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////////////////////// The College Diary //////////////////////////////////////

As I begin the daunting task of preparing a report on all the activities that took place in the College from the year 2017 onwards, I confess, I feel a little flustered at how green I am in this kind of work. While I'm at it, I might as well concede how peeved I am with the previous authors of the College Diary. I'm particularly annoyed because of the effortless ease with which their pens have crafted ingenious, witty and humorous accounts of what is essentially a barrage of factual narration. As I threaten to self-implode under the duress of channelling the non-existent humorous writer inside me, I remember the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr who said, "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step". This thought comforts me and thus I begin my voyage into the tumultuous sea of information. "Avast ye! All Hands on Deck"!

January:

The mercury touched as low as -0.9 degree Celsius in the opening month of this year. This and the fact that the college was closed for the winter break, accounts for a very barren month with very little to report for. January is the quietest month but just because it looks quiet it doesn't mean that nothing is happening. Nature which seemingly lies dormant at this time, is actually quietly preparing for the long and hectic season of productivity. It maybe that the people in the AICTE have a similar view on the month, for they chose to conduct a "surprise" inspection of the College on a bitter and cold 10th January day. They definitely nailed the "surprise" part, and no one probably saw that one coming. One group of people who trudged their way to the deserted college in that bone chilling cold, were the teachers and students of the Mathematics Department, the latter having organised Remedial Classes for weak students from 16 January onwards. I salute the indomitable spirit of my mathematically gifted Anthonians... Arya Bhatta himself would have been proud of this resolve.

February:

As January gave way to February, the prodigal sun returned with welcome warmth that began to thaw and melt the sleepy disposition that had gripped the general populace for the past few months. The college kick-started the year 2017 by organising an Orientation Programme for the Office and Support Staff. The students under the Annual System were served a reminder to burn the midnight oil with the issuance of Admit Cards on the 03rd. An IT Training for School Teachers from the Parish of Umden was conducted by the CYBER CLUB from 08th to 11th. The teachers were taught on how to make use of technology as an aid to their teaching requirements. Similarly, the Principal organised a Workshop on Teaching Skill to Teachers of St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Umden which was held from the 15th to 16th. A General Assembly of all students was held at the Basketball Court by the Principal on the 20th. The penultimate event for this month was a seminar that was organised by the Students Development Services, SAC, in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on *Intellectual Property Rights* in the Conference Hall on the 22nd. Representative of FICCI were more than happy to be the resource persons for this seminar. An Orientation Program for Students and Faculty was conducted in the college on 25 Feb 2017. The theme of the event was "Be a Champion 2017". The Resource Person for the Students' session was our own Principal while the Faculty Session was managed by staff from the Hundred Fold Academy.

March:

A Two Day Workshop on Drug Abuse Prevention was organised on 3rd and 4th by NSS in collaboration with NISD New Delhi and ICSSR (NERC). The workshop featured four technical Sessions and a Panel discussion. The Technical Sessions focussed on understanding the nature of drug abuse and of its consequences, types of addictive substances, treatment of Drug Abuse, various types of rehabilitation, and ways of overcoming

drug addiction. In celebration of **Pi Day** which is celebrated annually on March 14th, the Department of Mathematics organized a talk on Pi, which was widely attended by participants from other colleges as well. The Resource Person for this event was Dr Saikat Mukherjee, Assistant Prof. NIT Meghalaya. On the 20th a Special Interaction with Rev. Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga, Regional Councillor, South Asia, SDB, was held in the College Auditorium for students and faculty. Father Kanaga attempted to ascertain and mitigate the needs and grievances of the students and faculty of the College. A Field Trip to Nongpoh was conducted by Geology Department on 25th Mar 2017. The Field-trip was a great learning experience for the students who under the guidance of Mr. P. Syiem discovered various rock exposures with diverse geological features and implications from Mawiong to Umling along the GS Road section.

April

April may begin on a note of tom-foolery and light hearted banter, but the month was also packed with days of frantic and hectic work. Training for Government Officers, Teachers, CBOs/NGOs on *Comprehensive Landslide Risk Mitigation* was held by Geology Department in the Conference Hall on the 7th. On the 12th, the Research and Consultancy Cell (RCC) of the college organized an invited lecture for students and faculty on the topic: *Difference and Difference Strategy and Instrumental Variable Strategy in Economics and Econometrics*. Ms Sutanuka Roy, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) was the Resource Person for this lecture. Prof. Daman Lyngdoh of the Department of Zoology was once again the epitome of excellence and his stellar qualities were recognised at the Annual Congress of the Society at Bengaluru on 27th where he was awarded with the Young Scientist's Medal for the Best Research Paper presented.

May

Mr. Godfrey Fernandez, Director, ARETE ELEMENTS, travelled all the way from Bengaluru, to interact with the faculty of the college in an Orientation Programme that was held on the 5th. The session which was held in the Conference Hall from 10 am to 2 pm, was centred on the

topic of leadership and the speaker alluded to the metaphorical qualities of an eagle to inspire the audience. This was followed by a very animated discussion between the Resource Person and the faculty present.

