

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The School consists of five departments and one centre of studies, Public Administration and Psychology, located in Aizawl and the rest, consisting of Political Science, History and Sociology along with the Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies, in Shillong. All these continue to be actively involved in teaching and research. Members of the faculty have been attending regional, national or international conferences in their subjects. Seminars and workshops too have been organised.

Two departments, namely, History and Sociology, brought under the Special Assistance Programme of the UGC, are engaged in individual and also collective projects. The work in the department of History is due for mid-term review.

During the year the department of History and Political Science moved into the newly constructed building in the Permanent Campus of the University at Umshing. The department of Sociology is expected to follow shortly.

CENTRE FOR CULTURAL AND CREATIVE STUDIES

The Centre for Cultural and Creative Studies consists of two units namely the Creative Arts Unit and the Literary and Cultural Studies Unit. The Creative Arts Unit was established as a Centre in 1977, to provide incentives and promote art appreciation and art education in the region. The Centre for Literary and Cultural Studies started during 1984, was converted to the Unit for Literary and Cultural Studies during 1998. The Unit continued its programme of teaching and research activities. In the teaching programme help was taken from Mr. D.L. Kharmawphlang from the Creative Arts Unit of the Centre. The Programme of Folklore Research and Archive (PROFRA) sponsored by the Ford Foundation was started in May 1998. Research in cultural studies in the Unit continue. Emphasis is being given to field work in the villages.

Head : Professor Helen Giri

Faculty :

Professor : Helen Giri, M.A., Ph.D. (Gau.)

Reader : Soumen Sen, M.A. (Cal.), Ph.D. (Gau.)

Lecturers : Desmond L Kharmawphlang, M.A. (NEHU)

M.H. Barbhuiya, B.Fine (NB)

P.Jhingan, M.A. (JNU)

Courses conducted : Diploma Course in Folkloristics

Student intake :	SC/ST	Genl.	Male/Female	Total
	19	-	2 17	19

Extension Lectures :

Prabodh Jhingan. (i) "Language and Culture" to the M.A. Final Year Students for the 'course understanding of Tribal Cultures' in the Department of Philosophy, NEHU,

Shillong, on 6, 7 and 8 October 1999. (ii) "Experience in Transcreation of 'The Lesson' by Eugene Ionesco and 'Miss Julie by August Strindberg from English to Hindustani" in Certificate Course in Translation and Editing organised by Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Shillong on 8, October 1999.

Seminars/Workshops :

Attended :

Helen Giri : (i) Workshop organised by Art & Culture, Government of Meghalaya on Role of VCO's in the field of Art and Culture : Initiated two papers : "Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal Folk Art and Culture" and "Professional Groups and Individuals for Specified Performing Art Projects", 10th and 11th August, 1999. (ii) at Seminar on "Khasi Concept of Religion : Some of the Art Forms Associated with it", organised by Srimanta Shankardeva Kalakshetra Society, Government of Assam, Panjabari, Gauhati, 10th - 12th March, 2000.

Desmond L. Kharmawphlang : (i) Presented a paper entitled "The Role of Women in the Weretiger Tradition of the Khasis" in the seminar organised by PROFRA (Programme of Folklore Research and Archive) and National Book Trust, New Delhi on 1st November, 1999 at Shillong. (ii) Participated as Resource Person in the Community Writers' Workshop and Exhibition organised by the National Museum of Mankind, Bhopal from 31st March to 4th April, 2000.

M.H. Barbhuiya : Acted as Co-ordinator in the Easter Regional Young Painters Workshop organised by Creative Arts Unit and Lalit Kala Akademi, Regional Branch, Calcutta from 1st to 7th March, 2000 at Seminar Hall, Bijni Complex, NEHU, Shillong.

Publications :

Soumen Sen: "Folk Narrative and Social Reality in Matrilineal Khasi Society", in Jawaharlal Handoo *Folklore in Modern India* 1999. Mysore, Central Institute of Indian Language. Pp. 143 - 148.

