



# The Anthonian Newsletter

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**A note of Gratitude to our Retired Anthonians**

# From the Editor's Desk

Dear fellow Anthonians,

This issue of The Anthonian Newsletter covers an eight-month period from October 2020 to May 2021 during which time, the College had seen an amazing collage of interesting events taking place within its corridors which prove beyond doubt the fact that much work could still be accomplished amid a daunting prospect for the world of academia created by the current pandemic in our state and elsewhere. The many programmes and projects undertaken and carried out by the different departments as part of their regular curriculum as also the unique and spectacular achievements of individual teachers and students in their own innovative ways during these months provided the much needed material and motivation for the editorial team to compile a panoptic panoply for readers to see.



Besides these activities, the College also witnessed in the recent months the inevitable departure of several members of its staff upon their attaining the age of superannuation. These colleagues of ours – teaching and non-teaching – had long served the College and contributed much to its glory and stature, each in his own unique way. We are truly grateful to all of them for their whole-hearted and sincere services to the College and we wish them the very best in their years of retirement. Yet at the same time, we warmly welcome into our Anthonian family a host of enthusiastic, vibrant and learned educators who are now at the threshold of a career that is dedicated to the all-round development and well-being of tens of thousands of young men and women they would get to teach in these hallowed portals of our institution.

We also remember and pay our humble tribute to the memory of those retired teachers who left for their eternal abode in the past few months. We also share the burden of grief and sorrow of our Principal and other members of the staff and student community who lost their beloved ones most painfully. Our heartfelt condolences goes to all these bereaved families and we pray for divine strength and comfort as they try to come to terms with these hard and bitter realities of life.

This issue of The Anthonian Newsletter comes out at a time when our students are busy preparing themselves for their University examinations slated to be held sometime in July this year. For those who are in their final semesters, it would mark the culmination of a three-year-long journey in the college, but much of which has been sadly and suddenly punctuated by long intervals from their regular classroom teaching due to the world-wide pandemic and when they leave college, it would be with just a click of the submit button, as it were. The entire College community extends its best wishes and prays for the success of all its dear students.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge my sincere thanks and gratitude to our Principal, Rev Bro (Dr) Albert L. Dkhar SDB for being such a wonderful source of inspiration, guidance and support to me. I also thank my colleagues in the editorial team, namely Prof A.Pde, Prof F.Majaw and Prof G.Nikhla for their hard work and dedication which made it possible for this Newsletter to come out in its present form. I am especially delighted and thankful to have the latter two-named Professors in the team who, with their technical expertise, had greatly helped in laying out an attractive design for this current issue.

Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable reading !!!

Ever More Better Ever

( T.C.L.Kharmujai )  
Chief Editor,  
The Anthonian Newsletter

## **The Team of the Anthonian Newsletter & The Anthonian Chronicles**

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## Dear Anthonians,

**A**s I sit down to write my message, my mind is filled with thoughts of the year that has gone by and how, despite everything that was happening or not, we as an educational institution, existing now more through and in a virtual world, have managed to achieve our targets and accomplish some wonderful things. One of the many things that I am glad about is our preparation for the NAAC reaccreditation which is set to happen in the latter part of 2021. When the lockdown came in 2020, I thought it was all over since we would not be able to do anything towards completing the work of applying for the reaccreditation to take place and most importantly to compile our various reports. But it looks like we are not only going to make it but to do a good job of it as well. Preparing for NAAC has enabled us to take a good look at what we have achieved so far in the past many years since our last NAAC inspection in 2014. When I joined the college sometime in 2011-2012, I was here unofficially first as a guest so that's why the two dates, I sat down and wrote a list of things that I wanted to see happen in St. Anthony's College during my tenure as its Principal. And so I began to work towards achieving these goals one by one. Since then the list that I had prepared has now become a full-fledged document that is now called the **Strategic Plan of the College** effective for the period **2013-2028**.



The Strategic Plan has guided our college in achieving very many significant goals which included in a nutshell, capacity building and training of faculties, staff and students; encouraging an all-round development of our students; launching of new academic programmes at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels; purchase of land and creation of assets on the existing campus and in the newly acquired lands; encouraging research and publication amongst teachers and students; and streamlining procedures, processes and systems in general to enhance the efficiency of our administration. We have also launched an extension college at Byndihati and see it grow into a successful educational institution that is now independent and we are now working towards implementation of the NEP 2020 at our campus. We still have a long way to go to get to the point of achieving gold standards. But I am very grateful that we have been able to make so much progress in the face of many challenges and limitations.

This lockdown and the quiet it has brought over the campus these many months has given me pause to reflect on the years we had spent in accomplishing these goals and in laying the ground for the accomplishing of many more and I am made acutely aware of the fact that whatever we have to be proud of so far have been the fruit of the sacrifices and hard work of men and women amongst our rank and file, in the forefront and behind the scene.

So thank you, dear professors, staff, students, and parents, members of our Governing Body, friends and well-wishers for your magnanimous and selfless contribution to the life and being of our institution. We are where we are now because of people like you, who bear the brunt of the labour at various levels of the work that you do.

As always, I am proud to present to you our Newsletter, the chronicler of the best that we have achieved and the harbinger of the best that is yet to come. **Ever More, Better Ever!**

Sincerely,  
Rev. Br. Dr. Albert L. Dkhar,  
Principal



# *Tu Memoriam*

## **Mrs. Belma Dkhar**

(1940 - 2021)

**S**t. Anthony's College deeply mourns the sad demise of Mrs. Belma Dkhar, mother of Rev. Bro. Albert L. Dkhar SDB, our Principal, on the morning of Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Nazareth Hospital, Shillong at the age of eighty-one. We pray for the eternal repose of her departed soul and offer our heartfelt sympathies and sincere condolences to Rev. Bro Albert L. Dkhar and other members of the bereaved family.

May the Lord grant her eternal rest in Heaven.



### *A TRIBUTE TO LATE*

### **PROF. MOSSUD RAFAT HALIM**

Prof. M. R. Halim joined as a Lecturer on 16<sup>th</sup> September 1964 in the Department of Botany of St Anthony's College, Shillong. Previous to this, he had worked as a Scientist in the Botanical Survey of India for a couple of years where he discovered a plant *Lysimachiasantapau* along with Dr. G. V. Subbarao in 1963.

Prof. Halim was instrumental in establishing and developing the Biotechnology Department as well as the Tissue Culture Laboratory in the College. He was a very keen botanist and very thorough in the basics of the subject (Botany). I remember him telling how he went to Gauhati University campus to get Prof G R Das (now retired from the college) acquainted about the plants found in the campus of that University when the latter was preparing himself for the examination on taxonomy. Prof G. R. Das was among the first batch of Botany Honours students of our College that appeared in the Botany honours examination from Gauhati University. Such was Prof Halim's dedication to the College and love for the subject. He would teach his students about the basics of Botany and also talk about the history of the College in very minute detail.

He was loved immensely by his students. He was also much loved and deeply respected by his colleagues and peers for his vast scholarship in his

field of study.

Prof. Halim was very actively involved with the St Anthony's College Employees Mutual Benefit Co-operative Society Ltd (SACEMB) from its very inception and served as its Secretary for a number of terms. He was also quite active in cultural and social circles all throughout his life. He had a keen interest in architectural designing.

Prof Halim served the college for 34 long years and retired in 1998 after being the Head of the Department of Botany for 3 years (01/04/1995-31/03/1998). The Department sincerely acknowledges the significant contributions of Prof M. R. Halim as a dedicated faculty in the College and would remember him with gratitude for years to come.

Prof Halim left for his heavenly abode on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in Dibrugarh, Assam. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



- Prof (Dr) C.S. Rao  
HOD, Botany

## HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Prof. Mossud Rafat Halim (Department of Botany) left for his heavenly abode in the early hours of 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 in Dibrugarh, Assam. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the beloved family members as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Prof. M. R Halim to the college as a dedicated faculty of the Department of Botany who joined service on 16th September, 1964 and retired in the year 1998 after a long stint of rendering excellent service to the college. Prof. M.R. Halim was instrumental in the inception of the Department of Biotechnology at its nascent stage. He was much loved and deeply respected by his colleagues and peers and was known for his scholarship in his field of study, besides being a man of great humility. His worthy contribution is also evident in the growth of the SACEMB Cooperative Society Ltd, which he spearheaded and which has benefitted many till date.

We lift our prayers to God that He would grant eternal rest to the departed soul of Prof Halim and provide solace to his bereaved family.

- Prof (Dr) C.S. Rao  
HOD, Botany



## In Memoriam

As the Anthonian family, we come together to express our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to each of the following teaching and non-teaching staff who have lost their dear and near ones in the recent months. We also offer our sincere and earnest prayers for the souls of the dear departed that they gain eternal rest in peace in God's own abode.

Prof. Francis Iawphniaw, Department of Physics, SAC who suffered a grievous and irreparable loss of his eleven-year old youngest sister, M. Iawphniaw who left for her heavenly abode on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

Prof. Lavinia Kurbah, Department of Philosophy (Evening College), on the sad demise of her father, Mr. Petrus Sawkmie who left for his heavenly abode on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

Mrs. Ebandalin Tongwah, (Nurse, Staff, SAC) on the sad demise of her mother, Mrs. Juliana Tongwah who passed away on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020.

Prof. Stevenson Thabah, Department of Biotechnology, SAC who is bereaved of his elder brother, Arvinson Thabah who left for his heavenly abode on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

The family of Prof. Timothy Subba, Retired Head of Department, English SAC who is bereaved of his eldest sister, Mrs. Binu Lama who passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in Georgia, USA at the ripe old age of 82 years.

Prof. Ambrose Dohtdong, Department of Philosophy, SAC who is bereaved of his elder brother, Mr. Edmund Dohtdong who passed away on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at Mawkohmon, Mawphlang.

Prof. T. C. L. Kharmujai, Head of Department, English, SAC, on the sad demise of his mother, Mrs. Sinoris Kharmujai, who left for her heavenly abode on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

Mr. Spainik J. Kharmuti (Support Staff) and his dear ones on the sad demise of his mother, Mrs. Airin Kharmuti, who left for her heavenly abode on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

Ms. Evalarine Lamare (fondly known as Theirit), Support Staff, SAC who is bereaved of her father, Mr. Richard Nongkynrih, and her mother, Mrs. Merilda Lamare, who passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 respectively.



