

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The School of Social Sciences came into existence with the establishment of the Departments of History, Political Sciences, Economics and Philosophy. Later the departments of Anthropology, Public Administration and Psychology were established and included in this School. After the reorganisation of the Schools by the University in 1994, this once largest school in the University was reduced in size in terms of the number of Academic Departments and Centres under its Jurisdiction. Presently the School has three departments - the Department of History, Political Science and Sociology, and the Centre of Literary and Cultural Studies, at the Headquarters at Shillong and the Department of Psychology and Public Administration at Aizawl, Mizoram.

The School admits more students every year in its MA Courses than any other School. It also has a large number of M Phil and PhD students.

The faculty of the School is known and recognised widely in the areas of its specialization and some of them have received national awards and other academic distinctions.

### Centre for Literary and Cultural Studies

Besides the usual programme of teaching and research the Centre has entered into a dialogue during the year with the Ford Foundation to initiate a Folklore programme including research project on ethnomusicology, festivals and rituals, folk art and craft and Women's folklore and setting up of an Audio-Visual Folklore Archive at the Centre. The Ford Foundation has decided to offer grants for the purpose.

**Head :** Dr. Soumen Sen

#### **Courses conducted :**

1. Diploma Course in Folkloristics; 2. Course in Folkloristics with Special Reference to N.E. India in M.Phil programme of the School of Social Sciences.

**Student in-take : 8**

SC/ST	Genl.	Male	Female	Total
6	2	5	3	8

#### **Other Activities :**

Organised a Seminar in collaboration with the North-East India Council for Social Science Research, Shillong on Traditional Culture and Folklore in North-East India on 18 and 19 November, 1996. The Seminar was co-ordinated by Dr. Soumen Sen.

**Faculty :**

Name and Degrees

Designation

Soumen Sen, MA (Cal), PhD (Gau)	Reader
P.Jhingan, MA (JNU)	Lecturer
3-year Diploma in French (JNU)	

**Extension Lectures :**

Mr.P.Jhingan : "Use of Theatre for Education" in 9th Refresher Course in Education in the Department of Education, North-Eastern Hill University, on 11 March, 1997.

**Publications :**

Sen, Soumen. "The Logical Frame and the Realia of Proverbs: A Plea for Re-defining the Corpus", Bulletin of the Department of Folklore Research, Gauhati University. No.4.1996. pp 134-39.

"State and Religion : The Khasi - Jaintia Experience". In Pre-history of Meghalaya and Social Formation in Khasi-Jaintia History. Shillong : Directorate of Arts and Culture, Government of Meghalaya, 1996, pp 1-8.

**Research Programmes/Projects :**

Mr.P.Jhingan is working on a Project sponsored by the centre and entitled "Picorial Study of Khasi-Jewellery".

**Other Activities :**

Soumen Sen (a) attended a Consultative Meeting on Folklore and Culture of North-East India at the Department of Traditional Culture and Art Forms, Tezpur University, under the auspices of the Ford Foundation on 5 February, 1997; (b) was elected President of North-East India Council for Social Science Research in its Annual General Meeting on 6 December, 1996; (c) was nominated to the National Steering Group of the National Folklore Support Centre sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

P Jhingan (a) participated in the Refresher Course in Linguistics at CIEFL Hyderabad (from 3 September to 1st October, 1996; (b) audited the Nongkrem Dance during October 1996; (c) continued as In - Charge Entrepreneurship Development Programme NEHU, Shillong.

**Department of History**

Established in 1974 this Department has been organised, as its placement in the School of Social Sciences would suggest, on the concept of history as a Social Science. Its character, distinguished by an emphasis on the study of peoples and regions with particular reference to social and cultural

development is with special reference to India and within it, North-East India. The department's academic objectives are (1) to provide on the Master's level a broad knowledge of human history and particularly of the areas and themes of special concern to the Department and the modern approaches to its study through a suitably structured and balanced syllabus; and (2) to promote historical research in hitherto unexplored areas, especially in the North-eastern region through the MPhil/PhD programmes and faculty members' research.

