

Capacity Building Course on Programming Technologies held at NEHU



September 23, 2024: The Department of Biomedical Engineering, North Eastern Hill University in collaboration with the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Shillong, launched the capacity-building course, “Programming Technologies,” for the pre-final and final year B.Tech students of the department from 9th to 23rd September, 2024.

This initiative falls under Category-3 of the project “Capacity Building in IECT, including training in Digital Skillsets and Current Industry-Demanding Technologies for Various Sections of Society in the NE States.” More than 40 interested students would be attending this fortnight long course which is being provided free of cost to them.

The project is designed to uplift the socio-economic status of citizens in the Northeast by fostering a smart ecosystem with vital IT education and skill development. It aims to train 1.665 lakh citizens from diverse sections of society across the Northeastern States. The “Programming Technologies” course specifically targets pre-final and final-year students of technical graduates. The course will equip students with the skills necessary to meet industry standards, making them job-ready for various roles in the rapidly evolving tech landscape.

Prof. S.S. Ray, Head, Department of Biomedical Engineering, NEHU apprised the participants about the importance of skill development courses and how the same could help the future generations in getting skilled and getting more employment opportunities.

Sh. Santanu Borgohain, Officer-Incharge, NIELIT, Shillong informed the participants about different skill development courses being offered by them and how it could possibly be incorporated

with the new NEP based course curriculum of the University.

Ms. Vidhya Vibha, Scientist-D, NIELIT, Shillong spoke about the course deliverables and how students could gain with certification provided at the end of the course.

Mr. Shyamal Mandal, faculty of the BME Department, NEHU delivered the vote of thanks to express gratitude to all involved directly or indirectly in organizing this two-weeks training program.

Cleaning Drive at Polo Market by the Pro Bono Associates Club and Legal Care & Support Centre, Department of Law, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong



September 30, 2024: The Pro Bono Associates Club and the Legal Care & Support Centre, Department of Law, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, actively participated in a Cleaning Drive at Polo Market on 30th September 2024. The drive was organized by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya, as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign 2024. Prior to the event, Dr. Ravi Kant Mishra, Nodal Officer of the Club, motivated the student volunteers to contribute meaningfully to community service. He emphasized that as law students,

they play a crucial role in shaping society and supporting nation-building. Leading the group of volunteers, Mr. Poujiabthai Zeppuh Gangmei, the Club Coordinator, encouraged the students to set an example for others by promoting civic responsibility and environmental stewardship. The volunteers also engaged in an awareness campaign, visiting shops across the market to disseminate information on environmental laws and the importance of adhering to these regulations for a cleaner and more sustainable community.

The program was graced by the presence of the District & Sessions Judge of East Khasi Hills, Smt. Dashalene R. Kharbteng, and the Secretary of DLSA East Khasi Hills, Smt. Bandarisha Kharlukhi. The event also witnessed the participation of prominent social media influencer and eco-activist Nicholas J. Kharnami @Nicky and advocates from the Shillong Bar Association, making it a successful and impactful initiative

The Department of Law organized a cleaning drive in the premises around the Department of Law on 13th September, 2024 under the Swachhata Pakhwada Programme in which the faculty, students, research scholars and non-teaching staff of the Department participated in good numbers. The participants zealously took part in cleaning the campus of the Department sending a message of belongingness to their work space and the importance of cleanliness.

Ms. Euvelin N. Suchiang from Department of Law wins Best Speaker Award in the University- Level Debate Competition



September 13, 2024: Ms. Euvelin N. Suchiang, a LL.M student from the Department of Law participated in the University- level Debate Competition as per the SAARTHI calendar on the topic “NEP 2020; A Game Changer in the Indian education” which was organized by the Office of the Dean, Students’ Welfare, NEHU, Shillong in collaboration with North Eastern Hill University Students’ Union on 13th September 2024. She argued in favour of the motion and was declared the Best Speaker and was a member of the winning Team.

The debate focused on how the National Education Policy 2020 brings innovative and transformative changes to the Indian education system. While advocating for the policy, she

emphasized on the NEP's commitment to foundational literacy and numeracy as well as the promotion of multidisciplinary learning at the higher education level which aims to combine academic goals with passion also highlighting the policy's potential to create a more inclusive and flexible education system, catering to the diverse needs of students. The exchange of ideas at the competition created a collaborative learning environment where each speaker contributed something new and valuable.

