



10th Convention PLANNER at NEHU

The North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong hosted the 10th Convention PLANNER 2016 from November 9 to 11, 2016 on the theme “Disruptive Innovations for Libraries: Adopt, Adapt and Evolve” with special reference to Academic Libraries in North-Eastern region under the aegis of INF-LIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar.

The specific objective of the Convention is to address the modern information and communication tools, techniques and applications which have revolutionised and made an impact in today’s library management and services with a focus on the North-Eastern region of our country.

The Convention was inaugurated by Mr. R. G. Lyngdoh, Vice-Chancellor, Martin Luther Christian University, Shillong who graced the function as chief guest in the pres-



Mr. R.G. Lyngdoh poses with the souvenir at the inaugural function. **Contributed Photo**

ence of Prof. Sri Krishna Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU who was the guest of honour at the Multi-Use Convention Hall.

Other dignitaries sharing the dais included Prof. J.C. Binwal, Conference Director, Prof. Jagtar Singh, Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Mr. H.G. Hosamani, Co-Convenor and Dr. F.R.Sumer, Organising Secretary.

Dr. F.R. Sumer, Acting University Librarian and Organising Secretary, PLANNER 2016 in his welcome remarks welcomed the Chief Guest and expressed sincere gratitude for his acceptance to grace the occasion with his kind presence. He also lauded the Vice Chancellor, NEHU for his keen interest along with generous support to host the Convention in NEHU once again.

In this inaugural address, the Chief Guest acknowledged

the organizers for the commendable efforts made to ensure that the

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Preserving Tribal Tradition & Culture

The North-Eastern Hill University along with Tata Steel organised a Regional Samvaad (North-East India) - A Tribal Conclave on October 14 and 15 at the permanent campus, Shillong.

The main function of the Samvaad was held on November 15-19 at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand to commemorate the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, the iconic tribal freedom fighter, and the Statehood Day of

Jharkhand. Committed to preserving and promoting tribal culture,

Samvaad 2016 in Shillong was inaugurated by Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chan-

cellor, NEHU who graced the occasion as

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A musical item in progress at the Conclave. Contributed Photo.

Refresher Course in Earth Sciences & Geography

A three-week Refresher Course for college and university teachers on the theme “Perspectives on Hazards and their Management” organised by the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, NEHU was inaugurated on November 28, 2016 by Prof. Henry Lamin, Pro Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong. The function was presided over by Prof. D. K. Nayak, Dean, School of Human and Environmental Sciences.

Prof. Henry

Lamin, while speaking as the chief guest mentioned that the theme of the programme is highly appropriate in the present situation and emphasised the need to educate communities and organise

various kinds of awareness programmes to reduce disaster losses. He was impressed to see the participants from as far as Maharashtra, Haryana and West Bengal attending the Refresher Course at

NEHU.

Prof. Rakesh Mohan, Director UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, in his speech emphasised the importance of Refresher Courses for career advancement of teachers. He also urged the participants to pass on whatever updates gained to their students at their respective colleges and departments.

Prof. Sunil Kumar De, Course Coordinator of the Refresher Course in Earth Sciences and Geography also spoke on the occasion.



Prof. Rakesh Mohan and Prof. Henry Lamin. Contributed Photo

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10th Convention is held in NEHU again. He added that this also signifies completion of the first round of the Convention after taking the event to all the seven sisters in the North-East. He recalled the 1st Convention that was held in NEHU, Shillong way back in 2003 which co-incidentally he had also inaugurated. While lauding the INFLIBNET Centre for their immense contributions made during the last 13 years to uplift image of libraries in the country, he also stressed upon the importance of libraries in our society and urged the gathering that while addressing innovations in libraries in their deliberations they should also ensure that libraries play a vital role which will have an impact on world peace.

Prof. Srivastava, while acknowledging INFLIBNET Centre's role in bringing back PLANNER 2016 to NEHU once again, lauded their great efforts to promote libraries not only in North-East India but across the country which have

had an impact on teaching and research. He duly acknowledged all who extended financial support including the sponsors in the Platinum, Gold, Silver category and especially from the North-Eastern Council, Shillong, Ministry of DoNER, Government of India.

