## From the desk of WARDEN, JAMUNA HOSTEL http://hostels.iitm.ac.in/jamuna

**Text for Education:2008/2** 

## I must include the Relevant References

Feb. 8, 2008

Project-work completion is one of the tough task: (i). You must have a problem to solve. (ii). You must have done a good literature survey. (iii). You must have some results (and put them in the form of tables and figures). (iv). You must be able to explain the results (with the help of your Prof!). (v). You must be able to write it in a proper format with no mistakes in spelling and grammar (and then show it to Prof, the first version).

I know you are all aware of these. One thing which is awaiting you round the corner is known as ethical guideline. A related word is plagiarism.

"The penalties for plagiarism can be surprisingly severe, ranging from failure of classes and expulsion from academic institutions to heavy fines and jail time"! (Ref: http://www.plagiarism.org/).

As you see in the above quote I have included the website from where the sentence is taken from. I suggest all of you to be aware of the fact that if you use a published data or a published text, you MUST include a reference of that source. Under no circumstances you should copy a published data and present it as YOURS! (i.e., If you do not refer it, it appears as if it is yours and thats what precisely *plagiarism* is).

Prem B Bisht Warden, Jamuna