

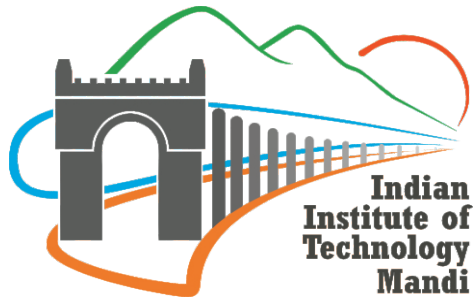
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VISION

To be a leader in science and technology education, knowledge creation and innovation, in an India marching towards a just, inclusive and sustainable society.

MISSION

- ◆ To create knowledge through team effort and individually for the benefit of society.
- ◆ To impart education to produce professionals capable of leading efforts towards innovative products and processes for the development of the Himalayan region in particular and our country and humanity in general.
- ◆ To inculcate a spirit of entrepreneurship and to impart the ability to devise globally recognized solutions for the problems of society and industry, particularly in the fragile eco-system of the Himalayas.
- ◆ To train teachers capable of inspiring the next generation of engineers, scientists and researchers.
- ◆ To work intensely with industry in pursuit of the above goals of education and research, leading to the development of cutting edge and commercially-viable technologies.
- ◆ To operate in an ambience marked by overriding respect for ability and merit

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From the Director's Desk

The year 2013-14 saw IIT Mandi coming of age – we graduated our first students, 1 Ph.D., 2 M.S. and 94 B.Tech. students, in a colourful ceremony on 20th October 2013. Most of these 1st batch students were placed in India's top companies. A few students went on for higher studies in prestigious universities in North America – University of Toronto, Georgia Tech, University of Wisconsin, etc. The year also saw us consolidate our achievement as the only new IIT to develop and occupy its new campus. 50% of our students, 30% of the faculty and a number of staff live and work in Kamand.



The 3rd stage of the unique Design & Innovation Stream in the BTech Curriculum, the ISTP, saw its maiden offering. The ISTP was an occasion for us to host 15 students and one faculty from WPI, Massachusetts for 2 months. During the year, 5 foreign faculty and a number of NRIs chose to spend significant time in IIT Mandi. A number of our students went to Germany for academic internships and semester exchanges. Altogether, these provide a good cross-cultural exposure for our students.

The Advanced Materials Research Centre (AMRC) building was inaugurated in March 2013. During the year, we have procured several sophisticated instruments costing over Rs. 16 crores to support state-of-the-art experimental research in materials for electronics, electrical, biomedical and agricultural applications. These include a 500 MHz NMR, a high-resolution TEM, a confocal microscope, a high-resolution mass spectroscope, a femto-second pump-probe laser and a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer.

The serene 530-acre permanent campus in the Uhl River valley at Kamand is one of the major attractions of IIT Mandi for bright young faculty and students. By the end of 2013-14, we had available about 15,000 sqm of academic and residential space accommodating 250 students and 30 faculty+staff.

In 2014-15, we expect to continue growing towards world renown. With the fast pace of campus development, we hope to become a fully residential Institute with 600+ students, 65+ faculty and 100+ staff working, playing and (many) living in Kamand. On the academic side, we plan to start 2 novel MTech/MSc programmes. Given the location in the Himalayas, we will recruit faculty in infrastructure and civil engineering, and start to design a BTech in Civil Engineering with the aim of admitting the first batch in August 2015. Finally, I am confident that our innovative faculty, students and alumni will achieve something quite unexpected!

Prof. Timothy A Gonsalves
Director

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Academic activities teaching, learning and research are carried out in three orthogonal but complementary structures. These are Faculty Schools, Student Degree Programmes and Research Groups. Each of these is designed to serve a distinct purpose. The three interact in flexible ways to best achieve the academic goals of the Institute. The structure encourages interdisciplinary learning and research that evolves in step with the march of technological innovation.

Schools:

Faculty members belong to broadly and loosely defined Schools. Each School provides a home base for faculty whose interests share some fundamental academic principles. Some faculty members also have joint appointments in other Schools. By broadly grouping faculty members into Schools, IIT Mandi has avoided traditional departments and divisions within the institute. This has been done with a view to actively foster an interdisciplinary culture and collaborative research and projects across disciplines within the institute.

Currently, the Schools in the Institute are:

1. School of Computing and Electrical Engineering

Faculty members in the broad areas of computer science, computer engineering, electrical engineering including electronics and semiconductors, signal processing, automation and control and electrical energy systems are all part of this School.

2. School of Engineering

Faculty members from several areas of engineering including mechanical engineering and engineering material science are part of this School.

3. School of Basic Sciences

Faculty members from all areas of basic sciences, including physics, mathematics, chemistry and biology are all part of this School.

4. School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Faculty members from English, German studies, Economics, Sociology, Psychology and other areas of Humanities and Social Sciences are all part of this School.

During the year 2013-14, 55 full time faculty members belonging to the different Schools and 9 visiting faculty members from established Institutes like IIT Madras and IIT Roorkee participated in different teaching programs. Also, some of the elective courses being offered at other institutions (IIT Delhi, Roorkee, Madras, MNIT, etc.) were conducted via NKN.

More detailed information on the list of faculty members in each schools may be found in the section 'Academic Schools'.

Research Groups:

The structure at IIT Mandi allows for the creation of a Research Group to act as a focus for R&D towards some specific goal. The Group will draw on faculty and students from either one School or from different Schools and Degree Programmes. The Group may have technical and support staff on short-term contracts. Once the goal is achieved, the Group may be disbanded.

An example of a Research Group at the Institute is the Intel Project Group formed for the execution of the Intel-IIT Mandi research project. The group consists of faculty members, post doctoral fellows and research students from the School of Computing and Electrical Engineering and School of Basic Sciences.

Degree Programmes:

1. Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech) in the following engineering disciplines
 - a) Computer Science & Engineering (CSE)
 - b) Electrical Engineering (EE) and
 - c) Mechanical Engineering (ME)
2. M. S. (by Research) in the following engineering disciplines
 - a) Computer Science and Engineering
 - b) Mechanical Engineering and
 - c) Electrical Engineering
3. Ph. D in Engineering, Basic Sciences and Humanities & Social Sciences

The Degree Programmes are designed according to the job and career needs of students. A student in a given Degree Programme may be taught and guided by faculty members from several Schools. The Degree Programmes may also be started and wound up based solely on job and student aspirations.

Currently, the intake in B.Tech. programme is 40 students in each branch. The institute has plans to introduce B.Tech. in Civil Engineering in the near future.

A B.Tech. student at IIT Mandi will study foundation courses in basic sciences, engineering sciences and practice, humanities and social sciences, and the core in his/her chosen discipline. Electives in the discipline will enable the student to develop significant knowledge in a specialized area with exposure to research trends and developments. The category of free/open electives outside the chosen discipline will enable the student to obtain significant inter-disciplinary knowledge. In addition, the curriculum allows specialization in a 'Minor' area, by taking a set of 3-4 courses in another discipline.

Two new PG programmes viz M.Sc. (Chemistry) and M.Tech. (Energy Materials) are planned to be started from the academic year 2014-15 with an initial strength of 12 students in each programme.

Design Practicum Approach:

The goal of the B.Tech curriculum at IIT Mandi is to train students to become design engineers capable of conceiving, designing and deploying innovative and cost-effective products and processes for widespread use in the society.

To this end, the curriculum aims at the integration of innovation and design into the learning process. This is achieved through a 'Design Practicum' Model of learning, which is built into the curriculum.

In the first year of the B.Tech programme, the students carry out a 'reverse engineering' project, where student teams dismantle a common gadget/equipment, understand how it works and then put it back together in working order. At the second year level, student teams propose product ideas and then build working prototypes of these products. Many of these product ideas are useful to the society. The products which were successfully built and demonstrated last year include an Autonomous Garbage Collection Machine for Parks and Beaches and Automated Road Repair System.

Details of the innovative products proposed and developed by the student groups during 2013-14 may be found in the section on Design Practicum.

At the third year level, the students have the option of working on an 'Interdisciplinary Socio-Technical Project' (ISTP). In this project, interdisciplinary student teams explore some of the issues/problems of society and propose technology-based solutions for them and also evaluate them from various angles. Some of the ISTP student teams have students from IIT Mandi and from WPI, Boston, working together. Finally, during the fourth year, the students have the option of doing a Final Year Project either individually or in a group.

Overall, the curriculum at IIT Mandi is designed to encourage and enable the student to become well-qualified and well-rounded engineers in all respects.

Academic Linkages

The Institute has developed promising research and teaching collaborations with several Institutions around the world. These collaborations have led to exchange visits by a number of Institute's students and faculty members. The existing collaborations include: Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden, the IT University, Denmark, Technical University (TU) of Stuttgart and the other eight TU Institutions of Germany, Dublin City University, Ireland, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), USA and HEPIA - University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland; and, the India-UK Advanced Technology Centre for research on next generation networks. The Institute has also such agreements with a few Indian Institutions. The collaboration with the IT University, Denmark has led to co-teaching of a Software Engineering course simultaneously to students located in India and Sweden. As mentioned earlier, the collaboration with WPI has led to a semester-long undergraduate research project (Interdisciplinary Socio-Technical Project), in which US-IIT Mandi students work together in teams to address socio-economic issues of the local community.

DESIGN PRACTICUM

As mentioned earlier, the B.Tech curriculum follows a 'Design Practicum' approach to inculcate design and innovation skills among engineering students. As part of this, all students must take a course called Design Practicum during the second year. In this one-semester course students were asked to design and build innovative products that address real world problems in our society. Interdisciplinary teams of six students each were randomly formed from electrical, computer science and mechanical engineering branches. Each team of six students reported its progress to an interdisciplinary team of two faculty members drawn from engineering, science and humanities disciplines. In the first week the students were informed about some basics of designing and developing a new product, during the second week they were asked to talk to people and prepare a list of problems faced by people and also a list of new ideas that will help to solve these problems.

Out of these several ideas they were asked to pick a few and come up with a product design. After thorough analysis of the feasibility and other parameters such as time and cost, one of the designs was chosen for product development. At this stage the students prepared a budget and got approval from the faculty mentors. After detailed designing they prepared a mock-up and analyzed the pro's and con's. Next, they worked hard on building a real model prototype that works. This stage was really challenging as they faced many common problems like getting things in time, compatibility of components brought for different purposes and finally getting it work. On the final day the students demonstrated their prototypes for public display. At the end of the day satisfaction and benefit the student derived was immense which will stay with them forever.

The following prototypes were developed during the year.

Product No.1: Smart Cane

This product is developed for the blind persons so that they can walk without any assistant. Basically this product is a cost effective and efficient navigation for blind which gives a sense of artificial vision by providing information about the environmental scenario of static and dynamic objects around them.

Product No.2 : Mr. Library Assistant

This product is a tool for transferring books within the library. In big libraries, the library staff faces many problems, just to keep the books back to the original position keeping the monotonous tiredness of "doing it again and again the every next day" in mind, considering this Mr. Library Assistant is designed.

Product No.3: Electric Bicycle

An electric bicycle is developed to climb on sloppy road with less effort.

Product No.4: Aero-Drone

An innovative aero-drone is designed which can give live video footage while flying and provides more safety concerns.



Product No.5: Dynamic Vehicle-Weighing System

This product has the capability to measure the weight of the moving vehicle. Piezoelectric technology is used to make this product.

Product No.6: RC Fire Extinguisher Vehicle

It is a fire extinguishing robotic vehicle, whose motion can be controlled by the remote to direct the sprinkler in a desired direction.



Product No.7: Voice Commanded Desiccant Dehumidifier

This product is designed to remove moisture from the air up to a certain level. It can be operated and controlled through voice commands and also manual switches in case of failure of the voice recognition modules.



Product No.8: Unmanned Ground Vehicle

An unmanned ground vehicle (UGV) is developed that operates while in contact with the ground and without an onboard human presence.UGV can be used for many applications where it may be inconvenient, dangerous, or impossible to have a human operator present.

Product No.9: Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

An innovative unmanned aerial vehicle is developed which has favorable characteristics such as lightweight, portable, water resistant and able to fly in every season.

Product No.10: Anti Collision System in Blind Turns (Hill station and Fog)

This product is designed to reduce the vehicle collision in hill station and especially during fog condition. In a blind turn it will notify the vehicles about the obstacles on other side. In a fog, it will notify by sound and at other times through visual. It must be able to distinguish between day, night and fog. If there is no vehicle on the other side it will alert vehicle about road end.



Product No.11: Easy Drive

It is a cost effective, two wheeled, self-balancing, battery powered electric vehicle. Motion of vehicle can be controlled by the user's body posture.

Product No.12: Smart Room

It is an automated room equipped with modern technologies to make the life of human simple and luxurious. The basic target of our project is to reduce human effort.

