



'NEHU has fulfilled important objective of India's higher education system'



From left : Prof. B. Myrboh, Prof. André Bétéille, Dr K. K. Paul, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, Dr. Mukul Sangma, Prof. P. Shukla and Prof. E. D. Thomas stand for the national anthem. (Contributed photo)

President Pranab Mukherjee called for “innovative changes” in the field of higher learning with stress on “culture of excellence” at the 21st Convocation of the North-Eastern Hill University on October 22.

Despite a shutdown called by Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC), thousands of students attended the function which also saw the presence of Dr.

K.K. Paul, Governor of Meghalaya, Dr. Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Prof. Andre Beteille, Chancellor of NEHU and Prof. P. Shukla, Vice Chancellor of NEHU.

The President went on to say that the delivery of higher education in India cannot be allowed to continue in a routine fashion any longer. “There has to be an elevated level of urgency amongst the

administrators and academicians to introduce innovative changes in the institutions,” he said. “Core problems have to be addressed expeditiously. A culture of excellence has to be promoted by allowing adequate flexibility in different aspects of academic management. One or two departments in every university that has core competency in a particular discipline, has outstanding faculty and has the potential to

be developed into a centre of excellence, has to be adequately supported,” he added.

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The President singled out the Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies in NEHU, which he said, is working towards realizing the artistic and cultural aspirations of the people. Urging the authorities to give their support to turn this department into a centre of excellence in a time bound manner, the President informed that the Centre is collaborating with the indigenous community to preserve, project and promote the rich diversity of the northeast. With the help of UGC, it is setting up a North-East India Centre for Diversities to showcase the rich diversity in the region, he further informed.

The President said according to many international surveys, Indian universities are not reckoned amongst the top universities in the world. These rankings are based on certain specific criteria. “The standards of our universities are much higher than what the rankings suggest but the Universities have not been able to adequately present our cases for a higher ranking”, he informed.

Pointing out that it is over 80 years now



The Academic Procession makes its way to the dais. (Contributed photo)

since an Indian University produced a Nobel Prize winner, namely Dr. CV Raman, the President said that Dr. Amartya Sen, Dr. S. Chandrashekar and Dr. Hargobind Khorana were all graduates of Indian Universities but got their Nobel Prizes while working in US Universities. The President said we in India have the best teachers, students and the talent but we are not coordinated well. If we can make the right call at the right time, we will get the necessary response.

Citing the example of IIM Kolkata, the President said he was able to provide assistance to its Finance Lab as Finance

Minister and he was informed just a few days back by IIM authorities that a recent Financial Times survey has ranked IIM-Kolkata as No. 1 in Finance and No. 2 in economics among the top 70 global business schools that offers Masters in Management programme.

The President said NEHU has acted as a centre of empowerment of the people in North-Eastern region. He expressed his happiness over gender parity in the student population, with a 1:1 male-female ratio and the fact that women outperform men beyond the ratio. He said NEHU has fulfilled an important

objective of India’s higher education system.

Earlier, the President also inaugurated an Innovation Club and witnessed an exhibition of Traditional Herbal Practitioners. He also witnessed the NEHU Professors’ Patents Exhibition.

Around 2,452 students received their degrees today in the presence of the President. Another 5,912 students received their degrees in absentia. Among those who were conferred with PhD degree, included Meghalaya urban affairs minister M. Ampareen Lyngdoh.

University Court Members

The Vice-Chancellor has nominated seven Principals of Colleges as members of the University Court for a period of 3 years with effect from September 12. This was informed by the Assistant Registrar (Conference).

The members are Director, MBBS College, NEIGHRIMS, Shillong,

Principal, Nongrum College, West Garo Hills, Principal, Khrawsing Christian College, Mawphlang, Director, Regional Institute of Science & Technology, Ri-Bhoi District, Principal, St. Edmund's College, Shillong, Principal, St. Anthony's College, Shillong and Principal, Lady Keane College, Shillong.



