

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SCIENCES

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The School comprises of three Departments, namely Commerce, Economics, and Library and Information Science. The School admits students to both the Masters and Doctoral programmes. One doctoral degree was awarded in the discipline of Economics during the year under consideration. The faculty members of the School have published a large number of research papers in professional journals. They have also presented papers in a number of Regional, National and International Seminars and Conferences held abroad and within India. A number of faculty members have been invited as Resource Persons as well as to chair sessions in seminars, workshops and refresher courses outside NEHU. Two Research Projects in the Department of Economics and one in the Department of Commerce have been completed and a number of projects are still under execution in the departments.

A National Seminar was organized by the Department of Commerce on the theme "Global Convergence of Commerce Education" and Department of Economics organized a Seminar on "Vision NER: 2020". A Workshop was organized by the Department of Library and Information Science on "Capacity Building Program on Basics of Documentation".

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Thrust area of research : The Department aims at imparting education needed for creation and management of business enterprises in an emerging economy. Keeping in view the importance of business research both at national and regional levels, it conducts socially relevant research work. The thrust areas of research in the Department are : Accounting and Finance; Entrepreneurship and Small Business and Organisational Happiness.

Brief statement of academic activities : Currently the Department has 85 students on roll at M.Com level. In addition to the regular teaching the Department conducts weekly seminars for the students with the following twin objectives:

- a. to enable them enhance their presentation skills
- b. to share the outcome of their project / field work.

Faculty :

Professor : N.M. Panda, M.Com (Utkal), PhD(Manipur), LL.B(Utkal),FDPM(IIMA)
 Readers : A.P. Pati, MCom/MPhil/PhD(UU), LLB(UU), CWA(ICWAI),DBF(ICFAI)
 V.K. Shrotryia, M.Com, LLB, Ph.D(Rohilkhand).
 Lecturers : R. A. J. Syngkon, M.A./M.Com (NEHU).
 A. Dash, M.Com/M.Phil/Ph.D(Utkal), FDP(IIMA)
 K. C. Kabra, M.Com, (JR Nagar Raji Vidyapeeth), Ph.D
 S. Kharmawphlang, M.Com, (NEHU), DFM(NILEM, Chennai)

Visiting Professors/ fellow :

- i. Prof K. Ramakrishnan Visiting Professor.
- ii. Prof. R.K. Bal, Visiting Fellow 30.05.05 to 06.06.05.

Student intake: Enrolment capacity: M.Com-45

Actual admission	SC	ST	Gen	Male/Female	Total
M.Com	-	39	7	22 23	45
PhD	-	1	4	4 1	5

Degrees awarded:

Students passed	SC	ST	Gen	Male/Female	Total
M.Com	1	7	9	6 11	17
PhD					

Placement of the students: Though there is no formal placement programme conducted by the Department, the teachers on a continuous basis provide counseling to the students so as to enable them to compete in the job market. Past statistics suggest that on an average, within a period of 18 months, the graduating students are placed in respectable positions.

Courses conducted : Business Policy & Environment, Organizational Behaviour, Managerial Economics, Statistical Analysis, Financial Management, Corporate Reporting & Disclosure, Cost and Management Accounting, Financial Markets & Instruments, Direct Taxes & Practices, Corporate Financial Accounting, Security Analysis & Portfolio Management, Small Business Environment & Entrepreneurship, Small Project Planning & Control, Management Information System & Computer Application, Strategic Management, Specialised Accounting, Management of Financial Institutions, Strategy & Management in Small Business, Retail Management.

Seminars/Workshops :

Attended

Prof. N.M.Panda:

- 1 NEC Sponsored Regional Workshop on Social Services organized by Sub Zonal Training Institute (Employees Provident Fund Organisation,

Ministry of Labour, Govt., of India), Shillong on 20th May 2005 at Orchid Lake Resort, Umiam. Paper presented entitled "Employment Generation" in the North East India and Social Security for Workers."

2. National Seminar on 'Global Convergence on Commerce Education' (jointly organized by Dept of Commerce, NEHU and ICAI, Delhi) held at Department of Commerce, NEHU, Shillong on 7-8 Nov 2005. Paper entitled "Corporate Governance: An Ethical Perspective."
3. Seminar on 'Promotion of Entrepreneurship in North-Eastern Region: Issues & Challenges' organized by the Dept., of RDAP, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura, on 24-25th March, 2006. Paper presented "Pentagon Predicament for Entrepreneurship: Development in North-East India."