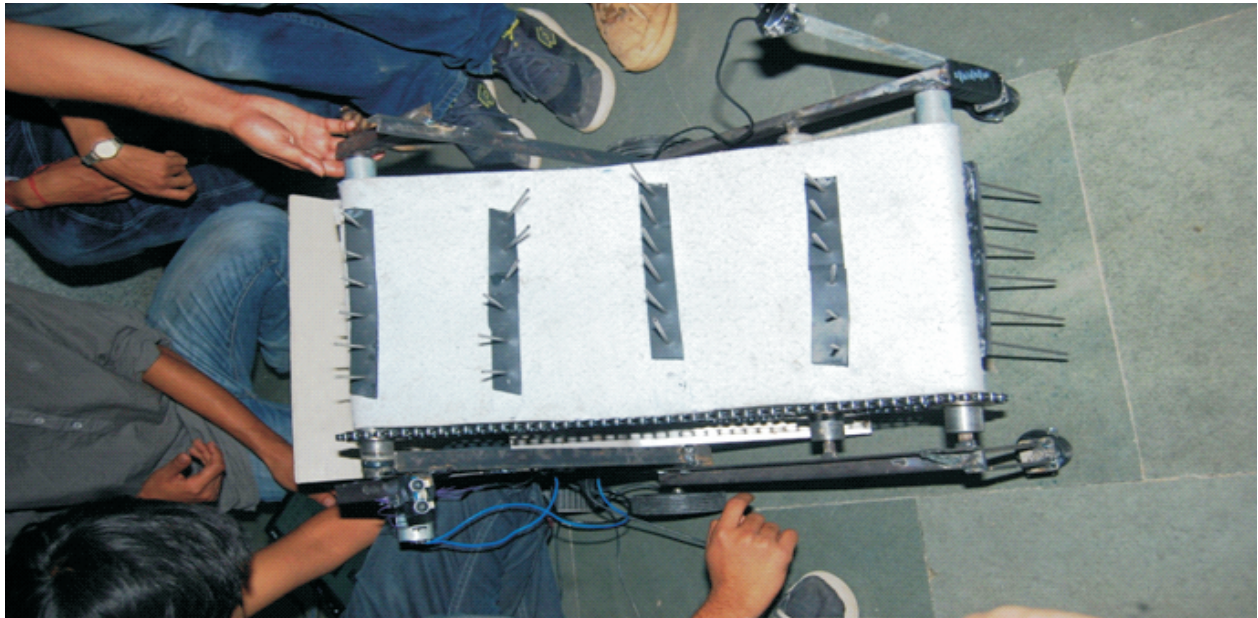
Product No.13: Intelligent Railway Crossing System

This product is related to an automatic railway crossing. It will consist of automatically closing gate when the train is at a particular distance from the crossing.



Product No.14: Autonomous Garbage Collection Machine for Parks and Beaches

It is a bot that identify the garbage from surrounding, pick it and collect it in a storage bin. Beaches/parks are often littered with lot of garbage like plastic wrappers, plastic and glass bottles. These cause grave inconvenience to public as well as birds, animals and sea life. Hence cleaning up of parks/beaches is important the developed product is targeted to solve this problem.



Product No.15: Segway PT

The Segway PT is a two-wheeled, self-balancing, battery-powered electric vehicle. The objective of the project is to produce this existing technology at a very low price and with a high ground clearance to make it useful for the faculty of IIT Mandi to move around in the campus. It will reduce dependence on oil, use the existing energy supply efficiently and reduce pollution. Even an amateur can ride the Segway easily, all a person need to do is instruct by bending.

Product No.16: Smart Cycle

This product is related to cycle which is equipped with the interesting features such as a GPS display which will provide the cycling enthusiast with the exact location on earth, a USB charger for charging mobiles & other accessories and some sensors which will alert the cyclist if some vehicle is coming from rear side adding to the safety measure.

Product No.17: Unmanned Aerial Surveillance Vehicle (UASV)

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle is developed for geographical information. It is designed to capture, store manipulate, analyze, manage and present all type of geographical data.

Product No.18: Animal Friendly Animal Repellant System

This product is developed to repel animals using a combination of water sprinkling and ultrasonic sound.



Product No.19: Automated Road Repairing System

This product is intended to address the repairing of roads by developing an autonomous road repair system that would use an unconventional repair approach, i.e. spray injection patching to repair potholes. The system is assisted by an on board image processing unit to identify and profile potholes so that the repair process can be carried out without external inputs, thus making the process faster, durable and cost effective.



Product No.20: Monitoring Water Quality in Municipal Water Supply

In this product, a sensor is developed which evaluates the water quality on the basis of pH, TDS and conductivity.

ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

School of Computing and Electrical Engineering

The School of Computing and Electrical Engineering (SCEE) of IIT Mandi aims to maintain excellence in teaching and research in technologies related to Computing, Communication, Electronics and Electrical Engineering. The area of research covers a broad spectrum of theoretical and application-based topics such as: smart grid, renewable energy, materials for efficient semiconductor devices, next generation communication and efficient human-computer interaction etc. At the undergraduate level, we emphasize the hands-on learning approach by providing students with a firm foundation of both the theory and practice of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. We also have joint faculty positions with the School of Basic Sciences and School of Humanities to expose students to the social, ethical, and liberal education to make significant contributions to the society. The first batch of B.Tech. Students completed their graduation and enter the world of innovation as capable engineers. At the post-graduate level our faculty provide a deeper mastery of the basics and opportunities for research and professional capabilities for students in the field of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering. Our faculty are engaged in both practical and theoretical research, often in partnership with government agencies, private industry and non-governmental organizations. National and international collaborations are one of the prime focus of the faculty. This aims towards advancement of knowledge within our disciplines and also to contribute to society.

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Research Projects

	Project	Sponsoring agency	Investigators	Project cost (in lac)
1.	Development of text to speech systems in Indian Language Date of sanction: 01.01.2012 Date of completion: 31.12.2014	DIT	Anil Sao	76,90,000
2.	India-UK Advanced Technology Centre (IU-ATC) Date of sanction: 11.09.2012 Date of completion: 10.03.2015	DST	Arti Kashyap, TA Gonsalves, Nitu Kumari, Samar, Sarita Azad, Tricha Anjali Manoj Thakur	81,48,000
3.	Centre for Innovative Technologies for the Himalayan Region Date of sanction: 28.08.2012 Date of completion: 27.08.2013	DST	Arti Kashyap, TA Gonsalves	13,86,776

4.	Aakash Education Proposal Date of sanction: 01.08.2012 Date of completion: 31.07.2014	MHRD	Arti Kashyap	50,00,000 + 25% grant- in-aid 12.5 lacs
5.	Structured Programming through E-Learning Date of sanction: 01.08.2012 Date of completion: 31.07.2013	BCI	Arti Kashyap, Anil Prabhakar, Hansfangohr	1,77,07,350
6.	Surface Plasmon Based Flexible Colloidal Crystal Sensors	SERB	Satinder Sharma	10,20,000

Progress of the Research projects

Operation and Maintenance of Virtual Class Rooms at IIT Mandi

Bharat Singh Rajpurohit and Anil Sao

This internal projects keeps the e-classrooms/video-conferencing facility fully operational and performing day-to- day maintenance for such high end facility. We have already established the good e-classrooms/video-conferencing facility through the partial funding of NIC, Delhi at IIT Mandi under the project “Creation of Virtual Classroom at IITs over NKN” and these facilities are being efficiently used to hold distant classes, guest seminars, conferences, workshops, regular classes, short courses, conducting interviews and meetings. At IIT Mandi, now we have one e-classrooms of seating capacity of 125 persons and one e-conf. room of seating capacity of 35 persons, at both places, at Mandi and Kamand campus. Generally, we are having, in each academic semester, around 7-8 courses taught by other institutes over NKN while utilizing e-classrooms at IIT Mandi. As per the NIC, Delhi IIT Mandi is one of the highest user of NKN facility with more than 60 % utilization. Now we are planning to augment/extend the same facilities for few more such e-classrooms.

NKN Electronic Classroom

Bharat Singh Rajpurohit and Anand Srivastava

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Person authentication using audio-visual biometrics

Anil Kumar Sao

In audio-visual biometrics speech is utilized together with static video frames of the face or certain parts of the face, and /or video sequences of the face or mouth area. The focus of the work has been to explore suitable representations of audio and video, which will help in efficient extraction of correlation between the two modalities to recognize the person. The main objectives have been to explore a suitable representation of audio and visual modalities which can characterize the subject specific unique information and to develop an approach to compensate for asynchrony between audio and visual modalities.

We have explored the significance of dictionary in sparse coding based face recognition. We primarily address the problem of sufficiency of training data in various illumination conditions. The dictionary has been generated using a lower dimensional representation of image, which emphasizes the subject specific unique information of the face image. This representation is called weighted decomposition (WD) face image, because it attempts to give more weightage to unique information of face image. The effect of illumination in computation of WD face image is reduced using edginess based representation of image, which is derived using one-dimensional (1-D) processing of image. 1-D processing provides multiple partial evidences, which are combined to enhance the face recognition performance. The experimental results suggest that the proposed approach addresses the issue of sufficiency of training data efficiently. We are also exploring to extract the suitable features from audio-visual modalities and use the compressive sensing based approach to compute the identity of the given person.

Grid Connected/Stand Alone Power Electronic Converter Control

Bharat Singh Rajpurohit

In the growing electricity supply industry and open access market for electricity worldwide, renewable energy sources (RES) are getting added into the electric grid system. A significant emphasis is placed on the cost-effective utilization of this energy resource to simultaneously achieve a quality and reliable power supply. Power electronic systems (PES) are the crucial interfacing devices which matches output voltage, perform DC to AC (or AC to DC) conversion, control power quality and power flow, and have high efficiency on 10% to 100% power range. The objective of this project has been to develop simulations and experimental set-ups for interfaces for RES with grid connected PES control using intelligent and advanced digital signal processing techniques. The literature review has been done. Permanent equipment has been procured. The research team has already developed a detailed mathematical model for common-platform simulation model for 100 kW Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) system connected with power systems and feeding power to it. This common simulation model has been used to compare different switching algorithms performance for an efficient power injection to power systems. An algorithm has been developed for Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) based on Perturb-and-Observe (P&O)

method and the Incremental Conductance (INC) method. Recently many Computational Intelligence based algorithms has been developed and tested. Now we working on developing the experimental prototype for validation of hardware and simulation results.

The work will be developing and testing of a small-scale grid-connected prototype systems. The prototype system will be extensively tested under different electric grid operating conditions to examine the response with the RES, the interaction with the battery storage, and the smooth operation of the power conversion and to enhance the controllability of PES based interfaces.

Development of text to speech systems in Indian languages

Anil Kumar Sao

The objective of this work is to develop a Text to speech Synthesis System (TTS) for Rajasthani language. Rajasthani language comprises of five primary dialects - Marwari, Mewari, Dhundhari, Mewati and Harauti. Our focus will be to build TTS system for Marwari, which is most widely spoken dialects in Rajasthan. In this work we are exploring to build TTS system using the platforms like: Unit Selection based Speech synthesis system (USS) and HTS based speech synthesis.

Work done: We would like to build system and integrate with OCR also which can read contents from website. In order to build system we need a huge corpus of speech in Rajasthani language. Till now we have built Rajasthani USS based TTS for 3.5 hours of female data which obtained a MOS (Mean opinion score) of 3.51(DMOS) and a word error rate of 28.68%. MOS was obtained after subjective evaluation by 20 subjects. We have also built USS based TTS for Indian-English for 1.5 hours of data. This system can read the English text also. We have also built HTS based speech synthesis system using 3 hours of female data. We observed that synthesized speech using HTS based approach is not natural and the speaker characteristics are not preserved. But HTS based speech synthesis take small amount of memory and can be installed in mobile also. On the other hand we need a lot of memory (relatively) and hence cannot be install in memory. Currently, we are exploring compressive sensing concept to reduce the size of memory of USS based speech synthesis. Compressive sensing is an approach which helps us to sample a signal in less than Nyquist criterion provided it satisfies some predefined conditions. In all these approaches selection of suitable dictionaries play very important role. We are exploring to derive dictionaries which are inspired by speech production mechanism. In addition, we are also exploring approaches which will help in modifying the prosody of synthesised speech. All the above mentioned approaches will be validated with more amount of data, which will be recorded in another six months.

IU-ATC

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This is a collaborative project in which a number of IIT Mandi faculty members are collaborating with their colleagues at other IITs as well as in UK. A small part of the project is to deploy a Farmers Advisory System. RTBI, IIT Madras developed a system to provide personalized agricultural advisories through mobile phones to farmers. We at IIT Mandi are replicating it by adapting it to the need of Himachal Pradesh where IIT Mandi is located. In the initial phase, the following locations in Himachal Pradesh are considered:

i. Locations:

Mandi:-Mandi district is located in the heart of Himachal Pradesh, India, on the bank of byas river. The district has total geographical area of 3950 sq.kms with wheat, maize, tomato and apple as major crops. Among these crops wheat and tomato have been selected for the phase I of the project.

Kangra:- Kangra district is situated on the southern escarpment of the *Himalayas*. The district has total geographical area of 5739 sq.kms with wheat, maize, tea and potato as major crops. Among these crops tea and potato have been selected for the phase I of the project.

Kullu:- Kullu district is situated along the river byas. The district has total geographical area of 5503 sq.kms with wheat, maize, potato, apple and cherry as major crops. Among these crops apple and cherry have been selected for the phase I of the project.

ii. Baseline Survey

In order to run the pilot, we have started conducting detailed baseline survey for Apple and Cherry crop in Kullu district. We aim to conduct the pilot by engaging 20 farmers for both the mentioned crops.

iii. Selecting Farmers for participation: There are different categories of farmers belonging to marginal, small, medium and large based on landholdings. From the data collected through baseline survey questionnaire, a total of 20 farmers from Kullu are to be selected. The farmer's selection criteria include having a mobile phone, cultivating the crop chosen and willingness to take part in this project. Apple and Cherry are chosen as focus crops for field pilot testing in Kullu district. These crops are chosen because majority of farmers are predominantly growing them in this district.

iv. Support of Himachal Pradesh Agriculture University, Palampur

We have signed MoU with Agriculture University, Himachal Pradesh under which we will be able to formally partner with KVK Kullu to handle our pilot run.