# Memorial Service in honour of Late Prof. O. Shanpru



The entire community of St. Anthony's College held a special Memorial Service on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in the College Conference Hall in honour of Late Prof. Obrenson Shanpru, former Head of the Commerce Department of the College who passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 after a prolonged illness. The programme marked by solemnity throughout began with a reading from the Scripture and a sincere prayer by Prof. Amanda Syiem. Thereafter speaker after speaker took the floor and reminisced with mixed feelings of deep sorrow and gratitude the life and career of late Prof. Shanpru who would consider his colleagues in the college like his second family. This was actually very true of Prof. Shanpru as he loved to spend long hours in the college even after his classes were over for the day. Late Prof. O. Shanpru was a loyal colleague and a special friend to many. To begin rekindling fond memories on the life of Late Prof. O. Shanpru, the Principal of the College, Rev. Br. (Dr). Albert Longley Dkhar shared his thoughts and called Prof. O. Shanpru a true Anthonian and a loyal employee to the college that he served for 32 years. Upon his retirement from service, the baton of Headship of the Department of Commerce passed on from Prof. O. Shanpru to Prof. (Dr) Y. Satya. With so many years of working together as colleagues and as friends, Dr. Prof. Y. Satya reflected on her long association with Prof. Shanpru in the Department. Mr. Marcus Kharbhoi, a non-teaching Staff, paid loving tributes to Late Prof O. Shanpru which brought back fond memories of Prof Shanpru's life and gave everyone present there something to remember.

As a mark of respect for the contribution of Late Prof. O. Shanpru to the college, Prof. S.K. Pradhan read out a summary which was then followed by a video montage celebrating Prof Shanpru's life journey. The singing of the hymns "Abide with me" and "Come Thou Fount" further aptly reinforced the spirit of nostalgia about Prof. O. Shanpru throughout the service. The programme ended on a sombre note with a heartfelt prayer by the Rector of the College, Rev. Fr. (Dr). Joby Joseph for the departed soul and his family members.

Throughout his career, Late Prof. O. Shanpru worked with such passion, energy and integrity towards the cause of his students and the College. In his passing away, everyone who knew him will certainly miss a highly intelligent, vibrant individual with a rare gift of friendliness and charm of personality.

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Rest in Peace Sir

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IN MEMORIAM

**LATE PROF. OBRENSON SHANPRU**

A BEAUTIFUL SOUL IS NEVER FORGOTTEN

**L**ate Professor Obren Shanpru, honourably known to all and sundry as Sir Shanpru, left us all and bade his final adieu on 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. He was the kind of person who could elicit love and respect from those who

knew him. An active learner with an insatiable thirst for knowledge, Prof. Shanpru invested his time delving into subject matters beyond his area of educational specialisation. Anyone who met him, irrespective of



their age, religion, political opinion or social affiliations, could engage in meaningful conversations with him and leave not only impacted but encouraged.

Prof. Shanpru stepped into the Department of Commerce at St. Anthony's College in the year 1983 in the shoes and suit of a lecturer. His dedication to teaching was observed by all as was the genuine love he had for his students. Apart from the world of academics, he was keenly involved in extracurricular activities and was the beloved chaperone in student excursion trips. He was solicitous concerning the welfare of his colleagues. He took the baton as Head of Department in 2007 and passed it on after his retirement in April 2015. Under his able leadership, he encouraged a strong academic spirit, ensured a healthy, stress-free working and learning environment for the staff and students of the Department.

Prof. Shanpru's contribution to the College was immense. He was an important member of various committees and was an invaluable problem solver. His suggestions were solicited and welcomed coming from one so experienced. Prof. Shanpru was a pioneer in launching the Afternoon Shift in the department of commerce. He was a member of the Employee Mutual Benefit Co-operative Society, St Anthony's College and was elected its Vice President and later President. He was crucial in the Society achieving financial capacity and soundness through financial management fluency and visionist counsel.

Prof. Shanpru was a member of the Meghalaya College Teachers' Association (MCTA) at the central and the College Unit levels. He was the executive member of its central body and the organising secretary in the early 90's. He became part of the movement that spearheaded the intent of ushering quality education and the welfare of college teachers in the State.

He was the founding member of the unit of Syngkhong Kyntiew Ri (SKR), St. Anthony's College, which is a premiere organisation of the Khasi-Jaintia college teachers of the state. Through his credible personality and leadership skills, he was able to help steer the unit in bringing the objectives of the organisation into timely fruition.

Apart from being a teacher, Prof. Shanpru donned many hats in society. He was the headman (Rangbah Shnong) of Lower Lumparing from the year 1994 till 2010. He was a well respected member of the Seng Khasi Seng Kmie which saw his ordination as a Marriage Officer of the Seng Khasi Seng Kmie.

On a personal note, I met Prof. Shanpru in 2006 when I joined the college as a student. I found him to be an approachable teacher who was kind and understanding.

The year 2010 saw me walking the halls of the college as a newly appointed lecturer in the afternoon shift of the Department of Commerce with Prof. Shanpru as the head of department. The kind professor made sure that his colleagues were provided with a welcoming, safe and stress-free working environment. With regard to the afternoon shift, I can fondly declare that he spoiled us indeed! True to his generous nature, he sponsored fancy lace curtains for the windows of the department staff room, an electric kettle, a few dozen cups and such magnanimities. To think that he cared for the staff to replenish their parched throats with a cup of tea before, in between or after our classes!

Prof. Shanpru was a walking encyclopaedia. An incident I recall was one time, at the college campus when we saw large trees being felled in the nearby area. This prompted an immediate response from Prof Shanpru where he solemnly stated how wrong it is to cut trees in that particular season as it was the breeding time of birds. Truth be told, we did not fully understand what he meant at the time, but on seeing our perplexed faces, he explained to us, that if trees are cut in that season, the nests of the birds would be destroyed, thus creating chaos for the birds returning to their nests. This was a life lesson for me: our professor was not just a teacher who delved into knowledge for the sake of merely acquiring facts, but he had the heart to use it for the betterment of his environment. In that moment, he gave us a glimpse into his heart - he was not just technical in his knowledge.

We owe a tremendous debt to Sir Shanpru. He has set the bar high. He demonstrated a father figure status to us. He provided guidance whenever needed, knowledge on the how, when and why. As a department, particularly the afternoon shift, we miss him dearly.

We wish his family nothing but God's best.

A deep honourable farewell from our hearts dear Professor Shanpru to yours!

**Andreana S. Malngiang,**  
**Assistant Professor,**  
**Department of Commerce**

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# Academic Achievement



Ms. Baiahunlang Lyngdoh, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong for her thesis “U Khnam ha ka Deiti u Khasi: Ka Bishar Bniah halor ki jingthoh ba la jied” under the supervision of Prof. B. War. The Research thesis which is divided into five chapters critically analyses literary works of different genres in literature like Prose, Poetry, Drama, Short Stories by different Khasi authors.

Her research work is based on the use of U Khnam in Khasi culture. U Khnam plays a vital role in the life of u Khasi. There are many types of Khnam (arrows) which were used by the Khasis for different purposes. The Khasis use U Khnam both in their festivals and in certain ceremonies that have ritualistic significance. In festivals, U Khnam is used in traditional archery (Rongbiria) and for hunting of animals (ka beh mrad) while in matters of ritualistic significance, U Khnam is used as a symbol in a child-naming ceremony (ka jer ka thoh) and in the dancing attire of the Khasi male (ka riam shad). It is also used as a sign of ordeal in judicial proceedings (bam smai) and during ceremonies associated with death. But due to changes in the lifestyle of the people and the advancement of science and technology, most people no longer use U Khnam whether in their festivals or in their ritualistic ceremonies.

We congratulate Dr. Baiahunlang Lyngdoh on her academic achievement.

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Ms. Trocylin Chyne, Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong for her thesis “Ki Kynthei kumba ki Paw ha ki Khana-parom Khasi: Ka Bishar Bniah iaki jingthoh ha ka Prose”. Her supervisor was Prof. Streamlet Dkhar, Department of Khasi, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

Her research work is a critical study of how women are represented in Khasi folktales. The main focus of this work is to analyse and study how male authors portray these characters. The thesis analyzes the role of Khasi women from the cultural perspective as represented in these tales. It combines the development of Khasi folktales in written literature from 1855-2010.

We congratulate Dr. Trocylin Chyne on her academic achievement.

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## BOOK PUBLICATION AND RELEASE

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Prof. Bashida Massar, Department of Zoology, for her coveted achievement of authoring her book “**Fishes of Rymben-Borhir River System in Meghalaya, India**” which was released on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020 by Shri S.C Sadhu, IAS, Additional Secretary Government of Meghalaya at a programme hosted by the Directorate of Fisheries, Govt. of Meghalaya to commemorate World Fishery Day.

Prof. Massar’s book, “**Fishes of Rymben-Borhir River System in Meghalaya, India**”, documents the fish species inhabiting the Rymben – Borhir water system of Ri War and highlights the indigenous and traditional wisdom of the local people about the fish species and the modes and techniques used to catch them. The book is also a clarion call to save these species from the threat of extinction. We profusely laud the zealous efforts of Prof. Bashida Massar to put into use her knowledge and expertise effectively and for being able to bring her book into full fruition after an overwhelming patience and hard work in collecting sample specimens of the fish species that inhabit the Rymben- Borhir river system. The book is not only a worth while contribution of the author to the vast world of literature devoted to the scientific study of fish species, but it is also an evidence of her genuine concern to create an awareness among the local community about the noble need to conserve threatened species.

We wish Prof. Bashida Massar success in her ongoing projects and hope that they will continue to make impactful changes in the society.



## Book Publication

by Prof. Filmeca Marbaniang

With immense pride we heartily congratulate Prof. Filmeca Marbaniang, Department of Hindi for authoring the book entitled, 'Khasi Lokkathaen'. This book which was written in Hindi and published recently is a critical work of popular Khasi folktales that are enriched with myths, legends, fairy tales and parables, focusing on the richness of the language, philosophy, folk literature and festivals which is typical to the community. The book also highlights on significant literary aspects like plot, motif, language and style. With the publication of 'Khasi Lokkathaen', Prof. Filmeca Marbaniang has successfully contributed an enriching addition to the diverse corpus of Indian literature. She has negotiated a beautiful exchange of the wealth of literary treasure of the community that she belongs to; written with comfortable ease in Hindi, a language in which she is proficient and has gained mastery of.

With deep appreciation for the dedicated labour and sincere efforts of Prof. Filmeca Marbaniang, we wish her more success in her future ventures as she strives to contribute to the corpus of literature.

