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SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SCIENCE

The School comprises the departments of Economics, Library & Information Science and Commerce. It admits students to master's and doctoral programmes. Two students of Economics have been awarded doctoral degree during the year under consideration.

The faculty members in the School have produced a large number of research papers in professional journals. They have also presented papers in seminars and conferences. Besides, a number of projects have been completed and some are under execution. The Department of Commerce organized a seminar on "Exchange rate mechanism and risk management". The Department of Economics has received a fresh grant of rupees two lakhs from the Madras School of Economics under the World Bank Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project for the purchase of books, journals, reference material and back volumes of journals in the field of environmental economics. The Department of Library & Information Science has successfully organized a refresher course in the discipline.

A professor in the Department of Economics has been appointed as member of the Meghalaya State Planning Board and Meghalaya Economic Development Council. Many faculty members of the School have been invited as resource persons outside the University.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Consequent upon the establishment of Nagaland University, the Department of Commerce started afresh in 1996 at Mayurbhanj Complex, Shillong with the teachers who opted to stay back with NEHU.

Head: Professor V.K. Kumar

Faculty:

Professor V.K.Kumar, M.Com (Andhra), Ph.D (Raj)

Lecturer N.M.Panda, M.Com (Utkal), Ph.D (MU)

Student Intake: (a) Enrolment capacity: M.Com-30 Ph.D-5

(b) Actual admission: SC/ST/Gen Male/Female Total

M.Com	26	4	22	8	30
Ph.D	1	4	4	1	5

Courses conducted:

Government Business & NE Economy, Principles of Management, Business Statistics, Business Economics, Financial Management-I, Principles of Marketing, Indian Financial System, Management of Small Business, Financial Management-II, Advanced Commercial Banking, Advanced Financial Accounting, Agricultural Marketing, Organizational Behaviour, Public Enterprises in India, Management Accounting, Accounting Information System.

Seminars/Conference:

Prof. V K Kumar participated in the international seminar on "Technological Exposition in the New Millennium: Management Strategies and Implications for Public Policy" organised by Pondicherry University, Pondicherry during 3rd to 5th August 2001 and presented a paper "Quality Based Cost Management in an Environment of computer Integrated Manufacturing".

Dr. N M Panda: (1) Participated in the national seminar on "Language, Communication & Information Technology" organised by the CIEFL, Shillong during 16th to 17th November 2001 and presented a paper entitled "Business Language: The influence of Information Technology". (2) Attended the 33rd Annual Regional Science Conference organised by the Department of Geography, Shillong during 19th to 20th October 2001 and presented a joint paper entitled "Agricultural Productivity: Towards Sustainable Development in North East India".

Publications:

Panda, N.M. 2000. Human Resources Management in small Enterprises: A case study of Hotel Industry in Nagaland. *SEDME*, 27 (3): 95-107.

_____. 2000. Activity Based Cost Modelling. In P. Rao and B.B. Pradhan, eds. *Strategic Management Accounting*. Shillong: Deep & Deep Publications, 208-215.

_____. 2000. Occupational Mobility from the viewpoint of Entrepreneurship: The Nagaland Experience. *Social Change*, 30 (3 & 4): 164-184.

Visiting Professors/Fellows:

Mr. R. Syngkon, lecturer in Economics at St Edmund College, Mr. A.N.Shankar, lecturer in Commerce at B.B.S. college and Mr. S. Umdor, lecturer in Economics at St. Anthony College served the Department as guest lecturers for both the semesters of the year.

Thrust Area of Research: Accounting, Finance and Control Management of Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Other Activities:

Prof V K Kumar: (1) Delivered the following two talks at the Academic Staff College of Gauhati University, Guwahati, on 13th and 14th August, 2001: (a) Cost Management in a Competitive Environment, and (b) Activity-based-Costing. (2) Delivered a series of lectures at Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore on Strategic Cost Management during December-January, 2001. (3) Delivered a lecture on Activity Based Costing at the Centre for Management Studies, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, Visakhapatnam, 4th February 2002. (4) Delivered a lecture on Activity Based Management at the Gitam Institute of Foreign Trade, Visakhapatnam, February 11, 2002.