May Day was celebrated and organised for the non-teaching staff of the college on the 6th on account of the External University Examinations that was taking place. The Dept. of Computer Science organized the *Inter School IT Quiz Competition* on the 12th for schools in Shillong as part of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Mr. Rahul S. Chatterjee played the role of Quiz Master to a "T" and regaled and entertained the audience with delicious, mind tickling trivia.

St. Anthony's College Extension at Byndihati, welcomed back its students on the 15th with the resumption of its Academic Session. There was a change of guard in the college extension with the appointment of Father Kenny Pakma as its new Principal on the 22nd and of Father K. J. Anthony as Administrator on the 30th.

On 31st May, the Anthonian Youth Club (AYC) observed the World No Tobacco Day (much to the chagrin of smokers, one would imagine) in collaboration with the District Non-Communicable Disease Cell, EKH District and the Deputy Commissioner Office, EKH District. An inter-school poster competition depicting the adverse effects of tobacco was also held. The students from different schools were also given awareness on how to avoid such addictions.

June

Back in the Main Campus, the 3rd and 5th Semester students resumed their classes from the 9th. On the 10th, Father Joby Joseph was appointed as Rector of the College while Father Devasia Vazhayil left for Mawkyndeng. St. Anthony's Day was celebrated with a lot of fanfare in the college on the 13th from 9 am onward. Students thronged to the College and participated enthusiastically in various activities that were organised by the College. The Inauguration Programme of the 1st Semester Classes was held in the College Auditorium on the 16th. In a landmark event, the BEC (Business English Certificate) was introduced and inducted

into the College. A British Council presentation on BEC Preliminary Examinations was made to the students by representatives of British Council, Mr. Raj Tiwari and Mr. Isaac Singh. The Department of Computer Science, on 17th June, organised a tutorial on “Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking” for students from select departments of the college as part of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Mr. Arjun Chetry, Computer Programmer, NEPA was the Resource Person for this event. This event was held with a purpose to underline the importance of Cyber Security in this technologically reliant age as well as to highlight the usefulness of Ethical Hacking in preventing possible cyber-attacks. This event also served to open up the specialised field of Cyber Forensics to the students as a possible career.

To commemorate the International Day of Yoga, the NCC Girls Wing of the College, stretched out their nimble hands to reach out to those of the NCC Girls Wing of Shillong Commerce College, and together held a Yoga Camp in the College on 21st June. A day full of anatomy-defying “Asanas” was complemented by soulful music that resonated from the College Auditorium on account of an event titled “*Harmonic Symphony*” which was organised by the Department of Music.

The students of the College won several laurels at the events held at Raj Bhavan on the 24th in honour of Captain Clifford Nongrum. In the Debate Competition, the first and the third prize were awarded to the College while the second prize was secured in the Quiz Competition. A month-long spell of activities was brought to a close with “*Eclectic Conversations*”, an interactive session which was hosted by the College in association with Eclectic North East on 29th June. Ms Shaheen Ahmed gave a talk on the theme, *Women in Indian Advertising*.

July:

On 4th July, the Dept. of Physics hosted a Guest Lecture titled: “*Bose Einstein Condensation*”, for the benefit of the students of the department and other Physical Sciences. Prof Saurabh Basu, Dean, Education Outreach Program, IIT Guwahati, was the invited expert who deliberated over the proceedings of this event.

The month also witnessed a momentous occasion for the 3rd year students of the Annual System. The college conducted the first ever Graduation Day Ceremony on the 8th of July. A glittering event, it marked the culmination of three years of cherished memories spent in the college for its outgoing students.

A few days later, on the 12th day of July, students of the Department of History were given an opportunity to visit the Ever Living Museum at Mawshibuit. The Dept. of Fishery Science organized a one-day training programme on the 22nd for fish farmers of Meghalaya on the topic: “*Backyard Culture of Fresh Water Mud Eel, *Monopterus Cuchia* and its Prospects in Meghalaya*”. The subject specialist was Dr. Bipul Khataniar, DFO, Assam State Fisheries Department. Dr. Ananya S Guha, Regional Director, IGNOU, Ms. Malavika Bisharad, Independent Scholar and Dr. Sunanda Bhattacharya, Asst. Prof. Dept. of English, Women’s’ College, were all invited to deliver lectures on the theme, “*Rabindranath Tagore and His Philosophy*”, organised by the Department of Philosophy on 25th July.

As part of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations, the Dept. of Computer Science held a Students’ Seminar Competition on the theme, “Recent Trends in Computer Applications” on 26th July. On the same day, the college observed Kargil Vijay Diwas with a solemn ceremony that honoured the sacrifices of the nation’s braves, including our very own Capt. K. C. Nongrum and Major David Manlun.