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## Book Publication

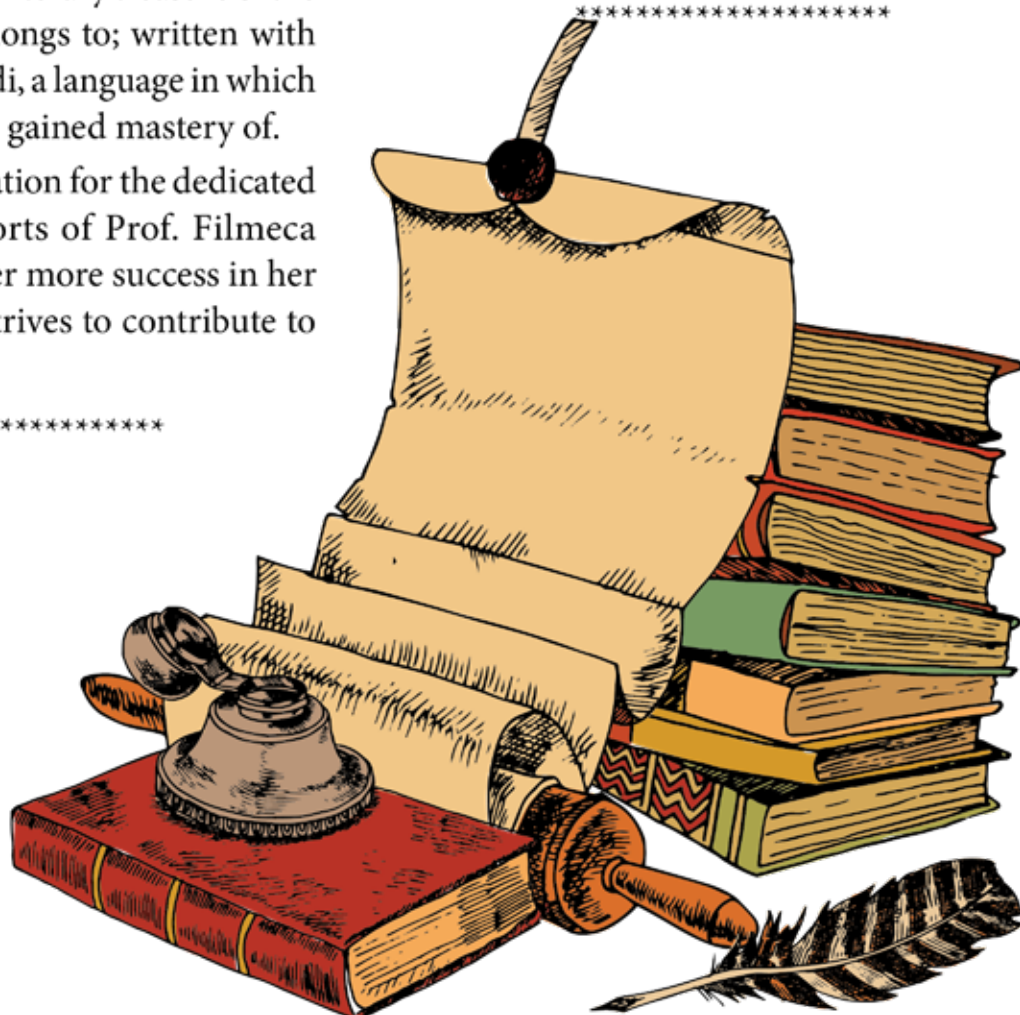
by Prof. Kishore Singh Rajput

We heartily congratulate Prof. Kishore Singh Rajput, Department of Economics for co-authoring the book entitled, Business Economics published by Asian Humanities Press, New Delhi & Guwahati. This book is based on the syllabus prescribed by North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) and has as its target-readers students of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Honours and those doing the BBA Course.

We sincerely appreciate the dedicated and laborious effort of Prof. Kishore K. Rajput which is inspired by the noble aim to assist students and provide them more insight on the subject.

We would also like to acknowledge the co-authors, Dr. Sampat Mukherjee and Dr. K. Saha for their equally valuable contribution.

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### A Comprehensive Study of the *Khasi Traditional Songs* with reference to their *Melodic and Rhythmic Aspects*

#### Supervisor

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**Professor,**  
Faculty of Music & Fine Arts

#### Research Scholar

***Budshaphrang Lyngdoh***



**Faculty of Music & Fine Arts  
University of Delhi  
Delhi**



**M**r Budshaphrang Lyngdoh, Assistant Professor, Department of Music was conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Delhi for his Thesis “A Comprehensive Study of the Khasi Traditional Songs with reference to their Melodic and Rhythmic Aspects” under the supervision of Dr Suneera Kasliwal, Professor, Faculty of Music and Fine Arts, University of Delhi. We congratulate Dr Budshaphrang Lyngdoh on his academic achievement.

The study is about the structure of melody and the rhythmic pattern of the Khasi Folk or Traditional Songs. The Khasis follow the oral tradition in instructing and teaching music which passes down from generation to generation. These folk songs are being taught in this manner since time immemorial.. Though these folk songs are as old as the race itself but not much are in the written form or kept in record. Through this study, an attempt is being made to bring these songs in the written and notation form which is at its verge of extinction. Keeping them in the written form will be one method in preserving them which in return helps to preserve the culture and tradition of the society.

Preservation, sustaining, uplifting, developing, reviving this form of genre are some of the motives behind this research. With the development of science and technology the art of learning music in the right way has been a major setback and a majority of the youths have opted to the computerized music which is much easier to learn but ruining the creativity of the learner. In order to create awareness and to instill within the youth the sense of responsibility in sustaining and preserving the traditions and customs of our own roots this very research is one good opportunity to cater to that matter.



# UNIVERSITY RESULTS 2020

## VI SEMESTER/B.Sc/B.B.A/B.A/B.COM and M.Sc/M.C.A

### 6 Semester BA/Regular/Hons

| Subject           | Appeared   | Passed     | Failed     | 1 <sup>st</sup> Div | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div | Simple Pass | Ranks/ Positions                              | College % | NEHU% |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|-----------|-------|
| Economics         | 49         | 42         | 7          | 17                  | 21                  | 04          | NEHU did not specify any rank holder for 2020 | 85.71     | 51.54 |
| English           | 57         | 45         | 12         | 11                  | 27                  | 07          |   | 78.95     | 42.88 |
| History           | 61         | 53         | 08         | 35                  | 17                  | 01          |   | 86.89     | 39.25 |
| Khasi             | 72         | 30         | 42         | 15                  | 15                  | -           |   | 41.67     | 32.29 |
| Mathematics       | 01         | -          | 01         | -                   | -                   | -           |   | -         | -     |
| Philosophy        | 77         | 61         | 16         | 29                  | 29                  | 03          |   | 79.22     | 46.86 |
| Political Science | 57         | 52         | 05         | 30                  | 22                  | -           |   | 91.23     | 33.41 |
| Media Technology  | 25         | 21         | 04         | 19                  | 02                  | -           |   | 84.00     | 84.00 |
| MCVP              | 23         | 20         | 03         | 16                  | 04                  | -           |   | 86.96     | 50.00 |
| Music             | 22         | 11         | 11         | 11                  | -                   | -           |   | 50.00     | 50.00 |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>444</b> | <b>335</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>183</b>          | <b>137</b>          | <b>15</b>   |   |           |       |

### 6 Semester B.Sc/Regular/ Honours

| Subject          | Appeared   | Passed     | Failed    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Div | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div | Simple Pass | Ranks/ Positions                              | College% | NEHU% |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|----------|-------|
| BioChemistry     | 32         | 31         | 01        | 31                  | -                   | -           | NEHU did not specify any rank holder for 2020 | 96.88    | 97.59 |
| BioTechnology    | 33         | 22         | 11        | 20                  | 02                  | -           |   | 66.67    | 72.06 |
| Botany           | 37         | 33         | 04        | 29                  | 04                  | -           |   | 89.19    | 73.95 |
| Chemistry        | 32         | 30         | 02        | 30                  | -                   | -           |   | 93.75    | 74.09 |
| Computer Science | 22         | 10         | 12        | 10                  | -                   | -           |   | 45.45    | 92.45 |
| Fishery Science  | 33         | 29         | 04        | 27                  | 02                  | -           |   | 87.88    | 100   |
| Geology          | 23         | 13         | 10        | 13                  | -                   | -           |   | 56.52    | 95.83 |
| Mathematics      | 32         | 31         | 01        | 21                  | 09                  | 01          |   | 96.88    | 76.87 |
| Physics          | 31         | 26         | 05        | 24                  | 02                  | -           |   | 83.87    | 69.92 |
| Statistics       | 29         | 18         | 11        | 17                  | 01                  | -           |   | 62.07    | 95.45 |
| Zoology          | 23         | 22         | 01        | 20                  | 02                  | -           |   | 95.65    | 73.19 |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>327</b> | <b>265</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>242</b>          | <b>22</b>           | <b>01</b>   |   |          |       |

### 6 Semester B.Com / Regular/ Honours

| Subject | Appeared | Passed | Failed | 1 <sup>st</sup> Div | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div | Simple Pass | Rank Holders                                  | College% | NEHU% |
|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|----------|-------|
| B.Com   | 214      | 170    | 44     | 77                  | 91                  | 02          | NEHU did not specify any rank holder for 2020 | 79.44    | 63.99 |



| Subject | Appeared | Passed | Failed | 1 <sup>st</sup> Div | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div | Simple pass | Rank Holders                                  | College% | NEHU% |
|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|----------|-------|
| B.B.A   | 19       | 17     | 02     | 10                  | 06                  | 01          | NEHU did not specify any rank holder for 2020 | 89.47    | 73.71 |

## M.Sc/M.C.A/Regular/Honours

| Sl. No | Subject | Appeared | Passed | Failed | 1 <sup>st</sup> Div | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div | Simple Pass |
|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1.     | M. Sc   | 18       | 17     | 1      | 12                  | 5                   | -           |
| 2.     | M.C.A   | 28       | 20     | 8      | 20                  | -                   | -           |



*Congratulations to all our Graduates*

**CLASS OF 2020**

## Book Publication



**Felereen Adorisa Tariang**  
Semester- V

**Department- Political Science**

**Name of the Book- Polaroid**

**Published-13th of February, 2021**

I started to write the “Polaroid”, my first novel, amid the grievous lockdown as I delved deeper into what the purpose of life would be. Being a college student, writing would be something I would do only to escape from reality and to take my mind off things. The sudden halt of the world got me to write in a zen-like atmosphere without the usual honking of car horns and under a less-polluted sky. I derived inspiration from the clear skies full of stars, the sound of silence and reflections on the normal, busy days. The quiet hours triggered me to write things related to emotions and feelings. I felt the need to empathise with what other young adults would be facing. Hence, I came up with a story that would comprehend things I have always wanted to say but never could. I wrote it for fun at first, and somehow along the way, I could not stop. The story depicts the everyday life of a high school student as well as a college student in Shillong. It is meant for teaching lessons in a subtle way. However, the main motive of the book is to be your friend during your clueless days.

## STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2020

### *Nelvy Gracia Majaw*

The coveted Student of the Year Award for the year 2020 finally went to Nelvy Gracia Majaw of the Department of English (2017-2020) after a rigorous selection procedure that was laid down by the College to select the most deserving candidate from the list of names of many students nominated by the respective Departments. The norms prescribed were very stringent but judicious and covered the entire gamut of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as would define a student’s career in the College. We heartily congratulate Nelvy on winning this unique honour and wish her the very best for her future. Nelvy Majaw was also the Department Representative for the year 2019-20, a role in which she acquitted herself with great distinction.



We reproduce below an interview which TAN conducted with Nelvy soon after she was declared winner of the Award :

**TAN :** What were your best experiences in college ?

**NELVY :** The times spent with my friends, my teammates, the drama club, the chess club and the department can be summed up as my best experiences in the college. I cannot pick out two or three events because in all honesty every moment I spent in the college is precious to me. My attachment towards the college is more than just academically, I can say I am emotionally attached to it.

**TAN :** What were your best expectations from the college? Did the college meet your expectations?

**NELVY :** I’ve always dreamt to be in St. Anthony’s College. The college exceeds far beyond my expectations and I knew I made the right decision to be there. Apart from catering to my academic needs, I’ve met people who lent me emotional support as well.

**TAN :** In what area do you feel you made your biggest improvement?

**NELVY :** I am not a total extrovert although most of the time I

try to put up a strong front. I sometimes cower in fear standing in front of a big crowd. That has changed a lot since I joined the college. Though there still are times where I feel like I can't face the intimidating crowd, but after being a part of the team of DRs, ADRs and having teachers and friends who pushed me forward making me face my fears, I know that I can now trust my abilities.

**TAN :** In ten years where do you see yourself?

**NELVY :** In ten years, I would be 31 then. I think by that time I might have been able to publish a book or two. I aspire to teach but we'll never know what the future holds.

**TAN :** What do you like to do in your free time?

**NELVY :** I usually make songs for my YouTube channel in my free time. The songs mostly revolve around mental health and recovery. Apart from making songs I write poetry or plan an awesome fantasy book in my head.

**TAN :** How did you spend your free time in college?

**NELVY :** I usually get home early if there were no more classes but if there were no classes in between, me and my friends would sit in the basketball court relaxing under the sun. Sometimes we would go to the library on a book hunt.

**TAN :** What changes would you love to see in the college?

**NELVY :** The society would be more privileged if the college would include more post graduate programmes and open up new departments.

**TAN :** Is there any message you would like to leave for the faculty and students?

**NELVY :** I have come across the kindest people in college. I have a myriad of things to say but I shall restrict myself to this message that I want them to receive: Your hard work has made the college what it is today and I cannot help but admire the passion burning within the college for years and years driving the college to its present glory. I wish the best for everyone and I wish that every foot that steps onto the college's grounds leaves with joy in their hearts for they would have had the best given to them and that the best awaits them.

**TAN :** What motivates you in life?

**NELVY :** What motivates me is the future. I wish to see a day when every soul on Earth lives in harmony with each other irrespective of their differences, when everything is in equilibrium. Seeing the world as it is now is sometimes disheartening but the Universe is not limited to negativity. We cannot have light without darkness and sometimes we just have to wait for the storm to pass. I would say that I am motivated by the future I see for myself, to be able to help those who are in need of help; to be able to live in tranquillity. Apart from giving wholeheartedly when the situation calls for it, I don't see any other way of life.

## SAHHITYAKOSH SAMMAN AWARDEE 2021



Farhin Islama a student of History Department, 1st Semester, has been awarded the SAHHITYAKOSH SAMMAN AWARDEE 2021 recognising best in literature endeavour in the region on January 26, 2021. She also received a trophy for being a published writer for the Book - "ENLIGHTENING OUR MIND" on 4 March, 2021.



# HULT Prize

## 1. HULT Prize On Campus Program (NEHU) 2021

Winners: Team Juvenis Mind

Members: Ernie First Lyngdoh, Jane Mebalari Wahlang and Vidyant Roy Patgiri

1st Runners Up: Team Aces

Members: Aushinar Dastidar, Akangsha Chakravorty, Ananya Bhattacharjee and Muskan Singhania.

2nd Runners Up: Team Phoenix

Members: Tanvi Dey, Ashmita Saha, Madhu Shah Bareh and Prerna Rana

## 2. Futures+ 2020 organised by Sustainable Living Labs, Singapore and the National Institute of Technology, Warangal-India.

Team FAPN: Top 5 team which got a "Special Mention" in the competition for their innovative idea.

Members: Farhina Choudhury, Ananya Gogoi, Prerna Jain and Natalya Lyngdoh

## 3. Sustainable Cutlery for Christmas Competition hosted by NIFT, New Delhi.



## Students from Shillong to represent India at global level

NATIONAL

By By Our Reporter

Last updated: Mar 28, 2021



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By Our Reporter

SHILLONG, March 27: A four-member team from Shillong going by the name, 'Team Aces', have become the first-ever team from the North East to win the Impact Regional Summit and will represent India during the Hult Prize Regional Summit 2021 in London. According to a statement, the team comprises Aushinar Dastidar, Ananya Bhattacharya, Akangsha Chakravorty and Muskan Singhania, who are students of St Anthony's College. The Regional Summit was held in Mumbai on Friday and Team Aces had to take on 43 teams. "They are the first team ever from the North East to Win the Impact Summit and will move on to the Accelerator Round to represent India in the Summit taking place in London while competing with international teams from across the globe," the statement informed.



# STEPHENIANS CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2021



The Football Championship was held from 5th to 8th April 2021 at Pentagon Ground. A total of 20 teams (120 players) participated. The tournament was carried out with the theme 'Together we march'.

The opening ceremony was held on 5th April at 6:80 am with Sister Rismary as the chief guest who declared the championship open. A dance performance followed before the opening match between the Organisers (Ajax) and Chelsea. Every team played four group matches and four winners and runners up qualified for the quarter finals. The league phase was completed in two days (5th and 6th) followed by quarters and semis on 7th and the third place match and the grand final on 8th

Winners:

Champion: Wolves

1st Runners up: Leicester

2nd Runners up: Tottenham Hotspurs

Top Scorer: Ignatius (Wolves)

Best Player: Sontang (Leicester)

Best Discipline Team: Juventus

Organisers:

1. Sansing Shangh
2. Raywang Lowang Medam
3. Small Dkhar
4. Wahengbam William
5. John Paul Lyngdoh Marshilong

Team Names:

1. Ajax FC
2. Barcelona
3. Juventus
4. PSG
5. Borussia Dortmund
6. Chelsea
7. Bayern Munich
8. Manchester United
9. Real Madrid
10. Atletico Madrid
11. Arsenal
12. Napoli
13. Tottenham Hotspurs
14. Inter Milan
15. Manchester City

16. Liverpool

17. Leicester

18. Wolves

19. Fulham

20. Everton

Opening Ceremony

Host: V Azhavio Christopher Pao

- Prayer: Gopal Lama
- Welcome Speech: Katalanpao Rongmei
- Song: Oma and his party
- Speech of warden
- Oath taking by Raywang Lowang Medam
- Chief guest speech followed by flag hoisting

Closing Ceremony:

Host: Shansing Shangh

Chief Guest: Brother Principal Albert Longley Dkhar

- Certificate distribution for the participants
- Third place match
- Special item by Ramneek and his team
- Exhibition match between organisers and the most cheerful team (Liverpool)
- Dance by Tomthin and his team
- Final Match
- Chief guest speech
- Prize distribution for the winners
- Vote of thanks by Raywang Lowang Medam
- De-hoisting of flag by Warden
- Hostel Anthem



# Student's Participation



Dated 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**To Whom It May Concern**

This is to certify that Saubhagya Das worked as a graphic design intern in the Meghalaya Model United Nations for a period of one month from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. During this brief period, he completed his assigned tasks and contributed to the organization's initiatives.

I admire his creativity as well as conviction, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

*Local Actions for Global Impact*

Regards,  
  
 Adrian Nongbri,  
 Chef-de-Cabinet



CERTIFICATE ID NO: SAC/VE/2020-CONF-01



## ME AROUND and BEYOND



**A Virtual Conference**  
 Organized by  
 Department of Value Education  
 St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Meghalaya India.

This is to certify that **Aphidapdor Lyngskor** has actively Participated in the Virtual Conference titled **ME: AROUND and BEYOND**, held on 26 – 27 May, 2020.

Fr. Joby Joseph sdb, Ph. D.  
 Head, Dept. of Value Education



Br. Albert Longley Dikhar sdb, Ph. D.  
 Principal

In Technical Partnership with:





**Name:** Md Rashid Ahmed Khandakar

**University Roll No:** C1903789,

**Internship Program:** 23rd August to 23rd October, 2020.

**Status:** Marketing Ambassador at goDutch

## goDutch Technologies Pvt Ltd

Awfis, 7th Floor  
Skyline Icon, Andheri-Kurla Road,  
Marol, Andheri East,  
Mumbai - 400059

Dear Md. Rashid Ahmed Khandakar,

I am pleased to confirm that you have been accepted as an intern in the Growth Team at goDutch, with the role of Marketing Ambassador.

Your manager will be Arjun Midha, Growth Lead at goDutch.

The internship will be for 2 months with the chance of an extension, as well as a promotion to a senior position over the course of the internship. Your joining date will be 23/08/2020.

The stipend and rewards will be based on your performance. We look forward to having you as a part of the goDutch team.

Warm regards,

**Arjun Midha**

Growth Lead, goDutch

## RETIRED STAFF

### MR JOHN DKHAR

Mr John or JD as he is popularly known was born on 9th October 1960. He is the eldest son of Shri (L) Kenneth Sun and Smt. MerisDkhar. He joined the sanctioned post as a peon on 16th May 1979 and retired on 31st October 2020.



He served St Anthony's College for 41 years 1 month and 15 days and during this very long tenure, he came to occupy such a familiar position outside the Principal's office that he became synonymous with all the Principals that he served under - Rev. Fr. Joseph Arokiaswamy, Rev. Fr. Paul Petta, Rev. Fr. Stephen Mavelly, Rev. Fr. (Dr). Ioannis Warpakma and Rev. Br. (Dr). Albert Longley Dkhar.