Dr. Vijay Kumar Shrotriyia :

1. National Conference on 'Gandhi and the Contemporary Society – Challenges and Responses' held at NEHU, Shillong on 28-30 April, 2005. Presented a paper entitled "Perspectives on Relevance of Gandhi for Happiness and Development."
2. International Conference on 'Happiness, Progress and Public Policy', organized by the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Lignan University and the Hong Kong Society for Quality of Life, held at Lignan University, Hong Kong on 24-25 June 2005. Presented a paper entitled "Happiness as a Priority over Development – Some Evidences from the Kingdom of Bhutan."
3. National Seminar on 'Global Convergence in Commerce Education' (jointly organized by Dept of Commerce, NEHU and ICAI, Delhi) held at Department of Commerce, NEHU, Shillong on 7-8 Nov 2005. Presented papers entitled "Whither Accounting and Accounting Research in India?" and "Can better corporate governance practices sustain corporate happiness?"
4. 58th All India Commerce Conference held at Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi during 28-30 December 2005. Presented a paper entitled, "Tourism in Meghalaya – Policy, Problems and Prospects" co-authored with Priya V. Dkhar, Research Scholar, Dept of Commerce, NEHU, Shillong.

Dr. A P Pati :

1. 58th All India Commerce Conference, organized by Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi, 27-29th Dec, 2005, paper presented: "Disintermediation in Financial Services: An Empirical Investigation of India Banking Sector".
2. Ninth Capital Market Conference, Indian Institute of Capital Markets, Mumbai, 19-20th Dec., 2005, Paper presented: 'Does Corporate Governance matter in Indian Banking? Policy Implications on the Performance'.
3. National Seminar on 'Global Convergence of Commerce Education, (jointly organized by Dept of Commerce, NEHU and ICAI, Delhi) held at Dept. of Commerce, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 7-8th Nov, 2005. Paper presented: 'Stock Exchange Governance: Is Demutualization a panacea?'

Dr. Ashutosh Dash :

1. International Conference on 'Business and Finance' organized by ICAI University, Dec.18-19, 2005. Paper presented: "Accounting Conflicts, Crises and Solutions- A 20th Century Experience".
2. National Seminar on 'Global Convergence in Commerce Education' (jointly organized by Dept. of Commerce, NEHU and ICAI, Delhi) held at Department of Commerce, NEHU, Shillong on 7-8 Nov 2005. Paper presented: "Accounting Education- Can it provide solution to crises?"

Dr. K.C. Kabra :

1. National Seminar on 'Global Convergence in Commerce Education' (jointly organized by Dept of Commerce, NEHU and ICAI, Delhi) held at Department of Commerce, NEHU, Shillong on 7-8 Nov 2005. Papers presented "VAT in North-Eastern States - A Study of VAT Laws of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram" and "Commerce Education in Mizoram".
2. 58th All India Commerce Conference organized by Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi, 27-29th Dec, 2005, Paper presented "Commerce Education in Mizoram, The Way Value Addition is Taxed in Mizoram."
3. National Seminar on 'Global Convergence of Commerce Education' organized by the Dept. of Commerce, Manipur University, Imphal held on 30th - 31st January 2006. Paper presented 'Prospects of Indo-Bangla Border Trade - A Case Study of Mizoram.'
4. Seminar on 'Promotion of Entrepreneurship in North-Eastern Region: Issues & Challenges' organized by the Dept. of RDAP, North-Eastern Hill University, Tura Campus, on 24th - 25th March 2006. Paper presented "The Impact of Macro Planning & Budgetary Supports on Small Scale Industrialisation in Mizoram."

Publications:

Journal

Dash, A. 2005. "Socio ecologic accounting and civil society". *The ICAI Journal of Accounting Research*, Vol. IV, No. 3, July, 2005. pp. 29-58.

Shrotryia, V.K. 2006. "The Relationship Between Accounting and Human Behaviour : A step towards attaining Organizational Happiness". *Gurukul Business Review*, Vol. 2, Spring 2006. pp. 94-99.

Kabra, K.C. 2006. "Entrepreneurship and Information Technology in Mizoram" (ed). *Entrepreneurship and small scale Industries*, pp. 205-206.

Books

Pati, A.P. 2005. *Regional Rural Banks in Liberalised Environment*, Mittal Publication, New Delhi, 2005.