On the last day of the month, a talk on Goods and Service Tax (GST) was held in the College Auditorium for the benefit of the faculty and students of the College. Mr. Prakash Borgohain, IRS, Office of Central Excise and Service Tax, Shillong, was the expert who was tasked with the mission of unravelling the myth behind GST.

August

On the first day of this month, an Inaugural Programme of the New Academic Session for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Semester students of the Departments of MCA and MSc (Biotechnology) was held in the college. On the 5th of August, the Department of English hosted the screening of Prof. Dondor

Lyngdoh's Documentary. "Khoh ki Bo", followed by an interaction session with the students of the department. The documentary in essence discussed the impact of the detrimental effects of urbanisation and globalisation on traditional arts like Khoh (basket) weaving. On the same day, the Department of Geology, conducted a Workshop for students and faculty of the department on the topic, *Global Navigation of Satellite System (GNSS)* with Mr Gopal Sharma, Junior Scientist, NESAC as its invited expert. Mr Sharma discussed about recent technological advancements that would make it easier to monitor fault lines and thereby predict earthquakes with greater accuracy.

The SACMUN team that participated in the Jorhat Model United Nations Lok Sabha Committee held between 10th and 12th August won several distinctions including High Commendation and Best Delegate. From the 11th to 12th, the MCTA SAC UNIT organised Pre- Independence Day Celebrations where faculty members were weaned away from their books to participate in games and sessions of revelry. In the midst of this celebratory mood, work was still being done in the College. On 12th August, two programmes were held; the Department of Khasi hosted the Rev Fr Joseph Bacchiarello Inter-College Debate Competition 2017 on the topic, "Ki Kynthei Khasi Ki Don Ka Kyrda Ba Kyrpang Ha Ka Jaitbynriew", while the Department of Mass Media hosted a panel discussion entitled **Converge** in collaboration with Movement of Expression (MOX). The theme of the discussion was on *the role of the social media in building the profile of an artiste, entrepreneur or brand/ product, throwing light upon social media marketing hacks*.

In the "One Zone Competition" organised in NEHU from 23rd to 25th, the Women's Badminton team, the Men's Badminton team and the Men's Table Tennis Team of the College were adjudged as winners in their respective competitions. The Chess Team and Women's Table Tennis Team secured the Second Prize.

India's 71st year of Independence was observed in the College with gusto. With flag hoisting, singing of the National Anthem, and other events,

Anthonians celebrated and participated with the entire Nation on this joyous day.

Finally, on 29th August, the Department of Computer Science hosted the closing Ceremony of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Prof S. B. Nair, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Guwahati delivered an insightful address on the topic, *Immuno-Inspirations*. An Alumni Get-Together cum Dinner for students of the department was later hosted by the organisers.

September:

Students of the College that participated at the IIT Guwahati Model United Nation Conference, that was held from 1st and 3rd September, won several awards including "Best Delegation", "High Commendation" and "Special Mention". On the 5th day of this month, the Departments of Biotechnology and Biochemistry in collaboration with the Indian Institute, Kolkata, organised the *North East Autumn Workshop on Genetic Analysis of Complex Traits* for research scholars and faculty. The College Football team riding high on their heroics in China last year, picked up on that momentum by winning the One Zone Tournament that was held at J. N. Sports Complex Shillong from 5th to 20th. The Department of Khasi organised a special lecture on the 8th for the students and faculty of the department on the topic "Khasi Orthography". Prof B. War, Former Dean School of Humanities, NEHU, Shillong, was the Resource Person. The Department of English hosted the 6th Fr. Noel J Kenny Annual Memorial Lecture on the 8th. Dr. Binayak Dutta, Asst. Prof. Department of History, NEHU, spoke on the nature of partition and of its impact on people in his talk entitled "*Divided Lands, Divided Lives: Partition of Indian North, North East and its Lingering Legacy*". The Department of Mathematics conducted a One-Day Seminar for School teachers on the topic "How to make Mathematics Interesting for School Students" Dr. Jaya G.Choudhary, Dept. of Maths, St. Mary's College, and Prof. S. Kharchandy, Dept. of Mathematics, Shillong College were invited to discuss ways in which the dreaded subject could be made appealing to young students. A Special Lecture and Interaction with Prof. Utpal Barua,

Head, Department of Design, IIT Guwahati was held from 9:15am-11 am at the Conference Hall for Design Innovation Students in the College.

October-November

St. Anthony's College was declared as City Champions in the College Boys Category in the Reliance Foundation Youth Sports College Football 2017 that was held from 17 October to 3rd November.

The College bagged several prizes at Synergy 2017 organised by MLCU from 7th to 8th November, including 3rd prize in the Quiz Competition, 2nd prize in the Role Play Competition, 1st prize as well as "Best Speaker" in the Debate Competition, all three positions in the Quiz Competition, and the 1st and 2nd prize in the New Product Development Competition. Between 8th and 9th of November, the College Men's Team was adjudged champion in the Inter-College Volleyball Championships organised by NEHU.

