

Cipla Foundation sets up a dedicated state-of-the-art chemistry laboratory at IISER Pune

Pune, January 29th, 2020: In continuance of its efforts to advance quality education and promote industry-academia collaboration, Cipla Foundation, the social responsibility arm of Cipla Ltd, has funded the set-up of a world class chemistry research laboratory at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune.

The lab aims to provide practical training in Chemistry to undergraduates and researchers in the varsity campus along with support to the national outreach programme for school children. The centre and the labs will help strengthen science education in India by engaging with various stakeholders, including students, academicians, scientists, teachers of schools and undergraduate level science and mathematics.

Dr. Y. K. Hamied, Chairman, Cipla, Ms. Rumana Hamied, Managing Trustee, Cipla Foundation and Prof. Jayant B Udgaonkar, Director, IISER Pune were present at the campus for the unveiling of the facility along with senior leaders from Cipla and IISER Pune.

The expansive 27,000 square feet, ground plus two floor facility has been constructed in an eco-friendly zone in adherence with the green building GRIHA standards. In line with the international standards of chemistry practicals, four state-of-the-art four laboratories have been set up, each appointed with best-in-class equipment including virtual reality functionalities, interactive gadgets, demonstration facilities and more. In addition to academic learning, the facilities will also be utilized for real-life industry driven research projects and contribute to the latest scientific innovation taking place in the country.

Given the absence of adequate infrastructure for chemistry laboratories in surrounding Pune Municipal Corporation schools and other colleges, lesser privileged students and teachers from these institutions will also be granted access to this facility. The outreach programme will help impart pedagogy training to teachers as well as hands on science education to teachers and students from schools, colleges and universities and ignite passion for science. Over 1000 teachers and 5000 students will be reached out to each year.

At the event, Dr. Y K Hamied, Chairman Cipla Ltd. said, "India has the potential to be at the frontier of research and innovation, particularly in the areas of chemistry, healthcare and life-sciences. IISER, Pune will certainly contribute to this achievement with the help of 'state-of-the-art' facilities and this means increased responsibility for both the staff and the students to excel"

Prof Jayant, Director of IISER Pune shared, "This is the first industry and academic interaction with IISER and Cipla and I am sure that this is just the beginning. This collaboration will be more fruitful in the areas of pharma research in the years to come". He also mentioned about the expansion of the outreach programme especially in training of secondary school students and most importantly, the teachers.

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Cipla Foundation takes Cipla's social commitments forward through initiatives in Health, Skilling, Education and Disaster Response. Driven by a vision to build an equitable world, on the foundation of 'Caring for Life'. Registered in 2011, the Foundation works across India and South Africa and strives to create opportunities where every life can maximize its full potential. In 2018-19, the Foundation made over 400,000 impact interventions in communities around Cipla units and offices.

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ABOUT IISER Pune

IISER Pune is an autonomous teaching and research organisation of the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Set up with the aim of improving undergraduate science education through combining research with teaching, IISER Pune is among the prominent academic organisations in India. The IISER Pune's chemistry department has

always kept pace with the global chemistry community. The Royal society of Chemistry London (after a series of stringent checks) has accredited our chemistry department. IISER Pune's research in chemistry spans diverse areas and offers about 45 teaching courses at various undergraduate levels.

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