



Educational Development
in the NE and J&K



In accordance with the extant instructions of the Government, all Central Ministries/Departments should earmark 10 per cent of their budget for specific programmes of development in the North Eastern Region. To the extent of shortfall in the utilisation of this provision by any Ministry/Department (except those specifically exempted) according to this norm, the amount would be transferred to a new reserve fund in the public account titled "Central Resource Pool for Development of North Eastern Region". An inter-ministerial committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER is administering this Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR).

Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)

The Empowered Committee administering the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) has so far, since its inception, in 1998-99, approved proposals worth Rs.480.68 crore for the development of educational infrastructure in the North Eastern Region (NER). Funds amounting to Rs.392.81 crore have been released as on 30.11.2005. Out of this Rs.14.84 crore has been released in 2005-06.

In the central sector, these proposals mainly relate to infrastructure development of central institutions like the five central universities in the North East. This includes construction of staff quarters, academic buildings, library buildings, administrative buildings and purchase of laboratory equipment, books, etc. The important central sector institutions in the North East Region are Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Itanagar, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Silchar, Regional Centre of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Central Universities of Assam, Tezpur, Mizoram, Nagaland and North Eastern Hill University (NEHU). Projects are in various stages of implementation.

Flow of Expenditure in NER

10 per cent of the Gross Budgetary Support (GBS)

excluding Externally Aided Project (EAP) is required to be spent for the development of North Eastern Region. The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has been able to step up expenditure in the NE Region under its several ongoing schemes. It has been able to exceed the 10 per cent target during the last three years. The Department of EE & L is also striving to increase its expenditure in the NE Region.

A provision of Rs.261.05 crore and Rs.1053.00 crore has been kept for NER under BE 2005-06 for the Departments of S&HE and EE&L respectively. Out of this an amount of Rs.187.57 crore and Rs.501.60 crore has been certified for expenditure on various schemes of the Departments of S&HE and EE&L till 31.1.2006.

Follow up Action on the HRM's Announcements

- i) The Government has decided to set up an Indian Institute of Management in the North Eastern Region at Shillong. The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is committed to provide Rs.15 crore for setting up of the IIM.
- ii) A High Level Group (HLG) under the chairmanship of Minister of Human Resource Development and comprising of the Chief Ministers, Education and Social Welfare Ministers of the NE States, was set up on 19.11.2004 for considering specific issues relating to all sectors of education and women and child development in the North Eastern States. The first and second meetings of the HLG were held at Guwahati on May 29, 2005 and at Delhi on January 10, 2006.
- iii) The Ministry has been pursuing the matter of reduction in State share under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) for the North Eastern States, with the Planning Commission. Also in the interim, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) would provide 15 per cent of the State's 25 per cent share out of the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) for the NE States for the remainder of the 10th Plan.
- iv) Funds have been released to the NE States for



setting up of Engineering and Management faculties in one Central University in each State and in one State University in States with no Central University. Steps have been initiated in all universities in this direction.

- v) The FM Gyanvani Stations at Guwahati and Shillong were dedicated to the Nation by Minister of HRD on 29.5.2005.
- vi) Indira Gandhi National Open University has associated itself with the training of teachers belonging to the States of North East as part of its efforts to contribute to the skill upgradation of teachers through the Distance Mode. The teachers are being trained through the Certificate in Primary Education (CPE) and Certificate in Elementary Teacher Education (CETE). The training is being conducted at Programme Study Centres including DIETs and Block Resource Centres, which have been established for this purpose. Translation of study material of CPE and CETE programmes in Khasi and Garo language has also been undertaken for the benefit of the students of the State of Meghalaya. As on 31.10.2005, 72 DIETs/CRCs had been approved, of which 6 were approved during 2004-05 and 2005-06. As regards CTE/IASEs, 16 institutions have been approved of which 3 were approved during 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Gol's Important Initiatives in NER

Elementary Education

All the North Eastern States are covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme. The total approved Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWA&B) of NE States for 2005-06 under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan amounts to Rs.600.49 crore. The Government has released Rs.328.55 crore as on 23.1.2006. This includes Rs.41.00 crore to Arunachal Pradesh, Rs.138.57 crore to Assam, Rs.13.27 crore to Manipur, Rs.19.25 crore to Meghalaya, Rs.16.53 crore to Mizoram, Rs.23.23 crore to Nagaland, Rs.6.00 crore to Sikkim and Rs.70.70 crore to Tripura.

