

5<sup>th</sup> Six-Monthly Report on Sikkim University  
(October 15, 2014 – April 14, 2015)

1. Sikkim University was accepted as a Full Member of the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) by the interim steering committee of the Consortium vide letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 sent by Dr. David Molden, Director General of ICIMOD, Kathmandu.
2. The University signed an MoU with Hindustan Times for Online Admission, and Online Application for Recruitment. The testing process of Online Application for Recruitment is completed and the same is fully operational from 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. The Online Admission software is being tested now and will be ready by the end of May this year.
3. The campus land at Yangang was completely vacated by all the inhabitants on 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 without any use of force for which the local administration deserves special commendation. The University took physical possession of the 265 acres of land on 18<sup>th</sup> of January and security personnel have been deployed to prevent any trespassing. Boundary wall construction is completed upto 75 percent. Geo-testing of the underground soil and rocks is being carried out at present and this is expected to be completed by the end of June 2015. The Government of Sikkim is expected to handover the remaining 35 acres very soon.
4. The University signed an MoU with Mukesh & Associates, an architectural company based in Chennai for building design, master plan and DPR of Sikkim University at Yangang, South Sikkim. The architectural firm presented a rough design of the campus within a few weeks from the date of signing the MoU and will be presenting its final designs on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 before the Building Committee members.
5. The University is actively engaged in the process of appointing Project Management Consultant and the same will be finalized in the Building Committee meeting scheduled on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
6. The University advertised 81 teaching and 75 non-teaching posts on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 and a schedule has been drawn for timely completion of the selection process. All applications to the above posts have been received online with the help of Hindustan Times.

7. In respect of the suggestion made by the Visitor on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the Central University Vice-Chancellors' Conference held at Rastrapati Bhavan, the University has notified a Community Development Cell, including a few NGOs, to do the needful for developing five adopted villages around the University campus into model villages.
8. A group of teachers has been identified as experts for preparation of e-content for MOOCs.
9. The University is gearing up for the visit of NAAC Peer Team from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2015.

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