Building on some of our previous work we are developing a two-pronged approach to characterize the capacity of general relay channel ... a fundamental problem in information theory that is open for more than forty years. First, we are striving to come up with better achievability schemes. Second, we are trying to generalize some of the recent results obtained for highly specialized networks (namely, symmetric diamond networks) for tighter upper bound computations to more general relay networks.

Another part of the project is to set up cloud at IIT Mandi and the work is in progress.

Centre for Innovative Technologies for the Himalayan Region (CITHR)

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The mission of the Centre at IIT Mandi is to study, understand and provide solutions to the otherwise ill-equipped rural society in terms of knowledge, technology and awareness. Available technologies will be adapted to the requirements of the Himalayan region. We will use existing technologies but if required we will also put effort in tuning the products for the region specific

requirements. The Centre works on deploying the existing technologies to assist various sections of the rural society in Himalayan region ranging from education sector to agriculture and socio-economic activities.

Himachal presents a unique opportunity to avoid the ills of urbanization by rapidly improving the attraction of rural life through appropriate science and technology, on the other hand it is a challenge in itself to understand the societal dynamics of the other two hilly states. This Centre could become a hub of innovation for the rural areas of the entire Himalayan region. IIT Mandi with its vision of a sustainable society for India and its thrust areas is well-suited to take advantage of this opportunity through the Centre.

Aakash Education Proposal

Arti Kashyap

To create the educational ecosystem with high quality educational content and software tools to deliver the content and manage the learning process, a team from 5 IITs, led by TCOE, IIT Madras is being formed. This team is focusing on the available software tools and the required tools for Indian rural students and teachers. TCOE IIT Madras is the lead member of this team. IIT Mandi is one of the other four IITs working to create android applications towards this ecosystem as per the identified tools and content required.

Aakash Application Development Lab (AADL) at IIT Mandi started in August 1, 2012. Few students who had interest in Android application development formed the team and came forward to work on Aakash. Subsequently few project staff were hired and the activity was formalized.

As a first step, the self-motivated group of few students gave "Beginners workshop" to around 40 students for getting started with Android application development. After that competition about the ideas for developing applications for Aakash was floated. Good ideas were selected and students started working on the applications.

After receiving more tablets we organized workshop for the Government Engineering College in the neighborhood, called Jawahar Lal Nehru Govt Engineering College. Lots of hands on practice were given to the students to give them a good feel of the android application development as well as use of Aakash tablet.

To reach out to students in nearby private engineering colleges, few interns from Shoolini University, Solan (HP) were taken. Just to mention, Shoolini University at Solan had received Aakash tablets from IIT Bombay and students had undergone the training about how to use the tablet. We trained these interns and workshop on application development on Aakash has been planned at Shoolini University in the month of August where their own student trained with us will help us in parting the training.

Recently, few students from NITs who had interest in android application development also have got involved with AADL, IIT Mandi and working for applications on Aakash.

Applications under Development

1. *Data Structure Simulation*-This app will ease the understanding of the data structure and various algorithms.
2. *Interactive e-Book*- Developing interactive eBook for various engineering subjects to help

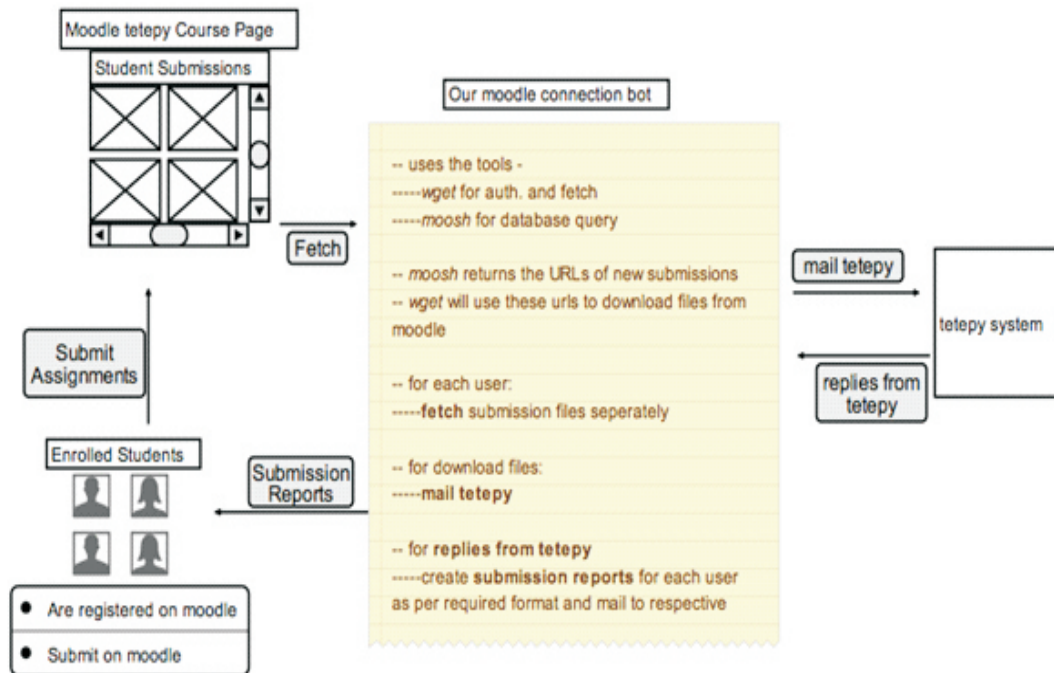
students in their studies because larger numbers of graduate students are more favorably leaning to e-books.

3. *Doubt Buster*- It's a teacher student interaction application to solve doubts regarding any stream anytime.
4. *E-Blackboard*- This application provides interface for free hand writing to take notes. It also contains toolbar of different elements such as: pencil, color, shapes etc.
5. *Easy Engineering*- This application is to perform a role of a handy pocket reference guide for students stepping into engineering colleges who need guidance on different aspects of engineering courses.
6. *Note Mania*- This app is intended especially for the students to make study easier i.e. taking notes, remembering the important things, setting up the reminders to get alerts about projects/assignments etc.

Aakash Ayurveda- It is simple but useful Educational App that makes students aware about various Ayurvedic plants of Himachal region. The information that app contains mainly include plant name, plant common name and medicinal properties. It also provide offline as well as online quiz mode.

Structured Programming through E- Learning, TeTepy Arti Kashyap, Anil Prabhakar, Hansfangohr

This is a collaborative project between IIT Mandi, IIT Madras and University of Southampton. We have deploying the e-Learning System on the web server to be used by both UK and Indian partner Institutes. Both India and UK partner institutions have one or more functional deployments of the system and their students are able to use the system. At IIT, the deployment is usable by students



at IIT Mandi & IIT Madras. At Southampton, it is used by students from Southampton and University of Southampton Malaysia Campus. Southampton also has a testing/development deployment live. Further aim of the project was to generating a repository of high quality interesting problems from various areas of Science and Engineering.

Southampton already had a repository of quality problems covering programming concepts and some applications such as numerical modelling. Problems identified jointly by IIT Mandi & IIT Madras have enriched the existing repository. The following figures depicts the working of e-learning system

Computational Nano-Engineering of Patterned Nanostructures

Arti Kashyap

Computational nano-engineering is an emerging field of research aimed at developing nanoscale modeling and simulation methods to enable and accelerate the design and development of functional nanometer-scale devices and systems. Just as microfabrication has led to microelectronics revolution in the 20th century, nano-precision engineering will be a key to the success of the nanotechnology revolution of the 21st century. The driving force for developments in nanotechnology results from the increasing demand related to key technologies like microelectronics and nano magnetic devices. One example is the high density magnetic random access memory (MRAM) technology which has grown over the past decade due to its potential to store more data, access that data faster and also to use less power than current memory technologies. Over the past several decades, amorphous and more recently nano-crystalline materials have been investigated for applications in magnetic devices. Scientifically also, they offer the opportunity to study magnetism in between the atomic and bulk limits. Further nanoconstrictions, multilayered structures of nano-thick films, nanotubes and other nano-geometries are presently the focus of deep interest in this era of new class of materials coming up rapidly.

The objective of the project was to develop multiscale modeling and simulation methods for understanding the nanopatterning of meta-materials and their properties. Phase-wise progress as proposed has been achieved as is evident from the List of Publications. New Observations achieved in this project are: Magneto electric effect in thin films, not proposed in the project initially, was studied. We used first-principle calculations to study the influence of external electric effect on the magnetic properties of L10-ordered CoPd films. Our calculations show that an electric field yield substantial change in surface magnetization and anisotropy, due to change in the surface electric density at the Fermi level.

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**LIST OF THE INITIATIVES/EVENTS ORGANIZED BY
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S.No.	Name of Faculty Organizer & Speaker	Date	Event Name	Event Types
1	Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit & Dr. Samar Agnihotri	June 27-29, 2013	Strategic Research Vision to Build a Smarter Grid	National Workshop

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED BY SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, IIT MANDI

A report on mini workshop conducted by Women Center Committee IIT Mandi on 15th March 2014

Women Center Committee IIT Mandi organized its first (Mini) workshop on Saturday, the 15th of March 2014. The program was initiated under the leadership of Dr. Arti Kashyap, Chairperson-Women Center Committee, IIT Mandi, with a motive of bringing about sensitization on gender ethics at workplace. The event comprised two sections: first 'an invited talk by guest speaker' and second 'a panel discussion' spaced by 'Director's Speech on the occasion'.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

IIT Mandi faculty nominated as Vice Chair of Conference/Workshop Committee of IEEE Computer Society Chapter India Council

Dr. Varun Dutt, Assistant Professor, SCEE, SHSS, IIT Mandi, has recently been nominated as the Vice-Chair of the IEEE Computer Society Chapter India Council (Conference/Workshop Committee).

Best poster prize at ICONSAT, March 2014

The poster entitled "Novel Non-Chemical Amplified (n-CARs) Resists for Next Generation Lithography (NGL) Applications" by **Vikram Singh, V. S. V. Satyanarayana, Vishwanath Kalyani, Satinder K. Sharma, Subrata Ghosh, Chullikkattil P. Pradeep and Kenneth E. Gonsalves**. Sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), Cambridge, U.K, the poster session took place at the International Conference on Nano Science and Technology, (ICONSAT), INST, 2014, Chandigarh, March 3-5, 2014. This award consists of a citation, token cash prize and a rare publication of Prof. C.N. Rao research collection.

Fund for Improvement of S&T infrastructure in universities & higher educational institutions (FIST)

School of Computing and Electrical Engineering (SCEE) at IIT Mandi has received recommendation on a five-year project from Department of Science & Technology, Fund for Improvement of S&T, (DST-FIST) to strengthen the teaching and research facilities in the School.

The recommended research facility with maximum allowed budget are Real-time digital simulator (200 Lacs) and Wind turbine with HIL Simulator (35 Lacs). IIT Mandi envisions to set-up a Real Time Simulation lab facility that is easily scalable, affordable and easy to maintain by local teams and that keeps pace with the evolution of computer technologies. IIT Mandi is interested in establishing an experimental set-up for widely installed configuration of wind turbines i.e. Doubly-fed Induction Generator (DFIG) with bi-directional power electronics converters and real-time controller.

School of Engineering

School of Engineering is working towards the Vision of the Institute. School is committed for high standards of engineering education through outstanding teaching, innovative curricula and excellent research environment. School offers number of courses which are common for all the branches like Design practicum, Reverse engineering, Graphics for design, Materials science, Manufacturing processes and Engineering thermodynamics along with core courses of Mechanical stream.

Presently, school of engineering has 15 faculty members including 2 Mentor Professors, 10 Assistant Professors, 1 Distinguished Visiting Professor, 1 Professor on Deputation and 1 Teaching Fellow. This year 4 new faculty members have joined our School. There are currently 2 postdocs, 13 Ph.Ds and 16 MS students in the school. The main areas of research are broadly classified as Materials and design, Thermo-fluids engineering, Energy efficient buildings and Infrared signatures. In Materials and design, the work is directed towards the development and analysis of materials for the sensor, actuator, energy harvesting applications and analysis of the smart structures and systems. In thermo-fluids engineering, faculty members are investigating radiative heat transfer, nano-scale heat transfer, flow analysis and heat transfer analysis of IC engines. Additionally, molten metals/alloys are also being explored in our school. Energy efficient systems cover climate change studies, applications of phase change materials towards energy efficient buildings, use of non-conventional energy sources at IIT Mandi to enhance energy efficiency and development of an energy park. The school has successfully installed various equipment in Solid Mechanics and Materials laboratories.

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Research Projects

S.No	Project	Sponsoring agency	Investigators	Project cost (in Lacs)
1.	Glass and glass-ceramics for electrical energy storage devices Date of sanction: 01.04.2012 Date of completion: 31.03.2017	DST	Rahul Vaish	35.0
2.	Electromagnetic Radiation response of metals and alloys during deformation at low temperature conditions Date of sanction: 22.05.2013	DST	Dr. Vishal Singh Chauhan	18.40

Progress of the Research Projects

Active control of vibration using fuzzy logic controller for smart structure and its experimental validation

Rajeev Kumar

An active vibration control experimental setup has been fabricated to analyze the transient behavior of different smart structures and structural vibration control subjected to different loading and boundary conditions. The experiments have been performed for active vibration control of smart structures over wide temperature range ranging from -70°C to 70°C . The effect of variation in temperature on piezoelectric ceramics (used as both sensor

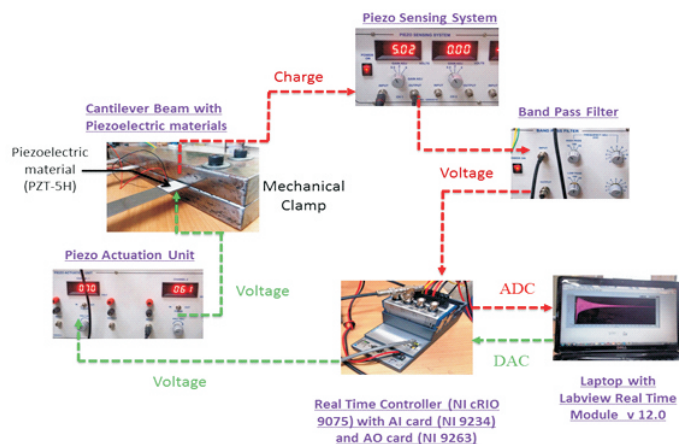


Figure: Schematic diagram for active vibration control of smart structure.

and actuator) has been studied in the context of sensing capability and active vibration control. Figure mentioned below illustrates the Schematic diagram for active vibration control of smart structure. The experimental results are obtained both in time and frequency domain.

