

ACADEMIC STAFF COLLEGE

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Thrust Area : The UGC-Academic Staff College (UGC-ASC) has been established to upgrade the knowledge and skills of faculty members of the institutions of higher education under the Faculty Development Programme of the UGC, New Delhi. The UGC-ASC conducts Refresher Courses (RCs) and Orientation Courses (OCs) for the faculty of Universities and Colleges located in the North-Eastern region as well as in other parts of the country. RCs and OCs are conducted in subjects approved by the UGC, New Delhi in order to update and acquaint the participating teachers with the latest developments and recent trends in the respective subjects. The OCs and RCs are designed to empower the teachers with depth of knowledge to enhance their teaching skills as well as capabilities.

Brief Statement of Academic Activities : The UGC-ASC was established at NEHU in 2006 with financial assistance from the UGC. It became fully functional in March, 2007 after appointment of non-teaching staff (7 Nos.). The UGC sanctioned 3 academic posts (Professor-Director: 1; Reader: 1, and Lecturer: 1) and the selection process is going on. The UGC-ASC is presently located in the Building for Centres of Studies. During 2007-08, the UGC-ASC conducted a total of 12 RCs and 2 OCs, and trained a total of 390 teachers belonging to various universities and colleges recognized by the UGC.

Visiting Professors : Following resource persons were invited to deliver lectures for the OCs and RCs:

Refresher Course in Commerce & Economics: Prof. Biju Paul Abraham (I. I. M. Kolkata), Dr. V. K. Kumar (Gitam Institute of Foreign Trade, Vishakhapatnam), Dr. Samirendra Nath Dhar (Department of Commerce, University of North Bengal).

Refresher Course in Geography: Prof. Rais Akhtar (ICSSR National Fellow, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi), Prof. S. Raju, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi).

Refresher Course in Hindi: Dr. Tukaram Patel (Department of Hindi, Pune University), Dr. Arun Hota (Department of Hindi, North Bengal University), Prof. A. K. Mishra (NERIE, NCERT, Shillong), Prof. K. N. Prudad ('MAGUDH', Banarasi Bigha), Prof. J. P. Chaturvedi (A8, P/7, C.I.T. Scheme, Kolkata-54), Prof. Namwar Singh (New Delhi).

Refresher Course in Zoology: Prof. Pulak Lahini (Department of Zoology, Calcutta University), Prof. U. C. Goswami (Department of Zoology, Gauhati University).

Refresher Course in Chemistry: Prof. P. Pramanik (IIT, Kharagpur), Prof. P. S. Kalsi (retired from Punjab Agricultural University), Prof. K. Bhattacharya (Calcutta University), Prof. Nashreen S. Islam (Tezpur University), Prof. O. K. Medhi (Gauhati University).

Refresher Course in Economics: Dr. S. Borbora (Department of HSS, IIT, Guwahati), Prof. J. K. Gogoi (Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University), Prof. M. P. Bezbaru (Gauhati University), Prof. N. C. Roy (Rajiv Gandhi University), Prof. P. K. Tripathy, Department of Economics, Sambalpur University).

Refresher Course in Education: Prof. S. Das (Department of Education, Gauhati University), Prof. S. C. Gakhar (Department of Education, Punjab University, Chandigarh), Prof. J. C. Soni (Rajiv Gandhi University); Prof. R. P. Vadhera (Department of Education, Mizoram University, Aizawl), Prof. K. C. Kapoor (Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar), Dr. N. C. Ojha (NERIE, NCERT, Shillong), Prof. J. P. Bagchi (NERIE, NCERT, Shillong).

Refresher Course in Mathematics: Dr. N. Nayandeep Deka Baruah (Tezpur University), Dr. R. P. Shukla (Department of Mathematics, University of Allahabad), Dr. Anupam Saikia (IIT, Guwahati), Prof. S. K. Majumdar (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata), Prof. Asit Baran Raha (B-504, Koylavihar, Vasundhara, Kolkata), Dr. B. Roy Choudhury (St. Anthonys College, Shillong).

Refresher Course in Political Science: Dr. Valerian Rodrigues (Centre for Political Science, JNU, New Delhi), Dr. S. N. Misra (Department of Political Science, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar), Prof. Sandhya Goswami (Department of Political Science, Gauhati University), Dr. Monirul Hussain (Department of Political Science, Gauhati University), Dr. R. Chatterji (Department of Political Science, Calcutta University, Kolkata).

