

REPORT: DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENTS – 2016-17.

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The Diamond Jubilee Year started on a high note with the college being accredited with an A Grade by NAAC on May 2016. The first meeting of the Organizing Committee constituted in connection with the Celebration of Diamond Jubilee of the College which met on 15th June, 2016 decided that the inauguration of the celebration would be held on 14th July, 2016 to coincide with the Two Day National Seminar on Applied Ethics on the theme: “Issues in Contemporary Society: Rights, Duties and Sustainability - In Search Of Harmony” that was organized by the Department of Philosophy in collaboration with IQAC to be held on the 14th – 15th July, 2016. From then onwards the Committee which met several times chalked the calendar of events whilst keeping in mind the academic interest of the students and also ensuring that all stakeholders take part in the celebrations. It was also suggested that all programmes and events organized by departments, cells, committees, non-teaching staff, alumni and others should be inclusive of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Various committees were formed to ensure proper coordination and participation from all stakeholders in the celebration and subsequently different programmes, activities and events were organized to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Year in a befitting manner. These are as follows:

1. The Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the college was inaugurated on the 14th July, 2016 by Hon’ble Prof. M.Miri, Former Vice Chancellor, North Eastern Hill University & Former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha in the presence of Dr. (Mrs.) Ampareen Lyngdoh, Minister, of PWD (Buildings), Information Technology etc. Government of Meghalaya and a host of other dignitaries, invitees and guests. To mark the beginning of the yearlong celebration a Two Day National Seminar on Applied Ethics on the theme: “Issues in Contemporary Society: Rights, Duties and Sustainability In Search Of Harmony” was organized by the Department of Philosophy in collaboration with IQAC on 14th – 15th July, 2016. The seminar was sponsored by UGC & ICPR, New Delhi.
2. The Fourth Batch of the UGC sponsored Three Months Certificate Course in Entrepreneurship Development organized by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell commenced on 15th July, 2016. The Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship has also sponsored a number of budding entrepreneurs to attend the course.
3. A 5 Day Special Camping Programme at Umphrup Village was organized from 25th to 30th July, 2016, by the NSS unit of the College in collaboration with the Umphrup Village Dorbar. The NSS

volunteer of the college along with members of the village community constructed a retaining wall and footpath at the Raid Umphrup Secondary School, Umphrup Village. An awareness programme on Child marriage was also organized during the special camp and Dr. B. Myrboh was the resource Person.

4. An inter School Basket ball Competition was held on 27th to 29th July, 2016 organized by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Development Committee.
5. An Educational Seminar for Job Oriented Courses for Self-Development in Aviation, tours & travel and hospitality sectors was conducted by the Placement Cell on the 8th August 2016.
6. NCC Unit of the college under the banner of the 61 Meghalaya NCC (G) Bn and the other collaborating units of NCC organized a motivational talk on "NCC and Nation Building" as part of the observation of the International Youth Day on the 12th of August, 2016. The speaker on this day was Shri. Paul Shylla, Junior Staff Officer in charge of Meghalaya Secretariat Home Guards and an Ex- NCC cadet of Shillong College. On the occasion the cadets and all present took the Swachhta pledge and undertook cleaning drives in their respective colleges. This program was participated by NCC cadets from Shillong Commerce College and St. Anthony's College.
7. The Rovers and Ranger crew of the College participated in the programme entitled 'Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) of the Election Commission of India, held on the 13th August 2016 at State Central Library, Shillong.
8. To mark its 14th Anniversary, the Shillong College Alumni Association organized a Felicitation Programme on 18th August, 2016 for 19 students who have excelled academically in the university and board exams. From these, 17 students who have excelled in the degree examinations and 2 students from the board examinations were felicitated. This was followed by a Fundraising Dinner in the evening.
9. To mark the Celebration of Library Day, Librarian and Staff of Shillong College Central Library along with IQAC organized a Faculty Development Programme on "Effective Usage of E-resources" on the 30th August 2016.
10. A Book Fair Cum Sale which was participated by different publishers was organized by Shillong College Central Library along with IQAC on the 30th - 31st August 2016 in the college campus.
11. The 3rd S.C. Dutta Memorial Lecture on the topic, "Thinking Literature: The Culture Politics of Contexts", was organized by the Department of English on 31st August 2016. The Resource person was Dr Sumit Chakrabarty, Associate Professor, Presidency University, Kolkata. Further as part of

the diamond jubilee celebration the son of the Late S.C. Dutta; Shri Subir Dutta, Retd. Professor, Vishva Bharti University, Shantiniketan graced the occasion as special guest.

