

N.5: HBNI organizes a mini-marathon “Rivers - Lifeline of India” at RRCAT

HBNI, RRCAT organised a mini-marathon on 17th September, 2017 in RRCAT premises. The theme of mini-marathon was “Rivers – Lifeline of India” to sensitize the Ph. D. scholars, project trainees, CISF personnel, RRCAT employees and their dependents about the conservation of rivers in India.



Participants of mini-marathon “Rivers – Lifeline of India” with Dr. P. A. Naik, Director, RRCAT along with Dr. S. M. Oak and Shri H. S. Vora.

Dr. S. M. Oak, Former Head, Solid State Laser Division, RRCAT was the Chief Guest and Shri H. S. Vora, Former Head, Laser Electronics Support Division, RRCAT was the Guest of Honour for the event. The event was presided by Dr. P. A. Naik, Director, RRCAT. In his inaugural speech, Dr. Oak reiterated the importance of rivers in our lives and praised the efforts of HBNI-RRCAT in bringing Ph. D. and M. Tech. scholars, CISF security personnel, RRCAT employee and their dependents together on such thematic and important event. This year mini-marathon started from BARC Training School at RRCAT along two routes: longer route for CISF personnel which was flagged off by Dr. Oak and a shorter one for the other participants which was flagged off by Shri Vora.

There were 142 participants including 48 CISF personnel. The prizes were given away in five different categories: CISF personnel, boys, girls, RRCAT employee and dependents. The names of winner in each category were – Mr. Ram Singh, CT/GD in CISF category, Mr. Rajeev Dutt in boys category, Ms. Rashmi Gangwar in girls category, Mr. Sanjay Kumar in RRCAT employee category and Mr. Anish Kumar Rawat in dependents category. These prizes were distributed during HBNI Scholars' Day.

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N.6: Residential campus of RRCAT bags top position in 'Swachh Survey' by Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) in 2017

It was indeed a proud moment for RRCAT community when IMC declared this centre's residential area as the cleanest among all residents' associations in the city which itself had been declared as the cleanest city in the country during year 2016-2017. IMC had carried out 'Best among the Best' Swachh Survey in year 2017 for different categories through Quality Council of India (QCI). The results were published on January 01, 2018, in all leading newspapers.



Newspaper coverage of the declaration of the cleanest colony in Indore to RRCAT.

Our centre started clean campus activities in year 2011 by forming an Advisory Committee for Clean and Green Campus (ACCGC) consisting of senior scientists and officials from administration and security. The key to the implementation was larger public participation. So far, eleven such campaigns have been held successfully in the campus. These cleanliness drives receive wide participation from the employees of RRCAT, CISF, their families, and the students and teachers of the campus school (AECS). Apart from this, seven tree plantation programmes were also organized. The greener is the campus, the more are the efforts needed to keep the surroundings clean.

The ACCGC proposed various measures to sustain cleanliness in the campus. These include: i) Banning of polythene carrier bags in the shopping complex of RRCAT; ii) Door-to-door collection of segregated waste; iii) Installation of dustbin at various locations in the colony for collecting dry, wet and e-waste; iv) Disposal of wet waste gainfully by producing bio-gas which is used in guest house kitchen thus reducing the consumption of LPG by about 50%; v) Local needs of the manure is met by the vermi-compost produced