It has been a long standing understatement that you can gauge the Principal's mood from Mr John's demeanours. Teaching and non-teaching staff as well as students would dread the moment he'd say, "The Principal wants to see you". The professors and his friends say, "We will miss his never ending supply of kwai and tungrymbai". According to them, his quirky way of responding to everything with his "eh eheh ..." will remain a part of their memories of Mr John and his uncanny gift at predictions will never cease to amaze them.

Mr John was a very sincere and dedicated employee of the college whom you would see right from the moment the morning classes start till all the classes get over. It is remarkable that he can remember the specific numbers of files, and his ability to memorise the phone numbers of all the teaching staff and his colleagues, and give them whenever needed or asked for by the Principal.

According to the Principal, Br. Albert Longley Dkhar, Mr John never ceased to impress him with his discipline and punctuality. He noted that during the examination days, Mr John would be there precisely at 6.30 am every day in the college premises.

Mr John is missed by many of his colleagues, the teaching staff and the management alike. He has truly left a lasting and meaningful impression in the college with his ever readiness to lend a helping hand and his jovial nature. We pray for God's choicest blessings upon him in the future and a peaceful, healthy and enjoyable retired life.

### MR PHERBAK SHADAP

Mr Pherbak Shadap joined the college as a library attendant on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1987. He was upgraded as duftary and retired from service on October 31st 2020. Mr Shadap served the college central library for 33 years 6 months.



Mr Shadap hails from Mawlai Nonglum in Shillong. During his years in service, he was known to all as a man who took his job seriously. His working hours were from 8 am to 4 pm daily and he was in-charge of the reference section where staff and students go to refer books, previous question papers and journals. Punctual as he is, he reached the college each morning, and before 8 am he was already there sitting at his desk with the register ready to record any books borrowed by teachers. He allowed teachers to borrow books strictly for 2 or 3 days and reminded anyone who failed to return the books in time.

Because of his seniority, Mr Shadap was a father figure to his colleagues in the library. The present staff members recalled his kindness to advise them on problems that they faced at work, and they sought his advice even for personal problems. He encouraged all the staff of the library to give their best in the work that they do and to participate in all the programmes organized by the college for the staff. He himself would never fail to attend any such programme.

A few years before his retirement, Mr Shadap could not come to college because of his physical health and till today he is still under medication. However, he would ask about the progress of the library and the college as a whole.

We wish him a speedy recovery and a happy retired life.

### MR DINESH C. DAS

Shri Dinesh C. Das joined St. Anthony's College, Shillong on 1st December, 1986 as a Lab Attendant in the Department of Chemistry and retired on 31st October, 2020 after a long tenure of 33 years and 11 months in service.



During his tenure in the Department of Chemistry,

St. Anthony's College, Mr. Dinesh C. Das was the main person responsible for running the gas plant in the laboratory. He was also trained as a technician at WRIC, University of Mumbai in the year 2013 for operating the Glass blowing unit of the department. He was also actively involved in various examination-related duties of the college. Mr. Das was very sincere

and hardworking and performed his duties with utmost integrity.

The Department of Chemistry expresses its sincere gratitude to Mr. Dinesh Das for his dedicated service towards the day-to-day laboratory works and other related duties assigned to him from time to time.

We wish him a happy and healthy retired life.

## **PROF (DR) KARA HEIMAN SHEN**

*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"*  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

**P**rofessor Kara Heiman Shen was born in Shillong on the 16th November 1960. He had his schooling until Matriculation in St. Anthony's Higher Secondary School (then a High School) in 1977 and graduated in 1981 from St. Anthony's College, Shillong. He then completed his Masters in Political Science in 1983 from NEHU and also cleared the NET successfully in 1990. Prof Shen was conferred his PhD in the year 2009.

In his journey as an academician, Prof Shen joined St Anthony's College as Lecturer in Political Science on 11th April 1994. He had earlier served at Tura Govt College and then at Ri Bhoi College, Nongpoh.

As a teacher, Prof Shen is greatly admired by his students for his commitment to their academic growth and for his proficiency in the subject. He was instrumental in shaping and strengthening the all-round development of the students. He was also a very active member of the MCTA and the SKR throughout his career.

Prof Shen retired from the College in November 2020 but his 26 years of dedicated service has truly helped the College and the Department in particular. He will be truly missed by his colleagues and students. We wish him a blessed, happy and enjoyable retired life.

- Dr R.Purkayastha  
HoD, Political Science



## **We cordially welcome the following new members into the Anthonian family**

**Mr. Edmond Lamare**, Assistant Professor, Department of History

**Mr. Daniel Ebor Challam**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

**Mr. Wanshaphrang Tiewsoh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Fishery Science

**Ms. Batipshisha Nongbri**, Assistant Professor, Department of Education (PG)

**Dr. Alexander Kerketta**, Assistant Professor, Department of Education (PG)

**Ms. Miriam W. Ryndem**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

**Mr. Release Eknee C. Khongrei**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (PG)

**Ms. Aneesha A. Kharpor**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (PG)

**Dr. Robinson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (PG)

**Mr. Hemango Akshay Hiwale**, Assistant Professor, Department of History

**Mr. Johnteibor Puwein**, Support Staff

**Mr. Richardson Dkhar**, Support Staff

**Mr. Heihokmi Lamare**, Peon

**Mr. Hubert Shemphang Nongkseh**, Peon



## The Eight Annual Rev. Fr. Noel Kenny Memorial Lecture 2020

The Department of English, St Anthony's College held its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rev. Fr Noel Kenny Memorial Lecture on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. In keeping with appropriate standard operating protocols necessitated by the current pandemic, the event was held online but it proved to be a huge success with as many as 125 participants attending the programme. Prof. Timothy Subba, former Head of the Department was the Resource Person for this Memorial Lecture on the topic: **“Social Realism in Fiction.”**



In his lecture, Prof. Subba took his audience on a journey right from the beginning of the English novel and its evolution over the ages. This panoramic view covered a wide spectrum of writers of the novel whose works prominently display the elements of social realism. Important novelists like Daniel Defoe, Henry Fielding, Jane Austen, Emily Bronte, Mary Shelley, Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy, D.H.Lawrence, Joseph Conrad, Virginia Woolf and William Golding find worthy mention in the course of the Lecture.

Overall, the Lecture was of immense benefit for the audience, a huge segment of which comprised eager students and faculty of the Department who were all powerfully motivated to learn and understand more about the nuances of fiction as an important component of literature. It is fervently hoped that these Annual Lectures hosted by the Department every year would certainly help students, teachers and lovers of literature discover and gain new insights in their comprehension and understanding of this important field of knowledge.

## Deptt. of Fishery Science Contribution by its Alumni

The Department of Fishery Science, St. Anthony's College is proud to share with you about the novel contribution to the world of fishes made by two of its alumni, namely Mr. Bankitkumar Mukhim and Mr. Aristone Manbha Ryndongsngi. The two were in the limelight for discovering a new species of fish known as *Channaaristonei* belonging to the family Channidae commonly known as snake heads or “**dohthli**” in the local language. This new species collected from the Sung valley in Puriang of the East Khasi Hills District was identified using conventional taxonomic tools supplemented with molecular technology.

Mr. Bankitkumar Mukhim graduated from the Department in 2007 and subsequently completed his MFS in 2009. He is presently working as a Subject Matter Specialist of Fisheries in Krishi Vigyan Kendra at the ICAR NER, Barapani. He also published a paper **“A New Species of Snakehead (Teleostei:Channidae) from East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya, Northeastern India”** in the esteemed journal ‘Copeia’ of the *American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists*.

Mr. Aristone Manbha Ryndongsngi who graduated in 2019 is a fish entrepreneur and his keen interest and hard work has led him to the discovery of this new species.

We acknowledge the dedicated research spirit of Mr. Bankitkumar Mukhim and Mr. Aristone Manbha Ryndongsngi which has immensely paid off in their discovery of *Channaaristonei*. The discovery of *Channaaristonei* has increased the number of *Channa species* to 49. This has indeed proven beneficial not only for fish enthusiasts but for the society as a whole, adding yet another gem to the array of fishes that are already there in the region.

We trust that this novel discovery and commendable effort will spur and stimulate many



other young fish enthusiasts to follow this same path, to put into good use the skill and knowledge that they have acquired in the course of their professional study and to discover the hidden wealth of fishes that still await to be unearthed.

## International Virtual Conference- Identity: Myths, Memories, Communication and Cultural Narratives

The International Virtual Conference on Identity: Myths, Memories, Communication and Cultural Narratives was held on the 28th and 29th of November 2020. The Conference was organised by the Department of Mass Media, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Meghalaya; Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, Karnataka; and the Department of Mass Media, SVKM's Usha Pravin Gandhi College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mumbai, Maharashtra. A total of 98 papers was received out of which 50 were selected for presentations during the two-day Conference. The final papers were further sent to two UGC-CARE listed journals for selection and publication in the month of January 2021. As many as 243 participants had registered for the Conference which included academicians, practitioners and researchers from countries like Romania, UK, Philippines, Oman, Turkey, Nepal and Pan-India.

Professor Sangeeta Bagga-Gupta, Professor-chair, School of Education and Communication, Jönköping University, Sweden was the Keynote Speaker; other invited speakers were Dr. Dolly Kikon, Senior Lecturer, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne, Australia, Senior Research Advisor, Australia India Institute, Australia; Dr. Buket Akgün, Assistant Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey; Dr. Deirdre McLaughlin, multi-award-winning London-based Director, Dramaturg, Researcher & Regular Visiting Lecturer at The Royal Central School of Speech & Drama, University of London; and Dr. Jatin Shrivastava, Associate Professor, E. W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University, USA; and Mr. Sudhanva Deshpande, Actor, Director and Organiser, -Jana Natya Manch; Managing Editor: LeftWord Books; Author of Halla Bol: The Death and Life of Safdar Hashmi.



## REPORT ON THE GUEST LECTURE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English, St. Anthony's College hosted an Online Guest Lecture on the 22nd April 2021 on the topic "Shakespeare's Clowns with reference to Feste" with Prof. Toony Gill, retired Head of the Department of English, St. Mary's College, Shillong as the Resource Person. The programme was organised as a commemoration of the birth anniversary of England's and one of the world's greatest poets and dramatists, William Shakespeare which falls on the 23rd April every year.

The programme started off with a welcome speech by the host, Prof. Erica Jyrwa, followed by an

introduction of the Resource Person by Dr. Amanda Tongper. All the students and the faculty of the Department attended the programme through the Zoom online Platform. The programme was a success as the Resource Person was very thorough with her topic and her presentation generated a lot of interest among the participants who put forth their questions about the topic as well as on Shakespeare's techniques in using humour in his tragedies during the Question and Answer session. The programme ended with the formal vote of thanks that was proposed by Prof. Cathy Saiborne.

