

Daniel, S.C. "Christianity and Culture", Society and Culture in North East India (ed) Sanal K. Chatterjee, ISPCK, Delhi - 1996. pp. 149-154.

"Karl Marx's Theory of History - A Moral Perspective", Manascharya, Vol.II, 223, 1996. pp. 110-115.

Book Review in Manascharya, Vol.II., No.2 & 3, 1996. pp. 130-133.

"Ethnicity, Language and Nationalism: Some conceptual Issues", Ethnicity, Culture and Nationalism in North East India (ed) M.M. Agrawal, Indus Publishing Company, New Delhi - 1996. pp. 49-58.

Some Central Problems in Hume's Philosophy. Regency Publication, New Delhi - 1997.

Thrust Area of Research :

It is difficult to say if the Faculty can be organised around a very specific area of Philosophy. There has been considerable work done on the articulation and understanding of tribal cultures and on several conventional problem areas of Philosophy. The two projects under the Departmental Research Support programme might enable us to crystallise a thrust area (s).

Other Activities :

Dr. C.R. Agera delivered four lectures on Tillich and Aquinas at the Fourth Refresher Course in Philosophy of Religion at Visva Bharati University.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

The School of Environmental Sciences was established in the year 1976 with the departments of Geography, Geology and Architecture, at the Shillong Campus and the Centre for Forest and Natural Resources (added in 1984, and subsequently was converted to the Department of Forestry under the School of Agriculture in 1992) at the Aizawl Campus. The Geology Department was started at the Kohima Campus of NEHU in 1984 and was transferred to the Aizawl Campus after the setting up of Nagaland Central University in 1994. During the re-organisation of departments and schools of studies, the Department of Anthropology was reassigned to the School, the nomenclature of the School having now changed to School of Human and Environmental Sciences in 1994. The Department of Architecture is yet to start, but is proposed in the IXth Plan of the University. Academic programmes of the Department of Geology is in suspended animation.

There are about five research projects operative in Geography and one in Anthropology. Some of the high points of the year was the hosting of 18th Geography Congress in Geography during, October 1996. Three faculty members from Geography attended the International Geographical Congress at the Hague, the Netherlands, one visited Poland under INSA exchange programme. One faculty member from Anthropology attended an International Seminar in the United States of America. Many faculty members in the School also attended seminars and conferences organised in the country. The School Board of the School with new external members including eminent scholars like Professor L K Mahapatra (Rtd.UU), Professor P S Ramakrishnan (JNU), Professor Harjit Singh (JNU), Professor Surya Prakash (Punjab University, Chandigarh) and Professor M Taher (Rtd.GU). The School also coordinated the implementation of UG and PG courses on environment as directed by the Executive Council of the University.

Department of Anthropology

The Department was established in 1981 as the Department of Cultural Anthropology with just one teacher. It was subsequently in 1983 that it was renamed as the Department of Anthropology. In the last 15 years or so the Department has grown into a full-fledged department with facilities for specialisation in Social/Cultural as well as Physical streams and a broad orientation in other subdisciplines like Prehistoric Archaeology and Linguistic Anthropology. The number of faculty positions has also increased from one in 1981 to 10 in 1997.

Head : Dr R K Pathak.

Faculty :

Name and Degrees Designation

P K Misra, MA, PhD (Lucknow)	Professor
A K Ghosh, MSc, PhD (Calcutta)	Professor
T B Subba, MA, PhD (North Bengal)	Professor
R K Pathak, MSc, PhD (Panjab)	Reader
H Lamin, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Reader
S Sengupta, MSc, PhD (Gauhati)	Reader
L Zehol, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Lecturer
V Pakyntein, MA (NEHU), MPhil (Delhi)	Lecturer

Student Intake :

(a) Enrolment capacity: 20

(b) Actual Admission: 17

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Degrees awarded:

Ph.D.

1. Nitul Gogoi, "Acculturation in the Brahmaputra Valley: The Ahom Case". Supervisor, Professor P.K. Misra.
2. Ila Das, "An Inter-generational Study of Child Rearing Practices among the Khasis". Supervisor, Professor P.K. Misra.
3. Malaya Majumdar, "Food, Culture and Society among the Tangsas of Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh". Supervisor, Professor P.K. Misra.
4. Ruma Choudhury, "The Donyi-Polo cult of Arunachal Pradesh: A Study in Textualising Tribal Oral Religion". Supervisor, Professor P.K. Misra.
5. Romendro Khongsdier, "A Study on Nutrition and Health Status in Relation to some Bio-Social factors among the War Khasi of Meghalaya". Supervisor, Professor A.K. Ghosh.
6. Joseph Syiemlieh, "The Funeral Rites and Practices in the Khasi Mainland: An Anthropological Study". Supervisors, Professor A.K. Ghosh and H.W. Sten.

