

VI SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

CENTRE FOR CULTURAL AND CREATIVE STUDIES

The Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies came into existence in 1998 after the reshuffling of the centres in the University. It consists of two units - the Creative Arts Unit and the Literary and Cultural Studies Unit. The Creative Arts Unit aims at providing incentives and promoting art appreciation and art education in the region. It has been conducting various courses, workshops, seminars and symposia. A study of folk music and tribal arts and crafts is part of the Unit's research activities, which would eventually lead to a full-fledged postgraduate degree course in these art forms. The Unit for Literary and Cultural Studies undertakes its programme of teaching "Diploma in Folkloristics" and other research activities.

Salient Activities of the Centre during the year:

- a. September 12, 2001, release of *U Myllung Ha Ki Sur*, a compilation of the proceedings of the seminar on Prominent Music Composers of Khasi & Jaintia Hills - Series I organised by the Centre in 1995.
- b. The Creative Arts Unit was also actively involved in the programme on Community Singing for Children held on 2nd October 2001, which was organised by the Directorate of Educational Research & Training, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
- c. Organised a two day musical evening on Violin and Piano by Professor Nauzer, Professor of Music, St. Stephen's College, New Delhi, at Christ King College, Shillong on 11-12 October 2001.
- d. Collaborated with PROFRA in organising the seminar on Role of Water in Khasi Culture and Vision held at Seminar Hall, Bijni Complex, NEHU on 26 & 27 November 2001.
- e. In collaboration with the Department of Arts & Culture, Government of Meghalaya, the Creative Arts Unit organised a 15-day workshop on "Traditional Musical Instrument Making and Traditional Music" from 7-19 January 2002 at Bijni Complex, NEHU, Shillong.

Head: Professor (Mrs) Helen Giri

Faculty:

Professor Helen Giri, M.A., Ph.D (Gau.)
Lecturers Desmond L. Kharmawphlang, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)
Prabodh Jhingan, M.A (JNU)
M.H. Barbhuiya, B.Fine (VB)

Student intake: a) Enrolment capacity: 20

b) Actual admission: SC/ST/Genl. Male/Female Total
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Courses conducted: Diploma course in Folkloristics.

Seminars/Conferences:

Helen Giri: (i) Delivered a lecture on "Jeebon Roy: Ba ioh ngi klet" as the Jeebon Roy Memorial lecture on 16 May 2001, organised by Jeebon Roy Memorial Welfare Organisation, Shillong. (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Folklore and Historical Research: Case study of Shyllong Native State" at the seminar organised by the Department of Folklore Research, Gauhati University, 21-23 May 2001. (iii) Delivered a lecture on "Performing Art" at the Educational Camp for Adolescent Girls, Shillong 3 July 2001 organised by the Meghalaya State Council for Child Welfare. (iv) Presented a paper entitled "Ka Shongkha Shongman u Khasi katkum ki Lyngngam" at a seminar organised by the HESPO, Shillong, 27 September 2001. (v) Presented a paper entitled "Ka Jingiohi u Myllung ha ki Sur ia ki kum ka Jaidbynriew" at the seminar organised by Dalamariang and National Museum of Mankind, Bhopal at Shillong on 26 & 27 November 2001. (vi) Presented two papers (1) Folk/Traditional Musical Instrument of Khasi & Jaintia Hills, and (2) Evolution of Folk/Traditional Music of Khasi & Jaintia Hills at the workshop on "Traditional Musical Instrument Making and Traditional Music" organised jointly by the Arts & Culture Department, Govt. of Meghalaya and Creative Arts, NEHU, Shillong from 7 to 19 January 2002. (vii) Served as Jury Member, Music: Akashvani Annual Awards (National Level), 28 January to 1 February 2002. (viii) Chaired one session of Brahaddesi Sangeet Mohotsav Seminar organised by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi at Rabindra Bhavan, Guwahati, 13-19 February 2002.

M.H. Barbhuiya participated in the interaction session of the seminar on "Women's Empowerment" and spoke on "Women's Empowerment through Income Generating Skills" organised by the North East Regional Institute of Education, Shillong 2001.

