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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

The NEHU foundation stone was laid down with the “Rise up and Build”. As such, we aspire to rise up and build with social upliftment of north-eastern region. We all know education plays an important role in the overall development of human being and society, hence NEHU, Tura Campus was established in the year 1996 to cater to the educational needs of the people of the Garo Hills in particular and the entire North-Eastern region in general.



The Tura Campus of NEHU has completed 25 years. Today, the Campus is on a trajectory to achieve its vision and goal of becoming a centre for excellence in the near future. Among the ambitious vision plans envisaged for the Campus are two mega projects. University plans to start some mega projects in the field of Agriculture and Forestry in the near future along with a centre for Skill Development which will cater to the needs of students who are presently studying outside the state in Agri related courses. The Campus has an NTA centre with a hundred computers which will cater to all online digital examination and can also help the students of affiliated colleges familiarise themselves with all online examination systems.

The Campus with inclusive outlook works closely with village communities to enhance productivity and exchange of technology via its Incubators and MSME programmes. The Post-Graduate programmes offered are largely skill based leading directly to research, employment and entrepreneurship, thereby achieving the vision of the New Education Policy-2020.

I wish the Campus with its dedicated team of teaching fraternity, non-teaching staff and students the very best as they look towards the New Year to achieve their goals.

Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla
Vice-Chancellor

From the Campus-In-Charge's Desk

The North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tura Campus, is a robust hub of dynamic academic activities under the patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. P.S. Shukla. The day-to-day activities of the campus are officiated by the Campus-in-Charge, Prof. Sujata Gurudev. The campus had completed its silver jubilee, having been established in 1996 with two departments, Garo and English. Since then, the campus has grown exponentially to 10 departments, which include the departments of English, Garo, Education, Rural Development and Agricultural Production, Management, Agri-Business Management and Food Technology, Computer Applications, Horticulture, History and Archaeology, and Forestry. The campus runs 14 programs, including one self-financed programme offering a Master of Social Work. The unique feature of the campus is that it is poised at a confluence of history, incorporating the vision of not only NEP but showcasing its potential as a centre of excellence. The NEHU Tura Campus, with its skill-based academic subjects, offers its alumni a wide corpus of subjects that lead to employment at the regional, national, and international levels. The campus has three incubation centres where ideas are hatched and nurtured, as well as a business incubator (BI) under the MSME Champion Scheme. The campus also has a state-of-the-art computerised examination centre functioning under the National Testing Agency (NTA). The learned academia with a GLOCAL vision has attuned their academic pursuits, creative outputs, and projects towards the sustainable development of not just the institution but also its unique vision of being the nodal agency of feeder colleges. The institution aims at preserving the rich and varied culture the indigeneity, the bio diversity, the natural resource management of the region in its outreach to neighbouring villages at not only community and educational levels but creation of various avenues of partnership at job creation and revenue generation. The adoption of villages is part of this unique partnership of earn while you learn. A robust vision and belief shall be foremost in the pursuit of educational and economic excellence of Atma Nirbar Bharat. This e-magazine showcases the quick pace of development and ambitious vision of Tura Campus showcasing itself as a green campus of educational excellence.



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Academic Activities

Blended mode program on Bio-Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Meghalaya

September 07, 2022:

The opening ceremony of the blended mode sensitization series in “Bio-Entrepreneurship Opportunities at Meghalaya” organised by BioNESTBioincubator Facility, NEHU, Tura Campus in collaboration with PRIME Startup Hub Meghalaya was held at PRIME Hub on the 7th



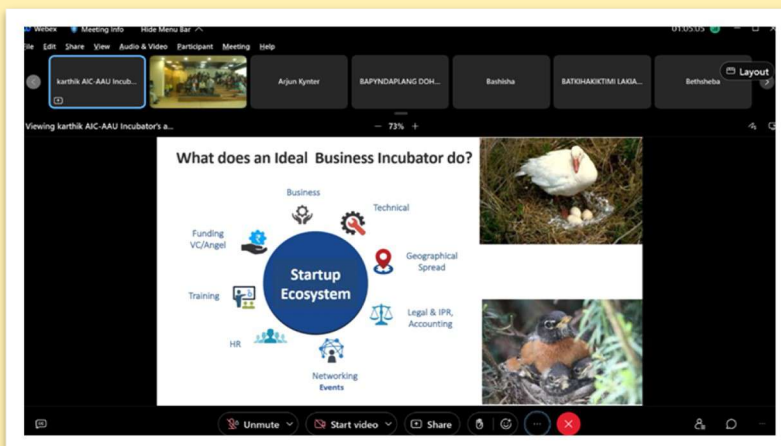
of September 2022 with 48 virtual and 60 physical attendees. Mr. Flo Oberhofer, Program Head, PRIME, Shillong welcomed the gathering and highlighted the prospective sectors of Bio-resources in Meghalaya such as Floriculture, Food Processing, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops, Spices, Nutrition, etc. in which Bio-entrepreneurship in Meghalaya can flourish. In the keynote lecture, Dr K Karthikeyen, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), North-East Agriculture Technology Entrepreneurs Hub (NEATEHUB) discussed the opportunities and scopes of Start-ups in Agricultural and allied sectors in NER being one of the mainstream livelihoods generating sector. Dr Karthikeyen further discussed the challenges of entrepreneurship in the initial stage especially in the hilly areas and the importance of incubation centres as enablers in promoting these enterprises and handholding emerging start-ups to create more jobs in this sector. He also voiced the need for innovative approaches for setting up sustainable enterprises and the kind of support available from various

departments of the Government. This was followed by a prolonged interactive doubt clearing session. In the next session, Ms. Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager, BIRAC BioNESTBioincubator (B3I) Facility, NEHU, Tura Campus introduced the participants about the goals and activities of B3I Facility, highlighted the focus areas, role of B3I in Business Development, and the service they offer.



In the post-lunch session, Dr Suman Kumar Nandy, CEO, BioNEST Facility, NEHU Tura Campus, elaborated the gathering about the various funding schemes of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) with special mention to the ongoing Biotechnology Ignition Grant for north-eastern Region (BIG-NER) opened for researchers, faculty members, students, and entrepreneurs with innovative ideas in Life-Science and Biotechnology sector.

Dr Nandy also discussed the other funding schemes available from DST, MSME, PRIME Meghalaya etc. and the hand-holding program offered by the facility to transform innovative ideas into a sustainable and profitable business. This was followed by a presentation from Mr. Jefferson Rani, Manager, PRIME Hub, IIMCIP, about the role of PRIME Hub in boosting the entrepreneurial ecosystem all over Meghalaya and various schemes and programs implemented by them to support entrepreneurs from various fields and sectors.



The final session was the My Story Session from Ms. Trinity Saioo, Padma Shree Award-ee, 2020. Ma'am Saioo narrated her struggles, hurdles, determination, opportunities, partners, and eventual success in their collective journey of "Turmeric Trinity". Everyone was overwhelmed by Ms. Saioo's journey and applauded her efforts. This was followed by a talk and demonstration session by Mr. Justman Synrem, an entrepreneur from Sohara who manufactured fuel through pyrolysis of plastic wastes. The session was very dynamic and accompanied by a massive interaction session between the achievers and the participants. At the end of the program, a few prospective entrepreneurs interacted with the BioNEST and PRIME representatives and pitched their ideas and discussed the opportunities of incubation.

