



Great pictures reveal the sacrifice of our forefathers: Tandon



Professor Pramod Tandon, flanked by Professor D R Syiemlieh and Professor M Momin, delivers his inaugural address at the four-day Exhibition Programme (Publications photo).

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon said the images of the uprising of 1857 reveal the sacrifice made by our forefathers who bravely resisted the British rule under the East India Company. Delivering his inaugural address, as Chief Guest at the

four-day Exhibition Programme titled *Representations of 1857: Recovering the Indian Voices*, organised by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in collaboration with the North-East Regional Centre of ICHR, Guwahati and NEHU at

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Vice-Chancellor's Column



The marathon race to efficiently complete most of the tasks targeted for the XIth plan and other financial requirements well before the close of the financial year had sent the months flying and engrossing in many academic and administrative activities. April usually considered a month of reconciliation and revitalization after the hectic and strenuous efforts was equally occupied with the preparation for the visits of many important people to the University. Some of the prominent visitors include the ten-member team from the University Grants Commission headed by Professor A Gnanam, the 39- Member African delegation and Mr. R P Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The UGC team had specifically come to gather, first hand information on the functions of the University to facilitate the finalisation of the various proposals made for the XIth plan.

During this quarter, the departments of the University had organised important academic activities. These include: the four-day Exhibition Programme titled *Representations of 1857: Recovering the Indian Voices*, organised by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in collaboration with the North-East Regional Centre of ICHR. Guwahati and NEHU; the three-day national seminar on *Purvottar Bharat Ka Sahitya Aur Hindi Ki Bhumika*, jointly organised by the University and North Eastern Council; and the Hindi workshop for the employees of the University, organised by Hindi Cell.

The University also welcomed to its family the new Controller of Examinations, Professor D R Syiemlieh and the Director, College Development Council, Dr. C R Diengdoh besides others who had recently joined the University. I sincerely expressed my gratitude to all the members of the big family of the University who had rendered their utmost services to make all our visitors feel at home and cosy whilst in the University.

I also appeal to all the fraternity of NEHU to rise up and build our university into an institute of fame in the various fields of learning and research □

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Great pictures reveal...

the Central Library of the University, on May 5, 2008, Professor Tandon said, reading the narrations in History books is one thing and seeing such happenings in pictures makes us feel sympathetic to those great leaders who laid down their lives for the country's freedom. The pictures he added are self-explanatory and exposed the brutal killings of the Indian soldiers during the 1857 uprising.

Professor Tandon lauded the efforts of the ICHR in preserving and displaying these great pic-

per cent. Such in-humane treatments of the British made the Indians feel agitated and prompted the educated Indians to organise a mutiny against the foreign rulers, Professor Tandon added. The dream that was dreamt in 1857 said Professor Tandon saw its fulfilment in 1947.

Earlier, introducing the theme of the Exhibition Programme, Professor D R Syiemlieh, Controller of Examinations, said, the exhibition is part



(From Left to Right) Professor D R Syiemlieh introducing the purpose of the Representations of 1857. The Vice-Chancellor, appreciates some of the rare representations of 1857, recovering the Indian voice during the exhibition programme (Publications photo).

tures of the uprising of 1857. The Indian voices of those times were represented only in the form of proclamations, letters and orders besides the first hand narratives told by the affected Indians, he added. The torturous acts and other merciless treatment meted out to the Indian Sepoys and their leaders by the Britishers, Professor Tandon observed were not officially recorded. He also said 'how much happened and how much did not happen' could be known only from history. The Indian leaders like Rani Lakshmi Bai, Firoz Shah, Nana Saheb, and Bahadur Shah Zafar were severely penalised for their national feeling and had to pay for it with their own deaths, he concluded.

The revolt of 1857, in the opinion of Professor Tandon, was a sort of revenge against the Britishers who deprived the people of their own holdings, besides, making the artisans and the farmers to pay exorbitant tax revenue to the tune of 70

of the decision to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Sepoy Mutiny. The Government of India has sanctioned Rupees 1 crore to the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) for observing this anniversary. The Council after a series of meetings, deliberations and planning, decided to mark this sesquicentennial anniversary of the great fight for independence in two ways namely: (i) to organise fifty seminars across the country for students and to give an award for the best write up on the revolution of 1857, (ii) to organise exhibition to visually depict what happened 150 years ago and to proudly showcase the atrocities meted out to the Indian Sepoys during the British Raj.

