

## VIII STUDENTS' SERVICES AND AMENITIES

### STUDENTS' WELFARE

The office of the Dean, Students' Welfare serves as the nodal agency for students' services and their welfare. A major concern of the office has been management of the Halls of Residences of the post-graduate students and research scholars, academic study tours, coordination of students' sports and cultural activities, conduct of elections to the Students' Union and the installation of the new Union Executive Committee, and award of postgraduate scholarships and grant of Students Aid to economically weak students.

**Dean of Students' Welfare:** Professor Eugene D Thomas

**Residence in Hostels:** The number of postgraduate students and research scholars that were given hostel accommodation is as below:

	<u>SC/ST/Genl.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Men (P.G. & R.S.)	97 13	110
Women (P.G. & R.S.)	110 5	115

**Study tours/field trips:** The office coordinated study tours of the following twelve academic departments:

(1) Botany, (2) Chemistry, (3) Economics, (4) Education, (5) English, (6) Khasi, (7) Linguistics, (8) Mathematics, (9) Philosophy, (10) Physics, (11) Political Science, and (12) Zoology.

**Sports activities:** The following sports activities were conducted during the year:

1. Handique Memorial Inter-Hostel Volleyball Tournament - April 2001
2. P.S. Lalmuanpuii Inter-Hostel Basketball Tournament - April 2001
3. Romengo Murry Memorial Inter-Hostel Table Tennis Tournament - October 2001
4. The post-graduate students participated in the NEHU Inter-College Basketball Tournament held at Tura in April 2001 and the NEHU Inter-College Cricket Tournament held in Shillong in the same month.
5. The Zonic Society of Zoology Department organised its activities during October 2001.

**Other activities:**

1. NEHU was represented at the Inter-University Quiz Contest held at Guwahati in January 2002 by Mr Wandur Basan of Economics Department and Ms Amanda Basaiawmoit of English Department. It secured the first position and its representatives were awarded a certificate and cash prize of Rs. 5.000/- each.
2. Three University toppers, namely Mr. Nicky F Diengdoh of Chemistry Department, Ms. Boby Mohanta of Education Department and Ms. Pearly Gatphoh of Philosophy Department were invited by the Union Government and subsequently witnessed the Republic Day Parade 2002 in New Delhi from the Prime Minister's box.

### **North-Eastern Hill University Students' Union (NEHUSU) activities:**

1. In order that the term of the NEHUSU and the University's academic calendar coincide, the elections to the Union Executive Committee were held in October 2001 and the Office-bearers took charge soon thereafter.
2. The NEHUSU Fresher's Social was held in November 2001.
3. The preliminary sports, cultural and literary events of the Varsity Week were held from 22nd March 2002 onwards.

**Scholarships/Aid Fund** - During 2001-2002, 85 NEHU postgraduate scholarships (which include ST/SC students) were awarded.

### **SPORTS AND GAMES**

The Sports Board of NEHU conducted the following inter-college tournaments during the calendar year 2001-2002 in Shillong, Aizawl and Tura.

**Teacher-in-charge:** Dr.B.S.Mipun

**One Zone Tournaments** - Cricket (Men), Basketball (Men & Women), Football (Women), Hockey (Men & Women), Boxing (Men), Judo (Men & Women), Best Physique (Men), Weightlifting (Men) and Athletics (Men & Women).

**Zonal Tournaments** - Table Tennis (Men & Women), Badminton (Men & Women), Chess (Combined), Football (Men) and Volleyball (Men & Women).

The results and other details of the various One-Zone, Zonal, Inter-Zonal and Inter-University tournaments held are outlined below:

#### **A. ONE ZONE TOURNAMENTS :**

1. Basketball (Men & Women): The tournaments were conducted at Tura, Don Bosco Basketball Court from 25 to 27 April, 2001. In total 8 colleges took part in the women's section and 11 colleges in the men's section. The Deputy Commissioner, Tura, was the chief guest for the function and gave away the prizes. The results are as follows :

Men :            Winner        - Shillong College  
                  Runners-up   - St. Anthony's College.

