

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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The School of Social Sciences consists of the Departments of Sociology, History, Political Science and Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies. Since its inception in 2005 the Department of Law is also attached to the School.

The School has been carrying out teaching and research activities for more than 30 years. The Departments of History, Political Science and Sociology run teaching programmes at the M.A. level. Inter-disciplinary focus is an important part of the courses offered in these Departments. The M.Phil programme has been offered regularly by the Department of Sociology and the Department of Political Science will again offer the M.Phil programme for the forthcoming semester. The Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies is successfully running 3 Post-graduate Diploma Courses in Music, Painting and Folkloristics. The Department of Law is presently offering a Five year integrated B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) Degree course.

The faculty and students of the Departments of Sociology, History Political Science and Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies have been successfully carrying out research activities in diverse fields and have addressed important and socially relevant problems thus making very significant contributions especially in their respective areas of specialization and in keeping with the objectives of the University. During 2006-07 eight students were awarded Ph.D Degree. A large number of students clear the NET/JRF regularly.

The overwhelming majority of the students in the School belong to the Scheduled Tribes of North East India and the number of girl students continue to outweigh the number of boys. In order to keep pace with the latest developments in the discipline all Departments and Centres have been regularly revising their syllabus. The Department of Sociology has been sanctioned DRS Phase II under SAP by the UGC and the Department of History has projects under SAP/DSA – I.

Some faculty members of the School are involved in national and international research projects. Departments and Centre hold regular seminars and workshops which have contributed greatly to the vibrant academic atmosphere in the School apart from bringing out useful information for policy makers and planners.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Thrust Area of Research: The Department's thrust area is Northeast India. This is studied not as a separate entity but in relation to developments that have taken place at the spatial and temporal levels in South Asia, the regions beyond it and the world at large. The courses offered at the postgraduate level are designed to be socially relevant to the present-day contexts, to enhance the students' understanding of human relations, the interface of various ideas and cultures, and the working of institutions both 'traditional' and 'modern.' The training thus equips them with the necessary skills required at the research level to undertake objective study of their own and 'other' societies and cultures. The thrust area is also reflected in the research of the faculty and scholars working for their doctoral degrees.

Brief Statement of Academic Activities : During the period 1 April 2006-31 March 2007 the History faculty had been engaged in several academic and co-curricular activities as given below.

Faculty :

Professors	: J.B.Bhattacharjee, M.A./Ph.D (Gau) [upto 30.6.2006] D.R. Syiemlieh, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D.(NEHU) M. Momin, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D.(JNU) M. Sharma, M.A(Gau)/Ph.D.(NEHU) F.A. Qadri, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D.(Alig)
Readers	: C.A. Mawlong, M.A/PG Dip. in Archaeology (IoA,NewDelhi)/Ph.D.(NEHU) V.R. Rengsi, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D.(NEHU) T. Gurung Nag, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D. (NEHU) A.K. Thakur, M.A/Ph.D. (BU, Muzaffarpur) S.N. Lamare, M.A/Ph.D. (NEHU)
Lecturers	: A. Passah, M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D. (NEHU) M.S.N. Rahman, M.A/Ph.D.(Cal)

Student Intake:

Enrolment Capacity – M.A :	50	Ph.D : Varies from year to year.			
Actual Admission - SC/ST/Gen		Male/Female	Meghalaya/Other States		
M.A.	0 50 0	21 29	27	23	
Ph.D.	0 03 02	03 02	02	03	

Degrees Awarded :	SC/ST	Genl	Male	Female	Total
M.A.:	0 45	1	12	34	46
Ph.D. :	0 3	1	2	2	4

Amena Passah, "Welsh Presbyterian Mission in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills (1841-1969)". Supervisor – Professor D.R. Syiemlieh .

Alicia Gatphoh, "Progress of Education in Meghalaya (1813-1972)". Supervisor – Professor J.B. Bhattacharjee.

Rakhal Kumar Purkayastha, "Coalition Politics in India with Special Reference to the Ninth Lok Sabha Election: Lok Sabha Elections (1952-1999)". Supervisor – Professor J.B. Bhattacharjee.

Pum Khan Pau, "The Chins and the British, 1835-1935". Supervisor – Professor I. Hussain.

Number of NET Qualified Students (as on 13 December 2006): Lecturership - 13.

Placement of Students: Students who have completed their Master's and Ph.D programmes from the Department have found employment in various institutions of higher academics (in universities and colleges), research institutes, schools, civil administration, defence services, banking and business enterprises.

Courses Conducted :

Semester I : Feudalism; Prehistoric to Ancient Societies; Economy and Society in Ancient India; British Expansion and Imperial Policy in India; Technology in the Making of Early China; Social Movement in USA.

Semester II : Capitalism and Imperialism; Historical Methods; History of the Graeco-Roman Civilization; Making of Modern USA; Ancient Indian Polity and Society; Modern Japan; Colonialism, Imperialism and Economic Change in India.

Semester III : Indian Nationalism; Social and State Formation; Political Ideas and Institutions during the Sultanate Period; Peasant Movement in Modern India; History of Ideas in Modern India; Christianity in Northeast India; Religion and Society in Ancient India; Neolithic and Megalithic Cultures in Northeast India; Socio-Economic History of Northeast India.

Semester IV : Political History of Mughal Empire (1526-1707); Perspectives in the History of Northeast India, Sources, Tools and Techniques; Ancient Indian Art and Architecture; Archaeology : Methods and Approaches; Modern Indian Society; Colonialism, Communalism and Secularism; Contemporary India 1947-2000).

Study Tours/Field Trips of Students :

Dr.C.A.Mawlong took the students on two field trips, i.e. to (a) a Neolithic site at Mawlyndep in April 2006, and (b) a Megalithic site at Pamsohmen in November 2006. These were in connection with Courses No. H-204: Archaeology: Methods and Approaches offered at the 4th Semester, and H-209: Neolithic and Megalithic Cultures in Northeast India offered at the 3rd Semester respectively.

Dr. A.K.Thakur took the 3rd Semester students of the Department on study tour, 2 -18 February 2007 to Chennai, Bangalore, Mahabalipuram, Kanchipuram, Pondicherry, Mysore, Shrirangapattinam and Ootacamund.

Seminars/Conferences/Symposia/Workshops :

Organised

The Department organized a Colloquium on "Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in Northeast India" on 31 March, 2007.

