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INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TEACHING- CLASSROOMS, LABORATORIES, SEMINAR HALLS, ETC

The institution has adequate infrastructural facilities for the smooth conduction of the classes, as well as the other requisite facilities, like well-equipped laboratories, principally for the science faculty students, as well as for Home Science, Geography, and Psychology departments. Each almost all the departments are in possession of computers, printers, as well as over-head projectors, such facilities are extended or made use of principally for teaching the postgraduate students. During Admissions and for annual examination, computer and internet facilities are extended to students for filling their online forms. The institution possesses a well-equipped Computer Science laboratory, with a sizeable number of computers, which more often than not, are extended to the teaching staff to facilitate their work related to the online submission of the practical or viva marks to the parent Kumaun University.

Having said that, the large enrolment of the students, hovering around 12,000 does impinge upon the smooth and effective learning process, with the space available per class BARELY ENOUGH to accommodate all the students. Nonetheless, efforts are taken to facilitate the attendance through creation of multiple sections of classes. Invariably, apart from a minor number of subjects, most subjects are taught, creating on an average two sections each. The institutions aim to extend the career-oriented vocational courses (self-financing), like Yoga, bio-technology, interior-decoration, as well as self-financed B. Ed course, not standing the near paucity of the space, does speak a lot about the efforts put in by the college administration towards greater optimization of the existing space. All these vocational or self-financed courses have adequate space and all the infrastructural facilities to cater to the needs of the enrolled students, inclusive of all the equipments (e.g., for B. Sc and M. Sc biotechnology courses, and ICT-based teaching for all), and required strength of teaching staff for each course.

Lately, we have started two additional job-oriented vocational courses in the institution- (i) Diploma in tourism and (ii) PG Diploma in Guidance and Counselling Skills course, being operated by department of Geography and Psychology, respectively. While at present, adequate space and books have been provided, efforts will be made to facilitate the teaching through ICT (LCD projector, computer, printers) will be made very soon. Lately, a small GIS-Remote Sensing laboratory, too has been established in the department of Geography to cater to the needs of the postgraduate students enrolled in Geography. However, the present facility in due course of time through incorporating the latest software, principally as relates to computation and statistics (SPSS), will extend the facility to the enrolled Ph. D research

scholars, too. We plan to establish a fully-functional GIS laboratory by the end of this academic year.

The college runs a CTE programme, managed by the department of B. Ed which holds a regular on an annual-basis, workshops for the government school teachers, to facilitate ICT-based teaching aids, basic grounding in computers, as well as to update the enrolled faculty (i.e., teachers participating in the CTE programme) with the changed syllabi. In fact, this CTE programme could be equated with the orientation or refresher courses mandated for the college enrolled faculty staffs. A room that can accommodate around 50 participants, is equipped with LCD projector and overhead projector.

Lastly, in addition to regular courses, the college also houses the IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University) and UOU (Uttarakhand Open University) extension cells. UOU has in its possession a seminar rom, well equipped with LCD projector. This facility, apart from being used for the UOU activities, is very often used for holding meets by the parent institute, i.e., for college purposes, as and when required.

Certified that the statement above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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