Women :        Winner        - Shillong College  
                  Runners-up   - Lady Keane College

2. Football (Women): The 7th Inter-College Football women's tournament was conducted at Shillong from the 16 to 17 November 2001 at Polo Ground, Shillong.

In all 4 teams participated in the tournament. Dr. B.S. Mipun, Teacher in Charge, Sports Department, NEHU, was the chief guest and gave away the prizes.

Results are as follows:

- Winner - Synod College
- Runners-up - Lady Keane College

3. Hockey (Men & Women): The tournament was conducted at Aizawl from 18 to 20 October 2001. Six teams participated in the men's section and five teams took part in the women's section.

Results are as under:

- Men Winner - Hrangbana College
- Runners-up - Govt. Aizawl College

- Women Winner - Hrangbana College
- Runners-up - Aizawl West College

4. Cricket (Men): This tournament was conducted at Shillong during 7-15 April, 2001. In all 12 colleges participated in this tournament. The Dean, School of Human & Environmental Sciences was the Chief Guest during the prize distribution. The results of the tournament are as follows :

- Winner - St. Anthony's College
- Runners-up - Buddha Bhanu Saraswati College

Cash award for Man of the Series and Man of the Match were also given.

5. Weightlifting: This tournament was conducted at Aizawl from 18 to 20 October 2001. The results are :

- Winner - J. Thankima College

6. Judo: It was conducted along with Weightlifting on the same above dates. In all 32 participants from different colleges took part in the tournament. The results are as :

- Winner - Govt. Aizawl College
- Runners-up - J. Thankima College

## **B. ZONAL AND INTER-ZONAL TOURNAMENTS :**

The zonal tournaments were held at Aizawl and Shillong. The teams that qualified for the Inter-Zonal tournaments and the results are as under:

1. Football (Men): The Meghalaya and Mizoram zonal teams that qualified for Inter-Zonal were Shillong College and Synod College from Meghalaya and Hrangbana College and Pachhunga University College from Mizoram.

Results are as under:

- Winner - Shillong College
- Runners-up - Synod College

2. Badminton (Men & Women): The Meghalaya and Mizoram teams that qualified for Inter-Zonal were St. Anthony's College and Buddha Bhanu Saraswati College from Meghalaya and Pachhunga University College and Govt. Aizawl College from Mizoram in the Men's section. In the Women's section were St. Mary's College and Shillong College from Meghalaya and Pachhunga University College and Hrangbana College from Mizoram. The tournament was held at Aizawl from 24 to 25 September 2001. The Asstt. Director of Sports, Mizoram Campus, was the Chief Guest and gave away the prizes.

Results are as under:

Men	Winner	- St. Anthony's College
	Runners-up	- Govt. Aizawl College
Women	Winner	- Pachhunga University College
	Runners-up	- Shillong College

3. Table Tennis (Men & Women): The Meghalaya and Mizoram teams that qualified for the Inter Zonal were St. Mary's College and Lady Keane College from Meghalaya in the Women' Section, Shillong College and St. Anthony's College in the Men's Section and from Mizoram, in the Men's section, Govt. Aizawl College and Aizawl West College; Pachhunga University College and Govt. Aizawl College in the Women's section. The Inter Zonal was held at Aizawl from 24 to 25 September 2001. The Asstt. Director of Sports, Mizoram Campus, was the Chief Guest at the prize distribution ceremony.

The results are as under:

Men	Winner	- Govt. Aizawl College
	Runners-up	- Shillong College
Women	Winner	- Pachhunga University College
	Runners-up	- St. Mary's College

4. Volley Ball (Men & Women): The Meghalaya and Mizoram teams that qualified for Inter Zonal from Meghalaya Zone are St. Anthony's College and St. Edmunds College in the Men's section and St. Edmunds College and Lady Keane College in the Women's section. From Mizoram were Govt. Aizawl College and Hrangbana College in the Men's section and Hrangbana College and Aizawl West College in the Women's section. The tournament was held at Shillong on the 28 & 29 September 2001. Prof. B.K. Dev Sharma, Director, College Development Council, NEHU, was the Chief Guest at the prize distribution ceremony.