NM Panda participated in the special course on Audit of Financial Statements of Externally Aided Projects" for senior accounts officers (audit) during 11th - 15th March 2002 and delivered talks on (i) Audit Risk, and (ii) Statistical Sampling in Audit.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics was established in 1974. The main objective of the Department is to impart socially relevant education at postgraduate level by a judicious mix of empiricism and theory. The courses of study and research offered in the Department have been designed to meet this objective.

The Department has given adequate coverage to North-Eastern region in its research programme. Its M.A. students take compulsory courses on North-Eastern region and Environmental Economics. The courses of study in the Department have been periodically updated to capture the latest developments in the discipline. An adequate exposure to quantitative techniques is compulsorily given to all students.

Head: Professor S.K. Mishra

Faculty:

Professors	S.K. Mishra, M.A. (Bhagal), Ph.D (IIT, Kharagpur) M. Lalwani, M.A., Ph.D (Delhi) N.Srivastav, M.A. (Rajasthan), Ph.D (IIT, Kanpur) E.D. Thomas, M.A., Ph.D (NEHU)
Readers	A. Dubey, M.A. (BHU), Ph.D (IIT, Bombay) B. Mishra, M.A., Ph.D (Utkal) Gurudas Das, M.A., Ph.D (N. Bengal) U.K. De, M.Sc., Ph.D (Burdwan) P. Nayak, M.A. (Utkal), Ph.D (IIT, Kharagpur)
Lecturer	Orester J.Kharpuri, M.A. (NEHU)

Student intake:

a) Enrolment capacity:	M.A.-50, M.Phil-20, Ph.D-20.
b) Actual admission:	SC/ST Gen Male Female Total
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Degrees awarded:

Ph.D

Niewkor Syngkon. "Agricultural Credit in the Ri-Bhoi District of Meghalaya (A Case Study of Four Villages)." Supervisor: Prof. P.M. Passah.

Natalie West. "Banking and Financial Institutions in Meghalaya since 1972." Supervisor: Prof. P.M. Passah.

Funds received from agencies other than NEHU/U.G.C.:

The Department received a grant of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakhs only) from the Madras School of Economics, Chennai, under the World Bank Aided India Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project, for procurement of books, journals, reference materials, data base and back volumes of journals in the field of Environmental Economics.

Courses conducted:

M.A: Political Economy, Macro-Economic Analysis-I, Mathematics for Economists, Techniques of Statistical Analysis, Macro-Economic Analysis-II, Micro-Economic Analysis-I, Public Economics, Economics of Development and Planning, Micro-Economic Analysis-II, International Trade, Indian Economy, Economics of Environment and North-Eastern Region.

Optional Papers: Monetary Economics-I, Monetary Economics-II, Theories of Industrial Economics, Industrial Organization in India, Econometrics-I, Econometrics-II, Econometrics-III, Computer Applications in Quantitative Economics, Labour Economics, International Trade & Monetary Policy, Computer Programming for Social Scientists, Static Optimization Techniques, Environmental Economics, Modern Growth Economics, Dynamic Optimization Techniques, International Economics; Budgetary Theory, Economics of Agriculture-I, Economics of Agriculture-II, Economics of Human Resources-I, Economics of Human Resources-II; Mathematical Economics-I, Mathematical Economics-II, Economics of Third World-I, Economics of Third World-II, History of Economic Thought-I, Urban and Regional Economics-I, Urban and Regional Economics-II, Transport Economics-I, Transport Economics-II, History of Economic Development-I, History of Economic Development-II.

M.Phil Courses: The M.Phil scholars are required to choose any three courses of the following: (1) Major Issues in Indian Economy; (2) Scientific Methods and Quantitative Techniques; (3) Advance Economic Theory; (4) Institutional Economics.

Seminars/Conferences:

S.K. Mishra presented a paper entitled "Quality of Life in Dimapur, Nagaland" (with M.L. Ngullie) at the international seminar on "Environment, Locational Decisions and Regional Planning" organised by the Department of Geography, NEHU, Shillong, March 5-9, 2002.