# The Road to Fifty



The 21st of January 2022 (when Meghalaya turns 50 as a full fledged state) is not a one-off event. The Northeast India AV Archive from its inception has always believed that people's memories are a living process. The history of the Hill State was made not only in Shillong but all around the state. Hence the Archive conceptualized an audio visual travelling exhibition to take it to the field and educate the youth of the state about how Meghalaya attained statehood and to exhibit material relating to the personalities who led the statehood movement.

After a successful pilot exhibition at Pynursla on Meghalaya Day this year(21st January 2021), The Northeast India Audio Visual Archive organized a two-day audio-visual exhibition at Baghmara and Siju in South Garo Hills, Meghalaya on the 24th and 25th of February, 2021 respectively. The exhibition showcased a collection of photographs, documents and archival video clips from the pre-Hill State Movement to the early years of Meghalaya.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri. Conrad K. Sangma at Baghmara in the presence of Shri. Rakkam A. Sangma, (MLA, Rongara Siju Constituency), Shri. Thomas A. Sangma (MLA, North Tura Constituency) and other dignitaries. It was also attended by students from the two towns, a large number of them being from Capt. Williamson Sangma Govt. Memorial College, Baghmara, and St. John's Secondary School, Siju. Many residents of the two towns also visited the exhibition.

The major highlights of the exhibitions at Baghmara and Siju were the sharing of stories by senior citizens who recollected their vivid memories of the Hill State Movement from the early sixties and seventies.

The 'Road to 50' audio-visual exhibition will be travelling to all the eleven districts of Meghalaya this year and eventually round up with its final exhibition in Shillong on the 21st of January 2022, when Meghalaya turns 50.

*The Northeast India AV Archive is a public audio-visual archive under the Department of Mass Media, St. Anthony's College and supported by the Tourism Department, Government of Meghalaya and The Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan.*





## A REPORT ON THE LAUNCHING OF THE PROJECT “SAVING THE FISH FROM THE MEKONG TO MEGHALAYA”

The inauguration of the Fish Conservation Zone (FCZ) at Rymben River under the project “Saving The Fish From The Mekong To Meghalaya” was held at Lapalang, a village in East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya on 25th January 2021 in the presence of the village elders of Lapalang, Ri Massar, Nongtyngur, Lum Wahniai, the Sordars of Raid mawshun and Raid Lyngkhat and different local organisations. Funded by Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund in collaboration with Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Bangalore, FERAL, St Anthony’s College – Shillong and Fishbio, the project aims at enabling local communities to manage their local resources.

species in the river is an attempt to replicate what has been successfully carried out in the Mekong River system.

Other speakers at the inaugural function included Mr Banteilang Majaw, Fishery Supervisor, Deptt of Fisheries, Government of Meghalaya who lauded the initiative behind the project and assured the assistance of the Department in the venture. He also spoke about the involvement of the Department in the effort made to conserve and promote areas and communities that have a huge potential for fish farming in order to boost the quality of life and the financial stability of the people in the state. Mr



The inaugural programme was chaired by Dr Bashida Massar, Associate Professor Deptt of Zoology St Anthony’s College who is the Co-Principal Investigator of the project and leader of the team for Meghalaya. In his welcome address, Shri Primin Khongjee, Headman of Lapalang Village extolled the initiation of the project in the village. Dr Jagdish Krishnaswamy, the Principal Investigator of the Project from the Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation, ATREE, Bangalore, accompanied by four Research Co-ordinators- Susan Varghese, Girish Varma, Manish Kumar were also present on the occasion. In his address, Dr Jagdish Krishnaswamy observed that the Fish Conservation Zone at the Rymben River system in Lapalang will enrich the communities along the river and save the fish species in the region and that this intention to conserve water

Pynkhraborlang Massar, the Secretary of Lapalang Village highlighted the rules and regulations of the Fish Conservation Zone and urged upon everyone to adhere to the same to ensure the success of the project which would benefit the village communities as a whole. Mr Overness Marsynting, a former Rangbah Shnong (Headman) of Lapalang Village offered the vote of thanks and expressed his confidence that the project would be fruitful along with the assistance of the sponsors and also of the Fishery Department of the State Government.

The programme concluded with a short walk to the Rymben River where the formal unveiling of the FCZ plaque and declaration of the opening of the FCZ was made by Dr Jagdish Krishnaswamy and Mr Banteilang Majaw.

## REPORT ON THE EXHIBITION ON SEVENTY FIVE YEARS OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE



The Regional Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India invited the Department of Music St. Anthony's College, Shillong to perform in a programme on 12th March, 2021 that commemorated the attainment of seventy-five years of India's independence. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya Shri Satyapal Malik. The theme of the exhibition was 'Ajadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The theme of the song that was performed was based on the freedom struggle and the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The students of the Department of Music, St. Anthony's College, Shillong performed one Hindi patriotic song called "Hum Badhe Chale" which was broadcast over All India Radio, Shillong and telecast by Door Darshan Kendra, Shillong.

### Orientation Programme for the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff

The IQAC, St Anthony's College and the Department of Value Education, St. Anthony's College initiated an Orientation Programme for the teaching and non-teaching staff of the College on 7th April, 2021.

The Orientation Programme was carried out on Zoom online platform separately for the teaching and non-teaching staff. The topic of the Orientation Programme for the teaching faculty was "Implications of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 for Higher Education" and the Resource Person was Prof. Khem Chand Kapoor, Head of Department of Education, Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati. He dwelt at length on the various aspects of the topic which provided valuable insights to the audience and helped them to understand better the implications of the New Policy on such a vital subject as higher education.

The topic of the Orientation Programme for the non-teaching staff was "Behavioural Change and Adaptation during the Pandemic Covid-19". Mr. Sunny Mawlong, Managing Director, Hundredfold Academy, Shillong was the Resource Person in this other session. He gave a very elaborate lecture which enlightened the participants upon a theme that is so relevant to the current situation. The Orientation Programme saw the active and whole-hearted participation of both the teaching and the non-teaching staff and was a great success.

### The International Day for Biological Diversity

**22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021:** The Department of Zoology in collaboration with the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board, Govt. of Meghalaya organized two activities to commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity 2021.

#### **Activity 1:** Webinar (From 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 pm)

A webinar on the topic "New Species Discoveries in Meghalaya and the Importance of Conservation" was delivered by Dr. Uttam Saikia, Scientist "C", NERC-ZSI, Shillong. Dr. Sankhadipta Dey, Scientist of the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board also gave a brief presentation about the Board, its objectives and its role.. The number of participants in the Webinar included members from 44 Institutes of Higher Education (Colleges and Universities) from within and outside the state, 25 Schools from the State and 14 Government Departments / Agencies and NGOs from the state and also one from Netherlands. Also present in the Webinar were dignitaries from the Forest and Environment Department, Govt. of Meghalaya and from the Meghalaya Biodiversity Board.

#### **Activity 2:** Online Quiz (From 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm.)

A first of its kind Online Quiz was organized for School students (Class 7 – 12) and UG students. The topic of the Quiz was "Biodiversity of Meghalaya and its Conservation". The Quiz was held via an online application called "Quizizz". The participants were given two mock quizzes prior to the actual quiz to accustom the participants with the mode of joining and playing the quiz. 377 students from 21 Schools and 16 Colleges from across the State participated. The Quiz contained questions of five categories: Multiple Choice, Visual Clues, True or False, Odd

one out and Picture answers. The winners were categorized into two levels.

- School level and College Level. Each category had top 5 (five) winners who would be awarded cash prizes. The names of Winners are given below:

| WINNERS OF THE ONLINE QUIZ ON MEGHALAYA BIODIVERSITY AND ITS CONSERVATION |                    |  |
|---|--------------------|--|
| <b>College level</b>  |                    |  |
| Name  | Class              | College  |
| Anupriya Kumari Roy   | B.Com 6th Semester | St. Mary's College, Shillong   |
| Lenamiki Khonglah   | B.Sc 6th Semester  | St Anthony's College, Shillong   |
| Abarister Manners   | B.Sc 6th Semester  | Shillong College   |
| Jonester Kharsyntiew  | B.Sc 6th Semester  | St Anthony's College, Shillong   |
| Pynshailang Kharbani  | B.Sc 4th Semester  | St Anthony's College, Shillong   |
| <b>School level</b>   |                    |  |
| Name  | Class              | School   |
| Hei-yoobiangmi Kya  | 12                 | North Liberty Higher Secondary School, Jowai.                              |
| Chiara Massar   | 10                 | St. Margaret's Higher Secondary School, Shillong.                          |
| Dennis B. Dkhar   | 12                 | Alpha English Higher Secondary School, Nongpoh Pahamsyiem.                 |
| Nandini Singh   | 10                 | B.K. Bajoria School, Shillong.   |
| Manju Kumari Thakur   | 10                 | Dinet Manik Syiem Memorial Higher Secondary School, Nongthymmai, Shillong. |

## Warden's Trophy (Basketball Tournament)

The Warden's Trophy 2021 was held in the Stephen Hall Hostel from 14th – 17th April 2021. The inauguration of this biennial event was held at 6.30am in the College basketball court. The Vice Principal of the College graced the solemn inauguration ceremony as the Chief Guest. There were altogether twenty-one teams that participated in this year and they were divided into Team A, Team B, Team C, and Team D. Christopher, Joseph, Moses, Tommy, Manen, Justin, and Marshall were the organizers of the Warden's Trophy this year. Their team did a wonderful job for the smooth running of the tournament. The theme for this year's Tournament was "Don't stop when you are tired, stop when you are done". The Stephenians kept up and held it high through their activities and their participation throughout the whole tournament. Almost all the boys participated in the games. It was simply awesome to see the boys having fun and learning to work together. We were fortunate that



this year the entire tournament including all the expenses (prizes, certificates and personal prizes) was sponsored by Deepak's Coffee shop. We express our sincere gratitude to the Principal and the Warden for taking keen interest in the tournament.

The most important lessons that the boys learnt from this Tournament include a better understanding of discipline, team spirit, respect, and a sense of responsibility. The family spirit of the Stephenians was also built up further during such programmes. The final match was held on the 17 April, 20201 after supper. The Margaretians were the constant cheerful supporters for the tournament. Prizes were distributed to all the winners in the Tournament during the concluding ceremony in which the Principal, the Vice Principal, and the Wardens of both the hostels were present. The Warden of Stephen Hall who was the chief guest at the closing ceremony gave the concluding message. This Tournament concluded with the singing of the hostel anthem.



# Department of Value Education

As a means of reaching out to our students, the Department of Value Education in the last week of April tried reaching out to them through a series of live Webinars. The topics that are dealt with are chosen based on the present scenario and according to the needs of the hour.