The Head, Department of History, Professor Momin delivered the welcome address while a member from the North East Regional Centre, Guwahati proposed the vote of thanks.

Funds flow to NEHU not a problem: Agarwal

The Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, Mr. R P Agarwal said appreciated the efforts of the university to gainfully spent the allotted money during the IXth plan, and assured the authority that funds flow should never be a problem. Delivering his speech to the faculty and authority of the University on 12 May 2008 at the Conference Room of the University, Mr. Agarwal extolled the active

tional centres to tap their potential and generate employment opportunities.

Mr. Agarwal also stated that women members in the university are considerably less in numbers, this is apparent from the strength of women participating in the meeting. He also lamented the fact, that out of sixty members of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, there is only one-woman member. This is quite a paradox in the matrilineal



(From Left to Right) Mr. Agarwal sharing his happiness at the completion of the various activities of the University. The deans of schools of the university engaged themselves in talks prior to the arrival of the secretary MHRD (Publications photo).

role of the authority, the faculty and the administrative staff for making their university win the title of *University with Potential for Excellence*. The University, he said, acted as a mother of the Nagaland and Mizoram Universities. Besides, the location of this university is beautiful and its scenic place is truly in harmony with nature, he added.

The twenty-first century, he observed, is no longer an economic or military control but it is the century of Knowledge. However, in India, Mr. Agarwal observed things have not changed for the better as what was there during the first century is still through to the twenty-first century because India is typical in this regard. We expect the university to treat the large population of the country not as a liability but as an asset by opening more voca-

society, he remarked, because once all women are educated, everything is in place.

Mr. Agarwal also made a pertinent remark on the achievement of excellence saying there is no sense of achievement if we are not updating our system of working. We have to destroy what was there 34 years ago, thereby making rooms for the up gradation of the present system. According to Mr. Agarwal, many affiliated colleges of the university have not upgraded their knowledge. The world today no longer considers those who cannot read and write as un-educated but those who cannot learn and re-learn.

Earlier in his welcome address-cum-power point presentation on the journey of the University

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to many academic and administrative achievements and excellences, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon historically said, in the year 1973 the university had only six departments with 28 students. However, time has changed and today, he proudly claimed that our University has as many as 31 Departments, 5 Centres and nearly three thousands students.

Professor Tandon also informed the guests that the University is trying its level best to attract foreign students to its campus.

Till date, according to Professor Tandon, the University offers education to foreign students from countries like Netherland, Bangladesh, Nepal and Japan. He also apprised the guests that the Northeastern region, in comparison to other states in the country has only nine per cent of the geographical area of the country, but has as many as 250 tribes and 200 languages. The area, however, is rich in cultural diversity and biodiversity he added.

The University, Professor Tandon, said, endeavours to provide affordable education to the people of the area by truly following its objective, which stated, that the objective of the university is: *“to disseminate and advance knowledge by pro-*



The Controller of Examinations, the University Librarian and other heads and officers of the university listening to the talk of Mr. Agarwal (Publications photo).

viding instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it many deem fit; to pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of the hill areas of the North-Eastern Region, and, in particular their intellectual, academic and cultural advancement”.

Professor Tandon also informed the guests that the University proposes to set up a Jowai Campus in the near future. The Campus, according to him, would offer courses in Applied Sciences such as Food Science, Sericulture and Horticulture with a vision to enhance the knowledge of the students in these areas as well.

OBITUARY

Prof. R. K. Mishra, former VC, Smt. Wenis Violet Lyngdoh, SO Zoology, Smt. Ruby Moore, Caligraphist, Examination Department & Mr. Noah Khonglam, Driver from Administration deptt, passed away this year. The Vice-Chancellor and staff of NEHU offered their condolences to the bereaved families.

39- Member African delegation visited NEHU



A team of young achievers from 27 African countries appreciating the traditional bamboo dance performed by the Mizo students of the university (Contributed photo).

A 39-member team of young achievers and activists representing 27 African countries, who arrived in Meghalaya during the first week of April, visited the University and interacted with the students and faculty members on April 2, 2008. The team was accompanied by the Joint Secretary, Technical Cooperation, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ms Primrose Sharma.

Ms Sharma said the visit formed part of a partnership forum between members of developing countries under the South-East co-operation programme with the purpose of highlighting the diversity of India. A visit to North-East, according to Ms Sharma would make them experience the different look of the country because the region does not showcase the typical Hindu image of India but also its sizable inhabitants - Christians. Therefore she said this visit is a unique experience of the culture and religion of the area besides learning its great traditional heritage.