Desmond L. Kharmawphlang: (i) Presented a paper entitled "Of Stones and Memory" at the seminar on Oral History and Folklore at Gauhati University, May 21-23, 2001. (ii) Participated as Expert in Film Screening organised by the Electronic Media Production Centre, IGNOU, New Delhi, held at Jyoti Chitraban Studio, Guwahati, 8 & 9 June 2001. (iii) Chaired a session on Matrix, a seminar organised by the North East Writers' Forum at Itanagar 23 & 24 July 2001. (iv) Organised a consultative seminar on "Heritage Awareness" at Nartiang, Jaintia Hills, 31 July 2001. (v) Delivered lectures on Symbology at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati on 6 & 7 September 2001. (vi) Organised a two-day seminar on "Role of Waters and Rivers in Khasi Culture and Vision" in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, 26 & 27 November 2001. (vii) 7 January to 7 February 2002: travelled to and lectured at Western Oregon University, USA as a consultant of the Institute of International Education, New York, USA.

Visiting Professors/Fellows:

During the year the following visiting professors/fellows came and taught to the students of Diploma Course in Folkloristics.

1. Professor Jawaharlal Handoo, Head, Folklore Unit, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore.
2. Dr. Anil Kumar Boro, Department of Folklore Research, Gauhati University, Guwahati.
3. Dr. Julius L.R. Marak, Musicologist, Meghalaya State Museum.
4. Ms. Lalsangkimi Sailo, Lecturer, St. Anthony's College Shillong.

Publications:

Creative Arts, NEHU. 2001. *U Myllung Ha ki Sur - Ka Thup I*. Shillong: Rynjah Computers.

Kharmawphlang, D.L. 2001. When the Stone Crumbles. *Indian Folklore Research Journal*, 1(1).

_____. 2001. Fading Notes (The Muin-playing Women of the Khasis). *Indian Horizon*, 48(3): 101-08.

_____. 2001. In search of Tigermen (The Were-Tiger tradition of the Khasis). In Geeti Sen, ed. *The Human Landscape*. New Delhi: Indian International Centre.

_____. 2001. The Golden Vine (Chanted narratives from the land of the seven huts). In Molly Kaushal, ed. *Chanted Narratives*. New Delhi: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts.

Study tour/field trips: Dr. D.L. Kharmawphlang, teacher in-charge took the students for a field trip to Sohra on 16th March 2002.

Thrust area of research: Folk & Tribal Music, Arts & Crafts.

Other activities:

With the view to create opportunities for local talents the Creative Arts Unit has facilitated and successfully recommended names of aspiring students for undergoing study/training in such institutions as the National School of Drama, Kerala Kala Mandalam, Visva Bharati, Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai and other institutions.

The Unit has also facilitated recognition of grassroot artists by national institutions, notably the Sangeet Natak Akademi, which has conferred the National Award on Shri Nokot Khriam for his contribution to Khasi music through his skill in drum making. This year, another prominent artist, Shri Komik Khongjirem, was selected for the National Award 2001 for his skill as an exponent of khasi music in *ka Tangmuri* (A Khasi traditional musical flute).

Helen Giri: (i) Participated as a resource person in the UGC sponsored refresher course in Khasi Department, NEHU and delivered a lecture on "Ka Rwai ka Siaw, ka Put Ka Tem haka Kolshor u khasi" on 4 & 5 May 2001. (ii) Participated as resource person in the UGC sponsored refresher course, Khasi Department, NEHU, Shillong and delivered a lecture on "Performing Art, Language and Khasi Literature" from 27 February to 19 March 2002.

M.H. Barbhuiya contributed 10 small size paintings (sizes 15cm x 13cm), as illustration in a short story book entitled *Cloudy and Windy* by Puja Miri Yagnik, and published by Spectrum, Delhi, 2001.