Soumen Sen: "Tribal Oral Narratives and Ethno History : Discourses of events in time", *Journal of North East India Council for Social Science Research*, Silver Jubilee Issue 1999. Pp.16-26.

Other activities :

Helen Giri : Initiated Sangeet Natak Akademi, National Programme : Ganatantra Mohotsav Festival of music and dance to commemorate the 50 years of the Republic of India 29th February to 2nd March, 2000, Shillong.

Desmond L. Kharmawphlang : Organised ENSEMBLE '99 A Festival of North-East Poetry on 30th and 31st October, 1999, held under the aegis of Shillong Poetry Society and National Book Trust, New Delhi.

Organised a Cultural Programme on 20 April, 1999 at State Central Library, Shillong, on the occasion XI Convocation and also to mark of India's Fifty Years of Independence. The Programme included with 12 (twelve) items presented and performed by college students, Post-graduate students and others.

The Creative Arts Unit and the Cultural Programme Committee organised a week-long Programme as the finale of NEHU's Silver Jubilee Year from 12th to 19th July, 1999.

(i) 12th – 14th July, 1999 – Singing Competition. The Competition covered – Western Music, Oriental Music and Folk Music – organised for the University, College students and staff. The programme was sponsored by Mr. P.T. Sawkmie, Hon'ble Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Meghalaya.

(ii) 16th, 1999 : Cultural Dance Festival of the Seven States of the North-East Region.

(iii) 17th July, 1999 : Painting Competition for NEHU Children. The Competition was organised in collaboration with the NEHU Non-Teaching Staff Association (NEHUNSA).

(iv) 19th July, 1999 : Grand Variety Show and Prize Distribution.

Undertook field trip to Raid Narlein on 26th and 27th August, 1999 for an audio documentation of folk tales of Syngku, Mawrong Umter, Mawliang and Umlei Villages.

Organised "An Evening of Indian Classical Music" at NEHU on 12th December, 1999 to promote awareness of Indian Classical music. Two National Artistes – Mrs. Minati Khound, a renowned Violinist and Mrs. Sikha Dutta, a well known classical singer performed to a packed audience.

In collaboration with the Lalit Kala Akademi, Regional branch, Calcutta, the Creative Arts Unit organised a week-long "Eastern Regional Young Painters' Workshop" at NEHU from 1st to 7th March, 2000. The Workshop was participated by Sixteen artists – 3 from Calcutta, 2 from Assam, 2 from Manipur, 2 from Tripura, 1 from Mizoram and 6 from Meghalaya participated in the workshop. It was conducted under the guidance of Shri Sunil Das, an internationally renowned painter from Calcutta.

The Creative Arts Unit has also started regular weekly art classes from April, 1998, in such areas as painting, drawing, graphic prints etc.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Established in 1974 the Department of History has been organised, as its placement in the School of Social Sciences would suggest, on the concept of history as a Social Science. Its character, distinguished by an emphasis on the study of peoples and regions with particular reference to social and cultural development is with special reference to India and within it, North-East India. The objective of the Departments' academic programme are to provide at Master's level a broad knowledge of human history and particularly of the areas and themes of special concern to the Department and the modern approaches to its study through a suitably structured balanced syllabus. To promote historical research in hitherto unexplored areas, especially in the North-Eastern Region through its M.Phil/Ph.D. programmes and faculty member's research. The Department has played a crucial role in laying the foundation of regional studies

and is now recognised as the leading centre in the country for historical studies of North-Eastern region. In 1994/95 the Department was brought under the Special Assistance Programme of the UGC and it is hoped will develop into a Centre of Advanced Study in North-East Indian Studies.

Head : Professor J B Bhattacharjee

Faculty :

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

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

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

Readers : D.R. Syiemlieh, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. (NEHU)

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

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

F.A. Quadri, M.A., Ph.D. (Alig.)

