

Other Activities :

USIC had organised a USIC Day on 8.6.98 as part of the year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of India. Participants from different departments of the University had attended where demonstrations of the different machines were also conducted.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES PLANNING

After the IXth Plan proposal was finalised and submitted to the U.G.C. The Plan proposal was to be bifurcated again by 2/3 and 1/3 rd as required by the U.G.C. However, the calculation was done and submitted to the U.G.C. The Plan proposal has now been approved and received by the University.

The headwise allotment of fund is as below :

1. Spill Over	Rs. 332.97 Lakhs.
2. New Construction	Rs. 765.60 Lakhs.
3. Teaching and Non-teaching (Tech) Staff.	Rs. 370.00 Lakhs.
4. Equipment and Teaching Aids	Rs. 145.00 Lakhs
5. Library Books	Rs. 81.80 Lakhs.
6. N.A.A.C.	Rs. 5.00 Lakhs.

Allocation against item No.6 above, has been made to open a Cell for the National Assessment and Accreditation Council in the University. The notification to open the Cell is due.

Out of the approved Plan grant the following amounts have already been sanctioned during the year.

1. 25.00 Lakhs	— for infrastructure Development - Mizoram Campus.
2. 16.00 Lakhs	— for upgradation of Computer Centre.
3. 20.00 Lakhs	— for Social Science Complex (Spill over).
4. 15.00 Lakhs	— — Do —
5. 170.00 Lakhs	— for IXth Plan General Development.
6. 170.00 Lakhs	— — Do —
7. 12.80 Lakhs	— for Spill over item (Mizoram)
8. 10.41 Lakhs	— — Do —
9. 6.54 Lakhs	— — Do —

The IXth Plan fund as above was received before the approval of the Plan and as such the said fund could not be utilised for the purpose. However the UGC's approval has since been received and initial action to utilise the fund has been started.

The University is going to open departments of M.C.A. and M.B.A. Correspondence with the MHRD and the UGC continued during the year for a separate grant for construction of Central School. But reply is still awaited.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Construction of Social Science Complex (Phase I) :

This is a project under the 8th Plan. The U.G.C. had agreed for an amount of Rs.200 lakhs for the proposed construction.

The Rear Block of Economics Department is 62% completed. Corridor Block of Economics Department and Political Science is 63% completed. Construction of retaining wall, steps, drain adjacent to the Rear Block of Political Science completed. And the work for external services, like External Electrification and one building for substation is also completed.

Construction of Non-Teaching Staff Quarters on Permanent Campus, NEHU, Shillong :

- (a) Construction of Staff Quarters Type II for Grade IV Employees. Two Units have been completed in all respects including electrification and water supply.
- (b) Construction of Staff Quarters Type IV for Section Officers. One unit has been completed in all respects including Electrification and water supply.
- (c) Construction of Staff Quarters Type V for Registrar's residence. The work is in progress and 70% completed.

Construction of 150 Staff Quarters on Permanent Campus, NEHU, Shillong :

- (a) Construction of P type quarters = 5 Units are in progress. The work of 4 quarters 90% completed and remaining 1(One) quarter 40% completed.

Construction of 200 seated hostel and 50 Staff Quarters on Permanent Campus, NEHU, Shillong.

- (a) The remaining 3 Nos Wardens' Quarters is in progress and is 55% completed.

Construction of Growth Room for Mass Propagation of Pinus Kesiya :

The proposal has come from the Principal Investigator of the Scheme for construction of a building for Growth Room for Mass Propagation of Pinus Kesiya.

Plans and estimates have been prepared and approved. Tenders have been called. But the work cannot be taken up in view of the strict ban from the Supreme Court on felling of pine trees. Alternative site has been suggested to take up the work.

The Department is under active preparation for plans and estimates for the construction of few projects under the 9th Plan on top priority.

- (a) Administrative Building
- (b) Central Library.

Mizoram Campus

Construction of Administrative building at Tanhril, Mizoram which has been allotted to Mizoram PWD as a deposit work is 45% completed. Construction of Post Graduate Class Room with Laboratory is 70% completed. Construction of Post Graduate Class Room without Laboratory is 95% completed as intimated by the Mizoram PWD.

Pachhunga University College at Mizoram, Aizawl.

Recently sanction has been received from the U.G.C. for the Administrative Building for an amount of Rs. 45,00,000. The work will be taken up shortly.

Tura Campus

Since the Government of Meghalaya has not allotted land for Tura Campus so far no construction work has yet taken up by the Campus Development Department.

COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

During the year 1998-99 College Development Council has tried its best to develop the colleges under the following heads :

- a) Appointment of qualified teachers as per norms of the University.
- b) To build the libraries in the colleges inducting required number of books. For this the University grants as per norms are obtained under 9th Plan Developmental Assistance. The CDC has physically verified the proper growth of the libraries in the permanently

affiliated colleges through such grants.

- c) The CDC has instructed the science stream of the colleges to equip with required number of equipment for which quite sizeble amount are managed from the UGC grants under 9th Plan to the eligible colleges.
- d) At the instance of the CDC quite few colleges have been able to arrange seminars and conferences with the UGC assistance.
- e) The teachers of the eligible colleges are encouraged by the CDC to submit Minor Research Project and quite a few projects are approved by the UGC.
- f) CDC held conference with the principals of the affiliated colleges and discussed various problems faced by them in developing higher education particularly in Meghalaya and Mizoram and suggested possible ways and means to solve this problem. It was stressed in the Principals' Conference that colleges are the eyes and ears of higher education managed by the University and is functioning as a conduit of higher education. It was also stress to manage quality education in the colleges so that the higher education as a whole in the region becomes qualitative.

UGC assistance under the College Science Improvement Programme (COSIP) was managed by CDC for St. Anthony's College, Shillong. Besides, a good amount of grant was managed for St. Mary's College, Shillong under Women's Hostel Scheme. Some more grants for the colleges (St. Edmund's College, Lady Keane College and St. Mary's College) are expected under the special scheme of the UGC for the colleges completing, 75 years in case of men's colleges and 50 years in case of women's colleges.

During this year four new colleges were affiliated and a few new courses including Honours were permitted in the colleges.

EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT

With 67 Under-graduate Colleges in the States of Meghalaya and Mizoram, affiliated to NEHU, the enrolment of students has increased under the year of report. Likewise enrolment of students in the post-graduate level has also increased with the coming up of new departments. Besides there are eight (8) professional course colleges i.e. B.Ed and Law and also the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology at Arunachal Pradesh which are affiliated to NEHU.

Considering the size and numbers of students enrolled, it is needless to say that the Examination Department has played a commendable role in conducting the examinations for the Under-graduate as well as the Post-graduate levels and the professional courses according to the schedule notified by it. With the efforts and endeavour of the staff, the