The Literary and Cultural Studies Unit organised A Poster Session-cum-Audio Visual Presentation on 21 & 22 March 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History was established on 15 October 1974. Distinguished by an emphasis on the study of peoples and regions with particular reference to social, cultural and economic development in North East India, the Department's objectives of the academic programme are: (1) to provide at the master's level a broad knowledge of human history and particularly of the areas and themes of special concern to the Department and modern approaches to its study through a suitably structured and balanced syllabus, and (2) to promote historical research in hitherto unexplored areas, especially in the North Eastern region through M.Phil/Ph.D programmes and faculty members' research. The Department's major achievements have been in the areas of syllabi innovation and promotion of North East India studies. New grounds have been broken in regional history and in the history of the bordering areas or countries. Through the researches of its faculty, its M.Phil and Ph.D programmes and through the North East India History Association which it had helped to establish, and nurture since its foundation in 1979, the Department has played a crucial role in laying the foundation of regional studies in the region. It is now recognised as the leading centre for historical studies of north eastern region. In 1994 it was brought under Special Assistance Programme (DRS) of the UGC with North East India Studies as the thrust area and in 2001-02 the programme has been renewed by the UGC for another five years (till 2005-06). Therefore, the projects under the SAP-DRS were among the major research activities of the Department during the year 2001-02. The Department organised a national seminar on 'Society and Economy in Pre-Colonial Northeast India' and a workshop on revision of undergraduate syllabus. The updating and revision of postgraduate syllabus was a major achievement during the year under report. The revised syllabus was approved by the Academic Council in December 2001. The Department also conducted a refresher course (UGC) for lecturers.

Head: Professor J B Bhattacharjee

Faculty:

Professors J.B. Bhattacharjee, M.A., Ph.D (Gau)

J.P. Singh, M.A., Ph.D ((BHU)

Imdad Hussain, M.A., Ph.D (Gau)

D.R. Syiemlieh, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)

Readers M. Momin, M.A., Ph.D (JNU)

M. Sharma, M.A (Gau), Ph.D (NEHU)

F.A. Qadri, M.A., M.Phil, Ph.D (Alig)

Lecturers C. Mawlong, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)

V.R. Rengsi, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)

A.N. Passah, M.A., M.Phil (NEHU)

T. Gurung, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)

Student intake: a) Enrolment capacity: 50

b) Actual admission: SC/ST/Genl. Male/Female Total

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Degrees awarded:

Ph.D

Merryvelle Jyrwa. "Impact of Mughal Contact on Koch and Ahom Kingdoms".
Supervisor: Dr. F.A. Qadri.

Vanlalruata Rengsi. "Reconstruction of Traditional Mizo Society: A Technological Perspective". Supervisor: Prof. Imdad Hussain.

Courses conducted:

M.A.: Historiography, Pre Historic and Proto Historic Societies, Ancient Societies, Pre-Industrial Societies and Social Institutions, Capitalism and Colonialism 16th - 19th Centuries, Imperialism and Nationalism in the 1st half of the 20th Century, Evolution of Modern Indian Societies (1958-1947), Socio-Economic and Political Development in N.E.India, Ancient Indian Social and Economic History, Political Theory and Institutions in Ancient India, Religion and Society in Ancient India, Introduction to Archaeology, Religion and Society in Medieval India, Economy and Society in India (650-1400 A.D.), Agrarian Unrest in Medieval India, British Expansion in India, British Imperialism in India, Peasant Movements in Modern India, British Policy in N.E. India, Political Development in N.E. India, Government and Politics of N.E. India, Economic History of N.E. India, Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures of N.E. India, History of Ideas, Modern U.S.A., Rise of Modern Japan.

M.Phil: 1. Historical Thought. 2. Historical Method. 3. Dissertation.

Seminars/Conferences:

Organised

The Department organised a national seminar on Economy and Society in Pre-Colonial North-East from 4 to 6 March 2002. Dr. M. Momin and Dr.C.Mawlong were convenors of the seminar. The Department also organised a one-day workshop for college teachers on 21 March 2002 to discuss and prepare groundwork for the proposed revision of undergraduate syllabus.