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

V.R. Rengsi, M.A., M.Phil. (NEHU)

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

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

Student intake : a) Enrolment capacity : 50

b) Actual admission : SC/ST Genl. Total

46 4 50

Degrees awarded :

Ph.D. : Cecile Mawlong, "Megalithic Monuments in the Khasi Jaintia Hills : An Ethno archaeological Study". Supervisor Dr. M. Momin.

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 (1858-1947), 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, Indian Nationalism, Economic History of Modern India, Peasant Movement in Modern India, British Policy in N.E. India, Political Development in N.E. India, Government and Politics in N.E. India, Economic History of N.E. India, Polity Formation in N.E. India, Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures of NE. India, History of Ideas, Modern USA, Rise of Modern Japan.

Seminars/Conferences :**Attended:**

J B Bhattacharjee presented a paper "A.K. Chanda and Trade Union Movement in Assam" to the XX Session of North-East India History Association, Dibrugarh University, November 16-18, 1999.

M.Momin presented a paper "Interpreting Epigraphic Sources of North-East India" to the XX Session of North-East India History Association, Dibrugarh University, November 16-18, 1999.

D.R. Syiemlieh contributed a paper "More on Thomas Jones" to XX Session of North East India History Association, Dibrugarh University, November 16-18, 1999.

M.Sharma presented a paper "Gender and History : Necessity of a Methodology for Gender Neutral Reconstruction" to XX Session of North East India History Association, Dibrugarh University, November 16-18, 1999.

J.B. Bhattacharjee delivered 'Netaji Lecture - 2000' at Netaji Institute of Asian Studies at Calcutta on 23 January 2000 on "Netaji and the North East".

F.A.Qadri attended and presented papers at the following : "Central Asian Background of Naqshbandi Sufism in India", Indian Congress of Asian and Pacific Studies organised by Department of History NEHU, Shillong, July 29-31, 1999. "Jihad : Pious Act to Pseudo - Religions Vandalism", National Seminar on Peace, Non-Violence and Nations Building, organised by Department of Philosophy, NEHU, Shillong, July 26-28, 1999 "Medieval Perception of North-East Indian Tribes", XX Session of North-East India History Association, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, 16-18 November, 1999.

J.B. Bhattacharjee, M.Momin, M.Sharma, C.A.Mawlong and A.N. Passah attended the national seminar on "Access to and control and Management of Land and Forest in North East India" organised by North East India Social Science Congress (NEISSCONG), SOFCAR and NEHU at Shillong on 25-26 February 2000. Dr. M. Sharma was involved organisationally as Secretary of the Shillong Chapter of NEISSCONG, Professor Bhattacharjee delivered the inaugural address, Dr. Momin chaired a panel.

Publications :

Bhattacharjee, J.B, 1999. *Trade and Colony : The British Colonisation of North East India*, Shillong.

Singh, J.P, 1999. *An Introduction to the History of the Manikyās of Tripura*, Shillong.

Sharma, M, 1999. *Society and Social Forces in North-East India*, Vol. 1 Assam, Ajanta International, Delhi.

Singh, J.P., "Nitalan Kura : Its date and Author", *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, Aligarh, 1999.

Hussain, Imdad., "Borderlands and Recruiting Grounds : Eastern Assam in the Early Nineteenth Century", *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, Aligarh, 1999, pp. 683-90.

Sharma M., "Methodology and its importance in the writing of History. Some Preliminary Thoughts", *Proceedings of North-East India History Association*, Shillong 1999.

Qadri, F.A., "Mughal Relations with the Shattari Sufis : Abul Fadl's Treatment of Sheyllh Muhammad Ghauth Gwaliori", *Islamic Culture*, Hyderabad, Vol.LXXIII, No.2, April 1999, pp. 63-77.

Qadri, F.A., "Multitude in Solitude : The Phulwari Sharif Experiment in Sufism", *Proceedings of Indian History Congress*, Aligarh 1999, p. 1079 (Abstract).

Mawlong Cecile, "Some Aspects of the Indigenous Earthenware of the Khasi-Jaintia Hills", *Proceedings of North-East India History Association*, XIX Session, Shillong, 1999, pp. 62-68.