12. A programme entitled "SC Tech Zest 16" comprising of three inter college competitions entitled Code Debugging, Android App Development and a Debate Competition, on the motion "Social Networks Encourage People to have Good Interpersonal Skills", was organized on 3rd September, 2016 by the Department of Computer Science and Applications.
13. A grand celebration of Teachers Day was organized by the Shillong College Students' Union On 5th September 2016.
14. The Management Students' Club was inaugurated on 5th September, 2016.
15. Shillong College Rangers and Rovers crew were selected to present a patriotic song at a function held at Raj Bhavan, Shillong on the 7th September 2016, on account of the "Induction of the President of Meghalaya Bharat Scouts and Guides".
16. A career awareness program was organized on the 8th of September 2016 by the Placement Cell in collaboration with ITM Business School. The main purpose of this program was for the members of the institute to interact with the final year students and help them make significant decisions for their career. Dr Lakshmi Mohan, Deputy Director and Campus Head of the Institute interacted with the students.
17. A One Day Seminar on "Understanding Seismic Activity", was organized by the Department of Chemistry and Department of Environmental Sciences on the 9th September 2016. The programme was graced by Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Minister of PWD (Buildings), Information Technology, Government of Meghalaya. The resource person was Prof. D. Walia, Head, Department of Environmental Studies, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and other experts.
18. The Department of Computer Science & Applications organized the valedictory function of the two day programme on "Tech Quest", on the 10th September 2016. This was followed by a talk on "Computer Fraud and Cyber Security" by Dr. H Choudhury, Associate Professor, Cotton University, Assam. This was followed by prize distribution to winners of the various events.
19. The Non-Teaching Staff Day Celebration 2016 cum Diamond Jubilee was organized by the Non Teaching Staff Association, Shillong College Unit on the 12th September 2016 with sports and games followed by dinner in the evening.
20. An Inter-School Quiz competition was organised by the Debate and Extra Curricular Committee on the 16th September 2016.

21. Two NSS volunteer, Mr. Robin Nongrum and Miss. Christine Kharbyngar bagged the University award at the State level for the best NSS volunteer for the year 2016 and Shri. S. Kharrymba, NSS Programme Officer Shillong College was also awarded the University award at the State level for best NSS Programme Officer. The awards and citations were handed at a grand function organized at North Eastern Hill University campus on 24th September, 2016.
22. As part of the Swachh Bharat Campaign with the rest of the country, Swachh Bharat volunteers as well as NSS volunteers, Shillong College participated in the Abhiyan Cum-Cleaning Drive at Iewduh(KhliehIew) organised by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner- East Khasi Hills, Shillong under the Chief Minister's Youth for Green Campaign on the 2nd October 2016.
23. A Five Day Special Camp at Nongtyngur Village was organized by the NSS unit of the College from 10th to 15th October, 2016. During the Five Day programme the NSS unit of the College extended the social service to the community by constructing a footpath for the Welfare of the Community.
24. The Entrepreneurship Development Cell in collaboration with Rilum Foundation, Mawryngkneng Block, Meghalaya, organised a 3 Day Hands-On Training in Basic Welding Skills for Masons' and college maintenance staff on 13th -15th October 2016.
25. Four students of our college were selected to represent our State in the 4th North East states Karate Championship 2016 held at Paljor stadium, Gangtok, Sikkim on 14th -16th October 2016.
26. A Felicitation Programme for the participants of the 2016 batch of the UGC Sponsored Three Months Certificate Course in Entrepreneurship Development was organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell, on the 28th October 2016. Shri B. K. Sohliya, OSD, Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship graced the occasion as chief guest.
27. A Five Day Special Camping at Nongpathaw Village was organised by the NSS unit of the College from 31st October to 5th November, 2016. An awareness programme on Finance Literacy and Credit Counselling camp was a part of the programme where Smt. V. Rotluangi, Manager (Lead Bank) State Bank of India was the resource person.
28. A Prize Distribution programme of the Essay Competition on "Public participation in promoting integrity and eradicating corruption" organized by the Co-curricular Committee in collaboration with the Indian Overseas Bank as part of Vigilance Awareness Week on 5th November 2016.

