

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics, a unit in the School of Social Sciences started functioning from October, 1974. The Courses of study and research in the department are designed to train competent economists who will have the capacity and expertise to interact with the sister branches of learning and to relate the theories learnt to the institutional and historical conditions of the society and to the analysis of current economic problems of the region as well as of the nation. In particular, through its teaching and research activities, the department aims at promoting the intellectual, economic and social advancement of the people of the hill areas of the North-Eastern Region. The department organises its teaching and research activities at the following levels :

1. Study and Research at the Universal level of knowledge ;
2. Study and Research that are relevant to issues and problems of national significance ;
3. Study and Research of specific programmes, focussing on local and regional areas.

The department offers the following Post-Graduate Courses of study and research :

- a). M.A., b). M. Phil/Pre-Ph D., and c.) Ph. D.

Analysis of Students' intake :

Courses	Male	Female	Total	of which SC	ST
M. A. I Semester	23	24	47	1	31
M. A. II Semester	24	10	34	-	28
Pre-Ph.D.	2	2	4	-	4
Ph.D.	-	1	1	-	1

Of those admitted in the First Semester 27 are B.A. (Honours) and 20 are B.A. Pass students. During the year 1980-81 the department admitted the following students in the Pre-Ph.D. Courses. They are :

1. Mr. Polycarpus Ksoo, 2. Mr. Donkumar Roy, 3. Miss Diccovy Dkhar, and 4. Miss Petuenia Kharwanlang.

One student has completed the Pre-Ph. D Courses and thereafter has been recommended for the Ph. D. Programmes.

Besides, offering the course to full time students, the department is also offering Pre-Ph.D. Courses for the benefit of college teachers so that the department might help in the effort to upgrade the standard of teaching at the college level.

Publications :

1. Dr. T. Mathew (Ed)
 - a) "Tribal Economy of North Eastern Region." Spectrum Publication, Gauhati, 1980.
 - b). "Rural Development in India." Agricole Publishing Company, Delhi, 1981.
 - c). "Development of the Hill Areas of the N.E. Region - Problems and Prospects of Development." Agricole Publishing Co, Delhi, 1981.

2. Dr. S.N. Guha Thakurta
 - a). "Agricultural Growth and Land Distribution in Meghalaya in Development of the Hill Areas of the N.E. Region", in T. Mathew, Development of Hill Areas of the N.E. Region, Problems and Prospects of Development. Agricole Publishing, Co., Delhi, 1981.

- b). "An Aspect of Man Power Planning in the N. E. Region" in T. Mathew, Tribal Economy of N. E. Region, 1981.
3. Dr. M. K. S. Nair a). "Socio-Economic Formations in the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills District of Meghalaya : A Preliminary Note" in T. Mathew, op. cit.

Department of History

The Department of History has been endeavouring to specialise in the History, Institution and Cultures of the North-East India in its Post-Graduate and research programmes, besides, offering courses on Indian History and History of mankind in the global context from pre-historic to contemporary periods, covering formation, evolution and development of the cultures and institutions and acquainting the students with the latest trends in historical thoughts and methods. Of the 36 courses offered in the M.A. programme, 7 are on North East India. Two of these are compulsory survey courses in Semester I and II and the rest are optional for the semesters III and IV, designed with an intent to enable the students to undertake research on the political, social and economic problems of the region. Majority of the research students in the department are working on the North East of India and some of them have already been awarded the M. Phil Degree. As a matter of fact, the award of the M. Phil degree to four candidates and submission of the Ph. D thesis by one candidate are among the highlights of the department during the year under review. To develop an advanced centre of studies for this region has been the objective of the department, since its inception.

Since its establishment the department has considerably grown in strength both in terms of students and teachers. The demand for admission has increased over the years and to cope with the pressure, the number of seats in the First Semester was raised from 35 to 46 in the 1980-81 academic session. More than 80% percent of the students are always from the local communities of this region.

Analysis of students' intake :

Courses	Male	Female	Total	of SC	which ST
M. A. I Semester	31	15	46	2	38
M A. III Semester	30	7	37	-	35
M. Phil.	9	2	11	-	9
Ph. D.	3	4	7	-	5

Of the 46 students admitted in 1980, 38 belonged to the Scheduled Tribes of this region.

The following students have been awarded the M. Phil degree in the academic session 1980-81.

Name	Title	Supervisor
1. Mr. D. R. Syiemlieh	Constitutional Development in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills, 1824- 1950	Dr. S. N. Rao
2. Mrs. P. Goswami	Socio - Economic impact of the Tea Industry in Upper Assam.	Dr. J. B. Bhattacharjee
3. Miss Jharna Dutta	Social Change in South Cachar.	Dr. J. B. Bhattacharjee
4. Miss Sudatta Sikdar	Assam Trade of the Arunachalis (1874-1905): A Study of the British Policy.	Dr. J. B. Bhattacharjee

Ph.D.