**Head :** Professor J.P.Singh till 11.10.96; Professor Imdad Hussain from 11.10.96.

**Faculty :**

Name and Degrees	Designation
J B Bhattacharjee, MA,PhD (Gau) on lien	Professor
J P Singh, MA,PhD (BHU)	Professor
Imdad Hussain, MA,PhD (Gau.)	Professor
M S Sangma, MA (Cal), PhD (Gau) on lien	Professor
D R Syiemlieh, MA,PhD (NEHU)	Reader
M Momin, MA,PhD (JNU)	Reader
M Sharma, MA (Gau), PhD (NEHU)	Reader
V R Rengsi, MA,MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer
C Mawlong, MA (NEHU), Diploma Arch(Delhi)	Lecturer
F A Qadri, MA,PhD (AMU)	Lecturer
A N Passah, MA,MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer
T Gurung, MA,PhD (NEHU)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

a) Enrolment Capacity : M.A. = 50  
M.Phil. = 15  
Ph.D. = (Not specified)

b) Actual Enrolment :

M.A. = 53	M.Phil. = 7	Ph.D. = 10
SC/ST = 50	SC/ST = 5	SC/ST = 9
General = 3	General = 2	General = 1

**Degrees awarded :**

**MPhil :** (1) Mary Diana Lamare, "The Annexation of Jaintia Hills", Supervisor, D.R.Syiemlieh; (2) Sima Saigal, "Impact of the World War II on the Economy of Assam", Supervisor, Dr. M.Sharma.

**PhD :** (1) A.S.W. Shimray, "The Tangkhawl Awunga in Modern Times : An Historical Enquiry", Supervisor, Dr. D.R. Syiemlieh; (2) Khanyu Punya, "The Oral History of the Angami Nagas", Supervisor, Professor M.S. Sangma.

### Courses Conducted :

#### (a) M.A.

Historiography; Pre Historic and Proto Historic Societies; Ancient Societies; Pre Industrial Societies and Social Institutions; Capitalism and Colonialism 16th-19th Centuries Imperialism and Nationalism in 1st half of the 20th Century; Evolution of modern Indian societies (1858 - 1947); Socio Economic and Political Development in N.E.India; 209 Ancient Indian Social and Economic History; Political theory and institutions in Ancient India; Religion and Society in Ancient India; Introduction of Archaeology; History of the Guptas; Economy and Society in India (650 - 1400 AD); British Expansion in India; British Imperialism in India; Indian Nationalism; Economic History of Modern India; British Policy in N.E. India; Political Development in N.E.India; Government and Politics in N. E. India; Economic History of N. E. India; Iconography and Numismatics; Polity Formation in N.E.India; Social Change in N.E. India; The Rise of Modern Japan; The Tibet and the Himalayan Kingdoms; History of Sciences.

#### (b) M.Phil.

Historical Thought; Historical Method; Dissertation.

### Seminar/Conference etc. :

The department organised a seminar on "Sources and their Interpretation for Study of the Societies of Meghalaya" on 31 October and 1st November, 1996, under the UGC sponsored Special Assistance Programme. The aim of the Seminar was to bring together select participants working on various aspects of the theme, research scholars, college and university teachers - so as to locate the sources, identify their relevance and limitations, and demonstrate the methods and approaches with which to reconstruct aspects of the societies of Meghalaya. In all, 14 papers were presented, dealing with topics ranging from pre-historic societies to modern ones. Admittedly, not all societies within Meghalaya would be covered; those that figured prominently in the discussions were the Khasis, Jaintias and the Garos.

Some participants re-examined conventional sources, i.e., written documents from new perspectives. Others explored hitherto nearly untapped sources - oral traditions, folkloristics, linguistics, archaeology, music and archival materials - to supplement, corroborate, enlighten and even demolish certain generally accepted observations made by earlier writers on the societies of Meghalaya.