29. Mr. Robin Nongrum, NSS volunteer was selected for the Pre-Republic Camp at Kolkatta from 9th to 19th November, 2016.
30. The Annual Social Cultural and Sports Week was held on the following dates 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November 2106 and 1st, 2nd, 3rd December respectively.
31. A Two Day National Workshop On “Managing Yourself and Leading Others” was organised by the Department of Management on the 9th -10th November 2016 and sponsored under VAF (CM’s Fund), Government of Meghalaya. Shri Z.M. Sangma Hon. Minister, Taxation, Excise etc and Shri F. R. Kharkongor, I.A.S., Commissioner and Secretary Sports and Youth Affairs etc. graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor at the inaugural and valedictory functions respectively. The resource persons include Father V.M Thomas, Founder, Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati, Shri. C. Dutta, Asst. Prof.& Co ordinator , Don Bosco Institute of Management, Guwahati, Fr. B. Mukhim, Asst. Director, Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati and Smti. P Sarkar, Animator, Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati. Altogether, 260 participants from the Industry and Educational Institutes from within and outside the State participated.
32. Fourth S. C. Dutta Memorial Lecture entitled “Frontiers of Physics” was organized by the Department of Physics on the 15th November 2016. Fourth S. C. Dutta Memorial Lecture entitled “Frontiers of Physics” was organized by the Department of Physics on the 15th November 2016. The resource persons were Prof. M. C. Mahato, Department of Physics, North Eastern Hill University Shillong and DrMonojyotiDey, Scientist SE, Centre of Plasma, Physics Institute for Plasma Research, Assam. The programme was well attended by students and faculties from the college and from other colleges in the State.
33. Five students and two teachers from the Department of Economics of Economic participated in a Panel Discussion on “Demonetization and its Effect”, organized by Sankardev College, Shillong, on 1st November 2016,
34. A One Day Workshop on “Finishing School- Interview Skills and Job Prospects” was organized by the Placement Cell, in collaboration with Hundredfold Academy on the 17th November 2016. The Workshop was conducted by Human Resource Specialist, Shri Sunny Mawlong and his team and was attended by 100 students from the various streams of the College including those from Professional Courses.
35. The College hosted the Open Session of the General Council Meeting of the Adhoc Committee of Meghalaya Retired College Teachers’ Association on 22nd November 2016 for Formal Launching of the Association. Shri R.V. Lyngdoh, Hon’ble Minister for Urban Affairs, etc., Government of Meghalaya graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Dr. B. H. Buam, President Meghalaya College Teachers’ Association, retired teachers and other invitees attended the function. The Association

was launched by the Chief Guest in the presence of the Principal, Vice Principals, invitees and retired teachers.

36. Shillong College in collaboration with the Meghalaya College Teachers Association organized the 11th R.R.Thomas Memorial Inter-College Debate Competition on the motion “Swacch Bharat Abhiyan is a catalyst for a cleaner India” on 30th November 2016. Prof H. Lamin, Pro Vice-Chancellor, NEHU was the Chief Guest. Mrs E. Basaiawmoit and Former HOD, Education Department, St. Mary’s College and granddaughter of Prof Thomas graced the occasion. Former MLA Shri ManasChaudhuri chaired the debate as Speaker. Regional Director, IGNOU,Shillong, Dr A.S. Guha, Prof. LakhanKma, NEHU , NSS Coordinator and DrV.Laloo, District MCH officer, West Jaintia Hills were the judges. Altogether, there were 12 participants representing 6 Colleges. RosabelMarngar(St. Anthony’s) was adjudged as the Best Debater, KameshGareri(Sankerdev College) won the second best speaker prize and the Humorous speaker prize was also awarded to KameshGareri(Sankerdev College). St. Anthony’s College was declared the Champion team while St Mary’s were the Runners up team.
37. The NSS Unit, Shillong College organized a programme to observe WORLD AIDS DAY on 1st December, 2016 at LumKynsai, LP/UP School, Umtngew, Smit. The programme has been organized in collaboration with the Local Dorbar and village community included drawing and painting competitions on the theme “Say No to Drugs” which was held in the school premises. The programme saw the enthusiastic participation of students from the school as well as from five schools in the vicinity and was well attended by members of the village community.
38. A Popular Talk on “Work-Life Balance” was organized by the Women’s Cell, Shillong College on the 9th December 2016,.Padmashree Theilin Phanbuh, Chairperson, Meghalaya State Commission for Women graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Dr Valentina Pakyntein, Department of Anthropology, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong was the resource person.
39. The Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the IQAC organized a programme on 14th December, 2016 to release an ISBN Publication entitled *Exploring Chemistry – Interface with Human Welfare* which is the outcome of the proceedings of the National Seminar held on 3^{0th} – 3^{1st} July, 2015. The publication was released by Prof. B. Myrboh, President of Governing Body, Shillong College. Also the newsletter of the department was release by Dr K. D. Ramsiej, Principal and on the same day the IQAC felicitated the Former IQAC Coordinator Dr.M.N.Bhattacharjee.
40. A One Day Programme on Career Cum Moral Counselling & Awareness on Substance Abuse was organized by IQAC & Higher Secondary Section on the 15th December 2016. The resource persons were Mr B. Mawrie, Department of Environmental Science, Shri M. H. Kharkrang,

Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills and Mr D. Jamir, Wisdom Center, Umdihar. This was followed by a felicitation programme of former Vice Principal, Higher Secondary Section, Dr.M.N.Bhattercharjee.