Others who also spoke during the function include Prof. J.C.

by UNESCO, Paris, 2016 was also released by the Chief Guest. The function concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. H.G. Hosamani.

The highlight of the first day was the Cultural Programme which saw extraordinary performances from the various artistes who enthralled the audience. The three

participants were also educated on the National Digital Library as a platform for paradigm shift in education and research in India, Urkund: antiplagiarism software and digital library software: DSpace by the respective experts through the Pre-Conference and Post Conference Tutorials. Thoughts shared by the panelists during the panel discussion on the theme of the convention that was held on the concluding day further stimulated the minds of the participants.

The highlights of the third day of the Convention were the observations made by the Conference Director and a report on the entire proceedings with resolutions which was proposed by Dr. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Rapporteur General, PLANNER 2016.

The 10th Convention PLANNER 2016 finally concluded with a Valedictory Address from Prof. B. Mishra, Dean, School of Economics, Management and Information Science, NEHU, Shillong who graced the valedictory function as Chief Guest.



Prof. S.K. Srivastava lights the ceremonial lamp at the inaugural function. (Contributed Photo)

Binwal, Prof. Jagtar Singh and Dr. Jagdish Arora. The Chief Guest also released the Conference Proceedings, Souvenir including a CDRom containing information about PLANNER 2016, Shillong and INFLIBNET Centre. A book edited by Prof. Jagtar Singh, Department of Library & Information Science, Punjabi University, Patiala and published

day Convention was attended by more than 250 participants that included officials, paper/poster presenters and experts in the field of library and information science. The entire technical sessions were marked by lively deliberations on the theme of the Convention stimulated by the theme speakers and paper presenters.

During the Convention, the partici-

NEHU Celebrates National Unity Day

The University celebrated the 141st Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) on October 31, 2016 by organising the Run for Unity at the NEHU Main Campus. The run also covered the adjoining Umshing village to spread awareness about Unity for the Nation.

A large number of students, non-teaching staff and teachers took part in the event which was flagged off by Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU at 7.00 am from gate number five. The run ended at the office of the Vice-Chancellor where prizes were awarded to the winners

in different categories.

Prof. Srivastava motivated and boosted the morale of all the runners by participating in the event with great enthusiasm.

After the run, all the participants and organisers observed one-minute silence in

memory of the martyrs who laid their lives for the nation. This was followed by a pledge taken by all for unity, integrity and security of the nation. The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Meanwhile, an

Essay Writing Competition for all the students of the University was organised on November 3, 2016 at the NEHU Campus in memory of the contribution and efforts of Sardar Patel towards the unification of independent India.



Prof. Srivastava flags off the Run for Unity at the Campus. Contributed Photo

Curie & Raman Birth Anniversary

The departments of Physics, BSSS, Architecture and Centre for Science Education of North-Eastern Hill University in collaboration with Shillong Science Centre organised a day-long programme to mark the birth anniversary of Madam Marie

Curie & Sir C.V.Raman on November 7, 2016 at the Shillong Science Centre, NEHU Campus.

Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU graced the occasion as the chief guest while Mr. H. Nongbri, OSD, Shillong Science Centre, was the guest

of honour.

The HSSLC & HSLC students from various schools of Shillong participated in the programme as well as a poster competition on the science theme relevant to Madam Curie & Sir C V Raman inventions.

The programme also consisted of a

couple of science lectures and demonstration of working scientific instruments. A 3D video presentation on sea animals and free access to various science galleries of the Science Centre were added attraction for the students and teachers.

Vigilance Awareness Week in NEHU

The North-Eastern Hill University kicked off the Vigilance Awareness Week, 2016 with the reading of the pledge by University authorities, teachers, students and staff, in front of the V.C's office, Administrative building on November 1.

The Central Vigilance Commission, as part of its efforts to promote probity in public life and to achieve a corruption free society, observes



A reading of the pledge in progress in front of the VC's office. Publication Photo

Vigilance Awareness Week every year.

“Public participation in promoting integrity and eradicating

Corruption” has been chosen as the theme for Vigilance Awareness Week this year by the Commission.

NEHU also organised various activities relevant to the theme during the Vigilance Awareness Week.

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chief guest while Prof. Henry Lamin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor was the guest of honour at the Multi-Use Convention Hall.

