

## SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND EDUCATION

The School of Humanities and Education consists of seven departments, viz, English, Khasi, Garo, Hindi, Linguistics, Education and Philosophy and two centres viz, Centre for Distance Education and Centre for Creative Arts.

The Department of English is spread over all the campuses of the University, viz, Shillong, Aizawl and Tura. The Department of Education is located both in Shillong and Aizawl campuses. The Department of Garo is located in Tura only. The rest of the departments and all the centres are located in Shillong.

The report of the different departments and centres under the School is given below.

### Centre for Creative Arts

The Centre was established with the primary aim of providing important incentives in art appreciation and education in the region. Since its inception, the Centre has conducted various courses, workshops and seminars on the arts and allied subjects to inculcate a systematic approach to various aspects of art and also to create an awareness about significance and applicability of art and creativity in education and society.

Head : Dr (Mrs) Helen Giri

#### Faculty :

Name & Degrees	Designation
Helen Giri, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Professor
D L Kharmawphlang, MA (NEHU)	Lecturer
M H Barbhuiya, B Fine Arts (Viswa Bharati)	Lecturer

#### Funds received from agencies other than NEHU/UGC:

1. Sahitya Akademi, Calcutta - Rs. 8000/- (Rupees eight thousand) only for organising a two-day Symposium on North East Folk Literature on 9th & 10th May, 1996.

#### Extension Lectures :

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| 1. Ms. Sikha Dutta, A renowned Artist and Lecturer, Assam Music College, Guwahati, on 26.3.1997 | "Historical Evolution of Indian Classical Music". Its Characteristics and relevance in the North East". |
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#### Seminar/Conference etc. :

1. The Centre organised a two-day symposium on North-East Folk Literature on 9th and 10th May 1996 which involved the

participation of resource persons from NEHU, Shillong, Assam, Mizoram and Garo Hills.

2. Organised a two-day seminar on the Compositions of Prominent Music composers of Khasi & Jaintia Hills - Series II on 11th & 12th September, 1996.

3. The Centre also organised an exhibition of paintings, bamboo and cane works of budding local artists and craftsmen on 11th 12th September, 1996.

**Dr.(Mrs) Helen Giri:**

Presented papers entitled : (a) "The Role of U Kni and U Kpa in Khasi Society" (Role of Khasi man as a father and uncle) in a seminar on "Dynamics of family system in a matriliney in Meghalaya" organised by Tribal Research Institute, Directorate of Art & Culture, on 31st July, 1996; (b) "A Vision for the Youth 2000 A.D." in a seminar organised by West Khasi Hills District Administration, Government of Meghalaya and Don Bosco Youth Mission, Mairang on February 4th-8th 1997.

**Mr. D.L. Kharmawphlang :**

Presented a paper entitled "Chanted Narratives from the land of the Seven Huts" in the International Workshop on Exploring India's Chanted Narratives, organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, from 3rd - 7th February, 1997.

**Mr. M.H.Barbhuiya :**

(a) Participated in Orientation Course (XXIII) from 15th July to 11th August, 1996 organised by Academic Staff College, Guwahati University Assam; (b) exhibited six paintings in Summer Show of Art Heritage, New Delhi in June 1996 and five paintings exhibited in Barak Uptyaka Banga Sahitya O Sanskriti Samanclan, Silchar, January, 1997.

#### **Research Programmes/Projects :**

(1) The Centre conducted field work at Nongkhrah, Nongpoh to undertake an audio and video documentation of the Sajer Nongkhrah Festival on 17th January, 1997; (2) Undertook a field trip to Mizoram for documentation of the folk arts and crafts of Mizoram, from 11th to 14th March, 1997; (3) Dr.(Mrs) H.Giri has an on going research work entitled "Growth of Khasi Music".

#### **Other Activities :**

Mr.D.L.Kharmawphlang participated in the East India Poets Meet, organised by the Sahitya Akademi, at Gangtok, Sikkim from 22nd to 24th June, 1996.

1. The Centre, in collaboration with the Department of Art and Culture, governments of Mizoram and Meghalaya, organised a four-

day painting exhibition at Aizawl, Mizoram from 11th to 14th March, 1997.

