		428,992.00	
TOTAL	159,266,070.00		124,095,711.00	
SCHEDULE 21- Other Administrative expenses				
Electricity & Power	30,230,183.00		27,779,057.00	
Water charges	5,734,756.00		4,066,577.00	
Insurance	472,696.00		453,097.00	
Repairs & maintenance	25,967,794.00		21,489,323.00	
Rents,rates & taxes	3,368,989.00		2,881,979.00	
Vehicles running & maintenance	3,483,280.00		1,601,160.00	
Postage, telephone & communication	3,738,250.00		3,328,744.00	
Printing & stationery	6,325,154.10		2,041,628.00	
Travelling and conveyance	5,567,217.00		6,990,307.18	
Expneses on Seminars/workshops/discussion meetings	7,507,330.47		8,305,986.00	
Subscriptions	63,358.00		167,321.05	
Fees towards training etc.,	322,376.00		85,000.00	
Professional charges	12,737,092.00		9,724,907.00	
Laboratory Consumables	43,449,538.00		34,944,924.67	
Frieght Inwards	3,404,352.00		3,392,456.00	
Other consumables	1,452,948.00		671,025.00	
Advertisement & Publicity	4,667,508.00		1,403,179.00	
Other miscellaneous expenses	3,635,707.17		960,168.55	
Statutory Audit fee	44,120.00		44,120.00	
POBE & POCE programme	154,405.00		250,277.00	
Summer Research Fellowship Programme	1,218,052.00		159,511.00	
ICMS - Workshops, Schools etc.,	5,878,740.00		1,701,059.10	
ICMS - Visitor Programmes (National & International)	3,003,483.06		387,000.00	
ICMS - Recurring expenses	5,051,424.00		2,888,640.00	
ICMS - Scientists & Supporting Staff	1,950,874.00		1,380,884.00	
Transfer of funds to Proj/Endowments of earlier years	8,916,382.00		0.00	
Vijyoshi programme-Supported by DST of earlier year	6,928,825.00		0.00	
Twows Conference-supported by DST	7,500,000.00		0.00	
TOTAL	202,774,833.80		137,098,330.55	
SCHEDULE 22-Expenditure on grants, subsidies Etc:	0.00		0.00	
SCHEDULE 23- Interest and Bank charges:	164,765.00		27,853.00	
TOTAL	362,205,668.80		261,221,894.55	

Sd/-

R.S. Gururaj
Accounts Officer

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

SCHEDULE 24

Significant Accounting Policies

- 1 The fixed assets are stated at cost. The Centre has identified depreciation on Fixed Assets, and since they are created out of Grant in Aid Funds, they have been classified in the Balance Sheet under Capital Fund and also under the Fixed Assets schedule respectively
- 2 Grants received and utilised for procurement of Fixed Assets have been reduced from the total Grants received in the Income and Expenditure Account and the same have been included under Capital Fund Account
- 3 Leave encashment to staff members is accounted as and when it is paid
- 4 Investments of the Centre are stated at cost. The interest on investments is accounted on accrual basis
- 5 The foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates prevailing on the date of transaction.
- 6 Royalty income has been accounted as and when received

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JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CENTRE FOR ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
CPF & NPS FUND STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31.03.2011

Particulars	Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.	Rs.	Ps.
CONTRIBUTORY PROVIDENT FUND:						
SUBSCRIPTIONS						
Opening Balance			27,674,149.00		20,500,000.00	
Add :Subscriptions received during the year	5,304,676.00				2,640,416.67	
Loan repayments	1,386,480.00				16,000,000.00	
Interest on subscriptions	2,353,833.00		9,044,989.00		22,500,000.00	61,640,416.67
Less: Loans granted during the year	3,094,280.00		36,719,138.00			
Less: Withdrawals on retirement/death	0.00		3,094,280.00			
Closing Balance			33,624,858.00		3,825,452.87	
CONTRIBUTION						
Opening balance	2,712,309.00		21,145,089.00		335,492.00	
Add : Contribution during the year	1,695,123.00		4,407,432.00		103,000.00	
Interest on total contributions			25,552,521.00			
Less: Withdrawals on retirement/death			0.00			
Closing Balance			25,552,521.00			
NEW PENSION SCHEME SUBSCRIPTION						
Opening Balance	1,313,318.00		3,268,429.00		179.00	
Add : Subscriptions received during the year	309,263.00		1,622,581.00			
Interest on subscriptions			4,891,010.00			
Closing Balance						
CONTRIBUTION						
Opening balance	1,306,049.00		2,791,021.00		1,083,747.00	
Add : Contribution during the year	218,411.00		1,524,460.00			
Interest on total contributions			4,315,481.00			
Closing Balance			68,383,870.00		1,395,582.46	
Total			68,383,870.00		68,383,870.00	

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