## Session 1 LIVING IN HOPE

Date: 24th April, 2021 (Saturday)  
Time: 5.30pm - 6.15pm  
Mode: Online (ZOOM and YouTube)  
Resource Person: Rev Fr. George Palamattam SDB, Ph D., Director of Siloam, our extension centre.

As the present situation and the scenario that many of us are facing seems to be dim and grey and many are going through a tough time, the session was therefore named as "Living in Hope". The Resource Person spoke of the different situations that people are facing today, that we need to be careful and vigilant and that we need to focus on staying positive. He also shared some tips on how we can do so. After the session, there was a question and answer session where students posted their questions on the chat box and the Resource Person took them up one by one.

YouTube: <https://sacsl.in/qrywVOi>

## Session 2 LIVING IN HOPE-2 (With Focus on: Family and Relationship)

Date: 1st May, 2021 (Saturday)  
Time: 5.30pm - 6.15pm  
Mode: Online (ZOOM and YouTube)  
Resource Person: Rev. Fr. George Palamattam, SDB, Ph D., Director of Siloam, our extension centre

This session was a continuation of the previous session but with a focus on Family and Relationship. Much of the time in this session was devoted more to the questions that students had on the topic of the hour.

YouTube: <https://sacsl.in/qrywVOi>

## Session 3 GETTING OUT OF ADDICTION

Date: 8th May, 2021 (Saturday)  
Time: 5.30pm - 6.15pm  
Mode: Online (ZOOM and YouTube)

Resource Person: Rev. James P J, SDB, Ph D

Keeping in mind the problems that people are facing during this pandemic, Addiction seems to be one of the main concerns that they have to cope with. Hence the topic "Getting out of Addiction" that was chosen. The Resource Person spoke about the different paths that can lead to addiction, the way out of addiction and the role that the family can play in helping out people with Addiction. Questions were then taken up towards the end of the session.

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/sacve>

## Session 4 BECOMING A BETTER VERSION OF ME

Date: 15th May, 2021 (Saturday)  
Time: 5.30pm - 6.15pm  
Mode: Online (ZOOM and YouTube)  
Resource Person: Anita Susan Binze (Freelance Educator & Speaker, Bangalore)

This session was held with the aim of helping students to understand themselves better and how they can help build their self-esteem and confidence. The Resource Person shared her personal experiences on how she overcame the difficulties she faced as a young adult. She also focused on the fact that we should not lose hope in life and gave some very useful tips on how we can each try to be a better version of ourselves. Questions put up by students were also addressed by the Resource Person at the end of the session.

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/sacved>

## Session 5 CONDOLENCE MEETING & STAGES OF GRIEF

Date: 22 May 2021 (Saturday)  
Time: 5.10pm - 6.00pm  
Mode: Online (ZOOM and YouTube)  
Resource Person: Rev. Fr. George Palamattam SDB, Ph D., Director of Siloam, our extension centre

A Condolence Cum Prayer Time was held in honour of Late Mrs Belma Dkhar, mother of the Principal, Rev Bro (Dr) Albert L. Dkhar. This was later followed by a session with Fr George Palamattam, SDB as the Resource Person.

During the Condolence Meeting, the following members delivered their condolence messages:



Rev Fr. Gervasius Nongkseh, Vice Principal  
 Prof Lydia Bang, Staff Representative  
 Prof Syntiew Manik, Staff Representative and Student Coordinator  
 Mr Billy Domes, President of the Alumni Association  
 Mr Peter Lyngdoh, Support Staff Representative  
 Miss Lalremkimi, Student Representative  
 Rev Fr (Dr) Joby Joseph, Rector

The condolence meeting was later followed by a short session from Fr George, where he spoke about the 'stages of grief' discussed by Kubler-Ross, a Swiss-American psychiatrist. He further stressed on the fact that we must share our griefs and sorrows and expressed the hope that with time, things will get better.

ZOOM: <http://bit.ly/saccondole>  
 YouTube: <http://bit.ly/sacved>

## Camp Mode Aadhaar Enrolment Drive: A Report

**Date:** 09-12, March, 2021

**Time:** 11:00am onwards

**Venue:** Girls Common Room, St. Anthony's College, Shillong

The Camp Mode Aadhaar Enrolment Drive was organised by the Aadhaar Enrolment Centre, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, St. Anthony's College, Shillong. The camp was organised on the initiative of Rev. Br. Albert Longley Dkhar, SDB, Principal of St. Anthony's College and Dr. Rakhal Kumar Purkayastha, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science.

The preparation for the camp started with communication with the office of Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District. Publicity for the camp was circulated to the staff and students of the college via online platforms. A flex banner containing detailed information about the camp, the documents required and instructions on the maintenance of Covid-19 protocols was also displayed in the college campus. Further, notices containing the same information were hung on the college notice board and at the entrance to the enrolment venue.

The Aadhaar Enrolment Operators deputed by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner to the College for this programme were Miss Kerilin S. Nongdhar, Miss Ilapyntngen Lyndem and Miss Priya Kharmuti. They were all very courteous and co-operative and also competent for the job. The College accorded them a warm treatment and also presented them an honorarium and souvenirs.

### Purpose and Beneficiaries

The purpose of the camp was to facilitate the fresh enrolment of Aadhaar among the staff and students of the college and to assist in updating the already enrolled Aadhaar cards whenever necessary. The camp was initially planned to run for three days. However, following the good response from the students and the staff particularly on the third day, it was extended by another day.

Given that the process of enrolment was time consuming, a total of 131 new enrolments as well as modification of the existing cards was completed during the duration of the camp.

Mr. Recordius E. Kharbani (*Assistant Professor*) &  
 Dr. Rakhal Kumar Purkayastha (*Associate Professor and Head*)  
 Department of Political Science, PG  
 St. Anthony's College, Shillong



# A TALK ON "EARTHQUAKE DETECTION THROUGH REMOTE SENSING AND TOTAL ELECTRON CONTENT (TEC) WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO N.E. INDIA"

A Guest Lecture on 'Earthquake detection through remote sensing and total electron content (TEC) with special reference to N.E. India' was organised for the first, third and fifth semester students of the Geology Department on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The Resource Person for the day was Mr. Karan Nayak, M.Sc., Applied Geology, Central University of Karnataka. He is currently working as Project Support Services at NESAC (North Eastern Space Application Centre) Umiam, Meghalaya. He is also an alumnus of the Geology Department, SAC.

The talk was divided into two parts. In the first part, students were given all the basics about earthquakes, calculation of magnitude and intensity of an earthquake, damage caused by earthquakes and also the safety measures that should be taken during an earthquakes. The second part of the talk included more technical aspects of the topic and students were shown how data collected through total electron content in the ionosphere can be used to predict earthquakes days in advance. A case study was also shown to students for their better understanding.

The talk was organised by the Geology Department, St. Anthony's College, Shillong.




**GUEST LECTURE  
ON  
EARTHQUAKE DETECTION THROUGH REMOTE SENSING AND  
TOTAL ELECTRON CONTENT (TEC)  
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NE INDIA**

**By  
MR. KARAN NAYAK  
M.SC APPLIED GEOLOGY  
(CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA)**

**Time : 10:00am - 12:00pm | Date : 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Organised by  
GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT, ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE, SHILLONG**

**VENUE : CONFERENCE HALL**



## Use of Science and Technology in Early Warning of Disaster in North Eastern Region of India

20 May 2021 | 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

### Organised by

India University and Institution Network on Disaster Risk Reduction (IUINDRR-NIDM)  
National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)  
Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Govt. of India  
in collaboration with  
North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC),  
Department of Geology, St. Anthony's College,  
Shillong, Meghalaya

India University and Institution Network on Disaster Risk Reduction - National Institute of Disaster Management (IUINDRR-NIDM) in collaboration with North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC) and Department of Geology, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Meghalaya conducted a Webinar on the 20th May 2021 on Use of Science and Technology in Early Warning of Disaster in North Eastern Region of India.

The webinar began with the Dr. Preeti Soni, Senior Programme Consultant, IUINDRR-NIDM, introducing the Webinar theme and the schedule of the programme. She also welcomed the dignitaries and participants and then gave an overview of the collaborative webinar.

Rev. Father Joby Joseph SDB, St. Anthony's College, Shillong delivered the key note address of the Webinar on behalf of. Rev. Br. Dr. Albert L. Dkhar, Principal St. Anthony's College, who could not attend the Webinar due to the sudden demise of his mother, for whose eternal repose the Webinar held a one-minute silence in prayer. In his keynote address Fr. Joseph gave a brief analysis about the Webinar. He emphasised on the need of taking precautions, educating and informing the stakeholders and using science, technology and research in this line to have a safe, secure and better future.

The Director of North Eastern Space Applications Centre Shri P L N Raju gave the special keynote address for the Webinar where he spoke about the key role of North Eastern Space Application Centre (NE-SAC) in Disaster management. He informed that NE-SAC has a centre called

North Eastern Regional Disaster Risk Reduction (NERDRR), established in 2013, which co-ordinates with the Department of Space and National Disaster Emergency Management (under Ministry of Home Affairs). He spoke about the various programmes to acquire satellite data which is analysed by NESAC. He particularly spoke about floods and landslides in the North-Eastern States and how their prediction and planning can be done using current technologies. He mentioned the use of technology in predicting and managing earthquake and forest fires as well as use of science and technology in agricultural field.

Professor Santosh Kumar, Head GDRR, NIDM, enlightened the participants with his knowledge and experience about the regional issues of North-East India. He gave the fundamentals that need to be worked out with institutions and the stakeholders. He emphasized on the use of science and technology in early warning system, disaster scenario and other uncertainties which may play a vital role in the immediate future. He very well explained the need for trust factor and confidence in the system, science and scientist. The cascading effect of disaster and need for its proper study was also pointed out. He mentioned that the early warning systems network in the North-East Region must be connected and early warnings must be generated with exchange and sharing of knowledge. The terrain of North-East India being different from that of the other parts of the country, he urged the development of a system that is moulded to this particular setting, and accordingly universities and institutes should co-operate for a collective study and come up with new discoveries and information. He talked about the relevance of IUINDRR-NIDM activities with all the above-mentioned factors.