41. The Organising Committee Diamond Jubilee Celebration dated 16th December, 2016 proposed for a Community Reach Out Programme to reflect the best outcome of the celebration as well as best practices for the college. This programme may include extending literary support/organizing Short Term Courses/reaching to the drop-outs/women support groups and others in which the teachers as well as students can volunteer for these programmes. In this regard, Mawkasiang Village has been identified for the purpose.
42. A Three Day Workshop on “Energy Access through RE Technology” was organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell in collaboration with National Power Training Institute, North East Region, Guwahati from 23rd -25th February 2017. The programme was also sponsored by the institute.
43. As part of the International Women’s Day 2 faculties from the Department of Microbiology and 21 students participated in A Self Defence Workshop for Women and Girls organised by Impulse NGO Network on the 8th March 2017 at the NSCA Indoor Stadium, Lachumiere, Shillong. Commemorating this years’ theme - *Be Bold for Change*, the workshop was facilitated by Ms. Iris Maju(former Mrs India World 2015), an expert in *Kalaripayattu*- a form of martial arts that originated in Kerela. This Self-Defence workshop has taught participants through demonstrations the different tips and techniques on how to defend themselves from danger in day-to-day life.
44. Swacch Bharat Cell and NCC, NSS, Red Cross Society of Shillong College observed the ***SwasthBalikaSwasth Bharat and Water Day*** on 22nd march 2017: As part of the Swasth Bharat Yatra and SwasthBalikaSwasthSamaj(Healthy girl child- healthy society) the program was held as an initiative of Swasth Bharat (Trust) in collaboration with the The resource person was Shri Ashutosh Kumar Singh, Chairman Swasth Bharat Trust. Five girl students were also chosen as goodwill ambassadors for this campaign. Since the 22nd of March is also observed as World Water Day a pledge was also taken by the students to conserve water.
45. NCC, NSS of the College organized the Digital Payment Campaign and Road Safety Awareness Programme held on 13th April, 2017, under the aegis of 61 Meghalaya NCC Girls Bn. This programme saw the participation of around 500 cadets and around 100 NSS volunteers drawn from various schools and college was held in association with the State Bank of India and the Traffic Department of the Government of Meghalaya.

46. Shillong College Employees Mutual Benefit Fund & Consumers' Cooperative Society Ltd. Organized a programme to inaugurate a new room in the ground floor of the new building for Students' Service Centre on 9th May, 2017 at 2.00 PM. The new room was inaugurated by the Principal in the presence of the vice principals, IQAC Coordinator, faculties and students.
47. The Department of Computer Science & Applications, through the Techies' Club organizes its annual computer literacy campaign as part of the Department's extension/ outreach programmes. This year eight student members of the club accompanied by teachers of the Department conducted this programme at Ur Masi U Joh Presbyterian Secondary School, Smit on the 30th and 31st May 2017
48. Sensitization Programme on Climate Change organized by NSS on 2nd June, 2017. The resource person was Shri B. Ozukum, North East India Committee on Relief and Development (NEICORD) & Shri B. Mawrie, Department of Environmental Science, Shillong College.
49. In observance of World Environment Day, the NSS organised an Essay, Painting and Quiz competition on the 5th June 2017 at Thynroit Presbyterian Secondary School. The competition was enthusiastically participated by the students of the school. After the competition a programme was held which was well attended by members of the village community. Then, dustbins were handed to the members of the Local Dorbar to be distributed to the community.
50. On the same day (5th June 2017), a separate group of NSS Unit organised an Essay, Painting and Quiz competition at Nongtyngur Village. The competition witnessed the enthusiastic participation of school children from the different schools in the area and participation of the village community in the programme.
51. Shillong College and Shillong College Academic Society (SCAS) celebrated the "World Environment Day 2017" on 05th June 2017. The programme started with plantation of saplings in the college campus followed by a popular talk on this year's theme, "Connecting People to Nature", delivered by the Chief Guest Shri P. K. Agrahari, IFS, Planning Officer, Forest Department, Government of Meghalaya.
- On this occasion the college and SCAS appreciated the services rendered by the Health and Sanitation Branch of the Shillong Municipal Board with a Citation and Memento. These were received by Shri A. Umdor, Inspector of Health and Sanitation Branch. Appreciation was also accorded to three dedicated workers of the branch for service towards making Shillong City a cleaner and better place for all its citizens. As a token, the Shillong College and Shillong College Academic Society presented certificates and cash award of Rs 5000.00 each to the three (03) best Workers of the Health and Sanitation Branch, Shillong Municipal Board : (i) Shri Tegumasih, Driver (ii) Shri Orlando

Kharkongor, Mazdor and (iii) Shri Mon Singh, Lorry Attendant, for their untiring and dedicated service. Others who spoke on the occasion were, Sri. A. Umdor, Dr. K. D. Ramsiej, Principal, Shillong College and Dr. (Mrs) H. Diengdoh, President SCAS, Shillong College.