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Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme(EAP) on Food Processing at NEHU, Tura Campus

September 16, 2022: An Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) on Food Processing was organized by Branch MSME-DFO, Tura, Ministry of MSME, Govt.

of India, in association with BIRAC Bio NEST Bio incubator Facility, NEHU, Tura on September 16, 2022 at NEHU, Tura Campus exclusively for the in-campus NEHU students. A total of 110 enthusiastic in-house participants including students, research scholars and faculty members from appropriate departments and specializations joined the program. Dr Sujata Gurudev, hon'ble Campus I/C,



NEHU, Tura campus had warmly welcomed everyone and briefed the gathering about the importance of entrepreneurship development especially related to food processing as it has higher scopes in the state of Meghalaya through its age-old connection with food fermentation and access to biodiversity hotspots. This was followed by an opening remark detailing the objective of the program and a detailed technical session by Mr. Nilesh Trivedi, Assistant Director, Branch of

MSME-DFO, Tura. Mr. Trivedi highlighted the initiatives of MSME, the sectors and schemes under MSME, its contribution to the country's economy, the benefits of UDYAM Registration, training, financial assistance, and other opportunities available through MSME. He also discussed the "MSME Innovative" scheme, a new initiative, for the innovators with a combination of funding, mentorship, incubation, design intervention and IPR Protection in a single mode approach at a MSME recognised host institute. Mr. Trivedi also informed the participants that NEHU will soon have the status.



Further ahead, Mr. SST Sangma from District Commerce & Industries Centre (DCIC), Government of Meghalaya spoke in detail about the eligibility criteria, benefits and application procedure of various schemes implemented by DCIC including Skill Development Trainings at departmental training centres and at industrial units beyond the state, Master Craftsman, Rural Artisan, Bee Keeping programmes, PMEGP Schemes, Meghalaya Industrial & Investment Promotion Scheme (MIIPS 2016).





Meghalaya Industrial & Investment Promotion Scheme (MIIPS 2016). This was followed by a lecture on the prospects of Food Processing in Meghalaya by Dr LS Pereira, Associate Professor, Department of RDAP, NEHU. Dr Pereira discussed the richness of biodiversity in the state, the importance of food processing, reducing food wastage and scope of Food Processing Industries in the field of Entrepreneurship. She emphasized on

using local seasonal fruits for processing into several food products apart from selling in fresh form, which can generate more income and in turn improve the standard of living of the farmers. Food processing will also enhance the choices of the consumers. Dr Pereira also talked about the challenges and strategies to overcome them as well as the growth drivers of food processing, to wit Strong Domestic Demand, Supply Side Advantages, Export Opportunities and Pro-active Government Policy and Support. The lecture was complemented by a talk from



Ms. Rupa N Areng, Manager (Sanction) Retail Asset Credit Centre (RACC), Tura on banking schemes available to entrepreneurs. Ms. Areng elaborated on a few loans like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (MUDRA Loan), SME Smart Score which is a simplified Loan for working Capital needs and Acquisition of the fixed assets. In the next session, Dr Suman Kumar Nandy, Chief Executive Officer, B3I Facility discoursed the role of BIRAC Bio

NEST Bio incubator Facility on Business Development, the various Schemes of BIRAC for researchers, faculty members, students and entrepreneurs with innovative ideas, and about the handholding program provided by the facility to transform an innovative idea into a sustainable and profitable business. This session was followed by doubt clearing sessions. The program ended with a vote of thanks from Ms. Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager of B3I Facility.



Report on Enabling Entrepreneurship through Academia at St. Anthony's College, Shillong

September 23, 2022: The awareness program on 'Enabling Entrepreneurship through Academia', an initiative taken by BIRAC Bio NEST Bio incubator (B3I) Facility was conducted in St. Anthony's College on September 23, 2022, from 1:00 PM onwards. In this program, a group of 11 faculty members from three neighboring institutes of Shillong namely, St. Mary's College, William Carey University and St. Anthony's College participated. The program started with a self-introductory



session of the B3I team and Dr Suman Kumar Nandy, Chief Executive Officer of B3I narrated the long-term goal of the program as ensuring incubatee flow for the development of entrepreneurial ecosystem in Meghalaya and the role of the faculty members as "Entrepreneurial Ambassador" helping the enablers in scouting the innovative minds among the student community. Dr Nandy further briefed the audience about the role of B3I Facility in Business Development through the presently available tri-phasic hand-holding program with infrastructural, mentoring and funding support. He also emphasized the focus areas and the specific sectors where the endorsement is offered to the entrepreneurs for ideation, scaling up, commercialization and sustaining the business. Dr Nandy further gave details of the various



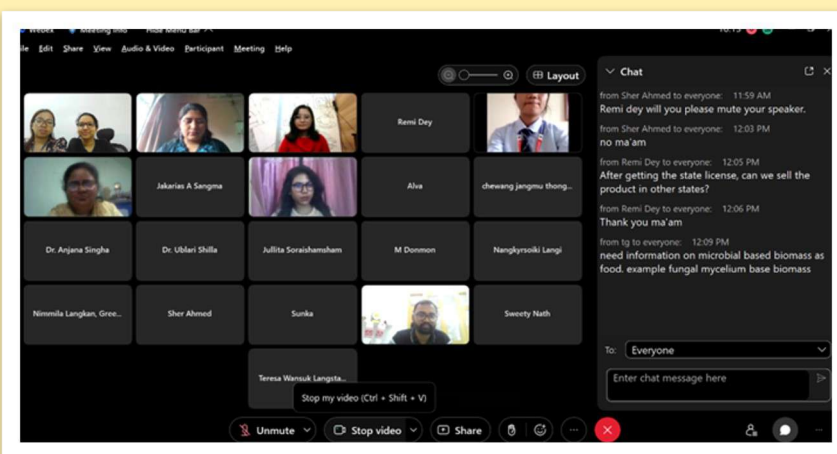
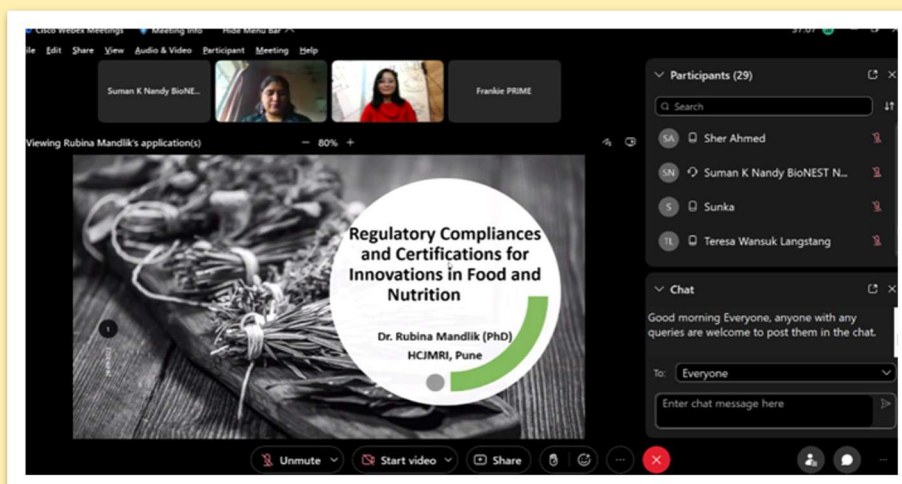
schemes under Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and those from various funding agencies like DST, MSME, PRIME Meghalaya etc. The current call of Biotechnology Ignition Grant for north-eastern Region (BIGNER) is also discussed in detail. The meeting was a very interactive one with

questions shooting up from the faculty members about the responsibilities of the institutes, objectives of different schemes. Dr Nandy along with Ms. Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager, B3I Facility answered all the queries. Soon after the discussion, the faculty members have decided unanimously to organize Business Plan Competition for innovative idea pitching probably in the month of February next year for the present students and alumni of the Shillong

Academia in collaboration with the PRIME Startup Hub, Government of Meghalaya.

Webinar on Compliances & Certifications in Food & Nutrition

September 28, 2022: A webinar on "Compliances & Certifications in Food & Nutrition" as a part of the sensitization series on "Bio-entrepreneurship opportunities in Meghalaya" jointly organised by BIRAC BioNESTBioincubator(B3I) Facility, NEHU, Tura Campus & PRIME Start-up Hub, Government of Meghalaya held on September 28, 2022, from 11 am onwards with 87 participants mostly from academia and start-ups. Mr. Frankie Ryntathieng of PRIME Start-up Hub, Government of Meghalaya warmly welcomed the participants and resource persons and presented an overview of PRIME activities. Dr. Rubina Mandlik, Research Officer, Hirabai HiCawasji Jehangir Medical Research Institute, Pune vividly explained the regulatory compliances needed by food and nutrition start-ups in India along with a detailed summary of respective FSSAI Acts. Dr Mandlik also demonstrated the step-by-step procedure of FSSAI registration and licensing.