N Srivastav: (i) Conference on Agricultural Transition in the Hill Areas of the North-Eastern Region, organised by the North East Economic Association, September 7-8, 2001. Chaired the business session on "New Trends in Cropping Pattern" and was a member of the board for editing the conference papers. (ii) 33rd Regional Science Conference jointly organised by the Department of Geography and the Regional Science Association, October 19-20, 2001. Papers presented: "Regional Disparities in Poverty Incidence and Consumption Expenditure in India" (with A Dubey) and "Unemployment in Northeast India: Some Issues" (with A Dubey), (iii) International conference on Environment, Location Decisions and Regional Planning organised by the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental Management, Location Decisions and Regional Planning, Greece, March 5-9, 2002, and presented a paper: "Intersectoral Linkages in the Economy of Uttar Pradesh: a Graph Theoretic Approach". (iv) Workshop on Employment, Unemployment and Generation of Employment: a Macro Development Perspective organised by V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA, March 26-27, 2002 and presented a paper: "Unemployment in Northeastern Region of India: an Inter- state Comparison for the year 1993-94" (with A Dubey).

A.C. Dubey: (i) Presented two papers at the national seminar on Labour Profile in the North-Eastern states entitled "Rural Non-farm Employment in the North-Eastern Region of India: An Exploratory Exercise" (with Smita Das and Veronica Pala), and "Unemployment in Northeastern Region of India: an Inter- State Comparison for the year 1993-94" (with N Srivastav), organised by the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA and North-Eastern Institute of Bank Management, Guwahati, March 26-27, 2002. (ii) National seminar on "Non-farm Employment" organised by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research, New Delhi, March 25, 2002. Paper: "Non-farm Employment and Decline in Poverty in India: An Exploratory Exercise" (with Smita Das and Veronica Pala). (iii) International workshop on "Impact of Globalisation on Labour Markets" organised by the University of Toronto and the National Council of Applied Economic Research (sponsored by the International Development Research Council, Canada), New Delhi, February 19-20, 2002. Paper: "Employment Patterns and Poverty Alleviation in India: A View from the Extremes" (with Subir Gokarn) (iv) International seminar on "Poverty Monitoring in India" organised by the Planning Commission, Government of India and the World Bank, New Delhi, January 11-12, 2002. Paper: "Poverty Calculations" (with Shubhashis Gangopadhyay) (v) International workshop on "Promotion of Investment and Trade in the Eastern South Asia Sub-region" sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and organised by the South Asia Research Society, Kolkata, Kolkata, October 19-20, 2001. Paper: "Role of Rural Infrastructure in Trade and Investment: Evidence from Field Studies". (vi) National workshop on "Food Security and Public Distribution System" organised by the National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, May 28-29, 2001. Paper: "Poverty, Public Distribution System and Food Security in India: A Household Level Analysis". Also chaired the working group on Reforming PDS in India.

B. Mishra: 33rd Regional Science Conference (India) organised by the Department of Geography, NEHU, Shillong, October 19-20, 2001. Paper: "Agricultural Productivity: Towards Sustainable Development in North East India".

Gurudas Das: (i) Seminar on "Peace in Assam: Prospects and Possibilities" organised by the ICSSR-NERC held on August 29-30, 2001 at Guwahati. Paper: "Cementing the Fault Lines in Assam: Probable Options". (ii) Seminar on "Development Constraint in Nagaland" organised by the ICSSR-NERC held on March 14-15, 2002, at Kohima. Paper: "Armed Struggle in Nagaland: Tactics, Strategies and Its Ramifications for Economic Development." (iii) Seminar on "Rural Development, Small Industries and Peoples' Participation in North East" organised by the NEICSSR, held on December 10-11, 2001, at Shillong. Paper: "The State of Manufacturing in Meghalaya: Resource-Industry Linkages". (iv) Seminar on "Border Trade of Arunachal Pradesh: Retrospect and Prospect" organised by History Department, Arunachal University, held on September 22-23, 2001, at Arunachal University, Doimukh. Paper: "Geo-Economy of Arunachal Pradesh: The Cross-border Trade Dimensions".

M Lalwani participated in the 33rd Regional Science Congress, organised by the Department of Geography, NEHU, Shillong, October 19-20, 2001 and read a paper entitled "Disparities in Land Productivity across the Districts in Assam (1970-1971 to 1999-00)". Also co-chaired the session on regional disparities.

Publications:

Das, Gurudas, ed. 2001. *Research Priorities in North-East India (With Special Reference to Arunachal Pradesh)*. New Delhi: Regency Publications.

