

A PROFILE OF GOVT.CHAMPHAI COLLEGE

The Government Champhai College, Champhai, Mizoram was established originally as a private college in 1971 by the philanthropists of Champhai town and neighboring villages with the objective of providing collegiate education to the students of this remote hilly tribal town near the international border of India with Myanmar. It was initially affiliated to Guwahati University, then to NEHU from 1973 till 2nd July 2001. Currently, it is affiliated to the new Mizoram University that came up in Aizawl, Mizoram July 2001. In 1978 the college attained the status of deficit grants-in-aid College under Mizoram Government. The college has started degree courses in Science in 1997. The Pre-University course that was introduced in 1995 has now been delinked and the institute has only under-graduate programmes. The college received UGC recognition under 2f and 12B in 1987.

The college has a sprawling campus of 11.66 acres (34.94 bighas) of land, located at an elevation of about 4500 ft above mean sea level. The college with its congenial strategic location has scope for expansion and development.

The college offers degree courses in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany and Zoology in Science; and English, Mizo, History, Political Science, Economics, Geography and Education in Arts.

At the present moment (as on 23.8.2005) the college has 35 regular and 10 Guest Lecturers. There are 14 members on the non-teaching staff. Total student enrolment is 205 of which 08 in Science and 197 in Arts.

The college volunteered to be assessed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) A NAAC constituted Peer Team visited the college on 22nd - 23rd March 2004 to validate the data provided in the Self-Study Report.

The Peer Team has gone through the relevant documents, visited all the departments, library, laboratory and support services, interacted with the Principal, teachers, students, non-teaching staff, parents and alumni. Based on the above exercise and keeping in view of the seven criteria identified by NAAC, in their experts carefully studied and analyzed the self-study report submitted by the College. The Team during the visit to the college interacted with teachers, non-teaching staff, students, parents and alumni. It also visited all support services and verified the relevant documents. Keeping in view the seven criteria laid down by NAAC, the Peer Team has drafted the report and submitted the report to the Executive Committee of the NAAC for consideration of institutional accreditation.

On the basis of the report and recommendation of the visiting Peer Team, the Executive Committee of the NAAC declared the college, accredited at the 'B' level with endorsement of a certificate of accreditation on 3rd May 2004.

With the attainment of a National accredited status Govt. Champhai College is the only college with degree Science education having national accredited status in Mizoram, and also the only college outside the Aizawl city having a National Accredited status so far.

OTHER ASPECTS OF THE COLLEGE:

ON CURRICULAR ASPECTS:

Government Champhai college is an under graduate co-education college, which functions within the rules and regulations laid down by the Mizoram University to which the college is affiliated. Initially the college started with a few Arts subjects but currently it offers twelve subjects in Arts and Science streams. It is offering honours courses in English, Mizo, Political Science, History, Education, Economics, and Geography for Arts students and also Physics, Chemistry & Botany in Science stream.

The University designs the curricula in various disciplines. The programmes offered are of annual system.

There is an IGNOU study centre in the college. The study centre offered ten programmes which include various certificate courses, degree courses and master degree in English, Political Science and History through distance mode. The Study centre has installed a satellite link in the college for providing multi-media facilities to its student.

ON TEACHING LEARNING AND EVALUATION

Students are selected for admission into BA/B.Sc courses through their academic records. Knowledge and skill of the students for a particular programme is assessed through weekly or monthly tests, practice examination and mid-term tests. The college follows the conventional method of teaching. However, students are encouraged to take part in group discussion, quiz competition and seminars on selected topics within the syllabus. Remedial Coaching classes are arranged to the disadvantaged students in all subjects. The college remains open 232 days in a year and regular classes are held on 180 days.

The syllabi are unitized according to the teaching schedule. Individual teachers prepare teaching plan and the Principal and the academic committee monitors the academic progress to ensure that the prescribed syllabi are completed as per work plan and up-to the satisfaction of the students. Evaluation methods are communicated to the students at the beginning of the academic session. Students opting major in Geography have compulsory field study and have to submit a project report under the guidance

of a faculty member. The project carries 30 marks in the University examinations. Apart from this, departments like Botany and Zoology conduct field study on annual basis which is incorporated in their syllabi. Teachers are recruited in the college through proper channel according to the rules laid down by the State Government. Self-appraisal method is followed to evaluate the performance of the faculty members in teaching, research and extension in the form of Annual Confidential Report (ACR).