Specialised Training on Gender Justice Conducted by NEHU under UGC-Malaviya Mission



September 18 2024: The Department of Law, NEHU, Shillong organised a weeklong online short-term course on Gender Justice, Empowering Voices, Transforming Academia from 09th to 14th September 2024 at UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. The inaugural session of the course, held on 09th September, started with a brief introduction to the course delivered by Dr. Ravi Kant Mishra, the course coordinator and an associate professor of the Department of Law, NEHU. The session was formally inaugurated by the Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Prof. C.A. Mawlong in the presence of Head, Department of Law, NEHU Prof. JyotiJ. Mozika, among others.

Sharing their experience, participants highly appreciated the initiative taken by the organisers, specially bringing experts from different fields to teach, making the course both informative and enriching for all attendees. The course was concluded with a test where 47 participants qualified.

Unveiling of Annual Departmental Magazine, Botanic Club T-shirt and Freshers Meet, 2024



October 03, 2024: On the 3rd of October, 2024, the Botanic Club, Department of Botany welcomed the newly joined Master Students and Research Scholars. In addition, the Club also released the annual departmental magazine and launched the Club's official T-shirts for the first time in the presence of Prof. N. Saha (Dean of the Life Sciences), Prof. S. Kumaria (Head of the Department), Dr. M. C. Das (Teacher-in-charge, Botanic Club) and teaching faculty of the Department on the occasion of Annual Freshers Meet, 2024.

The Departmental magazine, "Magnolia", is released annually and serves as a platform for the exhibition of latent skills through engagement in diverse activities such as article composition (academic and non-academic), poetry, and photography. The publication of a magazine with diverse purposes would undoubtedly enhance and contribute to the advancement of the Department.

The Department of Economics, NEHU organised a talk for the Postgraduate Students in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India on 13th September 2025.

September 13, 2024: The Department of Economics at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) organized an insightful talk for postgraduate students in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 13th September, 2025. The event aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical financial policy by providing students with a deeper understanding of the central bank's role in India's economic framework.

The session featured prominent speakers from the RBI, who shared their expertise on topics such as monetary policy, financial regulation, and the central bank's initiatives in fostering economic stability and growth. Students were introduced to the evolving dynamics of inflation control, foreign exchange management, and the development of payment systems, which are pivotal in the functioning of India's financial system.



The session commenced with a brief introduction of Prof. B. Panda, Department of Economics, North-Eastern Hill University. This was followed by the Welcome Address by the Head (In-charge) of Department of Economics, Prof. U. K. De followed by Dr. Rajib Sutradhar, Assistant Professor. The event ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Mohd Murtaza.

National Webinar on “Indian Securities Market & Wealth Management” in Association with SEBI-SMART- IAD.

September 20, 2024: The Department of Economics, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, in association with SEBI-SMART-IAD, organized a National Webinar on “Indian Securities Market & Wealth Management” on 20th September 2024. The event aimed to provide postgraduate students, scholars, and financial enthusiasts with a comprehensive understanding of India's securities market and effective wealth management strategies.

The webinar featured experts from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), who shared their insights on the structure, functioning, and regulatory framework of the Indian securities

market. The speakers emphasized the role of SEBI in safeguarding investors' interests, ensuring market transparency, and promoting fair trade practices. They also addressed recent trends and innovations in the securities market, including the increasing influence of digital trading platforms, algorithmic trading, and blockchain technology.

Three-Day National Literary Symposium Inaugurated at NEHU



The Hindi Department of North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), in collaboration with the Central Hindi Directorate, Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi, inaugurated a three-day National Literary Symposium. Themed “Agunahi Sagunahi Nahi Kachu Bheda - In the Context of Northeast India,” the symposium aims to explore the intersections of Saguna (with form) and Nirguna (without form) Bhakti traditions, particularly in Northeast India.

The event opened with a welcome address by Prof. Madhavendra Prasad Pandey, Head of the Hindi Department, who highlighted the significance of the topic in uncovering India's spiritual consciousness. According to Dr. Anupam Mathur, the Bhakti movement was a nationwide phenomenon, but the form of devotion in the Northeast differs, where the unity between Saguna (with form) and Nirguna (without form) is evident. Prof. Moom Moon Majumdar considered the topic highly relevant. Prof. Sunil Kulkarni opined that the subject would open new research perspectives in the Northeast, noting that the distinction between Saguna and Nirguna came later

and that there is no real difference between the two. He also emphasized the need to reevaluate the literature of saints.

In his keynote address, Prof. Prabhashankar Shukla, Vice-Chancellor of NEHU, underscored that there is no real distinction between Saguna and Nirguna, emphasizing the crucial role of a devotee's love in Bhakti. He stressed that faith is vital not only toward God but also toward society and the nation.