Attended

J.B.Bhattacharjee: (i) "Historical Roots of Insurgency in Assam", paper presented in the ICSSR-NERC seminar, Guwahati, August 29-30, 2001. (ii) Keynote Address to the seminar on "Cross-Country Trade of Arunachal Pradesh", Arunachal University, September 28-30, 2001. (iii) Keynote address to the seminar on "INA, Netaji and National Movement", Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kurseong, October, 13-14, 2001. (iv) "Partitions of Bengal and North East India". Paper presented at the seminar on Changing Administrative Structure of Eastern India organised by the Federation Hall Society, Kolkata, October 16-18, 2001. (v) "Higher Education and Nation-Building in India", B.Pakem Memorial Lecture 2001, NEICSSR, Shillong, November 22, 2001. (vi) "Pandita Ramabai and the State of Women Education in Barak Valley in the Nineteenth century" at the XXIIIrd session of North East India History Association, Tezpur, November 30 - December 2, 2001. (vii) "Polity Formation, Inter-Regional trade and Cross-cultural relations in the Barak-Surma Valley till C. 13th century AD", paper presented at the national seminar on Society and Economy in

Pre-Colonial Northeast India, Department of History, NEHU, March 4-6, 2002. (viii) Keynote address to the ICHR seminar on "Sources of the History of Northeast India", March 12-14, 2002. (ix) Resource person, UGC refresher course, Department of History, Tripura University, March 15-20, 2002.

D.R. Syiemlieh: (i) Resource person at the refresher course conducted by the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Mizoram at Aizawl Government College, 19-20 September 2001. (ii) Presented two lectures on the History of North East India on 17 August to trainee officers of the Assam Rifles, Shillong. (iii) Presented a paper entitled "The Indian Constitution: Need for reforms in the office of Governor" at the regional seminar on the working of the Constitution organised by the Political Science Department, NEHU, 17-18 October 2001 and presided over the valedictory session of the seminar. (iv) Presented a paper entitled "Technology and Socio-Economic linkages of the Khasi-Jaintias in Pre-Colonial North East India" at the national seminar, Department of History, North-Eastern Hill University, 4-6 March, 2002. (v) Presented "Sources of the History of the Khasi-Jaintias in Libraries and Archives in the United Kingdom" at the seminar on Sources of the History of North East India, organised by the Indian Council for Historical Research, North East Regional Centre, held at Guwahati, 12-14 March, 2002.

Mignonette Momin: (i) Attended XXIIInd conference of the North East India History Association at Tezpur in November - December 2001. Presented a paper, "Contextualizing Origin Myths of North East India"; (ii) Presented a paper at the national seminar on Economy and Society in Pre-Colonial North East India at Department of History, NEHU, entitled "Acquisition and Distribution of 'Wealth': An Inquiry into the Rise of Pragjyotisa-Kamarupa".

Manorama Sharma: (i) Delivered lectures at the Academic Staff College, Gauhati University on Women and Society in April 2001. (ii) Delivered a lecture on Women in North East India to students of National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, in January 2002. (iii) Delivered a lecture on Women's rights and Matriliney in North East India at Hyderabad Central University, Hyderabad, in January 2002. (iv) Attended the Annual Conference of the North East India History Association at Tezpur, Assam from 30 November to 2 December 2001 and presented a paper entitled "Women in the Ahom Economy: Re-examination of two texts". (v) Attended the ICHR/ICSSR-NERC/SAP-History Department, NEHU sponsored national seminar on Economy and Society in Pre-Colonial North East India in the Department of History, NEHU, from 4 to 6 March 2002 and presented a paper entitled "Socio-economic History in Pre-Colonial North East India: Trends, Problems and Possibilities".

F.A. Qadri: (i) Attended XXII Session of the North-East India History Association, Darrang College, Tezpur, November 30- December 2, 2001 and presented a paper on "Shaykh Jalal al-Din tabrezi-Is he the saint of Hajo?" (ii) Attended the national seminar on Society and Economy in Pre-Colonial North East India, Department of History, NEHU, Shillong, March 4-6, 2001 and presented a paper on "Society and Economy in Kamrupa and Environs as reflected in the context of Muhammad bin Bakhteyar Khalji's invasion". (iii) Attended the seminar on Sources of History of North East India, ICHR-NERC, Guwahati, March 12-14, 2001 and presented a paper on "Medieval Persian Sources for the History of North East India".