Dr D R Syiemlieh attended and read a paper "The Holy Cross Congregation and The Haflong Prefecture" at the Holy Cross History Association Annual Conference, 14-16 June, 1996 at King's College, Wilkes Barre, U.S.A.

Dr M Sharma attended and read "Identity : Inherent or Acquired", in the seminar Ethnicity in North East India, Dibrugarh

University, November, 1995; and "Women and Political Power : Matriliney in the Khasi Garo Society" in the Workshop on Youth and Women in Chandigarh.

#### Visiting Professor :

The Department had two Visiting Professors in the year under review, Professor S.R.Singh who had come on a one year tenure till 30th June, 1996, taught Modern Indian History and contributed to the Department's research programme. In November, 1996 professor Robbins Burling, a Fulbright Fellow was attached to the Department. He has assisted various departments in their M.A. Programmes, delivered lectures within and outside the University and conducted research in the Garo Hills.

#### Publications :

J.P.Singh : "Presidential Address", Proceedings of the North East India History Association at its 16th Annual Session, Aizawl, 1996.

M.S.Sangma : "The A'Chik Liberation Mangrik Army (ALMA) Garo Insurgent Group", Proceedings of the The North East India History Association, Sixteenth Session, Silchar, 1995, Shillong, 1996, pp. 160 - 165.

D.R.Syiemlieh : 1) "The Holy Cross Mission in India with Special Reference to North East India", Indian Journal of American Studies, Vol.25 No. 1 Winter 1995, pp. 47 - 53; (2) "Notes from Catholic Missionary Letters : Lushai Hills 1935", Proceedings of the North East India History Association, Sixteenth Session, Silchar 1995, Shillong, 1996. pp. 268 - 272; (3) "Socio-Cultural Background of the Peoples of N.E.India (19-20 Centuries)", J Puthenpurakal,(ed), Impack of Christianity in North East India, Shillong, 1996, pp. 191 - 201; (4) Edited, Proceedings of the North East India History Association, Sixteenth Session, Shillong, 1995 Shillong, 1996, pp. 202 - 248.

M.Sharma "Discourses on the Concept of Middle Class", Proceedings of the North East India History Association, Silchar, 1995, Shillong 1996, pp. 242 - 248; 2. "The concept of Class in Historical Analysis" Journal of Historical Studies (Dibrugarh University, Vol.VII,1996, pp.1-16;3. "Women and Power in Grass-Root Politics", Proceedings of the NEIPSA, Vth Conferences, pp. 20 -27.

F.A.Qadri, "Medieval Muslim - Mystic : The Kamrup, Connection", Proceedings of the North East India History Association, Sixteenth Session, 1995, Shillong 1996, pp. 63 - 73.

#### Study Tour/Field Trip :

Students of the III Semester Course "Neolithic and Megalithic Cultures of N.E. India", Visited Pomsohmen, Cherrapunji on 9 November, 1996, to study its megalithic remains.

**Thrust Area of Research :** Regional History/N.E. India.

**Research Programmes/Projects :** All the faculty members continued their research in the second year of the Special Assistance Programme, on specific projects to collectively prepare for a comprehensive history of N.E.India. Dr. D.R. Syiemlieh spent a month in the U.K. in May-June 1996 visiting Libraries and Archives under this project and sponsored by a British Council Grant. This was followed by a month's visit to Paris on invitation from the Maison Des Sciences De L'Homme. Dr. F.A. Qadri while availing a Fellowship at the Oxford Centre of Islamic Studies from 1 October, 1996 is conducting research on the SAP project. Dr. D.R. Syiemlieh spent another month at the M.S.H., Paris during January-February, 1997 under the India-France Cultural Exchange Programme.

