



## NEHU Celebrates Constitution Day



*A reading of the Preamble of the Constitution. (Contributed Photo)*

To mark the 66th year of the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constitutional Assembly, the Department of Political Science, NEHU celebrated the Constitution Day on November 26 at the Dean's Conference Hall.

Prof. S. K. Srivatsava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU was the Chief Guest while Ms. Patricia Mukhim, Padma Shri awardee

and the Chief Editor of The Shillong Times was the Key-Note speaker at the function.

The programme which was presided by Prof. R. Borgohain, Head of the Department, started with the collective reading of the Preamble of the Constitution and was followed by a video presentation of the Indian Constitution by Dr. Suparna Bhat-tacharjee along with the Research Scholars of

the Department.

Prof. R .K. Satapathy explained the historical background of the Indian Constitution and the role played by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Prof. L.S. Gassah spoke about the constitutional status of North-East India and the role played by different members of the Constitution Assembly in giving shape to the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

In her Key-Note

address, Ms. Mukhim

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## Ambassador of Bolivia's Message to NEHU



*Prof. S.K. Srivastava presents a bouquet to Mr. Jorge Cardenas. (Publication Photo)*

**M**r. Jorge Cardenas, the Ambassador of Bolivia to India called upon Prof. K.S. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU on November 19 and also interacted with the senior faculty, Deans of Schools, officials and students of the university. He was accompanied by Mr. Ike Sinha, Country Director, Unite 4 Good in India.

The Ambassador, who is also a professor, gave a brief account of his country and the similarities it shares with the North-Eastern states, namely abundant natural resources, cultural make-up and rich biodiversity hotspots. He spoke of how the indigenous population which accounts for 60% of the total population took control of their own resources to raise the

country's GDP while at the same time reducing the poverty from 42% to 18%. He emphasised on the need to shed the colonial mindset so that one can reach the level of the developed countries.

The Bolivian Ambassador emphasised on the important role of education and the need to give back to the people the knowledge gained. "That is my message -- to interact and spread the word," he concluded.

Expressing his gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for organising the interaction on such short notice, Mr. Sinha recalled the contribution of late A.P.J. Kalam to the North

East. "He understood the North East better than the North East itself," he said adding that it is fitting that the Ambassador is the one to inaugurate the Dr. A.P.J. Kalam Memorial Herbal Garden near Pynursla on November 20. He requested the Vice-Chancellor through the establishment of NEHU to pay tribute to the memorial by ensuring that researchers from NEHU and Bolivia share information through exchange programmes and such kinds of interactions.

Prof. Srivastava in his welcome remarks hoped that the commonalities shared by both Bolivia and the North East would guide both parties to a better path.



*Mr. Jorge Cardenas gestures as he addresses the gathering. (Contributed Photo)*

# Governor Calls for Sustainable Utilisation of Bioresources

The Department of Botany, NEHU, in collaboration with the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal organised a two-day National Symposium on Bioresources and Sustainable Development & 2nd National Bioresources and Sustainable Development Summit at NEHU, Shillong on October 28-29.

Mr. V. Shanmuganathan, Governor of Meghalaya, who graced the valedictory session of the symposium as Chief Guest appreciated the Department of Botany, NEHU



*The Governor (centre) flanked by Prof. S.K. Srivastava (left) and others stand for the National Anthem. (Contributed Photo)*

and IBSD for organising such an important event where more than 200 scientists from different parts of the country participated. He said that the symposium provided a platform where distinguished scientists from all over

the country and young researchers together deliberated on strategies for sustainable development of bioresources in the country. He also interacted with the participating students, faculty members and distinguished scientists on

the use of bioresources for sustainable development of the country. He further appealed to the scientists to undertake appropriate research to address the problem of crop failure in the country which has led to farmers' suicide, and also to develop drugs from bioresources for curing cancer.

Earlier on October 28, Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU inaugurated the symposium.

Meanwhile, Padma Shri awardee Pramod Tandon, Professor of Botany and an eminent scientist, felicitated on his superannuation from NEHU service.

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showed how despite having so many constitutional provisions and laws protecting the women, India is still far behind the goal of achieving gender equality. She pointed out that patriarchy exists even in tribal societies and many women themselves are not conscious of their rights.

Responding to

Ms. Mukhim's take on gender rights, Prof. Srivastava promised that there would be zero tolerance in NEHU, when it comes to issues of sexual harassment.

He appreciated the initiative taken by the department in organising the Constitution Day and expressed happiness in becoming a part of this important occasion. He also shared the news

about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement regarding the ASEAN Centre in NEHU and wanted the department to play its role in giving shape to the Centre.

