

*Brief Report on the Laying of Foundation Stone for PM-USHA
Projects and Inauguration of Facilities*

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The Special Guest Shri Neiphiu Rio, Honourable Chief Minister was received by the officials of the Department of Higher Education (HE) led by Shri Temjen Imna Along, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Shri Temsuyapang, Addl. Secretary, HE, Smti. V. Lovitoli Sema (NCS) Ex-officio Director, HE, Prof. Sanjay Sharma, Principal and Faculty of Dimapur Govt. College (DGC), Shri. M. Kire, State Project Director, PM-USHA, HE, Shri C.L. John, hon'ble minister of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Village Guards, Shri. Maotoshi Longkumer, hon'ble Advisor, Labour, Employment & Skill Development, Excise, Shri Mhathung Yanthan, hon'ble Advisor, Agriculture, Shri Tinojongshi Chang (NCS) Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur and a host of other dignitaries.

The Guard of Honour was performed by NCC unit of DGC for the Special Guest.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Laid the Foundation Stone of three building - New Academic Block, New Girls' Hostel and Skill Hub Building after which the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Commerce Block Building and proceeded to the College Auditorium for the formal programme.

The programme was chaired by Dr Maongkala Longchar, Associate Professor, Department of English.

The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Sanjay Sharma, Principal, DGC, who warmly welcomed everyone and mentioned that the addition of the 5 infrastructural projects was a defining moment for DGC and Higher Education. He further enunciated that the PM-USHA has kindled a hope for DGC in its pursuit for quality education. All these projects are a commitment of the College and Higher Education to impart Life Skills to the student community. He also highlighted that the NEP 2020 has been successfully implemented in the College and the College is looking forward to the introduction of STEM courses and Post Graduate courses in all disciplines.

This was followed by felicitation of the invited dignitaries by Ms Kezhaleü Hesso, Vice Principal and the Heads of Department.

Speeches were delivered by

- i. Smti. V. Lovitoly Sema, NCS, Ex Officio Director, Higher Education who in her speech spoke about how these developments represent the growth and commitment of the Higher Education for a better future for the students. She also stressed that keeping the vision of NEP 2020 in mind, the various projects signifies the State Government's commitment towards expanding skill development. She expressed confidence that the college's Skill Hub initiative will fulfil the various aspirations of the students by providing academic spaces for students and faculty. By providing environment conducive to learning, students' potential can be fulfilled for an all

round development. She also acknowledged the hard work and commitment of the Principal and the Teaching Faculty of the College.

ii. Shri M. Kire, State Project Director, PM-USHA, HE, gave a brief report on the PM-USHA Project. He highlighted how the former MHRD started the first phase of RUSA -1 to support the state governments and government aided colleges to gain access to higher quality.

In RUSA-II the Department of Higher Education availed and implemented 27 unit benefiting almost all the colleges in the state wherein there were construction of 4 libraries, 3 boys hostel, 2 girls hostel, to name a few. The funding system under RUSA (now PM-USHA) is 90% central and 10% State Government (90:10).

To avail funding under PM-USHA all the Government colleges submitted proposals but for the 1st phase 3 colleges were selected under 2 different components. (i) Infrastructure and (ii) Gender Equity components. Dimapur Govt. College is the only college in the state selected for both the components. The other 2 colleges are Zunheboto Govt. College, Zunheboto and Fazl Ali College, Mokokchung, who are selected for single component in the first phase.

He also mentioned that the commerce block was funded under negotiated loan from HUDCO (4.50 crores) and the construction started on 13th December 2019 and was completed on 10th October 2020 with 9 classrooms, 4 office rooms, and an intake capacity of 50 students per classroom.

iii. Shri Temjen Imna Along, Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education and Tourism in his speech thanked the Chief Minister for all his support towards the Department of Higher Education. The various facilities that are coming up under PM-USHA will be one of its kind in Nagaland. He also stressed that DGC is one of the best college not only in Nagaland but also in the region and said that this was a day when DGC was taking a new step towards new horizon.

A special song was presented by Ms Ngamlei, BA 5th Semester, Philosophy Honours.

In his speech, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Nagaland, Shri Neiphiu Rio, thanked the students and the faculty of DGC for warmly welcoming them. He mentioned that Nagaland has become very competitive and NAAC accredited colleges are coming up year by year. Coming to know that the gender ratio of students in DGC was much in favour of girls, he stressed that women were more focused, committed and less distracted. He also emphasized that for 22 years he fought for the 33% reservation for women and in 2024, ULB elections were held with 33% reservation through the agreement of the civil societies. Even in this election, women outperformed and got 8 extra seats in the general category and in one town council, an all women council was formed.

He enunciated that education was very important therefore even the poorest send their children to school because knowledge makes people free and when we are not equipped with knowledge one is without purpose. He mentioned that knowledge without character was dangerous and education should be provided with moral values. A College/Institute should work hard to win the trust of the people. DGC has no vacancy because of the best Faculty and students who are toppers. The College was not progressing only in infrastructure but also academically.

All good and bad things happen at Dimapur but College should teach education, morality and responsibility to the students so that when they graduate they become an asset and not a liability.

The success of students depend on collective effort of the teachers, parents and community. The implementation of various projects under PM-USHA and the infrastructural supports that are coming to DGC is well deserved.

The Government will continue to support and the Government can give support but the community and parents should be vigilant and see that quality construction come up.

Today because of the hardwork and labour, the College has earned the trust of the community. A full fledged science stream should also come up.

He also expressed hope that the college will continue to maintain its pass percentage above 90%. With more facilities it will foster motivation in teachers and students to work hard and progress and become the best. At this juncture meritocracy runs, he asserted.

Dimapur is declared as ASEAN Trans National Highway no 1 therefore he encouraged the youths to become responsible and avail all opportunities to make Nagaland better.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Vinyühu Lhoungu, IQAC Coordinator, DGC.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Students' Restroom at the Old Campus which was followed by refreshment for everyone at the College Canteen.

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