Mid-Day-Meal Scheme launched by the Government

in August, 1995 aimed to improve enrolment, attendance and retention of children studying at Primary Stage as also their nutritional status. All States of North East are implementing the scheme under which cooked (mid-day-meal) is provided to the children. During 2005-06, approx, 68.15 lakhs children would be covered under the Scheme for which an amount of Rs.334.50 crore have been allocated for NE Region. Against this allocation, an amount of Rs.148.59 crore have been released to the States (as on 2-2-2006).

Secondary Education

The Central Government's major interventions in secondary education are through the setting up of the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs)

86 Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning in the NE Region with an enrolment of 53, 797. Out of these, 19 are under Project Sector and out of the remaining 67 KVs, construction of buildings has been completed in 34 KVs. An amount of Rs.18.30 crore under Plan has been sanctioned for 2005-06. Girl students are encouraged to participate in all-curricular and co-curricular activities of KVs and are exempted from the payment of tuition fees. Single girl children are exempted from the payment of Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) and Computer fees also.

The scheme of JNVs envisages residential schooling in each district. 76 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) have been sanctioned for the North Eastern States.

Higher and Technical Education

The Manipur University has been converted into a Central University by an Act of Parliament on 13.10.2005. The Government has also initiated action for the conversion of Arunachal and Tripura Universities into Central Universities, and are also considering a proposal to set up a Central University in Sikkim.

The Government has decided to establish 10 Rajiv Gandhi Chairs in Contemporary Studies in Central and State Universities including one in the North East Hill



University (NEHU), Meghalaya. Named after late Shri Rajiv Gandhi, these Chairs will, over time, evolve into Centres for Studies and Research on the themes on which he made an indelible impact on our society.

The Indira Gandhi National Open University and the Distance Educational Council (DEC) under the status of the IGNOU have the mandate to expand the reach of education through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) for higher education. The schooling needs in the ODL format are met by the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). The regional centres of both the NIOS and the IGNOU are spread in all regions. The reach of IGNOU's programmes in the North Eastern States has been further enhanced with the launch of Gyan Vani programmes in May 2005, from the new FM Radio stations at Guwahati and Shillong. Radio counselling is offered by the DEC. A new State Open University has been established by the State Legislature of Assam.

To utilise EDUSAT properly, a HUB, Studio and 50 SITs (Satellite Interactive Terminals) will be provided free of cost to each of the States in the North-East by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The project is being jointly implemented by the ISRO, IGNOU and the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

NCERT is setting up a separate North –Eastern Regional Institute of Education (NE-RIE) at Shillong to cater to the educational needs of North – Eastern States. The Institute is in the process of operationalisation. Presently, the educational needs of



these States continue to be covered under the Research Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar.

The Government has launched a project entitled “Technician Education III” with the assistance of the World Bank to expand capacity and improve the quality and efficiency and technician education to meet specific economic needs of each State. The project has been made effective from January, 2001 for duration of 5 years and covers the North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya & Sikkim and the Jammu & Kashmir.

The proposal for upgradation of the Tripura Engineering College, Agartala to the National Institute of Technology has been approved by the Minister of Human Resource Development, in principle. The Government is also in the process of establishing one Central Institute of Technology at Kokrajhar, Assam, to cater to the needs of Bodo People of the State of Assam, in particular, and NE Region, in general, by creating skilled manpower for the region.

Human Rights Education (HRE)

In pursuance of the UN General Assembly Resolution on 23 December, 1994, declaring the period 1995-2004 as the UN Decade for Human Rights Education, and Programme of Action finalised in October 1995, the Ministry of Home Affairs constituted a Drafting Committee to draw up an Action Plan. Department of Education was represented on the Committee. The Action Plan finalised by the Committee was approved by the Home Minister for adoption. It includes various programmes for spreading Human Rights Education among all constituents of the structured educational system as well as strategies for generating Human Rights awareness among the population outside the formal system of education. These action points are at various stages of implementation and are being monitored through regular review meetings with implementing agencies.

To create general awareness and reaching the special target group of children, video spots produced by CIET, NCERT are being disseminated through National and Gyan Darshan channels. National Curriculum



Framework – 2005 developed by NCERT focuses on HRE concerns. UGC has revised guidelines for the scheme of HRE during the 10th Plan. It provides financial support for Certificate, Under Graduate and PG Courses. It also provides support for organising seminars/symposia. Foundation courses of UGC has also included the HRE in their Model Curriculum on Human Rights and Duties Education. IGNOU has already started Certificate Course on Human Rights. IGNOU have also submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs for establishment of a National Resource Centre. National Book Trust (NBT) has published “A Handbook of Human Rights”, NBT has already published “Human Rights, a Source Book” in Assamiya, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu. Its publication in more regional languages has been envisaged. NCTE has developed self-instructional modules titled “Human and National Values” which has been disseminated to all teacher education institutions. They have also developed in collaboration with the NHRC, a Handbook titled “Discrimination Based on Sex, Caste, Religion and Disability – Addressing through Education Interventions”. The book has been sent to all Teachers Training Institutions, KVs, NVs, SCERTs as well as Governments of Union Territories.