The results are: -

Men	Winner	- Govt. Aizawl College
	Runners-up	- St. Anthony's College
Women	Winner	- Hrangbana College
	Runners-up	- Aizawl West College.

## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

The National Service Scheme (NSS) of the Government of India envisages utilising the free time of college/university students for socially productive works. An important feature of the NSS is that its programmes are organised by the students themselves, assisted by their teachers as Programme Officers. The work undertaken by the college units are divided into Regular activities and Special Camping. During the period under report, an amount of Rs. 25,93,583/- (Rupees twenty-five lakhs ninety three thousand five hundred eighty three only) was released to the University and was accordingly sanctioned to different NSS units of the colleges. The NSS activities have increased to a large extent as evident from the variety of programmes undertaken. The NSS Cell has proposed to initiate innovative community participation and create a lasting impact on society.

**Programme Coordinator:** Professor R N Sharan

The total enrolment strength for the year was 7623 volunteers, comprising of 26 units, including one P.G. Unit. The number of Programme Officers was 38 out of which 30 are trained.

### **Highlights of activities organised during the year as Regular Activities and Special Camps:**

Observance of the World Environment Day on 5.6.2001 by organising cleaning drive and tree plantation programmes.

**Tree Plantation Programme:** The Units of Seng Khasi College and Nongstoin College held tree plantation programmes at the respective college campus and adopted villages during September, 2001. About 500 saplings were planted in total.

**Blood Donation Camps:** The Unit of St. Anthony's College held a Blood donation camp on 24th July 2001 on the college campus in aid of the Nazareth Hospital, Shillong. There were 40 students who donated blood, including five girl students.

The Unit of Synod College held a blood donation camp on 1st October 2001 at the Pasteur Institute, Shillong. There were 22 students to donate blood.

**Anti-Terrorism Day:** The units of Union Christian College, Shillong College, Seng Khasi College, Tura Govt. College, St. Anthony's College and the P.G. Unit observed the Anti-Terrorism Day on 21st May. The programme was marked by the pledge-taking ceremony, seminars and rallies.

**Workshop on Drug-Abuse:** A one-day workshop for NSS programme officers and student volunteers on Drug Abuse-prevention, intervention, treatment, after care and community participation was held on 11th May at the Youth Hostel, Shillong. The workshop was organised in collaboration with the KRIPA Foundation. The State Education Secretary, Mr. M.S. Rao, was the Chief Guest and 26 programme officers, 17 volunteers from different colleges in Meghalaya were present.

**Meeting of Programme Officers:** A meeting of NSS Programme Officers was held on 12th May at Bijni Complex, NEHU, Shillong. Important discussions relating to enrolment strength, incentives to programme officers, special camping programme etc. was held. 24 programme officers attended the same.

**Cleaning Drive Programmes:**

- a. The NSS unit of Mendipathar College conducted a Cleaning Drive Programme in the town on 12th September 2001. About 300 NSS volunteers and other students took part in the same.
- b. The unit of Tura Government College organised a cleaning operation at Tura Supermarket on 29th September 2001. 500 NSS volunteers participated.
- c. The unit of Union Christian College held a cleaning drive on 6th October 2001 at the college campus in which 100 volunteers participated.
- d. The unit of Sohra College held a campus cleaning drive on 18th December 2001. This was followed by earth filling on the approach road from the main road to the college. About 75 volunteers participated.
- e. The unit of Tikrikilla College organised a cleaning drive on 15th December 2001 with 100 student volunteers at the Tikrikilla Bazar.
- f. The unit of Raid Laban College held a campus cleaning drive on 14th December 2001 with 57 volunteers.

**National Integration Camp:** Eleven volunteers from St. Edmunds, Ri-bhoi College, Sohra College and Shillong College attended a National Integration Camp at Muzaffarpur, Bihar from 28th October to 3rd November 2001. Mr. E.C. Benny, NSS Programme Officer of Ri-bhoi College, accompanied the contingent.