Vanlalruata Rengsi: Attended the national seminar on Society and Economy in Pre-Colonial North East India, Department of History, NEHU, March 4-6, 2002 and presented a paper entitled "Mizo Tribes in Transition".

C. Mawlong: Attended the national seminar on Economy and Society in Pre-Colonial North East India organised by the Department of History, NEHU, 4-6 March, 2002 and presented a paper entitled "Khasi-Jaintia Megaliths: Material Culture As Social Discourse".

A.N. Passah: Attended the national seminar on Economy and Society in Pre-Colonial North East India organised by the Department of History, NEHU, 4-6 March, 2002 and presented a paper entitled "Role of Khasi-Jaintia Women of Meghalaya in the Economy and Society of the Pre-Colonial period".

Tejimala Gurung: (i) Attended the 22nd NEIHA Annual Conference at Darrang College, Tezpur, 30 November -2 December 2001 and presented a paper entitled "Human Movement and Colonial State A Study of the Nepalis in North East India under the British Empire". (ii) Attended the national seminar on Pre-Colonial Economy and Society in North East India. Department of History, NEHU, March 4-6, 2002 and presented a paper entitled "Ideological Practice in the early Ahom State".

Publications:

Bhattacharjee, J.B. 2001. Bhasa sangramer Itihas: Tatva-vitthik Gavesana Proyajan (Bengali). *Dainik Yogoshanka*, 1 August.

_____. 2001-02. Srihatta: Ganavoter Alik Kahini (Bengali). *Samayik Prasanga*, 24 - 27 December, 2001, 1-3 January 2002.

_____. 2001. The North East Policy of Lord William Bentinck. *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, XXI session, 144-154.

Gurung, T. 2002. Displacing the Displaced - The Nepalis in North East India. In C.J. Thomas, ed. *Dimensions of Displaced People in North East India*. New Delhi: Regency Publication, 149-158.

Momin, M. 2001. Rethinking Varnasramadharma in Kamrupa. *Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, XXI Session, 24-31.

Passah, A.N. 2001. Welsh Presbyterian Mission Lady Missionaries and their Khasi and Jaintia counterparts. *Proceedings of North East India History Association*, XXI Session, 199-206.

Sharma, M. 2002. Students and Nationalism: An Assessment of Assam Chatra Sanmilan, 1916-1939. In A.K. Baruah, ed. *Student Power in North East India: Understanding Student Movements*. New Delhi: Regency Publications, 55-66.

Syiemlieh, D.R. 2001. The American Baptist Medical Mission in North East India. *Proceedings of the North East India History Association*, XXI session, 190-198.

Qadri, F.A. 2001. Abu Yazid Bistami and Shatteri Sufi Thought. *Islamic Culture*, 75(4): 79-95.

Thrust area of research: North East India.

Research programme/project:

The renewal of the SAP-DRS by the UGC reinforced the research activities in the Department. Ten projects by individual teachers have been approved under the central theme "Toward a Comprehensive History of North East India".

Other activities:

The Department organised a refresher course (UGC) for college & university. Lecturers between 1 and 22 October 2001 on the theme 'Economic History'. Dr. F.A. Qadri was the course coordinator. Professor J.P. Singh retired on 31st January 2002.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science, established in 1975, aims at building an academic community of students, researchers and teachers devoted to an open, critical and analytical study of the discipline with an emphasis on inter-disciplinary approach. It also aims at making courses and research work socially relevant and developing in the students an awareness of the basic issues and problems in the discipline so as to equip them intellectually to fulfill these needs. During 2001-2002 it organised a two-day regional seminar on "Review of the Working of the Constitution of India", 17-18 October 2001, sponsored by the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution, New Delhi.

With a sanctioned strength of 14 faculty members the Department has 80 students on its rolls at the M.A. level. The Department also provides research facilities leading to M.Phil and Ph.D. degree.