**Other Activities :**

The Department organised two UGC sponsored Refresher Courses in History for college and University teachers in November 1996 and March 1997. Resource persons were drawn from the Department, other faculties of NEHU, Manipur, Calcutta and Tripura Universities. Dr. D.R. Syiemlieh and Dr. M. Sharma were invited to deliver lectures at Arunachal University and Gauhati University Refresher Courses, respectively. Professor Imdad Hussain was elected Executive Member of the Indian History Congress in December, 1996.

**Department of Political Science**

The Department was established in 1974 with 35 students and two teachers. By 1992-93 the Department had on its rolls 80 students with a sanctioned strength of 13 faculty members. The Department started a regular M.Phil programme from the academic year 1979-80 with six regular and four special M.Phil students. Apart from M.A. and M.Phil courses, the Department also provides research facilities leading to a Ph.D. degree. During 1996-97 six Ph.D. students belong to the Scheduled Tribe communities of the North-Eastern states took admission.

The Department aims at building an academic community of students, researchers and teachers devoted to a dispassionate, open and critical study of Political Science. Its teaching and research programmes seek to promote inter-disciplinary studies, to make courses and studies socially relevant, and to develop in the students and awareness of the basic needs and issues of the country and to equip them intellectually to fulfil these needs.

**Head :** Professor R. Borgohain

**Faculty :**

Name & Degrees	Designation
B Pakem (on lien as VC, NEHU)	Professor
R L Walli	Professor
A K Baruah	Professor
R Borgohain	Professor
L S Gassah	Professor
B J Deb	Reader
E Laitflang	Reader
Khakchang Debbarma	Lecturer
Pascal Malngiang	Lecturer
T T Haokip	Lecturer
B K Mahapatra	Lecturer
Susmita Sengupta	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

(a) Enrolment Capacity - MA = 40  
 MPhil = 10  
 PhD = Not fixed

(b) Actual Admission :	SC	ST	Genl	Male	Female	Total
M.A.(Previous)	-	39	1	24	16	40

**Degrees Awarded :**

- Ph.D. : 1. Pascal Malngiang : "Constitutional Position of Land and Mineral Ownership in the Khasi Hills of Meghalaya". Supervisor, Professor B. Pakem.
2. Khakchang Debbarma : "Transborder Migration: A Study of its Impact on Tripura Politics". Supervisor, Professor B. Pakem.

**Courses Conducted :**

Political Theory : The Classical Traditions, Theories and Concept in Public Administration, Government and Politics in India, Theory of International Politics, Political Theory : The Liberal Democratic Theory and Conservation, Issues in Public Administration, Socio-economic Basis of the Indian Political System, Problems of International Politics, Political Theory : Contemporary Marxist Theory, Modern Political Analysis, Contemporary Political Theory : Major Issues in Comparative Politics.

**Optionals :**

International Law, Traditional Govt. & Politics of the Hill Areas of North-East India, Issues in Indian Administration/ Research Methodology, International Organisation, Govt. & Politics of the Hill Areas of N.E. India, Modern Indian Politics Foreign Policy Studies Political Sociology Dissertation in lieu of one course.

M.Phil : Contemporary Political Theory and Research Methodology.

**Seminar/Conference etc.:**

Dr. B.J.Deb :

1. The Sixth Annual Conference of North East India Political Science Conference 9-10 Dec., 1996 and delivered a talk as a panel member on Political constraints to economic development.

2. Presented a paper entitled 'Tribal notion of exploitation' at the National Seminar on Sociological constraints to Economic Development organised by NEICSSR.

Ms. S. Sengupta :

Attended the Annual Conference of North East India Political Science Association held in Dibrugarh University on 9-10 December 1996. Presented a research paper titled 'Politics of Coalition in Meghalaya - Some observation on the MUPP Coalition of 1990-91'.

**Publications :**

Walli, R.L. "Third World Today", Journal of Politics, Vol. XXV, No. IX, pp. 35 - 50.

Borgohain, R. (1) "Grass Roots Politics : A critique of Rajani Kothari", Proceedings of NEIPSA (Dec., 1996); (2) "Identity & Identity Assertion, Some issues" in Politics of identity and Nation building in North-East India edited by G. Phukan, South Asian Publishers, New Delhi 1997.