Passah, A.N., "The Welsh Presbyterian Church and Health Care in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills", *Proceedings of North-East India History Association*, XIX Session, Shillong, 1999, pp. 277-87.

Thrust area of research : Regional History of NE India.

Research Programmes/Projects :

The faculty members continued their research under the Special Assistance Programme, on specific projects to collectively prepare for a comprehensive History of N.E. India.

Other activities : Professor Imdad Hussain was nominated as Member of Assam University Court by the President of India in his capacity of Visitor of the University. Dr. D.R.Syiemlieh was awarded Fulbright Fellowship for eight months. Presently he is on Sabbatical leave for one year and availing the fellowship at Notre Dame University, USA. Dr. F.A.Quadri was invited as a short term Visiting Fellow to the Centre of Advanced Study, Department of History, Aligarh Muslim University which he availed from April 20 - May 4, 1999. Dr. F.A.Quadri was also invited as short term UGC-Lecturer in the Department of History, Dibrugarh University which he availed from January 23-30, 2000 and delivered seven lectures on "Aspects of Religion and Society in Medieval India". Dr. Tejimala Gurung attended Orientation Course at the Academic Staff College, Gauhati University in February - March, 2000.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Established in 1974, the Department of Political Science 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 the inter-disciplinary approach. It also aims at making courses and research work socially relevant and to develop in the students an awareness of the basic issues and problems in the discipline and to equip them intellectually to fulfil these needs.

With a sanctioned strength of 11 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 degrees. 6 Ph.D students have been admitted in the year 1999-2000.

Head : Professor L S Gassah

Faculty position :

Professors : R.L. Walli, M.A. (J&K), Ph.D.(J.N.U)

A.K. Baruah, M.A., Ph.D. (Punj.)

R.Borgohain, M.A. (JNU), Ph.D. (Gau.)

L.S. Gassah, M.A., Ph.D. (NEHU)

Readers : B.J. Deb, M.A., Ph.D. (Gau.)

E. Laitflang, M.A., Ph.D. (NEHU) on leave

Lecturers : K. Debbarma, M.A., Ph.D. (NEHU)

P. Malngiang, M.A., Ph.D. & LL.B. (NEHU)

S. Sengupta, M.A., Ph.D. (NEHU)

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

B.K. Mahapatra, M.A. (Delhi), Ph.D. (J.N.U)

Student in-take : a) Enrolment capacity : 40

b) Actual admission :	SC/ST	Genl.	Male/Female	Total
	40	-	22 18	40

Courses conducted :

M.A.: Political Theory - The Classical Traditions, Theories and Concept in Public Administration, Government and 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, International Law, Traditional Government and Politics of the Hill Areas of North East India, Issues in Indian Administration and Research Methodology, Contemporary Political Theory : Major Issues, Comparative Politics, International Organisation, Government and Politics of the Hill Areas of North East India, Modern Indian Political Ideas, Foreign Policy and Political Sociology.

M.Phil : Contemporary Political Theory, Research Methodology and Environmental Studies.

Seminars/Conferences :**Attended :**

L.S. Gassah.: Presented a paper 'Democratic Movements in Meghalaya : The Role of Youth' in a Seminar on Democratic Movements in Meghalaya, 28th Feb., 2000, organised by NERC-ICSSR, Shillong. Attended a Workshop on Autonomous District Council - Panchayati Raj Institution - People's Participation and Development and presented a paper 'Autonomous District Councils and the 73rd Amendment Act', 27th March 2000, organised by Voluntary Health Association of Meghalaya.

A.K. Baruah.: North East India History Association Annual Conference, at Dibrugarh University, Nov., 16-18, 1999 and presented a paper on 'Student Movements in North East India'. National Labour Institute Workshop on identifying researchable issues on labour and employment November 1-2, 1999. Presented a paper on 'Researchable Issues in Labour Studies'. Refresher Course in Political Science at Gauhati University, March, 10, 2000. and Delivered two lectures on Political Theory.