One student has completed his Ph.D. Work.

Name	Subject	Supervisor
Mr. S. C. Dutta	The North - East and the Mughals (1661-1714).	Dr. J. B. Bhattacharjee

Seven students have been doing research under various faculty members for their Ph.D. degree. Nineteen students have been working under the supervision of various faculty members for their M. Phil. degree.

Publications :

1. Dr. J. B. Bhattacharjee :

Edited Works : 1. Proceedings of the North-East India History Association (1980) Shillong. This is a collection of 20 research papers that were presented in the first Annual Session of the Association held at Shillong in November 1980.

2. Social Tension in North-East India (in press). Being published by Research India Publication, Calcutta. This volume is a collection of 26 papers on contemporary situation in the North Eastern Region of India, presented in the Seminar held at Shillong in June 1980 under the joint auspices of the ICSSR and NEICSSR.

Papers :

1. "The British Trade Policy in North East Frontier and the History of Frontier Trade," XIXth Annual Conference of the Institute of Historical Studies, Almora, 1980.
2. "The Jaintia Rebellion in the context of Indian Struggle," Souvenir of Chittagong Uprising Celebration Committee, Calcutta (in press), 1980.

3. "The Eastern Himalayan Trade of Assam during the Colonial Period", Proceedings of the North East India History Association, Shillong Session, 1980.
4. "Identification of Mirza Nathan's Kachar", Indian History congress, Bombay, 1980, (Contributed).
5. "Social formations in Pre-Colonial Garo Society, Problems and Processes," Seminar, Department of Education, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong, 1980.

2. Dr. (Mrs) H. Giri :

1. "Anglo-Khasi Relations - Political and Constitutional 1765-1947" A thesis approved for the Ph.D. of Gauhati University, July, 1980.
2. "Social Institutions among the Khasis with special reference to Kinship, family life, marriage and divorce" Seminar, Education Department, Govt. of Meghalaya.
3. "The Social and Political Ideals of the Khasis and the impact of the British rule on these ideals", Proceedings of the N.E. India History Association, Shillong, 1980.

3. Dr. Milton S. Sangma :

1. "A History and Culture of the Garos" 1980.
2. "The last battle of the Garos against the British, 1872-1873" Souvenir published by the Education Department, Government of Meghalaya.

3. "British Policy in Garo Hills", Proceedings of the North East India History Association, Shillong, 1980.
 4. "Land Revenue System in Garo Hills", NEICSSR Seminar on the Tribal situation in the N.E. India, Shillong, 1980.
4. D1. Sandeep Chawla :
1. "Britain, India and Palestine : 1917-1940." A thesis approved for Ph.D. degree from the University of Delhi, June 1981.
 2. "The Palestine Issue and Indian Politics in the 1920s." in Mushirul Hasan (Ed) Communal and Pan-Islamic Trends in Colonial India, N. Delhi, 1981.
5. Mr. D. R. Syiemlieh :
1. "Integration of the Khasi States into the Indian Union", Proceedings of the N.E.I. History Association, Shillong, 1980.
6. Mrs. Priyam Goswami :
1. "Socio-Economic impact of Tea Industry in Upper Assam", Proceedings of the N.E.I. History Association, Shillong, 1980.
7. Miss Sudatta Sikdar :
1. "Trade Fairs in Arunachal - Assam Border", Proceedings of the N.E.I. History Association. Shillong, 1980.

Department of Philosophy

The orientation of the department is towards examining the issues concerning the understanding of human society in general and tribal society in particular. To this end, the department concentrates on logical issues of the social sciences, religious, moral and political problems and tribal culture.

In Philosophy the idea of relevance (to the hill areas of the North-Eastern region) has to be understood somewhat differently from other subjects. The nature of the subject is such that it does not normally undertake any direct empirical study of social, cultural and human phenomena. However, the general direction in the department has been to give, in both teaching and research, special attention to such areas of philosophical thoughts as would facilitate the achievement of an authentic self-awareness among students with regard to their own cultures, traditions and history. In the course of time as the department grows and when more students from the region are engaged in research in such areas of philosophical thought, it is hoped that it will become a source of genuinely creative cultural regeneration in the area.

Analysis of students' intake :

MA I & II Semesters	Male	Female	Total	of which			
				SC		ST	
	19	16	36	M	F	M	F
III & IV Semesters	12	11	23			8	2
M. Phil 1980 & 1981	4 3	3 3	7 6			3 1	1 1
Ph. D.							

Publications :

1. Mrinal Miri :

- (a) "Mental States" in Logic Ontology and Action ed. K. K. Banerji, 1981.
- (b) "My Language and Yours" in Man in India, 1980.