Plant4Mother or Ek Ped Ma Ke Nam Campaign (17th Sept, 2024) and Swachhata Pakhwada (4-13 Sept, 2024) as per Ministry of Education Guidelines

Plant4Mother Campaign (17 Sept, 24)



Swachhata Pakhwada (4-13 Sept, 24)



The NEHU Eco-club in collaboration with the Dean Student's Welfare and National Service Scheme, NEHU organized plant4mother campaign in the campus opposite to SAI main gate where creation of MatriVan is also planned as per the ministry guidelines. The volunteers of Eco club and students from various Departments specially Political Science and Environmental Science enthusiastically participated in the campaign and planted about 100 saplings in the area while another 100 saplings in various Departments.

A Swachhata Pakhwada campaign was also organized from 4th to 13th September 2024 in the campus under the aegis of NEHU Eco-club in collaboration with DSW and NSS. Under this campaign all 8 academic Schools of the university participated in cleaning drives. Each department under the School organized a cleaning drive. Under this campaign, every hostel also carried out cleaning drive under the guidance of The Dean, Student's Welfare. A signature campaign, photo-booth and rally was organized to aware the students about ill-effects of plastic waste on envi-

ronment jointly by the NEHU Eco-Club, NSS and DSW. The NEHU Eco- club is working in line with the waste management guidelines of the AICTE, UGC, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as well as in line with UN SDG goals for sustainable developments in the university campus.

Teachers' day celebration



On 05th September, 2024 the Botanic club, Department of Botany, North-Eastern Hill University organized a programme to show their love and respect for the teachers as they sincerely dedicate and contribute not only in the growth of the department but also in the academic growth of the students and research scholars. Starting from talks of motivation and upliftment from the teachers to cultural performances and different activities and fun games the day was dedicated to the teachers and the event was fruitful.

Department of BSSS conducts QuizQuest 2024



September 07, 2024: QuizQuest 2024, the school of technology's flagship quiz competition, took place on 7 September 2024 at BSSS Multiuse Convention Hall. For the 3rd year in a row, the Department of Basic Sciences and Social Sciences organised this event as part of the School of Technology's co-curricular activities. The event drew participants from across the departments, showcasing their knowledge and competitive spirit through a series of engaging and challenging rounds. This year's competition was marked by various quiz formats that tested participants' breadth and depth of knowledge.

Celebration of Swachhata Pakhwada in the School of Life Sciences



September 06, 2024: The Swachata Pakhwada was celebrated in the School of Life Sciences on the 6th of September 2024 at 10.00 am. As a part of the celebration, a cleaning drive throughout the day was organized to clean the surroundings of the School including the departments of Zoology, Botany, Biochemistry and Biotechnology & Bioinformatics under this School and classroom premises. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of our University was invited as the Chief Guest to grace the occasion and inaugurated the program.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor delivered a short speech on the Swachata Pakhwada, followed by a short speech by the Dean, School of Life Sciences. There were about 270 M.Sc. students and about 25 teachers from all the four departments under the School of Life Sciences participated in this occasion.

Research and Development (R&D) Cell of North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) organizes second Edition of Anusandhan



September 18, 2024: The 2nd edition of the Anusandhan programme, organized by the Research and Development (R&D) Cell of North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), took place on 18th September 2024 at the NEHU Tura Campus. This event underscored the institution's focus on promoting research and innovation within its academic framework. The event was graced by NEHU Vice-Chancellor, Professor P.S. Shukla, as the Chief Guest, with Professor Sujata Gurudev, Director of NEHU Tura Campus, serving as the Guest of Honour. Professor Santaram Joshi, Director of

the R&D Cell, delivered the welcome address, followed by Professor Timir Tripathi from NEHU Shillong, who provided a comprehensive overview of the R&D Cell's role in nurturing research activities at NEHU.



The programme's objectives were elaborated on by Dr Madhukar Gampala, the Organizing Secretary and Associate Professor in the Department of Education, NEHU Tura Campus. Both the Vice-Chancellor and the Campus Director spoke about the growing significance of research and its contribution to knowledge, innovation, and societal development.

Dr. Sunildro L.S. Akoijam, Associate Professor at the Department of Management, NEHU Tura Campus, concluded the event with a vote of thanks. This event reaffirmed NEHU's commitment to fostering research excellence, particularly in the North-Eastern region.

ICAR-DCFR Bhimtal, Department of Fisheries, and Department of Zoology, NEHU, Meghalaya Launch Joint Initiative for Mahseer Conservation in the State of Meghalaya

September 10, 2024: The ICAR-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (ICAR-DCFR), Bhimtal, jointly with Department of Zoology, NEHU, Shillong successfully conducted a seed ranching program for the iconic Golden Mahseer at NEHU LAKE, Meghalaya 10th September

2024. This initiative is a kick start to conserve and restore the declining population of the species in the natural waters of the region.