Funds received from agencies other than NEHU/UGC :

Rs.3,68,600/- from G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Almora.

Courses Conducted :

Physical Anthropology; Social and Cultural Anthropology; Anthropology in India; Practicals in Physical Anthropology, Palaeo-anthropology & Prehistoric Archaeology; Methods in Anthropological Studies - I; Anthropological Theory; Practicals in Palaeo-anthropology & Prehis. Archaeology, Demography & Biostatistics; Methods in Anthropological Studies (II); Advance Anthropological Theory; Linguistic Anthropology, Demography & Biostatistics; Human Growth, Development & Physique; Human Genetics; Practicals in Advance Physical Anthropology (I), Fieldwork; Medical Anthropology; Development Anthropology; Tribal Situation in India, Fieldwork; Medical Anthropology; Human Ecology & Adaptation; Practicals in Advance Phy. Anthropology - II.

Seminar/Conference etc. :

Misra, P.K. Victims of Poverty & Homelessness, Organised by NEICSSR, Shillong (22 May, 1996). Paper: "What Causes Poverty?".

Subba, T.B. (a) Ethnicity, Nationalism and Integration, Organised by the Asiatic Society, Calcutta (Sep 23-24, 1996). Paper: "Limbu Nationalism and Integration"; (b) South Asian Ethnic Conflicts and Their Resolution, organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University,

New Delhi (Jan 24-25,1997). Paper: "The Bengali-Nepali Conflict in West Bengal". Also chaired the last session on 'Conflict Resolution'.

Zehol, L. Integration, Organised by Khezakheno Society of Nagaland (Jan 10-12, 1997). Paper: "Unity: Problems and Possibilities: Some Observations".

Publications:

Ghosh, A.K. and Khongsdier, R. "Bio-Demographic Study among the War Khasi of Meghalaya", Journ. of Indian Anthropological Society 29: 195-202 (1994).

Ghosh, A.K., Limbu, D.K. and Sarkar, R. "A morphogenetical study on the Mizo", Bull. of the Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University 24: 48-63 (1996a).

Ghosh, A.K. and Khongsdier, R. "Relevance of Population of Study in Physical Anthropology" in: Das, Farida Ahmed and Barua, Indira (eds) Communities in North-East India. Mittal Publications, New Delhi, pp. 64-74 (1996b).

Ghosh, A.K. and Khongsdier, R. "Bio-Anthropological Profile of Meghalaya" in: Sengupta, S. (ed) Studies in Anthropology: Recent Perspectives. Inter-India Publications, New Delhi (1997) pp. 170-200.

Misra, P.K. "Identity Formation in Trinidad", The Eastern Anthropologist, 48 (3): 201-26 (1995a)

Review of Gender and Slum Cultures in Urban Asia by Susaane Thorbek (Vistaar Publications) in the Eastern Anthropologist, 48 (1), pp. 95-97 (1995b).

Review of Continuity and Change in Tribal Society edited by Mirnal Miri (Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla) in Journ. of Indian Anthropological Society, 30 (1), pp.93-98 (1995c).

"Development Problems and Traditional Cultures : Reflections on the Management of the Aged in India" in : Saraswati, B. (ed) Integration of Endogenous Cultural Dimension into Development. IGNA, New Delhi, pp. 213-24 (1997).

Pakyntein, V. "The Khasi Clan: Changing Religion and its Effect" in: Bhandari, J.S. (ed) Kinship and Family in the North-East, Cosmo Publications, Delhi, pp. 349-72 (1996).

Pathak, R.K. "Status, Weight and Menarche in Adolescent Khasi Girls of Meghalaya", Journ. of Anthropol. Society of Manipur 2: 108-113 (1995).

Sengupta, S. (ed). Studies in Anthropology: Recent Perspectives, Inter-India Publications, New Delhi (1997).

Subba, T.B. 1994a. "The Nepalis in North-East India: Political Aspirations and Ethnicity", Journ of Indian Anthropol. Society 29 (1 & 2): 39-47 (1994a).