Mr Amit Dasgupta, Joint Secretary, Public Diplomacy, MEA who was also a team leader said, the visit “is an attempt to have them see for them-

selves that India is a tolerant nation and does not believe in racism”. The aim was also to make them interact with a cross section of people, NGOs and women organisation. This interactive-visit will discuss important issues like Women’s Empowerment, rising numbers HIV-AIDS cases and Capacity Building for the youth of the state.

According to Mr. Dasgupta, the team will benefit greatly from the visit to this region because it could have a first hand knowledge of the problems faced by the people. The visit would also make the team draw a line of similarity between the inhabitants of the North East and the Africans who are equally groping for answers as the people of Africa. The visiting team “might hit upon some answers to their problems and vice versa”, he added. Besides, Mr. Dasgupta informed, that this visit would serve as the first level of contact and dialogue – a curtain raiser – for a two-day detailed summit held on April 8 and 9, 2008 scheduled on April at Delhi. If this visit clicked, he stated, the North East and Shillong might soon become an educational destination for many African students.

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VC encourages the spread of Hindi

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon said Hindi should be encouraged to spread to places where the language is not spoken and written. Speaking as the Chief Guest at the inaugural session of the three-day national seminar on the theme *Purvottar Bharat Ka Sahitya Aur Hindi Ki Bhumika*, jointly organised by the University and North Eastern Council at NEHU Guest House on June 3, 2008, Professor Tandon said, we have to make a humble beginning. This, he reiterated, should begin with the children as they can adopt and speak, read any language at a very short span of time.

honesty in implementing it, consultations in times of difficulty, and putting the community above the individuals. He appealed to the scholars and participants of the seminar to combine their efforts to make Hindi a language of the North-eastern region also because most of its markets have broken Hindi as the lingua franca.

Professor Krishnarayan Prasad, a Hindi Pundit from the University of Manipur, in his speech said, the number of languages in the North-east is innumerable and the people of the region are fluently speaking the language even in their respective areas. He gave a historical perspec-



(From Right to Left) The Vice-Chancellor lighting the ceremonial lamp before the inauguration of the three-day Hindi workshop. The dignitaries seen in a light mood before the start of the function (Publications photo).

However, Professor Tandon proudly announced that amongst the universities in the Northeast, NEHU is the only University that has a bilingual signboard besides, having a Department of Hindi, he added. Professor Tandon while wishing the organisers and the participants a fruitful interactive sessions suggested that at the end of the three days there should be a concrete decision with a mission to foster the usage of Hindi at different levels of interaction.

Earlier Professor P P Srivastava, member of the North Eastern Council in his speech proposed a three-pronged formula for the development of Hindi in any region, namely *Rastriya Bhasha*, *Matri Bhasha* and *Vidya Bhasha*. Professor Srivastava emphasised that these strategic developments of the language must be combined with

the development of Hindi in Manipur and other seven sister states of the region to substantiate his point.

Professor Temsula Ao, Dean, School of Humanity and Languages in her speech on the occasion remarked, in the Northeast there is a natural antipathy to learning the language in schools because the tribals already have a rich language of their own. However, she stated, the attitude has changed and today many tribals speak Hindi as good as the native speakers. Things could improve further, she said, if a bit of Hindi literature is introduced in the lower classes.

Others who spoke on the occasion include Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Prof. D S Bhattacharjee and Dr. Chaubey.

NEHU to host the ninety-sixth Indian Science Congress

The ninety-sixth annual session of the Indian Science Congress, the first of its kind in the entire Northeast will be hosted by the University from the 3-7 of January 2009. This was informed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon in a press conference held at Bijni Complex on June 26, 2008. Professor Tandon optimistically stated that the honour was granted

to the University because of its excellent performances in the field of science and having good infrastructure. He expressed his happiness stating that the mega event will not only boost the image of the University but also place the state of Meghalaya in the road map of the scientists both national and international.

The advantage of holding the mega event at NEHU he said is because the University has good infrastructure, ample hostel accommodation for more than 1780 delegates besides having a multi-use –convention centre with the state-of –the –facility. The rest of the delegates according to him will be easily accommodated in the different college-hostels available in the city.