Attended

D. R. Syiemlieh attended a seminar "Pastoral Ministry with Special Reference to the Parish Ministry" held at Pastoral Centre, Shillong, 22-25 August 2006 and presented a paper, "Historical Trends in Pastoral Ministry: Need for Paradigm Shift in Today's Mission"; a Workshop at IGNOU, New Delhi on 30 August 2006; Participated as a resource person and prepared revised material

for the course "Religious Thoughts and Beliefs in India"; attended the 27th Session of the North East India History Association, Aizawl, 1-3 November 2006 and presented a paper, "Three British Plans for North East India 1942-1945". He also attended the ICHR National Seminar "Historiography of 1857: Debates on the Past and Present Status of Knowledge", held at India International Centre, New Delhi, 10-12 December 2006, chaired a session and presented a paper, "Historiography of Literature and Sources on the Uprising of 1857 in North East India."; attended the Colloquium on "Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in Northeast India", organized by the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong on 31 March 2007 and chaired the first session of the Colloquium.

M. Momin attended the 27th Conference of the North East India History Association at Aizawl, 1-3 November 2006 and presented a paper, "Preliminaries on Ideas and Cultural Patterns in Pre-British Northeast India."; attended the Colloquium on "Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in Northeast India", organized by the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong on 31 March 2007 and presented a paper, "Concepts, Contexts and Socio-Cultural Phenomena: The Brahmaputra Valley during Pre-Ahom Times".

M. Sharma attended the Seminar on "Tribe, Peasant and Modern Identity in North East India" organized by the ICHR and Tripura University, 6-8 April 2006 and presented a paper, "Traditional Institutions and Social Change"; attended the 27th Annual Conference of North East India History Association held at Aizawl, 1-3 November 2006 and presented a paper, "Enriching Historical Research: Literature as a Source of History."; attended the Colloquium on "Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in North East India" organized by the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong, on 31st March 2007 and presented a paper, "History, Environment and Gender."; attended a gender sensitization programme on "Gender, Justice and Women," organized by the Institute of Bank Management, Guwahati, 27 February 2007, participated as a Resource Person and presented a paper, "Women's Political Participation."

F. A. Qadri attended the 27th Session of North East India History Association at Aizawl, 1-3 November 2006 and presented a paper, "Perso-Arabic Inscriptions of Pre-Colonial North East India."; attended an International Seminar on "Perso-Arabic Threads in Indian Tapestry", organized by the Department of Arabic and Persian, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, 5-7 February 2007 as part of the Post-Centenary Golden Jubilee of University of Calcutta and presented a paper, "Persian Text and North East India." and presided over the 3rd Academic Session of the Seminar on 7 February 2007; attended the National Seminar on "Translations as Cultural Transactions: Persian as a Bridge," organized by the Department of Persian, University of Delhi, 27-28 February, 2007 and presented a paper, "Fallacies in the English Translation of *Baharistan-iGhaibi*." and presided over the 2nd Academic Session of the Seminar on 28 February 2007.

C. A. Mawlong attended the National Seminar on "Cultural Change Among The Tribes of North East India," 26-28 October 2006, organized jointly by the Department of Anthropology, NEHU, Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures and Sacred Heart Theological College, Mawlai, Shillong and presented a paper, "Christianity and the Megalithic Tradition in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills : A Preliminary Study of the Process of Deculturation and Inculturation."; attended the the Colloquium on "Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in Northeast India", organized by the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong on 31 March 2007 and presented a paper, "Megaliths and the Construction of a Social Landscape."

T. Gurung Nag attended the International Conference on "Identity and Nationality of the Indian Nepalis: Issues and Perspectives", organized by Indian Nepali Study and Research Forum, Gangtok, Sikkim, 20-22 April 2006 and presented a paper, "Gorkhas as Colliers: Recruitment and Racial Discourse in the Coal Mines of Assam"; attended the National Seminar on "Culture Change among the Tribes of Northeast India", organized jointly by Department of Anthropology, NEHU, Shillong and Sacred Heart Theological College and Don Bosco Indigenous Cultures, Mawlai, 26-28 October 2006 and presented a paper, "The Invisible Inscription: Woman Missionary and Education of Women 1886-1905".

A.K. Thakur attended the National Seminar on "From Orality to Writing: Understanding a Hundred Years of Change in Mizoram", organized by the ICHR and the Department of History and Ethnography, Mizoram University, Aizawl, 2-4 May 2006 and presented a paper, " The Boi System and the Reconstruction of History of Mizoram: A Perspective"; attended the 27th Conference of the North East India History Association at Aizawl, 1-3 November 2006 and presented a paper, "Abolition of Slavery in Mizoram: Christian Missionaries as a Factor"; participated in the Colloquium on "Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in Northeast India", organized by the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong on 31st March 2007 and read a paper, "Ecological Implications and Historical Formations: Buddhism in Perspective".

S. N. Lamare participated in a Seminar on "Jaintia Folklore and Oral Traditions" on 24-25 April 2006, organised by Chutwakhu Social Club, Jowai in collaboration with Sahitya Akademi and presented a paper, "Understanding Oral Traditions and the Jaintia Legend of U Lakriah" and chaired a session in the Seminar; attended a Seminar-cum-Workshop on Music on 28-29 September 2006 organised by the Syngkhong Kyntiew Ri, St. Edmund's College Unit, Shillong and chaired a session in the Seminar.

A. Passah participated in a National Seminar on "Identity and Nationality of Indian Nepalis: Issues and Perspectives", organized by Indian Nepali Study and Research Forum, Gangtok, Sikkim, 24-26 April 2006 and presented a paper, "Nepalis in Meghalaya- Diaspora and Identity"; attended a National Seminar on "Culture Change among the Tribes of Northeast India", organized jointly by Department of Anthropology, NEHU, Shillong and Sacred Heart Theological College and Don Bosco Indigenous Cultures, Mawlai, 26-28

October 2006 and read a paper, "Christian Missions in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills: Health Care and Impact on Society"; attended the Colloquium on "Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in Northeast India", organized by the Department of History, NEHU, Shillong on 31 March 2007 and presented a paper, "Man-Environment Relationship: A Case Study of San Mer Village in East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya".

M.S.N. Rahman presented a paper, "The Value of Education in Islam," at National Seminar on "Resurgent Asia" at Aurobindo Institute of Indian Culture, Shillong on 30 October 2006; attended the 27th Conference of the North East India History Association at Aizawl, 1-3 November 2006 and presented a paper, "Mughal-Koch Political Relations".

Publications :

Published in India

Syiemlieh, D.R. (2006), "Use of Archival Records and Missionary Sources", *Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, 26th Session, Kokrajhar, 2005, Shillong, pp. 395-399.