52. Seven Day National Workshop on Research Methodology was organized by the Research Innovation and Publication Cell in collaboration with IQAC, Shillong College, from the 7th-13th June 2017. The Workshop was sponsored by ICSSR (NERC) NEHU, SCSTE & VAF (CM's Fund), Government of Meghalaya. Dr B.D.R Tiwari, IAS, Secretary of Planning, Government of Meghalaya graced the inaugural programme as the Chief Guest and Shri A.Suting, Officer on Special Duty, SCSTE, Government of Meghalaya was the Guest of Honor besides a host of other dignitaries and invitees. The key note address was delivered by Prof L.S Gassah, Honorary Director, ICSSR (NERC) NEHU. The resource persons for the Workshop include Prof L.S Gassah, Prof Nikhlesh Kumar, Former Head Department of Sociology, NEHU, Prof P.K Gupta, Head of Department, Education, NEHU Prof S.M.Sungoh, Dean School of Education, NEHU, Dr B.Bazzely, Department of Education, NEHU, Dr S.R Joshi Department of Biotechnology, NEHU, Prof A.K Nongkynrih, Department of Sociology, Dr B.Panda, Department of Sociology, NEHU, Prof T.K Chakrabarty, Department of Statistics, NEHU and Prof Amit Chowdhury, Head, Department of Statistics, Gauhati University. The workshop was attended by 39 participants from within and outside the State and concluded with a valedictory function on the 13th June 2017. Shri Ram Singh, IAS, Director, DHTE, Government of Meghalaya graced the occasion as Chief Guest besides a host of other dignitaries and invitees.
53. ICGC organized a 2 Day Orientation Programme on Enhancing Academic Quality for Teachers of Higher Secondary Section on 8th June, 2017. Eminent educationists & experts such as Dr V. Kharmawphlang, Principal, CTE, PGT, Shillong, Dr B.H. Buam, CTE, PGT, Shillong, Dr F.G.Dkhar, NERIE (NCERT) Shillong and others imparted the training.
54. A momentous decision of the Organizing Committee, Diamond Jubilee Celebration which met on 20th June, 2017 suggested that since the college began its eventful journey from Jail Road Boys High School on the 15th of August, 1956, the college should contribute a token amount of Rs 50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand only) to the institution in recognition of the noble gesture of our founders. The meeting also suggested that the college should felicitate the 31-retired staff (teaching and non-teaching) those who have retired before 1st July, 2011 and are not beneficiaries under the Social Maintenance Scheme 2011 and a token amount of Rs 25,000/- may be given to them. These felicitations should be included in the programme during the closing ceremony to be held on 25th August, 2017, would make the Jubilee celebrations more meaningful.
55. International Yoga Day observed on 21st June, 2017 organized by NCC& NSS. The programme which was conducted by a trained Yoga teacher was well attended by NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, students and staff of the college.

56. Since BSc (Hons) Environmental Science was granted affiliation by NEHU to start from this academic session 2017-2018 (vide letter No. CDC/6/Sh.c/2014/Vol. III/944 dated 8th June, 2017), a formal function to inaugurate the Department of Environmental Science was organized by the Department on 23rd June, 2017 in the presence of Prof. B.K. Tiwari, Senior Faculty Member & Prof. D. Paul, Acting Head, Department of Environmental Science, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong along with Principal, Vice principals, IQAC Coordinator, faculty & students.
57. An Inter College Debate on the motion “Ki DakThoh - KaJinglongKaweiKaJaitbynriew” was organized by the Department of Khasi on 22nd June, 2017 to mark the anniversary of Rev. Thomas James I. Prof. B. War, Head of Department, Khasi, NEHU was the Chief Guest and Prof. S. S. Majaw presided as the speaker.
58. A Flash Mob Programme was performed by the students of the college on 24th June, 2017 at Police Bazar on the theme: “Women Safety”. The programme was organized by the Co curricular Academic Sub. Committee & Cultural Sub Committee.
59. An Awareness Drive Campaign was conducted by RUSA, Government of Meghalaya on 6th July, 2017, for Degree students of all streams and for teachers. The RUSA Activation Zone (Canopy Tent was set up near the IQAC Room and students and teachers visited the canopy and were highlighted on the following activities of the campaign:
1. Drive Awareness among all the students in the College
 2. Students engagement activities like
 - i). Photo opportunity (Instagram Photo Frame)
 - ii). Signature Campaign
 3. Document testimonials of teachers and students about the benefit, suggestions and message for RUSA.
60. The 5th S. C. Dutta Memorial Lecture on “Dharma and World Peace”, organized by Department of Philosophy on 20th July, 2017. Prof. Moa, Department of Philosophy, NEHU was the resource person.
61. A Panel Discussion on “Capitalism Kills” was organized by the Department of Management on 21st July, 2017. Shri K. D. Roy, Vice Principal, Professional Courses was the moderator and the panel includes Dr K. D. Ramsiej, Principal, Dr (Mrs) E. Kharkongor, IQAC, Coordinator, Dr M. N. Bhattacharjee, Retd. Vice Principal, Higher Secondary Section, Dr S. Sharma, Department of Commerce, Smt. R. Tham, Department of Political Science and Shri B. Mawrie, Department of Environmental Science. On the same day the College Uniforms for Management Students were released by Dr K. D. Ramsiej, Principal, Shillong College.