Glass based materials for energy storage applications

Rahul Vaish

Glasses have very high electric breakdown strength and careful selection and addition of glasses in ferroelectric ceramics could enhance their energy storage properties. This technique is especially effective if glasses reside in grain boundaries. Grain boundaries in a bulk ceramic are physical discontinuities and act as stress concentration points owing to the high defect concentration existing on the surface of the grains. Mostly, dielectric failure in ferroelectric materials is an indirect consequence of defect concentration on grain boundaries. If the added glass can successfully be applied to fill the grain boundary discontinuity, then they play active role to enhance electric breakdown strength. However, glass addition can also drastically affect shape, size and growth rate of grains in the ceramics which are responsible for controlling various physical properties. Present progress deals with energy density enhancement using glass addition in ferroelectric compositions.

3BaO–3TiO₂–B₂O₃ glass was added in controlled amounts to study its effect on the ferroelectric response and storage characteristics of vanadium-doped BaTiO₃ samples. By adding the glass, the breakdown strength as well the ferroelectric properties could be also improved. The energy density for the composites was calculated using hysteresis loops. It was observed that a significant improvement in the energy storage density can be obtained by addition of 1% (weight) glass. This addition thus proves to be a possible technological boost for electrical energy storage using ceramic capacitors without the need of altering the chemistry of the material.

Phase Change Materials (PCM) based energy efficient buildings

P. Anil Kishan

For thermal energy storage, space heating and cooling and low temperature solar thermal applications organic and inorganic PCMs are available. Many modeling techniques have been proposed for simulating phase change of a PCM or PCM based structure. Most of the investigators have considered 1-D, 2-D and 3-D transient conjugate heat transfer (convection and conduction)

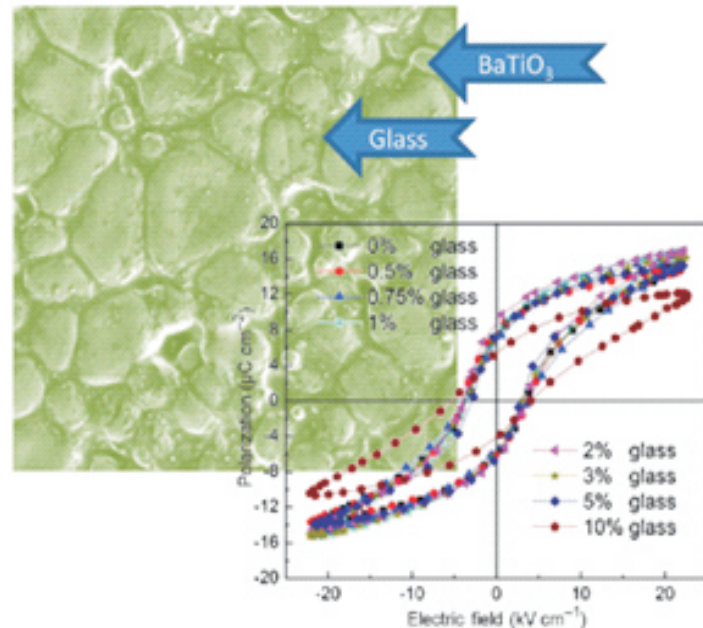


Fig : Enhanced energy storage capacity of ceramics using appropriate microstructure design

simulations for PCM based walls and room domain besides wall domain have not been taken into consideration. The main problem involved in such modeling is considering the transient behavior of the phase change materials. An important phenomenon occurs during the solidification of the PCM, when during the extraction of the stored energy, the liquid freezes close to the heat transfer surface and a moving boundary layer of solid material continuously grows as it releases its heat of fusion. During the melting process, the opposite happens. Besides, properties vary with composition of the salt. Proper optimum configuration of different layers depends on the ambient temperature variation and the desired room temperature limits and room size, besides ventilation and occupancy.

We aim to study energy efficient buildings using PCM. In this context, temperature measuring devices were purchased which are needed for measuring and storing the temperatures. These devices measure the ambient temperature at the specified intervals of time ranging from 1 minute to 1 hour. This device can store huge amount of data without any laptop/computer. The temperature of environment is under measurement which is the main requirement for the current study. For the simulation of the current problem, one needs to solve 3 – D equations in unsteady manner. These equations need to be solved numerically to find the exact temperature distribution within the room, walls, and environments. In general, the PCMs have to be encapsulated to avoid the liquid leakage. Due to this encapsulation, there will be some resistance to the heat flow. This parameter is being considered for the current study.

Experiments are planned to decide the effect of resistance heating in closed environment. Experiments will be conducted in the winter due to the requirement of the cold conditions. Before working with the experimental setup, one needs to study the effect of cold environment on the heat transfer through the walls without the PCMs. For this, experiments are planned and fabrication has been started. Actual experiments will be conducted after the simulations are done. Software identification and purchase process has been initiated. This software is needed to simulate the real conditions before performing proper experiments. The simulations involve solving of partial differential equations with appropriate initial and boundary conditions. This involves discretizing the domain into large number of small volumes and solves the equations for each and every cell. Once the equations are solved for the given conditions, results will be validated with the available results.

Electromagnetic radiation response of metals and alloys during deformation at low temperature conditions

Vishal Singh Chauhan

Installation of UTM completed and the Environmental Chamber completed. Preliminary experiments are being carried out to study the effect of sub-zero temperature on the mechanical behaviour of the materials. After preliminary experiments the electromagnetic radiation response of the materials at sub zero temperatures will be studied. Fig. appended below shows a sample stress strain curve for a brass specimen. Fig. shows the specimen placed in the grips inside the environmental chamber.

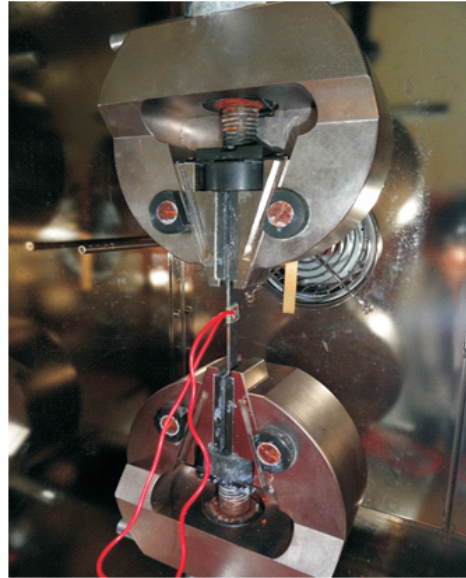
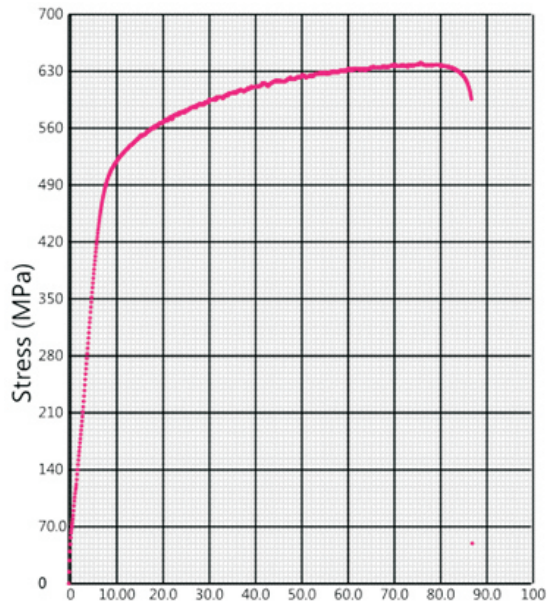


Fig. stress-strain plot for a sample under study and its setup

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S. No	Project Title	Sponsoring Agency	Principal Investigator & Co-ordinator(s)	Amount Sanctioned (in Lacs)	Duration of Project
1	Development of a class of Higher Order Compact (HOC) Finite Difference schemes and its application to Linear Shear Flows	DST	Dr. Rajendra K Ray	13.32	3years
2	Collision Processes in Atomic and Molecular Physics	DST	PI:- [Dr. Hari R. Varma] CO:PI-[Dr.P.C. Deshmukh] Dr. Yugal Khajuria	10.62	3years

3	Towards Novel Barbiturates as Matrix Metalloprotenase (MMP) Inhibitors: Design, Synthesis, Characterization and Biological Evaluation	DST	Dr. Subrata Ghosh	22.85	3years
4	DNA aptamer conjugated gold nanoparticle for targeting cancer cells	DST	Dr. Chayan Kanti Nandi	22.80	3years
5	Nanophotonic Systems for quantum information processing & coherent central	DST	Dr. P. K. Pathak	13.44	3years
6	Molecular Chaperone's mediated protein folding using time resolved single molecule Forster resonance energy transfer	DBT	Dr. Chayan Kanti Nandi	69.58	3years
7	Super molecular High Energy Compounds synthesis, Characterization and theoretical Studies	DRDO	Dr. Subrata Ghosh Dr. Prem F. Siril Dr. Aniruddha Chakraborty	36.04	3years
8	Development of Polyoxometalates organic Hybrids having through- bond Electronic interactions between cluster and organic units for materials And catalytic applications	DST	Dr. Pradeep C. Parameswaran	26.90	3years
9	Resists Concepts for EUVL at the 16 nm Node and Beyond	INTEL	Prof. Kenneth Gonsalves Dr. Pradeep C. Parameswaran Dr. Subrata Ghosh Dr. Satinder Sharma	US \$3.51 (Initial year July 2012 to June 2013) (July 2013 to June 2014 US \$11.70)	3years
10	A Short Formal Asymmetric Synthetic Approach to Huperzine-A	SERB	Dr. P. C. Ravikumar	27.00	3years
11	Controlled Fabrication of Realistic Nano-circuits using Robust Artificial Peptides	DST	Dr. Venkata Krishnan	35.00	5 years

12	Engineering Molecular Organic Frameworks Crystal Structure and Photo Physical properties	DST	Dr. Abhimanew Dhir	35.00	5 years
13	Exploring the Human Microbiome: A Hunt for the candidates for Pre- and Pro-biotics	Ramalingas wa mi Re-entry Fellowship DBT	Dr. Tulika Srivastava	35.00	5 years
14	Novel Routes for Crystallization Of Energetic Compounds	LDSKI, ARMREB ,DRDO	Dr. Prem Felix Siril Dr. Prasanth P. Jose	68.48	3 Years
15	Periodicity & a Almost Periodicity in Ecological Modeling	NHBM, DAE	Dr. Syed Abbas	8.57	3 Years
16	Modeling of contaminated sediment transport in lake/ river	BRNS	Dr. Rajendra K Ray & Dr. O. P. Singh	21.07	3 Years
17	Swollen liquid crystal 'soft' templates for structured nanomaterial synthesis	DST, New Delhi	Dr. Prem Felix Siril	19.25	4 years

Progress of the Research projects

Dr. Chayan K. Nandi

Molecular Chaperone mediated protein folding using time resolved single molecule Forster Resonance Energy Transfer (smFRET)

We are trying to build advance single molecule techniques such as single molecule Forster resonance energy transfer (smFRET) and fluorescence correlation spectroscopy (FCS). Both of these techniques have paid lot of attention in recent days as they provide quantitatively more precise informations on biological events that were not possible in ensemble experiments. On the other hand, we are also building the super resolution nanoscopy (Nobel Prize in chemistry 2014). It has the unique capability to cross the diffraction limit in optics and provide the dynamics of biomolecules down to nanometer scale. This development is expected to revolutionize, especially in biology and medicine, by the quantitative dynamic description of the cellular components that defines the phenotypes of all life forms.

Few results on both single molecule transients and photoswitching are shown here.

