



## *Workshop on Good Field Collection Practices (GFCP) Empowers Traditional Healers in Meghalaya*



**Date: 23rd April, 2023:** The Department of Nanotechnology at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) recently organised a pivotal workshop on “Good Field Collection Practices (GFCP)” in collaboration with the Quality Council of India (QCI) and the National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB), New Delhi on 23rd of April 2024 at North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong. The workshop, held to facilitate the Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plant Produce (VCSMPP), witnessed the enthusiastic participation of nearly 30 traditional healers from diverse regions of Meghalaya.

The event, graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. D. K. Nayak, Senior Professor and Vice-Chancellor Incharge as the Chief Guest, garnered commendations for the Department of Nanotechnology’s initiative in bridging the gap between academia and

traditional knowledge bearers. Prof. Nayak underscored the significance of mutual learning, emphasizing that while participants glean insights from resource persons, researchers and academicians benefit profoundly from the traditional knowledge shared.

Highlighting the local bounty of medicinal flora endemic to Meghalaya, Prof. S. R. Joshi, Director of the Research and Development Cell, elucidated on the vast potential inherent in these botanical treasures. He emphasized the importance of adopting Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) to elevate the quality standards of India’s medicinal plant produce, thereby fostering competitiveness among North-Eastern farmers and aligning with the aspirations of VIKSIT BHARAT.

Prof. Md. Iftekhar Hussain, Dean of the School of Technology while applauding the Department of Nanotechnology said that despite being a new depart-

ment and with limited human resources during the nascent years has lived up to the expectations of everyone. He said that the department has been very active in conducting high-end research, workshops and most importantly disseminating knowledge and technology to the community through outreach programs like this workshop.



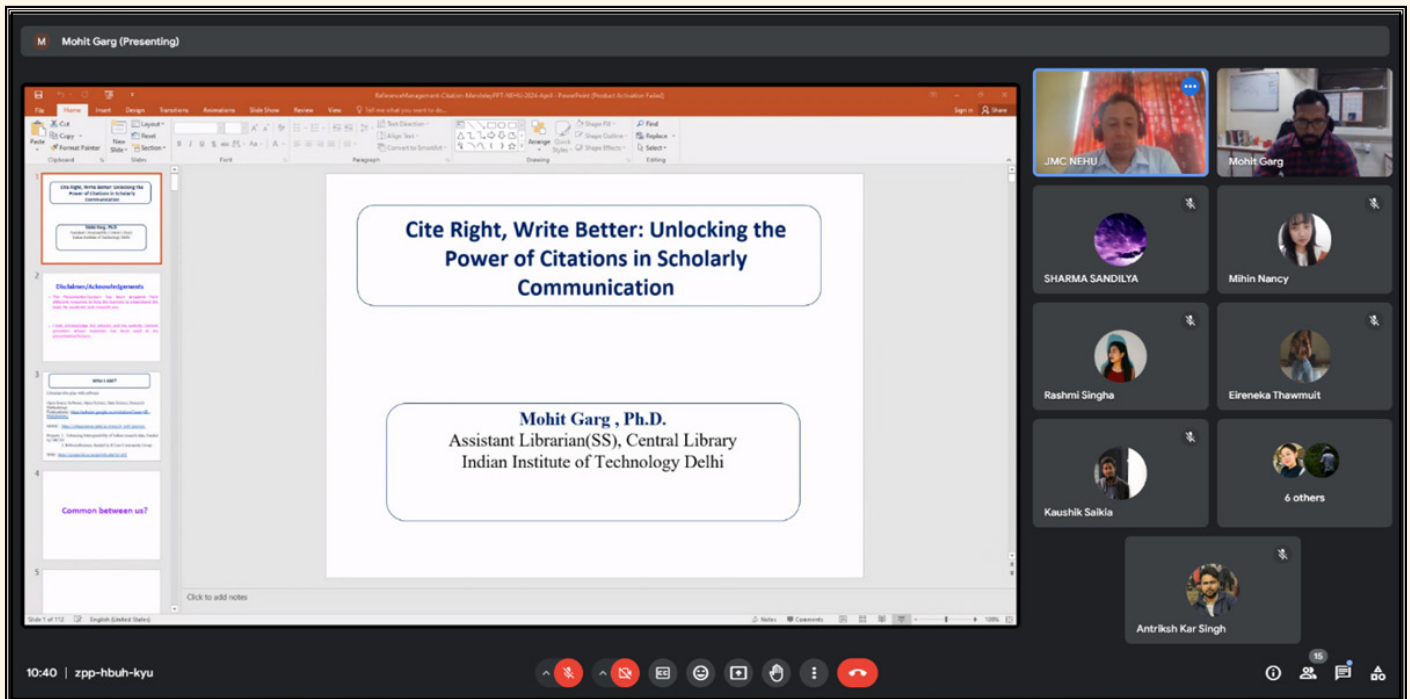
Dr. Rajeev Kumar Sharma, Chief Technica Advisor, NMPB and Ex-Director, PLIM, New Delhi and Mr. Jan-gaiyah Mangalaram were the resource persons who presented lectures on practices on Good Field Collection Practices and communicated with traditional healers from the state of Meghalaya. The workshop, designed to imbue medicinal plant cultivators with advanced knowledge of GFCP, promises to fortify and perpetuate India's traditional medicinal systems. Moreover, it catalyzes future research collaborations between researchers and farmer participants, particularly in the realms of nanotechnology and biotechnology. The organizers expressed optimism regarding the potential synergies between traditional healers and researchers in exploring the myriad applications of medicinal plants in cutting-edge scientific endeavours.