62. Sports Carnival Week commenced from 24th July with various sports events mainly held in the evening and participated by students and staff not only from the college but also from other colleges in the State. Then the sports events were conducted at the JN Stadium on the 24th August and concluded on the 25th August, 2017.
63. The Rovers & Rangers Cell, Shillong College organized a programme entitled “Surf Smart” and “Free Being Me”, on 28th July 2017. The Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District, Mr. D. Marak graced the occasion as Chief Guest.
64. A Self Defense Training for women was organized by Women Cell in collaboration with Meghalaya School of Martial Arts on 17th August, 2017. The programme was well attended and the training imparted included kicking, wushu, JeetKune-do, Zendokai Karate, Kungfu, & Muay Thai.
65. A Workshop on Online Safety was organized by Womens’ Cell in collaboration with Centre for Social Research, New Delhi on 18th August, 2017.
66. The Diamond Jubilee Year witnessed the inauguration of the Certificate Course on Solid Waste Management conducted by the Department of Environmental Science in collaboration with Entrepreneurship Development Cell and IQAC on 18th August, 2017. The Course is funded under RUSA Equity Initiative.
67. Likewise the Coaching Class for Competitive Examinations under RUSA Equity was inaugurated on the 21st August 2017 in the presence of the Principal, Vice Principal, Shillong College, Coordinator IQAC and Principal Consultant (RUSA), faculties and other resources persons.
68. Annual Social, Cultural & Sports Week organized by the Shillong College Students’ Union commenced from 21st August, 2017, culminating with a beauty pageant followed by a grand formal function on 26th August, 2017.
69. Along with the different competitions of singing, dancing, debates & quiz etc. organized a Food Fest was also held on the 22nd August, 2017 organized by the Food & Refreshment Committee which focus on ethnic food variety of the different tribes of Meghalaya.
70. On 23rd August, 2017 the college took part in the Cleaning Drive that was organized by the NSS, NCC, YRC & Rovers & Rangers and the college prepared for the Inauguration of the International Seminar on the 24th August, 2017.

71. Inaugural Function of International Seminar on *Cross Border Connectivity and Inclusive Growth: Possibilities and Challenges with Special Reference to the North Eastern Region* organized as part of the closing ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration on 24th August, 2017. A brief highlight of the function is given below:

The inauguration was graced by our Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Conrad Sangma as the Chief Guest, Prof S.K Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong as the Guest of Honor, Prof Mahendra, P.Lama, Delhi School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, NewDelhias the key note speaker besides a host of other prominent dignitaries, invitees, experts, resource persons, delegates and participants from the State and other states of India as well as participants from abroad.

The inaugural function commenced with the felicitation of the dignitaries by Dr M. Dey, Vice Principal followed by a welcome song from students of the higher secondary section. Then, the welcome address was delivered by Prof B.Myrboh, President, Governing Body, Shillong College. While warmly welcoming the gathering he dwelt on the dynamics of education and its challenges thereby necessitating the importance of organizing such programme to develop awareness and stimulate in-depth discussions which will focus on meeting crucial needs and demands of a developing country.

A brief introduction of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration was presented by Dr K. D. Ramsiej, Principal, Shillong College. Dwelling on the journey of the college since its humble inception in Jail Road Boy's High School on 15th August, 1956, he acknowledge the contributions of its founders and emphasized that the college would continue to strive for excellence and serve the society with a focus on the underprivileged.