Syiemlieh, D.R. (2006), "Traditional Institutions of Governance in the Hills of North East India: The Khasi Experience", *Man and Society: A Journal of North-East Studies*, Vol. III, pp.117-137.

Syiemlieh, D.R. (2006), "Percival Spear: Historian and Indophile," *The NEHU Journal*, Vol. 4, Nos. 1 & 2, Shillong, pp. 1-12.

Syiemlieh, D.R. (2007), *Disappeared and Integrated: The Portuguese in North East India*, Lecture III, Indian Council of Historical Research, North Eastern Regional Centre, Guwahati.

Momin, M. (2006), "On Matters of Historical Method", *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 26th Kokrajhar Session, 2005, Shillong, pp. 47-65.

Momin, M. (2006), "The Use of Sources in Historical Research with Particular Reference to Pre-Modern Northeast India", under Symposium: Methods of Historical Research in North East India, *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 26th Session at Kokrajhar, Shillong, pp. 387-394.

Sharma, M. (2006), "Comparative Methodology and the Writing of History" in *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 26th Session at Kokrajhar, 2005, Shillong, pp. 66-73

Sharma, M. (2006), "Methodology of Gender", in *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 26th Session at Kokrajhar, 2005, Shillong, pp.400-407.

Sharma. M. (2006), Ed. *North East India Studies* (ISSN 0973-1180), Vol. I, No. 2. January, 2006 on the theme "Gender, Agriculture, Development."

Thakur, A. K. (2006), "Fortification and Forts of Arunachal Pradesh" in N. Nagaraju and B. Tripathy (eds.), *Cultural Heritage of Arunachal Pradesh*, New Delhi, Indus Publishing Company, pp. 241-58.

Thakur, A. K. (2006), "Polity of Pre-Colonial Arunachal Pradesh: Interactions in Trade, Culture, State and Buddhism" in S. Dutta and B. Tripathy (eds.) *Buddhism in North-East India*, New Delhi, Indus Publishing Company, pp. 241-63.

Thakur, A. K. (2006), "Technology and Society In Pre-Colonial and Colonial Perspective of Arunachal Pradesh", in S. Dutta and B. Tripathy (eds.), *Martial Traditions of North-East India*, New Delhi, Concept Publishing Company, pp. 170-94.

Thakur, A. K. (2006), "Marriage and Social Control: A Brief Study of the Marginals", in T. Mibang and M.C. Behera (eds.), *Marriage and Culture: Reflections from Tribal Societies of Arunachal Pradesh*, Vol. II, New Delhi, Mittal Publications, pp. 321-31.

Thakur, A. K. (2006), "Technological Progress in Pre-Colonial Arunachal Pradesh: An Overview" in *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 66th Session, Santiniketan, Delhi, pp. 797-808.

Thakur, A. K. (2007), Book Review of S. N. Arya's book *History of Pilgrimage in Ancient India AD 300-1200* (Munshiram Manoharlal Pub. Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi), in *The Indian Historical Review*, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1, January, pp. 293-296.

Rahman, M.S.N. (2006), "Mughal-Koch Political Relations (1578-1609)", *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 26th Session, Gauhati University, Kokrajhar, 2005, pp. 128-133.

Rahman, M.S.N. (2006), "Mughal-Koch Political Relations (1578-1609)", *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 26th Session, Gauhati University, Kokrajhar, 2005, pp. 128-133.

Funds Received from Agencies other than NEHU (Source and Amount) :

Dr. T.Gurung Nag was sanctioned an amount of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) by the Indian Council of Historical Research for holding a Seminar on "18th Century in Northeast India: Crisis, Sustenance and Transition."

Infrastructure Facilities : The PCs in the faculty rooms were upgraded. The faculty rooms were provided with new furniture.

Research Projects :

New

Projects under UPE on the themes: "Trade and Markets"; "Migration and Settlement"; and "Society and Culture of Meghalaya".

Projects under SAP/ DSA – I on the themes related to studies in North-East India: “Religion and Society”; “Gender History”; and “Intellectual History”.

Honours/Awards/Recognition : Prof. F. A. Qadri was awarded Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme Fellowship by ICSSR, New Delhi. He visited Paris during 1 -31 March, 2007, was attached to Maison Des Sciences De L’Homme (MSH), Paris and worked on the project: “Persian Texts, Indian Historiography and Northeastern Region.”

Other Activities :

The Department conducted a Refresher Course for college/university teachers of the region during the period 19 February – 10 March 2007. The faculty members of History, Political Science and Economics Departments of NEHU and Prof. U. P. Arora of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi delivered lectures as resource persons. The Department organised a Colloquium on “Environment and History: Focusing on Society and Culture in North East India” on 31 March 2007. More than a dozen specialists from different disciplines cutting across various Schools from NEHU presented papers and participated in the discussions. Some members of the History faculty were involved in editing the papers for the 27th volume of the *Proceedings of the North East India History Association*.

Besides, the following faculty members were engaged in other academic activities: D. R. Syiemlieh delivered a lecture on “Methods of Historical Research and Trends of History Writing on North East India”, at OKDISCD, Guwahati, 17 March 2007. M. Sharma delivered a lecture on “Women and Empowerment” as Resource person in Orientation Course for College teachers organized by Academic Staff College, Gauhati University in July 2006. Prof. Sharma delivered a lecture on “Education as an Instrument of Social change” as Resource person in the Orientation Course for College teachers organized by Academic Staff College, Gauhati University in February 2007. She also delivered a lecture on “Gender Justice” as Resource person in Orientation Course for College teachers organized by Department of Education, NEHU, in March, 2007. F.A. Qadri gave a Seminar on “Shattari Sufism in South Asia: Text, Personalities and Impact”, in the Ecole Pratique Des Hautes Etudes, Sorbonne University, Paris, 19 March 2007. T. Gurung Nag delivered six lectures as a Resource Person in the UGC-funded Refresher Course conducted by the Department of History and Archaeology, Nagaland University, Kohima on 29-31 May 2006. A.K. Thakur delivered Lectures as Resource Person during Refresher Courses in History at Department of History & Archaeology, Nagaland University, Kohima on 23 - 25 May 2006. M.S.N. Rahman attended a U.G.C.-sponsored Refresher Course organized by the Department of History, N.E.H.U from 19 February 2007 to 10 March 2007.

Appointments/Retirements :

Professor J.B. Bhattacharjee superannuated on 30 June 2006.