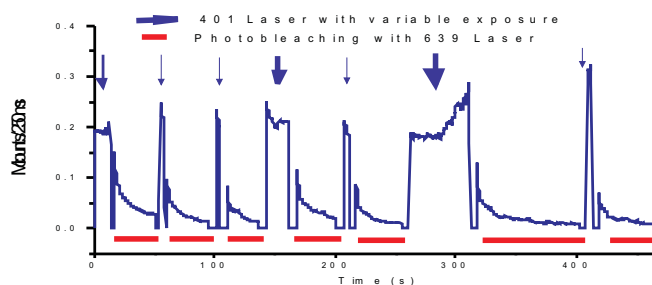
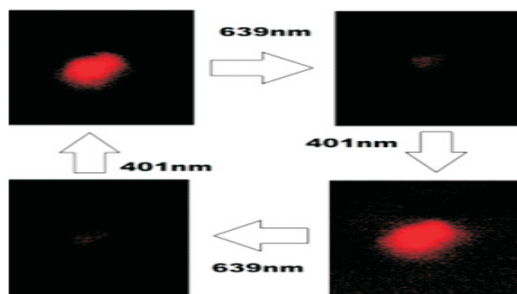
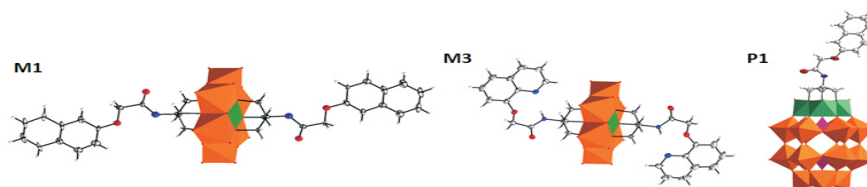


Figure: Photoswitching of carbon dots (left): The on-off switching observed by using 401 nm and 639 nm laser. (right): Photon counts in a hybrid photomultiplier detector show photo-decay and subsequent gain in intensity (photoswitch) using 401 laser. The 4th and 6th cycle, with a slightly higher exposure time of blue light, results a better recovery of fluorescence.

Dr. Pradeep Parameswaran

Development of polyoxometalates-organic hybrids having 'through-bond' electronic interactions between cluster and organic units for materials and catalytic applications.

As part of this project, new photoactive mono- and bis-TRIS (TRIS = tris(hydroxymethyl) aminomethane) based organic precursors have been designed and developed and were used to construct a series of polyoxometalates (POMs) based inorganic-organic hybrids. These new POM-based hybrids were characterized by IR, NMR, ESI-MS and some of them by using single crystal XRD analyses as well, see Figure. These new POM based hybrids were tested for their photocatalytic properties using dye decomposition reaction. Some of these POM hybrids were found to be useful for the catalytic degradation of organic dye pollutants (such as methyl orange) on visible light irradiation.



Some selected POM hybrids were tested for their cytotoxicity properties as well. In vitro cytotoxicity of hybrid **P1** against Colo320DM cell lines was determined by using MTT assay. **P1** produced a dose dependent inhibition on growth of the cells. Results of MTT assay revealed that different concentrations of compound **P1** could be able to reduce cell viability of Colo320DM. Percentage of viability of cells at concentrations ranging from 0.0000001 mg/mL to 0.1 mg/mL is 93.98 to 37.23. The LD₅₀ value of the compound **P1** was found to be 0.055 mg/mL. Increased numbers of apoptotic cells as a function of concentration of **P1** determined by AO/EB staining method is shown below. Nuclear condensation and change in colour of the fragmented nuclear membranes from green to reddish orange represents the induction of apoptosis of treated cells compared to control.

Dr. Suman Kalyan Pal

Photoinduced electron transfer in organic molecule-inorganic nanomaterial hybrid systems

Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanocrystals (NCs) of size 3.5 nm were synthesized and characterized by various spectroscopic and microscopic techniques. Interaction of ZnO NCs with Rhodamine B (RhB) molecule in the presence of light was investigated by steady state and time-resolved emission measurements. The visible emission of ZnO NCs was quenched as a result of fluorescence resonance energy transfer from NCs to RhB molecules. This study reveals that at least three decoupled defect transitions which are associated with the visible emission of ZnO NCs interact individually with the dye molecule resulting in wavelength dependent energy transfer and hence uneven quenching of the NC fluorescence. The fluorescence quenching is not only due to energy

transfer to dye molecules but also the result of nonradiative recombination in the trap states present in the NCs. These NCs form ground state charge transfer complex with a newly synthesized coumarin dye. The detail study is underway. The following two publications come out of this project and few are in the pipeline:

Dr. Hari Varma

Collision processes in atomic and molecular physics

In this project we study the atomic photoabsorption processes in free and confined atomic systems, including ions. These studies have significant applications in stellar spectroscopy, material science, UV lithography etc. The works involve many-body theories and efforts are in progress to improve the existing approximation techniques. Apart from some work based on earlier model potentials for confinements, the project also include developing more realistic potentials to include the dynamical coupling between fullerene and atomic electrons to study the ionization processes.

Dr. Venkata Krishnan

Controlled fabrication of realistic nano-circuits using robust artificial peptides

The research project deals with the physico-chemical understanding, design and fabrication of bio-inspired materials. The main goal of the research work will be to explore the use of molecules, methods and concepts of biology to design and create novel materials with new functions and properties. In particular, the project is aimed at fabricating nanomaterials in desired structures by controlling the assembly of nanoparticles based on the approaches adopted by nature, particularly biomolecule-directed-assembly, wherein achieving nanoscale structural control will enable the preparation of ordered hierarchical nanostructures in one, two and three dimensions, which could be used for a molecular electronics applications.

Dr. Rajendra K. Ray

Higher Order Compact (HOC) finite difference scheme for elliptic equations with discontinuous coefficients and singular source terms.

We have developed a new methodology for solving two-dimensional immersed interface problems in polar coordinates with circular interfaces. We then extended this idea for two-dimensional general immersed interface problems. Now, we are working on the extension of this scheme for any irregular geometry.

Development of a class of Higher Order Compact (HOC) finite difference schemes and its application to linear shear flows.

We have started the project. Equipment purchasing and hiring of JRF staff are under process. In the meantime, we are working on the development of higher order compact (HOC) scheme for shear flow past a square cylinder in Cartesian coordinate and we already have got some success on this.

Dr. Syed Abbas

Periodicity and almost periodicity in ecological modelling

Our aim is to find the periodicity, almost periodicity and qualitative behavior of dynamical systems like prey-predator systems using difference equations and ordinary differential equations and

dynamics equation on Time Scale. The area of discrete time models is very vast and has many applications in many fields. The analysis of discrete time model is more appropriate than the continuous models. We constructed a discrete model and have found the all fixed points and their feasibility of that model. We have also derived the relation among the parameters of model for stability analysis. We have constructed two models on time scale which have continuous and discrete version when time scale is real number and integer respectively. We are still working theoretically and numerically on our models. The aim for future is to complete these papers with nice results.

Dr. Abhimanew Dhir

Cytochrome C encapsulated metal organic framework as bio- material for sulfate ion recognition

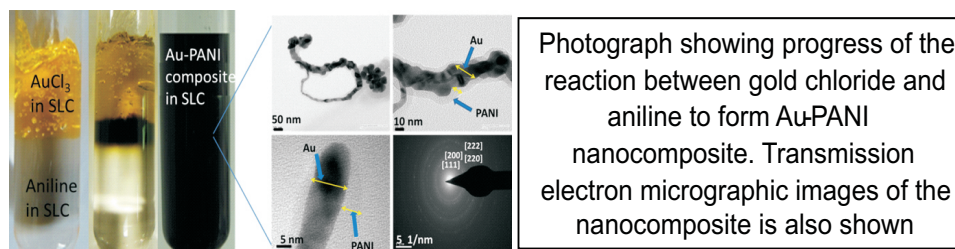
In this context, we aimed at preparation of MOF based biomaterial in which protein cytochrome c (cyt c) is encapsulated in pores of MOF. Cyt c is an essential component of the electron transport chain and is capable of undergoing oxidation and reduction. These properties of cyt c encapsulated MOF make it a suitable candidate for anion sensing applications. Therefore, we evaluated material for its anion sensing application. Among all the ions tested, the cyt c encapsulated MOF biomaterial selectively sensed sulfate (SO_4^{2-}) ions in 100 % aqueous solution and in solid phase with practical application.

In addition to it, we were interested to work in field of fluorescent chemosensors and evaluate their applications for molecular recognition. Both our previous work and the work on fluorogenic sensors lie in the broad research area of supramolecular chemistry.

Dr. Prem Felix Siril

Exploration of swollen liquid crystal templates for structured nanomaterial synthesis- IIT Mandi

The main objective of these project has been to prepare and characterize nanostructures using swollen liquid crystals (SLCs) as soft templates. We have achieved significant progress in this project by developing a novel and general method for achieved controlled morphology of zero and one dimensional nanostructures of conducting polymer nanostructures and their nanocomposites with metals. Nanocomposites of polyaniline (PANI) with Pd, Pt, Au and Iron oxide were prepared and characterised. These materials were found to have interesting applications as catalysts in Suzuki-Miyaura coupling reactions, reduction of organic pollutants and for surface enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS).



Novel routes for nanocrystallisation of energetic compounds-DRDO

We have developed a novel evaporation assisted solvent anti-solvent interaction method and optimised the preparation of nano-RDX and nano-HMX using the same method. The plan is to use the solvent-antisolvent interaction principles in microfluidics to prepare mono-dispersed nanoparticles. The microfluidics chips and other parts have been purchased and preliminary results are quite encouraging.

Dr. Aniruddha Chakraborty

Dynamical analysis of highly excited molecular spectra

Understanding dynamics of highly excited vibrational motion of small molecules is one of the most important challenges in Molecular Spectroscopy. The aim of this research is to extract new understanding about dynamics from information present in the experimental spectra and to apply this knowledge to understand internal molecular energy flow and reaction dynamics.

In highly excited vibrational states of molecules, strong coupling between different modes and anharmonicity give rise to complicated classical dynamics, making the simple normal mode analysis unsatisfactory.

Traditional methods for analysing the spectrum are based on assignment of eigenstate in terms of quantum numbers (zero order), such as number of quanta in each normal mode, which can be physically meaningful only at low energy, near harmonic regime. In highly excited vibrational spectra these zero order quantum numbers are destroyed by the strongly coupled dynamics, which means the spectra become un-assignable in ordinary terms.

Effective spectroscopic Hamiltonians are very useful to analyse and extract information from experimental and simulated spectra. We are using our methods to interpret experiments that probe molecules via the high resolution frequency-domain spectra. We plan to construct a generalized effective spectroscopic Hamiltonian by fitting the spectrum of real an-harmonic systems using simulated data.

The standard approach for building an effective spectroscopic Hamiltonian is well understood for systems below the dissociation energy of any bond. We plan to extend our method to energies above the dissociation energy of any bond. This is non-trivial because one has to incorporate the effect of energy continuum into the energy levels, which is one of the key challenges in this area.

We now have preliminary results using a model system of coupled Morse Oscillators and our result will be communicated soon to one of the reputed international journal.

Dr. Subrata Ghosh

Towards novel barbiturates as Matrix Metalloprotenase (MMP) inhibitors: design, synthesis, characterization and biological evaluation

Non destructive visualization of metal ions in cell is a challenging task as signaling processes in biological systems are awfully complex and the major challenge is the direct watching of molecular interaction in real time inside the organism. Metal-ion-induced fluorescence enhancement of small molecules has been used as a potential tool for the last few decades to obtain additional insight into various biological events including the distribution and concentration of metal ions in living cells in vitro and in vivo. Though zinc is the second most abundant metal ion and key in monitoring various

biological events in human body, its over accumulation inside cells is not advisable and may cause severe damage to human health. The role of chelated zinc in biological systems is well investigated and documented in the literature, but the biological functions of labile/free zinc pool in living system still remain unclear. In this regard, small molecule based fluorescence imaging are expected to provide us valuable information on various important biological events. Our systematic studies lead to the development of three molecular markers for labeling Zn^{2+} inside living systems (in vitro and in vivo) based on easily synthesizable small molecules with higher wavelength emission profile. In addition, we also developed an approach which may help in knowing the in vivo imaging potential of a newly developed probe using a plant model before applying it to the expensive animal model.

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Ethnobotanical garden

IIT Mandi Campus at Kamand and surrounding areas up to Prashar lake is a unique repository of plants growing at different altitudes having significant health promoting bioactivity. With the establishment of the Institute Campus in which about 8000 residents are expected to reside, the existing rich biodiversity may be disturbed. Therefore, the present study was taken up to map the complete area for the presence of different plant species and carry out identification and taxonomical classification and set up a Herbarium for preservation of voucher specimens. This Herbarium would function as a repository of plants growing in this region and will serve as a referral point for authentication of the plant species. In addition, as the local population has been using herbal remedies against different diseases an ethnobotanical survey of this region will be useful in understanding medical potential of the plants growing in this area. Identification of these medicinal plants in natural habitat with ethnobotanical knowledge can serve as a powerful search engine for the drug discovery process. The synergy of natural product research and biotechnology in the near future can drive development of molecular drugs, nutraceuticals and functional foods which in turn can improve economy of the local inhabitants.

A plant medicine lab with the facilities for collection, identification and preservation of flora has been established. A Project Associate has been recruited to start the project activities. He was trained at IHBT Palampur and Forest Research and Training Institute Sundernagar. 54 voucher specimens of different plants have been collected, photographed and preserved for confirmation of the nomenclature. Topo sheets to divide the complete area into different grids have been collected. A preliminary survey was done in Navlai village and Uhl river valley for existence of source of rare medicinal plants. Work on leaf analysis as a modality for identification of plants was started. Seabuckthorn and rhodiola growing in the higher altitude of Himachal Pradesh have been identified as anti-aging plants to be investigated in details. Liaison has been established with the Himachal Pradesh Forest Dept. to carry out a limited cultivation trial of these plants for research purposes in Prashar Lake area.

