

STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES

STUDENTS' WELFARE

The Office of the Dean of Students' Welfare continued to served as the nodal agency for student services and their welfare. Though largely concerned with the Shillong Campus the Office over-saw and coordinated student activities in the Aizawl Campus through teachers given charges of these functions. Throughout the period under review Dr. B.Kharbuli, Reader in Zoology, held charge as Dean of Students' Welfare w.e.f. 7th April 1997.

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 Student Union, cultural activities and admission to the post graduate and research programmes of the University. In the Shillong Campus admission to the occupancy of the halls of residence was as follows :

Name of Hostels	Year	Actual intake	Actual No. of who are provided hosts accomodation with respect to the following.			
			Genl.	SC /	ST	Total
1. Persara Hostel (Women)	1997-98	48	10	36	2	48
2. Sensiar Hostel (Women)	1997-98	48	5	40	3	48
3. Saramati Hostel (Men)	1997-98	48	4	41	3	48
4. Japfu Hostel (Men)	1997-98	90	18	70	2	90
5. Sohpetbneng Hostel (Research Scholar) (Men)	1997-98	48	8	36	4	48
6. Chhinlung Hostel (Research Scholar) (Men)	1997-98	48	15	33		48
7. Balgito Hostel (Research Scholar) (Women)	1997-98	30	3	25	2	30

The Office also coordinated the study tours of seven academic departments.

Name of Departments	Place of Visit
1. Chemistry	Delhi - Mumbai
2. Botany	Bangalore - Mumbai
3. Physics	Bangalore - Mysore Mumbai - Goa

4. Philosophy	Mumbai - Pune - Goa
5. History	Mumbai
6. Zoology	Calcutta - Puri
7. Linguistics	Meghalaya

In addition to organising the Annual University Week which included sports and games and cultural programmes, and for which a sum of Rs. 35,000/- (Rupees thirty five thousand) was sanctioned, the office provided assistance to the following student activities.

1. Varsity Week - 1997	Rs. 35,000/-
2. Handique Memorial Volleyball Tournament	Rs. 2,000/-
3. R. Murry T.T. Tournament	Rs. 2,000/-
4. Cultural activities & Fresher Social	Rs. 8,000/-
5. Inter College Football Tournament	Rs. 5,500/-
6. Inter College Volleyball Tournament Men & Women	Rs. 4,000/-
7. National Quiz in Delhi (for TA/DA)	Rs. 2,000/-

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1. Dinesh Goswami Memorial Inter University participated.
 2. National Debate - 1st Prize - 1997.
Individual - Md Khalid Khan - 3rd Prize.
Binayak Dutta - 1st Prize.
 3. ISKCON Inter University Regional Debate - 2nd Prize
 4. ICPR National Seminar Cum Essay Competition - 1998
Binayak Dutta - 1st Prize
Md Khalid Khan - 3rd Prize

During 1997-98, 83 NEHU P.G. scholarship including 15 ST. 2 OBC were sanctioned. Each student was awarded a yearly grant of Rs. 1,800/-.

In co-ordination with the Registrar's Office and NEHUSU, the DSW Office conducted a two-week long programme which includes open quiz, essay competition, cultural programmes and panel discussion culminating in the Golden Jubilee Freshers' Meet and the Open House Discussion to mark the 50th Anniversary of India's Freedom from 18th August to 31st August 1997. The DSW Office also coordinated a panel discussion to the United Nations Day on 24th October 1997 and a Freedom Run on the 25th October 1997 to commemorate the same event. The DSW office also felicitated Miss Runa Goswami of English Department for being awarded the BBC Award for short stories.

SPORTS AND GAMES

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SPORTS BOARD, NEHU. DURING THE YEAR 1997-98

The Sports Board of North-Eastern Hill University had decided to conduct the following inter-college tournaments during the calender year 1997-98 in Aizawl and Shillong :

One Zone Tournaments : Athletics, Cricket, Basketball (M&W), Football (W), Hockey (M&W), Best Physique Boxing, Weight Lifting and Judo.

Zonal Tournaments : Football (M), Badminton (M&W), Table Tennis (M&W), Volleyball (M&W) and Chess (Combined).

Out of the above tournaments, all events, except athletics, were held. Athletics could not be held as there were no suitable grounds available in Shillong; the J.N. Complex was closed due to renovation, permission for the use of the Garrison Ground was not granted and other grounds were either not in a usable condition or were too small for a 400 m. track. On the other hand, this was the first time that Best Physique and Judo were held under the auspices of the NEHU Sports Board. All the above tournaments could be successfully conducted, and for this, a large part of the credit goes to the college Principals and Teachers, the Officials and referees of the various Association, all of whom extended their full cooperation.

