

DEVELOPMENT

The year under review marked the closing of the VIIIth Plan period and the beginning of the IXth Plan. Therefore not only were plans drawn up for the IXth Plan but development during the VIII Plan was reviewed. A detailed performance report in this regard has been submitted to the UGC. Considerable importance has been attached to this report as one third of the IX Plan grant was to be based on it.

A Working Group constituted by the Planning Board prepared the University's plan document on the basis of proposals submitted by academic departments and centres as well as by administrative departments. The plan proposals envisage, keeping in view the needs and priorities of the University and the region, creation of new departments such as Biotechnology, Pharmacy, Computer Application, Environment Management, Tourism and Hotel Management. In addition it seeks to strengthen the existing academic departments. The financial outlay of the main plan proposal comes to Rs.5062.88 lakhs.

In addition a special plan amounting to Rs.5000.00 lakhs has also been drawn up. The major component of this includes the construction of a Regional Convention Complex and Guest House, a Sports Complex, a 30-bed hospital, additional halls of residence, Lecture hall Complex, Biodiversity Complex, a water storage treatment plan, and a model constituent college. Also included in the plan are proposals for professional courses like Mass Communication, Renewable Energy Management, Architecture, Horticulture and Food Processing Technology.

Adequate emphasis has been given in the construction of the University Campus. More than 50% of the total outlay of the IX Plan proposal has been earmarked for the campus construction and development.

Construction work under the supervision of the Campus Development Department reported are now in progress.

College Development Council

The College Development Council, the nodal agency for development of collegiate education within the jurisdiction of NEHU, continued with its concern for the special needs and interests of affiliated colleges, particularly those located in areas backward or difficult of access.

Thirty colleges were inspected during the year and granted provisional affiliation in various subjects. Thirteen colleges were granted provision for opening Honours Course, of which four were for science subjects. Of special interest are twenty two colleges which were permitted to offer Mizo, Garo or Khasi either as a Modern Indian Language or as Elective or

Honours subjects, as part of the University's efforts at developing local tribal languages.

Dr. B.K. Deb Sharma took over as Director of the College Development Council from Professor Helen Giri on 20 December 1996.

The total number of colleges affiliated to the University can be seen in Appendix

The admissions and examinations for the PG departments have been made strictly in accordance with the timetable. The Department has also gone for innovations towards computerisation of its various functions. Commandable beginning has been made and it is hoped that it will, in due course, be able to computerise the entire process of admissions and examinations.

The statistics of results given in the following relate to the final year examinations of each course only. The Department does not find it necessary to give the result analysis of the First and Second Year in case of Degree Examinations and First Year in case of Pre-University Examinations as they relate to the clearance of the courses falling on the respective years. The following statistics, therefore, relate to the final year Degree and Pre-University Courses only. The analysis of Examination Results for the year 1996 is given under Appendix-A and the analysis of Enrolment of Students for the academic year 1996-97 is given under Appendix-B.