2. "Documentation of Folk Music" (Tribes of North-East India). The Centre is undertaking the study of folk music of some of the tribes of North-East. To this effect a number of symposia was scheduled in order to facilitate a compilation of the folk music traditions. As such, the Centre organised a series of seminars on "The compositions of prominent music composers of Khasi & Jaintia Hills" at NEHU, Shillong in 1995 and 1996. This is an on-going study of the Centre.

### Centre for Distance Education

The Centre came into being by a resolution of the Academic Council in its 25th Meeting held on 17th & 18th December 1985, to organise and introduce Distance Education Programme in the University.

Head : Professor (Mrs) B Lyndem (Laso)

### Department of English (Aizawl)

The Department was established in 1979, as part of NEHU's policy to bring higher education to the door steps of the people of Mizoram. Since the late eithties the department has decided to specialize in language teaching so that its expertize can be used to improve the standard of English in Mizoram. It has of late become a nodal agency for curriculum designing, teacher training and other aspects of language teaching in Mizoram, over and above the normal teaching. The Library has been considerably expanded and the department has a full fledge language laboratory of its own.

Head : Dr Margaret Zama

#### Faculty :

Name and Degrees	Designation
Margaret Zama, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Reader
Rammingthangi Ralte, MA (NEHU)	Sr Lecturer

#### Student Intake :

- (a) Enrolment capacity : 25
- (b) Actual Admission :

	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
M.A. =		25	1	13	13	26

### Courses Conducted :

Poetry, Fiction, Drama, Prose, Language, Indian Writing in English, Modern Literature, Literary Theory & Criticism, Shakespeare, Tragedy, Environment Course.

Thrust Area of Research : ELT and Modern Fiction.

### Department of English (Tura)

The Department has started functioning from 1996 with four teachers. Efforts are being made to initiate research activities in language and literature with reference to the needs of the area.

Head : Professor S Ganguly.

### Faculty :

Name & Degrees

Designation :

S Ganguly, MA (Delhi), PhD (Ranchi)	Professor
C K Naik, MA (Utkal), PhD (NEHU)	Reader
K C Joseph, MA (Patna), PhD (NEHU)	Lecturer
S Gurudev, MA (NEHU), MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer

### Student Intake :

a) Enrolment capacity : 20  
b) Actual Admission : 12 (SC/ST/Gen) (Male/Female)

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### Courses Conducted :

Poetry I; Fiction I; Drama I; Literary Theory; Criticism I;  
Poetry II; Fiction II; Drama II; Environment Course.

### Seminar/Conference etc. :

- Extension Lecture on "Linguistics and Languages" with special reference to the problems and prospects in Garo Hills", by Professor Robin Burlins.
- Culture and Language, by Professor S.N. Goswami.

### Publications :

Ganguly, S. Review of Dr. N.S.Saha's Aspects of Linguistics, published in Journal of Indian Education (1996).

Thrust Area of Research : English Language Teaching.

**Department of English**  
Shillong

The Department of English, established in 1973, is the first academic department of the University. At the moment it has fifteen sanctioned faculty positions. It runs M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes.

**Head :** Professor Noorul Hasan

**Faculty :**

Name & Degrees	Designation
Noorul Hasan, MA (Allahabad), PhD (Manchester)	Professor
Emmanuel N Lall, MA (Patna), PhD (S.Illinois)	Professor
T Ao, MA (Gau), PhD (NEHU) on leave	Professor
R P Sharma, MA, PhD (Bihar)	Professor
S Satpathy, MA (Sambalpur), PhD (NEHU)	Reader
K C Baral, MA (Utkal), PhD (NEHU)	Reader
S N Singh, MA, PhD (Magadh)	Reader
N Syiem, MA (NEHU), MPhil (Delhi)	Lecturer
E Syiem, MA (Delhi), MPhil (NEHU)	Lecturer
Ng Robin Singh, MA (NEHU)	Lecturer
N Ganguly, MA (NEHU)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

- (a) Enrolment capacity : 50  
(b) Actual Admission :

	(SC/ST/Gen)	Male/Female	Total
M.A. 1st. Sem.	- 26/15	11/30	31

**Degree Awarded :**

**M.Phil:**

1. Sukalpa Battacharjee, "The Post Colonial Encounter: Tracing the (Wo)man's Voice in Theory, Texts and Inter-pretation". Supervisor, Professor E.N. Lall.

