

STUDENT SERVICES

The Dean of Students' Welfare oversees all student services of the University and holds immediate charge of welfare and co-curricular activities of all postgraduate students and research scholars. The Directorate of Sports and Games conducts inter-college games and sports and prepares teams for participation in the inter-university tournaments. There are units of the NCC and the NSS in several colleges. The latter is managed by the University through a programme co-ordinator.

Student Welfare

The office of the Dean of Student's Welfare continued to serve as the nodal agency for student services and their welfare. Though largely concerned with the Shillong Campus the Office oversaw and coordinated student activities in the Aizawl Campus through teachers in charge of these functions. Throughout the period under review Dr. David R. Syiemlieh, Reader in History, held charge as Dean of Students' Welfare.

As in previous years a major concern of the office was the management of the residence of the post-graduate students and research scholars; the coordination of the NEHU Students Union, cultural activities and admission to the post graduate and research programmes of the University. In the Shillong Campus admission to and occupancy of the halls of residence was as follows :

| Name of Hostel | Actual intake capacity | Actual No. of Student who are provided hostel accommodation | | |
|---|------------------------|---|-------|--------|
| | | Gen | ST/SC | Total. |
| 1. Persara Hostel (Women) | 48 | 11 | 35/2 | 48 |
| 2. Sensiar Hostel (Women) | 48 | 15 | 30/3 | 48 |
| 3. Saramati Hostel (Men) | 48 | 5 | 42/1 | 48 |
| 4. Japfu Hostel (Men) | 90 | 20 | 69/1 | 90 |
| 5. Sohpetbneng Research Scholars (Men) | 48 | 10 | 37/1 | 48 |
| 6. Chhinlung Research Scholar Hostel (Men) | 48 | 17 | 31/ | 48 |
| 7. Balgito Research Scholars Hostel (Women) | 30 | (To be occupied in April 1997) | | |

The Office also coordinated the study tours of six academic departments. The number of students who undertook the tours and the amount sanctioned for each department is indicated below :

| Name of the Departments | No. of Students | Place of Visit |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Economics | 21 | Mumbai - Goa |
| 2. Chemistry | 20 | Mumbai - Bangalore |

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|--------------|----|--------------------|
| 3. Sociology | 37 | Mumbai - Goa |
| 4. Botany | 18 | Delhi - Lucknow |
| 5. Zoology | 20 | Mumbai(Field trip) |
| 6. Geography | 28 | Andaman & Nicobar |

In addition to organising the Annual University Week which included sports and games and cultural programmes, and for which a sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) was sanctioned, the Office provided assistance for the following student activities :

- R. Murry T.T. Tournament
- Inter College Sports/Meet
- Inter College Sports Tournament (Zonal)
- Handique Memorial Volley Ball Tournament
- Inter University Debate Competition
- Tribal Festival at Kannur (in Himachal Pradesh)

During the period under review 83 NEHU scholarships, including 13 to ST/SC students, were sanctioned. Each student was awarded a yearly grant of Rs.1800/-. A sum of Rs.17,100/- was also disbursed as Students Aid Fund to 19 students. Each student received Rs. 900/-.

Sports and Games

The Department conducted Inter College Tournament on Zonal level, simultaneously at Shillong and Aizawl from 7th May 1996 onwards and then the Zonal qualifiers met in the Inter Zonal Tournament held at Shillong from 30th May 1996 onwards.

In the Zonal Tournament eleven colleges from Meghalaya Zone and Colleges from Mizoram Zone participated in tournaments held in disciplines like Football, Volleyball, T.T., Badminton and Chess which were conducted simultaneously at Shillong and Aizawl.

Sports Department also conducted tournaments in less popular disciplines in one zone basis where teams from both the campuses participated and conducted in venues where events are popular.

Football (W) was held for the first time, four Colleges had confirmed participation, Eventually three of them participated.