The reception committee awaits for the arrival of the President. (Contributed photo)



Mr Pranab Mukherjee cuts the ribbon during the inauguration of the Innovation Club. (Contributed photo)



Mr. Pranab Mukherjee checks out a stall at the Innovation Club. (Contributed photo)

New Deans

Dr. S. N. Lamare, Associate Professor, Department of History has been assigned the additional duties and responsibilities of the office of the Dean, Students' Welfare. He continues to be the teacher-in-charge of Sports Department.

Meanwhile, the Vice-

Chancellor has appointed Prof. (Mrs) B.M. Jyrwa of the Department of Physics and Prof. (Mrs) B. War of the Department of Khasi as Deans, School of Physical Sciences and School of Humanities, respectively, for three years with effect from February 1, 2014.

On and Beyond the Inner Line Permit : A Report

For the last three months, Meghalaya has been in the grip of the agitation over the Inner Line Permit (ILP). The civil society organizations advocating the ILP have virtually brought the state to a grinding halt through *bandhs*, *rasta-rokos*, picketing, rallies and other agitational programmes.

Rejecting the demand for the ILP, the government of Meghalaya has proposed the Tenancy Bill to deal with the problem of the influx. The deadlock between the government and the pro-ILP groups has become the concern of peace loving people of Meghalaya. The ILP agitation and the government's reactions to it have stirred up intellectual debates in the state. It is in this background that on November 27, the Department of Political Science, NEHU, in collaboration with ICSSR-NERC has organized a brainstorming session on the theme, "Vision for Democratic and Progressive Meghalaya: On and Beyond the Inner Line Permit", bringing together

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politicians, social activists, intellectuals, Church representatives and student leaders.

The brain storming session thoroughly discussed different aspects of the ILP – its history, the demand for its implementation, the course and consequences of the ILP movement, the role of government, opposition

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and the NGOs. Contrary to the general impression that the ILP was introduced by the British to protect the culture, identity and interests of the tribal people, R.G. Lyngdoh, Vice-Chancellor of Martin Luther Christian University contended that the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act of 1873 was introduced basically to protect the outsiders and the British justification for the Act changed from time to time. While he expressed the belief

that the colonial act has little relevance to the needs of the present times, Sadon Blah, lecturer of Seng Khasi College and also an NGO leader and Robert K. Jharin, citing the Indian Penal Code, argued that the Act does not become irrelevant just because it had its roots in the colonial history. What is needed is to see

whether it is still relevant to the present times or not.

There was a general consensus among the panellists that the demand for the ILP emanates from real or perceived threat perceptions of the indigenous communities about the continuing influx. Defending the ILP, Blah and Jharin affirmed that the demand for ILP is a part of the indigenous peoples' quest for their ethnic identity and

right to self-determination. It emanates from the natural fear of that the tribal community, that it would be swamped by the invasion of immigrants from outside. They pointed out how the factories established by non-tribal companies have polluted the environment and did little to solve the problem of unemployment of the indigenous peoples. The laws such as ILP are therefore necessary to protect the tribals who have not yet become powerful enough to compete with big non-tribal industrialists and entrepreneurs. They said that once they have built a strong house of their own, the tribals can open it for others. Dr. R.K. Satapathy, Associate Professor, Political Science, NEHU quoting the Census data and the voters' list pointed out that the population of non-tribal population is actually decreasing in the state. Blah contended that many migrants who enter the state do not get enlisted in the Census and in voters list.

The session witnessed interesting ex-

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change of ideas on the issue of identity. Blah affirmed that tribals may collude with non-tribals, but they will never merge with them. The tribals aspire to protect the culture and identity of the tribal people. But many panellists questioned the very idea of unchanging identities and culture. Obadiah Lamshwa Lamare, Research scholar, Political Science Department, NEHU, pointed out that changes in tribal culture is taking place more because of the changes in the mode of production, more than the changes imposed by people coming from outside. Jenniefer Dkhar, columnist argued that the Khasis were always open to outside influences and they have made progress by assimilating many good traditions and practices of the others.