Then, the keynote address was presented by Prof. Mahendra. P. Lama, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The key note address which was given with a power point presentation entitled Border to Borderland: Relocating connectivity in the NER was highly illuminating and thought-provoking. While elaborating on the geometric, nationalistic concept of borders he argued on the need to change our focus from the borders to borderlands. While referring to connectivity he asserted that the NER which shares ninety nine per

cent of its border with other countries, has ample scope of *“globalising the local”* for economic returns which could be promoted by nurturing multilateral relations. He further stated that this revisiting the concept of the borders especially in the context of North East is paramount and would be a turning point in the discourse for Mainland and North-East relations.

After the key note presentation, the Guest of Honor, Prof S.K Srivastava, Vice Chancellor North Eastern Hill University address the august house. While congratulating the College for its Diamond Jubilee he pointed out to the significance of the seminar in the context of the Act East Policy and stressed that education is a powerful tool for Inclusive growth of the Region and the country.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, a Documentary on Shillong College entitled *60th Milestone* was released by the Hon’ble Chief Guest. The ten-minute documentary which was shown in the august house clearly illuminated the journey of the college since its inception to the present day.

This was followed by the release of an ISBN Publication entitled *“Sonder”, A Collection of Essays, Poems & Short Stories from North East*; editorial board: Department of English, Shillong College, Wordsmith Publishers, Guwahati, India with **ISBN No. 978-93-84455-02-6**.

This publication is an outcome of the Two-Day National Workshop on “Creative Writing in English” which was organized by the Department of English in collaboration with North East Writers’ Forum on the 21st and 22nd May, 2015. Smt. Amanda Basaiawmoit, one of the editors briefly highlighted about the publication and then presented it for release by the Chief Guest.

Then the inaugural address was delivered by the Chief Guest Shri Conrad Sangma Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Meghalaya. The dignitary reflected on our Hon’ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi Vision of 2020- A Young India and emphasized that educational institutions play a pivotal role towards grooming India into a super power. Highlighting the importance of the Seminar he reiterated that at present there is a need for a coordinating agency to help the North

East tap into the potential of cross border connectivity which would lead to inclusive growth of the region.

After the inaugural address a short cultural programme showcasing the diverse ethnic attire of the tribes of Meghalaya was presented by the students of the college. Finally, the programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr (Mrs.) E.Kharkongor, Convener, Diamond Jubilee Celebration, and Coordinator, IQAC followed by refreshments.

72. Closing Ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration coinciding with the Valedictory Function of the Two Day International Seminar on 25th August 2017. A brief highlight of the function is as follows:

The closing ceremony of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the college which was graced by Dr Mukul Sangma Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya as the Chief Guest and Shri H.D.R Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Home Minister, Government of Meghalaya as the Guest of Honour was attended by 201 participants from within and outside the Country besides other prominent dignitaries, invitees, experts, resource persons and a host of others besides faculties and students from the college.

The function commenced at 3.30 PM. Prior to the start of the closing ceremony the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee Building in the presence of Shri H.D.R Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Home Minister, Government of Meghalaya, Dr K.D Ramsiej, Principal, Dr M. Dey, Vice Principal, Shri K. D. Roy, Vice Principal, Professional Courses, Convener, Diamond Jubilee, invitees, guests, NCC Cadets, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff and students of the college. Then the dignitaries proceeded towards the dais for the formal programme.

The programme began with the felicitation of the dignitaries by Shri K. D. Roy, Vice Principal, Professional Courses followed by a welcome song again from students of the higher secondary section. Then, the welcome address was delivered by Dr K.D Ramsiej, Principal, Shillong College. While warmly welcoming the gathering he highlighted on the strategic location of the North Eastern States and the role that they can play in international trade and inclusive growth through cross border connectivity. Dr K. D. Ramsiej pointed out that the international seminar is

a befitting way of concluding the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the college and reflected that in these 61 years, the college has seen many transformations and changes which have opened up new challenges. He reiterated that, as the college boldly steps into the new decade, its primary goal remains the same, to impart quality education and mould the students into responsible future citizens of this great country.

The Report of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration was then presented by Dr (Mrs.) E. Kharkongor, Convener, Diamond Jubilee Celebration. The report highlighted that the inaugural function to celebrate 60 years of the College began on 14th July, 2016 with a Two Day National Seminar on Applied Ethics on the theme: "Issues in Contemporary Society: Rights, Duties and Sustainability In Search Of Harmony" organized by the Department of Philosophy in collaboration with IQAC on 14th – 15th July, 2016. A number of activities and events including both academic and extra-curricular were then organized and conducted by various departments, committees, cells, alumni, library, non-teaching staff and others to culminate with the grand finale of the closing ceremony.

A momentous event of the celebration is that the College is acknowledging and expressing its gratitude to Jail Road Boys High School from where the college was started on 15th August, 1956. The College is also acknowledging the contributions of 31 retired staff (teaching and non-teaching), and are not beneficiaries under the Social Maintenance Scheme 2011. All these felicitations will be taken up during the grand function.