The Chairperson in her remarks stated that reiteration of the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution is necessary for strengthening of Indian democracy.

## Condolence Meet

As a mark of respect to Dr. B.D. Sharma, former Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, who passed away on December 6, a condolence meeting was held on December 8 at the Conference Room of the Administrative building.

# Workshop on Finishing School



*Ms. Shabana Amin and Prof. S.K. Srivastava light the ceremonial lamp at the inaugural function. (Publication Photo)*

**A** Workshop on Finishing School by Nettrack Systems and Services, Guwahati organised by the Career and Counseling Cell was conducted on October 14-15 at the Multi-Use Convention Hall, NEHU campus. On hand to train the students were Mr Kartick Mehta, Corporate Trainer with experience of training in Top corporate Houses like Nokia, GE Finance, etc and in reputed universities across India, and Mr S M Chetry, Ex General Manager- Projects at

HPCL, Kolkata. In his welcome address, Dr. Dinesh Bhatia, Coordinator of the Career and Counseling Cell, informed about the objective of the workshop which is to impart new skills as well as to improve communication skills, personality development and time management, all of which are very important as the students prepare for a career. He

informed that there are more than 180 students who have registered for the workshop and hoped that they would be benefitted by it. He further informed that seven candidates have been selected in TNS world recruitment drive from the 2015 batch as a result of such interactions.

In his inaugural remarks, Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU

said such workshops are needed to instill confidence in the students as they go about securing a career after their studies. Such workshops could equip the students with skills and confidence to the extent of marketing their abilities, he said adding that education institutions should impart skill components such as mock interviews, interactions and so on in addition to knowledge so that the students can be employable.

Ms. Shabana Amin, Director, Nettrack Systems and Services is of the opinion that students from North East are lacking when it comes to competing for careers nationally. She hoped that such workshops could act like confidence boosters and help bridge the gap between students from this part of the country and the rest. In her concluding remarks, Ms. Evapynhun Giri, Organising Secretary of the workshop thanked all those involved in making the programme a success.

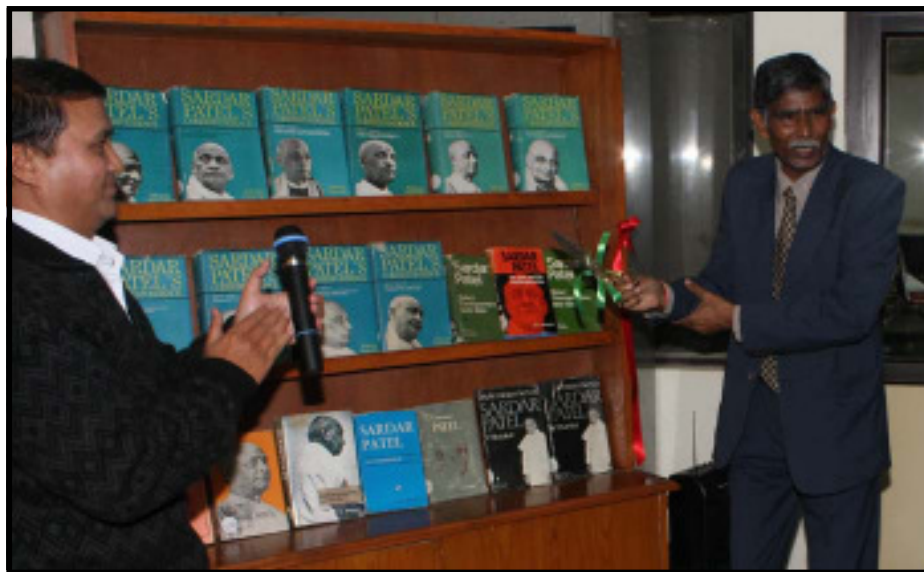
## Vigilance Week

**A**s part of Vigilance Week, Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU along with all the officers and staff of NEHU took a pledge on October 30 in front of the Vice-Chancellor's office.

## Remembering Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

The NEHU Central Library organised a week-long Book Fair-cum-Exhibition from October 31st to November 6th to commemorate the 140th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU kicked off the programme at a brief function in the presence of library officers, staff and invited guests. In his inaugural address, Prof. Srivastava acknowledged the efforts made by the library to organise the Book Fair-cum-Exhibition at short notice and also recalled



Prof. S.K. Srivastava gestures after cutting the ribbon. (Contributed Photo)

the notable contributions that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had made in order to ensure that the spirit of unity binds our nation. He also emphatically urged upon the library to take this initiative further to

build new collections focusing on prominent leaders and inspiring personalities of India for the benefit of the academic community at large.