In his speech Prof Srivastava said that the university is committed to push the proposal for setting up of a tribal institute as assured by the former Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smriti Irani, during her visit to the university earlier this year.

In his introductory, CSR Tata Steel

Chief, Biren Ramesh Bhuta, stressed on the importance of preserving the tribal tradition and culture.

Prof Desmond L Kharmawphlang of the Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, NEHU in his vote of thanks said the conclave aims at focusing on two issues - tribal development and health system.

“We have invited speakers to discuss the issues confronting the different tribal communities and would accordingly draft a resolution to be place be-

fore the Samvaad which will be held at Jamshedpur,” he said.

The event in Shillong was divided in three technical sessions - Two on October 14 and one on October 15. There was also a cultural function on October 14.

The first session was dedicated to this year's Samvaad, which is tribal health while the second session had discussions on tribal issues relevant to this region.

The third session was devoted to traditional poetry, music and folklore.

The conclave saw participation of representatives of the different tribes and communities of the eight North East states which included the traditional medicine practitioners of these states.

These traditional medicine practitioners exchanged views and knowledge about traditional medicine and also displayed their traditional medicines.

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PhD Awardees

Ms. Tripti Pandey has been awarded a PhD in Biochemistry by the University for her thesis titled *Structural and functional studies on the glutathione S-transferases in synecocystis strain PCC-6803*. Ms. Pandey worked under the supervision of Prof. Arvind Kumar Singh.

Ms. Shonreiphy Longvah has been awarded a PhD in Political Science by the University for her thesis titled *Peace process in Nagaland and the role of Naga People's Front*. Ms. Longvah worked under the supervision of Prof. R.K. Satpathy.

Ms. Rituparna Mitra Barman has been awarded a PhD in Rural Development & Agricultural Production by the University for her thesis titled *Pesticide residues in bovine and human milk in Dhanbad City, Dhanbad, Jharkhand*. Ms. Barman worked under the supervision of Dr. B.K. Mishra.

Ms. Shimti Khar-mawphlang has been awarded a PhD in Commerce by the University for her thesis titled *Institutional financing for micro and small enterprises in India: A study of Meghalaya*. Ms. Khar-mawphlang worked under the supervision of Prof. N.M. Panda.

Mr. Rimmei Longmei has been awarded a PhD in Political Science by the University for his thesis titled *Role of united Naga Council in Manipur politics*. Mr. Longmei worked under the supervision of Prof. R.K. Satpathy.

Mr. Haokam Vaiphei has been awarded a PhD in Political Science by the University for his thesis titled *India-Myanmar relations (1997-2007)*. Mr. Vaiphei worked under the supervision of Dr. Mummun Majumdar.

Ms. Idahun Bareh has been awarded a PhD in Philosophy by the University for her thesis titled

Traditional religion and culture of the Pnar: A philosophical analysis. Ms. Bareh worked under the supervision of Dr. Basil Pohlong.

Mr. Davidson Diengdoh has been awarded a PhD in Khasi by the University for his thesis titled *Ka dur-thoh poitri (style) u Soso Tham: Ka bishar bniah*. Mr. Diengdoh worked under the supervision of Prof. Antoinette Kharmalki.

Ms. D. Evanoreen Mann Khongwir has been awarded a PhD in Botany by the University for her thesis titled *Development of protocol for genetic transformation of chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.) using cry 1Aabc gene construct*. Ms. Khongwir worked under the supervision of Prof. Pramod Tandon (Supervisor) and Dr. A. Pattanayak (Jt. Supervisor).

Ms. Chingrison Kathing has been awarded a PhD in Chemistry by the University for her thesis titled *Studies on the synthesis of derivatives of indole, pyrimidine and related heterocycles*. Ms. Kathing worked under the su-

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NEHU Inter-College Volleyball

The Sports Department, NEHU organised the NEHU Inter-College Volleyball (Men & Women) Tournament at the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sports Ground, Permanent Campus, on November 24-25, 2016.

In the Men's category, St. Anthony's College lifted the Championship Trophy, while Union Christian College lifted the Run-

ner-up Trophy. In the Women's category, Union Christian College, Umiam lifted the Championship Trophy while St. Edmund's College lifted the Run-

ner up Trophy. The Tournament concluded with a closing ceremony where Prof. G. Saha, Dean, School of Technology, NEHU was the chief guest.