To add meaning to the celebration, the Convener pointed out the College proposes to reach out to the community. In this regard it would identify and adopt a community to extend literary support and other services and Mawkasiang Village has been identified for the purpose.

This was followed by the Rapporteur's report presented by Dr (Mrs) S. Khyriemujat, Joint Convener, International Seminar. The Report clearly highlighted on the salient features of the entire proceedings discussed and deliberated during the different technical sessions. She noted that the sessions were highly interactive and thought provoking and the findings would be summarized to serve as suggestions for policy decisions.

The Participants Remarks were then presented by Dr Md S. Khan, Professor of Economics, West Bengal and Dr Tshewang Norbu, Assistant Professor, Gaeddu, College of Business Studies, Royal University of Bhutan. The participants while congratulating the college on its Diamond Jubilee celebration express their gratitude and thankfulness for the excellent hospitality that had been shown towards them. They also expressed their satisfaction for all the arrangements made for the different technical sessions which had allowed them ample scope for presentations, discussions and deliberations. Finally, they urged upon the College to organize collaborative programmes in the future with institutes in the country and abroad. An invitation was offered by Dr Tshewang Norbu from Royal University of Bhutan for such collaborative programmes in the future. Such programmes would not only enable the interchange of ideas but would also create opportunities for students exchange programmes. All these would contribute to the dynamics of the institution and to the society.

This was followed by an address from the Hon'ble Guest of Honor Shri H.D.R. Lyngdoh, Home Minister, Government of Meghalaya. The dignitary shared his experience and affirmed that lack of education is the major problem that has hindered development. He lauded the efforts of the College more so for reaching out to the students in the rural areas and for spreading value education in the State.

Then the programme for acknowledging the contributions of our founders and felicitating the retired staff followed. Dr M. Dey, Vice Principal highlighted about the objectives of the felicitations and acknowledge that this gesture has made the celebration more meaningful. He informed the august house that the College is acknowledging and expressing its gratitude to her founders by contributing a token amount of Rs 50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand only) to Jail Road Boys High School from where the college was started on 15th August, 1956. The College is also acknowledging the contributions of retired staff (teaching and non-teaching), those who have retired before 1st July, 2011 and are not beneficiaries under the Social Maintenance Scheme 2011. An amount of Rs 25,000/- (rupees twenty five thousand only) will be handed to 31 of them in this grand function.

The felicitations were then presented by our Hon'ble Chief Minister and Guest of Honor. Mrs C. Bhattacharjee, Principal, Jail Road Boys High School received the felicitation on behalf of the school followed by felicitations to the retired staff by the dignitaries.

This was followed by the release of the ISBN Publication entitled "*Translation: Transcending Boundaries*", (editors) - B. Wanniang, M.N. Bhattacharjee, A. Nongbri, S. Pandey & L.D. Marak: Eastern Book House, India, ISBN No: 978-93-86302-27-4; 2017. This publication is the outcome of the proceedings of the National Seminar on "Translation --Transcending Barriers" organized by the Literary Circle, Shillong College from 20th – to 22nd November, 2014. Smt. B. Wanniang one of the editors briefly highlighted about the publication and then presented it for release by the Chief Guest.

A documentary film entitled *Mi Amua* showcasing the religious ceremony performed by the indigenous Garo tribes in connection with Jhum cultivation was also released. The documentary has been directed by Smt. L. D. Marak, Department of Garo and sponsored by the Chief Minister's VAF Fund.

This was followed by the valedictory address by the Chief Guest, Dr Mukul Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya. In his address the Chief Guest congratulated Shillong College in all its endeavours to provide quality education, and salutes everyone who has contributed in the process. He stressed that the borders of North East have not been exploited to its potential and the biggest challenge is to create and identify the opportunities that exists for cross border connectivity and inclusive growth. He also highlighted that the government is also coming up with different projects in order to promote education so as to arrive at a comprehensive plan that would lead to inclusive growth of the State, the region and the entire country.

After the valedictory address a short cultural programme representing the different dances of the tribes of Meghalaya was presented by the students of the college.

The closing ceremony then concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr S. Sarma, Convener, International Seminar. After the vote of thanks the Hon'ble Chief Guest then declared the Diamond Jubilee Celebration closed.

In conclusion the journey of the College can be summed up as follows:

Knowledge is Immortal is the motto of the college and within this the Diamond Jubilee motto has been set as ***“Pursuing Excellence”***. The college will continue to strive to achieve this and make its mark not only in the State but in the country and abroad.

LONG LIVE SHILLONG COLLEGE.