Funds Received from Agencies other than NEHU : Received Rs.40,000/- for organizing the National Seminar on 'Global Convergence in Commerce Education' on 7-8th Nov., 2005, from ICAI, New Delhi.

Infrastructure facilities : The Department has a Computer Lab and a Learning Resource Center for M.Com students and Research Scholars.

Research projects :

(a) Ongoing: "Financial Sustainability of Micro Lending Through SHG-Bank Linkage Programme: A Study on Meghalaya". Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi. Dr. A.P. Pati, Principal Investigator.

(b) New: "State specific strategy in development of Scheduled Tribe in Northeastern States", Sponsored by Ministry of Tribal Welfare Govt. of India. Dr A. Dash, Joint. Investigator.

Academic/ Professional Collaboration : Collaborated with ICAI, New Delhi for holding the National Seminar on 'Global Convergence in Commerce Education' on 7-8th Nov., 2005.

Honours/Awards/Recognition : Dr. K.C. Kabra was conferred with Ph.D degree on 22nd December 2005 by J R Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University, Udaipur for his Research, "Business and Industry in Mizoram – A Study of Developments since 1872 & Present Status."

Other activities :

Departmental Activities

National Seminar on Global Convergence of Commerce Education, Dept. of Commerce, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, was held on 7-8th Nov., 2005.

A discussion on the Union Budget 2006-07 was held on 3rd March, 2006 in the Department. Faculty members of the Dept. of Economics also participated in the discussion.

Other activities of Faculty members

Dr. Vijay Kumar Shrotryia:

Resource person for a Special Course on 'Human Resource Development, Organisation Behaviour, Leadership and Motivation' for SOs, Sr AOs (Audit & A&E Offices) held at Regional Training Institute (IA & AD) Shillong, (July 19-24, 2004) and delivered a lecture on 'Organisational Behaviour Approaches' on 19th July, on 'Nature and importance of perception, meaning of personality, development of personality and major determinants of personality' on 20th July and on 'Nature and dimensions of attitudes, Job satisfaction and Organisational Commitment' on 21st July 2005.

Resource person for an induction course for newly promoted AOs, Sr AOs (Audit & A&E Offices) held at Regional Training Institute (IA & AD) Shillong, (August 2, 2004) delivered lecture on 'Learning a new job quickly, staff motivation and human relations in organisation' on 2nd August 2004.

Resource person for a Special Course on 'Human Resource Development, Organisation Behaviour, Leadership and Motivation' for SOs, Sr AOs (Audit & A&E Offices) held at Regional Training Institute (IA & AD) Shillong, (July 11-16, 2005) delivered lecture on 'Organisational behaviour approaches' on 11th July and on 'Nature and dimensions of attitudes, Job Satisfaction and Organisational Commitment' on 13th July 2005.

Resource person for a Special Course on 'Internal Control and Internal Audit' for SOs, Sr AOs (Audit) held at Regional Training Institute (IA & AD) Shillong, (July 25-27, 2005) delivered lectures on 'Components of Internal Control' on 25th and 26th July 2005.

Participated in Regional seminar on NER Vision – 2020 held at NEHU campus Shillong on 27-28 March 06, sponsored by North Eastern Council, Shillong.

Chaired a technical session on 'Happiness and Cultures' at the International Conference on 'Happiness, Progress and Public Policy', organized by the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Lingnan University and the Hong Kong Society for Quality of Life, held at Lignan University, Hong Kong on 24-25 June 2005.

Dr N.M.Panda

Participated as Resource Person for the Training Programme on "Capacity Building of Functionaries in Environmental Education including Disaster Management and Mitigation" organized by North East Regional Institute of Education (NCERT division) Shillong and delivered two lectures on 'Disaster Management' on 29th March 2006.

Participated as Resource Person for the Training Programme on "Risk Based Audit Approach with Quantitative Techniques and Statistical Sampling" organized by Regional Training Institute (Indian Audit & Accounts Department) Shillong and delivered three lectures covering Audit Risk, Compliance Testing and Monetary Unit Sampling on 23rd, 24th and 25th Aug., 2005.

Participated as Resource Person for the Training Programme on "Internal Control & Internal Audit" organized by Regional Training Institute (Indian Audit & Accounts Department), Shillong and conducted two sessions on 26th July, 2005 covering the topic Internal Control as a Personal Function and Role of Internal Auditors.

Dr. A.Dash

Attended the 27th Faculty Development Programme of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad from 2nd Oct., 2005 to 28th Jan., 2006.