B.J. Deb.: Attended and contributed a paper on Non-Governmental Organisations and Social Science Perspective in a Workshop Concerning 'Emerging Scenario and Issue of Social Science Research in North East India', 13-14 December 1999, NEICSSR, Shillong. Attended and acted as Chair person of an academic Session in an Workshop on 'Autonomous District Council -Panchayati Raj : People's participation and Development, 27th March, 2000, Voluntary Health Association of Meghalaya.

Organised :

A.K. Baruah.: 'Access to and Control and Management of Land and Forest' Held in collaboration with North East India Social Science Congress, SOFCAR and NEHU, on 25th & 26th February 2000 at NEHU.

B.J. Deb.: Organised and attended a Seminar on 'Forest Resources on North East India', 5-6 June 1999, NEICSSR, Shillong.

Publications :

Baruah, A.K., Goswami Aandhya : 'Assam : Fractured Identities and Politics In a Multi Ethnic State' *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.XXXIV Nos. 34 and 35 August, 21-27/28- September, 3, 1999. Pp. 2492-2501.

Baruah, A.K. : 'Communalism and the Study of History in North East India', (NEIHA Proceedings, Shillong, 1999) pp. 49-54.

Sengupta, A. : "Women and Human-Some Observations on the Beijing Women's Conference" in Proceedings of the North East India Political Science Association, Eighth Annual Conference, Jorhat, 1999.

Sengupta, A. : "Regionalism and National Parties of Meghalaya" in Girin Phukon (ed.) *Political Dynamics of North East* (New Delhi, 2000).

Gassah, L.S., : *Survey of Research In Political Science on North-East India (1970-1990)* : Regency Publications, New Delhi, 1999.

Thrust area of research : Govt. & Politics of North East India.

Research Programmes/Projects :

1. Youth Organisations of North East India, Report submitted to ICSSR, NERC.
2. Coordinated the NATIONAL ELECTION STUDY 1999, as a part of the CSDS, team.
3. Coordinated the North-East India part of the National Election Audit, a project sponsored by the Election Commission of India.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Department was set up in June, 1985 and the Post-Graduate Teaching started in 1987 with 3 Faculty members only. The structure of the Master's Programme Development emphasises on the themes and regional studies/local Governments. At the end of the second semester the students are placed in the different government and non-government departments identified by the Government of Mizoram for a period of four weeks to study the functioning of the departments and thereafter record their findings in their reports.

Head : Dr. C Lalkima

Faculty :

Professor : R.N.Prasad, M.A., Ph.D. (Bihar)
Reader : C. Lalkima, M.A. (Osm.), Ph.D. (Gau.)
Lecturer : Lalrintluanga, M.A., M.Phil. (NEHU)
 : Kalpana Das, M.A., M.Phil. (Utkal.)

Student intake : a) Enrolment capacity : 50

b) Actual admission :	SC/ST	Genl.	Male/Female	Total
	50		36 14	50

Courses conducted : Fundamentals of Public Administration, Indian Administration : Structure & Processes, Public Personnel Administration with reference to Britain, U.S.A. & France, Development Administration in India, Environmental Administration in India, Theories of Bureacracy, Government & Politics of the Hill Areas of North-East India, Administrative Thought, Public Policy Analysis, Political Theory Research Methodology, Comparative Public Administration, International Administration, Theory and Practice of Local Government, Social Administration in India.

Seminars/Conferences :

Attended:

R.N. Prasad.: Presented a paper on (i) "University and Political Development in Independent India" at the seminar during the celebration of NEHU Silver Jubilee organised by NEHU, Mizoram Campus on 22.6.99. (ii) Ethnicity and Re-organisation of North East India, at the 4th Annual Conference of New Public Administration Society of India on Peoples Movements and Public Administration, organised by the Department of Public Administration and H.R.M. Kakatiya University, Warangal, on 29-31 August, 1999. (iii) "Sustainable Development, Good Governance Gram Swaraj",

organised by North-Eastern Hill University, Mizoram Campus and IIPA, Mizoram Regional Branch, Aizawl on 2nd October 1999. (iv) "India's Population Policy : Challenges Ahead and Strategies Thereof", at the Prelude Conference on the IIPA; New Delhi Theme India's Population Policy, Challenges and Strategies therefore organised by IIPA, Mizoram Regional Branch on 12th October 1999.