"Understanding Tribal Development in Arunachal Pradesh: Elwin - Furer Haimendorf - Rustomji", Journ. of Indian Anthropol. Society 29 (1 & 2): 121-27 (1994b).

"Ethnicity, Culture and Nationalism in North East India: A Conspectus" in: Agrawal, M.M. (ed) Ethnicity, Culture and Nationalism in North-East India, Indus Publishing Company, New Delhi, pp. 38-48 (1996)

Review of P Krishnan (ed.), Critical Sociology: Essays in Honour of Arthur K Davis in The Indian Journ. of Social Work, 38 (1), pp. 128-31 (1997).

Zehol, L. "Status and Role of Women: A Case Study of Tangkhul Women" in: Society and Culture in North-East India: A Christian Perspective. ISPCK, Delhi (1996).

Study Tour/Field Trip: Field trip for the IVth Semester students among the Dibongia Deori tribe of Assam during 11 to 28 January, 1997.

Thrust Area of Research : Socio-cultural and biological studies of the peoples of North-East India.

Research Programme/Project:

"Changes in Somatotype Patterns of Khasi Children of Meghalaya" sanctioned by the UGC in January 1997.

Other Activities :

a. Professor A K Ghosh delivered the 1977 S S Sarkar Memorial Lecture at the Department of Anthropology, Calcutta University, on 04.02.1997 on "India's Population Problem: Some Observations".

b. Ms Valentina Pakyntein, Lecturer, attended the Orientation Course on Qualitative Methods in Social Science Research, organised by NIPCCD, New Delhi, from Feb 24 to 28, 1997.

Department of Geography

The Department which was established in 1976 offers M.Sc./M.A./M.Phil and Ph.D.programmes.About 255 M.Sc., 65 M.Phil. and 20 Ph.D.candidates have so far been awarded degrees. A number of research projects are taken up by faculty members, some of which have been completed and some are ongoing. The faculty members have also published research papers and books.

Head : Professor R Gopalakrishnan

Faculty Name and Degrees	Designation
R K Rai, MSc, PhD (Sagar)	Professor
R Gopalakrishnan, MA (Madras), PhD (JNU)	Professor
A C Mohapatra, MA (JNU), PhD (NEHU)	Professor
Ali Ahmad, MA (AMU), PhD (JNU)	Reader
S Singh, MA (Meerut), PhD (Meerut)	Reader
B S Butola, MA, PhD (JNU)	Reader
B S Mipun, MA (JNU), PhD (NEHU)	Reader
D K Nayak, MA, PhD (JNU)	Reader
P G Momin, MA (JNU), MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer
H J Syiemlieh, MA, MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer
L Cajee, MA, MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer

Student Intake :

- (a) Enrolment Capacity (MA/M.Sc.) : 32
 (b) Actual Admission : 28

SC/ST/Genl	Male/Female	Total
1 24 3	21 7	28

Degrees Awarded :

- Ph.D:
 1. R Colney, "Industrial Development in Mizoram", Supervisors, Professor A.C. Mohapatra and Dr. S. Singh.

Courses Conducted :

Geomorphology; Climatology & Hydrology; Systematic & Regional Geog. of India; Introduction to Mathematical & Statistical Techniques; Cartographic Techniques, Elements and Principles of Ecology; History and Philosophy of Geography; Principles and Techniques of Economic Geography; Fundamental of Social and Cultural Geography; Settlement and Population Geography; Remote Sensing and Surveying, Environmental Science and Geography; Applied Climatology; Tropical Geomorphology; Advance Geomorphology; Social Geography of India; Geography of Tribes of India; Political Geography; Historical Geography; Region, Geography & Development; Regional Planning - I; Urban Geography; Integrated Area Planning; Agricultural Geography; Micro Level Planning; Regional Structure of North East; Project; Advanced Cartography.

Seminar/Conference etc. :

- B.S. Butola:
 1. XVII NEIHA conference at Aizawl, 2nd to 6th Oct. 1996. Paper : "Entrophy of Historiography: End of Unending History"; (2) NAGI Conference, Deptt. of Geography, Shillong, 29-31st Oct '96. Paper-i. "Things fall apart the centre can not Hold: Deconstruction or counter constructing planning", ii. "All that is solid shall dissolve into thin air of Nation State"; (3) Seminar on Poverty

and Homelessness NEICSSR, Paper : "Deconstructing Poverty"; (4) Seminar on Environmental Hygiene, NEICSSR, Shillong, Paper : "Cyborg Environment and end of Environmental ethnics".