A Department Farewell to retiring Prof. Timothy Subba, Head of Department took place on 24th November. The dynamic and eloquent Sir Subba, bade adieu to the Department and College with one last and lasting swan song. On the last day of the month, the students of the College secured the First Place in the *Inter-College Skit Competition* organized by Meghalaya Aids Control Society, Shillong.

December

A dramatic performance of select scenes from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* by students of the English Department was held in the College Auditorium on the 9th. 20th December was the last working day of College and in keeping with the mood of the season, a Christmas Get-Together was organised for the Support Staff of the College.

January –February 2018

As the cold tormented those of us who had decided to brave the winter in Shillong, while others holidayed in warmer climes, the College Central Library quietly reopened on 22nd January.

The College Office reopened on 2nd February and from 8:30 am onwards, an Orientation Programme for Office and Support Staff was held in the College.

Admit Cards for the impending UG University Examinations were issued on 6th February. The General Staff Meet was held on 10th February which was followed by the commencement of Even Semester Classes from 12th February. The PG classes began on the 19th of February, a day on which the Stephanian Olympics commenced. Appropriately themed as the "Arena of Valor", the boys of Stephen Hall, were pitted against each other in a week of keenly contested competitions.

College Week 2018 was held from 28th February to 5th March, a departure from other years due to the changes imposed by the Semester System. But the timing of this event did not alter the mood of participation and students thronged to college to take part in a variety of events. Mama Margaret's hostellers put up a show with the theme "Alis Volat Propriis" (She flies her own wings) which was performed in the College Auditorium on 18th March. On the 20th of March, Training of Teacher's Program on *Psycho-Social Care and Disaster Risk Reduction* was organised by DC's Office along with St. Anthony's College in the College Auditorium from 20th to 22nd March. The following day, the Department of Computer Science, organised a seminar on E-Waste Management from 23rd to 25th March. The 24th of March, was earmarked by the Department of English for a Poetry Workshop which was conducted by Mr. Annirudh Ekka, who interacted with the students and spoke about Slam Poetry. 27th March was a proud moment for SACMUN which organised the Anthonian Debate Championship in the Basketball Court. A team from the Department of Commerce emerged as Champions in the grand finale. From 5th to 7th April, the Dept. of Mass Media held a Photography Exhibition entitled *Expressions of Life*.

In what has been a gargantuan task for me, having survived the ordeal of mapping an intensely productive year for the college, I am grateful to the Principal of St. Anthony's College, the Editor of the College Magazine and my colleagues for their support. I would like to also convey my apologies for any event that has been inadvertently missed in my report.

MINNOVA

Minnova, the students' club of the Department of Business Administration was established in June 2018. The club conducts various events throughout the year within the department and the college. The proceeds from its activities are mostly used to fund its flagship event - the Hands of Hope Programme, through which it reaches out to recognise and help different sections of society. Through this programme, it has donated school books to disadvantaged children, computers to orphanages, and shown appreciation to the Shillong Traffic Police among others.

The most recent programme was held in December, when the club had proceeded to Umdihar, Ri-Bhoi district where they spent time with the members of Wisdom Centre, a De-Addiction Centre where they also presented a certificate of appreciation and encouragement and a cash assistance of 20,000/- (rupees twenty thousand only).

For its next event related to its Hands of Hope Programme, the club intends to target a school for the economically disadvantaged students by assisting them with stationery items and other relevant school products.



CYBER CLUB REPORT 2017-2018

The Cyber Club of the College conducted a series of programmes as part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Department of Computer Science. In the period 2017-2018 two programmes were conducted.

The first programme which was held at St. Anthony's College, from 08/02/2017 to 11/02/2017 was an **ICT training for Rural Teachers** from the Parish of Umden. This training programme was conducted with the purpose to provide basic IT training to the teachers to help in their day to day work and also to become



trainers to others in their area. Overall the training was a success as the teachers of Umden learnt how to prepare mark sheets, attendance sheets, question papers and other related documents needed by using MS Office.

The distribution of the certificates was held on 11th February, 2017 at a function graced by Shri. D. P. Wahlang, IAS, Commissioner and Secretary of IT Department, Govt. of Meghalaya as the Chief Guest. Br. Albert L. Dkhar SDB, Principal of the College, staff and students of the department were also present along with participants of the training programme

The next programme organized by the Cyber Club was **IT Course 2017** which started on the 3rd of July and ended on 2nd of August 2017. The objective of this programme was to impart basic knowledge of Computers and Basics of Microsoft Office to students of the 3rd Semester and 5th Semester BBA, Fishery Science, Statistics, Economics, Political Science, Khasi, and Botany Departments of the College. Students of the 5th Semester, Department of Computer Science were the instructors for the month-long course.

The programme helped not only the students who applied for the course but also those who undertook the task of teaching. The programme helped all the students involved in expanding their prior knowledge of Basic Ms Office, besides giving a boost to their confidence.



