

DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Section completed and finalised the plan document alongwith a Special Plan for the IXth Plan period well in time and placed the same before the UGC visiting team in April, 1997.

The UGC, after receipt of the IXth Plan document from the University, sent new guidelines in October 1997 asking the University to prepare a fresh plan proposal within the financial limit of Rs. 17.00 crores. The University accordingly recast the whole plan proposal and sent the final plan document to the UGC in the 2nd week of February, 1998.

The 1st allotment of IXth plan grant amounting to Rs.1.70 crores has already been received by the University in the month of February 1998 for purchase of equipment, etc.

During the 1st year of the IXth plan period, the university received some arrears of the VIIIth plan allocation under various heads of account.

In the year under consideration steps have been taken to get allotment of funds for construction of the Central School building with the Ministry, UGC and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The sanction is still awaited.

In view of the discussion made by the University delegates with the Prime Minister, a proposal was sent to the M.H.R.D. for consideration and sanction of necessary grants for the purpose. The decision of the Ministry is not yet received.

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

During the period under review the Campus Development Department has undertaken the following work/Projects :

Construction of Social Science Complex (Phase I)

(a) Departments of Political Science and Economics.

This is a project under the 8th Plan. The UGC had agreed to give Rs.200 lakhs for the proposed construction. The upto date expenditure is more than Rs.138 lakhs against the fund released by the UGC of Rs. 160 lakhs.

The rear block of Political Science Department is also 75% completed.

The Building for Economics Department is also 55% completed.

The works like external electrification and one building for sub-station are 80% completed. Construction of retaining walls adjacent to the building are in good progress and is 60% completed. Construction of the footpath leading to the above building and the approach road including one parking area have been completed.

Construction of Non-Teaching Staff Quarters at Permanent Campus, NEHU, Shillong.

(a) *Construction of Staff Quarter Type II for Grade IV employees.*

Two Units have been completed in all respects, except for internal electrification.

(b) *Construction of Staff Quarter Type IV for Section Officers.*

One unit has been completed in all respects, except for internal electrification the process of taking up, so as to complete the building and hand over the same to the Estate Section.

(c) *Construction of Staff Quarter Type V for Registrar's Residence.*

The work is in progress and is 5% completed.

Construction of 150 Staff Quarters at Permanent Campus, NEHU, Shillong.

(a) *Construction of P Type quarters - 5 units are in progress.*

The progress of all the 5 quarters have come out to the plinth level and the overall progress is 20% completed.

Construction of 200 Seated Hostel and 50 Staff quarters at Permanent Campus, NEHU, Shillong

The remaining 3 Nos. Wardens' quarters have been taken up during the period under report. Three different contractors have been engaged for the above three buildings. The work has just started.

Shifting of Chemistry Department from Bijni Complex to Permanent Campus.

Under this project, the Department of Chemistry has endorsed the requisition of the following works :

(a) Construction of a store room for Chemistry Department. The building is 100% completed and is ready for handing over to the Chemistry Department for utilisation.

(b) Laboratory fixtures and Working Tables for Chemistry Department.

The work has been taken up in 15 nos. of rooms for providing terrazo mosaic working tables, basins, swan type water taps, puma almirahs and is 100% completed. These 15 rooms can be utilised by the Department. The work for the remaining rooms could not be taken up because of occupation by the Examination Department.

Construction of Sports Complex, Permanent Campus, NEHU, Shillong.

Retaining wall, toe wall including drainage for prevention of erosion of soil from the footpath have been 100% completed.

Construction of shed for housing DG set of 82.5. KV at Bijni Complex, NEHU.

The building for the DG set including electrification for 82.5. KVA is ready for functioning as all the works have been completed. The same has been handed over to the RSIC.

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.

Plan and estimates have been prepared and approved by the Department and the Vice-Chancellor. Tenders have been called. But the work could not be taken up in view of the strict ban from the Supreme Court for 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.

COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

College Development Council is now a permanent council set in the University with the main objectives of developing collegiate education as a whole through 67 affiliated colleges and one constituent college (Pachhunga University College).

During the year 1997-98 the Council has awarded provisional affiliation to eight colleges and allowed quite a few colleges to start honours in various subjects. Permanent affiliation has been granted to one more college which is awaiting to be included in Section 2(f) of the UGC Act. A new Law College in the southern part of Aizawl town has been provisionally affiliated. Besides, the Regional Para-Medical Institute, Aizawl established by the financial assistance of the NEC has been inspected, advised to fulfill some of the conditions and is now awaiting for provisional affiliation to be granted. Vocational streams of study at the undergraduate level have been suggested in Government of Aizawl College, Aizawl and St. Anthony's College, Shillong.

Initiating proper interest the College Development Council has been able to manage the sanction of an amount of around 1.5 crore for 15 affiliated colleges under 9th Plan Developmental Assistance from the UGC. These 15 colleges include 9 from Meghalaya and 6 from Mizoram out of which 3 colleges are getting such grants for the first time. The CDC has also suggested to quite a few colleges to introduce more vocational subjects in the colleges and 4 more cases have been forwarded to the UGC for approval. During the year five Minor Research Projects for college teachers have been cleared for financial assistance from the UGC.

The admissions and examinations for the PG departments have been made strictly in accordance with the timetable given for admissions and examinations.

The Department has also gone for innovations towards computerisation of its various functions. Commandable podiums have 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 appendix relate to the final year examinations of each course only. We do 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 statistics of what are being provided, therefore, only relate to the final year Degree and the last Pre-University Courses.

The analysis of Examination Results for the year 1997 is given under Appendix - A and the analysis of Enrolment of students for the Academic year 1997-98 is given under Appendix -