The need for such a session was obvious from the elaborate doubt clearing session hugely applauded by the participants. Dr Suman Kumar Nandy, CEO, BioNESTBioincubator Facility, NEHU, Tura Campus, took the opportunity to inform the gathering about the role of B3I Facility in enabling the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Meghalaya by offering the infrastructural, she faced in every step to make the of the Kiwi Wine Brewing a success. Ms. Rita also given a tour of her wine factory and navigated us through the wine brewing and packaging procedure. Participants were very keen to understand the planning needed for setting up a sustainable business and the quality management system of the wine brewing in the interaction session followed. The program was summed up with a vote of thanks by Ms. Alva Margareth Kharkongor, Program Manager, BioNESTBioincubator Facility, NEHU, Tura Campus.

Report on National Seminar on Conservation of Biodiversity (NSCB 2022) & Kisan Mela 2022

Two days of “National Seminar on Conservation of Biodiversity (NSCB 2022)” together with Kisan Mela 2022 was organized by Biotech KISAN Hub, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya under the aegis of DBT, New Delhi sponsored project on 2nd and 3rd September 2022 at the NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya. The inaugural programme was chaired by Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill University, Meghalaya as Chairman; Dr. Balraj Singh, National Coordinator, AICRP on Honey Bees and Pollinator, New Delhi as Chief Guest; Fr. Bivan R. Mukum, Principal, Don Bosco College, Tura, Meghalaya as Guest of Honour; Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus In-Charge, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya as Co-Chairman; and Dr. Arindam Barman, Assistant Professor & Project Coordinator, Department of Horticulture, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya as organizing secretary. The inauguration programme was hosted by Ms. Amy D Shira, Project Assistant, Biotech KISAN Hub, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya. Participants from different states of India attended the National seminar and shared their research works in different technical sessions of the seminar. The level of participants in the National seminar was students, research scholars, Govt. officials, mid-career scientists, university and college teachers, farmers etc.



There were a total of 65 and 21 oral and poster presentations respectively. Thorough knowledge of biodiversity and its conservation aspects at the macro and micro level was disseminated by different keynote speakers and participants to build the know-how and provide exposure regarding the recent trends in the field of biodiversity and its conservation. Two products of Biotech KISAN Hub, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya i.e vermicompost and packed dry stevia leaves were also released during the National Semi-





-nar Farmers, NE-Grass Root Innovators, entrepreneurs, startups etc from different parts of Meghalaya and other states of Northeast India took part in the Kisan Mela 2022. The open Floor Meeting of Farmers, NE-Grass Root Innovators, Perspective Entrepreneurs etc with Directors/ Senior Government Officials/Officials from Funding agencies, heads of the Institutions, Programme/Project coordinators etc held during the Kisan Mela 2022 helped to take policy decisions to come with a possible solution for societal development.

Bio-Entrepreneurship Development Training Programme

Bio-Entrepreneurship Development Training Programme was conducted and organized by Biotech KISAN Hub, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya on 18/11/2022 at village, Darechikgre, Block: Rongram, Meghalaya with two SHG's and others

to identify and motivate the traditional and non- traditional entrepreneurs and farmers who have the potential of setting up a small-micro enterprise. The programme are led by the Project Coordinator, Dr. Arindam Barman, Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator, Department of Horticulture, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya; Prof. J U Ahmed,



Professor, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya; Mr. Nathan Ch Momin, Member, Adil Gandhian Society, Tura, Meghalaya; Ms. Neha M. Sangma, Project Assistant, Biotech KISAN Hub, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya and Amy D. Shira, Project Activity Assistant, Biotech KISAN Hub, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya. This training programme was conducted to upgrade the skills of prospective farmers and the existing workforce, etc. The objective behind this programme is to provide training that would boost their abilities at the same time equipped them with technological skills that help in the production and marketing process of agricultural products.

The programme makes a robust effort on extensive business opportunities to work efficiently and flexibly in various domains like biocomposting, vermicomposting, low cost shade net house growing of vegetables (tomato, capsicum, naga chilli etc) etc for the upliftment of the farmers. The farmers from village, Darechikgre,



Block: Rongram, Meghalaya participated in this training programme enthusiastically. Dr. Arindam Barman, Project coordinator, Biotech KISAN Hub, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya; Prof. J U Ahmed, Professor, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya; Mr. Nathan Ch Momin, Member, Adil Gandhian Society, Tura, Meghalaya delivered lectures on topics related to vermicomposting, biocomposting, marketing strategies, multiple production from low cost shade net house etc. The farmers were

quiet satisfied with the training and very soon the Biotech KISAN Hub, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya is going to provide possible facilities (low cost shade net house, planting material, composting units etc) to execute the programme in field level for the societal development.

Idea Presentation seminar for MSME Idea Hackathon 2.0

October 11, 2022: An 'Idea Presentation Seminar' was organised jointly by Branch MSME- DFO, Tura, Ministry of MSME, Govt of India, and BIRAC BioNEST Bioincubator (B3I) Facility, NEHU, Tura on October 11, 2022 at NEHU, Tura Campus in view of the ongoing call for proposal titled 'MSME Idea Hackathon 2.0'. A total of 33 enthusiastic in-house participants including students, research scholars and faculty members from different academic departments of NEHU, Tura campus joined the program. Dr. B.K Mishra, Head, Department of Rural Development and Agricultural Production (RDAP) and Project Investigator, BioNEST Bioincubator Faculty, NEHU, Tura campus had warmly welcomed the gathering and presented the news of securing Host Institute status by NEHU, Tura campus from Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India. Dr. Sujata Gurudev, Campus-in- Charge, NEHU, Tura Cam-



-pus, Meghalaya detailed the objective of the program and emphasized building and promoting a culture of innovation within the campus. Dr Gurudev had also expressed her joy on obtaining the host institute status and voiced her faith in the finest minds of the campus in submitting multiple ideas to the Idea Hackathon 2.0. Shri Nilesch Trivedi, Assistant Director, Branch of MSME-DFO, Tura briefed the initiatives of



MSME, the sectors and schemes under MSME, the benefits of UDYAM Registration and other opportunities available through MSME. Mr. Trivedi elaborately explained the categories of eligible candidates for Idea Hackathon namely, students, MSME & others; the specific themes of the Idea Hackathon, evaluation process for approval of Ideas through HI, and the Financial Assistance to HI for prototyping the incubatee ideas and capital funding for setting up the instrumentation facility. In the last session, Dr Suman Kumar Nandy, Chief Executive Officer, BioNEST Facility highlighted the handholding program provided by the facility to transform an innovative idea into a sustainable and profitable business and ongoing funding schemes available in B3I Facility. Dr. Nandy had also discussed the objectives of MSME Innovative scheme, different sectors of HI 2.0 and clarified



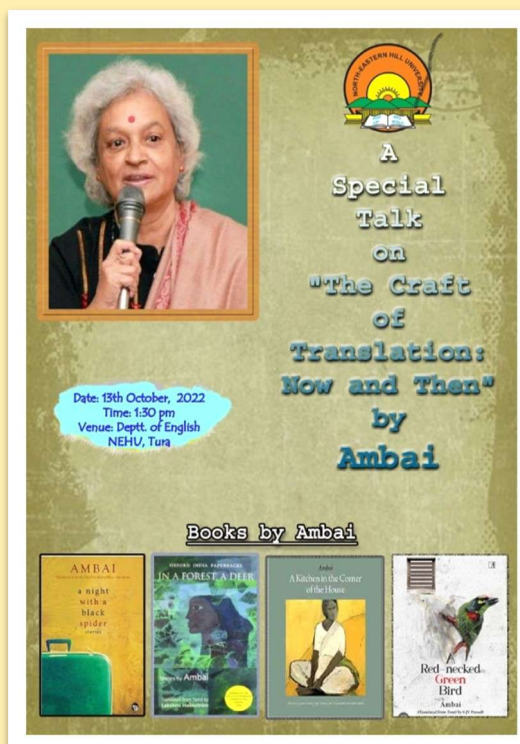
the budget allocation. He had also given a quick view of the Biotechnology Ignition Grant for the North Eastern Region (BIG-NER), its eligibility criteria and the funding opportunities. Both the sessions were followed by elaborate, interactive and informative doubt clearing sessions. The program ended with concluding remarks & vote of thanks from Dr. Arindam Bar-

man, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticulture, NEHU, Tura Campus.