Dr. S.N. Lamare joined as Reader in Modern Indian History on 27 July 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Thrust Area of Research : Contemporary Issues in Indian Politics and North East Politics

Brief Statement of Academic Activities : The Department of Political Science, established in 1975, aims at building an academic community of students, researchers and teachers devoted to an open, critical and analytical study of the discipline with an emphasis on inter-disciplinary approach. It also aims at making courses and research work socially relevant and developing in the students an awareness of the basic issues and problems in the discipline so as to equip them intellectually to fulfill these needs.

With the strength of 13 faculty members, the Department has 100 students on its roll at the M.A. level. The Department also provides research facilities leading to M.Phil and Ph.D degrees. The faculties of the Department are involved in major collaborative national and international projects.

Faculty :

Professors : A.K. Baruah, M.A./Ph.D (Panj)
R. Borgohain, M.A./M.Phil (JNU), PhD (Gau)
L.S. Gassah, M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D (NEHU)
B.J. Deb, M.A./LL.B/Ph.D (Gau)
Readers : K. Debbarma, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D (NEHU)
H. Srikanth, M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D (Hyd.)
P. Malngiang, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D (NEHU), PGDTL (Kerala)
Sushmita Sen Gupta, M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D (NEHU)
R. K. Satapathy, M.A./M.Phil (Sambal), Ph.D. (NEHU)
Lecturers : T.T. Haokip, M.A./Ph.D (NEHU)
B.K. Mahapatra, M.A. (Delhi), M.Phil/Ph.D (JNU)
Bijukumar, M.A. (Kerala), M.Phil/Ph.D (JNU)
S. Bhattacharya, M.A/M.Phil/Ph.D (JNU)

Student Intake :

Enrolment capacity : M.A.: 50; Ph.D. Depending on availability of Supervisors.

Actual Admission	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total	From Meghalaya	From Outside
MA	Nil	46	1	20	27	47	32	15
Ph.D	Nil	14	Nil	6	8	14	7	7

Degree Awarded :

Degree	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
MA	Nil	39	1	18	22	40
Ph.D	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Placement of Students : Students passing out from this Department are placed in high government services like the I.A.S and P.C.S. and in many research and teaching institution including Central universities and accredited colleges. The students are also placed in high posts in public sector and reputed private organizations.

Courses Conducted : M.A. and Ph.D

First Semester.

All Courses are compulsory

Course No.I: Liberal Political Theory; Course No.II: Theory of International Politics; Course No.III: Major Concepts and Issues in Public Administration; Course No.IV: Indian Political System.

Second Semester.

All courses are compulsory

Course No.V: Marxist Political Theory; Course No.VI: Problems of International Politics;

Course No.VII: Comparative Politics; Course No.VIII: State Politics in India with special reference to North East Politics.

Third Semester.

Compulsory:

Course No.IX: Contemporary Political Theory

Optionals:

Course No.X: Women and Political Theory; Course No.XI: Democracy in India; Course

No.XII: Human Rights; Course No.XIII: Globalization; Course No.XIV:

Administrative Theory; Course No.XV: Foreign Policy of Major Powers;

Course No.XVI: International Law & International Organisation; Course

No.XVII: South Asian Political Systems; Course No.XVIII: Political

Sociology; Course No.XIX: Political Ideologies; Course No.XX: Modern

Indian Political Ideas.

Fourth Semester.

Compulsory:

Course No.XXI: Major debates in Political Theory

Optionals:

Course No.XXII: Issues in Women's Studies; Course No.XXIII: Politics of Social Movements in India; Course No.XXIV: Issues in Environmental

Politics; Course No.XXV: Indian Political Economy; Course No.XXVI:

Development Administration; Course No.XXVII: African Political Systems;

Course No.XXVIII: East & South East Asian Political Systems; Course

No.XXIX: West Asian Political Systems;

Course No.XXX: Research Methodology; Course No.XXXI: Government and

Politics in North East India ; Course No.XXXII: Third World Political Theory.

Study Tours/Field Trips of Students: During the year 2006-07, Dr. B. K. Mohapatra along with the students went to a study tour to Bombay and Goa from 16th January to 3 February 2007.

Seminars, Conferences and Workshops:

Attended

Dr. Pascal Malngiang presented a paper titled (i) "Harmony in Khasi Traditional Music", in a seminar on "Traditional Music and Musical Instruments" organized by Sieng Riti Institute, Shillong on 6 September 2006. (ii) "Recognition of Khasi Language and the Eighth Schedule", in a Seminar organized by Khasi Authors' Society at Nongpoh on 9 September 2006.

Dr. Sushmita Sen Gupta presented a paper titled "Women and Political Representation in Meghalaya – Some Observations", at the 53rd Annual Conference of the Indian Political Science Association held at Jaipur during 27-29 December 2006.

Dr. R. K. Satapathy presented a paper titled (i) "Relocating State in Globalised Politics" at the 53rd Annual Conference of the Indian Political Science Association held at Jaipur during 27-29 December 2006. (ii) "Mizoram's Renewed Mandate for the State Government" in the National Seminar on "Electoral Politics in Indian States" sponsored by the Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla at Bangalore from 31 January- 2 February, 2007.

T. T. Haokip presented a paper titled (i) "State Policies and Democratisation: A comparative study of Burma and Pakistan in the 1950s and 1960s" in an international seminar on "Collaborative and Comparative Research in South Asia", organised by Social Science Research Council, South Asia Regional Fellowship Programme at Goa, 10-11 November, 2006. (ii) "Language Politics in Manipur: Old Issues, Fresh Perspectives" in a national seminar on Conflict Studies in Northeast India sponsored by the Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla, at Manipur University, 28-30 March, 2007.

Dr. V. Bijukumar presented a paper titled (i) "Contextualizing Nehruvian Development: Democratic Compulsions and Political Reality" in National Seminar on "Indian Democracy: Nehruvian Perspectives and Contemporary Realities", organised by Nehru Studies Centre, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on 5-6 July, 2006. (ii) "Globalisation and Political Islam: A Critical Perspective" in National Seminar on "After Globalisation: Resurgence of History, Ideology, Nation and Religion", organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, Chennai, on 23- 24 November 2006.

Dr. S. Bhattacharjee presented a paper entitled "Developing countries in WTO in the era of Globalisation" in the Social Science Forum of the Assam University on 22 December 2006.

Publications :

Books

Baruah, A. K and Rajesh Dev, (eds.) 2006, *Ethnic Identities and Democracy: Electoral Politics in North East India*, New Delhi: Regency,

Baruah, A. K., 2006, co-edited, *North East India Studies*, Vol.1. No2, Shillong, NEIDS.