_____. 2002. Immigration into North-East India: The Security Dimensions. In C. Joshua Thomas, ed. *Dimensions of Displaced People in North-East India*. New Delhi: Regency Publications, 73-90.

_____. 2001. Trade between North Eastern Region and Bangladesh: Nature, Trends and Implications for Development Cooperation. *Dialogue*, 2(4): 79-91.

De, U.K. 2000. Diversification of Crop in West Bengal: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis. *Artha Vijnana*, 42(2):170-182.

_____. 2000-01. Cropping Pattern and Agricultural Development in West Bengal during 1970-71 to 1994-95. *The Indian Economic Journal*, 48(4): 68-77.

Dubey, A.C. and H. S. Neilsen. 2001. Child Labour: A Microeconomic Perspective. *Working Paper No.10/2001*, Centre for Labour Market Research, Department of Economics, Aarhus Business School, Aarhus.

Dubey, A.C. and S. Gangopadhyay. 2001. Regional Poverty Incidence in India: Temporal Change and Spatial Inertia. In V.S. Jafa, ed, *Liberalisation in India: The Road Ahead*. New Delhi: New Century Publication, 174-191.

_____. 2002. Counting the Poor. In B.S.Minhas, ed. *National Income Accounts and Data Systems*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 81-147.

Lalwani, M. 2001. Impact of foreign Direct Investment on Domestic Savings and investment in Select developing Economics. *Man and Development*. 33(3): 98-109.

_____. 2002. Withering State Policy towards Human Resource Management in India. In P. Louis, ed. *State, Development and Identity in South India*. New Delhi: Indian Social Institute, 46-53.

_____. 2002. Commentary and note on the impact of FDI on savings and investment in select Developing Economics. *International Studies*, 39(1):23-27.

Study Tour/Field Trips of Students:

Dr. B. Mishra and Dr. Gurudas Das took the fourth semester students on a study tour to Chennai and Kanyakumari for a period of 19 days with effect from 28.01.02.

Thrust Area of Research:

Economics of Agriculture, Economics of Rural Development, Econometrics, Economics of Health, Economic of Education and Manpower, Economics of the North-Eastern Region, Economics of Energy and Transport, Quantitative Economics, Industrial Economics, Monetary Economics, Public Economics, Regional Planning, Urban Economics.

Research Programmes/Research Projects:

Dr. N Srivastav completed the projects “ Incidence of Unemployment and Child Labour in Northeastern States” (with Dr. A Dubey), sponsored by the V V Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA and “Poverty and Levels of Living by Social Groups: A Disaggregated Analysis” (with Dr. A. Dubey) submitted to North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 2002.

Dr. U.K. De submitted the final report of the minor research project entitled “Adoption of Modern Technology in Agriculture: A Study of West Bengal”, sponsored by the UGC under unassigned grant.

Dr. A.C. Dubey completed: (i) “Harmonisation of State Excise on Alcoholic Beverages in India” (with S Gokarn), National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi (submitted to Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverages Companies), New Delhi, 2001. (ii) “Status of Rural Infrastructure in Meghalaya: Results from Primary Survey” (with S Umdor and S Das), submitted to the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, 2001. (iii) Incidence of Unemployment and Child Labour Among the North-Eastern States” (with N Srivastav), submitted to the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA, December 2001. (iv) “Review of Indian Poverty Data” (with Phil Crook), submitted to Department for International Development (India), 2001. (v) “Poverty and Levels of Living by Social Groups: A Disaggregated Analysis” (with Nirankar Srivastav), submitted to North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 2002.

Dr. A.C. Dubey has undertaken a research project entitled “Status of Rural Infrastructure in Four North-Eastern States” (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura), sponsored by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi. The project is implemented by the NEISSCONG, Shillong. The project cost is Rs.2,28,000/-.

Dr. Gurudas Das is currently working on two research projects: (i) “Understanding India’s North-East: Security, Integration and Development”, sponsored by Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati. The project was undertaken in May 2000 while working as Visiting Faculty at the Institute, and (ii) “Structural Change and Development: Resource-Industry Linkages in North-Eastern States of India”, sponsored by the ICSSR. The project cost is Rs.3,00,000/-.

Other activities:

E.D. Thomas has been appointed as a member of (i) Meghalaya State Planning Board, and (ii) Meghalaya Economic Development Council.

