

## **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES :**

### **Department of Economics**

The Department of Economics, as a constituent unit of the school of Social Sciences of the University started functioning from October 1974.

The Courses of study and research in the Department of Economics are designed to train up 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 Society and to analyse the current economic problems of the Region as well as of the nation. In particular, the Department has oriented its teaching and research in accordance with the primary objectives of the University as laid down in the Act, and has been striving for their promotion. In the M. A. programme there are compulsory courses on the Economy of the North Eastern Region. In addition, there are also optional courses on Economics of Agriculture and Economics of Industry (including small scale industries), all focussing on the development aspects of the Hills Areas of this Region in the light of the theory and emperical findings in these areas of study. Besides, from the current academic year, the first semester students will be given an inter-disciplinary courses of the School of Social Sciences. The course for the time being would be a non-credit course offered by all the Departments of the Schooi.

#### **Break Up of Students' intake :**

During the academic year 1979-80, 52 students were admitted in the first semester and 34 in the third semester

classes. The break up of the students' intake is given below :

year	Male	Female	Total	of which SC	— ST
M A. I Semester.	41	11	52	—	34
M. A. III Semester.	22	12	34	—	22
M. Phil/Pre Ph. D.	1	2	3	—	2
Ph. D.	2		2	—	1

Of those admitted in the 1st Semester, 18 are B. A Hons. and 36 (pass) students.

#### **Department of Economics at Aizawl :**

The University is offering the M. A. Programme in economics at the Aizawl Campus from the academic session 1979-80. The Department was formally inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. A. K. Dhan on October 19, 1979. The emphasis of the M. A. programme in the Campus is to provide advanced study on the subject. The programme is designed for students who either propose to proceed to professional work in development planning or in related areas in government business, national and other organisations or who may decide to pursue their interest in economics at a higher level of study and research or take up careers as teachers,

The Department began its teaching programme with the first batch of 9 students admitted in the first semester. The Department works closely with to the parent department at Shillong.

#### **Break up of students' intake :**

year	Male	Female	Total	of which SC	ST
M. A. I. Semester 1979-80.	9	—	9	—	9

## Department of History

The Department of History was established in October, 1974. Since its inception the department has been endeavouring to concentrate on the evolution and development of the culture and institutions of mankind from the pre-historic to the contemporary period as its academic perspective. The Department has so far been able to introduce 34 courses including 7 courses on the history, institutions, culture and archaeology of North East India. The students are encouraged to offer courses relating to North East India, and during 1977-80 about 40 students offered courses on this Region. The emphasis on the study of people and regions is more on the social and cultural evolutions and the historical patterns of changes and progress rather than on the chronology of dynasties and details of wars. The courses concerning N.E. Region are Archaeology of N.E. India, Neolithic and Meghalithic cultures, Government and politics in N.E. India, History of Himalayan region which included Bhutan and Sikkim.

### Achievements

Till 1978 the Department admitted about 159 Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes students. The total number of successful students being about 60% percent. Of these about 10 students who belong to Scheduled Tribes passed in 1st Division and 73 in Second Division

Year	Male	Female	Total	of which	
				SC	ST
Semester I. 1979-80	30	7	37	—	33
M. Phil.	—	3	3	—	2
Ph D.	—	—	—	—	—

**Publications**

Dr. J.B. Bhattacharjee "The Messenger of Khasi Heritage" in u Hipson Roy (ed), Khasi Heritage, Shillong 1979.

Dr. J.B. Bhattacharjee "Agrarian change in Garo Hills ; Nineteenth Century Experiences" in B. Dutta Ray (ed) Agriculture In the Hills, Shillong 1979.

J.B. Bhattacharjee "Agrarian Movement in Garo Hills" Journal of the North East Indian Council for Social Sciences to be organised by the Planning Commission.

Dr. Milton S. Sangma "Origin and migration of the Garos" Journal of the NEICSR, Vol III, No. 2, Shillong 1979.

## Department of Philosophy

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 thought as would facilitate the achievement of an authentic self awareness among the students with regard to their own cultural tradition history and social life. In fact as the Department grows and has more and more students from the region engage in research in such areas of philosophical thought, it is likely that it will become a source of genuinely creative cultural regeneration in the area.

### Break up of students' Intake :

The following table shows the intake of students in the Department during the year 1979-80.