Special Talk by Sahitya Akademi Awardee Ambai

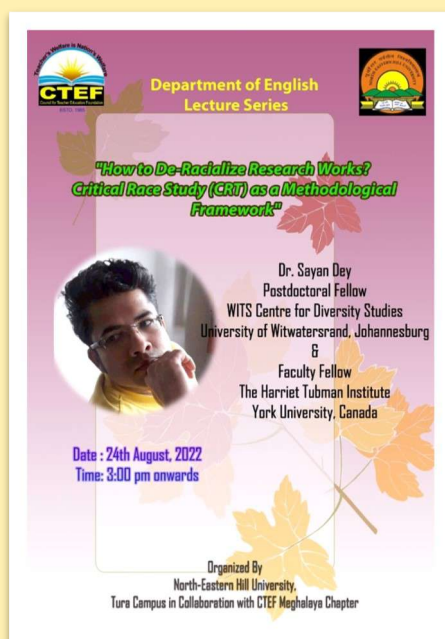
On 13th of October 2022, Tura was graced by the presence of C.S Lakshmi, better known by her pseudonym Ambai for a special talk on "The Craft of Translation: Now and Then". Ambai is a noted Tamil feminist writer who has won the Sahitya

Akademi award in the year 2021 for her short story collection 'Sivappu Kazhuthudan Oru Pachaiparavai'. The Department of English, NEHU Tura Campus ushered in the program, and Professor Namrata Pathak, Assistant Professor of the Department of English. NEHU Tura Campus welcomed the speaker and the audience at the onset of the program. Professor Sujata Gurudev, Campus In-charge, NEHU Tura Campus stood before the audience to give an introduction of the speaker. Speaking on the occasion, Ambai said that translation is not only a shift between two languages but also between two different cultures. Emphasizing on translating an Indian language into English, she reiterated that translation is also many times an act where the translator reinterprets our culture for us, and that translation often creates a hierarchy between the translator and the translated. The translator who translates an Indian language into English always feels that it is an act of favour, where the Indian language writer is being raised to a superior level. The Indian language writer also feels this act of translation to be some kind of a upliftment. Number of students and scholars who attended the program were beguiled by her sense of humour and vibrant narratives. Dibyajyoti Sarma, a poet and writer from Assam accompanied Ambai and added charm to the program. The program ended with a shower of blessings from above.



Special Talk by Sayan Dey

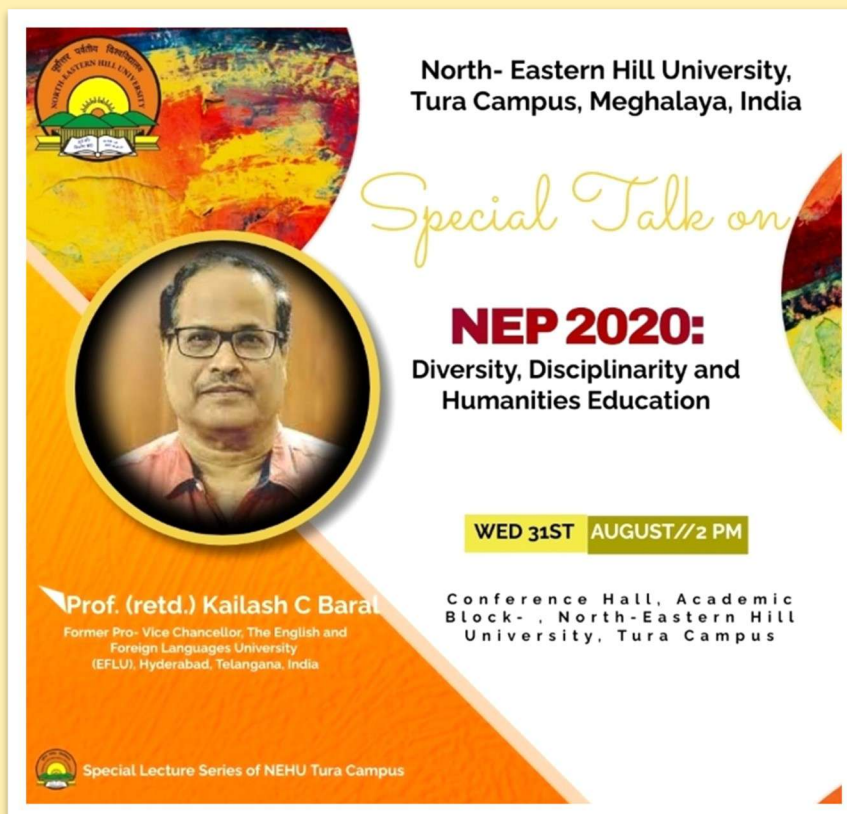
Sayan Dey, Faculty Fellow, The Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, Canada and Postdoctoral Fellow, WITS Centre for Diversity Studies, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg delivered a lecture on "How to de-racialize research works? Critical Race Study (CRT) as a methodological framework" on 24th of August, 2022. The event was organized by Dr. Namrata Pathak from the Department of English, NEHU, Tura in collaboration with CTEF, Meghalaya Chapter. Sayan Dey spoke on how usually, any form of research work is underlined with multiple forms of binaries, hierarchies, and power dynamics are already determined prior to initiating a research project and some of these aspects are manufactured in the process of conducting the research. These challenges are underlined with caste, class, gender, cultural, racial, geographical, and topographical biases and topographical biases that are collectively generated and systematized by the societies. The lecture focused on the aspect of racism and



impacts the methodologies, arguments, and outputs of research work in humanities and social sciences. In order to justify the arguments, anonymous examples of research dissertations will be taken from different higher education institutions across India and the world. The lecture also reflected on how Critical Race Studies (CRT) can function as a methodological practice of dismantling these hierarchies.

Special Talk by Professor K.C. Baral

Professor K C Baral, former Pro Vice Chancellor of EFLU, Hyderabad delivered a special talk on NEP 2020: Diversity, Disciplinarity and Humanities Education in NEHU, Tura Campus on 31st August, 2022. While briefing all about the importance of diversity and the incorporation of cultural components in the universities, he took up the basic tenets of NEP, 2020. Professor Baral also underlined the connection of knowledge with productivity. He spoke on leadership goals, inclusivity, and educational agendas of various types that NEP, 2020 highlights.



International Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development (ICESD 2022)

Two days of “International Conference on Environment and Sustainable Development (ICESD 2022) under the Theme: Emerging Trends in Agriculture, Life Science and Applied Computing” was organized by Biotech KISAN Hub, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya in collaboration with Department of Computer Application, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya under the aegis of DBT, New Delhi sponsored project on 24 th and 25 th November 2022 at NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya. The inaugural programme was chaired by Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus In-Charge, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus Meghalaya as Chairman; Shri. Rakkam A Sangma, Chairman Meghalaya Health Advisory Board and Member of Legislative Assembly (58-Rongara- Siju) as Chief Guest; Prof. Dr. Uzzal Kumar Prodhan, Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Bangladesh as Guest of Honour; Dr. Wang Gyeltshan, Royal Bhutan University, Bhutan as special guest; Mr.