**National Youth Convention:** 3 students from Shillong College attended the National Youth Convention at Hissar, Haryana from 14 to 15 January 2002.

**Mega Work Camp:** As part of the International Year of Volunteers, the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan in collaboration with the NSS held at the Mega Work Camp at Mawngap from 4 to 13 December, 2001. About 200 volunteers, including 80 NSS volunteers, took part in the same.

**World AIDS Day:** The units of Sohra College, Raid Laban College, and Tura Government college organised several programmes on 1.12.2001 to observe the World Aids Day.

**Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme:** About 150 NSS volunteers of Tura Government College participated in the Pulse Polio Immunisation on 1st December 2001. The volunteers assisted the programme in various booths of Tura town. A centre was also manned by the NSS unit in the college premises in which more than 100 children were administered the drops. About 6 volunteers from Shillong College assisted the NEHU Health Centre at Bijni Campus on 1st December in connection with the Pulse Polio Immunisation.

**Special Camps:**

- a. The NSS Unit of Seng Khasi College conducted a Special Camp at Laitkor village from 18 to 24 October 2001, in which 100 volunteers participated.

- b. The NSS Unit of Mendipathar College organised a Special Camp at Dome-ante village from 19 to 25 October 2001. Seventy volunteers participated in the same.
- c. The NSS Unit of Tura Government College organised a Special Camp at Bokmagre village from 6 to 12, August 2001, which was attended by 110 participants.
- d. The NSS Unit of Shillong College conducted a Special Camp at Mawphlang from 3 to 8 December 2001. 51 volunteers participated in the camp.

**Pre-Republic-Day Parade Camp:** 8 volunteers from Tura government College NSS Unit attended the camp held at Warrangal from 29th September to 8th October, 2001.

**Training of NSS Personnel:** Mrs. A. Bareh and Ms. S.I. Kharkongor, NSS Programme Officers, Synod College, attended the Training of NSS Personnel at Sri Perumpudur, Tamil Nadu from July 16 to 20, 2001. Mr. A. Malhotra, Programme Officer, UCC and Mr. E.C. Benny, Programme Officer, Ri-bhoi College also attended the same from September 26 to 30, 2001. The programme was organised by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development.

**Workshop on Disaster Management:** 4 NSS Programme Officers from P.G. Unit, St. Anthony's College and Mendipathar College along with 2 student volunteers attended a three-day workshop cum seminar on Disaster Management. The programme was organised by the Science Trial Organisation at Silchar from October 5 to 7, 2001.

2 volunteers from Shillong College and Seng Khasi College attended a two-day workshop on "Role of Youth in Disaster Management" at Guwahati on November 26-27, 2001 organised by the NSS Regional Centre.

**University Talk Aids:** 2 Programme Officers from Sohra College and Jaintia Eastern College participated in the UTA Zonal Workshop organised by the NSS Regional Centre from 21 to 23 June, 2001 at Shillong.

7 Programme Officers from Jaintia Eastern College, Tura Government College, Tikrikilla College and Sohra College attended the UTA Training Workshop for NSS programme officers conducted by the TOC, IIT, Kharagpur, at Guwahati from 25 to 27 March, 2002.

**Creation of Permanent Assets:** As a step towards creation of durable community assets, the P.G. Unit constructed a playground-cum-recreational park at the residential complex, NEHU, Permanent Campus, Umshing. The park was completed in November 2001 and involved 100 volunteers.

The Unit of Tura Government College also initiated work for construction of two urinals at the adopted village, Bokmagre.

**University Advisory Committee Meeting:** The 20th meeting of the University Advisory Committee of NSS, NEHU was held on 26th September 2001. Important discussions relating to incentives to NSS Programme Officers & student volunteers, NSS programme implementation, fund position and creation of assets by units were discussed. Prof. M. Miri, the Vice-Chancellor, NEHU as Chairman, University Advisory Committee, chaired the meeting.