Dr. Preeti Soni, SPC, delivered the basic idea of disaster and disaster management in a very simple and yet meaningful way. She gave a brief idea about the concepts of disaster, mitigation and preparedness, and minimising the disaster risk impact on humans and other living organisms. She emphasized how use of science and technology can help to achieve that objective. She stressed on the involvement of women and children, and the community as a whole, to utilise their technique and knowledge and information to



prepare them for a coming disaster and make use of early warnings. She talked about the post disaster stage preparations and relief plans immediately after the disaster and how people respond to a disaster event. She discussed Sendai's Framework and spoke about the four priorities: understanding of disaster, strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk, investing in disaster risk reduction, and enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response. She also mentioned Sendai's framework for seven global targets. She then discussed about the Prime Minister's 10 points and specifically on agenda 6 that dwells about the role of higher education in DRR. She emphasised on having committees in every institution for engaging stakeholders in disaster risk management and advocating public awareness programs for the common people by the institutions. She spoke about use of different departments of an institution in the phase of recovery and how students and teachers can come together and help the society or community.

Dr. Saurabh Baruah, Scientist G, CSIR-NEIST gave a wonderful technical session on the topic "Seismic Hazard of Meghalaya Plateau and its vulnerability: Use of Science & Technology for Dissemination of Early Warning". He talked about the importance of science and technology in dissemination of early warnings. He focused on the seismic hazards in the states of North East India and discussed different earthquakes that has affected the area. He pointed out the ignorance of ordinary citizens in taking proper precautions in the face of impending disasters as well as not availing published scientific information for building safe structures. He showed various maps highlighting the vulnerability of the NE states of India to earthquakes. He stressed why it was so important to discuss and work on earthquake disaster and management in the North-East Region. He demonstrated early warning systems for earthquakes and spoke on the necessity further studies in this line. He also showed some of CSIR-NEIST's ground work in Shillong city and displayed maps on seismic hazard assessments towards the end of his presentation.

Dr. Parag Phukon, Professor, Gauhati University, Department of Geological Sciences, delivered a talk on "Landslides in the NE Region of India: Causes and Consequences". He started with a brief explanation of the meaning of landslides and other general terminologies related. He correlated very well the multi hazard scenario in North East

India and pointed out that the hazards cannot be dealt in isolation and that a holistic approach is needed. He showed the link between the monsoon, topography and landslides in these regions and also the need for solid scientific research for a meaningful preparedness strategy to develop an early warning system. Casual factors, preparatory factors and triggering factors of mass movement were discussed as well as the causes and consequences in detail. He gave examples of many recent landslides in NE India and explained the reasons for them. He focused on the land use practices and other anthropogenic activities which are some of the major reasons for landslides in the region. He concluded by saying that there was a need for data driven approach in disaster management with strong component of research and understand the connection between the landslides, flood, erosion and sediment aggradations in Brahmaputra valley for a comprehensive disaster management strategy.

Dr. Gopal Sharma, Scientist SD, North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) delivered a talk on a unique topic "Earthquake Precursors detection by Space Technology Inputs: Some Success Stories and Early Results". He cited the use of space technology, especially highlighting Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) which gives global coverage, good accuracy and integrity. Speaking in simple terms for students to understand, he revealed how changes in Total Electron Content (TEC) in the ionosphere help derive information about precursors of earthquake days in advance before the occurrence of the quake. While such an advanced theme was explained in simple details, he shared some of his observations in relation to the Nepal Earthquake (2015) and Manipur Earthquake (2016), which showed good promises as advance warnings before earthquakes occur. He also highlighted how TEC anomalies help in analysing seismic data and information throughout the Himalayan range.

#### **Key takeaways**

- Science and Technology institutions such as NESAC and CSIR-NIEST along with universities and colleges like Gauhati University and St. Anthony's College have an important role to play in risk reduction activities and must come forward for undertaking risk reduction activities.
- Future collaborative training and awareness programme with the involvement of students and scholars of the University may be conducted.
- Disaster Management Plan within the University and other institutions must be prepared and drilled.



- The use of science and technology must be acknowledged and such studies encouraged and confidence must be shown to science and the scientist.
- There is a need for data driven approach in disaster management with strong component of research and understanding.
- There should be committees in every institution for engaging people in disaster risk management and having public awareness program for people out of the institution.

### Overview

The world continues to experience the onslaught of natural calamities at regular interval and with increasing frequency as the days go by leading to the loss of countless lives of people and livestock and the destruction of property amounting to billions of rupees. India has unfortunately not been able to escape such onslaughts. In the recent past it has felt the might and force of natural phenomenon such as the “fani” Cyclone in 2019; the Kerala floods, Cyclone Titli and Gaza in 2018, and; the Kedarnath floods, Chennai floods, Phyllin and Hudhud 2013 Cyclones, to name but a few. In response to such disastrous events that have occurred around the world, the Global issues on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) have initiated various steps to reduce the destructive impact of such events on life and property by 2030. In this regard, the Government of India, more specifically the Honourable Prime Minister, guided by the 10 points and 6 points agenda, has chosen to focus on the role of higher education institutions/universities for promoting education, innovative technology and research, facilitate capacity development, and their contribution to the decision-making for addressing local risks from natural calamities to reduce the risk of disasters in India. Therefore, the IUIN was established by the NIDM with the vision to build nations and communities which are safe and resilient to disasters, through education, knowledge creation, research, technology and dissemination.

Science and technology provide synoptic observations of natural disasters at regular intervals that help in better planning and management of disasters. India is prone to many natural disasters like floods, landslides, cyclones, forest fires, earthquakes, drought, and the North-eastern region is especially prone to landslides and earthquake which makes this region more vulnerable in terms of disaster-related risk. To deepen our understanding of the risks due to such disasters, it is necessary to integrate science

and technology by scientific institutions and field-based research through higher education, which is important in the endeavour towards risk reduction of disaster. Communication and navigation systems also play an important role in disaster management with improved technological options.

### About the Webinar

The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India collaboration with the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) and Department of Geology and of St. Anthony's College, Shillong is organizing a Webinar on “Use of Science and Technology in Early Warning Sign of Disaster” on 20th May 2021 from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm to deliberate on the actions and strategies that are required in minimizing the disaster risk.

### The objectives of this webinar are as follows:

- To address the emerging challenges faced due to regional disasters issues
- To adopt a holistic framework of action for response and recovery through science and technology innovations
- To sensitize the different stakeholder on Disaster Risk Reduction as per region
- To discuss and come up with innovative solutions to recover the losses of disaster in the North-East Region.

### Organizing Committee:

#### Patrons

- Major General Manoj Kumar Bindal  
Executive Director, NIDM
- Rev. Br. Albert Longley Dkhar SDB,  
Principal, St. Anthony's College Shillong
- Dr. P.L.N. Raju, Director,  
North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC),  
Guidance
- Prof. Santosh Kumar, Head, GiDRR, NIDM,  
MHA,GOI
- Shri. Shekhar Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor,  
NIDM, MHA,GOI  
Convenor and Coordinator
- Dr. Preeti Soni, Senior Programme Consultant,  
IUINDRR-NIDM  
Co-convenor
- Asst. Prof. Nisha Chettri, Department of Geology, St.  
Anthony College, Shillong, Nodal officer, IUINDRR-  
NIDM  
IT Support
- NIDM IT Team

## Experts

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## Webinar Platform

The webinar would be conducted over the WebEx Platform. The link for the webinar would be sent individually to the email addresses of the participants. Those who are interested may register for the program through NIDM Training Portal at <https://training.nidm.gov.in>.

## Covid Relief Cell of St. Anthony's College

In partnership with the Jesus Youth wing of the College, a Covid Relief Cell was formed, comprising Medical Doctors, Qualified Counsellors and Priests to cater to the needs of the community. They also reached out with provisions to families that were in Quarantine or in isolation due to Covid. The areas covered were Nongrah, Mawlynrei, Mawlai, Laitkor, Smit, Pynthorumkrah, Sohra from the East Khasi Hills District and another group of volunteers covered the villages of Ri Bhoi District of Meghalaya. In addition to the college support, the financial support for the same was mostly from the contributions from the Grotto Chapel, Shillong, looked after by the community of the college. The Alumni Association of the college (SACSAA) also donated funds for the reach-out activities to the Relief Cell.



*Packing & Distribution*



The Girls' hostel of the College, Mamma Margaret Hall, was provided - with information to the Headman of the place and the Deputy Commissioner of East Khasi Hills Dist.- for Covid care facility to Nazareth Hospital, Shillong. As part of the MOU in operation between the hospital and the College,


Nazareth Hospital was provided the hostel for their nurses and para-medicals who are on Covid duty round the clock. While two floors were used by the medical team, one floor was reserved for the care of post-Covid patients who needed isolation and care.





# Covid Relief Cell

Reaching out with Provisions & Phone-in Help

## Together We Can!



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FOR MEDICAL PHONE-IN SUPPORT

Dr. Netharius P Laloo: 9436164031  
(Khasi, Jaintia, Hindi, English)  
10 am to 5pm

Dr. Nabarun Dhar: 8638819649  
(Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, English)  
10 am to 2 pm

Dr.(Mrs) Barbara Bamon: 9612290687  
(Khasi, Jaintia, English)  
5 pm to 10 pm

Dr. Judita Syiemlieh: 8132962572  
(Khasi, Hindi, Assamese, English)  
9 am to 8 pm

Dr. Alka Flora Marak : 9436118974  
(Garo, English)  
2pm - 6pm

FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL PHONE-IN COUNSELING

Smt. Arlene Khamongrum : 8974026317  
(Khasi, Hindi, English)  
1 pm to 5 pm

Smt. Emma Jyrwa: 9862535349  
(Khasi, Jaintia, English)  
10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Smt. Hanna M R Marak: 9863939922  
(Garo, Hindi, English)  
10 am to 4 pm

Smt. Lorina Richmond : 9008339209  
(Khasi, English)  
5 pm- 7pm

Smt. Maryobiang Pyrtuh: 8974059584  
(Khasi, Jaintia, English)  
1 pm - 5pm

FOR SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING - PRAYERS


Fr. Devasia Vazhayil sdb : 8974005423  
(Khasi, Assamese, Hindi, English)  
8 am - 9 pm

Fr. Saji Stephen sdb 7630926398  
(English) 10 am - 6 pm

Fr. Joby Joseph sdb : 9436337168  
(English) 10 am - 7 pm

Fr. George Palamattam sdb: 9436110438  
(English, Khasi)  
10 am -12 noon

Fr. James P J sdb: 9485162906  
(Khasi, Garo, Hindi, Bengali, English)



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Flyer about the Covid Relief Cell

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8 am - 9 pm

Fr. Saji Stephen sdb 7630926398  
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(English) 10 am - 7 pm

## FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL PHONE-IN COUNSELING

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Smt. Hanna M R Marak: 9863939922  
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10 am to 4 pm

Smt. Lorina Richmond : 9008339209  
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5 pm- 7pm

Smt. Maryobiang Pyrtuh: 8974059584  
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1 pm – 5pm

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