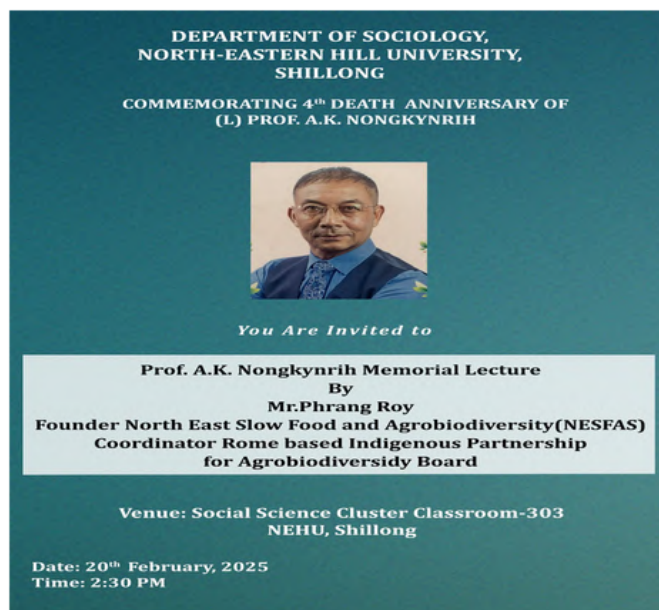


NEHU PAN RAMA

Department of Sociology commemorated the Fifth Death Anniversary of (L) Prof. A.K Nongkynrih

Shillong, February 20: The Department of Sociology commemorated the 5th Death Anniversary of (L) Prof. A.K Nongkynrih on the 20th of February 2026 with a cleaning drive and tree plantation programme on the premises of the Department and the Law Adong (Protected Forest) nurtured by the Late Professor. There was also a memorial lecture delivered by Prof. L S Gassah (Retired Professor, Department of Political Science, NEHU). The programme was attended by the students, research scholars and faculty members of the department.



Department of Sociology in collaboration with UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (Formerly UGC-Academic Staff College) North Eastern Hill University, Shillong conducted a Refresher Course



Shillong, February 23: The Department of Sociology in collaboration with UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (Formerly UGC-Academic Staff College) North Eastern Hill University, Shillong conducted a Refresher Course in Sociology (Multidisciplinary) on the topic “Marginality in India: Researching multiple contexts on disadvantaged status with a focus on north eastern

region (Blended Mode) from the 23rd of February to the 9th of March, 2026. There were more than 100 participants from the mostly from the North East and all over the country. The Refresher course had lectures delivered by eminent resource persons both local and outstation from various Universities in the country. The Refresher Course was coordinated by Prof. K. Kikhi and Dr. Rashi Bhargava of the Department of Sociology, NEHU.

Six-Day Basic Training Programme on Integration of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into Curriculum organized at MMTTC- NEHU

Shillong, February 23: A Six-Day Basic Training Programme on Integration of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) into Curriculum was successfully organized from 23rd February to 28th February 2026 under the auspices of the Indian Knowledge Systems Division, Ministry of Education, Government of India, and supported by the University Grants Commission – IKS Bureau, New Delhi. The programme was conducted with the objective of equipping faculty members and research scholars with conceptual clarity, pedagogical approaches, and practical strategies for effectively integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) into teaching, curriculum development, and research practices in higher education institutions.

The inaugural programme was graced by Prof. D. R. L. Nonglait, Director, College Development Council, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, Prof. Nonglait reflected on stories from ancient literature across India and highlighted the richness of the Khasi traditional knowledge system. He emphasized that preserving indigenous knowledge is vital for sustaining

community identity, cultural heritage, and traditional practices. The six-day programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and research scholars from affiliated colleges of NEHU, MLCU, William Carey University, USTM, and NEHU. While the target audience was 75 faculty members and 25 research scholars, a total of 103 participants registered for the programme. Out of these, 94 participants successfully completed the training, comprising 58 faculty members and 36 research scholars.

The programme successfully culminated on 28th February 2026 with a Valedictory Ceremony. The Chief Guest for the valedictory session was Prof. Sumarbin Umdor, Pro-Vice Chancellor, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. In his address, Prof. Umdor appreciated the efforts of the Director and the MMTTC team for successfully organizing the six-day programme and emphasized the importance of conducting such initiatives in the larger interest of the academic community. The programme concluded on a positive note, reaffirming the commitment to integrate Indian Knowledge Systems into higher education curricula and encouraging faculty members and scholars to incorporate indigenous knowledge traditions into teaching, research, and academic discourse.