Gassah, L.S. edited Autonomous District Councils : Autonomy and Development; "Traditional Institutions in Meghalaya and Parliamentary Democracy", Proceedings of North East India Political Science Association, 1996 (5th Issue).

Deb, B.J. 'Can Local Government bodies act as grassroot organisations?' Proceedings of NEIPSA (Fifth Conference) Released in Dec, 1996.

Malngiang, P. (1) "The Traditional Durbar System in the Khasi Hills" in Proceedings of NEIPSA (Dec, 1995); (2) Social Science Series - Composite Course in History and Civics, Part IV (Akashi Book Depot, Shillong, 1997).

**Thrust Area of Research :** Govt. & Politics in North-East India.

**Research Programmes/Projects :**

1. Prof. (Mrs) R. Borgohain : Role of Women in Meghalaya Elections.
2. Prof. L.S. Gassah : 'Survey of Literature in Political Science with special reference to the North Eastern Region (1970-1990)' sponsored by ICSSR (NERC), Shillong.

3. Dr.K.Debbarma : (i) "Working of the Sixth Scheduled District Council in North East"; (ii) "National Election Study 1996,(CSDS) as Supervisor for North-East, Feb.-Nov., 1996; (iii) "Water and Sanitation-IIMC, New Delhi - Oct. - Dec" 1996.

#### Other Activities :

1.Prof.R.Borgohain : Member of A.C.Committee for Correspondence Course in Political Science.

2.Prof. L.S.Gassah : Member of the Advisory Committee (1996-1998) of the ICSSR (NERC), Shillong.

3.Dr. B.J. Deb : associated with I.I.P.A.,(Meghalaya Branch), NEIPSA & NEICSSR as Hony. Secretary, General Secretary and Governing Body Member respectively.

4.Dr.Debbarma : Attended a Refresher Course in Political Science, Jan' 20-Feb' 11,1996 in Gauhati University,Assam. Also attended Refresher Course in Political Science (March 10 to April 4, 1997) JNU, New Delhi.

#### Department Of Public Administration (Aizawl)

This Department at Aizawl started functioning in 1985. Teaching of MA and diploma courses began in 1987. The facilities for Ph.D. supervision are presently available in the Department.

Head : Dr S Jawaid

#### Faculty :

Name & Degrees	Designation
R N Prasad, MA,PhD (Bihar)	Professor
S Jawaid, MA(Brook),PhD (AMU)	Reader
C Lalkima, MA (Osmania),PhD (Gau)	Reader
Lalrintluanga, MA,MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer
Kalpna Das, MA,MPhil (Utkal)	Lecturer

#### Student Intake :

M.A. : SC	ST	Male	Female	Ph.D. : 3
-	73	56	17	

#### Courses Conducted :

M.A: Fundamentals of Public Administration, Indian Administration Structure & Processes, Public Personnel Administration with reference to Britain, U.S.A. & France, Economic & Financial Administration in India, Development Administration in India, Environmental Administration in India, Theories of Bureaucracy, Government & Politics of the Hill Areas of North-East India,

Administrative Thought, Public Policy Analysis, Political theory, Indian Government & Politics : Social Structure & Process, Administration of Public Enterprises in India, Research Methodology, Rural Development Administration in India, Tribal Development Administration in India, Comparative Public Administration, International Administration, Theory of Practice of Local Government, Urban Development Administration in India, Administrative Law & Tribunals, Labour Administration in India, Cooperative Business Organisation, Social Administration in India, Dissertation (in lieu of one Course), Office Management in Government.

There is a Four Week Practical Training (Non-Credit Component).

