

**Tour Note of Shri Ram Muivah, IAS, Secretary North Eastern Council
to Manipur w.e.f. 03-04-2018 to 05-04-2018.**

1. Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus Manipur (IGNTU-RCM):

Inspected the progress of the following projects funded by NEC:

1. Indoor Stadium	-	} Rs. 943.32 lakhs
2. Football Playground	-	
3. Gallery	-	

The above three projects were in various stages of work. It was reported that nearly 80% of the fund were invested in knocking down/levelling of a steep hill to make way for a football ground and indoor stadium. Hence, it was difficult to measure the actual cost. Question arises about the wisdom of spending such a substantial amount of scarce resource for earth work alone. By looking at the progress of work it appears not commensurate with the amount spent. Under the circumstances an expert RLM/ Consultant should be deputed for conducting an urgent inspection and thorough assessment.

**Action: Economic Adviser (HR), Director (HRD&E),
Economic Adviser (E&M) & Adviser (T&C)**

2.0 Interaction with the faculty and staff of IGNTU-RCM:

In the course of interaction with the faculty and staff of IGNTU-RCM the following issues emerged:

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus Manipur (IGNTU-RCM), a Regional Centre of the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak was established in the year 2009 and started functioning from a temporary campus in the Adimjati Shiksha Ashram Complex at Imphal. The University is now functioning from it's permanent campus spread across 301 acres of land in the green and picturesque village of Makhani (Kangpokpi District, Manipur) located 25 kms away from Imphal city.

The university caters to the tribal's long cherished dream of higher education. One of the the major thrusts of the university is to provide avenues of higher education to the tribes whilst being open to all.

2.1 Departments:

1. Department of Political Science and Human Rights – M.A & Ph.D



2. Department of Social Work – M.S.W /Ph.D
3. Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology – M.A
4. Department of Tribal Studies – M.A
5. Department of Computer Science – M.C.A/Ph.D

2.2 Available Facilities/Infrastructure:

Administrative building, Faculty building, Library, Classrooms (12 Nos), Guest house and Canteen. Construction of a sports complex which consists of a football ground with gallery and indoor stadium is underway.

2.3 Urgent Issues:

- Non introduction or addition of new courses/departments has led down the expectations and aspirations of the tribal youths for higher education in the State.
- Very low strength of administrative staff, ratio of teaching to non-teaching staff is 4:1, wherein the UGC recommended ratio is 1:1.5
- No facilities such as hostel, auditorium and staff quarters which are very essential for creating a holistic learning environment.
- Less autonomy and minimal power to the Regional Campus hampering normal functioning. (Financial power delegated to Director is limited to Rs. 25,000/-)
- No separate budget allocation for IGNTU-RCM.
- Geographical distance between the University Headquarters (IGNTU, Amarkantak, MP) and IGNTU-RCM, Manipur.

2.4 Suggestions:

- Sanction of more number of non-teaching positions particularly for the post of Deputy Finance Officer, Section Officer, and ministerial Staff etc.
- More administrative and financial autonomy to the IGNTU-RCM will contribute towards solving most of the intrinsic problems.
- Speedy Infrastructural Development especially hostels for boys and girls, auditorium and staff quarter.
- The departments of Sociology and Social Anthropology, and Tribal Studies have been functioning with only guest faculties since the introduction of the course in 2013. Advertisement for teaching positions has been notified in August, 2017 by the University



Headquarters but the process for interview has not been held yet despite the urgent need to fill these positions.

- Grant of separate budget to IGNTU-RCM directly from UGC or allocation of separate budget by the University Headquarters.
- Introduction of new courses and opening of new departments in various fields including science, mass communication, commerce etc. This is important keeping in view that majority of the young graduates of the State especially the tribals move out of the State to seek higher education despite their weak economic status.
- Delinking of IGNTU-RCM from the University Headquarters and its upgradation to a full-fledged University.

3.0 The matter may be taken up with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

Action: Economic Adviser (HR), Director (HRD&E)



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Secretary

North Eastern Council

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