Dr. Rama Swami, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and general president of the Annual Session of the Science Congress who also seconded the statement of Professor Tandon, told the press and electronic media that the 96th annual session of the Science Congress would be held at NEHU and the dates are fixed. Briefing the Press on the issue, Dr. Swami, said the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) established in the year 1914 had so far conducted 95 Annual Science Congress' Sessions in different places of the country but not



Dr. Rama Swami and the Vice-Chancellor jointly briefing the Press on the 96th Indian Science Congress to be held at NEHU (Publications photo).

in the Northeast.

The basic purpose of the Science Congress according to Dr. Swami is to bring the scientists and political system of the country to one place because he believed that the conglomeration and confluence of scientists and social bodies of the globe and the nation would propound certain technological and societal responses to climatic changes, and environmental degradation.

Dr. Swami said the January session of the Science Congress at NEHU, to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India will be participated by more than 5000 delegates from the various parts of the world including Nobel Laureates. The theme of the Congress, he revealed, would be *Science Education and Attraction of Talent*. The idea is to tap young talents to contribute to the growth of the country, as Science Education has to serve and mingle with the society and not prison in the ivory towers of research and learning. The Science Congress according to Dr. Swami will also be a platform for the scientists and policy makers to jointly address the issues of environmental problems and employment generation, thereby enabling them to devise technologies to make health care affordable and near.

NEHU Ordinance amended

The Provision of Statute 2(A) 3 of NEHU Act 1973 has been amended. This was informed by the Registrar, Prof. D T Khathing in a notification issued on February 21 last. According to the Registrar, the notification has the assent of the visitor vide letter No. F. 8-11/2007/Desk (U) – 4050 dt 30.1.08 issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education). The following is the verbatim reproduction of the ordinance:

Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause (2), a person appointed as Vice-Chancellor shall, if he completes the age of seventy years during the term of his office or any extension thereof, retire

from office.

The provision of the section 26(1) (i) of the NEHU Act 1973 on the scales of pay and allowances and service conditions of non-teaching (other than statutory) employees of the university from group-A to D Levels has been amended. This was informed by the Registrar, Professor D T Khathing in a notification issued on March 20, 2008. The following is the verbatim reproduction of the Amended Section

1. The scales of pay and allowance of Non teaching (other than Statutory) employees of the University from Group-A to D level shall be the same as prescribed by the UGC/MHRD, Government of India and accepted by the University from time to time.

2. The date of retirement of such employees shall be the same as prescribed by the UGC/MHRD, Government of India and accepted by the University from time to time.

3. They shall be entitled to such allowances and perks as may be prescribed by the Govt. of India/UGC/University from time to time.

4. The Recruitment and Promotion of such employees shall be as provided in the respective approved Recruitment Rules, adopted by the University and notified under Regulations from time to time.

5. Other conditions of service such as leave, pay fixation, probation period, retirement benefits etc. shall be as prescribed by the Govt. of India from time to time.

Hindi Workshop

The Hindi Cell of the University organised a one-day workshop, for its employees who have a working knowledge of Hindi and are proficient in using the language on April 11, 2008 last. According to the organisers of the workshop, its purpose was to train such employees in order to enable them to do drafting and noting in Hindi. Altogether, about 15 participants have benefited from the workshop.

New CDC Dir.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon, has appointed Dr. C R Diengdoh as the new director of College Development Council (CDC) of the University. Dr. Diengdoh was the head of the Department of Zoology, St. Mary's College.

BPGS in statistics reconstituted

The Vice-Chancellor has recently reconstituted the Board of Postgraduate Studies (BPGS) in Statistics for a period of three years with immediate effect. This was informed by the deputy registrar (Conference) in a notification issued on March 7 last.

The members of the board include:

The head of the Department of Statistics as the ex-officio member. The other members include all professors from the department, Dr. M K Das, Dr. T K Chakraborty, Mr. B K Gupta, Dr. R Singh all

from the Department of Statistics; Dr. A K Chandra, Department of Chemistry; Dr. S S Khatri, Department of Physics; Dr. C R Mondal, Department of Mathematics; Prof. R S Khongsdier, Department of Anthropology; Prof. P Nayak, Department

of Economics; Prof. Nimai K Chandra, Department of Statistics, Kalyani University; Dr. S M Bendre, Department of Mathematics & Statistics University of Hyderabad; and Prof. S C Kakati, Department of Statistics, Dibrugarh University.

Steering committee for CACE reconstituted

The Vice-Chancellor has recently reconstituted the Steering Committee for the Centre for Adult and Continuing Education (CACE), for a period of three years with immediate effect. This was informed by the deputy registrar (Conference) in a notification issued on March 12, 2008.

