

STUDENTS SERVICES AND AMINITIES

STUDENTS' WELFARE CELL

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The office of the Dean of Students' Welfare continued to serve as the nodal agency for student services and their welfare. The major concerns of the office have been the management of the Halls of Residences of the post-graduate, under- graduate and research students, organising academic study tours through the Departments, coordination of students' sports and cultural activities, conduct of elections to the Students' Union, award of the Ph.D/M.Phil/Non-Net Fellowships and post-graduate scholarships, grant to outstanding students, and grant of Students' Aid to economically weak students. This office also facilitate admission of foreign students.

Residence in Hostels: In the Shillong the number of students who were given hostel accommodation during the year 2007-2008 is as follows :

	ST.	SC.	GEN	TOTAL
Women Research Scholar -	10	01	12	23
Post Graduate -	138	01	07	146
B.Tech	00	00	22	22
Law	14	00	12	26
Men Research Scholar -	10	00	13	23
Post Graduate-	107	00	04	111
B.Tech	07	14	64	85
Law	08	00	04	12
TOTAL	294	16	138	448

Study tour : The office coordinated the study tours of the following seventeen academic Departments from Shillong Campus. :-

- (1) Zoology
- (2) Linguistics
- (3) Political Science
- (4) Botany
- (5) Economics
- (6) Bio- Chemistry
- (7) Physics
- (8) History
- (9) Khasi
- (10) Biotechnology
- (11) English
- (12) Philosophy
- (13) Chemistry
- (14) Sociology
- (15) Mathematics
- (16) Hindi
- (17) Philosophy.

Sports Activities - The following sports activities were conducted during the Year :

1. Handique Memorial Inter-Hostel Volleyball Tournament organized by Japfu Halls of Residence in the month of April, 2007.
2. P.C.Lalmuanpuii Inter-Hostel Basketball Tournament organized by Sensiar Halls of Residence in the month of May, 2007.
3. Inter Hostel Cultural Activities organized by Sensiar Hall of Residence.

4. Romengo Murry Memorial Inter-Hostel Table Tennis Tournament organized by Saramati Halls of Residence in the month of April, 2007.
5. The post-graduate students participated in the NEHU Inter-College Basketball and Cricket Tournament, Badminton Competition (Runners UP) and Table Tennis Competition (Champion) organized by Sports Department, NEHU.

The DSW office supported the conduct of the following additional students' activities :

In order that the term of the NEHUSU and of the Academic Calendar coincide, the Elections to the Union Executive Committee were held in 15th October'2007 and the new office-bearers took charge soon thereafter. D.S.W. office supported the annual event of NEHUSU to showcase talents of students of the university. During 2007-08 the Varsity Week was held from 11th March, to 11th April, 2008 and the same concluded with a week of celebrations from 3rd April, 2008 onwards where most of the final competitions took place. Other events organized by NEHUSU were Parting Social, Fresher Social and Advance Christmas.

Scholarships/Aid Fund - During 2007-08, 100 NEHU Post-graduate Scholarships (including ST/SC students) were awarded. In addition, 6 Students were given financial aid from the Students Aid Fund on a merit-cum means basis.

Fellowships to the M.Phil/Ph.D Students - During 2007-08, eighty seven eligible Research Scholars were awarded the UGC Non-NET fellowship. However only seventy three Research Scholars claimed (Gen-15 ST&SC-73) the fellowship. Each Ph.D. scholar was awarded Rs. 5000/- per month while Rs.3000/- per month was awarded to the M.Phil scholars.

Grant to Outstanding Students - The toppers from all Departments including U.G. and also from Tura Campus have been awarded cash amount of Rs.7200/- for the P.G students and Rs.5000/- for the U.G.students.

Visit China - Mr. Panna Das of the Department of Botany and Ms. Claris Wallang of the Department of Education were selected for visit Indian Youth Delegation to China which is being coordinated by Association of Indian Universities.

Gandhi Smriti Scholarship - Four students are awarded scholarship of Rs 3000/- per person namely (1) Ms. Elbina Syiem, Department of Philosophy, (2) Mr. Gloryistar Syiemlieh, Department of Philosophy, (3) Ms. Sumi Paul, Department of Botany, and (4) Mr. Amosperson Lamin, Department of Biotechnology.

Campus Recruitment - Reputed national and multinational companies often visit the campus for recruitment of the scholars. Companies like

Wipro, State Bank of India and others have recruited the students of the University.