A one-day awareness program, SAMAVESHA 18 organized by SAIF-NEHU

Shillong, February 27: On the occasion of National Science Day, a one-day awareness program, SAMAVESHA 18, was organized by Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facility (SAIF-NEHU) in collaboration with Indian Science, Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) under OPSA (Government of India) on 27 February 2026 at the Golden Jubilee Auditorium, NEHU, Shillong. The program was conducted in hybrid mode and witnessed the participation of around 250 delegates from all North-Eastern states, including nearly 75 offline participants comprising research scholars and faculty members from nearby institutes.

At the end of the technical sessions, participants were taken to SAIF-NEHU for guided laboratory visits and facility demonstrations. The demonstrations showcased major instruments including FT-NMR, ICP-OES, and Transmission



electron Microscopy, providing participants with direct exposure to advanced analytical facilities. The program concluded with certificate distribution, closing remarks by the organizers and I-STEM representatives, and the rendition of the National Anthem, marking the successful completion of SAMAVESHA 18.

Pre-National Science Day Celebration held in the 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, an Expert Lecture on Space Science was by Dr. Tiju Joseph Mathew, a distinguished expert in the field of space science.

The lecture aimed 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 organized as part of NEHU's commitment to promoting scientific temper and fostering academic excellence ahead of National Science Day.

Two days National Inter-University Debate Competition held in NEHU

Shillong, March 12: A team of students from NEHU (Ms Namrata Sarma- Department of English and Mr Martin Warjri - Department of law accompanied by Dr Chandrakanta - Department of Geography) participated in a two days National Inter-University Debate Competition held on 12th and 13th March 2026. The Sat Paul Mittal National Inter-University Debate Competition was organised by the Indian Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IAPPD), New Delhi, aiming to foster intellectual discourse and promote effective communication skills among the youth. MsNamrata's (Department of English-NEHU) exceptional oratory skills earned her consolation prize this year, further showcasing NEHU's prowess in the realm of eloquence and critical thinking. Led by the astute guidance of Dr. Chandrakanta from the Department of Geography, as the teacher in charge, the team showcased outstanding debating finesse, impressing both judges and spectators alike.



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

1. Smti Ester Rose Shabong, Assistant, Finance Department.
2. Shri Kingsuk Biswas, Junior Engineer, Campus Development Department.
3. Shri Shankar Pradhan, Driver, Administration-II.
4. Smti Six SevenlySuchiang, MTS (Peon), NEHU Central Library.
5. Shri DilBahadurChetri, MTS (Chowkidar-cum-Mali), Tura Campus.



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Retirees of December 2025

1. Prof. Streamlet Dkhar, Department of Khasi.
2. Prof. Munmun Majumdar, Department of Political Science.
3. Shri Gredick Wahlang, Assistant, Finance (Salary Section).
4. Smti Kwiertina Thangkhiew, Assistant, Administration-1 Section.
5. Shri Bamihpli Thangkhiew, UDC, Finance (Bill Section).
6. Shri Ain Singh War, Junior Library Assistant, Central Library.
7. Shri Harlestar Nongbri, MTS (Peon), Purchase and Store Section.

Retirees of January 2026

1. Prof. Biswambhara Mishra, Department of Economics.
2. Prof. Dollu Venkateswara Kumar, Department of Sociology.
3. Smti Manola Dora Kharlyngdoh, Private Secretary, Finance.
4. Shri Evannesar Kharshandy, UDC, Examination Department.



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



Glimpse of Meghalaya



KA PAH SYNTIEW: THE DIVINE QUEEN OF THE KHASI HILLS

Ka Pah Syntiew is one of the most cherished folktales of the Khasi people, closely connected to the sacred history of Shillong. The story begins with U 'Lei Shillong, the guardian deity of Shillong Peak, who was worshipped by the Khasi people after a wise man named U Shillong taught them the proper rituals and traditions. The deity was believed to protect the people from sickness and misfortune.

Near the Cave of Marai in the village of Pomlakrai, a group of young cowherds once discovered a mysterious girl sitting atop a towering rock that no one had ever climbed. Alarmed, they informed the village chief, U Myllem Ngap, who arrived with the villagers to investigate. Despite their repeated calls, the girl remained silent. To rescue her, the villagers raised a bamboo pole, but she refused to come down. Only when U Myllem Ngap tied wildflowers to the pole did she reach for them, allowing him to gently guide her safely to the ground.

The chief adopted the child and named her Ka Pah Syntiew, meaning "the flowered one." As she grew, she became known for her wisdom, fairness, and leadership, earning the title Ka Siem (the Queen). She later married U Kongor Nongjri, and together they had many children while their community flourished.

When her children reached adulthood, Ka Pah Syntiew revealed that she was the daughter of U 'Lei Shillong and had been sent to live among humans for a time. Having fulfilled her purpose, she returned through the Cave of Marai to the divine realm. Her descendants are believed to be the Siems of Shillong, whose lineage traces back to the goddess. The tale remains an enduring symbol of the Khasi people's spiritual heritage and their deep bond with the sacred landscape of Meghalaya.