M.A. Via Diploma

Fundamentals of Public Administration, Indian Administration: Structure & Processes, Public Personnel Administration with special reference to Britain, U.S.A. & France, Economic & Financial Administration in India, Development Administration in India, Environmental Administration in India, Theory of Bureaucracy, Government & Politics of the Hill Areas of North-East India

After passing out I & II Semester, the P.G. Diploma eligible candidates will join M.A. III & IV Semester with full time students of M.A. Course structure.

#### Publications :

Professor R. N. Prasad :

1. "Traditional Political Institutions of Chieftainship in Mizoram : Powers, Functions, Position and Privileges", Public Administration, Vol. I. No-I, 1996, Bi-Annual Journal, Department of Public Administration, University of Lucknow, Lucknow;
2. "Re-organisation of North-East India : A study of Mizoram", B. Datta Ray and S.P. Agarwal (Eds) Re-organisation of North-East India since 1947, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1996.

#### Department of Psychology (Aizawl)

The Department was set up in 1983. At present, there are four sanctioned posts. However, two of the faculty posts have been remained vacant till now.

Head : Dr L N Singh

#### Faculty :

Name and Degrees	Designation
L N Singh, MSc (NEHU), MPhil (Delhi)	Reader
Zokaitluangi, MA (NEHU), MPhil (Delhi)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

- (a) Enrolment capacity : 10  
 (b) Actual Admission :

SC	ST	Genl.	Male	Female	Total
14	-	2	3	13	16

**Degrees Awarded :**

Ph.D. : Ms. Zokaitluangi submitted her Ph.D. Thesis in January 1996 titled "Impact of Development Programmes on cognitive and motivational characteristics: A Study of Social Change in Misoram". Supervisor, Dr. L.N. Singh.

**Courses Conducted :**

Learning and Memory, Research Methods and Statistics, Social Psychology, Cognitive Processes: Attention and Perception, Advanced Correlation methods, Physiological Foundations of Behaviour, Psychology of Personality, Theories of Human Development, Psychopathology, Educational Psychology, Psychology of Socially Disadvantaged Children, Dissertation/Ecological & Cross-cultural Psychology, Clinical Psychology I, Basic concept and dynamics of disorders, Clinical Psychology II, Psycho-diagnosis and Psychological Therapies, Dissertation/Neuropsychology, Practicals.

**Study Tour/Field Trip :**

Tour programme is a part of curriculum in the Fourth Semester for providing practical exposure to the students at specialized Institutions of National importance, rendering professional services in the applied fields of psychology.

**Thrust Area of Research :** Experimental Psychology/Cross-cultural Psychology.

**Other Activities :** Psychological services to persons referred from Psychiatry Department: Civil Hospital, Government of Mizoram.

**Department of Sociology**

The Department began teaching in 1976 with only five faculty members and 25 M.A. and M.Phil students. Since then seventeen batches of M.A, 54 M.Phil and 12 Ph.D. students have been awarded degrees in Sociology. Keeping in mind Article 4 of the NEHU Act (the Socio-cultural development of the North Eastern Region) the Department decided to emphasise on Social Change as its academic thrust in which most of the researches are conducted.

**Head :** Prof. C Nunthara upto 3rd December 1996; Prof. M N Karna from 4th December 1996.

**Faculty :**

Name and Degrees

Designation

M N Karna, MA, PhD (Patna)	Professor
A C Sinha, MA (Ranchi), PhD (Kanpur IIT)	Professor
C Nunthara, MA, PhD (Delhi)	Professor
P M Chacko, MA, PhD (Delhi)	Reader
Nikhlesh Kumar, MA (Delhi), PhD (NEHU)	Reader
C L Imchen, MA, PhD (JNU)	Reader
I Lanu Aier, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Reader
A K Nongkynrih, MA, MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

(a) Enrolment Capacity :	M.A.	- 40
	M.Phil	- 15
	Ph.D.	- 5

**(b) Actual Admission :**

	SC/ST	Genl.	Male	Female	Total
M.A.	- 34	6	8	32	40
M.Phil	- 10	2	7	5	12
Ph.D	- 25	06	18	13	31

**Degrees Awarded :**

Ms. Anita P. Jyrwa, "A Comparative Study of the Role of Community Participation in Social Forestry Programmes of the Government and Non-Government Organisations of Meghalaya". Supervisor, Dr. P.M. Chacko.