INTERNATIONAL CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

(ICEP SINGAPORE, 2017 (16 Nov. - 25 Nov.) *A Brief Report*

"If you want to walk fast walk alone, but if you want to walk far walk together".

ICEP (also known as Youth Exchange Programme) is the *highest status* achieved by an NCC cadet. It is a dream for every NCC cadet to be part of this exchange programme, since it entails a prestigious position of an "**Indian Ambassador**" representing the nation abroad.

The cadets aspiring to this role have to go through a series of gruelling procedures such as written test, group discussion, individual drills and an interview with the Director General (NCC), all of which happen during the Republic Day Camp in New Delhi.

The ICEP aims at fostering goodwill and camaraderie amongst friends and overseas cadet organisations through participation in various *adventure camp activities* organised by the host country. It also aims at imparting increased awareness, understanding and appreciation of each other's *socio-economic and cultural realities* as well as visiting places of *interest and defence* force units and organisations of the host country.

ICEP Singapore, 2017:

It was a great privilege for me to be part of the ICEP Singapore, 2017. A total of 20 cadets (10 Senior Division & 10 Senior Wing) led by four Officers, were selected from all over India. I was the only one who represented the North East region which was truly a great honour for me. All these 20 cadets assembled at DG NCC Camp, Delhi on the 7th of November 2017. After full 10 days preparations with complete kitting, we landed safely at Changi International Airport, Singapore on 16 Nov. 2017.

The ICEP Singapore, 2017 was witnessed by 6 participating countries: India, United States of America (USA), United Kingdom (UK), Australia, Brunei and Singapore (host country).

As part of the ICEP Singapore, 2017, a host of activities got underway which included the following:



- 1) Team Building. 2) Outdoor Adventure - Kayaking, Dragon Boat race, Rappelling, Archery, High element and other Battle Obstacle Course. 3) Learning Journeys - Changi Naval Base and Air Force Museum. 4) Visit to Embassy and interaction with the High Commissioner. 5) Visit places of interest - Haw Par Villa, Kranji War Memorial Cemetery, Mount Faber and Singapore Zoo. 6) Cultural Exchange Programme. 7) Sightseeing and Shopping. 8) ICEP Dinner.

After the full 10 days of fun-filled adventure, we returned home and arrived at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi on 26th Nov. 2017.

Overall, the experience with the Cadets and Officers from other participating countries has been an amazing and remarkable one.

I am very thrilled to express my gratitude to my family, the College for all the support I have received and I feel greatly honoured to have represented my country on such a prestigious occasion. I have always believed in my dictum "*With God nothing is impossible, being the best version of oneself*". Thank You. Jai Hind!!



SUO M.V. Mayarso
6th Semester B. Com (Day)

SACMUN CLUB

(St. Anthony's College Model United Nations Club)

SACMUN stands for St. Anthony's College Model United Nations. It is a simulation of the global body, namely the United Nations. Being a non-profitable organization, SACMUN is involved in activities like debating current issues, public speaking, etc.

The St. Anthony's College Model United Nations (SACMUN), is the first MUN club to be established in Meghalaya, and second in the North East India, as per the UNMUN format. It was started on the 19th June 2014, which is annually celebrated as SACMUN's Foundation Day.

The Office Bearers of SACMUN (2016-2017) are the following:

President (Secretary General): Deep Shankar Nath

Secretary (Deputy Secretary General): Chowdhury Muddaser Khan

Treasurer (Under Secretary General of Finance): M.M. Jinathul Fasna

Teachers in Charge: Prof. Rakhil Kumar Purkayastha, Prof. Brightstarwell Marbaniang

The activities of the club during the year 2017 comprise the following:

- **The North Shillong Block Congress Committee (NBCC)** organized an Inter College Presentation Competition at Shillong Club on 1st July. The competition sought views and ideas from the student community on their vision for the State by 2030 where the Secretary General Deep Shankar Nath won the 1st prize.
- On 12th of July, 2017 SACMUN celebrated the **3rd Foundation Day**, where the former Education Minister of Meghalaya, **Mr. Manas Chaudhuri** delivered a very remarkable lecture on "**Quality Education**".
- **Three Delegates** from SACMUN participated in Jorhat Model United Nations Conference



which was held in August 2017 at the Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat and all three got individual awards including **Best Delegates and High Commendation**.

- A college delegation that took part in the **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati Model United Nations Conference 2017** also won the "**Best Delegation**" award along with individual awards including **High Commendation** and **Special Mentions** in the respective committees.
- Nineteen delegates from SACMUN actively participated in the **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati Model United Nations Conference 2017** held from 01-03 September 2017.

Apart from the major highlights mentioned above, the club was also engaged in the following activities –

*Simulation of the UNHRC,
ECOSOC *Training sessions for MUN procedure
*Debate Sessions on different topics to increase the public speaking skill *Training sessions on Resolution Writing.