All the tournaments were held in either Aizawl or Shillong as decided by the Sports Board except for Weight Lifting which had to be shifted to Aizawl from Shillong as the necessary equipment was not available at Shillong.

The results and other details of the various one-zone, zonal, inter-zonal and Inter-University tournaments held are outlined below :

This year the University sent out teams to participate in Inter-University Football (M), Boxing and Hockey (W) Tournaments. This was the first time that NEHU sent out its team for the Hockey (W) and Boxing tournaments.

1. *Football (M)* : The East Zone Inter-University Football (M) tournament was held at Bilaspur, M.P. from 4.11.97 to 27.11.97. The NEHU team gave an outstanding performance, and for the first time, it qualified for the All India Inter-Zonal Tournament where due to injury of a number of players, it could not secure a position. The team was accompanied by Shri L.Darlong, NEHU Football Coach.

2. *Boxing* : The All India Inter-University Boxing tournament was held at Patiala, Punjab from 28.12.97 to 2.1.98. The NEHU team consisted of 11 boxers who participated in 5 categories. All the 11 boxers reached the 2nd round, while one entered the quarter-finals.

3. *Hockey (W)* : The All India Inter- University Hockey (W) tournament was held at Gwalior, M.P. from 28.1.98 to 4.2.98. The standard of the NEHU team was better than expected and the team reached the 2nd round in spite of the lack of proper coaching due to shortage of time. The team lost in the 2nd round in a tie-break.

Other Activities

As part of the Celebrations of India's 50th Year of Independence, the Sport Department, on behalf of the University Celebration Committee, organised a Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament at NEHU Bijni Complex, Shillong from 14.11.97 to 15.11.97.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

Since its inception in 1974-75, the enrolment of volunteers has now reached 8219 in Meghalaya and Mizoram. There are 23 colleges and 1 PG Unit having N.S.S. in Meghalaya, with 35 Programme Officers in-charge. Mizoram 25 College Units and 50 Programme Officers.

The beginning of this period saw a change of Programme Co-Ordinator when Dr. (Ms) E.Laitflang joined as Programme Co-Ordinator in May, 1997.

The two main programmes of N.S.S., the Regular Activities and the Special Camps received a setback in Meghalaya due to non-receipt of funds from the State Government concerned which has compelled the colleges to resort to activities involving minimum expenditure. A series of joint camps were conducted for the colleges of Shillong by the N.S.S. Cell to fill the gap of in activity and non-implementation of the programmes. A tree plantation programme was held to mark the occasion of Vana Mohotsava Day in which 110 volunteers and 10 programme officers planted saplings of Golf Links.

Most of the programmes conducted in Meghalaya and Mizoram centered round the Special Camp theme of "Youth for Sustainable Development focussing on Wasteland Development and Watershed Management". The programmes included tree plantation, soil conservation, cleaning of drinking water points, training programmes on methods of paddy cultivation, fish rearing, horticulture and livestock, and water conservation. Besides these other programmes commemorating 'World Environment Day' on 5th June, 'World Population Day', on 11th July, 'World Tobacco Day' on 30th June, 'Anti-Malaria Campaign on 28th June, Awareness Campaigns on Drug and Aids, and Blood Donation, were held for the benefit of both the students and the public. A college in Ri Bhoi area held a 'Population Education Programme' in collaboration with the Centre for Adult and Continuing Education, NEHU. The student volunteers have always been ready to extend their help during times of emergency. In Mizoram, where the Mass Programme on Functional Literacy is going on, about 85% of their Villagers have been made literate. This year being India's 50 years of Independence a series of joint camps and programmes were conducted by the NSS Cell. A Cleaning and beautification programme was taken up at the NEHU, Main Campus, Umshing, by

nearly 200 volunteers. An Essay Competition was held for the Volunteers of Khasi and Jaintia Hills, and a Poster Competition was conducted separately for Volunteers of Garo Hills. The N.S.S. Cell also conducted a Blood Donation programme on September 1997 in collaboration with the Directorate of Health Services, Govt. of Meghalaya, in which N.S.S. Volunteers donated blood. In Mizoram programmes commemorating the 50 years Anniversary were held by planting of saplings of trees on a large scale, holding of seminars and debates on the subject, Freedom Fighters were honoured, and pamphlets and posters were distributed or pasted all over the towns and villages, on the subject of Preservation of our Freedom.

The N.S.S. Day, which falls on the 24th September, was celebrated this year with meeting and lectures on National Integration and India's Independence. Other programmes such as blood donation, health and family programmes were also taken up.