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2019-2020

The College Diary 2019 - 2020

As I sit down to prepare my notes for the College Diary for this year, I realize with a grimace, that I feel bereft of any inspiration to start; an impregnable impasse has been reached which has inevitably prevented my creativity from flowing and I lay the blame squarely on one thing and on one thing alone ... you have guessed it correctly—the Covid 19 virus! Before you accost me for being lazy and unimaginative, I will spring (sluggishly) to my defense by stating how disorienting and difficult the whole experience of staying at home has been. Half eaten by fears of being inundated by an invisible enemy that has besieged us in our very homes, it has also been a strange experience to “work from home”, especially since my missus has now assumed that I should now pitch in with some “home work” which actually turns out to be a lot of house chores! With fingers that have grown stiff and sore from all the chores done today I solemnly pay homage to my better half for putting in such a great shift whilst I am busy at work in the College. That being said, I cannot wait for College to reopen and for normalcy to return. I have never scrubbed and washed my hands so much as I have done during these past few months! I miss the outdoors and the freedom to not wash hands, to eat street food without looking suspiciously

at the vendor. There is no “quarantee” that things after this “pandemic” will get back to normal. Therefore in these strange times the only way forward is to get used to the strangeness of it all by adding a large slice of humour to our outlook. The Psychiatric Association’s warning best sums up our situation:

“During Quarantine, it is normal to talk to your walls, plants and pots. Kindly contact us ONLY if they reply.”

Anyways, onto the main task at hand then: the College Diary is a selective compilation of some of the major events

that have transpired in the College from June 2019 to March 2020. As usual a flurry of activities have taken place both in the academic and non-academic spheres.

The month of **June** witnessed the re-opening of classes, which were preceded by inauguration programmes for the respective streams and semesters. The RUSA Cell of the College offered courses on varied fields, from Floriculture to Creative Writing classes. Departments like Zoology and Khasi kick-started the academic session by organizing informative programmes for the students. The month concluded with the election and subsequent appointment of DR’s and ADR’s. On the same day, i.e. 29th June, the Department of Statistics in collaboration with National Statistical Office Regional Office, Shillong organized and observed National Statistics Day. Though I was not present at the said affair, I would hazard to guess that on “average” it must have turned out quite well.

The first few days of **July** were utilized in organizing Inauguration Programmes for the first semester students enrolled in different courses being offered by the College. Lest the students from other semesters feel left out, departments like English organized a Parent-Teacher Meet for its fifth semester students on 6th July, whilst the Commerce Department organized an industrial visit for its fifth semester students to Barapani industrial area. A Fresher’s Social was organized in the College on the 13th in which the fresh baby faced first semester students were given an opportunity to mingle and showcase their talents and personalities. The RUSA Cell organized a special lecture on the topic “Leading with a Purpose” with Rev. Fr. V.M. Thomas and Mr. Max Klaus as the guest speakers. St. Anthony’s Day was celebrated with a lot of fanfare and the presence of the late Rev. Arch Bishop Dominic Jala capped off a fine day and made it a truly memorable experience for all those



present. A poetry reading session was organized by the English Department on 18th July with Prof. Esther Syiem as the invited Resource Person. The students were given a platform to read some of their poems and later hung on to every word that was spoken by the renowned poetess. The Department of Mass Media meanwhile hosted the “The North East India Archive Summit” in collaboration with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan from 19th to 20th July. Academicians, journalists, film-makers, photographers, musicians, sound managers/recordists and archivists from Meghalaya deliberated over the possibilities of archiving photos, videos and other such relics from the past. The Department of Value Education conducted a much needed programme on Psychological Care and Disaster Risk Reduction in developing cities on the 23rd of this month. Furthermore, the Central Library of the College hosted a Book fair in the College premises from 23rd to 25th July. Avid readers could be found glued to the various book stalls that were setup for the occasion. Kargil Vijay Divas was marked by the college on the 26th day in what turned out to be a solemn and chastening event. The NSS unit of the College, in collaboration with the Rotary Club, Shillong Heritage conducted a Blood Donation Camp at Pasteur Institute, Polo Hills on 27th July.