2. Soma Bhattacharya, "The Heart or the Hearth? A Study of the Feminist Vision in Selected Short Stories from the Secret Self, Vol-I & II". Supervisor, Professor E.N. Lall.

3. K M Mathukutty, "The Critic as Historian: A Study of Walter Pater's The Renaissance". Supervisor, Dr.K.C. Baral

**Ph.D:**

1. M.M. Mazumder, "Real and Imagined Worlds: A Study of the Imperial Stance in the Novels of Kipling, Forster, Orwell and Paul Scott". Supervisor : Dr. N. Hasan.

**Courses Conducted :**

**M.A:**

Poetry I, Fiction I, Drama I, Literary Theory & Criticism I. Modern

Lit. I, American Lit.I, Literary Theory & Criticism, Commonwealth Literature.

M.Phil:

Contemporary Criticism, European Literature, Modern Poetry, Modern Fiction.

Seminar/Conference etc. :

Professor E.N.Lall:

On the invitation of the Department of English, Patna University delivered a lecture to the post-graduate students of the Department on April 12, 1996 on "V.S.Naipaul and the Indian Diaspora".

**Thrust Area of Research :** Renaissance Literature & Modern Literature.

### Department of Education (Aizawl)

The Department began as the Department of Educational Research & Studies offering a one year course leading to M.Ed.degree in 1980.It was however replaced by a two year M.A. (Education) programme from 1986 and is continuing with this programme.

**Head :** Dr R S Wangu

**Faculty :**

Name & Degrees

Designation

K P Nath, MA, PhD (Gau)	Professor
R S Wangu, MEd, PhD (Panjab)	Reader
P K Gupta, MEd (Delhi), PhD (Meerut)	Reader
R P Vadhera, MA, PhD (Kurukshetra)	Reader
B D Chinara, MA, PhD (Punjab)	Sr Lecturer
Lalbiakdiki Hnamte, MA (NEHU)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

(a) Enrolment Capacity : 20

(b) Actual Admission :

Class	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
M.A.	-	20	-	6	14	20

**Degrees Awarded :**

M.Phil. : NA; Ph.D. : NA

## Courses Conducted :

Advanced Philosophy of Education; Advanced Psychology of Education; Research Methodology & Statistics in Education; Curriculum Development & Instruction, Advanced Sociology of Education; Curriculum Development; Educational Testing & Evaluation; Education in the Third World, Educational Management and Change; Advanced Sociology of Education; Educational Testing & Evaluation; Environment Education, Advanced Philosophy of Education; Educational Technology; Education of Exceptional Children-I; Teacher Education. Laboratory Practical; Education of Exceptional Children-II; Pre School Education; Yoga Education.

## Seminar/Conference etc. :

Dr. B.D. Chinara presented a paper at an International Conference on Gender Equality Through Women's Empowerment entitled "Gender Disparity and Education in Postindependent India: A Situational Analysis" in the Department of social Work, University of Lucknow, Lucknow from 7-9 March 1997.

## Publications :

Wangu, R.S. and Thomas, K.J. "Attitude towards and achievement in Mathematics Among High School Students of Tribal Town of Aizawl." Indian Journal of Psychometry and Education, 1995, 26(1), pp. 31-36.

Wangu, R.S. Higher Education in Mizoram in B.B. Kumar (Ed) Higher Education in North East India, New Delhi, Omson Publications, 1994, pp.73-80.

Gupta, P.K. Review of "Educational Planning and Management" by P.Chandrashekharan, Journal of Indian Institute of Public Administration, Aizawl, September 1996.

Bhushan, A. and Chinara, B.D. "Strategies for Democratic Value Education in relation to Personality types and Conformity level" Recent Researches in Education and Psychology. 2 (III-V), 1997. pp. 67-79.

**Thrust Area of Research :** Pre-School, Primary and Adult Education in North-East India.

## Other Activities :

1. The Department organised a lecture by Dr. M.M.Pandey, Officer on Special Duty, Regional Institute of Education, (NCERT), Shillong on 20th March 1997.

**Department of Education  
(Shillong)**

The Department was established in 1976 and it offered M.Ed course. In 1982-83, M.Ed course was replaced by M.A. programme. The Department also offers M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes in Education. With the reorganization of schools in the University, the Department has been placed in the School of Humanities and Education. The Department has successfully organized nine UGC-sponsored Refresher Courses in Education for college and university teachers. Besides this, the Department has been carrying on two research projects, one funded by the UGC and the other by NCERT.