Deb, B.J., and A.K. Roy, (eds.), 2007, *Terrorism and Human Rights*, New Delhi: Om Publications.

Bijukumar, V., 2006, *Reinventing the Congress Party: Economic Policies and Strategies Since 1991*, New Delhi: Rawat Publications.

Articles

Baruah, A.K., 2006, "Studying Tribal Political Institutions", *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 27th Session, Kokrajhar, Shillong, pp. 74-86.

Baruah, A.K., 2006, "Social Science in North East India and the Consequences of Methodological Innocence", *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, 27th session, Kokrajhar, Shillong, pp. 377-386.

Gassah, L.S., 2006, "Partnership in Indo-Bangladesh Economic Development: The Case of Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya", in C. Joshua Thomas ed., *Engagement and Development: India's Northeast and Neighboring Countries*, New Delhi: Akansha Publishing House. pp.164-188.

Gassah, L.S., 2006, "Study of Traditional Polity and Institutions among the Jaintias: Prof. B. Pakem's Contributions", in *Symposium on the Life and Works of Khasi and Jaintia Authors*, The Directorate of Arts and Culture, Shillong: Government of Meghalaya, pp.55-63.

Deb, B.J., 2007, "The Indian State and Human Rights in North East India", in A.K. Roy & S.K. Agnihotri, eds., *Terrorism and Peace Initiatives in North-East India*, New Delhi: Om Publications, pp.227-231.

Srikanth, H., 2006, "British Colonialism and Hill Tribes of Composite Assam", *Man and Society*, Vol. II, No., 79-118.

Srikanth, H., 2006, "Social Science A Distinct Science", in J.B. Bhattacharjee ed., *Is Social Science a Science?*, New Delhi, pp. 102-115.

Malngiang, P., 2006, Co-authored with A.K. Barua, "Electoral Politics in Meghalaya: Tribal Loyalties and Interest Articulation", in A.K. Barua & Rajesh Dev, Eds., *Ethnic Identities Democracy and Electoral Politics in North East India*, New Delhi: Regency Publications, pp. 49-67.

Sathpathy, R.K., 2007, "Constructing a Model for the Peace Process in Mizoram", in Anuradha Dutta and Ratna Bhuyan eds., *Genesis of Conflict and Peace: Understanding North East India Use and Abuse*, New Delhi: Akansha Publications, 2007, 69-82.

Sathpathy. R.K., 2007, "Seventy-Fourth Constitutional Amendment: A Need for Municipal Government in Mizoram" in R.N. Prasad ed., *Urban Local Self-Government in North-East India*, New Delhi: Mittal Publications, pp.111-120.

Bijukumar, V., 2007, "Contextualising Political Leadership in India" in U.B. Singh (ed.), *Leaders in Making*, Delhi: Kalpaz Publications, pp. 19-29.

Infrastructure Facilities : 3 Class rooms, 1 Computer laboratory, 13 faculty room and 19 computers.

Research Projects :

Completed

Prof. L.S. Gassah submitted the final report of the project entitled "The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council: A Critical Study" to the ICSSR-NERC, Shillong in September 2006.

Dr. T.T. Haokip completed and submitted a project on "Democratisation and Ethnic Relations: A Study of Myanmar (1948-62)" to the Social Science Research Council, South Asia Regional Fellowship Programme, New York, 27 July, 2006.

Other Activities :

Prof. A.K. Baruah delivered 2 lectures in an orientation course organised by the Academic Staff College, Gauhati University on 17 -18 July, 2006. Delivered 2 lectures in a course organised for the I. A. S. officers in the Institute of Development and Communication, Chandigarh on 16-17 November, 2006. Delivered 2 lectures in a refresher course organised by the History Department, NEHU on 5 - 6 March 2007. Delivered 2 lectures in an orientation course organised by the Academic Staff College, NEHU, Shillong on 26- 27 March. Co-ordinated a Police station visitors' week on 29 October. to 4 of November. in Collaboration with ALTUS, The Hague. Dr. K. Debbarma attended a workshop on "State of Democracy in South Asia" organized by CSDS, Delhi on 3-5 December 2006. Dr. H. Srikanth delivered a lecture on "Philosophy of Social Sciences" in ICSSR-NERC sponsored Workshop of Research Methodology in Social Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, 21 August, 2006. Dr. R.K. Satapathy delivered a lecture on "Changing contours of State in a Globalised World" in the Department of Political Science, BJB Autonomous College, Bhubaneswar, Orissa on 3 January, 2007. Attended a workshop on "State of Democracy in South Asia" organized by CSDS, Delhi on 3-5 December 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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Thrust Area of Research: In conformity with the provisions of article 4 of the NEHU Act, 1973 "Improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of the hill areas of the North-Eastern Region" the Department decided to adopt Social Change as its academic thrust.

Brief Statement of Academic Activities: The Department of Sociology began instructions at M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. levels in 1976. Besides teaching and supervising research the faculty engages in individual research activities as well. The Department has been sanctioned DRS Phase-II under SAP by the UGC to further augment its various academic activities.

Faculty:

Professors	: C. Nunthara, M.A./Ph.D. (Delhi) Nikhlesh Kumar, M.A. (Delhi), Ph.D. (NEHU) C.L. Imchen, M.A./M.Phil/Ph.D. (JNU)
Readers	: I. Lanu Aier, M.A./Ph.D.(NEHU) A.K. Nongkynrih, M.A./M.Phil./Ph.D. (NEHU) D.V. Kumar, M.A./M.Phil./Ph.D. (JNU)
Lecturers	: B. Panda, M.A./M.Phil.(Hyd.), Ph.D. (IIT Kanpur) R.M. Shangpliang, M.A./M.Phil. (NEHU)

Student Intake :

Enrolment capacity :	45				From	From
Actual admission :	SC/ST/Genl.	Male/Female			Meghalaya	Outside
	M.A.	01 39 05	15 30		25	20
	M.Phil.	- 04 -	- 04		04	-
	Ph.D.	- 04 02	01 05		04	02

Degrees Awarded :

Actual admission :	SC/ST/Genl	Male/Female	Total
	M.A.	- 38 04	18 24 42

Ph.D.

Koseno, "Changing Role and Status of Educated Angami Women : A Case Study of Kohima Village". Supervisor : Professor C. Nunthara.
Paochon Tuboi, "Socio-Cultural Life of the Kukis in Manipur". Supervisor : Dr. I.L. Aier.
Mayonmi Shimray, "Rural Development and Social Change : A Study in Ukhrul District of Manipur". Supervisor : Professor C. Nunthara.
Kekhrieseno Christina, "Changing Land Relations in an Angami Village". Supervisor : Professor C. Nunthara.

