



The Department Of JMC Organized A One Day Capacity Building Workshop



Date: 29th November, 2023: The department of Journalism and Mass Communication organized a one day capacity building workshop on intergrating social and behavior change modules into Higher Educational Institutions' Curricula with The Social and Behavior Change (SBC) Secretariat office under the aegis of Assam Don Bosco University and UNICEF Assam & Northeast in collaboration with North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), conducting the program.

Senior Professor S. N. Sungoh, Department of Education NEHU, in her speech, encouraged the convergence of mind in committing to positive change, for the betterment of society and utilizing the power of communication to shape social and behavioral change.

Professor B. Mishra, Dean in charge, Department of Economics, NEHU, highlighted that society is tied with imaginary ropes acting as restrictions that do not exist. Appreciating the timing of the workshop as NEHU has just implemented the NEP 2020 he further added the importance of implementing the SBC in the curriculum. He emphasized SBC as the strategic use of communication approach to promoting change in knowledge, attitude, norms, beliefs, and behavior.



Further, Suresh Pramara, SBC Specialist, UNICEF Assam, and Northeast, shared his experience in implementing the modules, he also highlighted the role of communication strategies in bringing positive social and behavioral changes.

The program was graced by Prof. Aparna Khanna, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi as the resource person. Prof. Khanna noted the growing adoption of SBC modules, citing successful integration in institutions such as the University of Hyderabad, Assam Don Bosco University, Mizoram University, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (Indore), Xavier Institute of Social Service (Ranchi), and Martin Luther University.

Altogether 30 participants attended the programme. Participants from NEHU, Martin Luther University, ICFAI, National Institute of Fashion Technology, Union Christian College, and St. Edmund's College took part.

Interaction Programme With Folkdance Teams From Cuba And Cyprus



Date: 22nd November, 2023: The folk dance teams from Cuba and Cyprus were in Meghalaya to participate in the 7th India-International Folk Festival, scheduled from November 22-24, 2023. The festival, organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations Zonal Office, North East Region, in collaboration with the Department of Arts and Culture, Government of Meghalaya, attracted participants from seven countries, including Cuba, Russia, Cyprus, Croatia, Vietnam, Ethiopia, and Kazakhstan.

The interaction program was organized on the sideline of the Folk Festival, providing a unique opportunity for the students, research scholars, and faculty members of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication to engage with the rich cultural heritage of these two nations.

During the program, both folk dance teams showcased a vibrant array of contemporary and folk dance forms, captivating the audience with their cultural expressions. The team from Cuba, in particular, imparted knowledge on the Rumba, the Abakuá, and the fusion of these dances to our students. The movements, derived from Afro-Cuban dances, were recreated through sequences and variations that characterize this popular genre.

In a reciprocal exchange, students from the department demonstrated a few traditional folk dance steps to the visiting teams, creating a cultural exchange that enriched the experience for all participants.

The interaction program concluded on a high note with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Kamaljit Chirom, expressing gratitude to the folk dance teams for sharing their cultural heritage and contributing to the success of the event.

Overall, the interaction program served as a valuable platform for cultural exchange, fostering understanding and appreciation among the students and faculty members of NEHU. Such initiatives contribute significantly to the global perspective and cultural diversity within our academic community.

Lecture Series By The Department Of Environmental Studies, NEHU, Shillong



Date: 17th November, 2023: The department initiated a lecture series from eminent subject experts to sensitize our students concerning current research. In this regard, on November 17th, 2023 a lecture on the topic entitled “Sensing Climate Change Indicators from Space with special emphasis on Forest Ecosystems” was delivered by Dr. C. P. Singh, Scientist F, Space Applications Centre (SAC-ISRO), Ahmedabad, through online mode.

The program started with the welcome remarks of The Head of the Department. The senior professor of the department, Prof. D. Paul, emphasized developing a series of lectures from time to time, which will benefit our students. Prof. M. S. Bisht stated that as per NEP 2020, there is a need to interact with our students with current research going on in the country. More than 70 students of the department along with research scholars present during the lecture.

