

ICFAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS NEARS COMPLETION

ICFAI LAUNCHES B.TECH PROGRAM.

On 21st April, 2011, Icfai University Mizoram (IUM) held a press meet at its permanent campus in Durtlang North. The interaction with the press was followed by a guided tour of the campus. The 43,000 sq.ft campus, which cost over 14 crores to build, is in the last stages of completion and is expected to be ready for the next academic session which will start on August 1, 2011. The building has been designed from the ground up and built keeping in mind that the campus lies in the Zone 5 earthquake prone area of Mizoram. The campus design includes various innovations including a rainwater harvesting system to offset some of the University's water requirements. The campus infrastructure plan includes provisions for 20 classrooms, workshops and laboratories to service the needs of the various programs offered by the University. The current campus constitutes block one and two of the University's master plan which has a provision for six academic blocks in total.

IUM was established by an act of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly in 2006. In 2009, the University was inspected by the UGC and subsequently given approval to grant degrees under the UGC Act 1956 (Section 22).

The University currently has more than 300 students enrolled in various programs including BBA, BCA, BHTM and MBA. Students are imparted up-to-date and contemporary knowledge with a strong focus on practical application. To this end, the University takes various initiatives to expose students to the real work environment like placement training and industrial tours to major companies. Over 100 students have graduated from the various programs offered by the University. These students are either employed or undertaking higher studies in various institutions and organizations inside and outside Mizoram and even abroad.

IUM launches B.Tech program

From the 2011-2012 academic session, IUM will be launching its B.Tech program. The program will offer specializations in various streams including Computer Science Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electronic & Communications Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. The initial batch of students in this program will study their 1st year in IUM and complete their 2nd 3rd and 4th years at either Icfai University Derahdun or Tripura where they will be granted their final degrees. Icfai University Derahdun and Tripura are recognized by the UGC and widely considered to be premier institutes for the B.Tech program. Mizo students who enroll in this special B.Tech program will be paying highly subsidised fees during their study at IUM in their first year.

IUM is unique among universities of its kind with respect to the initiatives it takes in the social sector. This includes The Alpha Foundation, an NGO which, among other activities, offers short courses for poorer section of the community in computer skills, spoken English, spoken Hindi, and vocational trades. The University also runs The Icfai Republic School (IRS) which offers Nursery to Class VIII schooling for less privileged children.

The Government of Mizoram has extended support to the University in a wide range of areas including widening of the access road and the provision of water supply to the University campus, and in various other issues for which the University has been very grateful.