B.S. Mipun:

1. 28th International Geographical Congress at the Hague, The Netherlands from 4th-10th August, 1996. Paper "Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Detecting Shifting Cultivation areas of Meghalaya"; (2) National Seminar on Dynamics of Identity and Inter group Relations in N.E.India held at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla held on November 12-13, 1996. Paper "A Geographical Background to peopling of North East India"; (3) XVIII Indian Geography Congress, NEHU, Shillong from 29th-31st October 1996. Paper "Agricultural Landuse Mapping in Garo Hills using IRS data and GIS technique".

A.C. Mohapatra:

(1) Academic convener of 18th Indian Geography Congress which was organised from 29th to 31st October 1996 at NEHU, Shillong; (2) Seminar on Environmental Degradation in Eastern & North-Eastern Himalaya (Oct 7-8, 1996), North Bengal University, Siliguri. Paper: "Deforestation and Soil Erosion in Uman Basin: Peoples' Response to Ecological Issues". He also gave the validictory Address at the Seminar.

D.K. Nayak:

1. XVIII India Geography Congress, NEHU, Shillong, 29th-31st October. Paper "Demographic Dilemma of Lesser Known Tribes of Meghalaya"; (2) (a) "Spatial Patterns of Literacy in Meghalaya : A Geographical Analysis"(Joint), (b) "Geographical Patterning of Urbanization in N.E.India - A Case Study of Mizoram" (Joint); (3) A Geographical Background to Peopling of North East India (Joint)".

S.Singh:

Attended the 28th International geographical congress, The Hague, Netherlands (4-10 August, 1996). He participated in INSA Academic exchange with Poland (August 12 - September 10, 1996).

R.K. Rai:

28th International Geographical Congress, The Hague, Netherlands (4-10 Aug, 1996) and Paper: "Environmental Impact of Coal Mining in Meghalaya".

Publications :

Gopalakrishnan, R. Socio-Political Framework of the North-East, Vikas, New Delhi, 1996.

Meghalaya land People. Omsons, Delhi, 1996.

Mohapatra, A.C. "Slope-Mass Movement and Associated Soils in East Khasi and Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya", Journal of the Indian

Society of Soil Sciences, IARI, Vol.44, No.4, Dec-1996, pp. 712-717 (Joint).

"Marketing, Global Integration and Development : Scenario for Developing Countries with Specific Reference to India", in Proc. of International Seminar on Marketing & Development, Saitama University, Japan, (ed) Dr. Kazuo Usui, Faculty of Economics, Saitama University, 1996, pp. 113-124.

"Land Management Approach to Sustainable Development in North East", paper presented in Reg. Seminar on Environment and Sustainable Development in North East Region, GSI NE Circle, July, 1996 in Himalayan paryavaran, Darjeeling, Vol.4, No.1, pp. 56-58 (1996).

Rai, R.K. "Geohazard Zonation - A Case history from Umiam Basin Meghalaya, India", Proceedings of XI National Convention of Environmental Engineers. Ajay Printers & Publishers, Roorkee, 363-376 (1996) (Joint).

Singh, S. "Technical Report on Delineation of Geo-Ecological Zones in Meghalaya" Department of Geography, NEHU, Shillong. Report No. GE/UGC/SR(1)/SS (1996).

Study Tour/Field Trip :

i) Study Tour of IInd Semester Students to Port Blair from 15th January to 7th February 1997; (ii) Field Trip of IVth Semester Students to Barapani from 24th February to 9th March, 1997.

Research Programmes/Projects :

Rai, R.K. (i) Coal Mining and Environmental Degradation in Meghalaya, sanctioned by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India; (ii) Atlas of Meghalaya Project sanctioned by Government of Meghalaya, Continuing.

Singh, S. (i) Resource Inventory and Spatial Planning for the State of Meghalaya, UGC; (on going) (ii) Resource Atlas of Arunachal Pradesh, Government of Arunachal Pradesh. (on going)

Mohapatra, A.C. (on going) Project on, "An Evaluation Study of Programme of Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP)" sponsored by the Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya.

Other Activities :

Prof. A.C. Mohapatra chaired a session in the National Seminar on Ecofriendly tourism and National parks & Sanctuaries, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India International Centre, New Delhi, March 26-27, 1996.