Dr. L. R. Singh, Head of the Department of Nanotechnology at NEHU, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "These collaborative efforts hold the promise of unlocking new frontiers in scientific research while simultaneously empowering local communities with sustainable practices."

The Department of Nanotechnology, NEHU remains committed to fostering meaningful collaborations that harness indigenous wisdom alongside scientific advancements, thereby ushering in a future where tradition and innovation converge for the betterment of society.

## Webinar on Research Citation

**Date: 10th April, 2024:** An interactive online webinar-Cite Right, Write Better: Unlocking the power of citations in the scholarly common citation, was held on 10th April 2024, Monday, in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication (JMC), North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong. Professor Manash Pratim Goswami, head of the Department, began the session by introducing participants to resource persons.




The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a PowerPoint slide with the following text:

**Cite Right, Write Better: Unlocking the Power of Citations in Scholarly Communication**

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The slide also includes a table of contents on the left side, listing topics like 'Cite Right, Write Better: Unlocking the Power of Citations in Scholarly Communication', 'What is Common?', 'Why Citations?', and 'Common between us?'. The Zoom interface shows several participants in a grid view, including JMC NEHU, Mohit Garg, SHARMA SANDILYA, Mihin Nancy, Rashmi Singha, Eireneka Thawmuit, Kaushik Salkia, and 6 others. The time is 10:40 and the user is zpp-hbuh-kyu.



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**Knowledge is Power- Sir Francis Bacon**

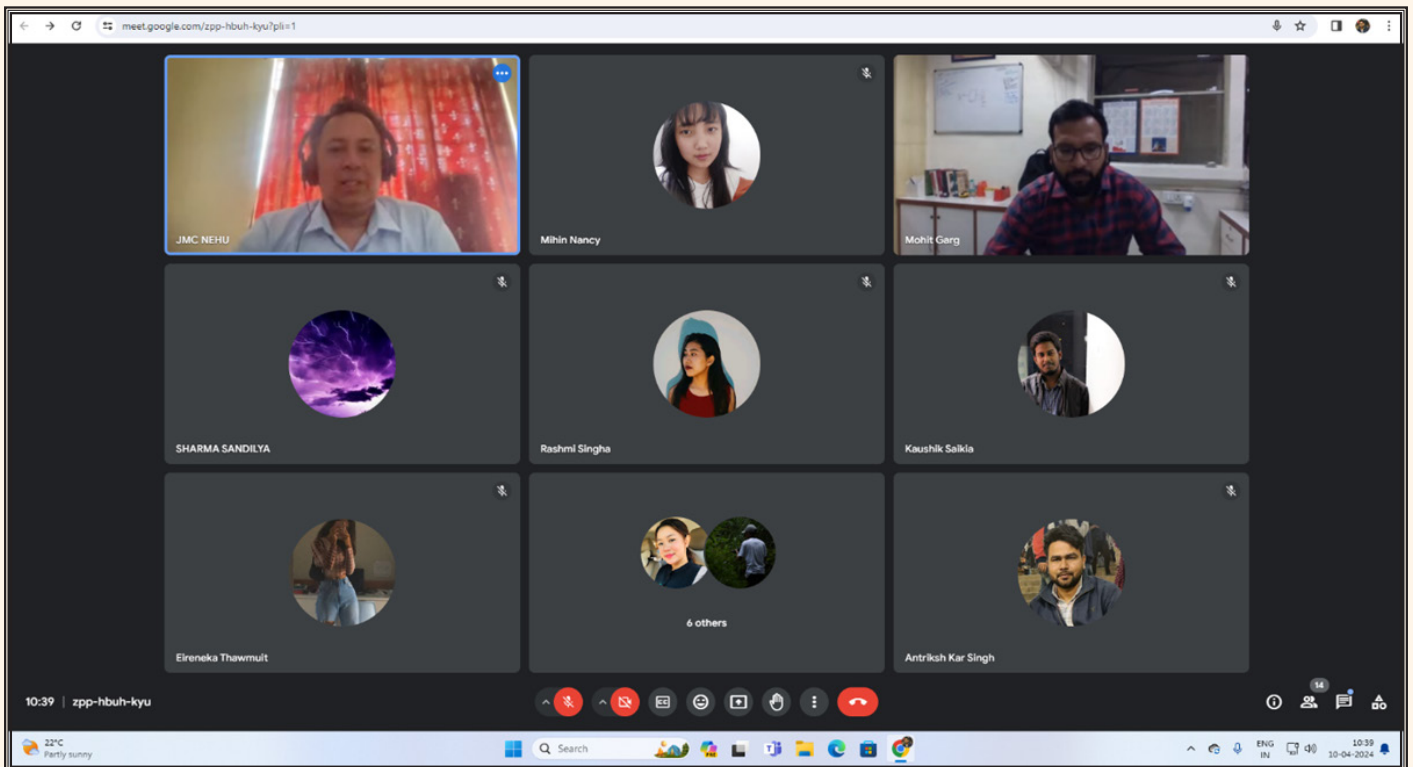
The slide features a graphic illustration of a brain and a lightbulb, with a plug and a socket symbol between them, symbolizing the connection between knowledge and power. The URL <https://schoolweek.co.uk/knowledge-is-power-we-must-teach-it-to-our-children/> is visible at the bottom of the slide.

