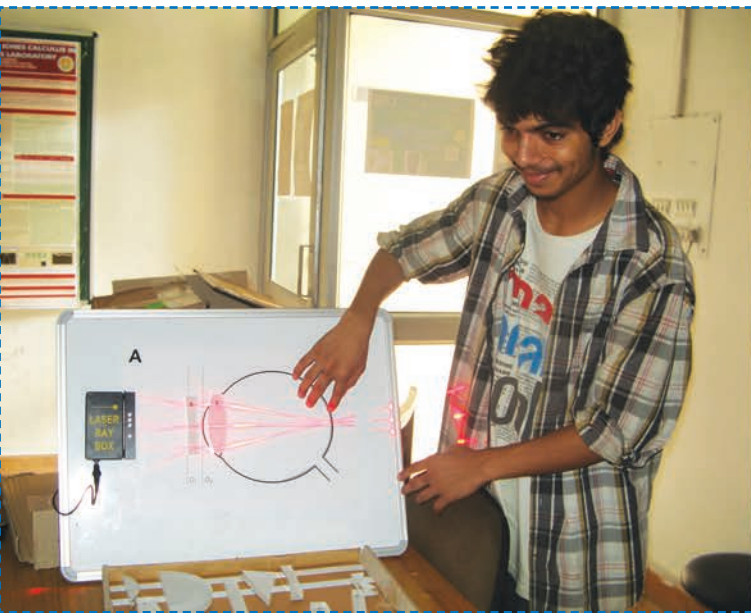


ELITE & EXPLORE @ ANDC

The college believes that students need exposure to a wide range of experiences, to enable them to understand and appreciate real-life situations and problems. We also believe that students need to get their hands-dirty and get some real experience of research while they are in college; this would help them take informed decisions later. Towards this end at ANDC, we finance two dedicated programmes – ELITE and EXPLORE – details of which follow.

ELITE (Education in a Lively and Innovative Training Environment)

ANDC believes in inculcating a research-oriented culture on its campus that percolates right down its most important stakeholders – the students. Even before the University launched its ‘Innovative projects’ we had floated a scheme that allowed any and all students who were interested and wanted to explore what it meant to do ‘research’ to do so through ‘summer fellowships’ – the ELITE fellowships. While we recognize that the ‘Innovative projects’ of the University and those under ‘IEDC’ in college, do provide some space for such exposure, the ELITE scholarships on offer allow wider participation and hence been a great success. Students are inspired to think-up relevant research problems, choose mentors, access journals in library, laboratory and/ or field skills and pursue projects autonomously during the summer break, of course, working with a faculty



mentor. A programme that is fully funded by college, ELITE is a pioneering initiative – the first of its kind in the University. There are 200 scholarships at stake each worth Rs. 1000/- per month. Till date, a total of 68 projects have been completed – the result of summer research of 175 undergraduate students under supervision of 36 faculty members.

EXPLORE (Excursions for Peer Learning in an Open and Rejuvenating Environment)

One of many unique programmes initiated for second year students in college has its roots in the belief that education doesn't end within the four corners of a classroom. Funded solely by the college EXPLORE, allows students to undertake excursions, educational tours or field trips accompanied by their classmates and faculty. These trips not only rejuvenate the students for renewed focus on studies but also help forge lifelong friendships. For many these happen to be the first time that they have travel unaccompanied by family (and/or by train) and the feeling of being independent helps develop confidence. The journey instills a sense of maturity in the students and allows them to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. EXPLORE hence reinstates ANDC's belief in giving it back to the society by way of helping students grow-up as responsible citizens.