Participated in designing the course curriculum for Accounting and Finance of MBA Programme of Distance and Continuing Education, Utkal University, Orissa.

Participated in Regional seminar on NER Vision – 2020 held at NEHU campus Shillong on 27-28 March 06, sponsored by North Eastern Council, Shillong and acted as Rapporteur in the technical session on Trade and Commerce.

Dr. K. C Kabra

Participated in Regional seminar on NER Vision – 2020 held at NEHU campus Shillong on 27-28 March 06, sponsored by North Eastern Council, Shillong and acted as Rapporteur in the 1st technical session.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

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Thrust area of research : The following are the thrust areas of research of the Department : Economics of Agriculture, Economics of Rural Development, Econometrics, Economics of Education and Manpower, Economics of the North-Eastern Region, Quantitative Economics, Industrial Economics, Public Economics, Environmental Economics and Issues of Economic Development like Poverty, Inequality and Unemployment.

Brief statement of academic activities : During the year under report, the Department concentrated on its post-graduate teaching programmes and research. The Department successfully organized one seminar. The faculty members participated in a number of regional, national and international seminars/conferences. They also published research articles in national/international journals and books.

Faculty :

Professors : S.K. Mishra, M.A. (Bhagal), MRP/Ph.D. (IIT Kharagpur)
N. Srivastav, M.A. (Rajasthan), Ph.D. (IIT Kanpur)
E. D. Thomas, M.A./Ph.D. (NEHU)
P. Nayak, M.A. (Utkal), Ph.D. (IIT Kharagpur)

Readers : A. Dubey, M.A. (BHU), Ph.D. (IIT Bombay) on deputation
B. Mishra, M.A./Ph.D. (Utkal)
G. Das, M.A./Ph.D. (North Bengal) on lien
U.K. De, M.Sc./Ph.D. (Burdwan)
B. Panda, M.A./Ph.D. (Utkal)

Lecturers : W. Tariang, M.A. (NEHU)
S. Umdor, M.A. (NEHU)
P.S. Suresh, M.A./M.Phil (Tirupati), Ph.D. (Hyd.)

Visiting Professors/Fellow/Scholars : None

Student intake : a) Enrolment Capacity : M.A. 55
M.Phil 20
Ph.D 20

b) Actual admission :	SC/ST/Genl.	Male/Female	From Meghalaya	From Outside
M.A.	- 54 1	23 32	40	15
Certificate Diploma	- - -	- -	-	-
M.Phil	- - -	- -	-	-
Ph. D	- 6 6	6 6	7	5

Degrees awarded :	Actual admission :	SC/ST/Genl	Male/Female	Total
M.A.	- 32	7	18 21	39
Certificate	- -	-	- -	-
Diploma	- -	-	- -	-

Ph.D.

Madhuchanda Dasgupta, "Least Absolute Deviation Estimation of Multi-Equation Linear Econometrics Models : A Study Based on Monte Carlo Experiments", Supervisor : Professor S.K. Mishra.

Placement of students : The Department is in the process of compiling the placement of students.

Courses conducted :

M.A. : Public Economics; Macro-Economic Analysis-I; Mathematics for Economists; Micro-Economic Analysis-I; Macro-Economic Analysis-II; Micro-Economic Analysis-II; Statistical Analysis; Economics of Growth and Development; International Trade; Economics of Environment and Social Sector-I; Indian Economic Policy; Economics of Environment and Social Sector-II.

Optional Papers : Industrial Economics-I; Industrial Economics-II; Labour Economics-I; Labour Economics-II; Econometrics-I; Econometrics-II; Demography-I; Demography-II; Economics of Agriculture-I; Economics of Agriculture-II; Economics of Gender and Development-I; Economics of Gender and Development-II; Computer Applications in Economics Analysis-I; Computer Applications in Economics Analysis-II; Economics of Infrastructure-I; Economics of Infrastructure-II; Economics of Law; Welfare Economics-I; Welfare Economics-II; Economy of North-Eastern Region; Economics of Development-I; Economics of Development-II; Financial Economics-I; Financial Economics-II; Budgetary Theory and Practice.

Study tour/field trips of students : Dr. B. Mishra and Dr. P.S. Suresh took a group of 55 students from the fourth semester class on a study tour to Bangalore, Kanyakumari and Chennai between 19th December to 6th of January 2006.