M. Lalwani served as a member of the State Commission on Population and is honorary consultant for the Society for Economics and Social Research, New Delhi for the Society’s project “India’s Livestock Feed Balance and its Environmental Implications”.

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Established in 1985, the Department holds the distinction of being the first in the country to offer a two-year integrated master's degree in Library and Information Science (MLISc) that has been followed by other universities. The Department has also taken in its stride the task of improving the professional competence of the library and information personnel of the region in particular. 25 students passed out with master's degree and one student submitted his Ph.D thesis.

Head: Dr Veena Saraf

Faculty:

Professors J C Binwal, MLISc (Delhi) Ph.D (Karn)
A S Chandel, MLISc.(BHU), Ph.D (Lkn)
Reader Veena Saraf, MLISc (Delhi) Ph.D (NEHU)
Lecturers Moses M Naga MLISc (NEHU)
Bikika Laloo MLISc (NEHU)

Student intake:

- a) Enrolment capacity MLISc = 25
b) Actual admission

	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
MLISc	Nil	24	1	6	19	25
MLISc						
Ph.D	Nil	5	2	3	4	7

Degrees awarded:

Ph.D

Bijoy Bharali. "Information Seeking Strategies-A Study of North East India".
Supervisor: Dr. Veena Saraf.

Courses conducted:

Compulsory Papers: Library and Society, Organisation of Knowledge a. Classification b. Cataloguing (Theory), Organisation of Knowledge a. Classification b. Cataloguing (Practice), Information Services and Sources, Introduction to Information Technology, Library management, Organisation of Knowledge a. Classification b. Cataloguing (Theory), Organisation of Knowledge a. Classification b. Cataloguing (Practice), Programming and software packages, Job Diary, Viva Voce and Study Tour Report; Universe of Knowledge, Structure and Development, Library System Analysis and Elements of Statistical Methods, Information Users and their needs, Information Retrieval Techniques, Computer Applications in Library and information Services, and Project Report/Dissertation on some current problems in Library and Information Science.

Optional Papers: (i) Information and Literature Sources in any one of the following: (a) Humanities (b) Social Sciences or (c) Natural Sciences (II) (a) Information Systems and Services or (b) Management of Information Systems.

Visiting Fellows:

Shri. P K Mitra, Assistant Librarian, NEHU and Manoj Rana, Librarian, BBS College, Shillong served the Department as guest lecturers for both the semesters.

Prof. M M Kashyap was in the department from 5th to 10th November 2001 as visiting fellow. During his stay, he delivered a lecture on "Database Management System".

Seminars/Conferences:

Prof. J C Binwal delivered the keynote address at the seminar on "Challenges of Librarianship Profession in the Developing Countries" at Dhaka, Bangladesh on 28th December 2001.

Publications:

Binwal J C and Lalmachhuana. 2001. Knowledge representation: Concept, Techniques and the Analytico-synthetic paradigm. *Knowledge Organisation*, 28 (2):5-16.

Binwal, J C. 2001. Knowledge Management. *IASLIC Bulletin*, 46 (2): 65-78.

_____. 2001. Changing horizons of library and information science education. In N Laxman Rao, et al, ed. *Changing dimensions of LIS Education*. Hyderabad: IATLIS, 1-9.

Hangsing, P. and V. Saraf. 2001. FoxPro 2.5 based serial management system. *Library Herald*, 39 (3): 117- 139.

Lalmachhuana and J.C.Binwal. 2001. Crossdisciplinary subjects: A conceptual analysis. *Journal of Library and Information Science*, 26(1): 67-68.

Laloo, B. 2001. *Information Needs, Information Seeking Behaviour and Users*. New Delhi: Ess Ess Publication.

Thrust Area of Research:

Universe of Knowledge, Structure and Development, Computer Applications and Information Technology, Information Storage and Retrieval, Information Management and Users' Needs.

Other Activities:

The Department conducted a refresher course from the 2nd to 22nd November 2001, which was attended by 25 participants.

Prof. J C Binwal delivered a lecture on "Information Networks" to the staff of the University Grants Commission, Bangladesh at Dhaka on 26th December 2001. He also delivered two lectures at the workshop on "Bibliographical Control", organised by the Central Reference Library, Kolkata and the Department of Library and Information Science, Gauhati University at Gauhati on 20th March 2002.