Educational Development in Jammu & Kashmir

Technical Education

Two Polytechnics have been sanctioned at Leh & Kargil. The Board of Professional Entrance Examination has been requested to make admission in the first year of the Three Years Courses each in Leh and Kargil

Regarding additional financial support to the Government College of Engineering & Technology (GCET), Jammu, Rs.5.00 crore was released during 2004-05 for completion of construction activities of first phase of college campus. For current financial year proposal for Rs.5 crore is yet to be received.

Four new campuses for postgraduate study – two under

the University of Kashmir at Anantnag and Baramulla and two under the University of Jammu at Udhampur and Kathua have been set up. Rs.40 crore has already been released to the Universities of Kashmir and Jammu

Certain concessions/relaxations, including reservation of at least one seat in merit quota in technical/professional institutions, are being provided to Kashmiri migrant students in the matter of their admission to the educational institutions in other parts of the country on year-to-year basis. The Vice-Chancellors of all Universities have already been requested to ensure that these concessions are provided to the Kashmiri migrant students during the academic session 2005-06. The Ministry has also requested the Chairman, All India Council of Teacher Education (AICTE) for issuing similar instructions in respect of technical institutions.

During 2003-04, under the Scheme of Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernisation Programme (AIMMP) (Madarsa Component), an amount of Rs. 61.68 lakhs was released for teacher salary for 87 Madrasas. During 2005-06, no grant was released to State Government of J&K so far under the scheme of AIMMP.

14 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) one in each district of the State of Jammu & Kashmir have been established. All the 14 JNVs sanctioned in the State of J&K are functional.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Plan National Merit Scholarship Scheme, a grant of Rs.11, 94, 500/- has been sanctioned for distributing the scholarships to 238 scholars of Class IX and 148 scholars for Class XI and above during 2005-06.

Elementary Education and Literacy

For 2005-06, the Government has approved the Annual Work Plan and Budget of Rs.28345.16 lakhs (Rs.27558.04 lakhs + Rs.787.12 lakhs) for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL) Schemes, respectively, in J&K. In view of the devastating earthquake, the total share of Central assistance amounting to Rs.185.30



Locations for Degree Colleges approved by the Jammu & Kashmir Government		
Division	District	Location
KASHMIR	Anantnag (1)	Dooru
	Budgam(2)	Budgam, Beerwah
	Baramulla(3)	Bandipore, Pattan, Sopore (Women's College).
JAMMU	Jammu(3)	Samba, R.S.Pura, Akhnoor
	Kathua(3)	Hiranagar, Kathua (Women's College, Basohli
	Poonch(1)	Mendhar
	Rajouri(1)	Thana Mandi

crore (Rs.180.27 crore for SSA and Rs.5.03 crore for NPEGEL) has been released.

State Resource Centre, J & K is functioning since 1978 under the aegis of University of Kashmir, Srinagar. The SRC is providing academic and technical resource support to the literacy programme in the State. During 2005-06, a sum of Rs. 17.65 lakh has been released to the SRC, J&K.

Reconstruction Plan for J&K

Under the Reconstruction Plan for J&K announced by Prime Minister, during his visit to the State on 17&18 November, 2004:

- all the three districts i.e. Doda, Kargil and Poonch have submitted their Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) proposals. The TLCs have since been sanctioned in respect of Doda and Poonch districts and the first instalment of grant amounting to Rs. 46.66 lakh and Rs. 43.83 lakh respectively, has been sanctioned. As regards Kargil, TLC is yet to be

sanctioned for want of registration papers of Zilla Saksharta Samiti (ZSS) and Bank details from the district.

- The component for funding the full salary support for over 8,000 teachers (till the end of the Tenth Plan period) for the State Government's initiative of teaching English in primary schools across the state from pre-school stage will be made by the Planning Commission.
- In accordance with the announcement made by the HRM during his visit to the State on 25-26 June 2005, the State Government had also approved setting up of four new colleges at Bijbehara (Anantnag), Uri (Baramulla), Ramban (Doda) and Billwara (Kathua) announced by Minister of Human Resource Development.
- All the 14 Degree Colleges approved by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and set up at the locations given in table above have become operational from the current session.

