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Department of Library and Information Science organizes a Two- day International Conference



Shillong, March 25: The Department of Library and Information Science, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, organized a Two-day Ruby Jubilee International Conference on March 24–25, 2026. The theme of the conference, “The Multifaceted Role of Information, Knowledge Systems, Technologies, and Libraries in Various Socio-Cultural and Academic Environments,” highlighted the growing importance of information systems in diverse contexts.

The inaugural session was attended by Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Member of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, who served as the Chief Guest. In her address, she emphasized the vital role of information and knowledge systems in promoting inclusive development and empowering communities. Prof. S. Umdor, Pro-Vice Chancellor of NEHU, also spoke on the occasion, reaffirming the university’s dedication to academic excellence and innovation in Library and Information Science. A Ruby Jubilee Souvenir compiled by Prof. B.L. Tariatang, was also released to mark the auspicious occasion.

Prof. P. Hangsing, Head of the Department at NEHU delivered the Key Note Address and highlighted the changing role of libraries and information centers in

addressing modern academic and socio-cultural needs.

The conference attracted over 80 registered participants, including academicians, researchers, and professionals from India and abroad. From the 65 abstracts received, there were 42 paper presenters. It provided a platform to discuss emerging trends, technological advancements, and the transformative impact of libraries and knowledge systems.

The program featured keynote lectures, technical sessions, panel discussions, and paper presentations. Notable speakers included Dr. Leo Appleton (University of Sheffield, U.K.), Dr. Chimezie Patrick Uzuegbu (MOUAU, Nigeria), Prof. Muhammad Mezbah Ul-Islam (University of Dhaka), Dr. S. Ravi Kumar (Central University of Tamil Nadu), Prof. Sanjay Kumar Singh from Gauhati University, Dr. Mukesh Saikia (Tezpur University) and Dr. Tamal K. Guaha, Librarian IIT Guwahati. The conference was coordinated by Dr. J. J. Thabab, with Dr. J. Khongtim as Co-Coordinator.

This Ruby Jubilee event marked an important milestone, showcasing the department’s longstanding contributions to education, research, and professional growth in the field.

Pre-National Science Day Celebration by Department of Physics, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong

Shillong: As part of the Pre-National Science Day celebrations, the Department of Physics, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, is pleased to announce an Expert Lecture on Space Science to be delivered by Dr. Tiju Joseph Mathew, a distinguished expert in the field of space science. The lecture aims to inspire students, researchers, and faculty by providing insights into contemporary developments in space science, emerging research frontiers, and India's growing role in space exploration. The event is being organized as part of NEHU's commitment to promoting scientific temper and fostering academic excellence ahead of National Science Day.



Department of Economics conducts a Webinar “Use and Abuse of Statistics”

Shillong, April 18: The webinar titled “Use and Abuse of Statistics” was organized as part of the Multidisciplinary Frontier Colloquy on 18th April 2026 at 11:00 AM. The session brought together scholars and participants to reflect on the ethical and practical dimensions of statistical usage in research and everyday life. The programme began with a prologue by Bishal Gurung, Head of the Department of Statistics, NEHU, Shillong. In his opening remarks, he emphasized the importance of using data and statistical tools in a fair and responsible manner. The keynote session was delivered by Professor Manoranjan Pal from the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata. He began with well-known reflections on the interpretation of data and gradually moved into a detailed discussion on the major sources of deceptive statistics. He elaborated on issues related to sampling methods and data collection, emphasizing the importance of minimizing sampling errors and ensuring that sample sizes are adequate for meaningful inference. He concluded by underscoring that statistics is not about being perfectly correct, but about being “less wrong” through careful and thoughtful analysis. The session was moderated by Dr. Darishisha War Thangkhiew, who ensured smooth conduct of the webinar, while the session was chaired by Utpal Kumar De.



The Department also introduced a seminar series for Research Scholars titled “Research Spotlight” in the month of April. The event co-ordinated by Dr. Deigracia Nongkynrih, Associate Professor of the Department, saw presentation by two research scholars. Ms Seema Kalita presented on penetration of micro-credit in India. Another Scholar Mr. Rupon Bhowmik presented his findings on trade and impact on skilled and unskilled wages, using CGE modelling. The event was attended by other faculties and research scholars of the department.



ARWAH CAVE: A JOURNEY INTO MEGHALAYA'S ANCIENT PAST



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Nestled near the picturesque town of Sohra (Cherrapunji) in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills, Arwah Cave is a fascinating destination that combines natural beauty with geological history. Surrounded by lush forests and limestone cliffs, the cave offers visitors an unforgettable journey into a world shaped over millions of years.

Arwah Cave is renowned for its remarkable limestone formations, including stalactites and stalagmites, which have been created by the slow action of mineral-rich water over thousands of years. As visitors walk through the naturally carved passages, they can observe intricate rock patterns that showcase the artistic craftsmanship of nature.

One of the cave's most unique features is the presence of visible marine fossils embedded within its limestone walls. These fossils, believed to be millions of years old, provide evidence that the region was once submerged beneath an ancient sea.

They offer valuable insight into the geological evolution of Meghalaya and make Arwah Cave an important site for students, researchers, and geology enthusiasts.

Beyond its scientific significance, the cave attracts adventure seekers who enjoy exploring its narrow passages, cool interiors, and mysterious atmosphere. The surrounding landscape, with its rolling hills, dense vegetation, and breathtaking viewpoints, adds to the charm of the experience.

Arwah Cave is more than a tourist destination. It is a natural archive that preserves the history of the Earth while highlighting the extraordinary landscapes of Meghalaya. Whether admired for its fossils, geological formations, or adventurous appeal, Arwah Cave stands as one of the state's hidden treasures, inviting visitors to discover the rich natural heritage of the "Abode of Clouds."

NEHU Panorama wishes NEHU Employees a healthy and heartiest retirement life.

1. Shri Anil Kumar C.K., Section Officer (Officiating Assistant Registrar
2. Shri Parimal Dev, UDC, NEHU Health Centre.
3. Smti Phyllamon Mylliem Umlong, UDC, Office of the Dean School of Social Sciences.
4. Shri Dineshwar Rai, MTS Security Cell.

The NEHU Panorama extends its heartfelt appreciation to all retired staff members for their invaluable contributions to the University community and wishes them continued good health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