**Head :** Professor R Bhattacharjee

**Faculty :**

Name and Degrees	Designation
P P Gokulanathan, MA, PhD (Gau)	Professor
K S Lyngdoh, MA (Gau), PhD (Baroda)	Professor
M S Padma, MEd (Bangalore), PhD (Baroda)	Professor
K K Sharma, MA (Punjab), PhD (Baroda)	Professor
M A Sudhir, MA, PhD (Calicut) on lien	Professor
R Bhattacharjee, MA (Gau), PhD (NEHU)	Professor
P K Ganguli, MEd, PhD (Baroda)	Reader
A Henia, MA (Gau), PhD (JNU)	Reader
K M Warjri, MEd, PhD (NEHU)	Lecturer
S M Sungoh, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Lecturer
C Nongbri, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

- (a) Enrolment Capacity : M.A.= 30, M.Phil.= 10.  
 (b) Actual Admission :

Degree	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
M.A.	2	18	-	5	15	20
M.Phil.	-	5	3	2	6	8

**Degrees Awarded :**

Ph.D:

1. Daisy Bora, "Women's Education in Assam for the Period of 1971-1991". Supervisor, Prof. M.S. Padma.
2. Sonali Roy, "A Study of the Present Status and Problems of Teaching English at the Junior School Level in West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya". Supervisor, Prof. R.Bhattacharjee.
3. S.D.Rani, "A Study of Problems of Science Education and Attitude of Students Towards Science in High Schools in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya". Supervisor, Prof.M.A.Sudhir.

### **Courses Conducted :**

Advanced Philosophy of Education; Advanced Psychology of Education; Research Methodology and Statistics in Education; Curriculum Development and Instruction, Educational Management and Change; Advanced Sociology of Education; Educational Testing and Evaluation; Environmental Education. Educational Technology; Educational of Exceptional Children; Teacher Education, Laboratory Practicals; Education of Exceptional Children; Pre-School Education; Methods of Teaching at Secondary Level: Teaching of English.

### **M.Phil:**

Methodology of Educational Research; Educational Problems of the North Eastern Region with particular reference to Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland; Educational Technology.

### **Seminar/Conference etc. :**

Professor P.P.Gokulanathan attended the Decennial Celebration Seminar of IGNOU organised by the Regional Centre of IGNOU at Shillong, August 10, 1996. Paper on 'Use of Technology in reaching out to the learners - the North Eastern perspective' was presented jointly with Professor R. Bhattacharjee.

Professor K.K. Sharma (1) participated in a Panel Discussion on the theme "Alternative System of Medicine" and acted as the Moderator, organised by Doordarshan Kendra, Kohima, April 10, 1996; (2) delivered lecture on the topic "Man and Quality of Life on Earth Day" organised under the auspices of FPAI, Kohima; (3) delivered a series of lectures on Class Room Teaching and Students' Learning, Poor performance of students in Science and Mathematics in Nagaland and Value education, at Kohima, April 24-25, 1996; (4) delivered a talk on Distance Education at the Kohima Study Centre of IGNOU, NCE, Kohima, April 27, 1996; (5) participated in a seminar on the Decennial Celebration of the IGNOU Regional Centre at Shillong held on August 10, 1996 and presented a paper on "The role of Technology in Reaching out to Learners in Open and Distance Learning : Some Reflections"; (6) acted as a resource person in the Seminar on 'On Perspectives in School Education at NERIE, NCERT, Shillong on 15th March 1997.

Prof.(Mrs) M.S.Padma acted as Coordinator of the NCTE sponsored Seminar on Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education, organised by the Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong, December 11-12, 1996.

Professor R.Bhattacharjee (1) participated in the Decennial Celebration Seminar of IGNOU Regional Centre at Shillong held on August 10, 1996 and presented a paper Co-authored with Prof. P.P.Gokulanathan; (2) acted as Coordinator of the UGC sponsored Seminar - work shop on Environmental Education Curriculum in Teacher Education, organised by Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong, March 25-26, 1997.

Dr. (Ms.) A. Henia presented a paper on 'Higher Education for the 21st Century with special reference to the North East' in the Sixth Annual Conference of the North East India Education Society, organised by Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong on March 27, 1997.

