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Infrastructure Development and Maintenance Activities

The major infrastructure development and maintenance activities of the institute are being carried out by the maintenance section constituted of engineering and horticulture departments.

**I Engineering Works**

Last year the engineering section undertook 46 items of work in the institute. These include construction of new buildings and renovation and retrofit of existing ones. Of these, except 14, all other works were completed by the end of the year. The total cost of the work was around Rs. 200 lakhs.

**II Horticulture Activities**

The horticulture section is responsible for the garden maintenance and landscape management of the institute.

Last year the section maintained, preserved and enhanced natural beauty of the premises by growing trees and ornamental species of plants. 500 ornamental plants and 2000 flower pots were developed. The Horticulture section participated in the “Dasara Horticultural Flower show 2010” conducted by State Horticultural Department at Mysore and won two first 1st prizes, two 2nd prizes and one 3rd prize for well garden maintenance and growing of flowers in pots and beds.

**III Purchase of Equipments**

The institute also strengthened its infrasturtcture through the upgradation of existing scientific equipments and procuring a number of sophisticated tools and instruments. It spent a total amount of Rs. 4,37,31,531.00 towards the purchase 134 items of equipments, last year.