Courses Conducted :

First Semester : Sociological Theories I, Methodology of Social Research I, Sociology of Kinship, Social Stratification in India.

Second Semester : Sociological Theories II, Methodology of Social Research II, Sociology of Religion, Urban Sociology.

Third Semester : Economy and Society, Polity and Society, Sociology of Development, Tribal Movements in India.

Fourth Semester : Social Change, Sociology of Entrepreneurship and Management, Sociology of Movement, Theories of Social Anthropology.

Seminars/Conferences/Symposia/Extension Programme etc :

Attended

Professor Nikhlesh Kumar presented a paper on 'North-East and India: A Social Historical Perspective' in the ICHR National Seminar on "Tribe, Peasants and Modern Identity in North-Eastern India c. 1800-2000 A.D." organized by the Department of History, Tripura University, Agartala , 5-7 April 2006.

Professor C.L. Imchen presented a paper on "Christianity, Modernization and Cultural Change among the Tribal Peoples" at the National Seminar on Cultural Change among the tribe of North-East India jointly organized by Sacred Hearth Theological College, Mawlai, Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures, Mawlai and Department of Anthropology, NEHU, Shillong at NEHU, 26-28 October 2006.

Dr. I.L. Aier presented a paper titled "The Art of Mutual Existence-The Naga tribesmen" in Workshop organized by Naga Students Union, Shillong on 12 May 2006.

Dr. A.K. Nongkynrih presented a paper (i) To Privatised Communal Lands or Not? Do the Tribal People have a Choice?, at the Asia Regional Conference on Indigenous Peoples and Communal Land, organized by Asia Indigenous Peoples pact, Tebtebba Foundation and the International Working Group on Indigenous Affairs, held at Kampong Cham, Cambodia, 13-16 February 2007. (ii) Sociologists and Grassroots Organisation in Meghalaya at the workshop on Mapping Practices of Sociology and Thinking the role of Social Sciences, organized by the Centre for the study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 24-25 January 2007. (iii) Type of Indicators to Measure the Development of Tribes in India : Preliminary Suggestion, at the Asia Regional Workshop: Indicators Relevant for Indigenous Peoples the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Millennium Development Goals, organized by Tebtebba Foundation held at the Filipiana Hotel, Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines, 8-10 November 2006.

Publications :

Journal

Kumar, D.V. 2006 "Modernisation and Ethnicity : Interrogating Theoretical Perspectives" *Eastern Anthropologist*, Vol. 59, No. 3-4, pp. 339-356.

Book

- Kumar, D.V. 2006. "Modernisation and Ethnicity", *Mittal Publications*. New Delhi; pp. 202.

Publications :

Nongkynrih, A.K. 2006 "Customary Forest Tenurial Practices and the Poor in Khasi Jaintia Society Meghalaya", Fuys Andrew et. al., (eds.). *Securing Common Property Regimes in a Modernizing World, Food and Agricultural Organisation Tenure Service*. Rome: The International Land Coalition and the Collective Action on Property Rights.

Nongkynrih, A.K. 2007 "The Role of Universities in the Context of the Youth of North East India: A Case Study of the North-Eastern Hill University", Bora S. and Goswami S.D. (ed.) *Youth at the Cross Roads: A Study of North-East India*. Guwahati: DVS Publishers.

Research projects:

Professor Nikhlesh Kumar.

1. Ongoing: Evaluation of CAHD-DD Implementation in Tripura.
2. Ongoing: Traditional Political Institutions and their Relation with Modern Political Institutions in Meghalaya.
3. Conducted a Socio-Economic Survey in the Dhallai and North Tripura District of Tripura on Feasibility Study of Participatory Natural Resource in Tripura during September 2006.

Other Activities :

Professor Nikhlesh Kumar (i) Delivered lectures in a course on "Social Analysis" Mathias Institute, Shillong in June 2006. (ii) Delivered lectures in a course on "Social Analysis" at Sacred Heart College, Shillong in August 2006. (iii) Resource person in Orientation Course organized by the Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong in March 2007. Dr. A.K. Nongkynrih (i) Resource Person, State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Nongser, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong (1994-till date). (ii) Resource Person, Community Based Organization Meghalaya, (1991-till date). Dr. B. Panda participated in the Orientation Programme from 1-28 September 2006 at UGC Academic Staff College, Panjab University, Chandigarh organized by UGC Academic Staff College, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Special Lectures :

"International Scenario and Indigenous Peoples" by Mr. Phrang Roy, Assistant Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Rome on 29 August 2006.

"Explaining Caste: Theory of a Status Relation" by Professor Murray Milner, Fulbright Fellow on 22 March 2007.

"Modern day Challenges and Opportunities for the People of North-East India" by Mr. Phrang Roy, Former Assistant Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Rome on 29 March 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Thrust Area of Research in the Department : The Department of Law is at present offering a Five Year Integrated B.A. LL.B (Hons.) Programme. The research programmes have not yet started in the Department.

Brief Statement of Academic Activities : The Department of Law is offering a Five Year Integrated B.A. LL.B (Hons.) Degree Course. The Department organized various debate competitions and quiz competitions with the students during the period April, 2006 to March, 2007.

Faculty :

Readers : J.J. Mozika, Ph.D (N.Bengal).
C. Rout, M.A./LL.M /Ph.D (Utkal, BBSR.)
V.S. Mishra, LL.M/Ph.D (BHU)
Lecturers : R.K. Mishra, LL.B (Lucknow), LL.M (Law School, BHU)
A.K. Singh, LL.B (Alld.), LL.M. (BHU)
Naveen Kumar, LL.M /LL.B(Jamia Milia Islamia)
P.C. Shukla, LL.B (BHU), LL.M (HRDE) (BHU)

Visiting Professors/Fellow/Scholars : Prof. E.N. Lall, (Retd.) – Visiting Professor in English during the period 25 August – 24 November, 2006 and from 5 March for a period of another three months.

Student Intake :

Enrolment capacity:

Actual Admission	SC/ST/Gen	Male/Female	From Meghalaya/outside
B.A.LL.B (Hons.)	2 29 19	14 36	25 25

Courses Conducted : Five Year Integrated B.A. LL.B (Hons.) Degree.

Study Tours/Field Trips of Students : The following students participated in the Indraprastha National Moot Court Competition organized by the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University during November, 2006:

Bankim Borah, First Semester
Partha Pratim Medhi, First Semester
Preetam Deka, Third Semester.

