

Good Bye Nagaland University

I have demitted my office as Vice Chancellor on 2nd August 2011 afternoon after completing my five year tenure at Nagaland University. It has indeed been a great experience and opportunity to have served in Nagaland and I must admit my horizon has expanded into Sociology, Economics, Education, Agriculture to name a few. Interactions with all strata of society throughout the length and breadth of the state have enriched me immensely. My respect, love and affection for people of Nagaland has not only grown but deepened my belief that I should continue to help in the development and progress of the people of Nagaland in the years to come whether called upon or not. The progress and milestone achieved are listed below during the period August 3rd 2006 to 2nd August 2011:

MILESTONES

General:

1. Establishment of the first ever School of Engineering and Technology on October 31st 2007 has fulfilled the professional aspirations of the youth of Nagaland in their own state. AICTE approval was given in September 2007 for both Engineering and Management.
2. Linked Nagaland University headquarters to the National Knowledge Network of the country with 100MbPS internet connectivity.
3. Undergraduate examination totally automated. Question papers delivered through internet in 8 districts of Nagaland. Answer scripts scanned, digitized, evaluated online, Online admit card delivered to all affiliated colleges. This is expected to minimize the time taken for declaration of results in less than two months.
4. Accounts of the University have been streamlined and partially computerized.
5. Accounts of University from 2003-2004 to 2008-2009 were submitted to Parliament in three years in spite of the absence of the Finance officer. 2009-2010 accounts are being submitted to Parliament. Accounts of 2010-2011 are already in progress and every effort is on to submit on time at least in 2011.
6. Managed to attract major funding from DBT and AYUSH of GOI. Established herbal ayurveda centre and clinic at Lumami campus to promote traditional medicine.
7. Started KVK program at Lumami campus and now University is improving agricultural productivity in 14 nearby villages.
8. Established health centres with modern medical equipments for better healthcare.
9. The faculty strength and student strength have increased by 3 % during the last few years.
10. Confirmation of 207 employees who were on contract for more than a decade was another major milestone.

11. MOU with Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford, UK and Museum Der Kulturen, Basel, Switzerland to jointly work to develop and establish courses in Social and Cultural Anthropology based on a modular set up offered as Certificate, Diploma, Masters or M. Phil/ PhD courses.
12. Promoted livelihood income generation for children who could not complete school education. Carpet weaving program initiated with a micro credit finance, Jaipur Rugs and Nagaland University.
13. The University along with the state government hosted the annual cultural festival at Kohima under SPIC MACAY in June 2008. More than 1100 students from every corner of India went with great impression of Kohima.
14. Made mandatory for every PhD research student to publish at least two papers in peer reviewed journals.
15. Established the Women's Studies Centre in 2007. Organized several seminars, workshop and conferences on various issues related to women.
16. MOU signed in 2008 with IIITM (Kerala) with an objective to improve the quality of education in the University and to closely and jointly work to develop, innovate, establish and commission various systems, processes and conduct capacity building exercises related to effective deployment and practice enhanced learning and teaching .
17. First University in the country to implement National Program on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) of MHRD, Govt. of India.
18. Implemented the DBT project on tissue culture based plant materials in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Associates (Micro credit financier). During the last three years(2008, 2009 and 2010) 323 farming households spread over nine major villages and covering 5 mountain ranges of Phek district namely Chetheba range, Central Chakhesang Range, Chizami range, Razeba range and Meluri range. The villages are namely Thetsumi, Chizami, Razeba, Chesezumi, Phola, Porba, Upper Kho, Middle Kho and Losami. The crops were Kiwi (15.75 Hectares), Bamboo (12 Ha), Cardamon (6 Ha), Cashewnut (5Ha), Banana (28.7 Ha), Citrus (44Ha).
19. Organized University-Industry interaction under CII.
20. The Nagaland University journal published by Cambridge University Press (India) with ISBN number.

LUMAMI

1. Shifting of the interim temporary headquarters at Kohima to the designated permanent headquarters at Lumami in 2010 - a major event in the annals of the history of Nagaland.
2. Established a modern compact academic township headquarters in the interior of village Lumami, Zunheboto district in the year 2010.
3. Shifted all the departments (Zoology, Botany, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Geography and Chemistry) in the new, spacious building.
4. The science departments have equipped with state of art laboratories and have increased the intake from 15 to 25 students.
5. 110 residential buildings for teaching and non teaching have been constructed with power and water supply besides good roads connecting them.
6. The new administrative buildings are housing Finance, administration, Establishment and academic departments.
7. The water has been supplied after agreement with donor from an upstream, 13 Km away from Lumami in Akuluto. This stream supplies around the year and a pipeline has been laid covering 13 Km.
8. The electricity supply has been obtained from a power station at Aolijen (12 Km away from Lumami) with a dedicated line and a 33KV substation at Lumami.
9. A modern gymnasium and shooting range for both boys and girls has been established. Shooting camps are held routinely and nine students have qualified at national level.
10. Hindi section became functional. The Hindi section held a two day national seminar in Lumami headquarters on 3rd and 4th May 2011.
11. Five new departments (Physics, Maths, Psychology, Anthropology and Hindi) are approved in the XIth plan.

KOHIMA

1. The State Govt acquired and transferred 240 acres of land at Meriema to Nagaland University in 2007.
2. Construction started with available funds to house all the six scattered departments in 2007 following codal formalities.
3. The building could be occupied only in April 2010. Housed all the six scattered departments in Kohima into a single compact campus.

DIMAPUR

1. Started five new departments namely Biotechnology, Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Information Technology, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics and Communication.

2. Established the School of Management in 2007 and started its program since July 2008.
3. The School of Engineering and Technology started with only 42 students and average intake has increased to 80 students per year per department.
4. The management program started with an intake of 30 students.
5. The second batch of management and the first batch of Engineering and Technology will complete their B.Tech degree in June 2011.

SASRD, Medziphema

1. New building for Departments of Horticulture, Animal Production & Management and Examination hall were constructed.
2. Two hundred seated hostel for Boys and Girls were constructed.

Affiliated Colleges

1. Three affiliated colleges have been NAAC accredited. Patkai Christian College was accredited with A Grade, St Joseph's College with B Grade and Fazl Ali College with B Grade.
2. Upgraded the facility of science departments at Patkai, Fazl Ali and Kohima Science College with Rupees fifty lakhs per institute from DST grant.

My wife and I wish every member of NU fraternity and people of Nagaland a very bright future, happiness and peace in every sphere of life.

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