The college encourages the teachers to avail the faculty development programme of UGC. Teachers are also allowed to participate in seminars/ workshops and refresher or orientation courses. Almost all the faculty members of the college have attended refresher or orientation courses during the last eight years.

On joint sponsorship of Govt. Champhai College and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mizoram, a seminar entitled 'Seminar Under People's Education Programme of KVIC on rural industrialization' was held in the college premises in November, 2003. Further, the College, as its extension, presented a one day Seminar on "Drugs and their abuses" with a meager amount of fund received from UGC under a specific head on extension activities programme. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the College, as part of its post-accreditation quality sustenance activities, had appropriately undertaken the organisation of the seminar on 16th July 2005.

ON RESEARCH CONSULTANCY AND EXTENSION

The faculty members of the college are primarily engaged in teaching and evaluation. The college promotes the academic and professional improvement of its teaching faculty. Teachers are sanctioned study leave for doing research works and the adjustment of teaching schedule is made accordingly so that the classes in the concerned departments are not affected.

Out of thirty-five permanent teachers in the college five teachers possess Ph.D and two have M.Phil. degree. All these teachers have acquired their degree (Ph.D or M.Phil) during their service in the college. Two other faculty members are at present on study leave for doing research leading to Ph.D degree. One faculty member in the department of Chemistry has published four papers in the Journals of National and International reputation. All teachers in the department of History are life members of North East India History Association (NEIHA). A teacher of the department of Mizo has authored several books and has participated in number of workshops and seminars. Two teachers of the college have participated in the national level seminars in 2003. However, teachers have yet to develop a research culture in the college. A research committee including senior faculty members and experts from the University departments may be constituted to help the teacher to draw up research project to submit for funding from various agencies like MHRD, UGC, DST, ICSSR, BSI, ICHR, etc.

Teachers and students of this college take active part in varied extension programmes such as blood donation, drug awareness campaigning, AIDS awareness, environmental awareness and community development. The active NSS unit in the college under the efficient guidance of three programme officers has undertaken commendable extension activities, which include rural reconstruction programmes, installation of water points, construction of pavilion, urinals and waiting sheds in surrounding villages and also tree plantation in the college campus. Various extension activities have been planned and executed in collaboration with government organisation such as Civil Hospital, Champhai, and local administrative departments, DRDA and also with non-governmental organizations like Young Mizo Association (YMA) and other local teachers' organization. The college is yet to develop consultancy services.

ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEARNING RESOURCES:

Government Champhai College, Mizoram spreads on a campus having an area of 11.66 acres. The building complex in the campus includes - main lecture building, administrative building, class room extension building, Principal's quarter, four lecturers' quarters, two quarters for group 'D' employees, science laboratory building, auditorium-cum-indoor stadium, college canteen-cum-student's union office, TT hall, students' day home and students' common room. The college proposes to form a Botanical garden on a plot in the campus. The Science departments have laboratories. The laboratories of Chemistry, Zoology and Botany are not partitioned. Separate laboratories are essential for holding the practical classes in a serious academic environment. There are sufficient equipments when compared to the current strength of the students in the Science faculty.

The college augments and maintains its infrastructure with the funds received from UGC, State government and other developing agencies like BADP, DRDA, MPLAD. The library in the college is spacious with the provision of a reading room and remains open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on 260 working days in a year. The library has a collection of 13932 books and it subscribes five journals, twenty periodicals and four numbers of news papers. Computer and reprographic facilities are not available in the library. The college has no computer center, however, there are 4 PCs with printers in the college office and the departments in the Science stream are using 1 PC.

The college provides ample facilities for games and sports to its students. It has basketball-cum-volleyball court, T.T hall, auditorium-cum-indoor stadium in the college campus. Although there is no playground for football and cricket in the campus, the students can use the football ground of District Sports Association, Champhai which is adjacent to the college.

The college has a canteen, which is leased to an external agency. The canteen is spacious, hygienic and is used by both staff and students of the college.

ON STUDENT SUPPORT AND PROGRESSION:

The college offers degree programmes in Arts and Science streams and admits students purely on merit basis. Policies and criteria for admission are made clear to the students through the annual prospectus published by the college, advertised through local newspapers and notification on the college notice board. The college prospectus also furnishes profile of the college, details of academic programmes, fee structure, rules and regulations, evaluation method and other necessary information regarding the college and the student supports available.