The first day of the month of August witnessed a momentous day for the College as two Post Graduate Courses, namely the Master in Education and Master in Political Science, was inaugurated by the Minister of Education, Shri. L.H. Rymbui. On the following day, the MCTA unit of the College hosted the Meghalaya College Teachers Association 33rd Biennial General Conference in the College. The occasion was graced by the honourable Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shri. Conrad Sangma and the Minister of Education Shri. L.H. Rymbui. The 73rd Independence Day of our nation was celebrated with great fervour and gusto in the College premises. 17th August was a red letter day for our graduates and a fitting Graduation Day Ceremony was organized by the College to recognize their stellar achievements in the recently concluded final year examinations. The Department of Khasi hosted the Fr. Joseph Bachiarello Inter-College Debate Competition

on the topic “Ka Social Media ka Kyntiew ia ka im lang sah lang” on 22nd August. The annual Youth Retreat was organized by the College for its students from 23rd to 25th August. Br. Mario Joseph animated this event and offered great spiritual insights to the students. The College was given recognition by the AICTE for exemplary work done in improving internship placement scenario across the state of Meghalaya. The award was presented in New Delhi on 25th August to Mr. Bablu Rajak, the College’s Nodal officer for AICTE related work, on behalf of the College.

The Institutional Bio-Tech Hub of the College in collaboration with the Central Pollution Control Board, Regional Directorate, Shillong organized a workshop on “Waste Management Rules with special focus on Bio-Medical Waste Management and Environmental Issues in Meghalaya”, from 11th to 13th September. Eminent experts like Dr. Z. Changsan, Dr. S. K. Dutta and Shri. W.R. Kharkrang were invited as Resource Persons for this event. The following day, the Department of English hosted the 7th Rev. Fr. Noel. J. Kenny Memorial Lecture in which Prof. Desmond Kharmawphlang, Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, NEHU, spoke on the theme “From Peasantry to Patrician, From Rural to Urban, relating to the close association of Folklore to Everyday Life”. From 14th to 17th September, the Department of Botany, in collaboration with the Biotech Park, Lucknow organized a three day workshop for the students on the theme “Value Addition to Rich Bio-resources of North East region”. The Department of Hindi commemorated Hindi Divas on 17th September by organizing a lecture which was delivered by Dr. Shyam Babu Sharma, Hindi Officer, NCC on the topic “Hindi ke Kshetra Main Jeevan Vrittayan”. An extempore speech competition was also conducted for school and college students as part of the programme. On 19th September, the Department of Botany organized a Popular Lecture for its students on the topic “Regenerative Organic Farm Solution—the Answers to Food Security”. The Resource Person for this occasion was Smti Sangita

Sharma, Founder, Annanda Soil and Seed Savas, Bangalore. The Department of Music hosted “Bella Sinfonia—A Musical Variety Show” on 28th September in aid of Kner Shaki Mission Organization. The Chief Guest of the programme was Mr. Ambrose Ch. Marak, Director DHTE and the Guest of Honour was Rev. Br. John Columbi, SDB. A Parting Social of Prof. Purabi Dutta was held in the Conference Hall on 30th September.

Cleaning drives were organized on 2nd October by the AYC which focused on the area around the College and also by the NSS unit of the College in collaboration with St. Edmund’s College and Nabon Synod College, which was carried out in the area lying between 101 Area and the 3rd Mile Bus Stop. Puja Holidays were declared from 2nd to 13th October. A condolence meeting of Faculty and Staff of the College was held in the auditorium on 15th October in honour and memory of Rev. Arch Bishop Dominic Jala who left for his heavenly abode on 10th October. The NSS unit of the College conducted their Annual Blood Donation Camp from 15th to 16th October in collaboration with Nazareth Hospital and NEIGRIHMS Hospital.