Seminars/Conferences/Symposia/Extension Programmes, etc. :
Organised

- (i) A lecture on "Water Resource Management in India" on 21st October 2005, delivered by Professor Binayak Rath of IIT, Kanpur.
- (ii) NEC sponsored seminar on Vision NER 2020 during 27-28 March 2006. About 180 participants including teachers, students representatives of various associations such as Meghalaya Economics Association, Teaching and Non-teaching staff and students' Association of NEHU, Khasi Students' Union, FKJGP, NGOs and other social organizations attended the seminar. Deliberations took place in six different sessions: (i) Socio-Economic Maladies; (ii) Economic and Social Infrastructure; (iii) Agriculture and Allied Sectors; (iv) Industrial Development and (vi) Trade and Tourism.

Attended

Prof. N. Srivastav presented (i) a paper entitled "Indo-African Economic Cooperation and Trade : Post Liberalization Scenario", at the three day international conference on "Remembering Bandung: Quest for Asian and African Cooperation for Peace and Development", organized by Maulana Abdul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata at the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, 27-28 April 2005; (ii) presented a paper titled "Employment and Unemployment in North-Eastern States of India: Some Facts and Issues", at the workshop on "Application of Quantitative Techniques in Economics", organized by Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata at the Department of Economics, Manipur University, Imphal, December 19 to 24, 2005; (iii) attended a two-day Seminar on "Vision North-East Region 2020", sponsored by the North-Eastern Council, Government of India, Shillong, organized by the Department of Economics, NEHU Shillong 27-28 March 2006 and chaired the IV session on "Industrial Development", March 28, 2006.

Dr. A. Dubey attended (i) a workshop of chapter writers of Arunachal Development Report and presented a paper entitled "Rural Development and Poverty" (co-authored with Veronica Pala). The workshop was organized by Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar in September 2005; (ii) a National Conference on "Empowering for Livelihoods: State Policy, Private Initiative and Civic Action" as panelist in the session, "Marginalized-Access to Resources, Market and Employment: Challenges and Options." The conference was organized by Development Alternatives and Pricewaterhouse Coopers, New Delhi on October 25, 2005; (iii) International Conference of the Second Global Labour Forum and presented a paper "Social Stratification and Positive Discrimination: Role of Caste and Religion in Economic Status in India" (with Vani K. Borooah and Sriya Iyer) held in New Delhi, December 12-14, 2005; (iv) Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America and presented a paper (with Sonalde Desai and Cecily Darden) entitled, "In the Margins: Social Inequality in Children's Educational Outcomes in India", held in Los Angeles during March 30-April 1, 2006.

Dr. B. Mishra attended (i) National Seminar on Impact of Economic Reforms and Globalization on Regional Development and presented a paper on "Implications of Public Expenditure for Economic Development of Meghalaya in a post globalization Scenerio". The seminar was organized by the Department of Applied and Analytical Economics, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa 15-16 April 2005; (ii) Fourth International Convention of Asian Scholars and presented a paper on "Public Expenditure and Human Development in North-East India: And Econometric Analysis. The Convention was jointly hosted by the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) and the Asia Research Institute in Shanghai, P.R. of China from August 20-24, 2005; (iii) Seventh Annual Conference of North-Eastern Economic Association (NEEA) and presented a paper (co-authored with Prof. P. Nayak) on "Efficiency in Tax System: A Study of Tax Responsiveness in North-Eastern States." The Conference was organized by Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, from 21-22 October 2005.

Dr. U.K. De attended (i) National Seminar on North East India's Natural Resource Management with Special Reference to Meghalaya and presented a paper on "Human Resource Development and the Management of

Natural Resources". The Seminar was organized by NEICSSR, Shillong on 5th June 2005; (ii) co-authored and presented a paper (with L. Rout and G. Das) on "Dynamics of Coal Extraction in Meghalaya and Its Implication"; (iii) International Seminar on Indo-Bangladesh Border Trade: Status and Prospects and presented a paper on "Status and Prospect of Limestone Quarrying in Meghalaya Vis-à-vis it's Trade with Bangladesh," with D. Kharlukhi, held in North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, 12-13 July 2005. The seminar was organized by ICSSR-NERC. (iv) International Conference on Demographic Dividend, presented a paper on "Population, Poverty and Natural Resource Use". The Conference was organized by the Liberty Institute, Julian Simon Centre, New Delhi on 5th January 2006. (v) International Conference on Issues in Development Economics: Environment, Culture & Society, presented a paper on "Dynamics of Coal and Limestone Extraction in Meghalaya: A Comparative Analysis". The Conference was organized by the University of Burdwan, during 28-29 January 2006.