Head: Professor B J Deb

Faculty:

Professors R.L. Walli, M.A. (J & K), Ph.D (Delhi)
A.K. Baruah, M.A., Ph.D (Panj.)
R. Borgohain, M.A. (JNU), Ph.D (Gau)
L.S. Gassah, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)
B.J. Deb, M.A., Ph.D (Gau.)

Reader E. Laitflang, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)
K. Debbarma, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)

Lecturers: Pascal Malngiang, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)
S. Sengupta, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)
T.T. Haokip, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)
B.K. Mohapatra, M.A. (Delhi), Ph.D (JNU)

Student intake: a) Enrolment capacity: 40

b) Actual admission:	SC/ST/Genl.	Male	Female	Total	
	40	1	24	17	41

Degrees awarded:

Ph.D

H. John Sema. "Traditional & Modern Political Institution of Sumi Nagas".
Supervisor: Dr. P. Malngiang.

Funds received from agencies other than NEHU/UGC:

- 1) Rs.95,000.00 towards expenses of South Asia Social Science Research Capacity Report from the Social Science Research Council, New York.
- 2) Rs.50,000.00 towards research expenses of consultation paper for the National Commission for Review of the Working of the Constitution.
- 3) Rs. 150,000.00 from Loknity under the Loknity-London School of Economics & Political Science collaborative project on 'Community, Conflicts and Crisis of Democratic Governance: An Analysis of the Societies of North East India'.
- 4) Rs.2,34,000.00 from the Ministry of Food, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution, New Delhi for the project 'Working of Targetted Public Distribution system in North East India'.

Courses conducted:

Political Theory-The Classical Traditions, Theories & Concept in Public Administration, Government & Politics in India, Theory of International Politics. Political Theory-The Liberal Democratic Theory and Conservatism, Issues in Public Administration, Socio-economic basis of the Indian Political System, Problems of International Politics. Political Theory-Contemporary Marxist Theory, Modern Political Analysis. (Optional - any two: 1. International Law. 2. Govt. & Politics of the Hill Areas of N.E. India. 3. Modern Indian Political Ideas. 4. Foreign Policy. 5. Political Sociology.) Contemporary Political Theory, Research Methodology, Environmental Studies.

Seminars/Conferences:

Organised

B.J. Deb: (i) Organised the regional seminar on 'Review of the Working of the Indian Constitution' 17-18 October, 2001, NEHU as Convener. (ii) Organised a seminar on "Rural Development and People's Participation", 10-11 December 2001, NEICSSR, Shillong.

Attended

A.K. Baruah: (i) Delivered a lecture on "Studying Political Net Works" at the London School of Economics and Political Science on May 9, 2001. (ii) Delivered a lecture on Ethnic Conflict in North East India at the National Institute of Juridical Sciences, Kolkotta on 6.1.2002. (iii) Delivered a lecture on "Human Rights and Communities" at the University of Hyderabad on 14.1.2002.

L.S. Gassah: (i) Attended the seminar on 'Ethnic Issues, Secularism and Conflict Resolution in N.E. India and chaired one of the academic sessions, 24-25 April, 2001, Shillong. (ii) Attended the OXFAM workshop on "Understanding Conflict in North East India" June 4-6, 2001 at Shillong and presented a paper entitled "Autonomy Movement and Conflict Situation in N.E. India". (iii) Attended the national seminar on "Political Reforms" organised jointly by Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

and NEHU, June 18-19, 2001, Shillong and presented a paper entitled "Traditional System of Governance among the Khasis, Jaintias and Garos of Meghalaya".

P. Malngiang: (i) Presented a paper entitled "Value Education: Importance and Relevance in Meghalaya" at the seminar on Value Education organised by Nongtalang College, Jaintia Hills, November 20, 2001. (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Fundamental Duties" at the regional seminar on the Review of the Working of the Constitution of India, NEHU, 17-18 October, 2001. (iii) Presented a paper entitled "Importance of forest resources on environment with special reference to the Northeast region" at the workshop on application of Jute Re-inforced Compositors and Jute textiles organised by Jute Manufacturers Dev. Council (JMDC) & NEC in Association with Indian Jute Industries Research Association (IJIRA), September 13-14, 2001 at Shillong.