Publications :

Prasad, R.N. 1999, Our Goals For Twenty First Century : (a) Economic, (b) Social and (c) Administrative – Some Suggestions (IN) *Review of Politics*, Vol. No.1 and 2, Jan-June and July-December, 1998, pp.19-20. (Published in August, 1999), Journal (Bi-Annual) of the Department of Political Science, Veerkunwar Singh University Ara, Bihar.

Prasad, R.N. 1999, Ethnicity and Re-organisation of North-East India, (IN) *The West Bengal Political Science Review*, Vol. II, No.1 and 2, January-December, 1999, Journal of West Bengal Political Science Association, Calcutta. Pp. 75-92.

Prasad, R.N. 1999, The Mizoram Public Service Commission : A Study (IN) Hoshiar Singh (ed.) *Public Commission in India*, Allahabad, Kitab Mahal, pp.112-131.

Thrust Areas of Research : (i) Local Governments and Regional Studies/Case Studies with special reference to Mizoram. (ii) Electoral Politics of the North-Eastern States.

Other activities : Dr. R.N. Prasad was member Expert in the Subject field of Social Administration for Selection of Candidates for the award of Common Wealth Scholarship, 2000 offered by the Government of Canada. Dr. Linda Wing, E.E.O. International Consulting Firm, U.S.A., Team member of Fielding Institute of U.S.A. delivered lecture on the Topic of "Theories of Organisation" to the faculty members and the students of the Department on 28th March, 2000. Assistant Professor, Yaso Thiru, Alaska Pacific University, U.S.A. delivered a talk on "Zero Base Budgetting and N.G.O. in Entrepreneurship".

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Department came into existence in 1983 with the sanction of three faculty positions (Prof- 1 and Readers – 2).

Head : Dr. L N Singh

Student intake : a) Enrolment capacity : 15

b) Actual admission	: 15	SC/ST	Genl.	Male/Female	Total
		15		1 14	15

Courses conducted : Learning and Memory, Research Methods & Statistics, Social Psychology, and Practicals. Cognitive Processes : Attention and Perception, Advanced Correlation Methods, Physiological Foundations of Behavior and Practicals. Psychology of Personality, Theories of Human Development, Psychopathology, and

Practicals. Clinical Psychology – I (Psycho-diagnostic Approaches), Clinical Psychology – II (Psycho-therapeutic Approaches), Environmental Psychology, and Practical.

Publications :

Singh, L.N. and Thanzami, V.L. (1999) : Replication of Steinberg's Parenting Style Scale Among Mizo Adolescents. *Psychological Studies*, 44 (3), 112-114.

Singh, L.N. and Dey Choudhury, S. (1999) : Replication of Symptom Questionnaire : *Indian Standardization Data : Disabilities and Impairment*, 13 (1&2), 65-72.

Study Tour/Field Trip : Tour Programme is a part of curriculum in the Fourth Semester for providing practical exposure to the students at specialized Institutions of National importance, rendering professional services in the applied fields of psychology.

Other activities : Psychological Services are extended to : Psychiatric Department Civil Hospital, Government of Mizoram : the De-addiction Centres run by Government of Mizoram and Voluntary Organisations, and several local persons who come to the department for consultation and psychological guidance.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

The Department began instruction at M.A., M.Phil and Ph.D. level in 1976 on a modest scale. There were then only five faculty members and 25 M.A and M.Phil students. Since then Twenty batches of M.A., about six dozen of M.Phil and about a dozen of Ph.D students have been awarded degrees in Sociology. Keeping in mind Section 4 of the NEHU Act (the Socio-cultural development of the North Eastern Region) the Department decided to emphasise on Social Change as its academic thrust in which most of the researches are conducted. In this context, the academic thrust of the department has been split into : (a) Emerging Social Inequality; (b) Political Movement; (c) Occupational Differentiation; (d) Social Movement; (e) Ethnic Identity and Relations; (f) Demography, Ecology and Environment. The most important development of the year was launching of UGC sponsored Department of Research Support (DRS) in Sociology.