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Conferences attended and papers presented

1. Evidence of nanoscale phase separation in a large bandwidth e- doped manganite. NSAM, 28th May 2014. (Dr. Bindu Radhamany)
2. Nandi CK. Smart Surface Chemistry for Protein Nanoparticle Interaction: Challenges and Opportunities on Biological Activities. (NSNB 2013)" on December 9-11th at Indian Institute of technology Mandi
3. Indian Association for the cultivation of Science at Kolkata and delivered a lecture on nanotechnology and its application.
4. Nandi CK. Smart Surface Chemistry for Protein Nanoparticle Interaction: Challenges and Opportunities on Biological Activities. National Conference on Photosciences (NCP-2013) 12-14th Dec 2013.
5. Dr. Muslim Malik visited the South Asian University, Delhi on 3rd November 2014 to deliver a lecture on Controllability of Evolution Problems with Deviated Argument.
6. Dr. Chayan Kanti Nandi, lecture on Super-resolution Microscopy: A New Vision of Nano World on November 11, 2014.
7. Dr. Chayan Kanti Nandi has delivered a lecture on nanotechnology and its application at Kolkata, Indian Association for the cultivation of Science.
8. Dr. Chayan Kanti Nandi, Visited Jadavpur University in a golden Jubilee conference in Photochemistry and delivered an invited lecture on protein corona study.
9. Ray Rajendra K, Mittal Hari Vansh R. An Efficient HOC Scheme for solving 2D Elliptic Equations with Discontinuities along circular interfaces. National Conference on Mathematical and Computational Modeling (MCM). Agra, India, May 24-26, 2013.
10. Dr. Prem Felix Siril attended National conference on Current Trends in Chemical Sciences, "*Swollen liquid crystals – versatile 'soft' templates for the preparation of*

nanostructures" 15-16 October 2014, St. Andrew College, Gorakhpur.

11. Dr. Prem Felix Siril attended International conference on Electron Microscopy, "Controlling the Morphology of Polyaniline Nanostructures and its Nanocomposites Using 'Soft' Templates" 9-11, July 2014, Delhi University, India.

Outreach Programmes

1. Dr.Venkata Krishnan participated as a mentor, interacted with students and presented a lecture at DST INSPIRE Internship Camp for 11th class students at Palampur, India on Oct. 24, 2013 and Nov. 14, 2013.
2. Dr.Venkata Krishnan, lecture "Integrated Watershed Management" at Irrigation and Public Health Department, Mandi, Nov. 08, 2013.

Conferences/Workshops organized

1. ANUSANDHAN '14, Intra-institute research event. This event gave an opportunity to the research scholars to present their ideas live in front of an interested audience of students and faculty.
2. 2nd National symposium on Nanobiotechnology (NSNB 2013)" on December 9-11th at Indian Institute of technology Mandi.
3. Pankaj Narula, Arjun Arjun Bhardwaj, SaritaAzad, and Ankit Bansal (2013), "Data Assimilation Methods in Parameter Estimation: An Application to Tuberculosis Transmission in India", International Conference of Mathematical Techniques in Engineering" Dehradun, October
4. Deepak Sharma and SaritaAzad (2013), "Selection of India's Energy Resources using Fuzzy VIKOR Method", International Conference on Sustainable Development, Canada, August.

Office Bearers of Professional Societies

1. Nandi CK. Secretary "Society for Nanobiotechnology".
2. Thakur M. Member, Elected IEEE Delhi Section PES/IAS Chapter for 2013-14.

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

The role and function of the humanist disciplines in the undergraduate engineering curriculum of the IITs has been universally recognized as an indispensable component. In assisting the potential technologist to attain the twin goals of individual excellence and happy harmony with society, the humanist disciplines need to be configured to meet immediate, practical, professional requirements without losing sight of the overriding claims of all-round liberal education. The School implemented for the first time in the B. Tech first semester the new curriculum comprising thirteen credits spread over five streams, viz., the a) Creative Stream b) International Language Competence c) Communicative Competence d) Social Competence and e) Managerial Competence. The Creative Stream was introduced in the fall semester where students had the option of choosing from three 1-credit courses, namely a) Art and Architecture b) Dance and Drama and c) Music. For this the School invited young and talented instructors from various parts of the country. An end of the year music production provided the capstone to the Creative Stream experience. At the higher semesters, HSS introduced new courses such as Technology in Pre-Modern India, International Business Management, Tribal India & Indigenous Latin America, Consumer Behavior, Organizational Behavior, and Introduction to World History, Modern Literature and the Constitution of India.

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Research Projects

Sr.No.	Project Title	Investigators	Project cost (in lac)
1	Impact Assessment of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in the Rural Area of Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh, funded by Department of Rural Development, Government of Himachal Pradesh, India	Dr. Ramna Thakur Dr. RajeshwariDutt	1.49 (Completed)

List of Publications

1. Suman, Death and Despair in the Poetry of Toru Dutt. CELT- Journal of Culture, English Language Teaching and Literature, 14:2, 148 - 158, (2014).
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3. Suman, Breaking Stereotypes: An Analysis of New Age Marketing Mantra. Marketing- Concepts to Applications, edited by Ahujaet. al. Bloomsbury India, 2014.

4. Suman, From Strips to the Graphic Novels: (Un)told tales. TISCELL, New Delhi, India, 2014.
5. Suman, Role of Memory in Shaping Characters' Identity in Mahesh Dattani's Final Solutions. CELT- Journal of Culture, English Language Teaching and Literature, 13: 2, 227-238, (2013).
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9. Ashok Kumar M. 2014. 'Caste Identity and Combating Marginality: A Village Lutheran Church in Coastal Andhra, South India', in Joseph P Dayam (Ed). Mission at and from the Margins: Patterns, Protagonists and Perspectives. Oxford: Regnum Books, Pp. 82-96.
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13. S. Shankar. Hopkins, N., Stevenson, C., Shankar, S., & Pandey, K. Cold comfort at the MaghMela: Social identity processes and physical hardship. British Journal of Social Psychology (Article first published online: 22 NOV 2013 DOI: 10.1111/bjso.12054). (in press). Being together at the PrayagMela: The social psychology of crowds and collectivity. In T. Gale, A. Maddrell& A. Terry (Eds.). Sacred mobilities. Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate.
14. Ramna, Extent of Absolute Poverty in Rural Sector of Himachal Pradesh: A Measure of Unemployment, International Journal in Commerce and Management, Vol. 3, No. 03. 2013, pp.1-4. <http://ijrcm.org.in/>
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Conferences

1. Ramna, Indian Agriculture and the Legacy of Surplus Labour, 55th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, December, 2013.
2. Ramna, Changing Patterns of Agricultural Practices in the Tribal Areas of Himachal Pradesh: Policies and Prospects, 96th Annual Conference of Indian Economic Association, Meenakshi University, Kanchipuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, December, 2013.

Fellowship/Award

1. Ashok Kumar M. The M. Louise C Gloeckner Research Fellowship 2013, the Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, USA.

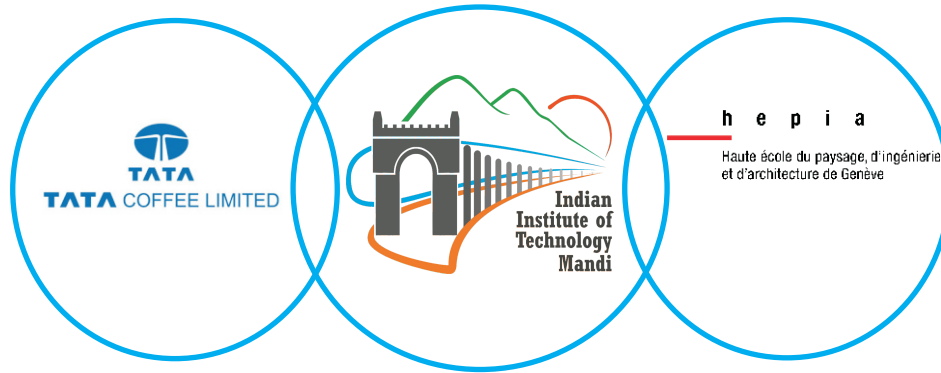
Lectures and Talk Organized

“Pierre Bourdieu's Theory of Habitus and the Indian Social Structure” Dr. GernotSaalman, Sociologist at the Department of Sociology, AlbertLudwing University of Freiburg on 10th April, 2013.

“State formation in Premodern Himachal Pradesh” Prof. Chetan Singh, Director, IIAS Shimla on dated 17th April, 2014.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

To promote academic research, cooperation and development of technical education the following MoUs have been signed during the year 2013-14.



1. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Chennai (Represented by Mr. K. Ananath Krishnan, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Chennai) – MoU signed for in academic and research collaboration.
2. Framework Agreement between Hepia-University of Applied Science Western Switzerland Technology Architecture and Landscape(Represented by Yves Leuzinger, Director, University of Hepia) and IIT Mandi – MoU signed for academic and research collaboration and exchange of students and faculty.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

Advanced Materials Research Center (AMRC)

Development of advanced materials, particularly for engineering devices, is a critical area for competing at the international level. In this endeavor, IIT Mandi has started researching in the interdisciplinary area of novel materials for electrical, electronics, biological and other applications by setting up laboratories that house synthesis and characterization facilities. However, there is currently an urgent need for setting-up sophisticated analytical facilities. In order to serve research activities, fully functional synthesis and characterization labs are already established at IIT Mandi with a full range of basic instruments and facilities. In addition, an Advanced Materials Research Centre (AMRC), a centralized research facility has been established in a purpose-built building in the new campus. At AMRC, researchers investigate the basic structure of materials, and develop novel materials for electrical, electronics, biological, and other applications. AMRC caters to about 35 Ph.D. scholars and 10 postdoctoral researchers, who work in an inter-disciplinary team led by about 15 faculties. AMRC houses several state-of-the-art equipments for materials research including: (i) High Resolution Powder X-ray Diffractometer, (ii) Single Crystal X-ray Diffractometer, (iii) High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope, (iv) Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer, (v) Fluorescence Confocal Microscope, (vi) High Resolution Mass Spectrometer, (vii) Femtosecond Pump-Probe Set-Up, (viii) Scanning Electron Microscope and (ix) Atomic Force Microscope. Several other equipments such as SQUID Magnetometer, Physical Properties Measurement System (PPMS) and X-ray Photoemission Spectrometer will be installed in the near future.

The major equipment procured and commissioned are:



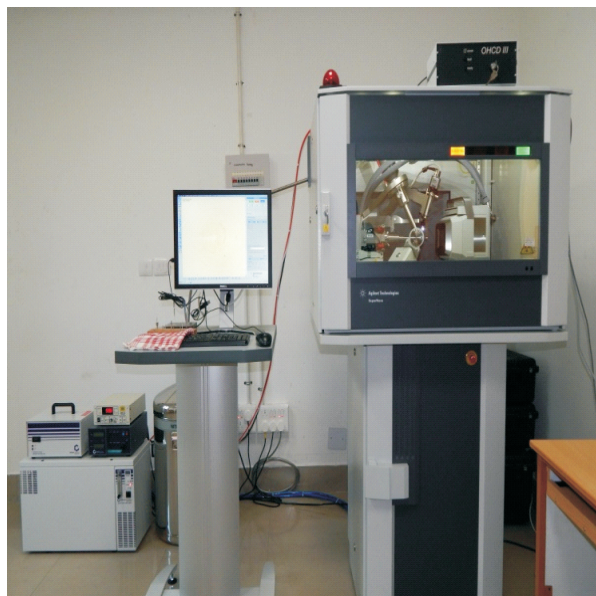
Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy



Atomic Force Microscopy



High Resolution Mass Spectrometry



Single Crystal X-ray Diffractometer



Gas Chromatograph



Gel Permeation Chromatography with High Performance Liquid Chromatography

Biology lab instruments



Centrifuge (Bench top)



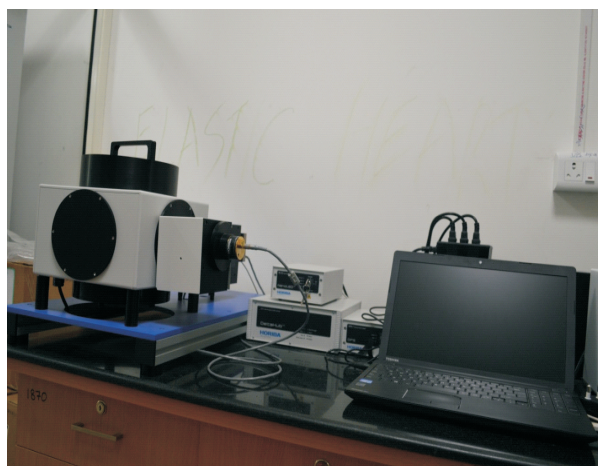
Centrifuge (Floor model)



Fluorescence spectrometer (Fluorolog)



Fast Protein liquid chromatography



TCSPC Lifetime



Multimode plate reader



Sonicator (Qr 500)



Real Time PCR system

Characterization and Synthesis

Lab Equipment:

- ◆ Fume Hood
- ◆ Rotary Evaporator
- ◆ Double Stage Water Purification System
- ◆ Ultra Centrifuge with refrigeration
- ◆ Muffle Furnace
- ◆ Deep Freezer
- ◆ Vacuum Oven
- ◆ Flake Ice Making Machine
- ◆ Programmable Spin Coater
- ◆ Ozone Generator with Oxygen Concentrator.
- ◆ Magnetic susceptibility balance
- ◆ Spectrofluorometer
- ◆ Ozonator
- ◆ Polarimeter
- ◆ Photoreactor system

- ◆ Magnetic Susceptibility Balance
- ◆ Gel Permeation Chromatography
- ◆ Light Emitting Diode
- ◆ Rotary Evaporator (IKA)
- ◆ Glove box
- ◆ Chiller Circulator
- ◆ Horn Probe sonicator
- ◆ Heating oven
- ◆ Mechanical stirrer
- ◆ Melting point apparatus
- ◆ Ultra Low Immersion-Cooler

Instruments to be installed in the near future are:

- ◆ SQUID Magnetometer
- ◆ Physical Properties Measurement System (PPMS)
- ◆ Raman Spectrometer system
- ◆ Thermo gravimetric analysis

Summer Internship Programme

IIT Mandi organized a 'Summer Internship Program' for Bachelors and Masters students from all over India during June – July 2013. Six interns were selected for this program from a large number of applications received. The participants included students from various Institutes and Universities including IIT Roorkee, IIT Kanpur, IIT (BHU), Kakatiya University (Warangal), Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada Univerisity (Maharashtra), Dr. B.R.Ambedkar NIT Jalandhar, etc. Each student's skill set was matched with an appropriate project from the Institute. Students were admitted in the following disciplines:- Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, etc. This internship program was for a period of 8 weeks and the internship included a stipend and housing assistance as well.

