

## X DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS

### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department is concerned with economic and educational development of the University. Accordingly the IXth Plan proposal had focussed on following four thrust areas, viz:

1. Development of Permanent Campus.
2. Shifting of departments to the Permanent Campus.
3. Development of certain departments into areas of excellence.
4. Creation of departments to impart professional degrees.

During the year under consideration the Planning Department was engaged in preparation of the Xth Five Year Plan proposal of the University. Keeping in view the short comings of the IXth Plan the University in its Xth Plan has taken steps to fulfill the objectives as laid down by the UGC as well as to meet the challenges of the scientific, technological, social, economic and political transformation that has been taking place globally. The Xth Plan proposals seek to achieve:

1. The need to provide wider opportunities to students to develop and acquire skills to their fullest potential in emerging and frontier areas. It has accordingly been proposed to establish five new departments, upgradation/conversion of four centres/institute into full-fledged departments and introduction of new thrust areas in existing departments.
2. To ensure qualitative education through teaching and research with relevance to the global needs and standards.
3. To provide basic infrastructure and technological inputs in all academic and supporting departments in order to achieve all of the above.
4. To attain the desired academic environment in terms of a fully developed campus, functioning as a single coherent unit, the Plan therefore lays emphasis on the development and completion of the Permanent Campus.

### CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Campus Development Department has undertaken the following works during the period under review:

1. 7 units of P-type quarters have been completed under the project 'Construction of 150 staff quarters' and other 2 units of P-type quarters have been completed.
2. For the construction of the Administrative Building, work worth 121 lakhs (approx.) has been executed out of an estimated work worth 250 lakhs.
3. Construction of Growth Room for the proposed research project (*Pinus Kesiya*) is completed.
4. The scheme for construction of 200 seated hostels and 50 staff quarters, 3 units of non-teaching staff quarters, an additional laboratory for the Department of Botany,

- fire protection system in the Green House building for Bio-informatics Centre, the experimental Botanical Garden, and Boundary wall Phase-II has come to an end.
5. Work has been awarded for 9 units of quarters for Non-teaching and 4 units of quarters for teaching staff.
  6. Five percent of the construction work of the library building is completed.

#### **Phase-I**

7. Additional floor for the departments of Economics and Political Science, Central Library Building and Kendriya Vidyalaya Building, additional space for Life Sciences are under progress and boundary wall (Phase-I) is completed.

#### **Phase-II.**

8. Kendriya Vidyalaya Building and Teaching Staff quarters (33) units under Phase-II, additional space for Life Sciences (Phase-II), buildings for seven departments, boundary wall the work has been sanctioned by the UGC.

#### **Phase-III.**

9. Construction of the Central Library (Phase-III), Auditorium-cum-Conference Complex, and Academic Complex (Phase-III) the work has been sanctioned by the UGC.
10. Construction of approach road towards non-teaching staff quarters, administrative buildings, Biochemistry department and the water supply line to hostels and staff quarters are under progress.
11. Street lights along the parallel road and the feeder road to the Administrative Building Complex has been completed.

## **COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

The main objective of the College Development Council is to develop collegiate education in Meghalaya as well as the North Eastern region. At present there are 50 affiliated colleges under NEHU of which 15 are permanently affiliated colleges and 35 are temporarily affiliated.

During the period under report the Director along with the staff visited various colleges in the rural areas of Meghalaya to advise the colleges to improve the quality of education. The Council also organised a two-day workshop on "Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions in Meghalaya" sponsored by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore on 22-23 April, 2002 at the NEHU Guest House, Permanent Campus, Shillong, in which 30 colleges participated.