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of Computer Application, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya as organizing secretary. The inauguration programme was hosted by Ms. Amy D Shira, Project Assistant, Biotech KISAN Hub, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya. Participants from different parts of India and abroad attended the international conference and shared their research works in different technical sessions of the conference. The level of participants in the international conference was students, research scholars, Govt. officials, mid-career scientists, university and college teachers, policy makers etc. There were a total of 75 and 18 oral and poster presentations respectively. The main focus of ICESD 2022 was to create a common platform to showcase the emerging trends in agriculture, life science and applied computing by resource persons and participants across the Globe to create an environment conducive for the development of local indigenous technologies and innovations and to achieve the deliverables of the sustainable development goals through Ramped interventions. Thorough knowledge of environment and sustainable development aspects at the macro and micro level was disseminated by different keynote speakers and participants to build the know how and provide exposure regarding the recent trends in the field of environment and sustainable development



to offer an opportunity to drive new paradigm shifts in Science and Technology frontiers to take policy decisions to come with a possible solution for societal and sustainable development. The ICESD 2022 successfully concluded with a trip to Nokrek Biosphere Reserve, Meghalaya.

Regional Workshop on Traditional Musical Instruments and Performing Arts (21st - 25th March, 2022)

An overwhelming response of 109 (one hundred and nine) participants marked the Regional Workshop on Traditional Musical Instruments and Performing Arts from 21st to 25th March, 2022 at NEHU, Tura Campus. It was organised by the Achik Literature Society in collaboration with the Department of Garo, NEHU, Tura Campus. Students from the Department of Garo, NEHU, from Don Bosco College, Tura, ICFAI University, Tura, Williamnagar Government College, Tura Christian



College, Tura, Sherwood School, Tura, and Capt. William School, Tura took part in the Workshop. The art of making and playing dama (drum), stringed instruments sarenda, and dotdrong out of gambare timber, flutes and chigring percussion instrument out of bamboo are being taught. Teaching of Wangala dance is an important component

of the Workshop. The instructors are Mr. Ringjeng T. Sangma and Mrs. Sotjak Ch. Marak from Selbalgre, Mr. Dewal M. Sangma and Lindinbirth S. Sangma from Rombagre, Mr. Dirot Ch. Marak and Mr. Silgra Ch. Marak from Gondenggre and Mr. Tengchon R. Marak from Raksamgre. The valedictory function on 25th March 2022 of the Regional Workshop was graced by Mr. Albinush R. Marak, Honourable CEM of GHADC as the Chief Guest and Mr. Sengchim N. Sangma, Honourable Chairman GHADC, Mr. A. B. Marak, Honourable Executive Member, HAAT, GHADC, Tura and Prof. G. Singaiah, Campus in charge of NEHU Tura Campus. The function came to a close with a performance of the Wangala dance by the participants.

National Seminar on “Women and Poetry” held on the 29th and 30th of April 2022

Department of Garo, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus and All India Poetess Conference (AIPC) organized a National Seminar on 29th and 30th of April, 2022 at NEHU Tura Campus, Tura. It was sponsored by ICSSR, Shillong and a number of Scholars and academicians and poetesses came together and deliberated on the theme “Women and Poetry.” Speaking on the occasion, Prof. G. Singaiah, Former Campus-in-Charge, NEHU Tura Campus, lauded the work of efforts of women and expressed his hope that they will continue to contribute to society. The second day of the Seminar was also the Foundation Day of AIPC, and the AIPCeans of Tura was indeed fortunate to have founder, Prof. Lari Azad in person for the Seminar. While various research papers based on the theme “Women

and Poetry” were read out by the participants, the second day saw a special session where many poetesses came forward and recited their poems.

The 20th & 21st National Mega Convention of AIPC

The 20th & 21st National Mega Convention of All India Poetess Conference was held from 26th to 28th May, 2022 at Pastoral Centre, Tura, Meghalaya. The coordinator of the program was Prof. Streamlet Dkhar and the Co-coordinator was Dr. Dokatchi Ch. Marak. For the first time it was organized in collaboration with other organizations like the Department of Garo, NEHU, Tura Campus, A-chik Literature Society and Sahitya Akademi, Delhi. The program was inaugurated on 26th May, 2022 by Shri Thomas A. Sangma, Hon’ble MLA, North Tura and Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister of Meghalaya. The special guest for the day was Smt. Crisline T. Sangma, Retd. Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Meghalaya and author of books like *Myriad Colours of North East I, II & III*, etc. The inaugural function began with unfurling of the flag and the executive march to the hall. The clarion drum was beaten during the march. The AIPC souvenir of 20th & 21st National Mega Convention was released by the chief guest. There were also release of Books like Dr. K. P. Sudheera’s *Queens of AIPC*; Dr. Ashok Jyoti’s two books; Ainima Pathgiri’s book *Sagoror Achamuch Neela* and Prof. Streamlet’s book *Ki Mawjam Ka Jingim* during the inaugural function.



Workshop on Loin-Loom Training, An Entrepreneurial Initiative to Learn and Preserve Traditional Garo Weaving (26th July to 5th August, 2022)

A Ten-Day(10) Workshop on “Loin-Loom Training, an Entrepreneurial Initiative to Learn & Preserve Traditional Garo Weaving” during the summer break organized by the Department

of Garo, NEHU, Tura Campus, was held at the North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus premises from 26th July -5th August, 2022. Out of the ten trainees, four (4) are female students of the 4th Semester and four (4) of the 2nd Semester and the two (2) male trainees are of the 4th Semester, Department of Garo. The Resource Person is Mrs Vivian A. Sangma, Proprietor, VA Silk Industry, Tura, and the trainers are Mrs. Nenji Ch. Marak of Chellipara Songma, South Garo Hills, Meghalaya and Ms. Pranitha R. Marak of Upper Sualmari, North Garo Hills, Meghalaya, who is a former student of the Department of Garo, NEHU, Tura Campus. The training is sponsored by the North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus.



Regional Writers Workshop (26th and 27th August, 2022.)



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Garo, NEHU Tura Campus also spoke on the importance of the Workshop in promoting creative writing in Garo.

“Certificate Course in Soft Skill, Personality Development and Basic Computer Skills” (12th August to 12th September, 2022)

Department of Garo has organized “Certificate Course in Soft Skill, Personality Development and Basic Computer Skills” from the 12th August to 12th September, 2022. In today’s day and age, basic skills in communication, computer skills and also personality is an essential quality in the field of employment. The students were taught how to develop diverse range of abilities such as communication skills, strategic-planning skills, negotiation skills, self-awareness, analytical thinking, leadership skills, team-building skills, etc.



The resource persons were- (i) Prof. Caroline R. Marak, Retd. Head, Department of Garo, (ii) Dr. Barbara S. Sangma, Associate Professor, Don Bosco College, Tura, and (iii) Dr. Amanda Aski Macdonald Momin, Assistant Professor, Don Bosco College of Teacher Education, Tura.

Programme on “Preservation and Promotion of Language” on 9th September, 2022

The Department of Garo has organised a programme on the importance of three Language Formula under the banner “Preservation and Promotion of Language” on 19th September, 2022. The programme was chaired by Dr. Crystal Cornelious D. Marak, Assistant Professor. The Head, Department of Garo, Dr. Jacqueline R. Marak, in her speech mentioned that it is a high time to promote multilingualism and the power of language. In order to preserve and promote culture, one must preserve and promote a language. The students of 3rd Semester and former students of the Department of Garo, have presented their poems, short story and play in the programme.