Refresher Course in Botany: Prof. H. N. Pandey (Agast Kunda, Varanasi-221001), Prof. R. S. Tripathy (Sr. Scientist, NBRI, Lucknow), Prof. S. P. Adhikary (Utkal University, Bhubaneswar).

Refresher Course in History: Prof. Sajal Nag (Assam University, Silchar), Prof. Soumen Sen (Purbachal, Kolkata).

Refresher Course in English: Prof. Subir Dhar (Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata), Dr. Sukhbir Singh (R-21, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad), Prof. H. S. Shiva Prakash (School of Arts & Aesthetics, JNU, New Delhi).

Orientation Course - I: Prof. K. K. Sharma (Didar Nagar, Kurukshetra), Prof. R. Bhattacharjee (New Colony, Shillong), Dr. S. C. Roy (NERIE, Shillong), Prof. M. K. Satpathy (NERIE, Shillong), Prof. A. K. Misra (NERIE, Shillong), Prof. J. P. Bagchi (NERIE, Shillong).

Orientation Course - II: Prof. J. C. Soni (Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar), Prof. K. C. Kapoor (Department of Education, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar), Prof. Lutfun Rasul Saikia (Department of Education, Gauhati University), Dr. Gayatree Goswamee (Department of Education, Gauhati University), Prof. A. K. Misra (NERIE, Shillong), Prof. J. P. Bagchi (NERIE, Shillong), Dr. S. C. Roy (NERIE, Shillong).

Courses Conducted :

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>
Orientation Course – I	: 21 st March to 18 th April, 2007	45
Orientation Course – II	: 26 th February to 26 th March, 2008	43
Refresher Course in Economics & Commerce	: 26th March to 16th April, 2007	25
Refresher Course in Geography	: 1st August to 23rd August, 2007	20
Refresher Course in Hindi	: 3rd August to 25th August, 2007	17
Refresher Course in Zoology	: 27th August to 18th September, 2007	18
Refresher Course in Economics	: 20th September to 12th October, 2007	27
Refresher Course in Chemistry	: 20th September to 12th October, 2007	29
Refresher Course in Education	: 23rd October to 14th November, 2007	24
Refresher Course in Mathematics	: 24th October to 15th November, 2007	17
Refresher Course in Political Science	: 19th November to 10th December, 2007	37
Refresher Course in Botany	: 20th November to 11th December, 2007	22
Refresher Course in History	: 3rd March to 24th March, 2008	35
Refresher Course in English	: 4th March to 25th March, 2008	31

Seminars/Conferences/Symposia/Workshops/Extension Programmes etc.: Organized

The UGC-Academic Staff College organized “Seminar on the Recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission for Higher Education” on 22nd November, 2007 in the Committee Room of the VC Office Complex, NEHU Permanent Campus, Shillong – 22. The seminar was attended by the Advisor of the National Knowledge Commission, New Delhi, Vice-Chancellors of Nagaland University and Manipur University, Principals of several Colleges, and Head of Departments/Centers of NEHU. The Seminar was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, NEHU.

Infrastructure Facilities : The UGC-ASC established a Lecture room (capacity: 50 persons) and a Computer Lab with Server (1 No.), PCs (24 Nos.), DLP Projector (1 No.), Scanner (1 No.) and Network Laserjet Printers (2 Nos.). It also procured Laptop computers (2 Nos.), PC (2 Nos.), DLP Projectors (2 Nos.), Document Visualizer (1 No.), Overhead Projectors with Projection Screen (2 Nos.), HDD Video Camera (1 No.), Fax machine (1 No.) Xerox Machine (1 No.), Scanner (1 No.), All-in-one Printer/Scanner (1 No.) and Laserjet Printer (1 No.).

Funds Received from Agencies Other than NEHU : The Academic Staff College received a total grant of Rs. 60.00 lakhs from the University Grants Commission, New Delhi for the development of essential infrastructure and for conducting OCs and RCs in approved subjects during 2007-08. An additional grant of Rs. 20.00 lakhs was received from the UGC for establishing a state-of-the-art Computer Laboratory. The UGC-ASC was also sanctioned Rs. 75.00 lakhs for constructing a Guest House facility for accommodating its participants and resource persons.