

Office of the Vice- Chancellor, Mizoram University

Republic Day Message on 26th January, 2012.



On this happy occasion of the 63rd Anniversary of the Republic Day of India, it is my proud privilege to extend to all of you my cordial greetings and best wishes.

Over 6 decades back on this day, India emerged as a Sovereign Democratic Republic, which was made possible by the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters of our great nation. The date 26th January 1950, is one of the most memorable in Indian History as it was on this day that the Constitution of India was adopted to declare their freedom from the British colonial rule. On this very day, we remember the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi and the freedom fighters who fought and sacrificed their lives for the Independence of our Motherland.

India, as a nation has become an example for many developing countries in the fields of Economy, Science and Technology. Mizoram too has shown remarkable progress, particularly in the field of Education, as seen in its exemplary implementation of the programs under **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)**, in its adoption of "The Mizoram Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules", 2011-under "The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act", 2009. According to the Mizoram Census 2011, the average literacy rate of the state now stands at 91.6%, as compared to the 2001 Census which was 88.80%.

After the establishment of Mizoram University on 2nd July, 2001, which was passed by an Act of Parliament on 25th April 2000, the field of Higher Education and Research Studies in various fields have also seen remarkable progress. Besides this, the infrastructural development of Mizoram University seen both at Tanhril and Pachhunga University College within a brief span of 10 years is remarkable and appreciated by all. I have had the privilege of assuming charge as the 3rd Vice- Chancellor of this University on 19th May 2011, and I am happy to place before you some of the recent achievements made by the University:

- Thirty Nine new teaching faculties were recently recruited, along with Nine Group 'A' officers. Thirty Three teaching faculties along with one Assistant Librarian were given promotion under CAS. A majority of the non-teaching posts sanctioned for the 11th Plan have also been filled.
- The updation/revision of various courses was accomplished by the different Boards of Studies and Academic Council.

- Teachers were actively involved in organizing several international/ national/ regional seminars/ symposia/ conferences funded by national level organizations as well as the University. They also attended international / national/ regional seminars/ symposia/ conferences and refresher, orientation and short term courses. The University received Rs 3. 5 crores from Dept. of Science and Technology, New Delhi for setting up TEM facility.
- Several faculty members received research grants for quality projects from major funding agencies of the country. They have also published research findings in national and international refereed and indexed journals with impact factors, and some teachers have visited other countries on short-term academic assignments.
- The Academic Staff College has conducted one orientation course, refresher courses in eleven subjects, and two short-term courses.
- Provisional affiliation was granted to the Bachelor of Social Work course at Higher and Technical Institute of Mizoram, Lunglei and B.Sc courses in radio Imaging Technology and Optometry and Ophthalmic Techniques at regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing, Aizawl.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) started functioning in full swing. As a quality enhancement measure, it has begun obtaining Students' Feedback on courses and on teachers every semester. It has also started obtaining filled-up PBAS proforma from teachers on annual basis.
- The Central Library has continued to expand in terms of number of books and journals. Vertical extension of Phases-I building was completed and occupied. Radio Frequency Identification Management System started functioning for identification, security, tracking and automated handling of library materials.
- The Sixth Convocation of the University was held on 24th September, 2010. Smt Pratibha Devi Singh Patil, Her Excellency, the president of India and the Visitor of the University delivered the Convocation Address as the Chief Guest. Lt. Gen. M.M.Lakhera, His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram graced the occasion as the Chief Rector and Shri Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister was present as the Guest of Honour on the occasion.
- The Statutes and Ordinances of the University were revised in order to incorporate new provisions of the UGC Regulations of 30th June, 2010.

- The Statutory Officers' Quarters, academic Staff College Building, Administrative and Examination building Phase – II, two numbers of 100 seated Girls' Hostels and Residence (Professors – 8 units, Readers and Lecturers – 12 units, Non-Teaching – 4 units each of type – III and IV) were completed. School of Physical Sciences has been completed and occupied. School of Life Sciences, School of Economics, Management & Information Sciences and two Boys Hostels are also being completed. Extension of 11 KV line upto Sports Complex was completed.
- The Football team of the university reached the quarter-final rounds in All India Inter-University Football Tournament held at Jabalpur, M.P.

I seek the whole hearted support of the University Fraternity in my endeavour to lead this University to greater heights and in fulfillment of our motto which is "Greater Deeds Remain".

I wish you all A Happy Republic Day.

Jai Hind.

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