Contradicting the views expressed by pro-ILP groups, many panellists felt that the ILP cannot protect the tribal interests. Lyngdoh cautioned against making public policies based purely on emotions. Objective study of facts should precede making

of any policy. H.H. Mohrmen, columnist pointed out that when even the Sixth Schedule, Autonomous District Councils and the formation of tribal state could not protect the interests of the tribal people, how anyone can expect the ILP to be effectively implemented in the state, given the rampant corruption prevalent in the

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agencies executing the public policies. Dr. Sumarbin Umdor, Associate Professor, Economics Department, NEHU and Dkhar pointed out in the age of liberalization and globalization, it is increasingly becoming difficult even for the powerful states like the US, Japan to check the illegal migration. Lamare expressed the fear that the ILP only prevents the poor non-tribals from entering the state, but the real exploiters, who are rich, will have no problem in entering and looting the state. Jemino Mawthoh, Nongthymmai MLA

said that he also has some reservations against the ILP, but pointed out that the government could have at least tried to implement it in some parts of the state on an experimental basis and then see whether the ILP can be replicated for the whole of the state or not. However, Lyngdoh, citing the reservation

policy, cautioned that a policy once made is difficult to withdraw. While Blah blamed opportunism and lack of political will on the part of the government, Lyngdoh cited legal barriers to what the state government can or cannot do.

The panellists also reflected on the impact of the ILP movement on the economic development. Many panellists cited the negative impact of the ILP on the flow of capital and tourists in the state. Fr. P.V. Joseph, Director, Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures

(DBCIC) complained that ever since the agitation started, the number of visitors to the Don Bosco Museum in Shillong has drastically reduced, making it difficult for the management to pay salaries for its employees, who are mostly the Khasis. Blah and Jharin opined that the ILP can be implemented without harassing the tourists and the local non-tribal inhabitants. But the claim was contested by some panellists, who thought that the ILP can turn to be racist and anti-non-tribal. Recordius Kharbani, a student of Political Science, NEHU held that the entry of the non-local labourers is facilitated by the inaction of the traditional elite and the vested interests of the modernizing indigenous elite. As against it, Dkhar affirmed that there has been demand for labourers from outside because the indigenous peoples lack skills and have aversion to take up hard and menial jobs.

There was considerable debate over the course of the move-

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ment. While Mawthoh held that the government's adamant attitude is responsible for the impasse, some participants asked whether the pro-ILP NGOs and the opposition parties are not equally responsible. Although many panellists admitted the right of the NGOs to pursue their demand for the ILP, they questioned whether the agitators need to take to violent *bandhs*, *rasta-rokos*, arson and killing of the innocents. Dkhar asked why the pro-ILP groups can't adopt peaceful, Gandhian methods such as hunger strikes, rallies, *dharnas*, etc., to ventilate their point of view. Some panellists criticised the racism and politics of hate, and alleged that the movement for ILP is used by some for personal political gains. On their part, Blah and Jharin stated that they do not have anything against the non-tribal inhabitants of Meghalaya and that their fight is only against the immigrants who are entering the state with vested interests. They

declared that they are open-minded and that they are ready for modified ILP that suits the requirements of the changing times.

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development of the state.

Dkhar pleaded that instead of building walls, we need to build bridges uniting all sections of the people. We need to learn from the football teams in the state, which have tribal, non-tribal and even foreign players. Invoking biblical faith, Fr. P.V. Joseph appealed to the people to give up violence and hatred and develop positive attitude and brotherhood. Many felt that it is not through emotional outbursts, but through dialogue and discussions that it is possible to come to arrive at solutions to all problems of the people of Meghalaya.

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tem has failed to empower the students. Citing the tottering rural economy in the state, Fr. P.V. Joseph felt the need for concentrating on rural reconstruction by empowering the youth by imparting education and entrepreneurial skills. Dr. Umdor felt that by plugging leakages in tax collections, we can accumulate sufficient funds needed for

On behalf of the organizers, Dr. H. Srikanth, professor, Political Science Department thanked all the participants for their active participation and promised that efforts would be made to publish the proceedings of the discussion so that more people come to know about the positive and creative ideas that emerged out of the brainstorming session.

