



From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk



Dear Colleagues and Students,

Namaskar!

Sikkim University was founded on 2nd July 2007, through an Act of Parliament, and has made significant progress since then. I have seen the University evolve since 2008. Despite various obstacles, we have worked hard to position Sikkim University as a leading academic and research institution in India, with the goal of creating skilled professionals for a global job market. I take great pride in the teamwork of our students, faculty, and staff who have focused on enhancing learning, teaching methods, and university management, ensuring our academic programme and administration flourish. We also recognize the vital contributions of past Vice-Chancellors, former statutory officers, and former staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who have left their mark on the University.

The construction of the permanent campus is progressing well, with 74% completed, thanks to support from the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission. The first phase of Package-1 is set for completion by this year, with six departments already moved. Our focus remains on improving facilities for students and staff while fostering a robust research environment, which is crucial for the University's future. The ongoing development of the campus will help overcome current challenges and enhance our ability to attract more students, faculty, and global partnerships.

I am pleased to announce the launch of the newly designed university website, which replaces the older static design with a more engaging and modern interface. Key features of the new website include:

A Dynamic Design with Modern CMS: The site employs a dynamic design using the latest Content Management System (CMS) - Drupal, ensuring ongoing technical support and multilingual options, including Hindi.

Improved User Navigation: The new design focuses on user-friendly navigation, making it simpler for visitors to find the information they need efficiently.

Video Support: Users can now view embedded videos on the website.

Accessibility Features: The site includes options for adjusting text size and contrast to improve user experience.

Features for Disabled Users: The website is compatible with screen readers, supports keyboard navigation, and allows for adjustable text sizes, making it accessible for visually impaired and differently-abled individuals.

GIGW Compliance: The website follows the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW) to ensure it is user-friendly and accessible.

Enhanced Search Functionality: The new website has an upgraded search engine for quicker information retrieval.

Improved Content Management: The switch to an advanced CMS enables more efficient content updates, ensuring information stays current.

Language Options: The previous version had limited language support, while the new site offers full multilingual capabilities in Hindi and English, following government standards.

On behalf of the University, I thank the System Management section and the Website Committee for their efforts in creating the new website. Infoneo Technologies Private Ltd worked alongside the System Management section on this project. I also appreciate the help from the Registrar, Finance Officer, Department of Mass Communication, and others in completing the new site.

As we move forward, let us remain dedicated to our principles of honesty, inclusion, and excellence. Together, our efforts will help establish Sikkim University as one of the top institutions.



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