Forthcoming Book :

- (a) *Language and Politics in N.E. India (ED)*.

Papers :

- (a) "Unity in Diversity" in 'Indian Philosophical Quarterly' with Dr. (Mrs) Sujata Miri.
- (b) "Dreaming" forthcoming in Volume entitled Wittgenstein in India

Seminar and Conference :

- (a) Attended Seminar on Concepts and Universals, Jadavpur University.
- (b) Attended an All India Conference on 'Problem and Perspectives : North-East' held at Chandigarh '81.

2. Sujata Miri :

- (a) "*Nietzsche and Exceptional man*" in Indian Philosophical Quarterly.
- (b) "*Unity in Diversity*". in Indian Philosophical Quarterly.

Forthcoming :

- (a) "*Devatma and Suffering*" in Vol. titled Philosophy of Devatma.
- (b) "An Introduction to the Study of Tribal Religions" in a book titled "The Khasi Milieu" (O. Mawrie's trans) Concept Publishers.

Conference :

(a) Presented a paper in an All India Conference on 'Problem and Prospectives : North-East' held at Chandigarh '81.

3. Harsh Narain :

(a) 'Anvikaiki as Dialectic', Ludwik Sternbach Felicitation Volume (Lucknow : Akhila Bharatiya Sanskrit Parisad, Dec. 1979) 579-92.

(b) 'Process View of Existence and Its Buddhist Developments', Review of Darshana, I, 1 (July '80), 61-68.

Forthcoming :

(a) 'Prakrtivadi Devatma-Darsana Pracina Bharatiya Bhautika-veda ke Sandarbha men', being published in a Souvenir on Devatma.

(b) 'Philosophy of Swaminarayan and Ramanuja', New Dimensions in Vedanta Philosophy, John Carman & others, eds, (Ahmedabad : Bochasanwasi Aksharapurushottam Sanstha 1981), Part I, pp. 152-157.

Seminar and Conference :

(a) "Geeta Conference" : (Jodhpur ; Geeta Bhawan, December 14-48 1980) 17-21.

(b) 'Ghalib Qunuti ya Raja' i Jamiah LXXVIII i (January 1981)

(c) 'Sramanya aur Brahmanya ki Sagotrata': *Kosa La*, III, 1-2 (July, 1980- January, 1981), 7-21.

4. N. Malla :

Forthcoming :

(a) 'A note on the Concept of Yoga', in Indian Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. VIII, No. 4 July 1981.

(b) 'Swaraj, Science and Civilization Gandhi Marg', Sept. 1981, Vol. 3, No. (603)

Conference :

- (a) Philosophy of Milinda and Nagaseva, presented to the All India Seminar on Buddhism, held in Dec. 1980 and included in the proceedings of the Seminar which is being published,

5. Jagat Pal :**Conference :**

- (a) 'The Gita and philosophy of life', Jodhpur International Gita Conference, 1980.

Ph. D. Theses :

- (a) The Ph. D. thesis 'The Role of Religious Belief in North-East India' by Mrs. Anju Joshi has been successfully completed.
- (b) 'The Ao Naga Religion' by Mr. Imchayanger has been completed (M. Phil dissertation)
- (c) 'Understanding Tribal Culture : with particular reference to Thadou Tribal Culture of North-East India' an M. Phil dissertation by Mr. S. M. Paokai has been completed.
- (d) A research project on 'An Anthropo-Philosophical approach to the study of man and his religion in North-East India', under the auspices of the ICSSR undertaken by Dr. (Mrs.) Sujata Miri has been completed. A part of the conclusion has been published in a book titled "The Khasi Milieu".

Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science started functioning on 10th September, 1974 with 35 students. In the academic year 1980-81, the department has on its roll about 80 students both in the M.A. (Previous) and M.A. (Final) year classes. Most of the students are from the N.E. Region of India.

Objectives and Developments :

This department has consistently attempted to contribute to the realisation of the objectives of the University Act within the ambit of its duties. The department of Political Science aims at building up an academic community of students, teachers and research scholars devoted to a dispassionate, open and critical study of the political problems of India in particular and the world in general. The department has incorporated modern trends and techniques in the teaching of Political Science. The M.A. Programme of the department is on the Semester system.

The department has on its roll fourteen students who are involved in the research programme. Most of them are working on topics having a bearing on the problems of N.E. Region. The department commenced a regular M. Phil. Programme from the academic year 1979-80.

Analysis of Students' intake :

M.A.	Total	Male	Female	S.T.
I & II Semesters	31	16	15	22
III & IV Semesters	28	16	12	18

M. Phil and Ph. D.

UGC Teacher Fellows (M. Phil.)	..	4
M. Phil. (with fellowship).	..	4
(without fellowship)	..	2
Ph. D. (with fellowship)	..	1
(without fellowship)	..	1

Out of the above-mentioned Research Scholars one M. Phil. and one Ph. D. are about to submit their dissertations.

