

1. DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (Shillong)

The Department of English was started in 1973, the year in which the University itself was established. Apart from encouraging research, the Department, since its inception, has been keenly alive to the urgent and growing responsibility of meeting the demand for competent teachers of English in the Schools and Colleges of this region.

The curriculum encompasses English, American and Commonwealth literature besides Linguistics.

In 1983 out of a total of 48 students who had taken the final examinations 35 passed, of whom 4 (four) were placed in the First Division. In 1982 out of a total of 49 students 38 passed, one in the First Division. The break-up of this batch is as follows :

Students Intake (Shillong Campus)

M.A.	Male	Female	Total	of which	
				SC	ST
Semester I & II	26	23	49	2	27
Semester III & IV	23	25	48	3	30
Nagaland Campus					
Semester I & II	4	4	8	—	5
Semester III & IV	4	2	6	—	5
Mizoram Campus					
Semester I & II	12	8	20	—	19
Semester III & IV	9	1	10	—	9
Total	78	63	141	5	95

M. Phil Programme

In the period under review the following scholars successfully completed the M. Phil Programme :

Name	Topic	Supervisor
1. Mrs. A. Tham	Schopenhauer & Nietzhe	Prof. D.P. Singh
2. Mrs. A Sengupta	D. Lawrence	Prof. D.P. Singh
3. Mr Krishanlal	T. Hulme	Prof. D P. Singh
4. Miss Easter Syiem	James Baldwin	Dr. E.N Lall
5. Mr. John Joy	Forster & Virginia Woolf	Dr. N. Hasan

Ph. D. Programme

The following scholars have been declared qualified for the Ph. D. Degree :

Name	Topic	Supervisor
1. Mr. K.C. Joseph	Graham Greene	Prof. D.P. Singh
2. Mrs. T. Ao	Henry James	Prof. D.P. Singh
3. Mr. H.W. Sten	Khasi Poetry	Dr N. Hasan

The students noted below have completed their course work and are now carrying out their various research projects :

1. Brother Beddeo
2. Mrs. B. Nongbri
3. Mrs. C. Wallang
4. Miss Jayashree Goswami
5. Miss Monalisa Brahma
6. Miss Navanita Chaudhury
7. Miss Sushmita Deb
8. Mr. Kiran Bhuyan
9. Miss Watimongla Ao

10. Miss Alemla Yaden
11. Ninguphei Ligessei
12. Mr. Bharat Bora
13. Mr. Chandradhwaj Singh

Responsibilities for Mizoram & Nagaland Campuses :

Apart from its normal responsibilities the Department lends assistance to the English faculty at Kohima and Aizawl in the effective implementation of the teaching programme. In September this year, Prof. S. Homchaudhuri went to Aizawl and joined the faculty there to complete a course for the 3rd Semester students.

Seminars and Workshops

Dr. M. Waseem attended a Seminar on Indo-Anglian Fiction held at Gaya, Bihar where he read a paper.

Prof D.P. Singh and S. Homchaudhuri were invited to a Workshop organised for language teachers at Aizawl in March, 1983, delivered talks on the teaching of language and literature.

Visiting Lecturer

Prof. Naresh Chandra, formerly of Lucknow University, delivered a talk on the Renaissance and Milton.

Educational Excursions

Dr E.N. Lall and Miss Ena Nicol led a group of 25 students on a study tour in the course of which they visited the U.S.I.S. Library in Calcutta and the A.S.R.C. in Hyderabad. In Bombay they met and had discussions with Prof. Nissim Ezekiel, the eminent Indo-Anglian poet and critic.

Positioning of old students

A very substantial number of old students are already well-placed in various spheres of life or are successfully pursuing higher studies elsewhere. Just a few of such students are mentioned below :

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| 1. Ajoyendra Pyial | — in the IAS |
| 2. Emi Shitiri | — —do— |
| 3. Janet Pugh | just completed a postgraduate programme at Cambridge. |
| 4. Jona Guha Thakurta | — at the University of Texas, USA. |
| 5. Imti Ao | Probationary Officer in the State Bank of India. |
| 6. John Joy | — Lecturer, in St. Anthony's College. |
| 7. Father Cyriac | — —do— |
| 8. Ananya Guha | — Lecturer in St. Edmund's College. |
| 9. Moon Moon Majumdar | — Lecturer in St. Mary's College |
| 10. Nabonita Ganguly | — Lecturer, University Department of English. |
| 11. Margaret Zama | — Lecturer, University Department of English, Aizawl |
| 12. Ramingthangi | — —do— |

The Department of English at Kohima was inaugurated on September 8, 1979 by Dr A.K. Dhan, the then Vice-Chancellor.

Examination Results

Two batches of students have completed M.A. English course and have obtained M.A. Degrees. The results of the third batch which has completed all four semesters are, however, expected soon. There were 7 students in the last batch.