The members of the committee include:

Dr. B.P. Sahu, head, Centre for Adult and Continuing Education, as the chairman. The other members include Dr. N.P. Goel, Lecturer, Centre for Adult and Continuing Education, Professor S. Sungoh, Department of Education, Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Depart-

ment of Hindi, Dr. Mala Ranganathan, Department of English, Dr. R.N. Rai, Centre for Distance Education, Dr. P. Jhingan, Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies, and Miss J.I. Rapphap, Centre for Adult and Continuing Education. The external experts include Professor M. Jayakumar, Department of Adult Edu-

cation & Extension, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore; Professor D.S. Patil, Department of Adult and Continuing Education & Extension, University of Mumbai; and Dr. Ratneswar Bhattacharjee, Centre for Adult and Continuing Education and Extension, Kalyani University (West Bengal)

BUGS in English reconstituted

The Vice-Chancellor has recently reconstituted the Board of Under-graduate Studies (BUGS) in English and Bio-technology for a period of three years with immediate effect. This was informed by the deputy registrar (Conference) in separate notifications issued on March 13, 2008.

The members of the board in English include:

The head, Department of English, Professor Esther Syiem, as Chairman. The other members include, Head of Department, English, Tura Campus, All professors in the Department of English, Shillong & Tura. Dr. M.M. Majumdar, Department of English, Shillong, Ms.

Babitha Justin, Department of English, Tura Campus; Eva D. War, Synod College, Shillong; Monotosh Chakravarty, St. Edmunds, College Shillong; Ms. Sutapa Das, Sankardev College, Shillong; Biju Barooah, St. Mary's College, Shillong; Sela Khathing, Lady Keane College, Shillong; Professor K.C. Baral, Director, The English and Foreign Languages University, Shillong; Mr. R S Thakur, Department of English, Tura; and Dr. Subhir Dhar, Department of English, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta.

The members of the board in Biotechnology include:

The head, Department of Biotechnol-

ogy Professor A Chatterjee as the chairman. The other members include, all Professors of the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics; Dr. S R Joshi, and M S Majaw, both M S Majaw, both from the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics; Dr. I Singh, and Ms Ivy Boiss, Department of Biotechnology, St. Anthony's College; Ms Y Chaudhury, Ms B Manners, and Mr. Samrat Adhikari, Department of Biotechnology, St. Edmund's College; Professor A K Burgohain, Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Tezpur University and Professor T K Choudhuri, Department of Zoology North Bengal University, Darjeeling.

Full time COE

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon has appointed Professor David R Syiemlieh, a renowned and noted historian as the new Controller of Examination (COE) of the University. It may be mentioned here that Professor Syiemlieh of the Department of History, has always been associated himself with many academic works for the last thirty years.

New PRO

The Vice-Chancellor, has appointed Dr. S Umdor, Lecturer, Department of Economics, as the Public Relations Officer (PRO), of the university, in addition to his normal duties with immediate effect. This was informed by the deputy registrar, Establishment II vide notification dated March 24, '08.

UGC team visits NEHU

The UGC visiting team led by Professor A Gnanam, visited the University from April 28 to 30, 2008, to finalise the various proposals for the XIth Plan period. The visitors besides visiting the different departments of the University also spent time to interact with the teaching, non-teaching staff, and the students' body separately to gather first hand information of their problems, grievances and hardships. The team also visited the various departments of the University and

interacted with the deans and heads of the different schools, departments and centres. The team members include: *Professor A Gnanam*, former Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University, Tamilnadu; *Professor H Y Mohan Ram*, former Professor and Head, Department of Botany, Delhi

University, New Delhi; *Professor Sushanta Datta Gupta*, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, IIT, Kharagpur; *Professor Tiplut Nongbri*, Member, School of Life Sciences Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; *Professor Damodar Acharya*, Director,

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur; *Professor D N Jha*, Department of History, Delhi University, New Delhi; *Professor J G Khairnar*, Barve Samrity, Garur Bagh, Dhule; *Professor T N Kapoor*, former Vice-Chancellor Panjab University; *Professor D Singh Chauhan*, Vice Chancellor, Jaypee University of Informational Technology, Wagnagat, Himachal Pradesh and *Professor Rajesh Anand*, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.

Court Member nominated

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon, has notified that the President of India and Visitor of the University has nominated the Principal of Seng Khasi College, as member of the Court of the University for a period of three years. According to the notification issued by the deputy registrar, Conference, his/her nomination is with immediate effect.