The College geared for examinations by issuing admit cards to its students from 4th to 5th November. In the midst of preparation for exams, the Department of English hosted a felicitation programme on 20th November for Prof. Mondakini Basu on completion of twenty five years of dedicated service in the College. The NSS unit organized an awareness programme on the topic “Sensitisation on Blood Donation” on 27th November in collaboration with Nazareth Hospital. UG and PG examinations were conducted from 26th November to 10th December.

A General Meeting of the faculty was held in the College on 5th November, a day after which classes for the new semester began. The Department of Fishery Science set the ball rolling by organizing a Workshop cum hands-on training for students from

the Life Sciences on 14th February on the topic “Taxonomical Tools for Fish Identification”. A Peer Team visit for Administrative Academic Audit (AAA) of the College took place from 17th to 19th February. Dr. (Ms) Ordetta Mendoza, coordinator XBHEI, Dr. Fr. Allwyn Mendoz, Principal, St. Claret College, Zero and Rev. Dr. Sebastian Ousepparambil, Principal, St. Joseph’s College, Nagaland were the members of this visiting team. The Minnova Club, Department of Business Administration hosted “Spring Fest” in the College premises on 21st February. The Department of Mass Media in collaboration with the Meghalaya Police organized a five day Basic Photography Course for police personnel on the nuances of crime scene photography. A Parting Social for Prof. R. N. Bhuyan, Department of Fishery Science, and Prof. K.K. Singh, Department of Economics was organized by the College on 28th February. The Department of Physics commemorated National Science Day in the College from 28th to 29th February by hosting a Science Exhibition cum Poster Competition. A Popular talk was also organized in which Shri. P. L. N. Raju, Director, NESAC delivered a lecture on the topic “Role of Indian Space Programme for Nation Building”. Shri. Nilay Nishant, Scientist “D” spoke on “Advances of Remote Sensing and GIS”.

International Women’s Day was observed by the Women Anti Harassment Cell of the College on 5th March by conducting an awareness programme for girl students of the College. An Orientation Programme for the Faculty was organized by the College from 6th to 7th March. The Resource Person for this programme was Mr. Syed Mujahid, Director, Ratings, ICARE. College Week was hosted from 7th to 14th March on the theme “Scintillating: Carpe Diem: Seize the Moment”.

The activities that have found their way into this report are but selections and a more concise, detailed report will be included in the college newsletter and chronicle. I would like to convey my best wishes to our readers in these difficult and turbulent times. Happy reading!

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COLLEGE WEEK 2020

























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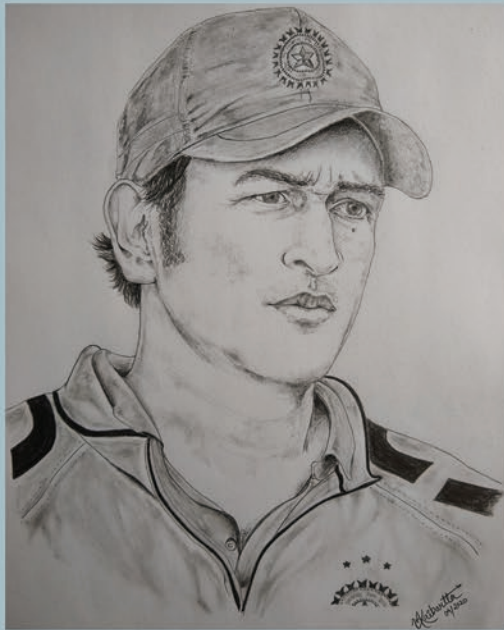
Deepshika Acharjee
BSc 4th Semester (Biochemistry)



Dishani Das Choudhury
BCom 6th Semester



Rithika Lal
BCom 4th Semester



Mrigankar Das
BSc 4th Semester (Biotechnology)



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Mrigakshee Borkotoky
BCom 5th Semester



Tushar Bhattacharjee
BSc 6th Semester (Physics)



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