E. Lalmangaihazuali, "Some Aspects of Occupational Mobility among Mizo Inhabitants of Madanrting Locality, Shillong". Supervisor, Professor C. Nunthara.

**Courses Conducted :**

Sociology of Kinship, Sociological Theories I, Social Stratification in India, Methodology of Social Research, Sociological Theory II, Methodology of Social Research II, Sociology of Religion Urban Sociology, Polity and Society, Economy and Society, Tribal Movement, Industrial Sociology, Social Change, Sociology of Education, Entrepreneurship and Management, Peasant Movement in India.

**Seminar/Conference etc. :**

Professor M.N. Karna (a) delivered a lecture on Panchayati Raj at the Sub-Regional Workshop on Panchayati Raj organised by Nagaland University, Kohima, August 6, 1996; (b) presided over a session at the Seminar on "Ethnic Situation in North East India: Fields and Frontiers" organised by the Anthropological Survey of India, N.E. Centre, Shillong, September 14, 1996; (c) presented a paper entitled 'Socio-Economic Aspects of Ethnic Identity in North-Eastern India' at a Seminar on Dynamics of Identity and Inter group Relations in NE India, Indian Institute of Advanced

Study, Shimla, November 13, 1996;(d) participated as a key speaker in a Symposium on the Occasion of XXIII All India Sociological Conference, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, November 24, 1996; (e) presented a paper on 'Panchayat and Meghalaya' at the Regional Workshop on Panchayats organised by OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, January 10, 1997; (f) presided over a session at the Regional Workshop on Panchayats organised by OKD ISOD, Guwahati and sponsored by Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, January 11, 1997; (g) delivered a series of lectures in Refresher Course in Deptts of History Arunachal University, March 11, 1997;(h) nominated a member of the Programme Advisory Committee of NCERT, New Delhi, 1996-1999.

Professor A.C. Sinha.

a. Academic Involvements

1. Continued to be the Dean, School of Social Sciences, NEHU, from April to August, 1996.
2. Continued to be a member of the Executive Committee of the India Association of Social Science Institutions, (IASSI) New Delhi.
3. Was nominated as a member of the Programme Implementation and Evaluation Committee of the Planning Commission, Government of India, New Delhi for a period of five years from 1996-2001.
4. Nominated as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Sociological Bulletin, the Journal of the Indian Sociological Society for a period of 3 years, 1996-1999.
5. Appointed the Honourary Director of the North Eastern Regional Centre (NERC) of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi for a period of three years, 1996-1999.
6. Appointed Director, Area Study on North East India and Neighbouring Countries (ASNINC) NEHU Shillong for a period of three years 1997-2000.

b. Seminar, Conference, Workshop etc.

1. Presented a paper on 'Vanishing Community, Forest and Challenge to its Preservation in North East India' and presided a session in the seminar on 'Science, Environment and Development in the Himalayas' at the Centre for Himalayan Studies, North Bengal University, Rajarammohunagar, West Bengal on October 8-10, 1996.
2. Invited as a Visiting Professor in the Centre for Advance Studies, Department of Anthropology, Ranchi University, January 1997.
3. Presented a paper on "An agenda for Co-operation Among the Countries Neighbouring the Indian North East Frontiers" in the International Conference on "Cooperative Development and Peace in Asia" at the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, (RRID), Chandigarh on March 7-14, 1997.
4. Participated in "South Asia Regional Conference and Future of Sociology in South Asia" at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, on March 25-27, 1997.