Two-Day Regional Writers' Meet (14th -15th October, 2022)

The Two- Day Regional Writers' Meet organized by the A·chik Literature Society, Tura in collaboration with Department of Garo, NEHU Tura Campus, Tura at the Seminar Hall, Don Bosco College of Teacher Education, Tura from 14th-15th October, 2022 was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. (Fr) Zacharias George, the Principal Don Bosco College of Teacher Education, Tura. In his address the Chief Guest expressed his appreciation for providing a platform for creative writing among all sections of people especially the youth, to bring forth fresh writers to promote Garo language and literature. More than one hundred 150 (one hundred fifty) participants joined the programme on 14th October, 2022 to read their poems in the vernacular. On the second day prose fiction, drama and poetry were read by more than one hundred participants. Veteran writer and poet Kroshnil D. Sangma presented his article on the rights of both sons and daughters in the society in respect of their marriage and another article on a valuable Garo custom. The poems of Mirthnarch K. Marak, Rtd. MCS officer were on maintaining social cohesion and celebration the natural resources and richness of Garo Hills. Crystal Cornelious D. Marak, Secretary of ALS presented his poem dedicated to his departed friend during the pandemic and the poem of Colnat B. Marak, Joint Secretary, ALS, poem was on the encouragement to the youths to achieve success in their lives. A total number of 85 poems, 3 prose writings, 2 plays and 12 short stories were presented in the two day programme. At the Valedictory function certificates were distributed to the participants.



2-Day Regional Seminar (21st and 22nd October, 2022)

The 2-day Regional Seminar on Garo Language, Literature and Culture organized by the A·chik Literature Society in collaboration with the Department of Garo, NEHU, Tura Campus on 21st and 22nd October, 2022 was inaugurated by Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus-in-Charge, NEHU Tura Campus, at the NEHU Tura Campus, Chasingre, Tura. In her inaugural address the Chief Guest, referring to the theme of the Seminar said that the indigenous tribal literature is a powerhouse packed with semantic context covering intricate layers of culture and history. Twenty-eight papers were presented by scholars and post-graduate students of ICFAI and NEHU Tura Campus. The papers consisted of studies on A·chik language, literature and various aspects of culture, customs and the arts. Discussion on the papers were fruitful and saw a large scale participation.



Learning Outcome Based Education (LOBE)

Learning Outcome Based Education (LOBE), as an innovative approach to designing student learning and carrying out formative and summative assessment, has been put forward by the University Grants Commission (2019) and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. LOBE is developed on the concept of Outcome Based Education (OBE) advocated by William Spady (1994). OBE clearly focuses and organizes everything in an educational



system around what is essential for all students at the end of their learning experiences. In an outcome-based education system, outcomes or learning outcomes are the main considerations around which the entire teaching-learning process is designed. Outcomes are clear learning results that we want students to demonstrate at the end of significant learning experiences. They are actions and performances that embody and reflect learner competence in using content, information, ideas, and tools successfully. The LOBE approach gives importance to Programme Learning Outcomes (PLOs)-significant and essential learning which students can demonstrate at the end of an academic programme/course. In the present scenario, PLOs



of every HEIs need to be designed based on the graduate attributes required out of an academic programme. In response to this, targeting the Degree students and teachers of Higher Education Institutions of Garo Hills region of Meghalaya, the Department of Education, NEHU, Tura Campus, organized a Community Extension Programme entitled 'National Education Policy, 2020 and the Roles and Policy of Higher Education and Reforms of Assessment in Higher Education' at Mendipathar College, North Garo Hills District, Meghalaya on the 1st of November 2022. Coordinator of the programme, Prof Nikme S C Momin, speaking on the "Assessment Reforms in Higher Education from the perspectives of NEP, 2020", emphasised the importance of "graduate attributes" like knowledge, skills, attitude, and values when he/she graduates a programme. "Memorization without understanding" but "meaningfully mapping the

concepts and discovering the information" of the contents under each unit in a lesson of a course and the programme was rated. It was reported that, countless degree level students do commit to "learning with meaningful understanding"; many students still use "rote memorization" during their examination in HEIs. This may have resultantly reflected in their learning outcomes of the first ever recent CUET-PG (2022) conducted National Testing Agency (NTA). Issues and challenges concerning unappealing picture of Meghalaya's Garo Hills region was discussed with

an alarming note. Dr Tilok Thakuria, Teacher In-Charge, Department of History & Archaeology likewise interacted on the topic “Preparing for National Level Examinations with Special Reference to CUET: Issues and Challenges”. Dr Rubul Bania, Teacher In-charge of Department of Computer Applications, NEHU, Tura tangibly conceptualized “On Role of Internet and Online Examinations” from the perspective of

National Education Policy, 2020. Further, it was informed that NEP-2020 has advocated for more emphasis on Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) in comparison to summative assessment for the holistic development of learners. By making the assessment seriously continuous as well as comprehensive, college or a higher education institution can develop in learners knowledge, understanding, application, analysis, evaluation, and creativity of learners; attitudes, interests, values, habits, aptitudes; and skill-based actions, more closer steps can be taken towards the holistic development of the learner.



Celebration of World Heritage Week

Master of Social Work Program in collaboration with the Dept. of History and Archaeology celebrated the World Heritage Week on 22nd November 2022. They organized a one-day symposium on Heritage and Social Responsibility.

Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus In-Charge of NEHU, Tura Campus, Chief Guest of the Program highlighted the importance of the heritage and the vastness of Indian heritage. She explained Bharat as a civilization state. Dr. Tilok Thakuria, Teacher In-Charge, Dept. History and Archaeology gave a brief introduction to World Heritage Week and emphasized the need of considering heritage for sustainable economic development by creating awareness and social responsibility. The symposium





spoke on the richness of Indian heritage. Dr. Louise Shewn from Melbourne University highlighted aspects of community engagement in heritage studies. Dr. V. Selva Kumar from Tamil University spoke on cultural heritage and natural heritage. The program was started with a welcome address from Dr. Doneti Siva-ji, Coordinator of the Master of Social Work Program and convenor of this symposium.

Students of Master of Social Work and History and Archaeology gave cultural performance. The program ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. A. Munshi.

One Day Field Training-cum-Study Tour at the Archaeological site of Bhaitbari

The students of Department of History and Archaeology were taken for a field trip to an archaeological site Bhaitbari, on 29th October 2022. The site has multiple archaeological structures attributed to Buddhist and Brahmanical sects. The students were accompanied by two departmental faculties Miss Jyotshna R. Khundrakpam. and Dr. Avradeep Munshi . The trip was organised to make students aware about their local heritage, site observation on preservation and conservation and to give them an in-person experience of what an actual archaeological site looks like.



A study tour to Uttar Bangal Krishi Viswavidyalaya and Buxa Tiger Reserve

A study tour was conducted by Department of Forestry on 25th May to 30th May 2022 to Uttar Bangal Krishi Viswavidyalaya and Buxa Tiger Reserve, where the students visit various sites such as Nature Interpretation Center and Orchid House, Modern Nursery, Watch Tower, Butterfly Conservatory, Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre and Central Forest Nursery. A total of 7 students from 4th semester (2020-2022) and 9 students from 2nd semester (2021-2023) participated in the tour.

Teacher In-Charge: Prof. C.P. Suresh, Dr. Khulakpam Apshahana, Dr. Biplov Chandra Sarkar, Ms. Academy Sutnga and Ms. Sana Aisha



A study tour to ICAR, Umian Brapani, Shillong, Meghalaya

A study tour was conducted by Department of Forestry on 1st August to 7th August 2022 to ICAR, Umian Brapani, Shillong, Meghalaya. The students explored the ICAR laboratory and conducted hands on training in the various departments. A total number of 9 students in 3rd semester (2021-2023) participated in the tour.

Teacher In-Charge: Prof. C.P. Suresh and Dr. Khulakpam Apshahana



Workshop on: “Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare”

In the Department of Computer Application, NEHU Tura Campus, Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB) Sponsored one High End Workshop on: “Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare” was organized during 19th to 24th September, 2022. Dr. Rubul Kumar Bania, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Application, NEHU, Tura Campus was the Event organizer. There was total twenty-five (25) candidates participated in the workshop. From different states participants had joined the workshop. Participants are from Cancer Institute of WIA Chennai, Dibrugarh University, Cotton University, ICAFI university, and NEHU. Total 11 (eleven) numbers of speakers (subject experts) had shared their valuable knowledges with the participants. In the inaugural program Dr. Rubul Kumar Bania, Event organizer and Assistant Professor of Dept. of Computer Application welcomed all the participants and gathering to the workshop.