Steering committee for CDE reconstituted

The Vice-Chancellor has recently reconstituted the Steering Committee for the Centre for Distance Education (CDE), for a period of three years with immediate effect. This was informed by the deputy registrar (Conference) in a notification issued on June 19, 2008.

The members of the committee include:

The head, Centre for Distance Edu-

cation, Dr. R N Rai will be the chairman. The other members include: All Professors in the Centre, Dr. (Mrs) S Wangu, Dr. R C Pandey from the Centre for Distance Education; Dr. B P Sahu, Centre for Adult and Continuing Education; Dr. Desmond L Kharmawphlang, Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies; Prof. B K Tiwari, Cen-

tre for Environmental Education; Prof. B B P Gupta, Department of Zoology; Mr. D C Pant, former PVC, IGNOU, Gurgaon, Haryana; Prof. M M Pant, Gurgaon, Haryana; and Prof. Vasudha Kamat, Joint Director, Central Institute of Educational Technology, NCERT, New Delhi.

Students' counsellor appointed

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Pramod Tandon, has appointed Professor R N Sharan, Department of Biochemistry, as the in-charge of the Students' Counselling and Placement. This was informed by the deputy registrar (Administration) in a notification issued on March 26, 2008.

New head for Botany

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Pramod Tandon has appointed Professor M S Dkhar as the new head of the Botany Department, vice, Professor R C Laloo who had tendered his resignation from the headship. According to the notification, the appointment of Professor Dkhar is with effect from 12. 3. 2008 and for a period of three years. This was informed by the deputy registrar (Establishment II) in a notification issued on March 12, 2008.

New head for Law

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Pramod Tandon has appointed Dr. Chintamani Rout, as the new head of the Department of Law for a period of three years with effect from June 7, 2008. This was informed by the assistant registrar (Establishment II) in a notification issued on May 7 last.

New head

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed Dr. Tapan Kr Chakrabarty, as the new head of the Department of Statistics with immediate effect for a period of 3-year. This was informed vide notification dated May 5 2008.

Language committee constituted

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon, has constituted the Official Language Implementation Committee for the enhancement/propagation and spread of the progressive use of Hindi (*Rajbhasha*) in the University. According to the notification, the members of the committee shall include all heads of the Departments and Centres with the VC as the chairperson. This was informed by the Registrar in a notification issued on May 22, 2008 last.

Medical in-charge to continue

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pramod Tandon has retained Dr. V S Prasad, (specialist grade-I) as the in-charge of the office of the Medical Officer (MO) of the University. According to the notification, Dr. Prasad will continue to function as MO of the University until further orders. This was informed by the Registrar, Professor D T Khathing, in a notification issued on June 16, 2008.

New PIO appointed

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Pramod Tandon has appointed Mr. C D Rynjah, as the new Public Information Officer (PIO) in addition to his normal duties as the Vigilance Officer and Deputy Registrar. According to the notification, the appointment of Mr. Rynjah is with immediate effect. This was informed by the deputy registrar (Establishment II) in a notification issued on May 7 last.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms K. Raseshowri has been awarded a PhD in Botany for her thesis *Studies on the Developmental and Histo - chemical analysis of Digestive and Secretary Glands of some Insectivorous Plants of Meghalaya*. Ms Raseshowri worked under the supervision of Prof. N Venugopal, Department of Botany.

Ms Iaibadaiahun Nongrum has been awarded a PhD in Botany for her thesis *Conservation and*

DNA Fingerprint of Nepenthes Khasiana Hookf – A Threatened Insectivorous Plant of India. Ms Nongrum worked under the supervision of Prof. Pramod Tandon, (supervisor) and Dr. Suman Kumaria (joint supervisor), Department of Botany.

Ms Minakshi Chakraborty has been awarded a PhD in Economics for her thesis: *City Size, :Labour Productivity and Incidence of Child Labour: An Economet-*

ric Analysis. Ms Chakraborty worked under the supervision of Dr. A C Dubey and the joint supervisory of Prof. N Srivastava, Department of Botany.

Ms Biswarupa Ghosh has been awarded a PhD in Botany for her thesis: *Regeneration ecology and Sustainability of Harvest of bay leaf, Cinnamomum Tamala Fr. Ness in Meghalaya*. Ms Ghosh worked under the supervision of

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Dr. Uma Shankar and joint supervisory of Prof. S K Barik, Department of Botany.