In short, Model United Nations emphasises development of the various skills among the club members thereby maximizing their potential in substantial researching, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities.



ACTIVITIES OF THE NCC St. Anthony's College

2017 has been a busy and eventful year for the NCC of St. Anthony's College, Shillong. The year started off with some of our cadets attending the Republic Day Camp from the 1st to the 31st of January 2017 in New Delhi. The cadets namely M.V. Mayarso, Gaurav Deb, Phain Shylla, Niang Hoilun were selected under the North Eastern Region Directorate. Cadet Raymond Kharbuli went on to add a feather on his cap by being selected to participate in the prestigious Rajpath March too.

In tune with the rest of the country celebrating International Yoga Day on the 21st June 2017, 54 NCC cadets of St. Anthony's College voluntarily

Enrika Masali, Nazma Hussain Choudhury attended the camp); the Army Attachment Camp (ATC) held at Umroi Military Station from 2nd August to 16th August, 2017 (Cadets Shanborlang Dhar, Bhami Weiroi Lyngdoh, Longningam Anal, Bittu Paul, Kyntiewbor Ropmay, Govinsen Iawphniaw, Jingjam Areng, Faizal Ahmed, Wanteilang Basaiawmoit) attended this camp. Our cadet Ibahunlang Kharbihkhiew was also selected to attend the Special National Integration (SNIC) Camp held at Leh (Jammu and Kashmir) from 12th August to 23rd August, 2017. Other camps attended were the Combined Annual Training Camp held at Umroi Military Station from 16th August to 25th August, 2017 with Emlang Sungoh, Elvis Mate, Gouminlun, Kiran Biswas, Enboklang Pariong,



took part in the celebrations organised by the 41 Meghalaya Artillery Battery NCC, Shillong. 10th of July to 22nd of July, 2017 saw another two of our enthusiastic cadets attend the NCC Camp held at the Military Hospital, Shillong.

Many other camps were to follow where our Anthonian cadets actively participated. These include, the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) held at Smit from 30th July to 8th August 2017 (Cadets Priyanka Lyngdoh, Natasha Wahlang, Timhor Leisan, Pamei Gangreilui, Philina Nonkynrih, Kimhoichong Haokip, Justilin Kharkongor, Joycylin Kharkongor, Moon Brahma, Sudarshana Rajkumari, Gloria Basumatary, DT. Gindeihkim, Shingamla Siri, Monalisha Muchahary, Dahunshisha Uriah, Monika Singh,

Mavgustine Zou, Martin Mang Sanglian, Rodrick Mario Nongbri, Benedict Lamin, Ksankupar Khonglam, Orius Syngkli, K.B. Abel, Dominic Sangma, Ronald Tungnung, Bikram Singha as the participants and the Advanced Leadership Camp (ALC) held at Jorhat (Assam) from 15th November to 26th November, 2017 attended by Priyanka Lyngdoh and Natasha Wahlang.

As per tradition, the Kargil Vijay Divas was celebrated with great pride by the NCC on the 26th of July, 2017. As in every year the college very proudly remembered the great sons of the soil who dedicated their lives fighting for the country. The guard of honour was performed by cadets M.V. Mayarso, Gaurav Deb, Phain Shylla, Raymond Kharbuli, Deep Shankar Nath, Longninglam

Anal, Kyntiewbor Ropmay and Faizal Ahmed in honour of Late Capt. K.C. Nongrum, an awardee of the Maha Vir Chakra, and an alumnus of the college. He breathed his last while fighting in the Kargil War of 1999. While Col. Manoj Kumar, Commanding Officer of 41 Megh. Arty Bty, NCC, Shillong, was the Chief Guest, other prominent members to grace the occasion were (Retd) Brig. William Sturgeon, Director of Sainik Welfare Board, Shillong and the parents and brothers of the late Captain K. C. Nongrum. Cadets Sunny Sangma and Manoj Das performed the slow march while the piloting was performed by Priyanka Lyngdoh, Ibahunlang Kharbihkhiew, Dahunshisha and Pamei Gangreilui.

On the 15th of August, 2017 the NCC cadets celebrated Independence Day, with the rest of the college. The flag hoisting was followed by a marching competition. The chief guest was Professor Manas Das Gupta of Chemistry Department. Besides action-oriented camps and

other such events, the NCC Unit organized a Guest Lecture too on the topic- Career Counselling in the Armed Forces and How to Face SSB Interviews. The Guest Speaker of the day was Col. Rajeev Bagga, Commanding Officer 41 Meghalaya Artillery Battery, NCC, Shillong. Around 120 NCC Cadets attended the programme.

The NCC activities were not restricted to the national borders alone. Our cadet M.V. Mayarso was selected to attend the Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) in Singapore from 6th November to 1st December, 2017. It was conducted by Directorate General NCC, New Delhi.

