

7. **A Brief note about progress made by the University during XIth Plan:**

The guiding principles and major programmes of JNU are spelt out and embodied in the University Act itself. The First Schedule to the Act sets in detail the following objectives of the University.

“The University shall endeavour to promote the Study of the principles for which Jawaharlal Nehru worked during his life-time, national integration, social justice, secularism, democratic way of life, international understanding and scientific approach to the problems of society”.

In terms of Section 4 of the JNU Act, the objectives of the University are to disseminate and advance knowledge, wisdom and understanding by teaching and research by the example and influence of its corporate life and, in particular, the objects set out in the First Schedule to the Act as enumerated above.

In the light of the objectives of the University, the approach of the University has been to evolve the policies and programmes which will make the Jawaharlal Nehru University a distinct addition to the national resources in higher education rather than a mere quantitative expansion of facilities which already exist. The University has identified and is concentrating upon some major academic programmes which are also of relevance to national progress and development. JNU stands well recognized among world class institutions of higher learning. Recent survey by Pergmann Press has placed JNU Sciences publications as 4th most cited papers in the country.

Infrastructure - Work Progress & additional grants details for infrastructure:

New infrastructural projects were undertaken in a big way under OBC Expansion scheme and 11th Plan programme.

The University initiated a number of new activities in this plan period which have been completed and commissioned successfully namely upgradation of **Cyber Library**, modernization of Reading Hall in the Central Library, commissioning of the **Advanced Instrumentation Facility**, upgradation of the classrooms and seminar halls in various schools, improvement of Campus roads, signages, upgradation of electric power distribution, power backup campus lighting and several infrastructural development activities. The School of Physical Sciences building has been completed and the School is functional in the new building.

This also included upgradation of classrooms, lifts, toilets both in schools of studies and hostels, construction of a 544-seated state of the art hostel, Koyana, for girls, new buildings for School of Physical Sciences and Language Laboratory complex for School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies. All these have since been made

operational. Modernization of existing physical infrastructure and expansion of capacity is a continuous process in order to maintain standards and bring about both quantitative and qualitative changes.

Accordingly, major projects for upgradation and expansion of infrastructure to meet the growing demands have been initiated. These are:

- Construction of the JNU Convention Centre comprising of two big auditoriums and three lecture halls apart from Conference and other facilities. With the provision of some ancillary facilities, the Convention Centre will be operational very soon.
- Construction of a new 544-seated mega hostel with state of art infrastructure and other facilities for boys, a replica of Koyana hostel for girls which was made operational in July 2009, will be operational in July 2011. These two hostels together will accommodate 1100 students and thus ease the pressure for hostels to some extent.
- Construction of new annexes buildings for three large schools: School of Social Sciences, School of International Studies and School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies is progressing satisfactorily.
- Construction of two more buildings to give a fillip to research activities are: Special Centre for Molecular Medicine and Animal House. These are in the final stage of completion and are expected to be operational shortly.
- Construction of 112 dwelling units is also in the final stage of completion and will be ready for allotment this year.
- Construction of a new building for School of Computational and Integrative Sciences by the end of 2011.
- Gomti Guest House at JNU City Centre has been renovated and ready for commissioning with 42 double bed room suites and attached bathroom facility.
- As the University is expanding in size and population, concerted efforts have been made with Delhi Jal Board to meet our additional water requirements and the University has approached the Delhi Government to provide us a second feeder line of water.
- Extension of JNIAS and construction of 32 Type-III staff houses are also planned.