T.T. Haokip: (i) Presented a paper on "Internal Displacement in Manipur" at the seminar on Human Movement and Settlement-Crisis and Dimensions of Displacement in North East India, organised by the ICSSR-NERC, Shillong at NEHU, July 12-13, 2001. (ii) Attended and presented a paper on "Radical Policies on education and economic opportunities" at the seminar on "Education in North East's Development, organised by the All Tribal Students Association at NEHU, Shillong, November 9-10, 2001. (iii) Attended and presented a paper on 'UN Guiding Principles (18-19) on Internal Displacement at the international seminar on UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, organised by the Centre for Refugee Studies, Jadavpur University and Norwegian Refugee Council, Kolkata, November 28-30, 2001.

R.L. Walli presented two papers at the regional seminar on "Review of the Working of the Constitution of India", October 17-18, 2001, Political Science Department, NEHU, Shillong.

Publications:

Baruah, A.K. 2002. *Student Power in North East India*. New Delhi: Regency.

Deb, B.J. 2002. *Development Priorities in North East India*. New Delhi: Concept Publications.

Debbarma, K. 2001. Migration as Sources of Conflicts in South Asia. In Jacob S.George, ed. *Intra-Inter States Conflict in South Asia*. New Delhi: South Asian Publishers Pvt. Ltd.

_____. 2002. Internally Displaced Persons in Tripura. In C.J. Thomas, ed. *Dimensions and Problems of Displacement in North East India*. New Delhi: Regency Publication.

Gassah, L.S. ed. *Research Priorities in N.E. India: Mizoram*. New Delhi: Regency Publications.

Haokip, T.T. 2002. Ethnic Conflicts and Internal Displacement in Manipur. In C.J.Thomas, ed. *Dimensions and Problems of Displacement in North East India*. New Delhi: Regency Publications.

Malngiang, P. 2002. Students and Youth Organisations in Meghalaya. In A.K.Baruah, ed. *Student Power in North East India*. New Delhi: Regency Publications.

Walli, R.L. 2002. Contextualising Student Unrest in N.E. India. In A.K. Baruah, ed. *Students Power in North East India*. New Delhi: Regency Publication.

Study tour/field trip: Bombay-Goa on December 16, 2001.

Thrust area of research: Government and Politics of North East India.

Research programme/project:

New

A.K. Baruah: Community, Conflicts and Crisis of Democratic Governance: An Analysis of the Societies of North East India, a project under Loknity and London School of Economics and Political Science, Crisis State Programme.

B.J. Deb: Working of Targeted Public Distribution System in North East India, sponsored by the Ministry of Food, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution, New Delhi.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology began instruction at M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D levels in 1976. Since then 22 batches of M.A., more than 70 M.Phil and more than 36 Ph.D students have been awarded degrees. Keeping in mind Article 4 of the NEHU Act [the socio-cultural development of the North Eastern Region] the Department decided to emphasize on Social Change as its academic thrust in which most of the researches are conducted. The Department shifted to its permanent building in Social Science Complex of the University. Four faculty members were promoted during the year under report.

Head: Professor A. C. Sinha

Faculty:

Professors

M.N. Karna, M.A., Ph.D (Patna)
A.C. Sinha, M.A. (Ranchi), Ph.D (IIT,Kanpur)
C. Nunthara, M.A., Ph.D (Delhi)
P.M. Chacko, M.A., Ph.D (Delhi)
Nikhlesh Kumar, M.A. (Delhi), Ph.D (NEHU)
C.L. Imchen, M.A., Ph.D (JNU)

Reader

I. Lanu Aier, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)

Lecturer

A.K. Nongkynrih, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)

Student intake: a) Enrolment capacity: 40

b) Actual admission: SC/ST/Genl. Male/Female Total

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Degrees awarded:

Ph.D

S. Nzanbemo Lotha. "Social Change Among the Lotha Naga Tribe". Supervisor: Dr. I.L. Aier.

Funds received from agencies other than NEHU/UGC:

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment: Rs. 2,60,000.