Other achievements of the NCC cadets include Faizal Ahmed being adjudged Best Basketball Player and Govinsen Iawphniaw as the Best Dancer in Cultural Competition.

The NCC of the college has been a very active group for many years. We look forward to many other achievements and eventful moments in this coming academic term. Till then Jai Hind!

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ANO, NCC (Girls' Senior Wing)
St. Anthony's College

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Mosaic NSS

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

NSS is a Student Youth Service Programme which aims at inculcating social consciousness in the students with an overall objective of personality development through community service. In keeping with the motto “Not Me but You” the NSS unit of St Anthony’s College in the academic year 2017 – 2018 organised a number of programmes and activities within as well as outside the College Campus.

The first Programme organised was a Two Day Workshop on Drug Abuse Prevention on 3rd and 4th of March 2017 in collaboration with NISD New Delhi and ICSSR (NERC). The Workshop was inaugurated by Smti. Claudia Lyngwa, IPS Superintendent of Police CID, Shillong and brought to a close by Shri Ram Muivah, IAS Secretary, NEC. The key note of the workshop was given by Shri Anand Katoch Director of NISD. The workshop featured four technical sessions and a Panel discussion.

Eminent Resource Persons for the four technical sessions of the workshop included Dr. Preeti Soni, Consultant NC (DAP) NISD New Delhi, Dr. Sandi Syiem, Director Sanker Hospital, Shillong, Dr. Rica Lamar, Secretary, Manbha Foundation Shillong and Shri Barry Kharmalki, Field Mentor FHI 360 Shillong. The technical sessions focussed on understanding of drug abuse and its consequences, types of addictive substances, treatment of Drug Abuse, various types of rehabilitation, and ways of overcoming drug addiction.

The Panel discussion had distinguished panellists like Shri. Vivek Syiem MPS, SP City East Khasi Hills, Shillong, Shri. Anthony Syiem, Director of Manbha Foundation, Shillong, Miss

Endora Warjri, Executive Secretary, VHAM, Meghalaya and Fr. Devasia Vazhayil, Rector and Counsellor, St. Anthony’s College, The panellists discussed and deliberated on ways to prevent Drug flow in the city, its associated consequences and how to reduce drug trade within the city and the region as a whole.

The Programme Officers as well as the Volunteers then went for a Visit-cum-Interaction to NSS Byndihati Extension Campus on the 25th March 2017 to acquaint and familiarise the working of NSS to our volunteers at our Extension Campus.

To commemorate Children’s Day, the Unit organised a visit to the KJCMS Grace Home Orphanage, at Laitkroh Village, which is situated around 30 kms from the city on 14th November 2017. A total number of 40 volunteers and 3 Programme Officers took part in the visit; the Unit was able to handover gift items to all the 12 children including 3 caretakers of the centre.



On 27th November 2017, the Unit organised an Awareness Programme on the importance of Blood Donation which was delivered by Dr. Hubert Dkhar, Lab. Director and In-charge of Blood Bank Nazareth Hospital, Shillong. A Group Poster Competition on the theme “Voluntary Blood Donation” was also organised on the same day in the College Basketball Court, in which a total of 43 participants took part. Four teams took home the honours of winning the 1st, 2nd and two 3rd Prizes respectively.

On the 29th November 2017, the Unit conducted a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at the Conference Hall and Auditorium of the College. Two hospitals, NEIGRIHMS and Nazareth Hospital collaborated with the Unit for the Camp in which a total of 183 donors participated and out of which 118 units of blood were collected. The Unit is indebted to all the donors of the Camp

including our very own Principal, Rev. Br. Dr. Albert Longley Dkhar SDB, our two programme officers - Prof. Shemphang Hynniewta, Prof. Albert Nongrum and Prof. M. Basu of the English Department.

The Unit conducted its Special Camp from 15th to 21st December 2017 at Lumsohpieng Village, Bhoirymbong, Meghalaya. A contingent of 42 members including 38 NSS volunteers and 4 Programme Officers from the unit attended the one-week camp. The unit carried out the Asset Creation activity in which a footpath of about 56 meters approximately in length was constructed in the Village. The unit was able to assist the village in the Cleaning Drive which was undertaken on the 16th December, 2017.



While the NSS volunteers were busy with the Asset Creation Activity during the day, towards evening the Unit was able to engage the entire village by organising various enlightening, cultural and entertaining programmes such as Football matches between NSS volunteers and the village team (Boys and Girls), Debate competitions, Extempore Speech, Fancy-cum-Fashion Show, Singing and Dancing Competitions respectively.

The Unit as a part of its Social Service activity on the 10th March 2018 visited the Anand Bhavan Orphanage. A Programme officer along with 20 NSS Volunteers visited the orphanage at around 11 am and spent quality time interacting, feeding and playing with the children. The programme ended at around 2 pm. The volunteers expressed their joy and happiness in being able to spend worthwhile time with the orphans.