Dr. C.L. Imchen

- a) "Politics of Tribal Identity and Interpretative monopolies", National Seminar on Dynamics of Identity and Inter-group Relations in North-East India, 12-14 November, 1996, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.
- b) "Self-determination: A Tribal guest", National seminar on Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in North East India, Jointly organised by Centre for Study of Society and Secularism, and Department of Political Science, Guwahati University, Guwahati, 15-16 February, 1997.
- c) "The State of Electoral Politics in Nagaland" for the Lokchintan: Collective Explorations in Democracy, Centre for the study of Developing Societies, Delhi, January, 1997.

#### **Publications :**

Professor M.N.Karna

1. "Writings on Peasant Protests and Agrarian Relations in India: A Trend Analysis", in Peasants in Indian History I : Theoretical Issues and Structural Enquiries, V.K. Thakur & Ashok Aounshuman (eds) Janaki Prakashan, Patna, 1996, pp. 101-119; 2. "Ayodhya : A Case of Growing Assertion of Hindu Identity", Journal of Asiatic Society, Vol. XXXVIII, No.1, 1996, pp. 91-95.

Professor A.C.Sinha

- "Who will upset whose Applegate: On-going Ethnic Impass in Bhutan" Himal, Kathmandu, July, 1996, pp.36-40; Book Review of T.K.Oommen's Allen Concepts and South Asian Reality : Responses and Reformulation, Sage Publication, 1995, Sociological Bulletin, Vol. 45, No. 2.

Professor C. Nunthara

1. Mizoram : Society and Polity. New Delhi : Indus Publishing Company, 1996; 2. "Social Change in North East India: A Christian Perspective" in S.K.Chatterjee (ed) Society and Culture in North East India The Christian Institute for the Study of Bangalore : Religion and Society, 1996, pp. 100-111.

#### **Study Tour/Field Trip :**

As part of the Academic curriculum a group of 30 students went on a Study Tour to Mumbai during 10 February to 4 March 1997. The tour focussed on Industrial organisation and management. The students visited : (i) Large Scale manufacturing unit, Mukund Steel (ii) Medium Scale manufacturing unit, Piramal Textile; and (iii) the unorganised sector. During such exposure programmes, the students had interacted with labour and the management. The group was led by A.K. Nongkynrih, Lecturer as teacher-in-charge.

**Thrust Area of Research :**

The academic thrust of the Department has been spelt out as : (a) Emerging Social Inequality; (b) Political dynamics (c) Occupational differentiation (d) Social Movements (e) Ethnic Identity and Relations and (f) Demography, Ecology and Environment.

and unconventional areas. The primary aim of the Institute has been to investigate biological phenomena using techniques of physical sciences and to train students who can face challenges encountered in pushing the frontiers of science. The Institute is not permitted to offer M.Sc. courses and is dependent upon students from various departments for its research programme. The faculty members are encouraged to pursue diverse research activities with the hope that proximity and interaction would help to evolve programmes of an interdisciplinary nature. With their background and training the faculty has collaborative research programmes with disciplines such as Mathematics, Physics, Biochemistry, RSIC, Computer Centre and Economics, and with national institutions outside Shillong. The current activities of the Institute include measurements of biophotonic activity and its possible connection with squeezed states, hormones and drug targeting, acoustic communication in frogs, spectroscopic determination of the structure of proteins and crystals, and modelling of neuronal and the immunological activities.

Head : Vacant

Faculty :  
Name and Degree

Designation

Professor	R P Bajpai, PhD (Glasgow)
Reader	Vinod Singh, PhD (Kanpur)
Reader	Satish Kumar, PhD (Utkal)
Reader	Debjani Roy, PhD (NEHU)

Student Intake :

(a) Enrolment Capacity : 4  
(b) Actual Admission : 1

SC/ST	Genl	Male	Female	Total
0	1	0	1	1

Courses Conducted : M.Phil and Ph.D.

State and Biophysics of Living Organisms and Applied Computer Methods of Science, Self Organising Systems, Living Science.

Seminar/Conference etc. :

Attended :  
- Debjani Roy, Invited lecture at the Department of Zoology, Views Bharati, Santiniketan on "Courtship in Frogs" in August