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The Sports Department has conducted the following Inter College tournaments during the year 2007-08. The tournaments conducted are as follows :

1. **Foot Ball (Men)** : The tournament was conducted at Polo Grounds, Shillong from 28th August 2007 to 4th September 2007. 30 affiliated colleges participated in the tournament.

Result : Winners - Kiang Nongbah College, Jowai
Runners up - Seng Khasi College, Shillong

2. **Foot Ball (women)** : The tournament was conducted at Polo Grounds, Shillong from 20th to 24th September 2007. 6 affiliated colleges took part in the tournament.

Result : Winners - Lady Keane College, Shillong
Runners up - Nongstoin College, Nongstoin

3. **Cricket (Men)** : The tournament was organized at Polo Cricket Ground from 10th to 19th November 2007. 16 affiliated colleges participated in the tournament.

Result : Winners - St. Anthony's College, Shillong
Runners up - St. Edmund's College, Shillong

4. **Inter University Participation – East Zone** : NEHU also took part in the East Zone Inter University Foot ball (Men) tournament held at B.R. Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur from 20-29 November, 2007. In all 39 Universities took part in the tournament. After an outstanding performance the team was qualified for the All-India Inter University Football Tournament.

5. **All India Inter University Participation** : The All India Inter University Football Tournament was held at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu from 28th January to 1st February, 2008. The performance of the team was very satisfactory and it may also be mentioned that this is the 3rd

time that the NEHU Football (Men) team had qualified for the All India Inter University Football Tournament.

6. The Sports Department also organized friendly matches in Cricket between NEHUNSA, Sports and Recreation Club, Department of Education MHRD, New Delhi and Shillong Cricket Association.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

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The National Service Scheme (NSS) of Government of India envisages to utilize the free time of higher secondary school/college/university students for social productive works. An important feature of the NSS is that its programmes are organized by the student volunteers themselves under the guidance of their teachers as Programme Officers. The work undertaken by the college units are divided into Regular Activities and Special Camping. The total enrolment strength of volunteers for the year 2007-08 was 12270 (M 5514, F 6756) comprising volunteers from 30 colleges, 2 PG units and 4 higher secondary schools. The number of NSS Programme Officers was 56, out of whom 33 are trained.

The activities undertaken by the different NSS units are given below :

Republic Day Parade Camp :

- (i) Pre Republic Day Parade camp at Haringhata, West Bengal : As part of the Republic day celebration, 10 volunteers from 7 NSS units namely Tirot Sing Memorial College, Sohra college, Lady Keane College, Tura Government College, Don Bosco College, Tura and Union Christian College participated in the Pre Republic Day Parade camp at Haringhata, West Bengal from 27th October – 5th November 2007.
- (ii) Republic Day Parade Camp at New Delhi : Miss Felisha Mawlong of Lady Keane College, Shillong, Mr. Khotsbun Marbaniang of Tirot Sing Memorial College, Mairang and Mr. Ignatiush B. Marak of Don Bosco College, Tura attended the Republic Day Parade Camp at New Delhi from 31st December to 31st January 2008.
- (iii) Youth Exchange Programme at China : On the basis of her performance Ms. Felisha Mawlong has been nominated by Ministry

Youth Affairs and Sports, to attend a youth Exchange Programme at China.

National Integration Camps :

- (i) Twelve students from Shillong College and St. Edmund's College led by Dr. H. Iangrai, NSS Programme Officer, Shillong College participated at the NIC at Guwahati from 23-29 April, 2007.
- (ii) Nine students from St. Anthony's College and Sankardev College Shillong led by Mr. R.S. Wankhar, NSS Programme Officer, St. Anthony's College participated at the NIC Mega Youth Camp held to commemorate 150th anniversary of India's first war of Independence 1857 at New Delhi from 7-11 May, 2007.

Adventure Training Programme :

Four volunteers from St. Anthony's College participated in the Programme at Guwahati and Cherrapunjee from 24th April – 3rd May 2007. The programme was organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, New Delhi and Guwahati.