Players in action at the match. Contributed Photo

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pervision of Dr. R.L. Nongkhlaw.

Ms. Marbakor Mary Lyngrah has been awarded a PhD in Environmental Studies by the University for her thesis titled *Regulation of hydrological processes and conservation of soil by pine forest in Khasi Hills, Meghalaya*. Ms. Lyngrah worked under the supervision of Prof. B.K. Tiwari.

Mr. Seilenkap Haokip has been awarded a PhD in Rural Development & Agricultural Production by the University for his thesis titled *Decentralisation and rural development: A case study of Manipur*. Mr. Haokip worked under the supervision of Prof. S.C. Srivastava.

Ms. Lhihing Mate has been awarded a PhD in Adult & Continuing Education by the University for her thesis titled *A study of total literacy campaign in Churachandpur District of Manipur*. Ms. Mate worked under the supervision of Dr. B.P. Sahu.

Ms. Evalarie Kordor Doonai has been awarded a

PhD in Hindi by the University for her thesis titled *Shailesh mati yani ke katha-sahitya mein vanchit samudaya: Ek aalochanamatamak adhyayan*. Ms. Doonai worked under the supervision of Prof. M.P. Pandey.

Mr. Ram Nath has been awarded a PhD in Zoology by the University for his thesis titled *Comparative biochemical characterization of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase in cestode parasite, raillietina echinobothrida (platyhelminthes: cylophylloidea) and its avian host, gallus domesticus*. Mr. Nath worked under the supervision of Dr. B. Das (Supervisor) and Prof. V. Tandon (Jt. Supervisor).

Mr. J. S Momo Hmungshel Anal has been awarded a PhD in Chemistry by the University for his thesis titled *Studies on isolation, purification and characterization of various secondary metabolites present in potentilla fulgens L*. Mr. Anal worked under the supervision of Prof. Ghanashyam Bez (Supervisor) and Prof. D. Syiem (Jt. Supervisor).

Mr. Chintu Brahma has been awarded a PhD in Political Science by the

University for his thesis titled *Human security in conflict situation: A study of personal security in Kokrajhar district of Assam*. Mr. Brahma worked under the supervision of Dr. Suparna Bhattacharjee.

Mr. Ditalak Mpanme has been awarded a PhD in Management by the University for his thesis titled *Entrepreneurship in Nagaland: A study of bamboo based entrepreneurs in Dimapur district*. Mr. Mpanme worked under the supervision of Dr. Kh. Devananda Singh.

Mr. T. Paongam Haokip has been awarded a PhD in Zoology by the University for his thesis titled *Limnological studies on Loktak Lake and its adjacent basins, Manipur*. Mr. Haokip worked under the supervision Prof. B.K. Sharma.

MPhil Awardees

Mr. Bansha-nborlang Diamai has been awarded an MPhil in Linguistics by the University for his dissertation titled *A lexical semantic study of Thiedding, a variety of War-Khasi*. Mr. Diamai worked under the su-

pervision of Dr. Umarani Pappuswamy.

Ms. Iateiskhem Kharsahnon has been awarded an MPhil in Khasi by the University for her dissertation titled *Ka wadbniah halor ka jingiar ha ka rukom pyndonkam ia ka ktien Khasi ha ki ophis sorkar jong ka jylla Meghalaya*. Ms. Kharsahnon worked under the supervision of Prof. A. Kharmalki.

Mr. Slendar Dkhar has been awarded an MPhil in Khasi by the University for his dissertation titled *Ka thoh halor lade (autobiography) bad ka buhnathi (memoir): Ka bishar bniah halor kip hang bako-ngsan ha ka jingiaid lynti bajwat, Ka jingiaid lynti ba sohsat ka kmie bad ki sienjam ban sah kynnaw*. Mr. Dkhar worked under the supervision of Dr. D.R. Nonglait.

Ms. Celeste Berachah Syiemlieh has been awarded an MPhil in Khasi by the University for her dissertation titled *Ka hyndai, ka mynta bad ka lawei ka Ri Khasi ha ki poim u D.S. Khongdup: Ka bishar bniah*. Ms. Syiemlieh worked under the supervision of Dr. D.R. Nonglait.

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