At around 3 pm, two Programme Officers then visited Shanti Bhavan, a home for the abandoned elderly people and disabled teenagers. The Programme was conducted for eighty inmates. In total there were twenty NSS volunteers who entertained the inmates with songs and dance and the programme finally ended at 5 pm. The volunteers here too expressed their satisfaction in

being able to devote their time to the abandoned elderly people and disabled teenagers.

The yearlong activities and programmes culminated in a Trekking-Cum-Adventure Tour to Mawphanlur, in West Khasi Hills District.

Mawphanlur is a small village tucked away in a remote part of West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya. The Village has a population of around 20 to 30 families. 60 students along with 2 Programme Officers stopped at Markasa Village after starting from the College at 8 am and from there proceeded on foot to Mawphanlur about 2 kms

from Markasa village. The students had a thrilling and life learning experience especially with pedal boating and canoeing on the Lake of Mawphanlur. After spending sometime in Mawphanlur, the team proceeded back to the College around 3 pm.

In conclusion the NSS Unit of St Anthony's College, Shillong acknowledges and commends the contribution of one and all in making the activities and programmes of 2017 – 2018 a grand success. The Unit eagerly looks forward to a successful implementation of such kind of activities and programmes for the upcoming year 2018 – 2019.





Photos of Events





College Association Election



Mosaic-2016-Award Winner



The University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya had organised a competition for college magazines last year for various categories, within the North-Eastern Region, such as, the best editorship, the best cover design, the best layout, and the best jury award. The Principal, Brother Albert L. Dkhar, who is also the Chairman of the Mosaic Editorial Board, took the initiative in entering this competition. Mosaic 2016 won the best jury award. I, the then Chief editor of the Mosaic had the privilege to attend the function and receive the award in a grand ceremony held in Landmark Hotel, Guwahati on 29 July 2017.

The ceremony had an august gathering of luminaries from the field of media, journalism and education. Mr. R.S. Moshahary, the former Governor of Meghalaya, was the Chief Guest, apart from other dignitaries from the world of academics. The *Special Jury Award* was the first ever award bagged by Mosaic, throughout the history of its existence. I salute, the then members of the editorial board, for their hard and devoted work, coupled with the dynamic leadership of the chairman that made it possible for the Mosaic to be in the list of award-winning college magazines.

Thank you all. Long Live Mosaic, Long Live St. Anthony's College, Ever More Better Ever

Timothy Subba
Former Editor-in-Chief Mosaic

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St. Anthony's College Quiz Club

*Pratyush Pran Sarma (2nd Sem B.Sc, Botany)
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A quiz is a form of game or mind sport, in which the players (as individuals or in teams) attempt to answer questions correctly. It is a popular literary activity. It does not require eloquence in speech, a quality essential in debate and extempore speech contests. Neither does it demand writing skill, a quality needed in essay and short story writing competitions. Hence perhaps, its popularity.

While it is seen that quiz competitions are organised in Shillong time and again, they are not held on a regular basis. There is no prestigious quiz competition that Shillong can boast of at the moment. In many institutions, they are held occasionally. In some, they are organised at the most, annually. In colleges, St. Anthony's College included, they are usually held as part of the annual college week.

With the intention of promoting the popularity of quiz in St. Anthony's College, two diehard quizzers, Pratyush Pran Sarma (B.Sc, Botany, 2nd Semester) and Pragyana Parasara Neog (B.Sc, Geology, 2nd Semester) took the initiative of forming a quiz club in the College. They petitioned the Principal on the matter and Brother Principal in turn, referred the matter to Prof. B.S. Lyngdoh of History Department, who is usually in charge of quiz during college week. The quiz club was thus formed on 24th August, 2017. No fanfare, no cutting of ribbons, no releasing of balloons in the air and no clicking of a mouse. The quiz club simply came into being.

Even as the quiz club awaits the formality of its official existence, it has already started taking initiatives for the promotion of quiz. It has been giving publicity to quiz events organised by different institutions in Shillong and its members have been actively participating in these events.

The members of the club have many achievements to their credit. Prabhala Bora and Sidhartha Barua were members of the champion team during College Week 2015 and 2016. They were first runners-up at the Raj Bhavan-organised Captain Clifford Nongrum Memorial Quiz as well as the Ramkrishna Mission Quiz in 2017. Pratyush Pran Sarma and Pragyana Parasara Neog secured the third place in the NEIGRIHMS Inter-Institutional Quiz Contest as well as the Inter-College History Quiz Competition organised by History Department, St. Anthony's College, Shillong. The duo came first in the Inter-College Quiz Competition organised by the Department of Botany, Lady Keane College, Shillong.

The club plans to hold many quiz competitions among its members and thus train many budding quizzers of the college. The club hopes that its members will one day be able to qualify for and even win prestigious quiz competitions such as the Tata Crucible (College) Quiz, the Sweden-India Nobel Memorial Quiz etc. The club also wishes to see St. Anthony's College, Shillong as the best in the quizzing scene of North East India.



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