Then Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus In-Charge of NEHU, Tura Campus highlighted about the NEHU Tura campus and encourages the young minds to engage themselves on such type of workshops. She also highlighted the role of AI in modern days. Prof. Samarendra Dandapat (Dept. of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, IIT Guwahati) as the Chief Guest and reflected on the progress of AI in our daily life. He explained how AI can be used in cardiac healthcare and its features and applications. Also, during the open discussion he emphasized on availability of data before embarking on any academic research and to focus on the core subjects.



Special Lecture by Prof. Nayan Moni Kakoty Co-ordinator of DST-TEC center of Tezpur University

Organized a sensitization program in collaboration with DST-funded technology enabling centre (DST-TEC) of Tezpur University in the Dept. of Computer Application on dated 21 September 2022. Prof. Nayan Moni Kakoty Co-ordinator of DST-TEC center of Tezpur University along with his team members Mr. Doljit Borah, Project Associate II, Miss. Baisalee Sonowal, Project Associate I, TEC-TU, and Miss. Maibam Pooya Chanu, have interacted with the MCA students.



Two Days “National Workshop on Atmanirbhar Bharat: A Vehicle Towards sustainability” organised by Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus

Two days “National workshop on AT-MANIRBHAR BHARAT: A VEHICLE TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY” 2022 was organized by Department of Management, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, Meghalaya on 2nd and 3rd September, 2022 at the NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya. The inaugural programme was chaired by Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill

University, Meghalaya as Chairman; Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra, Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Samastipur, Bihar, as Chief Guest, Prof. Amarendra Sahoo, Chairman, Pragati Maidan Foundation, Pune as Guest of Honour; Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus in-Charge, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus,



Prof. G. Singaiah, Former P.V.C, NEHU, Tura Campus, Prof. K.C. Biswal, Head, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus and Workshop convenor. Participants from different states of India attended the National workshop and participated in different technical sessions of the workshop.

Thorough knowledge of Atmanirbhar Bharat: A Vehicle Towards

Sustainability” and its self-reliance aspects at the macro and micro level was disseminated by different keynote speakers and participants to build the know-how and provide exposure regarding the Reforms in finance and tax, Make in India, Indian Economy, MSME, Vocal for Local, Entrepreneurship & Start up India, Leadership & Organizational Change Management, Resilient Indian Corporate Sector, Social Atmanirbhar/Self Reliance: Inclusive welfare, Intellectual Atmanirbhar/Self Reliance– Higher Education & NEP 2020, Skilling India, Digital India, Indigenous knowledge system & commercialization, Schemes & Achievements: Make in India, Swachha Bharat & Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Swastaha Bharat – Ayushman Bharat, Aarogya Bharat, International Trade & BoP, Competitiveness of India and four Books were also released during the National Workshop. The open Floor discussion of speakers, Grass Root Innovators, Perspective Entrepreneurs etc with Government Officials/Officials heads of the Institutions etc held during the National workshop.

Students' Activities

An Art Competition on the theme of *Human and the Environment* (2nd November, 2022)

An Art Competition on the theme of *Human and the Environment* is organized by NEHU, Tura Campus, under the aegis of PGSU and Students Welfare, NEHU, Tura on 2nd November, 2022 in Academic Block II. In the face of the dire environmental crisis and pollution of all types, the participants sent forth a meaningful message on the importance of conservation through their paintings, sketches and drawings. The programme was supervised by faculty members of NEHU, Tura Campus, Dr. Crystal Cornelious D. Marak, Teacher-in-Charge, Students' Welfare, NEHU Tura Campus, Tura and Dr. Namrata Pathak, Department of English, NEHU Tura Campus.

Presentation of Wangala Dance and Folksong at the 46th. 100 Drums Wangala Festival (10th. November, 2022)

Students of North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tura Campus, Tura, performed Wangala dance and also presented Garo folksong at the opening ceremony of the 46th. 100 Drums Wangala Festival at Wangala Adam, Chibagre, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya on 10th. November, 2022.



Cleaning Drive

Students of Department of History and Archaeology, and Master of Social Work organised a cleaning drive in and around their department buildings on 13/10/2022 as per the school wise cleaning drive.



Campus Activities

6th P. A. Sangma Memorial Lecture

The sixth “P. A. Sangma Memorial Lecture” was organised by North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus and P. A. Sangma Foundation, Tura on 1st September, 2022 in the Conference Hall, Academic Block-II, NEHU, Tura Campus before a packed audience of luminaries, educators, social workers, scientists and young minds. Prof. Prabha Shankar Shukla, Hon^{ble} Vice- Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill University, Meghalaya while welcoming all the guests of NEHU, Tura Campus, spoke extensively about the life, works and vision of Late P. A. Sangma. Prof. P. S. Shukla highlighted that Late P. A. Sangma devoted his life for the people of North- East India. Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra, Hon^{ble} Chancellor, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar, India, while delivering the 6th P. A. Sangma Memorial Lecture on the topic “The Science of Living”, focused on the present-day challenges and hazards of consumerism and capitalistic impulses that thwart the multifaceted growth of an individual. To overcome these challenges and hazards, Prof. Mishra recommended personality development through good habits and regularity, values and a balanced style of living infused with self- respect, grace and good health. It is important to know oneself, live within, and change one's



mindless obsession for material objects. Towards the end, Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya, proposed the vote of thanks. She puts on record the contributions of the entire organizing team led by its Chairperson, Prof. F. K. Marak, Department of Garo, NEHU, Tura Campus and Coordinator, Dr. Deepak Bhagat, Associate Professor, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (Celebrating 75 years of India's Independence)

North-eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tura Campus celebrated Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav in collaboration with Central Bureau of Information, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India on 18-19th October 2022. The event was organised in parity with the initiative of the Government of India to commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achieve



ments. The official journey of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on 12th March 2021 which started a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of independence and will end post a year on 15th August 2023.

The event started with the inaugural lecture by Dr. Tilok Thakuria, Teacher In-Charge., Dept. of History and Archaeology, followed by the welcome address by Mr. Haihungbe Mpame, field officer, Central Bureau of Information, Government of India.

Prof. Sujata Gurudev addressed the audience as the Guest of Honour. Prof. C.P. Suresh, Dept. of Horticulture and Prof. Subudhi, Dept. of Education shared their thoughts with the students on the occasion.

The event ended on a light note with a Quiz Competition inspired by India's Freedom struggle.



Total 150 plumeria plants and 200 Saracaasoca trees will be planted in the campus as part of this initiative, along with 1000 seasonal floral plants. Beautification of the campus is given a priority by the present campus-In-charge.

NTA (National Testing Agency) Centre

On 1st September 2022, the Hon'ble

In this connection with the event- Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and Eight Years of Seva Sushasan and Garib Kalyan a photo exhibition was installed and inaugurated by Prof. Sujata Gurudev.

Tree Plantation Initiative

On 17th October 2022, the Engineering Cell of North-eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tura Campus initiated the floral plantation in the campus. This auspicious event begun by planting the first tree by the respected Campus In-charge, Prof. Sujata Gurudev.



Vice Chancellor of North-eastern Hill University (NEHU), Prof. P.S. Shukla inaugurated the NTA Exam Centre. The occasion was graced by the Campus In-charge, NEHU, Tura Campus, Prof. Sujata Gurudev. The event was attended by the teaching and Non-teaching staffs of the campus.

With this centre, we hope to conduct various National Level Exams conducted by the NTA at our Campus. This year, Tura Campus successfully conducted the CUET (UG)' 2022.

Inauguration of Campus Residential Quarters

On 20th September 2022, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of North-eastern Hill University (NEHU), Prof. P.S. Shukla inaugurated the residential quarters in the campus. The occasion was graced by the Campus In-charge, NEHU, Tura Campus, Prof. Sujata Gurudev. The event was attended by the teaching and Non-teaching staffs of the campus.

A total six professor quarters, sixteen assistant professor quarters and four non-teaching quarters were inaugurated .