The event was graced by Prof P. S. Shukla, Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong amidst faculties, students and scientists from ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal. Prof. Shukla expressed his commitment to conserving the Golden Mahseer in the natural ecosystems of Meghalaya. He highlighted that this joint initiative will bolster the golden mahseer population and conserve its genetic diversity. As part of the event, 5000 hatchery reared fingerlings of Golden Mahseer were released into the lake. The program coordinator Prof. Devendra K. Biswal, Biodiversity Informatics Centre including Prof. S.R. Hajong, HoD, Zoology, Dr. S.K. Mallik, Scientist, Dr. Suresh Chandra, Principal Scientist, Dr. M. S. Akhtar, Senior Scientist, and Dr. R. S. Haldar, Chief Technical Officer of ICAR-DCFR also stressed the urgency of restoring the Golden Mahseer population, noting the continuous decline in their numbers. The programme was conceived by Dr. Pramod Kumar Pandey, Director, ICAR- DCAFR, Bhimtal.

School of Physical Sciences conducts a cleaning drive

September 12, 2024: A cleaning drive was organized by the School of Physical Sciences on 12 September 2024 under Swachhata Hi Seva-2024. The students, faculty members, and non-teaching staffs of the four departments (Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Statistics) actively took part in this cleaning drive. There were more than 200 participants in this event. At the beginning, the Dean spoke on the importance of “swachhata”, and also on our role in this matter. An oath was also taken by everyone to take eco-friendly measure in life and to educate our society in this matter.

The cleaning drive was taken in and around the departments of our school and also in front of the central library. The students and faculties manually clear the bushes and debris accumulated around the departments. At the end of the event light refreshments were served to every participant. This type of cleaning drive will be taken in our school in regular interval.



A Glimpse of Meghalaya: Mawryngkhang Bamboo Trek

The Bamboo Trail Meghalaya or Mawryngkhang Trek is the latest addition in the adventure activities in Meghalaya. Located in the Pynursla sub-division, the Khasi village Wahkhen lies on the popular Shillong to Dawki route. The trail runs along a mountain cliff along the Wahrew River until it reaches the top of a huge single rock, U Mawryngkhang. The huge rock stands tall amidst the river valley surrounded by forests commanding its mighty presence over the surroundings. The Bamboo trail Meghalaya is not for the faint-hearted. And it is definitely not for those with acrophobia. The entire trek involves walking over man-made bamboo bridges tied with cane ropes over farms, river and deep gorges.

The Mawryngkhang Trek was opened to the public in 2016. The entire project was the effort and hard work of the villagers of Wahkhen. The village has a population of around 1000 people. There is a traditional Music school that offers classes every week. The entire bamboo trail has been constructed by the villagers without taking the help of the Government. Without taking any external help, the villagers constructed the multiple bridges made of bamboo and wooden ladders. These bridges were tied by cane ropes and only very few nails were used for the construction.



Every Stone Tells a Story

“In Khasi region, every stone has a story to tell”, Mawryngkhang actually means the “King of Stones” and U in front of the name is used as a mark of reverence. According to Khasi legend, once there was a great battle between stones. In this unique battle, one mighty stone emerged the winner. It was Mawryngkhang and he became the King of Stones and came to be known as U Mawryngkhang. He stood there like a mighty force being the lord of all he surveyed.

Very soon, U Mawryngkhang fell in love with another damsel known as “Kthiang” from a neighbouring kingdom. All was well, until the arrival of Mawpator, another mighty stone who also had his eyes on Kthiang. Thus ensued a deadly battle between the two stones. In the fierce battle, Mawpator broke off the left hand of Mawryngkhang. But Mawryngkhang was an excellent warrior and was not ready to accept defeat. He summoned all his strength and gave a mighty blow to Mawpator thus decapitating him. Finally, U Mawryngkhang and Kthiang left happily ever after.

The tallest and mightiest looking rock that you will see is U Mawryngkhang. In fact, the trek takes you to the pinnacle of this rock. Once you are at the top of Mawryngkhang, you can see the rock of Kthiang behind him. Another rock lies down in the valley which is said to be the decapitated head of Mawpator. There is a mark on U Mawryngkhang which is believed to be the scar from where his hand was broken off.

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. Prof. Devendra Kumar Nayak, Department of Geography.
2. Prof. Md.S.N. Rahman, Department of History.
3. Shri Lakson M. Marak, Assistant and Section Officer (Officiating), Tura Campus.
4. Shri Rangpher Rynjah, Professional Assistant, NEHU Central Library.
5. Shri Mahesh Luthra, Draftsman, Department of Architecture.
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