

SHRI RAMASAMY MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY SIKKIM
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VISION AND MISSION

The Vision of the University

- To emerge as a World – Class hub of knowledge acquisition and skill development by providing vast majority of population in India with a unique learner-centric model of education and making people of Sikkim living in remote areas get the benefit of higher education.

The Mission of the University

- To make learners accomplish a high degree of academic achievement and cherish their association with the SRM University, Sikkim forever
- To develop a knowledge repository of international standard and to be relevant globally
- To be in the forefront in building human resources by fostering freedom, empowerment, creativity and innovations
- To create employment avenues for the people of Sikkim
- To achieve the status of Centre of Excellence in Distance Learning arena
- To be flexible and accessible to vast majority of the adult learners.

CAMPUS

The SRM University Sikkim was established in the year 2013 in Gangtok.

FACULTIES AND PROGRAMS

With an aim to build a focused disciplinary engagement, the university introduced various Schools of Study namely School of IT, School of Management and Commerce, School of Hospitality and Tourism Studies and added the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies in the year 2017-2018. In the same year in concordance with the National Skill Development Mission, SRM University, Sikkim opened its School of Skill Building with two important courses namely, Bachelors of Vocation in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing and Software Development. Today SRM University, Sikkim stands tall with a total of 14 courses including the ones newly introduced such as B.Com (Hons.), M.Com and BA English (Hons.). The student strength of the university currently stands at 710 as it strives to march from strength to strength.

RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

“What we find changes who we become.” — **Peter Morville** . True to the saying, committed faculty members, research scholars, support staff and students at SRM University have demonstrated great passion.

The research section in the university is the intellectual repository where aspiring minds broaden their understanding of the subject they are interested in. SRM University, Sikkim has recently initiated the **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL** from the Academic Session 2017-2018. Thirteen candidates have been registered for the Ph.D. programme in the fields of Management, Commerce, Tourism and Hospitality, Information Technology, and Language and Literature.

Funded Projects

In the year 2017-18, the first funded project entitled ***‘Descriptive Epidemiology of Unintentional Childhood Injuries in India: An ICMR Task Force Multisite Study’*** by ***Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi*** was sanctioned to SRM University, Sikkim. The objectives of the research were to study the prevalence of unintentional injuries among children aged 6 months to 18 years and to determine the factors associated with unintentional injuries among children from 6 months to 18 years of age. A grant of Rs. 21,66,316/- (Rupees twenty one lakhs sixty six thousand three hundred and sixteen only) has been sanctioned for this project.

TEACHING LEARNING PROCESS

The courses offered in the university are oriented towards the overall development of the students with a strong emphasis on practical and hands on training to make them ready for a competitive job market.

The curriculum is periodically revised and updated keeping in mind the changing trends in professional studies.

PLACEMENT

The Placement cell is proficiently working for building industry-institution interaction and corporate relationship, to bring forth numerous avenues for the students' work life. The Placement Cell, with the support of Career Guidance Cell is not only facilitating Placement but also providing training for the students. The career guidance classes that has been included in the curriculum of every discipline caters to the students' personality development, personal grooming and aptitude building thereby making the students industry-ready.

Their endeavour to collaborate with leading corporate houses and other universities of repute have brought results by already placing some of our final year students in companies like, **Mercedes-Benz, Quadrant 4, Vernalis, Radisson, FRHS, Micro Labs, Google, Hiranandhini, RR Donnelley, Cambridge Technology, Godrej, TCS, Radisson, Teach for India**, outside Sikkim and **Thomson Digital, SIBin Group, HDFC Bank and SRM University** in Sikkim.

The placement percentage at SRM University, Sikkim was 95% in the year 2015-16 and 71% in the year 2016-17.

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Through the **CAMPUS EXCHANGE PROGRAM**, which is conducted every year, the final year students spend a month in SRM University, Kattankulathur Campus, Chennai, where they are given opportunities to learn and share ideas with a diverse range of students, faculty and industry personnel. The students are also taken to various Multi-National Companies for industrial exposure. They are provided with Placement training and placement opportunities during the visit. The programme is structured in such a way that the holistic development of the student is taken care of.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SRM University, Sikkim offers several scholarships and fee waiver schemes to meritorious and deserving students. Special scholarship schemes for Sikkim natives are provided by the university. The candidates nominated by HRDD Sikkim are provided with 25% of fee waiver and the Sikkim natives admitted to the University directly are provided with 15% of fee waiver. The most prestigious Founder's Scholarship for the School topper and School second topper was initiated in the academic year 2017-18. The students availing this scholarship were given 100 % and 50% waiver in the tuition fee, respectively. Wards of the employees of this university are also given fee concession up to 50%.

INSTITUTE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

“I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor?” – Mother Teresa had once famously stated. SRM University Sikkim, apart from rendering a yeoman service

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for the cause of education, also contributes its mite for those who live in and around the University premises.