Dr. B. Panda attended (i) the Fourth International Convention of Asian Scholars and presented a paper entitled "Employment Diversification in Rural Thailand-Implications for India". The Convention was organized by the Institute of Asian Studies, Netherlands and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China at Shanghai 20-24 August 2005; (ii) a workshop on Data Dissemination as the chief resource person and presented a paper entitled "Use of Census Data to Understand the Dynamics of Rural Non-Farm Employment in N.E. India." The workshop was organized by Census Directorate, GOI, Shillong at St. Anthony's College, Shillong on 9th December 2005; (iii) a two-day Seminar on "Vision North East Region 2020", and made a presentation entitled "Status of Economic Infrastructure in the North-East India." The Seminar was sponsored by the North-Eastern Council, Government of India, Shillong and organized by the Department of Economics, NEHU Shillong on 27-28 March 2006.

Publications :

Journals

Nayak, P. 2005. "Human Development in North East India". *Journal of NEICSSR*, Vol. 29, No. 1, pp. 1-9.

Mishra, B. & Suresh, P.S. 2005. "Political Economy Public Expenditure Growth in North-Eastern States of India: A Case Study of Nagaland". *African and Asian Journal of Economics and Econometrics*, Vol. 5, No. 1, pp. 17-33.

Mishra, B. & Suresh, P.S. 2005. "Elasticity and Buoyancy: An Econometrics Analysis of Orissa's Tax System". *Journal of Social Economic Policy*. Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 131-147.

Mishra, B. & Suresh, P.S. 2006. "Resource Constraint in the North-Eastern States: A Contemporary Study of Meghalaya and Nagaland". *Journal of Managerial Economics*, Vol. V, No. 1, pp. 82-93.

Ghosh, B.N. & De, U.K. 2006. "A Note on Panchayati Raj in Tripura". *Vanyajati*, Vol. LIV, No.1, pp. 2-10.

Dubey, Amaresh & Arjan de Haan. 2005. "Orissa: Poverty, Disparities or the Development of Under-Development?" *Economic & Political Weekly*, May 28, pp. 2321-29.

Dubey, Amaresh, Richard Palmer-Jones & Kunal Sen. 2006. "Surplus Labour, Social Structure and Rural to Urban Migration: Evidence from Indian Data". *European Journal of Development Research*, Vol.18, No. 1, pp. 89-107.

Dubey, Amaresh & Nabanita Datta Gupta. 2006. "Fertility and the Household's Economic Status: A Natural Experiment Using Indian Micro Data". *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 1, pp. 110-138.

Mishra, B. & Suresh, P.S. 2005. "Implications of Public Expenditure for Economic Development of Meghalaya in a Post-Globalization Scenario" in Sudhakar Panda et al. (eds), *Globalisation and Regional Development*. Bhubaneswar: Mayur Publication, pp. 235-250.

Nayak, P. 2005. "A Human Development Approach to the Status of Development in North East India" in *Proceedings of the 47th Annual International Conference of Western Social Science Association (WSSA)*, 13-16 April. Albuquerque, New Mexico: Western Social Science Association, pp.115-127.

Research Projects :

Ongoing

Title of Project	Principal Investigator	Joint Principal Investigator	Amount of Fund	Source
Human Development in Meghalaya.	Prof. P. Nayak	Prof. E.D. Thomas	2,76,9000	UGC
State Specific Strategy in Development of ST in North-Eastern States.	Prof. E.D.Thomas	Prof. P. Nayak and Dr. A. Dash.	3,70,000	GOI

Completed

Dr. U.K. De and Dr. Bholanath Ghosh (Sociological Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata) completed a Research Project entitled "Process of Empowerment in Two North-Eastern States". The study was sponsored by the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata at a cost of Rs. 3 lacs.

Dr. B. Panda completed a UGC sponsored minor research project entitled "Urban Informal Manufacturing Sector in a Tribal Economy: A Case Study of Tezu Town in Arunachal Pradesh." The report was submitted to UGC on 17th September, 2005.

Academic/Professional collaboration :

Dr. Amaresh Dubey prepared a paper "Rural Development and Poverty: Assessment and Policy Issues" (with Veronica Pala), for Arunachal Development Report and submitted to Arunachal University, Itanagar, January 2005. He also visited (i) the Social and Policy Research Institute, University of

Ulster, Jordonstown, Northern Ireland, UK and presented a paper "Issues in Measurement of Poverty", November 23, 2005; (ii) The School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK during June 18 to July 16, 2005, November 8-13, 2005 and March 22-25, 2006.