CENTRAL LIBRARY



Central Library plays a vital role in furthering the academic and research mission of IIT Mandi and facilitates creation and dissemination of knowledge. Library provides essential support by offering current library services which are integrated with teaching, learning and research activities. The Library facilitates excellence in teaching, creates an appropriate learning and research environment, anticipates and responds to student learning and research needs, and provides the information infrastructure essential in today's changed environment.

Central library at IIT Mandi is rapidly developing its collection of books, reference books, reports, periodicals, and electronic resources. The Text Book Collection in the Library provides vital supports for on-going undergraduate teaching programs. The books are on various disciplines ranging from Computer Science Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Philosophy, Psychology & English literature. The collection for Post Graduate programs is also being developed simultaneously.

Central Library provides access to the various e-journals databases. This includes access to hundreds of journal titles on subjects such as Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical and Astronomy. Central Library is completely automated by using open source library management software **KOHA**. All documents are bar-coded and by retro conversion all collections acquired prior to automation are also included in the Central Library books database. Transaction of books is also automated. Library has introduced various innovative services including CAS/SDI, On-line status of ILL, On-line reservation of books etc. By using Web OPAC, users can check their borrowing details online. Two workstations have been set up for users to access library holdings.

Softwares Used in Library:

- (i) **KOHA:** For automation purpose.
- (ii) **DSpace:** For digitization purpose.
- (iii) **Greenstone:** For digitization purpose.
- (iv) **Linux:** For operating system.

1. Collection Development and Management

Collection building is one of the important functions of the library that supports academic and research work of the students, faculty, staff, and other users. Library collection comprises of books, journals, reports, pamphlets and other reading material in science, engineering, technology, humanities and social sciences.

1.1 Print Documents added during the year 2013-14

During the period of 2013-14, Central Library acquired 1242 books including 10 reference books. It also added few periodicals/magazines, besides reprints, technical reports and annual reports of other universities/institutions.

A list of new additions of books is issued every week and can be accessed on the library home page. This list also circulated by e-mail. An email alert is also sent to the requesting faculty members(s) about the arrival of publications requested by them.

1.2 New electronic resources subscribed during the year 2013-14

The Central Library provides web-based access to the following e-resources:

1.2.1 Full-text e-journals: Access to 10000 + full-text journals from the following databases:

ACM Digital Library, ACS, APS, ASME, Elsevier's Science Direct, IEEE Electronic Library, JSTOR, SIAM, Springer Link, Taylor & Francis (S&T complete Collection), Nature, Annual Reviews etc.

1.2.2 Bibliographic e-databases: SciFinder, MathSciNet & Web of Science.

1.2.3 E-Books: Central Library provides access to a collection of more than 8000 e-Books in various disciplines. The e-book collection contains the titles which are a rigorous recommendation by the subject experts of the institute and cater to the needs of the users. The publishers of e-books collection include Science-Direct (Elsevier), McGraw Hill, Pearson, T&F, IEEE, CUP, ASME, World Scientific and John Wiley. The e-books collection also includes the Lecture Notes Series on Mathematics (LNM), Physics (LNP) & Computer Science (LNCS) of Springer publisher.

The process of e-book collection development for this year has already been started. The efforts are being made to include the book collection of other renowned publishing houses.

2. Circulation

Circulation activities are now automated. Library users can check their borrowing details by using WebOPAC. We serve the users consisting of the faculty, research scholars, students and staff. Circulation desk is kept open for 50 hours a week. On an average, the monthly circulation transactions are about 1600.

3. Digital Library

Central Library has its own homepage (<http://www.iitmandei.ac.in/academics/lib/>), which provides

web-based access to its resources, procures over 10,000 electronic journals and databases. An institutional repository of publications has recently launched which provides access to the intellectual output of the IIT Mandi community. The library is a part of the institute-wise network and has adequate computing infrastructure to cater to the needs of the users.

4. OPAC (On-line Public Access Catalogue)

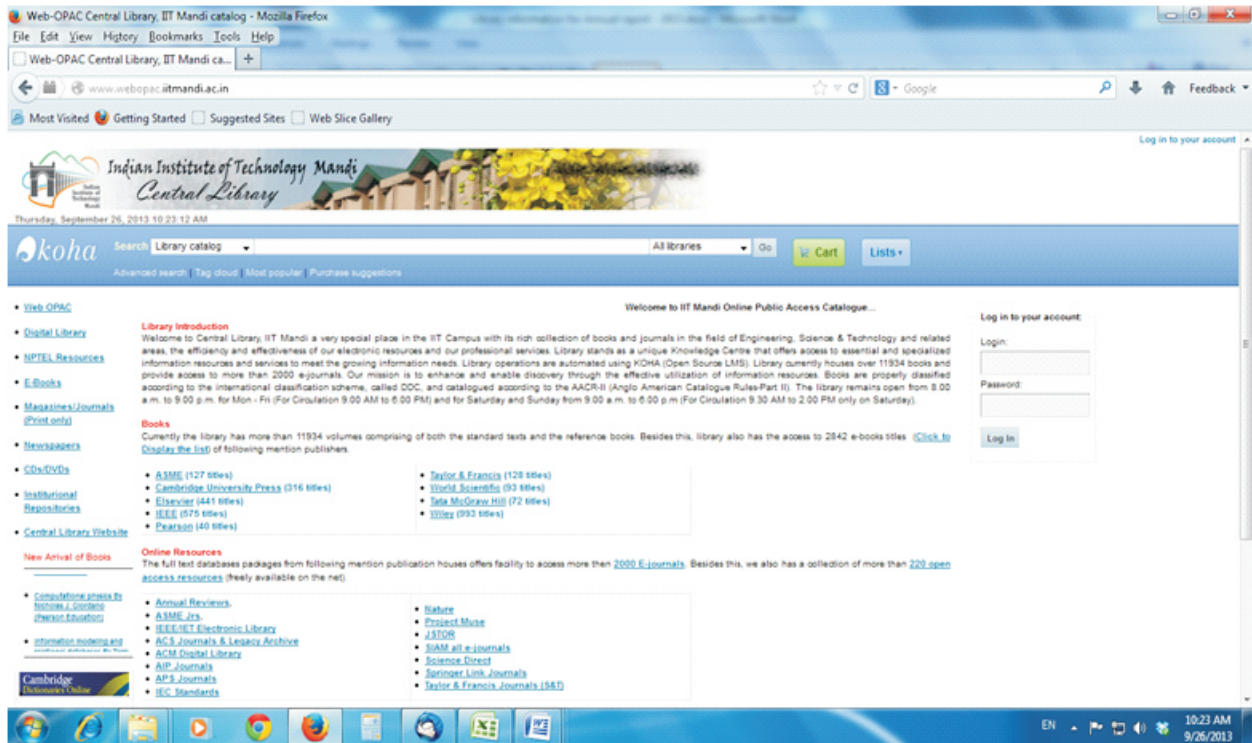
The OPAC is one of the most heavily used databases of the library and is accessible 24*7 via library web page (<http://www.webopac.iitmandi.ac.in/>). Besides listing all the documents available in the library, it allows on-line renewal and reservation, circulation and tells the current status of each & every book. OPAC is searchable by author, title, accession number, subject and several other fields.

5. Services Offered

- ◆ Fully automated Circulation
- ◆ Online book reservation, Information search, Patron's library book loan status check
- ◆ Web OPAC (Web based Online Public Access catalogue)
- ◆ Reserve collection development for student's in-house reading
- ◆ New Arrival Book Section
- ◆ Reference Service
- ◆ Inter-Library Loan
- ◆ Document Delivery Service
- ◆ Information Alert Services
- ◆ Selected e-resources subscription for Central Library
- ◆ Digital library services
- ◆ User education program

6. Future Plans:

- ◆ Implementation of RFID Tags.
- ◆ Installations of CCTVs
- ◆ Database for Table of Contents of Library Books.
- ◆ Database for Institutional Repository.
- ◆ Database of different softwares available with CDs/DVDs available in the Library



WEB OPAC



Library Web Page

STUDENT AMENITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Sports Facilities and Activities

Gymkhana sports IIT Mandi consists of Dean students, Sports Advisor, Co-advisor, PTI and coaches. Also, there is a post of General Secretary, which is elected from the students. Besides this, there are game representatives, one for each game.

IIT Mandi gymkhana sports has developed facilities for many sports such as Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, Football, Hockey, Lawn tennis, Table-Tennis and Volleyball. Volleyball and Basketball grounds are equipped with floodlights. Various indoor facilities are also available in the hostels. Skilled and experienced coaches are available for all sports. Students are motivated for sports activities through NSO.

The Gymkhana sports monitors the sports domain of the institute. It is responsible for maintaining the sports grounds of different sports, conducting Inter Branch (RANN), Inter Year (AAGAZ), Annual Athletic meet, Intra class sports competition and participation of IIT Mandi in InterIIT Sports Meet (Annual sports event of all the IITs). Apart from this, Gymkhana sports is also responsible for conducting Rann-neeti, the Invitation tournament of IIT Mandi.

Inter Year Sports Tournament-AAGAZ 2013

Gymkhana sports of IIT Mandi organized AAGAZ-2013 (Inter Year sports tournament) on 6th and 7th April 2013. The events were Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Basketball (Men & Women), Table Tennis (Men & Women), Badminton (Men & Women), Hockey and Chess. Batch of 2011 became the overall champion.



Intra Year Sports Tournament-LAKSHAY 2013

Gymkhana sports of IIT Mandi organized



LAKSHAY-2013 (Intra Year sports tournament for fresher's) in the month of April 2013. The events were Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Table Tennis (Men &Women), Badminton (Men &Women) and Chess.

Invitation Tournament Rann-neeti-2013

Like everything else at IIT Mandi, Rann-neeti 2013 first ever Invitation tournament of IIT Mandi kicked off with a bang. The event then commenced with men's Volley Ball match. Watching the students participating from various NIT'S, engineering colleges and Universities from Northern India with such enthusiasm and vigor reminded one and all is just as passionate about sports as he or she is about academics.



Winning the Cricket (Men), Football (Men) and T.T. (Women) events made the overall competition even. The rain did play killjoy on a number of occasions, but this did not dampen the spirit of the participants. What was important to take home was the sportsmanship attitude that the participants exhibited all through the event.



The closing ceremony was graced by the presence of chief guest D.C. Mandi, guest of honor, former Ranji player, Rajeev Nayyar, Dean students, Sports Advisor and many esteemed professors of the institute. Medals and certificates were handed out to the winners of each individual event. All in all it was a well-organized and contested event which turned out to be a huge success and a stress buster for most of the students. We now wait with baited breath for Rann-neeti 2014.

Annual Athletic Meet of IIT Mandi-2013



Gymkhana sports of IIT Mandi organized Annual Athletic Meet-2013 on 2nd October 2013. The events were 100 m (Men & Women), 200m (Men & Women), 400m (Men&Women), 800m (Men), 1500m (Men), 4*100m ((Men&Women), 4*400m (Men), Long Jump (Men & Women), Shot Put (Men & Women), Discuss Throw (Men & Women), Javelin Throw (Men & Women). In annual athletic meet, students showing off their skills and prowess in every event.



The trophy for the best athlete of the annual athletic meet was handed over to Sachin Saini from the fourth year for his incredible performance bagging highest number of medals in various track & field events. The annual athletic meet trophy was then handed over to the second year students by honorable Director, IIT Mandi in the presence of a huge uproar.

Inter IIT Sports Meet (Annual sports event of all the IITs)-2013

IIT Mandi participated in Inter IIT Student Sports meet 2013 held at IIT Guwahati from 16th-23rd December, 2013. There were total contingent of 90 students including 13 girls and 77 boys. IIT Mandi T.T. (women) and Cricket (men) teams have reached quarter finals.

Faculty and staff team consisting of 25 members also participated in Inter IIT Staff Sports Meet from 25th-29th December 2013. It was also held in IIT Guwahati. Winning first ever gold medal by IIT Mandi Staff Cricket team in Inter IIT Staff Sports Meet made the history for IIT Mandi.

National Service Scheme (NSS):

The NSS unit at IIT Mandi encourages students to understand the immediate society and to search the meaning of life through the spirit of social services. It provides students different opportunities to take part in several voluntary initiatives.