Dr. F.R. Sumer, Acting University Li-

brarian expressed gratitude to Prof. Srivastava for gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest and extending necessary support to enable the library to organise the event. Dr. Sumer also highlighted the notable achievements of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The function concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri Manoj Rana, Assistant Librarian, NEHU.

Four vendors/publishers participated in the Book Fair-cum-Exhibition and displayed books relevant to the theme of the event. Also, books on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel available in the library were also prominently displayed.

## Run for Unity Flagged off



To commemorate the 140th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister and the Iron-Man of independent

India, a "Run for Unity" was organised on October 31. The event to mark the day which is known as Rashtriya Ekta Divas (National Unity Day)

was organised at NEHU by NEHUSU, NEHUTA and Sports Department.

Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor of the University inaugurated the programme by flagging off the run from NEHU Central Library at 7.00 am. The run covered a distance of nearly 3 km for women and nearly 5 km for men. A large number of students,

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## NEHU Hosts JSTOR India User's Forum



One of the resource persons being feted at the inaugural function.  
(Contributed Photo)

**J**STOR India User's Forum 2015, a joint effort of JSTOR (New York) and INFLIBNET Centre (Gandhinagar) and coordinated by the NEHU Central Library, was hosted by NEHU on October 6th at the Multi-Use Convention Hall.

In his inaugural speech, Prof. B. Mishra, Dean, School of Economics, Management and Information Sciences, NEHU appreciated the efforts by JSTOR and INFLIBNET Centre in bringing the event to the university. He said it is a privilege for the university and the participants to have such

eminent resource persons in the field of library and information science in a single forum.

The key resource persons who presented

their respective topics were Mr. John Lenahan, Associate Vice President IPSP - JSTOR | Portico ("JSTOR Future Direction" and "Usage

"Analysis and Impact on Collection Development"), Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat ("Ranking of Indian Universities: An INFLIBNET Initiative") and Dr. R. K Chadha, Additional Secretary, Parliament Library, New Delhi ("Changing Landscape of Library and Information Services"). The presentations not only provided the audience with ample opportunities to know more about the e-resources provided by JSTOR but they also highlighted ways in which usage, analysis and discovery services would impact library resources and acquisition decisions. The presentations saw lively and stimulating interactions between the participants and the resource persons.

The highlight of the forum was the presentation of perpetual user access licenses of selected JSTOR e-books collection by Mr. Lenahan to Prof. Mishra as a token of appreciation to NEHU for hosting forum.

More than 270

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### ABOUT THE FORUM

The forum is a collaborative effort to enhance the awareness, and optimal use of digital content provided by JSTOR across Indian universities which are members of the UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium. JSTOR (Journal Storage) is a not-for-profit organisation set up to help academic libraries and publishers in providing enhanced levels of access to scholarly content for the benefit of researchers and academic libraries around the globe. Established in 1995 and known presently as the JSTOR Digital Library, it contains full-text searchable files of almost 2000 e-journals including e-books. NEHU currently provides access to JSTOR (e-journals content) through the UGC INFONET Digital Library Consortium coordinated by INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

## Special Winter School Concludes



Participants attend one of the discussions.  
(Contributed Photo)

A three-week Special Winter School on the theme “Challenges in Higher Education and the role of ICT (Information Communication Technology)”, organised by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), NEHU, Shillong, concluded on November 14.

About 52 participants from various colleges and universities from Meghalaya, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura attended the programme aimed at an in-depth understanding of higher education scenario in the

country and the role and impact of ICT in revolutionising the higher education sector.

In an attempt to orient teachers towards technology-enabled teaching and learning, UGC HRDC, NEHU, extended the functionality of its existing website ([www.hrdcnehu.com](http://www.hrdcnehu.com)) by adding the Moodle-MOOC’s Learning Management Platform with the help of Prof. K. Srinivas, Professor of ICT, NEUPA, New Delhi, who was one of the resource persons at the programme.

Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, NEHU in his valedictory address stressed on the importance of ICT in teaching and education, and hoped that the teachers attending the course would make use of the Moodle Platform at their respective work places.

Explaining the importance of technology in the teaching profession, Prof. Rakesh Mohan, Director, UGC-HRDC NEHU, said that online education is the need of the hour as it provides opportunities for lifelong learning to teachers/students on-campus as well as off it. He was hopeful that using the Moodle platform, HRDC can now make available learning resources to selected participants.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Kuheli B. Das, course coordinator.