5th National Naturopathy Day Celebrated at NEHU, Tura Campus

The Office of the District Medical & Health Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura in association with NEHU, Tura Campus celebrated the 5th National Naturopathy Day on 18th Nov, 2022 in NEHU, Tura Campus.



Initiated by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India, to promote positive mental and physical health through drug-free therapy, the National Naturopathy Day is observed in India every year on 18th November since 2018. The theme of the Naturopathy day 2022 was: Naturopathy: An Integrative Medicine. While welcoming the guest and participants, Coordinator of the event Dr. Deepak Bhagat, Associate Professor, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura

Campus and NSS Programme Officer P G Unit, NEHU, Tura highlighted the need of Naturopathy in today's fast changing life. Dr. Sambu Aryal, Yoga and Naturopathy physician, Tura Civil Hospital, Tura also spoke on the importance of Naturopathy. He talked on different types of Naturopathy viz. Diet Therapy, Fasting Therapy, Mud Therapy,

Hydrotherapy, Masso Therapy, Acupressure, Acupuncture, Choromo Therapy and Air Therapy. Prof. Sujata Gurudev, the Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus, a very firm believer of Naturopathy herself, informed the participants that Naturopathy is the oldest healthcare system that combines modern scientific knowledge with traditional and natural medicine. She also spoke on the plans of campus in popularizing Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy among the residents of campus to begin with. Dr. Bertha Bercy Sangma, Homeopathic Physician, Maternity and Child Hospital, West Garo Hills chaired the programme. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Juban Kharkongor,



Ayurvedic Physician, Maternity and Child Hospital, West Garo Hills. The program was attended by more than 200 participants including the faculty members, research scholars, post-graduate students, staff of NEHU Tura Campus along with doctors from Tura Civil Hospital and Maternity and Child Hospital, West Garo Hills.

“Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign in NEHU, Tura Campus

Coordinator: Dr. Deepak Bhagat, Associate Professor, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus

Date: August 11, 2022

Joining the „Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tura campus and National Service Scheme (NSS) P. G. Unit, NEHU, Tura campus jointly organized a ceremonial function on 11-08-



2022. The Heads and teacher-in-charges of various academic departments, wardens of all the hostels, In-charges of health centre, library, incubation centers, hubs, guest house, engineering cell, and transport section received the “Tiranga” for their department/section/centre/hub in person from the hands of the Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus. Prof. Sujata Gurudev, Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus while referring that “Tiranga” is the pride of every Indian, expressed her happiness that each and every person of the campus is taking a lead in joining the „Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign. Speaking on the occasion Dr. Deepak Bhagat, Associate Professor, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus and Programme Officer, (NSS)

P. G. Unit, NEHU, Tura campus highlighted that „Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign is a noble initiative to deepen our connect with national flag. Dr. Deepak Bhagat also appreciated the role played by Engineering cell, NEHU, Tura Campus in making the „Har Ghar Tiranga” successfully implemented in the campus.

NEHU, Tura Campus Celebrated 75 Years of Independence

The North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, celebrated 75 years of Indian independence with immense enthusiasm and patriotic sentiments. Prof. Sujata Gurudev, the Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus led a march passing through academic block to administrative building. The celebration started with unfurling of the National flag by the Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus followed by singing of the National Anthem. The celebration was attended by a large number of students who came to the venue of flag hoisting marching from their respective hostels and shouting slogans of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Vande Mataram'.

The celebration was also attended by teaching and non-teaching staff of the campus along with their family members. On this occasion an appreciation programme was also organized where the Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus felicitated the wards of NEHU staff who cleared the class 10 or 12 examinations. She also felicitated Shri Handam R Marak of Aminda Rangsgre, West Garo Hills and Mrs. Vivien A Sangma, M/s V A Silk Industry, New Tura for their untiring efforts



and creative engagements which led to the entrepreneurial growth in the society. In her speech, Prof. Sujata Gurudev, the Campus-in-Charge, NEHU, Tura Campus, while highlighting the sacrifices of our freedom fighters, appealed everyone to recognize the significance of freedom and the responsibility which comes with freedom. On this occasion a tree plantation drive was also organized by PGSU, NEHU, Tura Campus. Dr. Deepak Bhagat, Associate Professor, Department of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus and Programme Officer, (NSS) P. G. Unit, NEHU, Tura campus proposed the vote of thanks.

Community Based Programmes

Awareness programme on 'Teenage Preganancy' in collaboration with Asanang Primary Health Centre.

With the data collected by the students of MSW during their concurrent fieldwork practicum it was found that over the years there has been a rise of pregnancy among the teenagers, the students of MSW programme in collaboration with Asanang Primary Health Centre organized an awareness programme for the students of Asanang Secondary School

Date – 29/04/22, Friday

Venue – Asanang Secondary School

Intervention programme on 'Good touch and bad touch' in collaboration with DCPU Officer

Objective: To educate the children and adults about personal safety of the children in order to prevent child sexual abuse, molestation or any kind of offence.



Date: 5/05/22

Venue: Selbalgre Community Hall

Awareness program on the occasion of 'World No Tobacco Day' organized by MSW Pogramme

Objective: To spread Awareness among the students of various departments on the ill effects of tobacco consumption,

Venue: NEHU, Tura Campus



Date: 30/05/22

Awareness program on the occasion of 'World No Tobacco Day' organized by MSW Pogramme in collaboration with DC Office Tura and Social Work Department of Mason Philip Academy, Tura.



Objective: To spread Awareness among the students of various departments on the ill effects of tobacco consumption.
Venue: NEHU, Tura Campus
Date: 30/05/22



Awareness program on the occasion of 'World No Tobacco Day' organized by MSW Programme in collaboration with DC Office Tura and Social Work Department of Mason Philip Academy, Tura.



Objective: To spread Awareness among the community on the ill effects of tobacco consumption.
Venue: Super Market, Tura
Date: 31/05/22

Intervention programme on youth unemployment in collaboration with

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grammen kaushaiya Yojanae (DDU-GKY) and Chibra Agalgre Youth Club

Objective: To skill rural youth who are poor and provide them with jobs having regular monthly wages or above the minimum wages.
Venue: Chibra Agalgre community hall
Date: 4/06/22



Intervention programme on Nutrition and Health in collaboration with DMHO and PHC of Rongram



Objective: To educate the community people and school children about the importance of nutrition for maintaining healthy lifestyle and well-being.
Date: 23/06/22
Venue: Selbalgre community hall

Observance of National Cancer Awareness Day

Theme: 'Close The Care Gap'. Final Year Students of MSW in Collaboration with Aguragre Sub Centre observed the National Cancer Awareness Day at SSA and RMES Secondary School with the objective to Spread Awareness on the Topic to the community.

Date: 17/11/22



Awareness program on Disaster Mitigation organized by Social Work Programme, NEHU, Tura in collaboration with District Disaster Management Authority, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya held at Mason Philip Academy, Tura on 25th November 2022.



The awareness program was started by a Welcome speech from Smt. Giribala G.Momin, Principal of Mason Philip Academy, followed by a welcome song from one of the student of Mason Philip Academy. The program was then followed by an introduction about the awareness program from Dr. Tilok Thakuria, Teacher-in-

Charge, MSW Programme, NEHU Tura Campus. After the introduction session, the program was handed over to the resource person. The first resource person, Shri. Camelius K Sangma, Field Engineer, District Disaster Management Authority shared about the concept of Disaster, its types and Disaster Mitigation. The second resource person, Smt. Santilla A Marak, Asst. Deputy Controller, Home Guards and Civil Defense shared information on Search and Rescue operations by demonstrating on the search and rescue operation with the help of her team members. The resource person also shared information and demonstration on first aid which can be given to any affected person when any disaster occurs. The social work students as well as teaching and non-teaching staff of NEHU and Mason Philip Academy also participated during the demonstration. The program ended by a vote of thanks from Dr. F. Marngar, Guest Faculty, MSW Program, NEHU Tura Campus.





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