Study Tour

In December, 1982, students went on a student tour to Calcutta, Hyderabad, Bombay, Bangalore and Delhi with the students of Department of Education.

Research Activities

Prof. (Mrs) P N. Das ; presented a paper on "Shakespeare" in the All India Shakespeare Seminar held in Mysore University

Dr K. C. Joseph ; i) submitted his Ph. D. thesis "Graham Greene : the Novelist" to NEHU under the guidance of Prof. D.P. Singh, Head, Department of English, NEHU, Shillong.

ii) Working on R.K. Narayan and Commonwealth Literature.

Mizoram Campus (Aizawl)

The Department of English came to existence on 19th November, 1979. Ever since, the Department is putting on its efforts in order to achieve the aims and objectives of NEHU particularly promoting higher education in the Union Territory of Mizoram. The Department is four years old now. The Department is well aware of its responsibility towards the promotion of teaching the English and Literature in the State besides meeting the aspirations of young people for higher education. In the 1979-81 batch, two students

secured "B" grade while in the 1980-82 batch, three students passed in the Second Class. The Department of English in this Campus is part of the Department of English at Shillong. The only collaboration the Department had was with the parent Department. Prof. Hom Chaudhuri from Shillong came in September, 1983 and delivered a series of lectures on 'Classical Tragedy' to the students of the Campus.

The Department has been experienced that the young aspirants for higher education particularly in English Literature and Language have responded enthusiastically to the programmes of the Department. In order to cope with the initial difficulty the students confront in the subject, some innovative remedial courses could be evolved. Besides, the regular teaching programme, the Department is looking forward to organising refreshers' courses for college and high school teachers. For this, the Department needs to be equipped with a language laboratory and strengthening of the faculty.

The Department hopes to be on a firm footing in near future and the areas of activities will expand with a goal to facilitate and promote the teaching of English at every level in Mizoram.

The Department is getting fresh impetus after the joining of Prof. D.P. Singh, Head of the Department along with his official position as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Campus. It is expected that the Department will start the research programme soon. At present, Mr. K.C. Baral, a Lecturer of the Department is engaged in research work under the supervision of Prof. D.P. Singh.

2. DEPARTMENT OF KHASI

The Department of Khasi was formally inaugurated on the 29th September, 1981, to provide scope for indepth study of Khasi Language and Literature and to highlight the importance of Khasi art and culture. In that year, the Department started with one Professor. In 1982 one Reader and one Lecturer were appointed, and in 1983, another Lecturer was appointed. The sanctioned strength is four, and all the four teachers were in position during the academic year 1982-83.

Fifty five (55) students were admitted in 1981, and 38 appeared the semester-end examination in 1983, out of which 35 passed; 7 in the First Division and 29 in the Second Division. On the whole, the performance of students of the first batch was satisfactory. In 1983, 26 students were admitted to the first semester; and 51% cleared all papers in the examination, the remaining 49% will have to repeat the papers in which they failed. In the meantime, the third batch of students was admitted in September this year. The response to lectures delivered and their performance in the tests/assignments is very encouraging.

Students Intake

Year	Male	Female	Total	ST
1982-83 Semester I & II	16	32	48	48
Semester III & IV	28	48	76	76
1983 Semester I (September)	8	13	21	21
Total	52	93	145	145

Two college teachers and one Lecturer of the Department have registered for Ph. D. in Khasi Literature.

These are :

1. Mr. E.M. Sohkhlet, Principal, Synod College.
2. Mr. Sondar S. Majaw, Lecturer, Synod College.
3. Mr. Bevan L. Swer, Lecturer, Department of Khasi, NEHU.

Three of the former students are now Lecturers in Khasi as indicated below :

1. Mr. Ambrose B.M. Roy — Sankardev College, Shillong.
2. Miss Patricia Syiem — St. Anthony's College, Shillong.
3. Miss Cordelia Pariat — Synod College, Shillong.

Due to the shortage of staff, the teaching programme was conducted with the help of teachers from the Department of English and colleges. In 1983 only one Reader from the Department of English and one guest Lecturer from Synod College have been involved in the programme.

The Department organised a seminar in September, 1982 which was relevant to the course of teaching at the postgraduate level. The outcome of the seminar was better appreciation of the difficulty of students who had no honours to cope with the standard of teaching at M.A. level ; and the adjustment to be made by teachers, especially in the first semester classes.

Publications

Dr. H.W. Sten

- a) Revised edition of "Ka Samla Nongkyndong", a fiction.
- b) "Shaphang ka Novel", a critical analysis of the art of fiction.
- c) "Ka Mahadei", a Tragedy.

Mr. B.L. Swer

- a) Revised edition of "Katto Katne Shaphang ka Sonnet."