The Zoom interface shows several participants in a grid view, including JMC NEHU, Mohit Garg, SHARMA SANDILYA, Mihin Nancy, Rashmi Singha, Eireneka Thawmuit, Priya Terangpi, and 7 others. The time is 0:55 and the user is zpp-hbuh-kyu.

The resource person, Dr Mohit Garg, Assistant Librarian, Central Library, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, shared some valuable insights on the topic. Dr Garg entered into the subject domain through an intriguing question asking participants, “What is common among us?” The question helped the speaker to gain the participant’s attention and engagement. Elaborating it, he said, “Information and research are common things among us.”

He elaborated on parenthetical citation styles that include APA Style, MLA Style, Chicago Author-Date Style, and CSE Name-Year Style and shed light in detail on Numbered Citation Styles that include AMA Style (medicine), Chicago Notes Style, CSE Citation-Name Style, CSE Citation-Sequence Style, IEEE Style.

Dr Garg showed some examples of different formats of types of reference styles and informed participants about citation styles used in different domains. He compared different referencing and citation styles in his address.



Dr Garg discussed the challenges that scholars faced and informed them about open-source software that can help with references and citations. The participants include research scholars and post-graduate students from the department of JMC.

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### ***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. We wish you all the very best for the coming years.
1. Smti Audrey Rosaline Synnah, Coach, Sports Department.
2. Shri Hehbok Warlarpih, Driver, Administration-II (Transport).
3. Smti Tyllinora Lyngdoh Nongbri, MTS (Peon), Department of Sociology.
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## *A Glimpse of Meghalaya: “Iewduh”*



Bara Bazaar, also known as Iewduh among locals, is Shillong’s largest and oldest market. The capital of Assam province was moved from Sohra (Cherrapunjee) to Shillong in 1874, and Iewduh played an important role in Shillong’s growth, providing the demands of the British cantonment, natives, and non-tribals who helped operate the colonial machinery. The phrase Bara Bazar (Big Market) probably originated with the arrival and settlement of people from diverse communities in India.

The Chief of Myllem is in charge of Iewduh’s management, and he is concerned with the market’s and its traders’ welfare. According to tradition, the antecedent to the Iewduh market was thought to have existed in Nongkseh many centuries before it was moved to its current position near Motphran during colonial times. Each morning at the crack of dawn, the market comes alive with the arrival of country buses, taxis, and trucks carrying fresh goods from all over the Khasi/Jaintia hills. The market offers both wholesale and commercial sales of the finest produce, including groceries, household goods, clothing, shoes, agricultural requirements, electronics, and other items located in specialised areas of the market. Iewduh has numerous popular food vendors that serve wonderful local cuisine and snacks.

Interestingly, because the local population maintains a matrilineal system, both men and women play important roles in trade and commerce at Iewduh. Iewduh continues to play an important role in Shillong’s daily life and contributes to the stability of the rural economy.

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