Management Fest-Mosaic held

The annual Management Fest-Mosaic was held on November 12 at NEHU Tura Campus. Organised by the Department of Management, this year's theme was 'Think Prosperity Think Green'.

In his inaugural speech, Mr. W.D. Sangma, Parliamentary Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya (Education & Home) appreciated the efforts of the department in sensitising the students regarding management education. He also assured cooperation for the growth of the department in the years to come.

Meanwhile, Prof. E.D. Thomas, Pro-Vice Chancellor of NEHU, Tura campus lauded the Department of Management for organising various academic as well as students' events.

Prof. J.U. Ahmed, Chairman and Head of the Department highlighted the performance of the department in various academic activities.

While appreciating the efforts of the students, he also listed the impact of organising such programmes on the youth.

While introducing the theme of the Mosaic, Prof. G. Singaiah touched on the adverse effects of degradation of natural resources and stressed on the preservation of nature for sustainable development of the region.

Earlier, Mr. Sunildro L.S Akoijam, Teacher-in Charge delivered the welcome address while Mr. Dandee T.W. Momin, Organising Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

The day long programme saw various literary and socio-cultural events like photography contest, extempore speech, debate competition, quiz, slow food competition, poster making competition, ad-making competition, fashion show and rock show organised by students from various colleges and educational institutions.

Tura Campus gets four new departments

Four new academic departments — Agri-Business Management & Food Technology, Horticulture, Computer Science and History & Archaeology — were launched at the NEHU, Tura Campus on October 28. A new programme of study — MBA service Management – was also launched on the occasion.

Prof. E.D. Thomas, Pro-Vice Chancellor of NEHU, Tura campus highlighted the various initiatives taken up by the campus such as shifting of the departments to the permanent campus and the opening of various new academic departments and programmes during the 2013-14 session. He has also focussed on the future course of action for the growth and development of NEHU, Tura Campus.

Prof. Milton Sangma, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, appreciated the academic contribution of the campus in the development of the northeast region.

Earlier, Prof. J.U. Ahmed, convener of the organising committee welcomed the gathering and introduced the programme. Prof. C.P. Suresh introduced the new academic departments while Prof. G. Singaiah proposed the vote of thanks.

“Humans cannot create matter. We can, however, create value. Creating value is in fact, our very humanity. When we praise people for their strength of character we are actually acknowledging their ability to create value”.

—Anonymous

International Journal released

The inauguration of the International Journal of Applied Management Research (IJAMR) of the department of Management was held on November 29, at the conference hall of the department at NEHU Tura Campus.

The occasion also saw the release of the first issue of the international journal by Prof. E.D Thomas, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Mr. B. Laltanpuia, Director of SRC-NEHU, Shillong.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Thomas lauded the achievement of the Department of Management in various academic activities as



Copies of the journal are displayed at the inaugural function. (Contributed photo)

well as for releasing the first issue of the international journal.

Prof. J. U. Ahmed, chief editor, in his welcome speech highlighted the basic idea behind publication of the international journal, which is to offer a platform to researchers to excel in the management

field. He also praised his colleagues for their modest attempt and hoped that this effort will aid in teaching and research.

Meanwhile, Dr. Deepak Bhagat, Managing Editor of the journal stressed on the need of quality research in the field of

management and allied disciplines. He further stated that the journal would help in enhancing the quality of research in the field of management.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. G. Singaiah.

Special Winter School in Management Sciences

The Department of Management, NEHU, Tura campus and UGC-Academic Staff College, NEHU, Shillong jointly organised a 23-Day Special Winter School in Management Sciences from September 2nd to 24, 2013.

Participants from different higher educational institutions namely NEHU, Tura Campus, Don Bosco College, Tura, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Itanagar, Institute of Co-operative Manage-

ment, Imphal and Nagaland University, Nagaland took part in the programme. The sessions were facilitated and powered by learned professors from NEHU, Tura and Shillong Campuses, Guwahati University, Guwahati and Manipur University, Imphal.

