

PENNY PINCHING

IITians 'coin' novel scheme to help needy

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INDORE: ORM; doesn't it sound like an operating system developed by some techies? It is not an OS, but a social welfare initiative developed by the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Indore. ORM (One Rupee, Miracle) is an initiative by IIT-Indore's social welfare club AVANA by which it collects one rupee from the club members every day to help the needy.

Through this initiative these future engineers of India have decided to do more than just pursue a gruelling B.Tech degree. Out of the 500 students at IIT-I, more than 300 students have participated in the initiative and a sum of Rs 10,000 has been col-



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lected and put to use till date.

The students use the money to give gifts, educational utilities and basic amenities to the orphans at Abundant Life Orphanage. The club members even embark on a

'Respect For Women' marathon

With the Delhi rape case still fresh in everybody's mind, the students of IIT-I are all set to organise a marathon (10km for men and 5km for women) on Sunday. The marathon, which will start from Institute of Engineering and Technology-DAVV, Khandwa Road, aims to spread the message of 'Respect For Women' across the city.

blanket donation drive late at night, with the institute providing them transportation facility. The students are also putting to use their educational capabilities and teaching at a government school at

Ashrawad Khurd, near Tejaji Nagar. The club members have been voluntarily teaching the students every weekend since October 2012.

Apart from these, cloth and book donation drives and various intra college social events are also a regular part of the club's activities.

"It gives a feeling of pride and contentment when we see that we have brought happiness to underprivileged people. We are doing our bit to contribute towards the upliftment of the society. I strongly feel that the students of various colleges all over Indore should take such initiatives, and fulfil the responsibility of helping the needy," said Shashikant Agarwal, third year student at the institute and an active member of the club.