Special Camps :

During the year 15 colleges/schools conducted Special Camps at their respective adopted villages as detailed below :

- (i) Captain Williamson Memorial College, Baghmara at Siju Village (South Garo Hills) from 13-19 October, 2007.
- (ii) Women's College, Shillong at Nongpyrdet Village (Ri Bhoi District) from 16-22 October, 2007.
- (iii) Union Christian College at Umsaw Village (Ri Bhoi District) from 16-22 October, 2007.
- (iv) St. Edmund's College, Shillong at Mawlynrei Village (East Khasi Hills District) from 17-23 October, 2007.
- (v) Post Graduate Unit, NEHU Shillong at Mawtarwar Village (East Khasi Hills District) from 17-24 October, 2007.
- (vi) St. Anthony's College at Laitkyrhong Village (East Khasi Hill District) from 17-25 October, 2007.
- (vii) Shillong College at Nongpathaw Village (Ri Bhoi District) from 22-29 October, 2007.
- (viii) Tirot Sing Memorial College, Mairang at Mawlong Village (West Khasi Hills District) from 22-29 October, 2007.
- (ix) Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat at Rangad Village (Jaintia Hills District) from 10-16 October, 2007.
- (x) St. Mary's College, Shillong at Manai Village, Mairang (West Khasi District) from 8-20 November, 2007.
- (xi) Christian Girl's Higher Secondary School, Tura at Edenbari Village (West Garo Hills District) from 15-21 November, 2007.
- (xii) Mendipather College, Mendipathar at Jampara Village (East Garo Hills District) from 22-29 November, 2007.

- (xiii) Sngap Syiem College, Mawkyrwat at Pyndensakwang Village (West Khasi Hills District) from 26th November to 3rd December 2007.
- (xiv) Don Bosco College, Tura at Ranggira Village (West Garo Hills District) from 3-9 December, 2007.
- (xv) Durama College, Tura at Megonggre Rongkhon Village (West Garo Hills District) from 3-9 December, 2007.

Training /Workshops :

- (i) Waste disposal & vermin composting : A one-day workshop on Waste disposal and vermin composting was organized at Tura Government College on 15th May 2007. Around 500 volunteers from Tura Government College, Don Bosco College and other colleges from Tura participated.
- (ii) Personality development – LEAD (Learning Every Aspect of Development) : A one-day workshop on personality development-LEAD (Learning Every Aspect of Development) programme was conducted by Mr. S.K. Basumatry, Youth Officer, NSS, Government of India at Synod College on the 10th August 2007. Around 125 NSS volunteers from Synod College and Seng Khasi College participated in the programme.
- (iii) State Council of Science Technology and Environment (SCSTE) : The NSS Cell facilitated a two-day awareness-cum-demonstration camp on Science & Technology, which was conducted by State Council of Science Technology and Environment at Science Centre, NEHU, Shillong on 27th and 28th September 2007. 192 NSS Volunteers from 14 Colleges of Shillong participated.
- (iv) Life Skills Education for NSS Volunteers : A two-day Workshop on Life Skills Education for NSS volunteers was organized by NSS Regional Centre, Guwahati and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development RGNIYD, Sriperembudur on 6th and 7th November 2007 at St. Anthony's College Shillong. 60 NSS volunteers from North Eastern States including 13 from NEHU participated.
- (v) Leadership and Personality Development for NSS Volunteers: A two-day training on Leadership and Personality Development for NSS volunteers was organized by NSS Regional Centre Guwahati and RGNIYD, Sriperembudur on January 21st – 22nd 2008 at St. Anthony's College, Shillong. 46 NSS Volunteers from different Colleges of NEHU participated. Among dignitaries present were Meghalaya Education Commissioner & Secretary, Mr. L. Roy and Regional Director, Commonwealth Youth Programme Asia Centre, Mr. R.K. Mishra.
- (vi) Resource persons of TOC's/TORC's at RGNIYD : Professor U.R. Dutta, Deputy Programme Co-ordinator NSS, NEHU, Tura Campus was nominated by NSS Regional Centre, Guwahati to attend a training programme for Resource persons of

TOC's/TORC's at RGNIYD, Sriperebudur from 24th – 26th March 2008.

Blood Donation Camps :

- (i) 9 NSS Volunteers donated blood at a camp on 14th June 2007 at Pasteur Institute, Shillong, organized by the Regional Blood Bank.
- (ii) The unit of St. Anthony's College organized a camp in collaboration with Nazareth Hospital, Shillong at the College premises on 2nd August 2007 wherein 31 volunteers donated blood.
- (iii) Another camp was held at KJP Hospital, Shillong by the unit of St. Anthony's College on 8th October 2007. 32 NSS volunteers had donated blood.
- (iv) 5 NSS volunteers of Shillong College, St. Anthony's College and Union Christian College also donated blood to needy patients during June-July 2007 at KJP Hospital and Civil Hospital, Shillong.