Other activities :

Professor N. Srivastav attended (i) two day workshop on "Development of Managerial Skill in NER", organized by NEHU, Tura Campus at Tura, on 28-29 October 2005 and acted as resource person/discussant; (ii) Delivered four lectures on "Economics of Discrimination" and "Management of Information Technology Products", to the participants of UGC Refresher Course in Economics as a resource person conducted by the Department of Economics, Manipur University, Imphal on 28-29 November 2005. Dr. U.K. De delivered a lecture on Research Methodology and Preparation of Dissertation on 17.4.2006 to the Post-Graduate Students of the Department of Analytical and Applied Economics, Tripura University. Dr. B. Panda submitted in October 2005, the revised and final version of the background paper on "The State of Infrastructure in Meghalaya" (co-authored with Mr. S. Umdor) for the Meghalaya Human Development Report, Commissioned by the Government of Meghalaya. Dr. Panda participated as an invited participant in the (i) ICSSR, NEHU and American Centre, Kolkata sponsored seminar on "Economic cost of Terrorism" held at NEHU campus on 17th August, 2005; (ii) IIM, Ahmedabad and Department of Economics, NEHU sponsored workshop on "WTO and Agriculture in India's North East" held at NEHU from 28-29 April 2005. Mr. S. Umdor attended a seminar on ABC, PIC and Farmers' Right to Livelihood on the 3 and 4 of June 2005, in Kolkata organized by CUTS. Mr. Umdor is a nominated member of the (i) Meghalaya Economic Development Council (MEDC), Government of Meghalaya since January 2005; (ii) Committee on Financial Sector Plan for Meghalaya, Government of Meghalaya. Dr. A. Dubey is currently on deputation as Senior Adviser in the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi with effect from 31st of July 2005. Dr. Gurudas Das is on lien to join the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute Technology, Silchar, with effect from 30th November 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

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Thrust area of research : The thrust areas of research are: Information Retrieval, Information & Knowledge Management, Database Management Systems, Communication technologies & Digital libraries, Measurement &

Effectiveness of Information Services and Information Centres, Personnel Management of Academic Libraries. Content Analysis.

Brief statement of academic activities : The Department of Library & Information Science was established in the year 1985 with a new approach to Library and Information Science Education in the country. The Department introduced for the first time a two year integrated programme leading to Masters in Library and Information Science. The same pattern of education has been now recommended by UGC under Model Curriculum in Library & Information Science-2002. The University Library is being used as a laboratory for the students for practical training under the guidance of faculty members and practicing librarians. The first session of the new curriculum will be completed in July 2006. The core of this curriculum is totally based on the latest trends and techniques in Library and Information Science and prepares the professionals to manage future libraries in digital environment.

Faculty members :

Professors : A.S. Chandel, MLISc (BHU), Ph.D. (Lkn)
 Veena Saraf, MLISc (Delhi). PGDCA/Ph.D. (NEHU)
 Reader : Moses M Naga, MLISc./Ph.D. (NEHU)
 Lecturers : Bikika Laloo, MLISc (NEHU)
 P. Hangsing, MLISc. (Delhi), PGDCA/Ph.D (NEHU)
 Jacqueline Thabah, MLISc (NEHU)
 Jiarlimon Khongtim, MLISc/PGDCA (NEHU)

Visiting Professors/Fellow/Scholars :

1. Dr S R Gupta from Department of Library & Information Science was visiting Professor with effect from 7th November to 6th December 2005.
2. Prof R S Wangu from the Department of Education, NEHU taught Statistics portion of paper "Research Methodology".

Student intake:

Enrolment capacity: 25

Actual

Admission	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	From Meghalaya/ From Outside
M.L.I.Sc	Nil	23	2	7	18	22 Meghalaya/ 3 outside
PhD	-	3	-	1	2	3 Meghalaya

Degrees Awarded:

Actual

Admission	SC	ST	Gen	Male	Female	Total
M. L.I.Sc	-	12	2	6	8	14

Placement of students:

The following is some information on placements:

Jiarlimon Khontim joined the Department of Library & Information Science, NEHU as lecturer w.e.f December 2005

Manoj Rana joined as Assistant Librarian, NEHU Central Library with effect from December 2005