Head : Professor M N Karna : April 1- Dec., 3, 1999.

Professor A C Sinha : Dec. 1999 onwards.

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)

Readers : P.M. Chacko, M.A., Ph.D. (Delhi)

Nikhlesh Kumar, M.A. (Delhi), Ph.D. (NEHU)

C.L. Imchen, M.A., Ph.D. (JNU)

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
	35	5	7 / 33	40

Degrees awarded :

M. Phil.

Ms. Margaret B. Challam : Role of Man in Jaintia Kinship structure. Supervisor: Dr. Nikhlesh Kumar.

Ms. Mebada Wankar Lyngdoh : Ethnic Relations in Shillong : A Case Study of Laitumkhrach Locality. Supervisor: Dr. I Lanu Aier.

Ph.D.

A.K. Nongkynrih : A Sociological Study of a Khasi Village. Supervisor: Dr. Nikhlesh Kumar.

Courses conducted : Sociological Theories I; Methodology of Social Research I; Sociology of Kinship; Social Stratification; Sociological Theories II; Methodology of Social 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 :

Attended.

A.C. Sinha.: (i) As a resource person for the Refresher course in Sociology at Academic Staff College, Gujrat University Ahmedabad on 11-29 January 2000. (ii) Presented a paper on "Pattern of Traditional Regional Resources and Forest Administration in British Assam" in the seminar on "Land and Forest : Control and Management in North East India" on February 25-26, 2000 sponsored by SOFCAR (New Delhi) and NEISSCONG AND NEHU, Shillong. (iii) Presented a paper on "Political Culture and its Expressions in Indian Art Forms" in the National seminar on Religion and Art Forms in the North East India on March 10-12, 2000 organised by Allahabad Museum (Allahabad) and Srimant Sankerdeva Kala Kshetra, Guwahati.

I. Lanu Aier: (i) Provided extension course on Ethnic Groups and Ethnicity at Refresher course, Department of Geography, NEHU, Shillong on April, 1999. (ii) Resource person in workshop "Research in NE India", organised and sponsored by ICSSR (NERC), NEHU, Shillong, August, 1999.

M.N. Karna.: (i) Presided over a session of the National seminar on Peace, Non-violence and National Interest organised by the Department of Philosophy, NEHU, on 27 July 1999. (ii) Delivered a special lecture in a seminar on Political Institutions in North East India organised by the Department of Political Science, Nagaland University, Lumami on 6 October 1999. (iii) Presented a key paper on 'Labour in North East India in a workshop organised by the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, New Delhi held at Guwahati on 1 November 1999. (iv) Delivered a lecture on 'Sociological contributions of M.N. Srinivas in the Department of Sociology, Patna College, Patna on 31 January 2000. (v) Presented a paper on 'Religion and Society' at the national seminar on Religion and Art Forms in North East India organised jointly by the Allahabad Museum and Srimant Sankardeva Kala Kshetra at Guwahati during 10-12 March 2000.

C.L. Imchen.: (i) Attended a summer Institute from May 25 through 28, 1999 organised by the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. (ii) Gave a lecture entitled, 'The Historical Background of Political Movements in North-East of India' at Cultural Survival, Cambridge, Mass, USA, 22nd May 1999. (iii) Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's Faculty Research Fellow on 'Native Systems and the Nation-State- the Canadian experience at Carleton University, Ottawa. 24th June, 1999.

Organised.

C.L. Imchen : Organised along with colleagues of the department a symposium on Sociology of Culture under DRS/SAP of UGC on 30.11.99, Department of Sociology, NEHU.

