

# **MATERIAL FOR PRINTING OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH FOR THE YEAR 2015-16**

## **NORTH EASTERN INSTITUTE OF FOLK MEDICINE (NEIFM), PASIGHAT**

### **1. Introduction**

The North Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine (NEIFM) is a National Institute, under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. It is being developed as a Centre of Excellence and apex research centre for all aspects of Folk Medicine knowledge with linkages and collaborations with other research institutions. It is located at Pasighat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh. It is headed by a Director with supporting staff. The northeastern region of India, comprising the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura, endowed with a rich biodiversity of flora and fauna, has a rich and vast heritage of traditional folk medicine practices, remedies and therapies. The aims and objectives of the NEIFM are to survey, document and validate folk medicine practices, remedies and therapies prevalent in the region, with a view to revitalize, promote and harness these local health traditions. The NEIFM will create an interface between traditional/folk medicine practitioners and research institutions to enable proper understanding of folk medicine. It will help to upgrade the skills and build and enhance capacities of traditional/folk medicine practitioners, while protecting their intellectual property rights. Where feasible, validated folk medicine practices will be integrated into the mainstream healthcare system, and made available for the public at the primary healthcare level. The Institute has been registered as Society with the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh under Societies Registration Act, 1860.

### **2. Infrastructure**

The works taken up in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase were the Construction of Institute building alongwith Hospital block and Guest House covering a plinth area of 40,000 sq.ft and 2100 sq.ft respectively through HLL Lifecare Ltd. The Creation of an ethno-medicinal plants Garden is under progress within the 40 acre complex.

### **4. Achievements**

- (i) The NEIFM building is completed except some rectification works. The procurement process of Equipments & Furniture is in progress. The work on Boundary wall is in progress. The NEIFM office alongwith OPD has been shifted to the new building.

- (ii) The Institute is running an OPD with an Ayurvedic Doctor and 3 folk medicine practitioners, with an average of 25-30 patients per day. Total 1650 Nos. patients have been treated upto Nov,2015.
- (iii) Proposal consisting of Recruitment Rules & Creation of Posts for NEIFM is under consideration of the Ministry.
- (iv) Proposal for Phase-II for const. of Residential complex has been submitted to the Govt.

## **5. Budget**

(Rs in Crore)

Head	PLAN	NON-PLAN	TOTAL
Budget Estimate 2015-16	6.40	0.00	6.40
Revised Estimate 2015-16	3.47	0.00	3.47
Actual Expenditure	0.57	0.00	0.57

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