Firstborn Sumer who completed MLISc from the Department in 2005 is working as Information Scientist in Central Library, NEHU

Evapynsuklin Hynneita joined as Librarian in Jowai Polytechnic under DGT Government of Meghalaya

Courses conducted:

Compulsory Papers: Foundation of Library & Information Science, Organisation of knowledge (Theory), Organisation of knowledge (Practical), Information Sources & Services, Introduction to Information Technology, Database Management System, Organisation of Knowledge(Theory), Organisation of Knowledge (Practical), Library Software Packages (Practical), Library House Keeping Operations, Library system Analysis & Design, Information Users & Their Needs, Information Retrieval, Research Methodology, Management of Library & Information Systems, Communication Technology and Digital Libraries, and Project Report/Dissertation

Optional Papers: Agricultural Information Systems and Services, Collection Development, Knowledge Development, Representation and Management.

Study tours/field trips of students : The Department conducted an educational tour to New Delhi and Agra for the 2nd semester students of the Department. Educational tour is required as part fulfillment of course No. 205 and carries 50 marks. The tour was conducted with effect from 22nd January 2006 to 4th February 2006. A total of 23 students were accompanied by Ms J J Thabah (Teacher In Charge) and Mr F R Sumer, Information Scientist , NEHU. During the tour, students visited JNU; University of Delhi; IIT, Delhi; NISCAIR; Parliament Library; Supreme Court Library; British Council Library and National Archives of India

Seminars/conferences/symposia/extension programmes etc Organised

The Department organised a workshop on "Capacity Building Program on Basics of Documentation," 27th to 31st March 2006 for the participants of State Resource Centre" The training programme was funded by SRC. Dr. P. Hangsing acted as Course Coordinator.

Attended

Prof A. S. Chandel attended an International Convention of Asian Scholars at Shanghai, China from August 20-24, 2005 and presented a paper on "E-Resources in Social Sciences: Their use and Evaluation." Delivered lectures on "How to prepare Bibliographies and documentation list" " at the workshop on "Capacity Building Program on Basics of Documentation" held in the Department of Library & Information Science , 27th to 31st March 2006. Acted

as resource person and delivered lectures on "Library Management: Issues and Challenges," in workshop for Para Professionals Library Staff working in Academic institutions of Meghalaya, 25-30 July 2005.

Prof. Veena Saraf delivered lectures on "Solving Problems of Classification for preparation of Documentation List" at the workshop on "Capacity Building Program on Basics of Documentation" held in the Department of Library & Information Science, 27th to 31st March 2006.

Dr.P. Hangsing delivered lectures on " Bibliographic Database Management Software" at the workshop on "Capacity Building Program on Basics of Documentation" held in the Department of Library & Information Science, 27th to 31st March 2006.

Ms J. J. Thabah delivered lectures on "Cataloguing for Preparation of Documentation Lists" at the workshop on "Capacity Building Program on Basics of Documentation" held in the Department of Library & Information Science, 27th to 31st March 2006.

Ms J Khongtim delivered lectures on "Maintaining Records in a Library" at the workshop on "Capacity Building Program on Basics of Documentation" held in the Department of Library & Information Science, 27th to 31st March 2006.

Publications :

Guha, T. and Saraf, V. 2005. "OPAC Usability : Assessment through Verbal Protocol". *Electronic Library*, 23, 4 : pp. 463-473.

Chandel, A.S. 2006. "Reiterating Professional Challenges : Some Observations". in P. Venkata Rao (ed), "*Vistas Of Information Management, Prof. H.R. Chopra Felicitation Volume*", Ambala, Wisdom Publishers, pp. 150- 158.

Infrastructure facilitates : The Department upgraded the computer laboratory and upgraded some of the computers.

Other activities : Prof. A. S. Chandel delivered lectures in refresher courses in Department of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University on 24-25 June 2005, and Department of Political Science, NEHU on 12th November 2005. Prof. Chandel was appointed as resource person for NCERT sponsored programme for NTS awardees of NER on 29-30 December 2005. Appointed member of Departmental Advisory Board (DAB) of National Institute of Education Department (NIE) NCERT for 2005-2008, Member of Departmental Research Committee of Department of Library & Information Science, Gauhati University 2005-2008 an Member of Automation Committee of Himachal Pradesh University. He was invited to provide advisory services to Dr. Y. S. Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan, H. P.

Prof Veena Saraf was appointed Member of Education Committee of Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, Kolkatta for the period of three years.