Dr.(Mrs) S.M. Sungoh attended the Sixth Annual Conference of the North East India Education Society held at Shillong, March 27, 1997; presented paper on "Community-based Environmental Education".

#### **Publications :**

Warjri, K.M., "Role of Family in the Changing World Environment", NEHU Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities, XII : 3 - 4, July-December, 1994. pp. 28-32 (issued on July 1996).

**Thrust Area of Research :** (a) Educational system in the North Eastern Region of India, and (b) Environmental Education.

#### **Research Programmes/Projects :**

- (a) 'Environmental Education' - Project undertaken with financial support from UGC.
- (b) 'Evaluation of the working of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in North Eastern Region' - Project undertaken with financial support from NCERT, New Delhi, by Prof. P.P. Gokulanathan.

#### **Other Activities :**

- (a) The Department organised three UGC-sponsored Refresher Courses in Education for college and university teachers during the period under report.
- (b) The Department organised the 5th and 6th Annual Conferences of the North East India Education Society during the period.
- (c) The Department organised a UGC sponsored workshop on Environmental Education from June 20-21, 1996 and a UGC sponsored seminar-workshop on Environmental Education curriculum in Teacher Education on March 25-26, 1997.
- (d) The Department organized NCTE sponsored seminar on curriculum Framework for Teacher Education on December 11-12, 1996.

#### **Department of Garo**

As the only teaching department in India on the subject established in 1996, it aims at developing Garo literature and language.

**Head :** Mrs Caroline R Marak

**Faculty :**

Name & Degrees	Designation
C R Marak, MA (Gau), PhD (NEHU)	Professor
F K Marak, MA (NEHU)	Lecturer
J R Marak, MEd (Bhubaneswar)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :**

- a) Enrolment capacity : 20  
 b) Actual Admission :

M.A. :	SC	ST	Gen.	Male	Female	Total
	-	19	-	6	13	19

**Courses conducted :**

History of Garo Literature and Language; Poetry I; Drama I; Fiction I, Linguistics I; Poetry II; Drama II; Prose I

**Seminar/Conference etc. :**

Organised :

1. Extension lectures on Garo Grammar by Prof. Robins Burling on 2nd December and 7th December 1996.
2. Extension lectures on Linguistics by Prof. Robins Burling, Visiting Professor from the University of Michigan, U.S.A. from 24th to 28th February 1997.
3. One extension lecture by Prof. S.N. Goswami, Gauhati University, on comparative philology on 27.3.97.

Prof. C. R. Marak:

(1) submitted a paper titled "Garo Literary Sources and Study of Garo Society through Literature" to the Seminar on Sources and their interpretation for the Study of the Societies of Meghalaya on 26.10.96 organised by the Department of History; (2) submitted a paper on "Literature in Tribal Language and Oral Traditions" in seminar organised by Sahitya Akademi, Baroda from 18th to 20th January 1997.

**Visiting Professors/Fellows :**

Professor Robin Burling, Professor of Anthropology, University of Michigan.

**Study Tour/Field Trip of Students :** Students visited Milsigre village about 45 Km. from Tura, to study the Wangala festival and aspects of Garo culture on 14th October 1996.

**Thrust Area of Research :** Literature, Language and Culture of the Garos.

### Other Activities :

(1) Faculty members visited Chandigre village about 40 Km. from Tura on 7th November 1996 to study Wangala festival and other aspects of Garo culture; (2) The Department has successfully completed the 1st Semester.

### Department of Hindi

This Department came into existence in August 1996 and the teaching began with the assistance of two visiting professors: Professor H.L. Tiwari and Professor S.K. Mishra.

Head : Dr H L Tiwari

### Faculty :

Name & Degrees

Designation

H L Tiwari, MA, PhD (BHU)  
S K Mishra, MA, PhD (Patna)

Visiting Professor  
Visiting Professor

### Student Intake :

a) Enrolment capacity:10

b) Actual Admission : 9

SC/ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
Nil	9	3	6	9

### Courses Conducted : M.A.

Adikalin Sahitya & Nirgun Dhara; Natak & Upanayas; Bhasavigyan; Kabya Shastra.

Visiting Professors/Fellows : Both the teachers of the Department are Visiting Professors.

### Department of Khasi

The Department was established in 1981. In this short period of time it has made a lot of progress towards the study of Khasi literature, language, culture and folkloristics. Teaching and research particularly in the thrust area are receiving due priority.