Publications :

Mr. M Bhaskaran Nair —*Article* : “The East Pakistan Awami League : Its Origin and Development : 1949-58. A Study in Political History.” NERC Bi-Annual Journal of Social Sciences, Vol. 1, March, 1981, pp. 73-117.

M1. L. S. Gassah —*Article* : “Social Tension in Meghalaya : Fear of Being Swamped” in the Seminar held at Shillong and sponsored jointly by NEICSSR - NERC (ICSSR) Shillong (proceedings of the Seminar already sent to the press for publication).

“The War-Jaintias in Transition”, paper presented in the Seminar on ‘Tribes in N.E. India’, jointly sponsored by NEICSSR and Sacred Heart Theological College, Mawlai, Shillong, 22-24 September '80.

Presented a paper on “Village Administration in Jaintia Hills - A Comparative Study”, in the Seminar on ‘The Indigenous Institutions of the Khasis, Jaintias and Garos’, Department of Education, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong, 1980.

Department of Sociology.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology started its teaching and research programmes in 1976. The department admitted 25 students in the M.A. Course in Sociology. At the moment it has a strength of six teachers. Its two classes, M.A. previous and final have the strength of 50 students. The M. Phil programmes have been going on since 1976 and is being pursued by 15 research students. One faculty member has registered for Ph. D. programme in the department.

Analysis of Students' intake :

1980-81	Male	Female	Total	of ST	which SC
M.A. I Semester	15	10	25	22	—
M.A. III Semester	16	9	25	19	—
Ph. D.	1	—	1	—	—
M. Phil.	12	3	15	10	—

The following students were awarded M. Phil degrees in the academic year 1980-81.

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| 1. Mr. Gopo Bihari Panda. | “Langkyrdem ; an ecological study of a Khasi village” | Dr. A. C. Sinha. |
| 2. Mr. Lovingson Gassah. | “Traditional leadership in Jaintia Hills - The system of political administration in in the past and present.” | —do— |
| 3. Miss Reshma Mirani. | “Khasi Symbolism.” | Dr. A. P. Sinha. |

During the year under review the department had undertaken the following research project. “Impact of the Introduction of grouping of Villages in Mizoram” sponsored by the ICSSR under the supervision of Dr. C. Nunthara. The project was completed this year and the report was submitted.

A seminar on the "Status of Literature of Hill Societies of the North-Eastern Region" sponsored by the University was organised by the department in March, 1981, at Mokokchung, Nagaland. A team of twenty-one students and two teachers participated in the XVth Indian Sociological Conference held at Meerut University in November 2-4, 1980.

Publications :

Dr. A. C. Sinha :

"Ranas, Kazis and Dassos : Emergence of Aristocracy in the Himalayan Kingdoms in Elite and Development (ed) Sachchidananda and A.K. Lal, Concept, New Delhi, 1980.

"The Sources of the Social History of Contemporary Sikkim" in the Sources of the History of India, Vol 3 (ed) Ray, N. R., Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta, 1980.

"Ethnic Identity and Rural Violence in India" in Tribal Development and its administration, (ed) Vidyarth, L.P. Concept, New Delhi, 1980.

"Resource Distribution and Multiple Ethnic Identity in Sikkim", Asian Highland Societies" in Anthropological Perspective, (ed) Haimendorf, C. Von F., Sterling publishing House, New Delhi, 1981.

"Observation as a Method : A technique of Social Research" in the journal of Social Research, Vol. XXIV(1) March, 1981.

"Himalaya Ka Sanskritik aur Simantiy Sandarv' Manav Vol. IX(2), June, 1981.

Dr. M. N. Karna :

“Studies in Bihar’s Economy and Society” (Ed) Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1981.

“Caste and Concepts of Health in a North Bihar Village” in Studies in Bihar’s Economy and Society, Karna, M. N., (Ed) Concept Publishing Co., New Delhi, 1981.

“Agrarian Structure in Bihar : A Historical Overview” in Sociological Aspects of Land Reforms, S.K. Lal (ed) in press.

“Agrarian studies in N. E. India : Some Reflections” Eastern Anthropologist, in press.

“Agrarian Structure and Peasant Mobilisation : The Bataidari Struggle in Madhubani, 1967-75” Sociological Bulletin. in press.

Dr. C. N. Nunthara :

Dr. C. N. Nunthara : got Ph. D. in April 1981 from Delhi University on the topic ; “The Politics of the Mizo Hills” which is being revised for publication.

Dr. V. Xaxa :

“Evolution of Agrarian Class Structure and Class Relations in Jalpaiguri District, Bengal,” in Sociological Bulletin, March 1980.