In the inaugural session held on September 2nd, Prof. J.U. Ahmed, HOD & Chairman, Organizing Committee, welcomed all the dignitaries and participants. He stressed the

significance of management science in the present scenario and highlighted the relevance of such programmes for refreshing the researchers and young faculty members for academic pursuit. Introducing the programme, Dr. Kh. Devananda Singh, coordinator, focussed on the objectives of organising the winter school. Prof. Rakesh Mohan, Director, UGC-Academic Staff College, NEHU, Shillong, in his address, highlighted that imparting new knowledge in manage-

ment and relevant disciplines among the young faculties is highly important to achieve goals of higher education. Chief Guest, Prof. E.D. Thomas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Tura Campus, emphasized on the importance and need of organizing such programmes. He praised the department of Management for initiating various relevant academic programmes. Prof. G. Singaiah, Advisor of the programme, proposed the vote of thanks.

State Resource Centre (NEHU) felicitated



(L to R) Prof. G. Singaiah felicitating Mr. B. Laltanpuia with memento. Prof. J. U. Ahmed felicitating Prof. E. D. Thomas with memento. (Contributed photo)

The Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus felicitated the State Resource Centre (SRC), NEHU, Shillong on receiving the prestigious Saakshar Bharat Award 2013, at a felicitation programme held on November 29.

The award was presented by Mr Pranab Mukherjee, President of India to Mr. B. Laltanpuia, Director, SRC, Shillong and Prof. E.D. Thomas, Vice-Chairman of SRC, Shillong on behalf of SRC for outstanding contribution in the field of literacy and adult education on September 8 to mark the occasion of International Literacy

Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Prof. J.U. Ahmed, Chairman and Head of Department of Management, in his welcome speech congratulated both the guests and appreciated them and SRC for their considerable positive changes and efforts in the field of literacy and adult education. He highlighted that the centre managed to bring together various governmental and non-governmental agencies for the purpose of expanding the horizon of adult education and gather enormous intellectual and financial resources for a positive development of

unorganized and uneducated adults.

Citations in honour of Mr. B. Laltanpuia, and Prof. Thomas were also read out by Dr. Bimal Debnath and Mr. Sunildro L.S. Akoijam respectively. The felicitation mementoes were presented to the guests by Prof. Ahmed and Prof. G. Singaiah.

Prof. Thomas, who is also the Pro-Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Tura Campus thanked the Department of Management for organising the felicitation programme. As a former Director of SRC, NEHU, Shillong, he felt that various

activities should be organised in the field of literacy and adult education.

Mr. Laltanpuia also thanked the department for honouring SRC's hard work and efforts in eradicating illiteracy in the region. He went on to discuss various developmental activities carried out by the centre for enhancing literacy and adult education in the region. He further promised to implement the directions given by Prof. Thomas in eradicating illiteracy from this region.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Singaiah.

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Ph.D Awardees

Ms. Febreena Grace Lyndem has been awarded a PhD in Botany by the University for her thesis titled *Effect of coal stock drainage on the soil and ecophysiology of paddy and potato crops in Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya*. Ms. Lyndem worked under the supervision of Prof. R.C. Laloo.

Ms. Athoibi Nongmaithem has been awarded a PhD in Environmental Science by the University for her thesis titled *Study on biodiversity of soil arthropods in forests and agroecosystems of Meghalaya*. Ms. Nongmaithem worked under the supervision of Dr. D. Paul (Supervisor) and Prof. L.K. Jha (Jt. Supervisor).

Ms. Mautushi Das has been awarded a PhD in Botany by the University for her thesis titled *Effect of coal mining on the periphytonic and benthic algal communities in the streams of Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya*. Ms. Das worked under the supervision of Dr. Papiya Ramanujam.

Ms. Christina Kharlukhi has been awarded a PhD in Linguistics by the University for her thesis titled *Morphological typology of Tibeto-Burman languages with special reference to Mara, Biata, Monsang and Halam*. Ms. Kharlukhi worked under the supervision of Prof. J.

War.

Ms. Sudipta Dey has been awarded a PhD in Environmental Science by the University for her thesis titled *Nutritive value of wild edible insects of Meghalaya*. Ms. Dey worked under the supervision of Dr. D. Paul.