On the Job Training and Career Counselling Programmes

With the view of contributing towards the quality of higher education in Sikkim, SRM University provides the students of Vocational IT courses from various Government schools with an intense 15-day 'On the Job Training Programme'. The programme focuses on enhancing the students' technical and entrepreneurial skills with a strong emphasis on personality development. Around 282 students from across 27 Government schools have been the beneficiaries of this programme. Alongside this, the representatives of the university have visited around 35 Government and private schools for conducting career counselling sessions.

A special training programme for the Army Personnel of ***Black Cat Divison*** was conducted, leading to the award of Certificate, Diploma and P.G. Diploma, to them. The objective behind this program was to hone up their skills in communication and computer, which could be useful to them after their retirement from the Army. The MOU was signed in July, 2016 and it is an ongoing project. 151 Diploma, 143 Advance Diploma and 8 P G Diploma have been awarded so far. This project was well received by the GOC and other officers and they are keen to use our expertise in other areas as well.

STUDENT'S ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The **National Service Scheme (NSS)** and the **Rotaract Club** of SRM University Sikkim provide the students with an avenue to conduct many self-empowerment and community based activities like blood donation camps, village empowerment programs, social awareness

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rallies, Inter club exchange programs and various club meets thereby sensitizing them to become leaders, team players, and a society and service oriented personnel.

To inculcate a holistic development in students, SRM University offers a rich cultural exposure to the students. They get opportunities to participate in various competitions at various levels and strengthen their abilities.

In the past years, the students of SRM University have bagged many awards at the Regional and National levels. To mention a few, the university bagged the 2nd Prize in the SPOTLIGHT, an inter-college cultural competition for the colleges of North Bengal and Sikkim, organised by T2, The Telegraph in 2014 and 2015.

Our students also won the Excellence Award in the Abhyodaya, 12th National Hospitality Talent Hunt, 2017, organised by the Faculty of Hotel Management, Haldwani of Amrapali Group of Institute, Nainital.

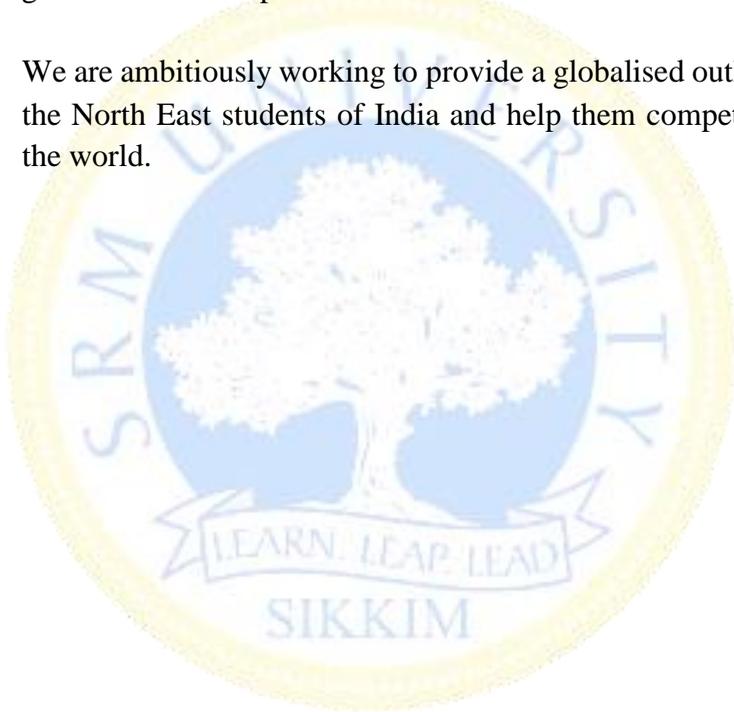
Recently, the university bagged 3rd prize in IGNITE, an Inter-College cultural and literary competition at the regional level organised by the Inner-wheel of the Rotary Club, Gangtok.

FUTURE PLANS

- The Rotaract Club and the NSS wing of SRM University, Sikkim, with the support of Government of Sikkim plan to adopt village of Sikkim to develop it into a model village with all the necessary resources and facilities like, pucca roads, effective drainage system, proper sanitation, improved healthcare and awareness on various social and health issues.

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- We are looking forward to introduce innovative courses and new Schools such as Social Sciences, Engineering, Ayurveda, etc. to give diverse avenues for the aspiring young minds.
- An intense plan to build SRM University Sikkim as a hub for research in relevant areas pertaining to Sikkim and help in its growth and development is also on cards.
- We are ambitiously working to provide a globalised outlook to the North East students of India and help them compete with the world.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

We, at SRM , create a game changer in every student who passes out of our portals.

We work hard and work tirelessly in moulding the future of the wards, who flock in year after year.

We inculcate in them moral values , help them shape their character to be selfless and sacrificing.

Because, as an institution, we believe in what Swamy Vivekananda had proclaimed:

Quote

“Give up the idea that by ruling over others you can do any good to them. But you can do just as much as you can in the case of the plant: you can supply the growing seed with the materials for the making up of its body, bringing to it the earth, the water, the air, that it wants. It will take all that it wants by its own nature; it will assimilate and grow by its own nature” Unquote.

Jai Hind.