Mr. K Pachhunga has been awarded a PhD in Chemistry for his thesis *Synthesis, Spectral and Structural Studies of n5 and n6 Cynclichy-drocarbon Complexes of some Platinum Group Metals with N,N and O,O Donor Bidentate Ligands*. Mr. Pachhunga worked under the supervision of Dr. K M Rao, Department of Chemistry.

Ms Aruna Kumari has been awarded a PhD in Hindi for her thesis *Manav Moolyon ke Pariprekshya mein Siyaram Sharan Gupta ke Kavya ka Anusheelan*. Ms Kumari worked under the supervision of Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Department of Hindi.

Mr. Raj Kumar Jha has been awarded a PhD in Hindi for his thesis *Acharya Vishwanath Prasad Mishra ke Krititva ka Vishleshnatmak Adhyayan*. Mr. Jha worked under the su-

per vision of Dr. M P Pandey, Department of Hindi.

Ms Tonjam J Chanu has been awarded a PhD in Anthropology for her thesis *A Study of Reproductive Health Among the Lois of Imphal Valley*. Ms Chanu worked under the supervision of Prof. R. Khongsdier, Department of Anthropology.

Ms Lorna Barbara Bang has been awarded a PhD in Anthropology for her thesis: *Reproductive Health in a Matrilineal Society: An Anthropological Study of the Khasis of Meghalaya*. Ms Bang worked under the supervision of Prof. T B Subba, Department of Anthropology.

Ms Medalda Challam has been awarded a PhD in Library and Information Science for her thesis: *Evaluation of College Libraries in Meghalaya: A case study*. Ms Challam worked under the supervision of Prof. A.S. Chandel, Department of Library and Information Science.

Ms Chaitali Bhattacharjee has been awarded a PhD in Biochemistry for her thesis: *A study of chemical carcinogen induced genomic instability*. Ms Bhattacharjee worked under the supervision of Prof. R.N. Sharan, Department of Biochemistry.

Ms Fameline K Marak has been awarded a PhD in Garo for her thesis: *Major Folk Festivals of Garos with special reference to Cultivation: A Critical Studies*. Ms Marak worked under the supervision of Prof. C R Marak, Department of Garo, Tura Campus.

Ms Malabika Mitra has been awarded a PhD in English for her thesis: *Jane Austen: Anxiety over Authority*. Ms Mitra worked under the supervision of Prof. T. Ao, Department of English.

Mr. Xavier Pfokrehe Mao has been awarded a PhD in Philosophy for his thesis *Act, Character and Morality: a Reevaluation*. Mr. Pfokrehe worked under the su-

per vision of Pofessor Jagat Pal and the joint supervision of Professor N. Malla, Department of Philosophy

Mr. Dhirendro Nongsiej has been awarded a PhD in Philosophy for his thesis *Thought and Reality: A critical Study of Hegel*. Mr. Nongsiej worked under the supervision of Pofessor Jagat Pal and the joint supervision of Professor N. Malla, Department of Philosophy.

Mr. Alempa Ao has been awarded a PhD in Philosophy for his thesis *The Concept of Right: An Examination*. Mr. Ao worked under the supervision of Pofessor Jagat Pal and the joint supervision of Professor N. Malla, Department of Philosophy.

Mr. Surajit Barman has been awarded a PhD in Geography for his thesis *Fluvio-Morphological Impact of P a g l a d i y a - Morapagladia Rivers on Rural Settlements*. Mr. Barman worked under the supervision of Dr. H J Syiemlieh, Department of Geography.

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Department of Botany

The Department of Botany has been in the forefront of teaching and research in plant sciences since its establishment in 1974. The original aim of providing quality education to the educationally underprivileged tribes of the North-eastern states has been successfully fulfilled by the Department. The department stands today as a unique institution in the Northeastern region of the country where multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary teaching and research in plant sciences has established permanent roots. The uniqueness of the department essentially lies in the fact that within the department's faculty there are experts and active researchers representing almost all areas of plant sciences. The department believed that in order to be effective, the post-graduate teaching must be done by teachers who are also actively involved in research in their respective areas of specialization. The department has developed a teaching programme that stresses on the uniformity of principals of macro as well as micro molecular mechanisms in all living systems besides, organising refresher courses to update the knowledge and skills of teachers of the region and the

country. The department therefore, serves as a catalyst in the vital scientific and educational activities of India and has a commitment to continue its service to the nation.