Ms. Rajkumari Kheda-sana has been awarded a PhD in Biotechnology & Bioinformatics by the University for her thesis titled *Studies on genetic basis of variation in genus cucumis*. Ms. Khedasana worked under the supervision of Prof. S.R. Rao.

Ms. Barbara S. Sangma has been awarded a PhD in English by the University for her thesis titled *A'Chick (Garo) theatre: A case for Indian folk theatre*. Ms. Sangma worked under the supervision of Dr. J. Prodhani (Supervisor) and Dr. F.K. Marak (Jt. Supervisor).

Ms. Sarita Pradhan has been awarded a PhD in English by the University for her thesis titled *The Subaltern Speaks: A study of three contemporary women poets of the Indian subcontinent*. Ms. Pradhan worked under the supervision of Dr. Utpala Sewa.

Mr. Letminthang Khongsai has been awarded a PhD in Anthropology for his thesis titled *Bio-social determinants of fertility and*

child mortality among the Khongsai Kukis of Manipur. Mr. Khongsai worked under the supervision of Dr. D.K. Limbu.

Ms. Hygina Siangbood has been awarded a PhD in Botany by the University for her thesis titled *Studies on diversity, productivity and nutrient content in algal communities of Umiew River, Meghalaya*. Ms. Siangbood worked under the supervision of Dr. Papiya Ramanujam.

Mr. Shiv Kumar Prasad has been awarded a PhD in Environmental Science for his thesis titled *Biochemical responses and ultrastructural changes under environmental stress in some hill stream fishes of Meghalaya*. Mr. Prasad worked under the supervision of Dr. O.P. Singh.

Ms. Charisma K. Lepcha has been awarded a PhD in Anthropology by the University for her thesis titled *Religion, culture and identity: A comparative study on the Lepchas of Dzongu, Kalimpong and Llam*. Ms. Lepcha worked under the supervision of Prof. T.B. Subba.

Mr. Jacob Myrten has been awarded a PhD in Education for his thesis titled *A study of scientific and general intelligence in relation to the level of academic achievement in Science among Higher Secondary stu-*

dents in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya. Mr. Myrten worked under the supervision of Prof. S.M. Sungoh.

Ms. Deisa Cara Laloo has been awarded a PhD in Education for her thesis titled *A study of personality patterns and educational aspirations of Secondary school students in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya*. Ms. Laloo worked under the supervision of Prof. S.M. Sungoh.

Ms. Angeleen Lyngdoh has been awarded a PhD in Education for her thesis titled *A study of social intelligence in relation to teaching aptitude of student teachers in the state of Meghalaya*. Ms. Lyngdoh worked under the supervision of Prof. S.M. Sungoh.

Mr. Synsharlang Nongkhaw has been awarded a PhD in Education for his thesis titled *Evaluation of Higher Secondary Examination system in Meghalaya: An analysis*. Mr. Nongkhaw worked under the supervision of Prof. C. Nongbri.

Ms. Maisnam Manorama Devi has been awarded a PhD in Zoology for her thesis titled *Studies on distribution and biology of an ornamental fish, *puntius shalynius yazdani* and talukdar in Meghalaya*. Ms. Devi worked under

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the supervision of Dr. S.N. Ramanujam.

Ms. Bathsheba G. Pyngrope has been awarded a PhD in Geography for her thesis titled *Identification and assessment of potentials of ecotourism sites in Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya*. Ms. Pyngrope worked under the supervision of Dr. L. Cajee.

Mr. Henry N. Pangamte has been awarded a PhD in Chemistry for his thesis titled *Quantum chemical investigations on Arynes: Quinolynes and isoquinolynes*. Mr. Pangamte worked under the supervision of Prof. R.H.D. Lyngdoh.

Ms. Sharalyne Khyriemujat has been awarded a PhD in Sociology for her thesis titled *A sociological study of kaniyam Khasi*. Ms. Khyriemujat worked under the supervision of Prof. N. Kumar.