Creation of Community assets :

During the course of the special camps, NSS units were also involved in the construction of community assets such as :

- (i) **Rainwater harvesting plant and Smokeless chulas :** One Rainwater harvesting plant and 12 smokeless chulas were constructed for the households at Mawtawar village by volunteers of P.G. Unit, NEHU, Shillong. The constructions were undertaken in collaboration with State Council of Science, Technology & Environment.
- (ii) **Construction of Footpath cum Footbridge :** Footpath cum footbridge was constructed at Laitkyrhong village by unit of St. Anthony's College.
- (iii) **Approach Road at Umsaw village :** Unit of Synod College undertook a programme on 28th – 29th September 2007 at Umsaw village with 50 volunteers for construction of the village approach road. The initiative by the unit facilitated a donation of Rs. 1.5 lakhs to the village for development of infrastructure from the local MDC.

University Level NSS Award : Professor U.R. Dutta, Deputy Programme Co-Ordinator NSS, NEHU, Tura Campus and Mrs. D. Kharkongor, NSS Programme Officer, Seng Khasi College were awarded the first University Level NSS Award on 19th July 2007 by the Vice-Chancellor, NEHU in recognition of their exemplary services.

World Environment Day 5th June : Several units observed the day in a befitting manner by organizing tree plantations at the college premises and also at the adopted villages. Volunteers planted a total of about 3245 saplings.

Observance of Sadbhavna Diwas, 20th August : NSS units observed the day on 20th August by pledge taking at their respective campuses.

Observance of NSS Day, 24th September : NSS units also observed NSS Day by organizing programmes such as seminars, awareness talks etc. on the theme of "NSS and Learning Disabilities".

Observance of International Day of Non Violence and Peace, 1st October: NSS units observed the day by pledge taking at their respective campuses.

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The NEHU Voice and Data Network (NDVN) facility, commissioned in 2003 as VSAT facility with a 64 kbps VSAT terminal, gives data (internet) and voice (telephony) access in a convergence mode to all academic and administrative departments on the campus. With the network expanding to new departments and centre of studies, it now has over 1000 active connections under both voice and data categories. The present architecture of the network has the following features and components:

Internet Access

- a. 1 Mbps Internet VSAT connection incorporating Infonet scheme sponsored by the UGC-INFLIBNET, for Internet browsing as well as access to over 2500 scholarly periodicals.
- b. Additional bandwidth of 8 Mbps on leased line from BSNL has been ordered jointly by NEHU and BIC (NEHU) to improve the Internet access for the entire university community. It is likely to be commissioned shortly.

Data Network (LAN)

The NDVN Facility has been augmented with inclusion of a Blade server enclosure, which can fit 16 Blade servers. At present there are 9 Blades servers, which include 2 DNS and Web servers, 2 Mail servers, Webmail access and mail application, 4 Proxy servers with gateway filtering for viruses

and spams, and 1 Anti-virus distribution server with network monitoring software and DHCP. The LAN comprises a Layer-3 580 Central Switch and multiple Layer-2 24-port managed Switches across the network, which is gigabit capable. All the Departments including the newly established ones have been networked with fibre optics cable (FOC) as the backbone. Structured cabling with required standards has been implemented in all the rooms and labs of the University. Internet accesses as well as IP authenticated e-journals from UGC-Infonet E-journal consortium, Library's OPAC software and 'sharing of resources' are the applications currently running on the network. Wireless network (WI-FI) is implemented in the conference room in the Administrative building. Internet security solutions of Anti-virus, Anti-spyware and Anti-Spam are implemented both at the gateway and clients. Microsoft Desktop Campus of legal Operating System and Office is implemented across the campus for better security available only to legal authenticated MS softwares.

2. Voice Network

The existing Voice Network on PCM/TDM PBX provide telephonic connections to over 1000 users spread across the campus including the faculty residences. The following are key features of the existing system:

(i) Direct Inward Dialing (DID), which enable callers from outside to reach the destination without going through the operator.

(ii) Caller ID facility on each line.

(iii) Internet dial-up access to residential quarters and other offices not connected part of the LAN network.