The students benefited from learning about, how to access climate change through tools and techniques of remote sensing, GIS, and hyperspectral imaging in forest ecosystems. Dr. Singh emphasized that the space-borne technique provides a powerful systematic tool to monitor, map, and model the diverse vegetation cover and give a precise and accurate road map for numerous aspects. The forest research is using remote sensing to improve the reporting of key forest indicators such as woodland loss monitoring, storm damage monitoring, and larch mapping. Further, the data sets and analysis techniques provide scale-specific approaches, in spatial and temporal contexts, for measurement and monitoring ecosystems at the individual, population, community, ecosystem, and biosphere levels. The program ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajesh Bajpai.

Industrial Cum Study Tour Conducted By MA Students Of The Department Of Biomedical Engineering, Nehu, Shillong To Mumbai And Goa



Date: November, 2023: The Department of Biomedical Engineering, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, organized an Industrial cum study Tour as per the course curriculum

based on New Education Policy (NEP 2020) from 14th November to 26th November 2023 to various industries and research institutes in Mumbai and Goa. The Industrial Tour comprised of 3rd Semester M.Tech students and faculty/staff members of the Department/University. The team was led by faculty members Dr. Dinesh Bhatia and Mr. Shyamal Mandal from the Department of Biomedical Engineering. This industrial tour was an integral part of the M.Tech course curriculum as per the NEP 2020. The objective of the field trip was to provide in-depth knowledge and exposure to industries located in the financial capital of the country, Mumbai, and its neighboring state, Goa to understand the best practices being practiced in those institutions. The goal was to enhance the knowledge spectrum and job prospects as healthcare professionals for the students of North East region. The tour team visited several industries, institutes, and research centers during the visit.

Statistical Methods And Exploratory Data Analysis For Social Scientists: A Hands-On R Workshop



Date: 20th November, 2023: In a bid to enhance the analytical prowess of students, research scholars, and faculty, the Department of Management and Placement & Counselling Cell, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Tura Campus in Association with the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata hosted a comprehensive statistical workshop. The event, which took place for one week from November 20th-

25th, 2023, aimed to equip participants with essential statistical tools and methodologies crucial for academic research and professional pursuits. The workshop drew participants from various academic disciplines, reflecting the interdisciplinary nature of statistical analysis.

Attendees included students, researchers, and faculty members eager to delve into the world of statistics and harness its power in their respective fields. Prof. Abhigyan Bhattacharjee, Head of the Department of Management, NEHU Tura Campus, and coordinator of the workshop expressed enthusiasm about the initiative as Statistics plays a pivotal role in decision-making processes across diverse fields. The workshop aimed to empower participants with the skills needed to navigate and interpret data effectively, fostering a culture of data-driven decision-making through R software. The workshop covered a wide range of topics, including basic statistical concepts, data visualization techniques, and advanced statistical tools with R. The Resource persons for the workshop were drawn from ISI, Kolkata, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai. The workshop was sponsored by the ICSSR-NERC, Shillong.

Book Launch Report: “Stories From The Valley” By Dr. Karen Lalrindiki Donoghue And Donskobor Junisha Khongwir

Date: 14th November, 2023: On the 14th of November, 2023 the Shillong Literary Festival witnessed the much-anticipated launch of “Stories From The Valley” by Dr. Karen Larindiki Donoghue, Asst. Prof. Dept of Journalism and Mass Communication, NEHU and Donskobor Junisha Khongwir, Asst. Prof. Dept of Mass Media, St Anthony’s College. The event featured an engaging interactive session with the authors moderated by Parismita Singh.



The book compiled the history of the Mizo population that settled in the southeastern part of Shillong city called Happy Valley from the 1960s onwards. During the session, Donoghue and Khongwir shared the profound inspiration behind their collaborative work. “Stories From The Valley” emerged from a tapestry of grief and love, woven during challenging periods in the authors’ lives. Distinct from the conventional academic lens, the authors emphasized that the book’s essence lies in its dedication to the communities featured in the stories. Rather than merely presenting narratives, the book is a heartfelt gesture meant for these communities.

A noteworthy aspect of the book is its deliberate incorporation of a multilingual narrative. With an interplay of Mizo, English, and Khasi languages, the authors aimed to make the stories more inclusive and relatable to many readers. This diversity in language makes the stories richer and adds depth to the storytelling, allowing readers to connect with them on a more personal level.