Year	Male	Female	Total	of which	
				SC	ST
M. A. I Semester ('79-'80)	10	5	15	—	6
M. A. III Semester.	4	5	9	—	6
M Phil. ('79-'80)	3	5	8	—	2

Two of the research scholars submitted their Ph. D. theses in early 1980, they are awaiting the reports of the examiners. The two scholars are Anju Joshi (the subject of Ph. D. dissertation is "The Role of Religious Belief in North East India") and S. C. Deniel (the subject of his Ph. D. dissertation is "Some Central Problems in Hume's Philosophy").

**Publication :**

Mrinal Miri "What is a person ?" July 1930.

Sujata Miri "Religion and Society of North-East India (Ed) 1980.

Rita Gupta "The Buddhist Doctrine of Momentariness and its pre-suppositions" published in Indian Philosophy Journal, 198 .

N. Na rain "What is Religious Language ? Religious Language", N.S.S Raman and K. N. Mishra, eds (Varanasi, Banaras Hindu University 1979) 104-117.

"University without a universal" Indian Philosophical Quarterly, VI, 4 (July 1979.)

"Indian Youth : The Need for ideological Commitment" Manthana, III, I (June 1930), 55-62

"Ibn Rushd Ka Darsana" being Chapter XX of Pascatyā Darsana Ka. Itihasa, Daya Krishna, Ed (Jaipur : Rajasthan Hindi Grantha Akademi, 1979).

N. Malla "Logic of decision and public policy" a symposium paper published in the abstract of Indian Philosophical Congress, December 1979.

Jagat Pal "Hare on Universalizability" Journal of the Jain Vishva-Bharati 1979, Vol. V No. 1-2.

"The Mystic Symbolism of the Sound 'OM'" Journal of the Jain Vishua-Bharati Vol. V June-July, '79.

"Ryle's concept of category-mistake" Darshana International Vol. XIX, July '79, No. 3.

"On the meaning of Karma" Journal of the Jain Vishva-Bharati, Vol V. No. 9-10, December-January, 1979-80.

"On the Nature of Imperatives" Samadarshan, 1279.

**Publication by research scholars**

Anju Joshi : "Commitment and Conversion" published in the Religion and Society of N. E. India 1980.

S. Panigrahi : "Gandhi on Humility" forthcoming in Indian Philosophical Quarterly, 1980.

Bishon Buam : "God according to Nietzsche" forthcoming in Indian Philosophical Quarterly' 1980.

## Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science started functioning on the year 1974 with 36 students. The Department 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 Master Degree Programme of the Department is based on the semester system and provides due opportunity for the over-all intellectual development of the students. The weightage and stress on seminars, class discussions tutorials etc. has been of great help to the students community not only in their academic performance but also in the development of their personality. In this academic year the Department has on its rolls about 68 students in the M. A. (previous) and M. A. (final) year classes. Most of the students are from the N. E. Region of India.

### Research Activities

The Department of Political Science has on its rolls 15 students who are invited in the research programme. Most of them are working on topics having a bearing on the politics of the North-Eastern Region of India. The M. Phil Programme in the Department is commencing from the academic year 1980.

### Break up of Students' intake :

Year	Male	Female	Total	of which	
				SC	ST
Semester I '79-80	16	12	28	—	18
Semester III	17	12	29	—	22
M. Phil			10		
Ph. D			5		

## **Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

The Department of Sociology started its teaching and research programmes in 1976. The objectives of the Department are to advance and disseminate knowledge about the social and cultural aspects of Man in general and North-Eastern Hills States in particular.

The Department is especially interested in developing research and instructional excellence in the following areas :

- (i) Regional Development and Planning : with special reference to economic transformation and emerging social inequality :
- (ii) Sociology of Inter-ethnic Relation in Rural societies with special reference to frontier societies and divided communities :
- (iii) Sociology of movement and Political Dynamics :
- (iv) Sociology of change and Modernization : and
- (v) Sociology of Science, Profession and Technological innovation.

### **Achievements :**

The Department has a total strength of 45 students the details of which has been given the following table. An M. Phil programme which has been going on since 1876 is being actively pursued by 10 research scholars. Three of them have already submitted their theses and are waiting for their viva-voce examination. One faculty member has also registered for Ph. D. degree in the Department and is about to complete.

**Bresk-up of students' intake :**

Year	Total	S.T.	S.C.
Previous (1979-80)	23	18	1
Final	22	17	—
M. Phil	12	7	—
Ph. D.	1	—	—

**Research Activities :**

Two research projects have been sanctioned in the year 1979-80 as per details below :

Name of Project	Supervisor	Sponsoring agency
(i) Nation Building in Bhutan.	Dr. A. C. Sinha	ICSSR
(ii) Rural Electrification as a Level of Social change in N. E. India.	Dr. G. S. Aurora	Rural Electrification Corporation.