Inter College Athletic Meet was also conducted in one zone basis and teams from Shillong, Tura and Aizawl campuses participated. The Meet was at Shillong from 4th to 6th June 1996, and a total of nine teams in men section and nine teams in women section participated in track and field events.

Inter University Tournament

During the year NEHU took part in the following disciplines:

| Disciplines | Venue |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Football (M) | Dibrugarh |
| 2. Basketball (M) | B.H.U. |
| 3. Volleyball (M) | B.H.U. |

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Both the states of Meghalaya and Mizoram carried out their NSS activities in their respective ways. Meghalaya had an enrolment of 8046 volunteers, with 4813 male and 3233 female, in 24 colleges with 36 Programme Officers looking after them. Mizoram's proposed allocation was 15,000 volunteers. It had 23 colleges with NSS units and 44 Programme Officers.

The activities and programmes continue to be implemented under two main programmes: Regular Activities, carried out throughout the year in their spare time, and the ten day Special Camps undertaken in their respective villages under the theme 'Youth for Sustainable Development', with special emphasis on Watershed and Soil Erosion. The colleges in Meghalaya have had to function without funds from the State Government and most of them have reported no activities as a result. Those with carried over funds took up programmes relating to Awareness on AIDS, drug abuse, health and hygiene, and training the villagers on better cultivation methods, livestock and fish rearing and horticulture. Literacy awareness programmes and Blood Donation with State Government collaboration were also taken up. Afforestation was taken up on a big scale.

In Mizoram 11 colleges had Special Camps, where they built water reservoirs, retaining walls, and focused on tree plantation in their Soil conservation programmes. Other programmes taken up in both their main programmes were creating awareness on AIDS, Drug Abuse, hygiene, and helping provide sanitation facilities. Adult Education had been taken up with vigour and three colleges have reported total literacy in their adopted villages.

The NSS Cell has served as the Life Style Education Centre (LEC) for the North East since 1994. During this year a 3-day Advance Peer Education Training for Peer Leaders was held in NEHU Campus and was attended by 22 students from colleges in Meghalaya. In the University Talk AIDS Programme, two Programme Officers from Meghalaya attended a Peer Education Training Programme held at Jorhat Agricultural University in September 1997. On their return they held an International Level Training on UTA in their respective colleges with grants received under the programme from the NSS Regional Centre at Guwahati.

The University Advisory Committee of the NSS Cell met on the 23rd July 1996. Amongst other things it was decided to bring out an NSS Newsletter to keep the units informed.

During the period under report Dr.K.M.Warjri, was Programme Coordinator.

At present there is a VAX 3100-40 computer system with nine terminals and nine personal computers. Utilisation of the computer system is on an average 8 hours per day. The total number of users per day is more than fifteen. Ninety percent of the machine time is devoted to research and teaching, while ten percent is devoted to other work.

Head : Dr. S. N. Rai

Faculty/Technical Officers :

| Name & Degree | Designation |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| S. N. Rai, PhD (Varanasi) | Director |
| T. K. Saha, PhD (NEHU) | Lecturer |
| P. P. Dey, B.Tech. (Warangal) | Sr. Systems Analyst |
| S. Ghosh, M.E. (Dabavur) | Systems Analyst |
| B. Rynjan, B.Tech. (Kakinada) | Systems Analyst |

Courses Conducted :

Computer in Library Management; Computer Courses for IGNOU Students & Training of NEHU Personnel.

Other Activities :

The Centre carried out computerised word processing for the Annual Report of NEHU 1995-97, and provided technical support for running the E-mail facility of the University.

Dr. S.N.Rai delivered a series of lectures to B.Tech. students of Rorikhand University, Barilly, during September 1996.

Dr. T.K.Saha attended two Refresher Courses in Physics at Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, during December 1996 and March 1997.

Mr. P.P.Dey developed software for the Finance Department of the University.

Publications :

Bajpai, R.P. and Rai, S.N. "Behavior of two, three, and four site states self-interacting neural networks" Computer Physics Communications 100 : 17 (1997)