

Sikkim University
7th Six-Monthly Report
October 14, 2015 – 15 April, 2016

1. On campus development the achievements during the past six months are as follows:
 - i. Construction of boundary wall is about 90% completed.
 - ii. The DPR of campus is vetted by PMC, which is Tata Consultancy Engineers and proof-checked by IIT, Guwahati.
 - iii. Dedicated electrical line for the campus has been drawn by the Department of Power & Energy, Govt. of Sikkim.
 - iv. Tender document is in the final stage and will be floated within May 2016 and contract will be awarded by the end of July 2016.
 - v. Survey work for drawing the central line for construction of roads and buildings is completed.
 - vi. Identification of trees for felling for construction is being undertaken by the Department of Forest, Govt. of Sikkim.
 - vii. The university has submitted its proposal for converting about 40 acres of its campus land into solar panel area to the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India so that it gets about 2.3 MW of electricity, which will be sufficient for the next four decades.
 - viii. The university is expecting the clearances from statutory bodies to come within May 2016.
2. The University has been granted a Bio-Informatics Centre by the Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India.
3. The University has ranked 61st at the national level and 4th at Northeastern regional level in the National Institutional Ranking Framework results declared on 4th April 2016 by the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani.
4. The University was granted full membership of the Himalayan Universities Consortium funded by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, Kathmandu, and given two MPhil fellowships to SU by the Consortium for two years.
5. On 9th November 2015 the 3rd Convocation was held under the chairmanship of Chancellor Justice (Smt.) Ruma Pal.
6. In December, 8 Master students were trained and sent for survey of 5 villages to be adopted by the University under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of the Govt. of India. The survey results are currently being classified and analysed for preparation of future development plan for the five villages located around the Yangang Campus of the University.
7. On 2nd February 2016, the MHRD accorded its approval to the First Ordinances of Sikkim University, which was eagerly awaited for almost three years. The Ordinances

and Regulations are being translated into Hindi for the purpose of publishing them in both English and Hindi languages.

8. A crèche is now ready for the welfare of working mothers. It is located next to the Health Centre so that the doctor and nurses there can provide emergency care to the babies left at the crèche.
9. From 8th to 24th February 2016, college visits by the Vice-Chancellor, Controller of Exams, and Joint Registrar (Acad) took place for interaction with students, faculty members and administrative staff to know various issues related to quality of higher education at individual college levels. Some follow up action on the basis of the visits have already been taken up and some are forthcoming. One such action already taken was the decision to issue books as well as give remote access to the Inlibnet and other e-resources of the University to its 12 affiliated colleges in view of the deplorable condition of libraries in most colleges.
10. On 29th February 2016 the University signed an MoU with a leading pharmaceutical company named Zydus for curriculum development, internship of students, and their employment.
11. On 21-22 March 2016, a joint workshop cum signing of MoU was organized with the scientists of the Hakubi Centre for Advanced Research, Kyoto University, Japan.
12. On April 7, 2016 the Hon'ble Minister of State for Higher Education, Prof. Ram Shankar Katheria visited Sikkim University to deliver a lecture and interact with the university community.

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