The college produces consistently good results. The success rate of student in the University examinations is about 90%. The Mizo department has produced University level topper in the year 2000-2001. The drop out rate of students is only five percent, which is quite encouraging. However, the number of students admitted to the science stream is somewhat low at the present moment, which is an area of concern.

Financial aids are available to SC/ST students in the form of Post-matric scholarship from central government and state government.

The exact record on the progression of students to employment and further study are not available in the college. The alumni of the college are placed in important and respectable positions both in public and private sectors. However, alumni association has not yet been formed in the college.

The college extends recreational and leisure facilities to the students. Students are encouraged to participate in cultural activities and to write articles in the college magazine. The college holds competitions on music, dance and debate.

Students are encouraged to participate in the Inter-college as well as Inter-zonal sports and games sponsored by the University. On a number of occasions, the students of this college have been rewarded for their outstanding performances in various outdoor games. A girl student in the college had been declared as the best athlete in the University meet, 2003.

The college has a 36 bedded boys' hostel under the supervision of a warden and a girls' hostel is under construction in the college campus. The college also provides bus services whenever needed for the students.

Placement cell or Career guidance cells are yet to be formed in the college.

ON ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT:

The Government Champhai College is a government institution functioning under the overall controlling power of the Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Mizoram. The routine academic and administrative matters are the responsibility of the Principal. The Heads of the departments assist the Principal in the day to day activities of the college. The Principal regularly prepares annual report highlighting the activities and achievements of the college for every academic year.

The Principal, being the Head of the institution, has ensured the work efficiency of the non-teaching staff and can take necessary action against any employees if necessary. The college has followed the academic calendar prepared by the Director, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Mizoram with the help of Principals and Mizoram University.

The college has encouraged its employees to avail the training facilities conducted by the state government from time to time. The teaching and non-teaching staff members can avail various loans such as temporary loans, advances from GPF, motor car, scooter, LIC (HBA), HBA and HUDCO loans as per government rules and procedures. Because of the less number of students, the unit cost of student is quite high which amounts to Rs 61,505/- for the year 2002-2003 (1,04,55,947/170)

ON HEALTHY PRACTICES:

The college follows the self-appraisal method of evaluation of individual teacher's performance. The Principal with the help of the teachers enforces rules and practices to keep the efficiency of the general staff high.

- i) There is an atmosphere of co-operation, team work and cordial interpersonal relationship between students, teachers and staff.
- ii) In English, remedial courses are conducted to improve the communicative power of the students. All the students are members of a single Students' Union and a separate office room is allotted to Students' Union.
- iii) The college has active NSS Units with three Programme Officers to give the students leadership and guidance in social works. Students have carried out programmes like tree plantation, rural reconstruction, preservation of forest and wild-life and other social services for the community. Students in the hostel are kept under strict supervision of the Warden who is provided with a residential quarters adjacent to the hostel.
- iv) The IGNOU study center housed in the same building gives students of the college opportunities and free accessibility to reference books and audiovisual aids.
- v) The Principal of the College is given quarters and vehicle.

- vi) The college has its own bus
- vii) Students of the nearby institutions are permitted to use the playground and indoor games facilities in the college.
- viii) The plants planted by the NSS volunteers have grown as big trees, which give a green and serene atmosphere to the college.

DISPLAYING THE COLLEGE

A few reasons why one should prefer to get admission in Govt. Champhai College:

- The college campus, situated away from the din and bustle of the town, provides a congenial atmosphere conducive to learning
- The college campus provides a mini sports-complex with facilities for basketball, volleyball, badminton, table-tennis, etc. for sportsful students.
- The college is known for caring extra-curricular activities and social services through its students' union body, evangelical union, NSS unit and other functionaries.
- The College aims at providing Quality education with true institutional spirit and faculty teachers consisting of seasoned academicians.
- All the subjects offered by the college are taught by a team of well-known experts having specialization in their respective fields.
- The college maintains fully packed library with a spacious reading room.
- It is possible to have close contact and mutual understanding with the Principal and staff of the college.
- The college is close to my residence where my parents will be able to monitor my studies and social behaviour closely.
- Life is peaceful here whereas insurgencies loom large in other parts of the country.
- There is no politicization of education, which may lead to chaotic state of learning and agitation.
- Above all, it is the only college with degree science having National Accreditation status in Mizoram, and also the only college outside Aizawl city having a national accredited status.