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DAVV IT centre set for upgrade to keep up with current times

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INDORE: To keep up with emerging trends in the ‘information superhighway’ and adapt to the ‘new digital world order’, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya is all set for a major transformation of its information technology centre in response to the growing need for high-speed uninterrupted internet connectivity across its campuses. With technology constantly evolving and seamless internet connectivity becoming an essential requirement for students, faculty, and administrative staff, the revamp plan aims to provide top-of-the-line infrastructure and leading technology to meet these needs.

As per plans of DAVV, the centre will be turned into a state of art facility renovating the infrastructure as well upgrading the technology required to serve the growing needs for education in this digital age.

The seating capacity of the centre will be increased to accommodate more students. New lab, new devices and computers will be set up at this revamped IT centre.

“Since the time the centre was established, we kept making minor changes to keep up with the latest technology but did not go through a major change. But this time we have big plans to change the structure and devices addressing the current needs of all the campuses of DAVV,” said Dr Vrinda Tokekar, head of IT centre at DAVV. The IT centre had suffered huge damage after a fire broke out in the centre a few years back. Since then the centre head had been waiting for its revamp approval. In the last

executive council meeting held on April 26, the members gave an approval for the renovation of this facility.

“The older structure is non operational now due to the fire accident. Somehow we are managing things there. The location of the centre will be the same but seating of the IT staff, student’s lab and server room will be changed now. We invest every year in adding better facilities at our centre but this will be a major transformation,” added Tokekar.

The servers at the IT centre will also be changed as it is running 24x7 and needs to be upgraded. The department’s ambitious plan also includes escalating Wi-Fi facility on the university campuses. For this the department is planning to purchase more wireless access points and equipment.

“We have identified locations where the Wi-Fi connectivity is low. For such areas also connectivity will be enhanced. We are also planning for extension of the campus wide network for which new devices are being purchased,” said Dr. Vrinda.

As a part of this plan, 100 computer systems will be installed at the IT centre now compared to 70 systems earlier.

The IT centre was established in the year 2000 on Takshashila campus with an aim to provide state-of-art infrastructure and technology to facilitate networking and internet services and solutions for teaching, research and governance goals of the university.