The following students participated in the K.K. Luthra Memorial All India Moot Court Competition, 2007 organized by the Moot Court Society, Campus Law Centre, Delhi University during January 2007:

Daphira Sohtun, Third Semester
Swaralipi Deb Roy, Third Semester
Debasish Choudhury, Third Semester.

The following students participated in the K.K. Luthra Memorial All India Moot Court Competition, 2007 organized by the Moot Court Society, Campus Law Centre, Delhi University during January 2007:

Daphira Sohtun, Third Semester
Swaralipi Deb Roy, Third Semester
Debasish Choudhury, Third Semester.

The following students participated in the M.M. Singhvi Memorial Moot Court Competition organized by the Moot Court Committee of the National Law School, Jodhpur during January, 2007:

Moitrayee Deka, Third Semester
Suma Barua, Third Semester
Partha Pratim Medhi, First Semester

The following teachers of the Department contributed towards grooming the students for the above competitions: Dr. J.J. Mozika; R.K. Mishra; A.K. Singh and Naveen Kumar.

Publications :

Journal

Singh, Arun Kumar, 2006. Human Rights and Legality of Euthanasia. *Burdwan Law Review*. Vol 3 2006, pp. 109-112.

Infrastructure Facilitates : Facilities are provided by the University.

Other Activities : Dr. C. Rout was Resource person for UGC sponsored Refresher Course in Commerce, NEHU for College and University teachers from 26 March to 16 April, 2007 and delivered a lecture on Consumer Law A Socio Economic Legislation on 28 March, 2007. Dr. C. Rout was Resource Person for UGC ASC Orientation Course in the Department of Education, NEHU for College and University Teachers from 21- 18 March, 2007 and delivered a lecture on Education under Indian Constitution. He also conducted a Quiz Competition consisting of two rounds among the Fourth Semester students in the first week of March, 2007. Dr. J.J. Mozika and A.K. Singh were included in the Editorial Board on the Journal International Journal of Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law published by Serial Publications, New Delhi.

CENTRE FOR CULTURAL AND CREATIVE STUDIES

Head : Desmond L. Kharmawphlang
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Thrust Area of Research : Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Folkloristics.

Brief Statement of Academic Activities : The Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies is running three PG Diploma Courses in Music, Painting and Folkloristics. Ph D programmes were started in 2003 and research facilities are provided for scholars desirous of pursuing research work in the field of art, music and folkloristics. The faculty members are also actively engaged in individual research work and projects.

Faculty :

Readers : Desmond L. Kharmawphlang, M.A./Ph.D. (NEHU)
P. Jhingan, M.A., Ph.D., (JNU).
Lecturers : M.H. Barbhuiya, B.Fine (Visva Bharati).
L. Syiem, M.A., Ph.D. (NEHU).

Visiting Professor / Fellow/Scholars in the Centre :

For P.G. Diploma Course in Music

1. Komik Khongjirem.
2. E. Shangpliang.

For P.G. Diploma Course in Painting

1. Bedanta Kalita.
2. Benedict S. Hynniewta.

Students Intake :

A. Enrolment capacity: (1) PG Diploma Music - 20
(2) PG Diploma Painting - 10
(3) PG Diploma Folkloristics - 20
(4) Ph. D. = Varies from year to year.

B. Actual Admission: SC/ST/Gen Male/Female From Meghalaya Outside Meghalaya

Diploma: Music (12)	12	8	4	10	2
Painting (5)	4	1	2	3	2
Folklore (4)	3	1	1	2	2
Ph.D. (12)	11	1	5	7	3

Degree Awarded :

	SC/ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
Diploma: Music	7	-	7	1	8
Painting	-	2	-	2	2
Folklore					

Courses Conducted :

1. P.G. Diploma in Music.
2. P.G. Diploma in Painting.
3. P.G. Diploma in Folkloristics.

Study Tour/Field Trips :

The PG Diploma students of Music, Painting & Folkloristics were taken on a field trip to Laitkyrhong village, East Khasi Hills, on 20 May 2006 for a study on the classification and crafting of traditional string instruments

under the supervision of Dr. Desmond L. Kharmawphlang, Dr. P. Jhingan and Mr. M.H. Barbhuiya.

Dr. P. Jhingan and Mr. M.H. Barbhuiya took the PG Diploma students of Music, Painting and Folkloristics to Nongtalang village in Jaintia Hills on a 2 Day field trip on 23- 24 March 2007 to document and make a study of the music traditions, art and folk narratives of the 'Rongkhli Festival'.

Seminars/Conferences/Symposia/Extension Programmes :

Organised

The Centre organized the 29th Conference of the Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar on Oral Discourse and Ancient Knowledge Systems of North East India at NEHU, Shillong from 20 - 22 September 2006.

Desmond L. Kharmawphlang

Organised: 1) Seminar on Folklore and Media Perspectives on 23 June 2006 and delivered Key Note address 2) Seminar on Navigating the Urban Jungle on 21 June 2006 3) the 29th Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar on Oral Discourse and Ancient Knowledge Systems of North East India at NEHU, Shillong from 20- 22 September 2006.

P. Jhingan : Delivered lectures during the Service Training Course for TGT (English) at Kendriya Vidyalaya, NEHU, Shillong on 29 May 2006. Invited by the Sahitya Academy to Chair the second session on Myth, Folklore and Philosophy on 26 August 2006 at NEHU. Presented a paper entitled "Naming of a new dance "Ka Shad Paidbah-People's Dance" amongst various dances of the Khasis in the Nongkrem dance festival" in the 29th session of the Indian Folklore Congress held at Shillong from 20-22 September, 2006. Chaired one of the Session on 22 September 2006 in the Indian Folklore Congress held at NEHU Shillong. Delivered a lecture on "Use of Theatre techniques for African Language Studies " under invitation by the Centre for West Asian and African Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi in the Centre on 17 October 2006. Presented a paper "A whiff of postmodernism in the performance of Ka Shad Tyngkoh of the Khasis" presented in the National Seminar on "Post Modernism: Modernism and its Discontents" by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi ,organized by the Department of Philosophy, NEHU, Shillong held on 14-16 March 2007.