## Paying Tribute to Madam Curie, CV Raman

A programme to observe the birth anniversary of Madam Marie Curie and C. V. Raman was organised at NEHU Campus on November 7.

Mr. R.C. Laloo, Deputy Chief Minister was the Chief Guest while Prof. L.K. Jha, Acting Vice-Chancellor, NEHU was the

guest of honour at the programme which was an initiative of NEHU's outreach to society for science promotion.

The programme's special focus was on the students of high school, higher secondary, degree science and post graduate from various schools, colleges and NEHU.

Some highlights of the programme in-

clude poster presentations by the schools, model display by the colleges and invited talk by senior scientist from Atomic Mineral Division, Shillong on the theme related to the inventions of the two scientists. The programme concluded with the presentation of prizes to the winners of the poster and model display competitions.

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registered participants comprising of students, research scholars and faculty of the university, including librarians from colleges and other institutions located in Shillong and from other parts of the region attended the programme. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Lalmachhuana, Documentation Officer, NEHU Central Library.

## NEHU Inter-College Cricket Tournament

St. Anthony's College defeated St. Edmund's College by 13 runs to lift the championship trophy of the NEHU Inter-College Cricket (Men) Tournament 2015 on November 16 at the Polo Cricket Ground, Shillong. The event was organised by the Sports Department, NEHU from November 2nd to 16th.

Mr. Subham Yadav of St. Anthony's College was declared as Man of the Match while Mr. Abhay Kr. Rai of St. Edmund's College was declared Man of the Series. Dr. L. Cajee, Registrar and Controller of Examination, NEHU, Dr. S.N.Lamare, Secretary,



*Prof. S.K. Srivastava is seen in action before the commencement of the tournament.*  
(Contributed Photo)

Sports Board, NEHU and Dr. S. Lamare, Principal, St. Edmund's College presented the prizes to the winners.

Earlier on November 2, Prof. S.K. Srivastava, Vice-Chan-

cellor, NEHU inaugurated the tournament in the presence of Dr. S.N.Lamare, Teacher in-Charge, Sports Department, Prof. A.N. Passah, Department of History, Mr. N. Bha-

ttacharjee, President, Shillong Cricket Association, Mr. N. Das, Assistant Director, Sports Department and Mr. G. Kharkongor, Secretary, Shillong Cricket Association.

## NEHU Inter-College Volleyball

The Sports Department, NEHU organised the NEHU Inter-College Volleyball (Men & Women) Tournament 2015 from November 19 to 20 at the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sports Ground, NEHU Campus.

In the men's section, St. Anthony's College beat Union Christian College, Umiam while in the women's



*The winning team pose with NEHU staff and college officials.* (Contributed Photo)

section, Union Christian College, Umiam defeated Women's College to lift the championship trophy.

Dr. S.N. Lamare, Secretary, Sports Board, NEHU gave away the prizes to the winners.

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staff and teachers including the Vice-Chancellor himself participated in the run. Emergency medical attendance was on hand throughout the run for the participants to cover any eventuality. A pledge taking ceremony for unity and integrity was an integral part of the programme which concluded with a prize distribution ceremony.



## ACHIEVEMENT

### Ph.D Awardees

**Ms. Saibadaiahun Nongrum** has been awarded a Ph.D in Biochemistry by the University for her thesis titled *DNA microarray based identification of early radiation response gene(s) in human peripheral blood lymphocytes exposed to gamma radiation ex vivo*. Ms. Nongrum worked under the supervision of Prof. R.N. Sharan (Supervisor) and Dr. L. Kma (Jt. Supervisor)

**Ms. Chitrani Sonowal** has been awarded a Ph.D in Cultural and Creative Studies by the University for her thesis titled *Haidang De performance: Text, context and cultural symbolism*. Ms. Sonowal worked under the supervision of Prof. Subrat K. Nanda (Supervisor) and Prof. P. Jhingan (Jt. Supervisor).

**Mr. Nanda Lal Sharma** has been awarded a Ph.D in Education by the University for his thesis titled *A study of intelligence and creativity in relation to academic achievement in different subjects of Secondary Schools students of Sikkim*. Mr. Sharma

worked under the supervision of Dr. Yodida Bhutia.

**Mr. Morten Marbaniang** has been awarded a Ph.D in Chemistry by the University for his thesis titled *Comparative studies on decolorisation and mineralization of ponceau S and ponceau xylydine by some advanced oxidation process*. Mr. Marbaniang worked under the supervision of Dr. M.K. Sahoo.