3. **NEHU official Web server:** The official website of NEHU at www.nehu.ac is very frequently visited and is becoming an important portal for dissemination of information relating to all aspects of the university functioning.

UNIVERSITY GUEST HOUSES

The University has three Guest Houses, viz. at Shillong, Guwahati Airport and Tura Campus. The management of NEHU Guest House at the Headquarters has yet again shouldered by the University from May 1st 2007. The affairs of the Guest House is monitored by a duly constituted Guest House Management Committee which is under the Chairmanship of Professor D.R. Syiemlieh and 4 other regular members; viz. Professor Ramesh Sharma, Professor N. Saha, Dr. Lucy T. Zehol and Shri H.O. Jana (Asstt. Registrar, Estate) as Convenor.

With the extension of the Guest House, there are 32 guest rooms of which 6 AC rooms are in the Annexe as VIP cluster exclusively for dignitaries visiting the University from time to time. The University is capable of accommodating more than 50 guests at a time. The University proudly notes that many dignitaries including the Chancellor of University and Vice-Chancellors of different Universities have stayed in the Guest House in addition to the dignitaries who visited the University as members of the University Court, Academic Council, Executive Council, Selection Committees and visiting teams during the preceding financial year. The Guest House had also hosted a number of banquets and parties apart from outdoor catering for meetings.

During the year under report, different academic Departments of the University had organized as many as 25 National and International level Seminars, besides Orientation Courses as well as Refresher Courses conducted by the UGC-Academic Staff College. NEHU Guest House at Shillong has been the venue for most of these Seminars in view of its multiple advantages, such as accommodation, catering and the convenience of having a Mini Conference Room and an Auditorium with a sitting capacity of 40 and 130 delegates respectively. The Guest House had accommodated foreign delegates from France, Germany, Bhutan and Bangladesh.

The NEHU Guest House at Shillong presently functions with 9 staff besides an Administrative Assistant to oversee the overall functioning of the Guest House. The Security and cleanliness of the Guest House is on contract with private agencies for better service output.

During the financial year 2007-08, the Guest House at Shillong had been able to make itself self-sustaining and improve the infrastructure from its own resources for providing better facilities and comfort to the guests of the University.

The Guest House at Guwahati Airport was made functional by the University in February, 2006 with 6 rooms. As of now there are 9 AC rooms, 2 non AC rooms and a mini AC Conference Room for 18 delegates. The Guest House is self-sustained. Primarily, the Guest House caters to the need of NEHU officials who pass through Guwahati, being the corridor between other parts of the country. The Guest House also caters to the need and extends common conferencing facilities not only to all other Central Universities of North-East, but also to the Government of Meghalaya, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh besides RIIMS, AMC, DRL. The Guest House also caters to the needs of the air passengers in the wake of cancellation of flights on request by the Airport Authority of India. During the period under report, a number of foreign guests were also provided accommodation in the Guest House. The management of the Guest House is taken care by Shri Michael George, Section Officer posted at the Airport.

The Guest House at Tura Campus functions from a hired building and it is capable of accommodating 12 guests at a time. It has 3 AC Guest rooms, 1 room with Cooler and 1 non AC room. As the University is having MBA program in the Campus, the Guest faculties from abroad are provided accommodation in the Guest House.

With the hospitality, courtesy and politeness, the Guest Houses are looking forward to welcoming many more delegates in the years to come and many more Seminars/Workshops to take place in NEHU Guest House.

UNIVERSITY TRANSPORT

The University is having 17 buses which cater to the needs of P.G. Students, K.V. students, staff (both teaching and non-teaching) and their dependents. In the absence of any private bus services between the Shillong town and University campus, the University bus service is one of the essential services for the functioning of this University. The rate of the bus fare for users are as follows :

1. P.G. Students - Rs. 400/- per year
2. Research Scholar - Rs. 480/- per year
3. Staff - Rs. 5/- per trip or they have to forfeit transport allowance for free boarding in NEHU, bus.
4. Dependant - Rs. 100/- per month
5. School Children - Rs. 30/- per month for children of NEHU employee.
Rs. 100/- for children of Non NEHU employee.

The University is also having its own water tanker and mini truck to carry out the essential services of the University. These facilities are made available to the staff on payment basis. In addition to the above heavy vehicles the University has light vehicles allotted to University Officers and Pool vehicles for providing service to the University Departments, Centres and other offices.