Courses conducted:

Sociological Theories I, Methodology of Social Research I, Sociology of Kinship, Social Stratification, Sociological Theories II, Methodology of Socials Research II, Sociology of Religion, Agrarian Social Structure, Economy and Society, Polity and Society, Sociology of Development, Ethnic Relations, Social Change, Entrepreneurship and Management, Sociology of Movement, Sociology of Environment.

Seminars/Conferences:

M.N. Karna: (i) Presided a session at the national seminar on Political Reforms, NEHU, Shillong 18 June 2001. (ii) Presided the inaugural session of the conference on Status of Women with reference to North East organised by the North Eastern Social Science Research Institute, Guwahati, October 11, 2001. (iii) Presided a session of the 33rd Conference of the Regional Science Association India, Shillong, 19 October 2001. (iv) Attended the All India Sociological Conference at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, December 26-28, 2001 and organised sessions on Research Committee 17: Social Movements. (v) Presided a session at the 19th conference of the UP Samaj Shastra Parishad at Lucknow University, February 8-9, 2001.

A.C. Sinha: (i) Presented a paper entitled "Dialogue Between Deaf and Dumb: The Lhotshampa Refugees and Their Predicament" at the seminar on Human Movement and Settlement: Crisis and Dimension in North East India, at ICSSR-NERC, Shillong on July 12-13, 2001. (ii) Presented a paper on "The Indians of Nepalese Origin and Security of North East Region" at the seminar on 'Changing Security Perspectives: Comprehensive Security' at Delhi Policy Group (DPG), India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on August 30-31, 2001. (iii) Addressed the Senior Defence Officers on "Defence of the Eastern Himalayan Region and Ethnic Issues" at the National Defence College, New Delhi on September 13, 2001. (iv) Delivered lectures in the UGC sponsored 3rd refresher course in Sociology at the Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University during November 10-30, 2001. (v) Presented a paper entitled "Sociological Researches in North-East India and Insurgency" at the seminar on 'Challenge to Terrorism with special reference to North East India, at Digboi, organised by the Assam Sociological Association, Department of Sociology, Dibrugarh University, November 9-20, 2001. (vi) Presented a paper on "Tribes, Scheduled Tribes and Dalits in North East India" at the seminar on 'Tribal Development: Culture, Political and Economic Discourses' at the G B Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad on January 18-20, 2002. (vii) Presented a paper entitled "Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict in Bhutan" at the seminar on 'Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict in India' at the Department of International Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkatta on March 6-8, 2002. (viii) Presented a paper entitled "Students and Development in Nagaland" at the seminar on 'Development Constraint in

Nagaland" organised by the ICSSR-NERC and Nagaland University, Kohima on March 14-15, 2002.

C. Nunthara: (i) Participated in an all-India project on "Inclusion of Excluded Communities for Social Cohesion through Panchayati Raj", sponsored by the Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi (June 2001) and attended a three-day workshop of the project and chaired a session. (ii) Presented a paper on "Land Control, Land Use and Kinship Structure in Lushai Hills" at the seminar on Society and Economy in pre-colonial North East India during March 4-6, 2002 organised by History Department, NEHU. (iii) Attended a conference organised by the North East Network to commemorate the 50th year of Ford Foundation in India, at Guwahati during March 10-12, 2002 and presented a paper on "Ethnicity".

C.L. Imchen: (i) Presented a paper entitled "The Indian Constitution and the Tribal People" at the seminar on Political Reforms sponsored by North-Eastern Hill University and the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, held at NEHU, Shillong on 18-19 June, 2001. (ii) Presented a paper entitled "Shared Symbols, Myths of Origin and the Process of Social Formation Among Nagas" at the national seminar on Society and Economy in Pre-colonial North East India organised by the Department of History at NEHU Shillong on 4-6 March, 2002.

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Research programme/project:

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