- ◆ Some of the activities coordinated by NSS IIT Mandi were,
- ◆ Blood Donation camps.
- ◆ Visit to Divya Manav Jyothi Anathalaya, Dehar, Mandi
- ◆ Teaching Program for Govt school children at Mandi
- ◆ Cleanliness drive on 28th September 2013
- ◆ Talk on alcoholism
- ◆ NSS youth conferenace in BITS, Rajasthan
- ◆ NSS Language Club
- ◆ Career guidance to Orphan students



Students and staff donating blood



Teaching students of Government Girls Sen. Sec. School and guidance programme to 10 +1 10+2 students





Group photo of NSS team with all children at D.M.J.A. Dehar, Mandi



Volunteers and staff members with collected waste material

Hiking and Trekking

For an IIT in the lap of Himalayas, a full-fledged Hiking and Trekking club caters to the spirit of adventure that resides in the students of IIT Mandi. Himachal Pradesh is one of the most beautiful places on earth. Places like Prashar, Rewalsar, Kamand, Manikaran etc. are ideal for hiking. Nature truly signifies its beauty in these set of mountains where our institute is situated. With the Director himself having keen interest in hiking, the club arranges trips on regular basis for its members to various places. Hiking and Tracking club of IIT Mandi is the single largest club at IIT Mandi.

Students, Staffs and Faculties are the members of this club. More than 234 members registered in this club during 2013-2014. During the period of 2013 to 2014 the club had carried out one 5 days and many full-day or half-day long hiking and trekking activities. The members trekked to Great Himalayan National Park, Prashar lake, Naina Devi Temple, Shikari Devi Temple Bijli Mahadev and to the hill tops adjoining to the South campus.



Guidance & Counselling Service (GCS)

1. Orientation 2013

A 6-day orientation program was organized by the Guidance and Counselling Service from 1st – 6th of August 2013 for the new batch of B.Tech students. Various events were organized to introduce the fresher to their new environment and life at IIT Mandi. These events included indoor and outdoor sessions. During the class room session, the students were given overview of various engineering disciplines, their curriculum, various services



available at their disposal at IIT Mandi, as well as the surrounding flora and fauna. The students were taken for walking tours and hiking trips to familiarize them with the campus and surrounding as well as caution them against dangers in the mountains.

2. Mentoring Program

The GCS was able to implement the peer mentoring program for B.Tech. students with success for the second consecutive year. GCS volunteers were assigned as mentors to the freshmen students. These mentors were the contact persons before the freshmen reached Mandi and remained their guide throughout the first year.

Cultural Society

1. Aakarshan

Continuing the tradition, the cultural society gave a blistering introduction to the freshers as Aakarshan, the inaugural event of the academic year went on to be a roaring success. Making its debut on the event was Arts and Geeks joined by the usual stalwarts Music club, Dance club, Drama club and the behind the scenes deliverer, guardians of the D Day, the Programme Management Club.

The evening kicked off with screening of small movie clips having the alumni of IIT Mandi recounting their experiences of working in the Cultural Society. Cultural Society presented a stunning show. The art geeks took care of the aesthetics, designing huge flexes and posters with intricate designs. The evening became a rad show it was due to the enthusiastic bunch the crowd was, a fact to which all the performers took a bow to.

2. Exuberance

Exuberance is the platform for the freshers to showcase their talent. The evening was orchestrated with a dynamic mix of dance, drama and musical performances. The first to step in was the Music club with the band The Tapered Screw and other performers delivering a dynamic mix of love ballads, alternative rock, heavy metal, punk rock and classical performances. The dance club entranced the audience with two feet tapping numbers of their own and the Drama club topped it all off with a little sitcom.



3. Exodia 2014

Exodia'14 was the third edition of the annual technical-cultural festival Exodia organized by the students of IIT Mandi. The 3 day event took place with an aim of promoting technical and cultural talent and providing an incubation nest for the same.



Through its humble existence of 3 years Exodia received tremendous participation and support, hiking heights which we never thought we would be able to.

The list of major activities and events are mentioned below:

1. **Workshops:** Android development, Ethical Hacking and Robotics have been conducted and have successfully managed to impart technical education and learning to its participants.
2. **Guest Lecture:** Lecture by 'Gautam Mahajan', Founder Customer Value Foundation (CWF) and inventor of PET bottles and noise control kits. Like its previous editions, Exodia'14 saw huge participation coming from Himachal Pradesh and beyond. This has encouraged technical communication and collaboration between the various colleges and we hope to build a strong network within the state in future.
3. **Technical Events:** Junkyard Wars (A competition to build machine out of scrap), Dementia (Coding Marathon) which saw international online participation come in, Nitro Blaze (Remote controlled car), designing competition –ArCAD, robotics events like Line Follower and Sumo Wars and many others were also held to promote technical activities in a fun and engaging way. Detailed descriptions of events are available at <http://exodia.in/events>.
4. **Cultural Events:** Exodia also played host to may cultural events like Band Slam, Synchronies (A group dance competition), Fashion Show, Femina Miss Diva, Instrumania, Groove Fanatics (Solo Dance) and Exodia Idol (Solo Singing). These events provided its participants a stage to showcase their talents. These events also brought to the fore front a flavour of Himachali Culture with various groups choosing to compete through their native genre. Detailed descriptions of events are available at <http://exodia.in/events>.
5. **Social Awareness Campaign 'A Brighter Tomorrow':** This edition of Exodia saw it picking up a Social mettle as well when we ran a social campaign targeted at bringing about awareness about pursuing Higher education. There is a vast world beyond school

education which can help students realize their dreams. IIT Mandi has always tried to help students whether through guidance, counselling or coaching. This Exodia students continued this effort and held talks and presentations in various schools of Mandi to spread this awareness. 250 students from Mandi schools visited IIT Mandi during Exodia as part of this initiative.

For a college festival that too of an IIT, IIT Bombay's Mood-I is the benchmark along with the fests of other major IIT's. The events included in 2014 edition of Exodia reflected the major events are at other IIT's. Fashion show and Femina Miss Diva are major crowd gatherers and contributors to large footfall, the latter being introduced in the college fest from 2014 onwards. The winner of FeminaMiss Diva, Exodia auditions also happened to reach in top 10 at the Mumbai finals taking our name to national level competition organized by Femina and Times group.

IIT Mandi's 5th Foundation Day Celebrations, 24th Feb

IIT Mandi celebrated its 5th Foundation Day on February 24, 2014, at its permanent campus at Kamand, a township located 18 kilometres from the main Mandi town. On the occasion, the Director, IIT Mandi, Prof. Timothy A. Gonsalves welcomed the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Wolfram Ressel, Rector, Technical University (TU), Stuttgart, Germany; the Guest of Honour, Shri. Dinesh Kumar Jain, Former-Ambassador, Government of India; and., Dr. Wolfgang Holtkamp, Senior Advisor, International Affairs, TU, Stuttgart, Germany..

Five years ago, IIT Mandi's foundation stone was laid on the same very day to mark the beginning of this Institute as a single destination for excellence, innovation, and learning in the Himalayas. The day was commemorated with various sports events, cultural activities, and an award ceremony for

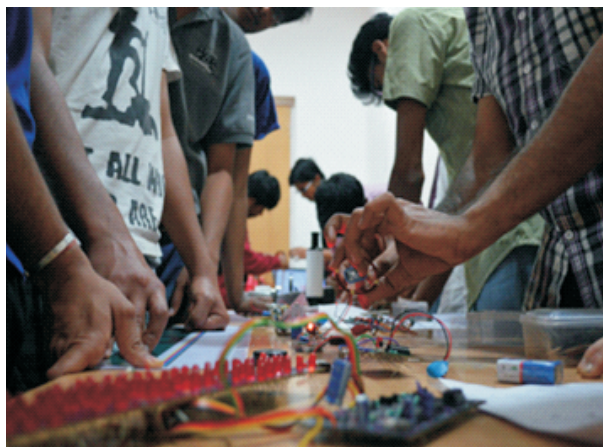


students, faculty, and staff of IIT Mandi. The sports events included games like the volleyball and tug-of-war between teams consisting of faculty and staff, and students. The volleyball game was won by a team of 3rd year and 4th year B. Tech. students. The tug-of-war for men was won by 1st and 2nd year B. Tech. students. Also, the tug-of-war for women was won by the girl's student team.

Technical Society

Aavishkar 2014

Institute witnessed the second edition of Aavishkar, Intra-college technical festival. Events were scheduled throughout the day starting with the Aavishkar Open-House, which was held in the newly inaugurated Lounge in Kamand. In the Open-House, all the clubs under Science & Technology Council (SNTC) displayed their projects. The clubs that displayed projects were Electronics Club, Astronomy Club, Robotics Section, Mobile Application De-velopment (MAD) Club, Energy Club and Programming Club.

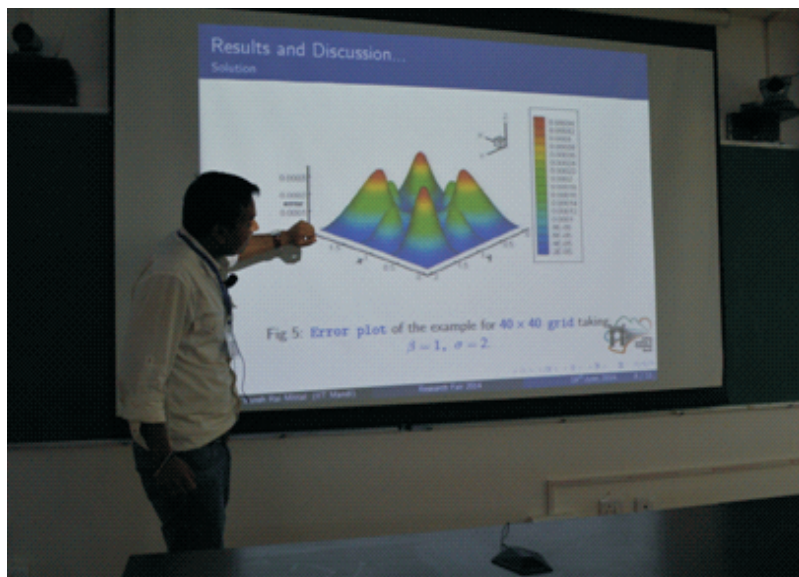


Research Affairs Society

Research Fair Anusandhan 2014

Institute witnessed the second Research Fair ANUSANDHAN '14, Intra-institute research event. This event gave an opportunity to the research scholars to present their ideas live in front of an interested audience of students and faculty. Events were scheduled throughout the day starting with a welcome speech by Dean (Academics), which was held in the NKN room of A-1 building.

In this event, all the students were divided into four groups: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Engineering. The first session was kept as a common oral



session where one student from each of the four groups made presentations. The talks were based on research topics that have applications in light emitting diodes, marine and coating industries, automobile and aerospace industries. Later, four parallel oral sessions were conducted in which

twenty students presented in front of judges and other attendees.

The evening session that attracted a wider technical audience was the poster session. It started after the lunch break in the mess hall. Few of the posters that were highly appreciated by the judges were related to Formalism of Access Control for Sharing Digital Objects, Multi-channel scattering problems and Ferroelectric memories. Students' hard work was truly reflected in their presentations. Twelve students were conferred best oral and best poster presentation awards. This marked the end of Anusandhan'14.

The tireless efforts of Hari Vansh Rai Mittal, Research Secretary and his team of volunteer research students in organizing Anusandhan '14 was appreciated by the Dean (Academics). Scholars are soon going to inaugurate the IIT Mandi Research Club (IITMRC) by bringing out its magazine 'Khoj' highlighting their research areas and experiences.

Next year there are plans to invite research scholars from nearby regional colleges and universities also to send in their research papers. The aim is for this research fair to grow until it becomes a premier research conference for the research students of HP and J&K to come together and present their research work and establish contacts etc.

Our upcoming campus at Kamand



The Indian Institute of Technology Mandi is privileged to be the first IIT in the Himalayas. The main campus of IIT Mandi is located at Kamand which is about 15 kms from Mandi City. It lies along the river Uhl, a tributary of the river Beas. The total area is 538 acres of which about 200 acres is flat land while the rest is mountainous.

The youngest of all IITs, IIT Mandi, is also the first IIT to have residential and academic facilities on the main campus. On September 23, 2012, 108 B.Tech 2nd year students shifted to the main campus. About 20 faculty members, staff and their families, besides a few research scholars,

accompanied them to the Kamand Campus. Since then with more batches moving to Kamand along with several more faculty and staff, students now enjoy the real feeling of being part of a thriving campus community.

Academic facilities on the main campus:

Students' hostels, Administration office, Engineering office, field hostel for supporting staff, the Director's residence and renovated faculty/staff quarters, are supported by the mechanical engineering workshop, computer lab, conference room, class rooms, a provision store are functioning at the Kamand campus. IIT buses ply regularly between Kamand and Mandi campuses. Sports facilities: Volleyball, badminton, table tennis, cycling and so on are some of the sports facilities being used by students on the main campus.

Medical facility: IIT Mandi has a medical unit consisting of male and female doctors, staff nurses and a pharmacist serving both the main campus and the transit campus. The medical unit is also equipped with an Ambulance to take care of emergency medical problems. Modern healthcare facilities are available in Mandi town with a number of Government and private hospitals. A 500-bed Govt. Hospital cum College is also coming up at a distance of 25 km from Kamand.

Master plan for complete campus development: The master plan for the complete development of the campus is ready. This caters to 6000 students, 600 faculty and associated staff.

Future development: Phase 1 South: All 11 buildings (10,000 sqm) complete by Jan 2013.

Phase 1 North: 1,15,000 sqm to start by Dec 2012, buildings to be ready in phases from May 2013-2014.

The campus also has a "Nala" going through it. There are plans to make a 2 MW SHP station to utilise the water resource of the nala

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3	Er. Hemant Kumar Behl	Assistant Engineer (Elect)
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18	D13018	Surender Lal	SBS (Physics)
19	D13019	Mandeep Kr. Hooda	SBS (Physics)
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21	D13021	Shivam Mishra	SHSS
22	D13023	Mahesh Soni	SCEE

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