Ms. Mildonna Swer has been awarded a PhD in Botany by the University for her thesis titled *Population structure and natural regeneration of Himalayan yew (taxus wallichiana zucc.) in subtropical forests of Meghalaya*. Ms. Swer worked under the supervision of Prof. Uma Shankar (Supervisor) and Dr. B.P. Bhatt (Jt. Supervisor).

Ms. Ruth Laldinthar has been awarded a PhD in Botany by the University for her thesis titled *Role of earthworms on soil microbial diversity and leaf litter decomposition in soils from selected forests stands of Meghalaya*. Ms. Laldinthar worked under the supervision of Prof. M.S. Dkhar (Supervisor) and Dr. H. Kayang (Jt. Supervisor).

Mr. Ivanteilang War has been awarded a PhD in Education for his thesis titled *A study of multigrade teaching in Primary Schools in Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya*. Mr. War worked under the supervision of Prof. S.M. Sungoh.

Ms. Anamika Upadhaya has been awarded a PhD in Environmental Science by the University for her thesis titled *Biodiversity and nutritive value of semi-wild and wild citrus species of Meghalaya*. Ms. Upadhaya worked under the supervision of Dr. S.S. Chaturvedi (Supervisor) and Prof. B.K. Tiwari (Jt. Supervisor).

Mr. Vimal Kant has been awarded a PhD in History for his thesis titled *Evolution of caste consciousness and its impact on power relations in Bihar: A historical study (1937-1967)*. Mr. Kant worked under the supervision of Dr. A.K. Thakur.

Mr. Kitlangki Suchiang has been awarded a PhD in Biochemistry for his thesis titled *Dietary and hormonal modulation of acetylcholinesterase in mice as a function of age*. Mr. Suchiang worked under the supervision of Prof. R. Sharma.

Mr. Akalesh Kumar Verma has been awarded a PhD in Zoology for his thesis titled *Studies on the antitumor efficacy and toxicity of the blister beetle, mylabris cichorii extract in mice bearing ascites Dalton's lymphoma*. Mr. Verma worked under the supervision of Prof. S. B. Prasad.

Mr. N. Ramthing has been awarded a PhD in Philosophy for his thesis titled *A Kantian approach to ethics of business corporation*. Mr. Ramthing worked under the supervision of Prof. Jagat Pal.

Mr. Pranjal Protim Bora has been awarded a PhD in Chemistry for his thesis titled *Studies on development of new strategies for stereoselective synthesis and derivatisation bioactive natural products*. Mr. Bora worked under the supervision of Dr. Ghanshyam Bez.

Ms. Yondalin Nongkynrih has been awarded a PhD in Education for her thesis titled *Status and problems of elementary education in Ri-Bhoi and West Khasi*

Hills Districts of Meghalaya. Ms. Nongkynrih worked under the supervision of Prof. A. Henia.

Ms. Imlienla Imchen has been awarded a PhD in Linguistics for her thesis titled *The phonology and morphology of Sangtam*. Ms. Imchen worked under the supervision of Prof. J. War.

Mr. Barnes L. Mawrie has been awarded a PhD in Anthropology by the University for his thesis titled *From maternal uncle to father: An autobiographical study on changing patriarchy in Khasi society*. Mr. Mawrie worked under the supervision of Prof. T.B. Subba.

Ms. Badakerlin Lyngdoh has been awarded a PhD in Linguistics for her thesis titled *Some aspects of Maram dialect of West Khasi Hills*. Ms. Lyngdoh worked under the supervision of Prof. J. War.

Mr. S. Nixon Ringmiso has been awarded a PhD in Education for his thesis titled *Status and problems of primary education in Ukhrul and Tamenglong districts of Manipur*. Mr. Ringmiso worked under the supervision of Prof. A. Henia.

Ms. Wandahun Longtraai Reebohn has been awarded a PhD in Physics for her thesis

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titled *Study of particle motion in underdamped periodic systems*. Ms. Reebohn worked under the supervision of Dr. M.C. Mahato.

Mrs. Rupali Goswami has been awarded a PhD in Library and Information Science for her thesis titled *Information sys-*

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—Anonymous

“We have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way, we cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is remember to keep a positive attitude. It will keep our burdens light”.

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