Head : Dr B L Swer

### Faculty :

Name & Degrees

Designation

H W Sten, MA, PhD (NEHU)  
B L Swer, MA (Gau), PhD (NEHU)  
M B Jyrwa, MA (Gau), PhD (NEHU)

Professor  
Professor  
Reader

B War, MA (Delhi), PhD (London)  
S Dkhar, MA, PhD (NEHU)

Sr Gr Lecturer  
Sr Gr Lecturer

### Student Intake :

Enrolment Capacity : 30

Actual Admission :	SC/ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
	33	-	10	23	33

### Degrees Awarded :

M.Phil:

1. Artidalin Myrthong, "Structure of Khasi Verbs". Supervisor, Professor H.W. Sten.
2. Elizabeth Kharchandy, "Khasi Drama: A Study of Transcreation". Supervisor, Professor B.L. Swer.
3. Siwika Kharsohnoh, "Ki Dak Ki Shin kiba paw bad phalang ha ki Novel Khasi" (Current Trends in the Khasi Novels). Supervisor, Dr.(Mrs.) B.War.

Ph.D:

1. Sr.Philomena Kharakor, "Biblical Influence in Pre-Independence Khasi Literature". Supervisor, Dr. (Mrs) B.War.

### Courses Conducted :

Linguistics I; Khasi Poetry I from 1888 to 1941; Khasi Literature Criticism; Khasi Fiction I; Literature in Translation; Linguistics II; Khasi Fiction II; Khasi Poetry II.

M.Phil:

Folkloristics, Methodology of Research, Lit.Themes and Techniques.

### Seminar/Conference etc. :

Professor B.L.Swer, Dr.(Mrs) M.B.Jyrwa and Dr.(Mrs)B.War attended the following :

- a) Symposium on "Living composers and their works" organised by the Centre of Creative Arts, October 1996; (b) Seminar on UGC sponsored seminar "Literary and Cultural Khasi Heritage" organised by Syngkhong Kyntiew Ri - Dec. 1996 as Resource persons.

### Publications :

H.W. Sten:

1. Poetic Techniques, Don Bosco Press, Shillong, 1996.
2. La Dkut Sohpet, Don Bosco Press, Shillong, 1996.

**Study Tour/Field Trip :** Undertook a Field Trip-cum-Study Tour to Nartiang, Jaintia Hills in November 1996 to acquaint students with historical sites and the influence of Hinduism on the Pnars (Khasi).

**Thrust Area of Research :** Linguistics, Literature, Culture and Folkloristics.

### Department of Linguistics

The Department was originally in Kohima Campus. It came to Shillong in 1996. The first batch of 30 students started classes on 5th August, 1996. Professor J.War was initially the sole faculty member since Dr. R.Sachdeva was on Sabbatical Leave (rejoined in Dec. 1996.). Dr.D. Savio, Mr. R.Mantri (CIEFL), Dr. B.War (Khasi Deptt.) and Mr. P.Jhingan (CLCS) were guest Lecturers. When Professor J. War proceeded on Medical Leave, Professor E.N.Lall (English Deptt.) took charge of the Department till Prof.War rejoined on 17th Dec.

**Head :** Professor Juanita War

#### Faculty :

Name & Degrees

Designation

J War, MA (Delhi), PhD (Edinburgh)

Professor

R Sachdeva, MA, PhD (Pune)

Reader

#### Student Intake :

a) Enrolment capacity : 30

b) Actual Admission :	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
	28	2	9	21	30

#### Courses Conducted :

Introduction to Linguistics, Linguistic Theories & Schools of Linguistics, Phonetics & Phonology, Morphology and Introductory Syntax.

#### Seminar/Conference etc. :

Dr. R.Sachdeva:

Presented papers entitled (1) "Towards An Explicit Language Policy" in Education for Nagaland : Monograph, C.I.I.L, Mysore, Ministry of H.R.D. 1996; (2) "Communication Potential in Nagaland" in Proceedings of the S.A.L.A. January 1997, New Delhi; (3) "Language Policy in Education for Nagaland" in Proceedings of the S.A.L.A. January, 1997, New Delhi.

#### Publications :

Dr. J.War:

(i) "The Khasi Concept of Nature", in Religion and Society. Vol.42. No.3 (1995) pp. 55-59.