To complement the book launch, an exhibition showcased the striking photographs featured in the book. This exhibition provided attendees a chance to really experience the landscape and stories that make “Stories From The Valley” unique and special to the literary world.

The inclusion of striking photographs further enriches the storytelling experience. Khongwir shared that these visuals were captured through the lens of listening, emphasizing the intimate relationship between the stories and the images. "Stories From The Valley" goes beyond regular books, mixing language, feelings, and pictures in a special way.

The book launch at the Shillong Literary Festival wasn't just about introducing a new book. It was also a celebration of how storytelling can heal and bring communities together. "Stories From The Valley" shows how stories from real people can be powerful and make a difference.

Report of the NEHU Inter College Women Football Tournament 2023



Prof. K. Debberma, Dean, School of Social Science, NEHU, Shri N. Das, Asst. Director (PE & Sports), NEHU along with Champion team

Date: November, 2023: The Sports Department of the North-Eastern Hill University organized the Inter College Women Football Tournament from 30th October to 4th November 2023 at the SAI-STC, NEHU Permanent Campus, Shillong. All together nine teams took part in the tournament.

The final match of the tournament was played between Lady Keane College, Shillong versus Sngap Syiem College, Mawkyrwat on the 4th of November 2023, where Lady Keane Col-

lege, Shillong defeated Sngap Syiem College, Mawkyrwat by 3-1 in a tie-breaker. In normal times the score was nil.

The tournament ended with a presentation ceremony, where Prof. K. Debberma, Dean, School of Social Science, NEHU graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the prizes to the winners. Shri N. Das, Assistant Director (PE & Sports), NEHU cum Organizing Secretary was also present during the ceremony.

Report of the NEHU Inter College Cricket (Men) Tournament 2023



Prof. K. Debberma, Dean, School Of Social Science, Nehu, Shri N. Das, Asst. Director (Pe & Sports), Nehu, And Principal Of BBS College Along With Champions & Runner Up Team

Date: 6th November, 2023: The tournament began with an opening ceremony on the 6th of November 2023. The Final match of the tournament was played between St. Anthony's College, Shillong versus BBS College. After winning the toss, St. Anthony's College opted to ball first. Batting first the BBS College put a score of 164 runs on the board in 20 overs after losing 9 wickets. Chasing the target of 165, St. Anthony's College Shillong was able to score 141 runs in 20 overs after losing 7 wickets. BBS College won the match by 23 runs and became the champion of the tournament.

The tournament ended with a presentation ceremony, where Prof. K. Debberma, Dean, School of Social Science, NEHU graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the prizes to the winners. Shri N. Das, Asst. Director (PE & Sports), NEHU cum Organizing Secretary and Principal of BBS College, Shillong was also present during the ceremony.

Mr. Pawan Kumar of the BBS College became Man of the Final Match whereas Mr. Rohit Yadav of St. Anthony's College became the Man of the Tournament.

Report on Literary Festival Conducted by the English Department

Date: November, 2023: As an outreach program of the Shillong Literary Festival, a special session titled Literary Critique was held in the Department of English to provide an effective platform for the students to be informed about the current publishing scenario. A brief inaugural session was held at the beginning where Prof Jyotirmoy Prodhani, head of the English

department and Mary Therese Kurkalang, director of the Shillong Literary Festival, and Dr. Suranjana Choudhury, convener of the program addressed the students to emphasize on the need to have such interactive programs frequently.



Swati Daftuar, Deputy Editor at The Hindu and the resource person commenced her session by providing an overview of the critical role that literary reviews play in the publishing industry. She emphasized the need for comprehensive evaluations that go beyond mere summaries, focusing on the depth of analysis and critical assessment of the content.

In her deliberation she outlined the initial steps in the book publishing process, starting with manuscript submissions. She explained the importance of well-crafted proposals and the role they play. The session concluded with a discussion on the vital role of marketing in ensuring a book's success. Daftar shared strategies for effective promotion, including social media, book launches, and author engagements.

Swati Daftuar's visit to NEHU provided students and faculty with valuable insights into the meticulous processes involved in literary review and book publishing thereby equipping them with knowledge essential for navigating the competitive world of publishing.