Quality teaching requires ongoing research activities, which needs a good deal of financial support. With a current strength of more than 50, the research fellows of the department constitute the core of its research activities. The department is fortunate to bring in research funds from national and international agencies in the form of research

projects which include the *Department Bio-Technology, Council of Scientific & Industrial*

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Research, Indian Council for Agricultural Research, Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Environment and Forests, North Eastern Council, the Indo French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research, USDA and host of others who have generously supported the ongoing research activities in the department through sponsored research projects. The financial support from the above agencies has helped over 500 research publications to the credit of the department.

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Mr. Pranab Jyoti Sarma has been awarded a PhD in Geography for his thesis *River Bank Erosion and its Impact on Dwellers of Brahmaputra Valley in Morigoan District of Assam*. Mr. Barman worked under the supervision of Professor B S Mipun, Department of Geography.

Mr. Prakash Sarma has been awarded a PhD in Geography for his thesis *Ecological Basis of the Economy of Periodic Markets in Barpeta District, Assam*. Mr. Sarma worked under the supervision of Professor A C Mohapatra, Department of Geography.

Mr. G Rosangkima has been awarded a PhD in Zoology for his

thesis *Studies on Antitumor and Antimutagenic Potentials of some Plants of Meghalaya and Mizoram*. Mr.

Rosangkima worked under the supervision of Professor S B Prasad, Department of Zoology.

Mr. Curiously Bareh has been awarded a PhD in Linguistics for his thesis *Descriptive Analysis of the Jowai and Rymbai Dialects of*

Khasi. Mr. Bareh worked under the supervision of Professor J War, Department of Linguistics.

Mr. Nitin Sarma has been awarded an MPhil degree in Mathematics for his dissertation *Dark Energy and Cosmic Acceleration: A Review*. Mr. Sarma worked under the supervision of Professor S K Srivatava, Department of Mathematics.

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These sustained efforts of the faculty have brought laurels to the department in the form of awards, honours and recognitions. The department had two fellows of the Indian National Science Academy besides other awards like F.N.A.Sc., B.P. Pal National Environment Fellowship award, F.N.I.E., F.I.G.S., FISPP and INSA Young Scientists award. In recognition of the excellent work carried out by the department, the University Grants Commission has extended its financial support to the Department under its DSA and COSIST programmes.

In recognition of the level of expertise available with the department, the University Grants Commission has upgraded the department to the status of Centre for Advanced Studies in Botany

with effect from April 2006 with “Plant Diversity Assessment and Conservation” as the identified thrust area. The various aspects of research being pursued under the identified thrust area are:

Structural and functional analysis of ecosystems; Molecular profile based characterization and documentation of plant genetic resources of the region; Bio-prospecting of novel genes, promoters and Bio-molecules from the floral diversity of North-east India; Conservation Bio-technology of rare and endangered plants of Northeast India; Microbial diversity, inventorization of forest and agro-ecosystems; Electronic herbarium and computer aided storage and retrieval systems for plant genetic resources; Reproductive biology of plants; and Establishment of seed banks.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION(S)

LEAD International, U.K.

International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu.

Community Forestry International, Santa Barbara, US.

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia under the Indo-EU S& T cooperation

Oregon State University, USA (Indo-US collaboration funded by DST-NSF).

Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia.

National Institute of Agrobiological Resources, Tsukuba, Japan.

Awards/ honours/ fellowships received by the faculty

We are honoured to have had amongst us two fellows of the Indian National Science Academy (F N A), New Delhi, namely: Professor P S Ramakrishnan and Professor R S Tripathi

We have also been honoured in having four fellows of the National Academy of Sciences (F N A Sc) Allahabad on our faculty. These include Professor P S Ramakrishnan, Professor R R Mishra; Professor R S Tripathi; Professor P. Tandon

Other fellowships/awards received by the faculty include:

F I S G : Professor A K Misra

F N I E : Professor H N Pandey

F I S P P : Professor N K Chrunoo

B P Pal National Environment Fellowship: Professor P Tandon

LEAD Fellowship : Dr S K Barik

BOYSCAST Fellowship : Dr. Uma Shankar

Biotechnology National Associateship : Professor A K Misra and Professor N K Chrunoo

Professor P Maheshwari Medal, IBS: Professor P Tandon

INSA Young Scientist Medal: Dr. Uma Shankar

CSTUP Young Scientist Award: Dr. Uma Shankar

National Scholarship for study abroad, GOI: Professor P Tandon

Science and Technology Award, Government of Japan : Professor P Tandon

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