(ii) "Status of Tribal women in N.E.India: Perspective and Realities", in Chatterji, S.K. (ed) Society and Culture in N.E.India: a Christian Perspective (1996). pp. 7-27.

**Thrust Area of Research :** Tibeto-Burman and Austro-Asiatic Languages of N.E. India.

**Department of Philosophy**

The Department came into existence in 1974. The same year it started its M.A. Programme. Later in 1979, the M.Phil Programme was introduced. The objective of the Department is to develop logical and analytical ability of the students to critically reflect on various issues that confront them. The general direction of the Department has been to give, both in teaching and research, special attention to such areas of philosophical thought as would facilitate the achievement of an authentic awareness among the students with regard to their own culture and tradition in the broader context of what is usually known as Indian Philosophy, Analytical Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Religion and History of Western Philosophy.

**Head :** Professor N Malla

**Faculty :**

Name and Degrees	Designation
Mrinal Miri, MA (Delhi), PhD (Cambridge) on leave	Professor
S Miri, MA, PhD (Delhi) on leave	Professor
N Malla, MA (Utkal), PhD (IIT-Kanpur)	Professor
M M Agrawal, MA, PhD (London)	Professor
C R Agera, MA (Madras), PhD (Delhi)	Reader
Jagat Pal, MA (Allahad), PhD (IIT-Kanpur)	Reader
S C Daniel, MA (Annamallai), PhD (NEHU)	Reader
X P Mao, MA, MPhil (NEHU) on stud leave	Lecturer
E R Tongper, MA, PhD (NEHU)	Lecturer

**Student Intake :** 65

(a) Enrolment Capacity : 65

(b) Actual Admission :

SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
-	45	16	34	27	61

**Degrees Awarded :**

Ph.D.

Edwin S.Langstieh, "Faith as Depth-Dimension With Special Reference to Kierkegaard". Supervisor, Dr. C.R. Agera.

**Courses Conducted :**

Indian Metaphysics, Symbolic Logic, Moral Philosophy, Philosophy of M. K. Gandhi, Indian Logic and Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Descartes and Modern Philosophy, Moral Philosophy-II,

Philosophy of Mind, Understanding Tribal Culture, Kant, Later Philosophy of Wittgenstein, Contemporary Western Philosophy. Issues in Contemporary Indian Society, Existentialism, Philosophy of Kant, Philosophy of Natural Sciences, Contemporary Philosophy of Religion.

#### **Seminar/Conference etc. :**

Professor N. Malla organised a Five Day Workshop in Methodology and Philosophy of Social Sciences for college teachers of North Eastern Hill University.

Professor M.M.Agrawal attended the International Conference on "Culture of Peace", 25th November 1996 - 1st December 1996, IGNC, New Delhi and presented a paper on "Modernity and Individual Responsibility".

Dr. Jagat Pal presented a paper on (1) "Truth Conditions Paradigm" in the National Seminar on The Motion of Meaning : Indian and Western Perspective, Cotton College, Gauhati, 1996; (2) "The Problem of Objectivity in North East India", in History Association, Aizawl College, Aizawl, 1996.

#### **Publications :**

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#### Thrust Area of Research :

It is difficult to say if the Faculty can be organised around a very specific area of Philosophy. There has been considerable work done on the articulation and understanding of tribal cultures and on several conventional problem areas of Philosophy. The two projects under the Departmental Research Support programme might enable us to crystallise a thrust area (s).

#### Other Activities :

Dr. C.R. Agera delivered four lectures on Tillich and Aquinas at the Fourth Refresher Course in Philosophy of Religion at Visva Bharati University.

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The School of Environmental Sciences was established in the year 1976 with the departments of Geography, Geology and Architecture, at the Shillong Campus and the Centre for Forest and Natural Resources (added in 1984, and subsequently was converted to the Department of Forestry under the School of Agriculture in 1992) at the Aizawl Campus. The Geology Department was started at the Kohima Campus of NEHU in 1984 and was transferred to the Aizawl Campus after the setting up of Nagaland Central University in 1994. During the re-organisation of departments and schools of studies, the Department of Anthropology was reassigned to the School, the nomenclature of the School having now changed to School of Human and Environmental Sciences in 1994. The Department of Architecture is yet to start, but is proposed in the IXth Plan of the University. Academic programmes of the Department of Geology is in suspended animation.