The Department Of Khasi, NEHU Organized A Regional Seminar

Date: 21st November, 2023: The Department of Khasi, North-Eastern Hill University, has organized a Regional Seminar on “Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Interpretation of Khasi Language, Literature and Culture” at the Science Seminar Hall, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong.

The Inaugural Session started at 10.00 am, it was chaired by Prof. Streamlet Dkhar, Head of the Department of Khasi Dept. North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. The Chief Guest for the program was Shri. Pyniaid Sing Syiem, Chief Executive Member of the Khasi Hill Autonomous District Council. In his speech, he congratulated the Department for organizing

such an important seminar. He addressed the importance of language be it the oral or written form. The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Antoinette Kharmalki, Department of Khasi, North-Eastern Hill University. In her speech, she stressed on the importance of different theories in interpreting and analyzing Literature, Linguistics, and Culture by citing different examples.

The Seminar had two sessions, the first session was chaired by Dr. Bandarilin Bairo, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, North-Eastern Hill, and the paper presenters were Dr. Thomlin Lynshing, Associate Professor, Department of Khasi, St. Anthony's College Shillong, Ms. Balarishisha Nongkynrih, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Shillong College, Shillong, Mr. Slendar Dkhar, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat, Ms. Rilin Gemma Lyngdoh, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Sankardev College, Shillong. The second session was chaired by Dr. Marbhador M. Khyndeit, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. The Paper presenters were Dr. Rollingstone Wankhar, Associate Professor, Department of Khasi, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Ms. Roiparbha Khongkiam, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Ri-War College, Pynursla, Ms. Elizabeth Shylla, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Nontalang College, Nongtalang, Ms. Frugiferous Diengdoh, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Ms. Lasubon Nongkynrih, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, J. J.M Nichols Roy College, Shillong and Ms. Jennifer Lyngkhoi, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Balawan College, Umsning.

The Seminar on "Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Interpretation of Khasi Language, Literature and Culture" proved to be a stimulating and enlightening event. It offered a platform for scholars, researchers, and enthusiasts to delve deep into different theories and approaches and explore the benefits of adopting multidisciplinary approaches. The engaging presentations, interactive discussions, and diverse perspectives provided a rich learning experience for all participants.

Celebration Of Linguistic Plurality Of India

Date: November, 2023: As part of celebrating the Linguistic plurality of India, a Language Festival, Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2023 was organized by the Head of the Department of Khasi as Chairperson of Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav, with all the Heads and faculty members of different Department within the School of Humanities, North-Eastern Hill University. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and the rendition of the National Anthem. This was followed by the reception and felicitation of the invited dignitaries and a welcome song performed by the students in different languages composed together in one song.

The Guest of Honour, Prof. Rajesh Kumar, IIT, Madras, stated that language is the carrier of civilization and that humans are uniquely endowed with the capacity to speak and are instinctively multilingual. The Chief Guest, Shri A.L. Hek, Cabinet Minister, Government of Meghalaya, commented on the ethnic and linguistic multiplicity and richness of Meghalaya in his address. The session was followed by a vote of thanks, delivered by Prof. S. Dkhar, Chairperson of the Bhartiya Bhasha Utsav Committee.



The inaugural session was followed by an invigorating panel discussion moderated by Prof Shailendra Kumar Singh, Department of Linguistics, NEHU. The panelists comprised Prof Buddha Chandrashekhar, Prof Rajesh Kumar, Dr. Abir Suchiang, Dr. Arnab Majhi, and Dr Paonam Sudeep who offered interesting insights on the role of technology and media and its interface with linguistic and literary canvas in the current times.

The day also witnessed a colorful medley of literary and cultural events like a Multilingual Poster Presentation on showcasing the Diversity of India, Multilingual Poetry Reading, Multilingual Songs, and Traditional Dance Performances. An added highlight was the installation of various food courts celebrating both local and global cuisines.

Nehu Panorama Wishes Nehu Employees A Happy Retirement Life

NEHU Panorama wishes the following employees of NEHU on their retirement and wishes them a healthy and prosperous life ahead.

1. Dr. Sudipta Choudhury, Department of Zoology.
2. Smti Rikynti Kharkongor, UDC, Dean School of Physical Sciences.
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