1. A day long Symposium on "Sociology of Culture" was organised on 30 November 1999. Prof. Miri, V.C. NEHU, Prof. M.N. Karna, Prof. A.C. Sinha and Ms. M.W. Lyngdoh Nongbri, Research Scholar of the Department presented their papers.

2. Prof. B.S. Vaviskar, Delhi University delivered a lecture on M.N. Srinivas on 30 March 2000.

Publications :

Karna, M.N. 1999, "Ethnic Identity and Socio-Economic Processes in North East India" in Kailash S. Aggarwal (ed) *Dynamics of Identity and Intergroup Relations in North East India*. Shimla : Indian Institute of Advanced Study, pp. 29-38.

Karna, M.N. 1999, "Language, Region and National Identity", *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 48, Nos. 1&2, March - September, pp. 75-96.

Sinha, A.C. 1999, "Himalayan Studies in India" in *Continuity and Change in Indian Society* (ed) Bindeshwar Pathak, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 1999, pp. 254-266.

Sinha, A.C. 1999, "Education in Bhutan" *NEHU Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities* vol. 1 (No.2) pp. 65-82.

Sinha, A.C. 1999, "Tipaikukh Multi purpose project and the Recent Move for its Completion" *Dialogue* vol. 1, No.2 December, pp. 11-32.

Nikhlesh Kumar, Feb., 2000, "*An Organisational Study of the St. Edmund's College, Shillong*", the study was commissioned by the Society of the Christian Brothers in India.

Nongkynrih, A.K. 1999. *Basic Understanding of North East India*, Don Bosco Press, Shillong, sponsored by Indo-German social service society, New Delhi.

A.K. Nongkynrih, "Economic Agenda for the State of Meghalaya" a *Workshop Report under DRS Programme*.

Thrust area of research : The Department decided to emphasise on Social change as its academic thrust, in which most of the researches are conducted. In this context the academic thrust of the department has been split into : (a) Emerging Social Inequality; (b) Political dynamics (c) Occupational differentiation (d) Social Movements (e) Ethnic Identity and Relations and (f) Demography, Ecology and Environment.

Research Programmes/Projects :

Dr. P.M Chacko : (i) Funds received from Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of India, Rs.52,000 as the first instalment towards a project on Co-operative societies in Meghalaya and Mizoram. (ii) Work started on a project entitled 'Evaluation of large-size multi purpose co-operative societies in two tribal states of N.E. India and their linkage with Apex bodies (Meghalaya and Mizoram).

Dr. A.K. Nongkynrih : (i) Presently conducting a research on 'Village Human Development', sponsored under the Department Research Scheme, Department of Sociology. (ii) Extra-University managerial responsibilities : Coordinator Programme Folklore Research and Archive, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, North Eastern Hill University, December 18, 1999 till date.

Other activities : The Department was selected by the UGC for financial assistance at the level of Departmental Research Support for 5 years (1999-2004) under the Special Assistance programme (SAP) with the following thrust areas for research and teaching : (i) Political dynamics and social movements (ii) Occupational differentiation, emerging inequality and ethnic relations (iii) Development, ecology and environment. Professor M.N. Karna was designated as the Programme Coordinator by the Vice-Chancellor, NEHU.

The total grant non-recurring and recurring approved for a duration of Five Year (1999-2004) is Rs. 23.90 lakhs, out of which a sum of Rs. 13.40 lakhs was released in the month of July 1999.

The following studies have been funded under the scheme for which Rs.25,000/- each has been approved :

- (i) Prof. C. Nunthara - "Assessment of Drug Abuse and preventive Measures in Aizawl, Mizoram". (ii) Dr. I. Lanu Aier - "The Church and Political permutations in Nagaland". (iii) Dr. C.L. Imchen - "Emerging Accomodation Between Native System and Nation States". (iv) Dr. A.K. Nongkynrih - "A Case Study of Human Development in 12-Shnong, Cherrapunjee".