M.H. Barbhuiya : Exhibited painting in the Exhibition of Art from North Eastern States of India as part of the Cultural Festival OCTAVE- 2007 in Hyderabad in February 2007, organized by Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art), New Delhi. Exhibited painting at Lalit Kala Akademi's Regional Centre, Lucknow, U.P. in March 2007, organized by Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art), New Delhi. Participated in THOH SHUN – an International Art Workshop-cum-Exhibition at Green Rock Ranch, Cherrapunjee, Meghalaya from 22-29 May 2006, organized by Riti Academy of Visual Arts, Shillong. Acted as co-organiser of the 29th Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar on Oral Discourse and Ancient Knowledge Systems of North East India at NEHU, Shillong from 20 to 22

September 2006, organized by the Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies, NEHU, Shillong. Exhibited 4 Paintings in the 3rd Annual Art Exhibition of the Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies at NEHU Central Library, from 16-23 September, 2006.

Lapynshai Syiem : Resource Person in the Symposium on Classification and Crafting of Khasi Musical Instruments, organized by Sieng Riti Institute, Wakhnen, East Khasi Hills District on 6 September, 2006 at Kyrshan Sing Memorial Hall, Nongthymmai, Shillong. Presented a paper entitled "Concept of Mood in Indian Classical Vocal Music" and was a Resource Person for Indian Classical Music in the Seminar-cum-Workshop on Music organized by the Syngkhong Kyntiew Ri, St. Edmund's College Unit, on 28 - 29 September 2006.

Publications :

Kharmawphlang Desmond L. 2006 "Khasi Folksongs and Tales", *Sahitya Akademi Publication*, New Delhi, pp 125.

Desmond Kharmawphlang, 2006, "Poetry, Lore and Language: The Khasi Phawar Tradition", *Indian Folklore Research Journal*, Chennai.

Desmond Kharmawphlang, 2006, "The Khasi Weretiger: A Sacred Forest Metaphor", *Folklore Research Journal*, Kolkata, Vol. No.16.

Desmond Kharmawphlang, "Globalization: The Khasi Perspective", *Indian Folklife* Sl. No. 22.

Barbhuiya, M.H., 2007: Pen & Multi Colour Ink Painting as Cover Design for the book-"Orality and Beyond- A North-East India Perspective", published by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi.

Syiem, Lapynshai, 2006: "Significance of Drums in Khasi Society" in Souvenir of the Door Darshan Kendra Shillong commemorating the event of the North East Drum Festival held at Tura on 8 - 9 December, 2006.

Funds Received from Agencies other than NEHU :

North-Eastern Council, Shillong for organizing the 29th Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar at NEHU, Shillong from 20th to 22nd September 2006. Rs. 3,00,000/-.

Indian Council for Social Science Research, Shillong for organizing the 29th Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar at NEHU, Shillong from 20th to 22nd September 2006. Rs. 15,000/-.

Indian Council for Social Science Research, New Delhi for organizing the 29th Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar at NEHU, Shillong from 20th to 22nd September 2006. Rs. 30,000/-.

Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, North East Campus, Shillong for organizing the 29th Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar at NEHU, Shillong from 20th to 22nd September 2006. Rs. 20,000/-.

North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur for organizing the 29th Indian Folklore Congress and National Seminar at NEHU, Shillong from 20th to 22nd September 2006. Rs. 72,000/-.

Infrastructure Facilities :

Modelling Studio along with Modelling Stands, Enamel Furnace and Accessories for P.G. Diploma in Painting

Terracotta Furnace along with shade.

Class-room furniture for Folkloristics, Painting and Music classes and for Modeling Studios.

Music practical class-room along with musical instruments, Painting practical class-room along with Easel, Painting tables.

Research Projects :

New

Desmond L. Kharmawphlang : Principal Investigator, Area Study Research Project under UPE entitled "Rice Myth of North-East India".

M.H. Barbhuiya: Investigator, Area Study Research Project under UPE entitled "Rice Myth of North-East India".

P. Jhingan : Investigator, Area Study Research Project under UPE entitled "Rice Myth of North-East India".

L. Syiem: Investigator, Area Study Research Project under UPE entitled "Rice Myth of North-East India".

Other Activities : The Centre held its 3rd Annual Art Exhibition on the works of students of the P.G. Diploma Course in Painting at NEHU Central Library, Permanent Campus, Shillong from 16 – 23 September 2006.

P. Jhingan was Requested by the North East Regional Institute of Education, Shillong, to act as a resource person for the programme entitled "Orientation of KRPs of NE states on Linguistic Approach to teaching and learning languages at Elementary level". It was held at NERIE, Shillong w.e.f. 27 November-1 December 2006. Delivered lectures on the topic "Semiotic and Language teaching" and "Language policies and its impacts on learning languages with special emphasis on the Three Languages Formula (TLF). 2) Requested by North East Regional Institute of Education, Shillong to act as a resource person for the programme entitled "Orientation of KRPs of NE states in the teaching of English at Secondary stage" held during 5-9 March 2007, at the Don Bosco Youth Centre, Shillong.

M.H. Barbhuiya : Member of the Award Selection Committee for Painting Competition on "Energy Conservation" held on 12th December, 2006 organized by NEEPCO Ltd, Shillong. Member of the Award Selection Committee for Painting Competition on "Renewable Energy", held on 8 November, 2006, organized by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Jaintia Hills District, Jowai, Meghalaya in connection with the observation of Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas. Member of the Award Selection Committee for Lions International Peace Poster Painting Contest 2006-07 held on 13 November, 2006, organized by Lions Club of Shillong. Member of the

Organising Committee for the Poster Campaign Drive on "Gender Justice and Sexual Harassment" organized by NEHU Women Cell: November 2006. M.H. Barbhuiya was selected as representative for selecting the participant artists from Meghalaya for various programmes of the Lalit Kala Akademi for the year 2006-07: Rashtriya Lalit Kala Kendra (Regional Centre of the National Academy of Art), Kolkata.

Lapynshai Syiem : Attended the UGC sponsored Orientation Course held in the Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong from 21 March-18 April, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING

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Thrust Area : The thrust area of the Department is to train the students for Electronics and Communication industries and develop their capacity for tackling engineering problems in the field of Electronics.

Brief Statement of Academic Activities : The Department has started the B.Tech programme in Electronics and Communication Engineering from August 2006 onwards. Laboratory equipments costing around Rs. 27 lakhs have been procured to run the first year classes. Planning for procuring equipments for the second year laboratory classes have already been initiated. Revision of the syllabus has been taken up. Since this is a new Department regular departmental meetings are held to discuss about the planning and development of the Department.

Faculty :
Readers : L. Joyprakash Singh, M.Tech (Tezpur), Ph.D. (Jadavpur)
Sushanta Kanti Datta, M.Tech (Manipal)
Lecturers : Juwesh Binong, B.E. (Bhawanipatna)
Vijay Kumar Nath, M.Tech (Tezpur)
Rajkishor Mador, M.Tech (Tezpur)