**Ms. Smita Goswami** has been awarded a Ph.D in Biochemistry by the University for her thesis titled *Identification and characterisation of metal tolerant cyanobacterial strains from East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya*. Ms. Goswami worked under the supervision of Prof. Mayashree B. Syiem.

**Mr. Bharat Borah** has been awarded a Ph.D in Mathematics by the University for his thesis titled *Holographic dark energy and the accelerating universe*. Mr. Borah worked under the supervision of Prof. M. Ansari.

**Ms. Shiveirou Raomai** has been awarded a Ph.D in Botany by the University for her thesis titled

*In vitro propagation of paris polyphylla sm and assessment of saponin production in cultures and regenerated plantlets*. Ms. Raomai worked under the supervision of Prof. P. Tandon (Supervisor) and Prof. S.K. Kumaria (Jt. Supervisor).

**Ms. Laithangpuii** has been awarded a Ph.D in History by the University for her thesis titled *Society and economy in Mizoram: A study in tradition and transition*. Ms. Laithangpuii worked under the supervision of Prof. A.K. Thankur.

**Ms. Miranda Blah** has been awarded a Ph.D in Philosophy by the University for her thesis titled *Nature of understanding: A study in Gadamer's hermeneutics*. Ms. Blah worked under the supervision of Prof. B.K. Agarwala.

**Ms. Stephanie Paula Basaiawmoit** has been awarded a Ph.D in Biochemistry by the University for her thesis titled *Study on liver mitochondrial membrane proteins and lipids in mice treated with diethylnitrosamine*. Ms. Basaiawmoit worked under the supervision of Prof. Anis

Aslam.

**Ms. Bondina Elangbam** has been awarded a Ph.D in English by the University for her thesis titled *Trajectories of agony and bonding in Rohinton Mistry's fiction: A select study*. Ms. Elangbam worked under the supervision of Prof. Moon Moon Mazumdar.

**Ms. Mayrakshi Bhuyan** has been awarded a Ph.D in Geography by the University for her thesis titled *Water deficiency in Jorhat town: A geographical study*. Ms. Bhuyan worked under the supervision of Prof. Zahid Husain Quereshi.

**Mr. Shakti Kumar** has been awarded a Ph.D in Zoology by the University for his thesis titled *An in silico analysis of proteases in helminth and protozoan parasites of mammalian*. Mr. Kumar worked under the supervision of Prof. V. Tandon.

**Mr. Bashan Desmond M. Diengdoh** has been awarded a Ph.D in Education by the University for his thesis titled *Functioning of teacher education institutions in Meghalaya*. Mr. Diengdoh worked under the supervision of Prof. C. Nongbri.

# North-Eastern Hill University Publications

## (Selected Titles)

1. 1997	D. R. Syiemlieh	Anecdotes of an Indian Life	Rs. 170.00
2. 1996	Daniel O'Connor	A Liberating Force and a Friend	Rs. 140.00
3. 1999	S. K. Bose	Coins and Tokens of Assam	Rs. 340.00 (HB) Rs. 250.00 (SB)
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8. 1996	H. K. Barpujari	Problems of the Hill Tribes (Vol.I)	Rs. 220.00 (HB) Rs. 160.00 (SB)
9. 1998	H. K. Barpujari	Problems of the Hill Tribes (Vol. II)	Rs. 210.00 (HB) Rs. 150.00 (SB)
10. 1986	A. J. M. Mills	Report on Khasi & Jaintia Hills	Rs. 225.00
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23. 2003	S. K. Barpujari	The Nagas : The Evolution of their History and Administration (1832-1939)	Rs. 550.00 (HB)
24.		The NEHU Journal (Bi-Annual)	Rs. 100.00
25. 2004	Reverend Robert Evans	The Great Earthquake of 1897 in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills (Translated by Basil Morris)	Rs. 95.00
26. 2004	M. N. Karna	Agrarian Structure and Land Reforms in Assam	Rs. 250.00
27. 2004	A. N. Rai & M. B. Syiem	Laboratory Safety Guidelines	Rs. 60.00
28. 2006	B. Kharbuli, H. Kayang, D. Syiem (Ed.)	Bio-diversity in North East India	Rs. 420.00 (HB) Rs. 370.00 (SB)
29. 2006	Esther Syiem	The Idiom of the Allegorical Mode: A Study of Six Novels	Rs. 150.00 (SB) Rs. 200.00 (HB)
30. 2006	Helen Giri (Ed.)	Katto Katne Shaphang ka Put Ka Tem Tynrai	Rs. 60.00 (SB)

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