



## ACTIVITIES OF SHILLONG COLLEGE ACADEMIC SOCIETY (SCAS)

Since its inception in 1997, Shillong College Academic Society has been organizing conferences, workshops and Training Programmes, has been inviting interaction and exchange on various academic subject matter in an attempt at enhancing the quality of higher education in the State, the NER and the country as a whole.

The Society has as its major focus environmental issues and concerns and has been organizing student oriented programmes (Nursery to Graduate level) on World Environment Day, the 5<sup>th</sup> of June every year to create environmental awareness.

### **A brief highlight of the activities organized by SCAS since inception are as follows:**

1. National Conference and Exhibition on *Development of Science & Technology in the last 50 years in India with Special Reference to North Eastern Region, India* held on the 27<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> May 1998.
2. National Conference on *Pollution Man and Environment with Special Reference to North Eastern Region, India* held on the 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June, 1999.
3. Training Programme for NGO's (N.E) on *Public Participation in Environmental Management* held on the 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November, 2000.
4. National Conference cum workshop on *The Role of Information Technology in the Development of India with Special reference to North Eastern Region* held on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November, 2002.
5. National Conference on *Socio Economic Development of India with Special Reference to North Eastern Region* held on 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> May, 2005.



## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

Since inception the Society have been organizing student oriented programmes (for students of Nursery to Graduate level) on the World Environment Day which is celebrated every year on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. These programmes have become very popular and the increasing role played by the Society in creating environmental awareness in the State has been well recognized.

A brief highlight of these programmes since 2011 are:

1. World Environment Day 2011 was organized by the Society in collaboration with Shillong College and sponsored by Indian Overseas Bank, Shillong, and State Council of Science, Technology & Environment, Meghalaya. The theme of the event as declared by United Nations, was “Forests: Nature at Your Service”. The different events organised included distribution of Leaflets on Environment Awareness to students and members of general public in rural and urban areas, wearing of Environment Badges by students, teachers and members of public, popular talk by Dr. B. K. Tiwari, Head, Environment Science Department, NEHU, and Essay competition for school and college students.
  - A total 109 essays were received from as many as 16 different institutions of East Khasi Hills and Jaintia hills. The essay competition was held in three groups with different topics and they were:
    - Group A: Degree classes: Topic- “Rupture in the natural Cycle of Earth’s Equilibrium”
    - Group B: Classes XI & XII: Topic- “Climate change – A signal for Disaster”
    - Group C: Classes X & XI: Topic- “Organic Architecture – Building Eco – Friendly Castle”

The Prize distribution function was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 at Shillong College, Conference Hall at 2:00 PM, where Dr U.K. Behera, Deputy Director General, Geological Survey of India, Shillong, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and distributed the prizes to the winners.



## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2012**

World Environment Day 2012 was celebrated by Shillong College Academic Society in collaboration with Shillong College in the college campus in a befitting manner with a number of student oriented programmes on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. The theme of World Environment Day 2012, as declared by United Nations (UNEP), was “Green Economy: Does it include You?” The programme was sponsored by Indian Overseas Bank, Shillong, State Council of Science, Technology and Environment, Meghalaya, and State Bank of India, Laitumkhrach Branch. The inaugural function of the World Environment Day 2012 celebration in the college was held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, at the Conference Hall of the College in which Shri L. Paite, IFS, Managing Director, North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project, NERCORMD, IFAD, Shillong, was the Chief Guest. Prior to that about 3000 leaflets/pamphlets were distributed personally or through newspaper vendors in different parts of the State to make people aware of the environmental issues and how to act on them. They also highlighted on the concept of the theme “Green Economy. On 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, all the students and Staff of the College and the participants of various competitions, parents and guardians put on a badge designed and prepared by the Shillong College Academic Society which gave a sense of participation to all in Environment conservation activities.

A number of competitions were organised for students from Class I to Degree level, which saw as many as 160 students from 21 schools and colleges participating in various contests. As many as 14 physically and mentally disadvantaged students from Dwar Jingkyrmen, Shillong, and Mary Rice Centre for Special Education, Shillong, also took part in the competitions. The debate competition organized had special attraction as Prof. Manish Bhattacharjee of Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, chaired the session as Speaker and keenly followed the proceedings.

The Prize Distribution function was organised by the Society in collaboration with Shillong College, on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, at the Shillong College Conference Hall, at 11.00 a.m. Dr. E. Pame, IIS, Director, Field Publicity, Government of India, Shillong, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and distributed the prizes. Shri Sutanu Ganguly, Chief Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Shillong, also attended the function and distributed some of the prizes.



## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2013**

World Environment Day 2013 was celebrated by the Society in collaboration with Shillong College and the NSS Unit of the College in the college campus. A day-long cleaning drive was taken up in the college campus. In view of the upcoming visit of the Union HRD Minister, no further detailed programme was taken up.



## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2014**

World Environment Day 2014 was celebrated by SCAS on the theme “Raise Your Voice, not the Sea Level” with various Environment Awareness related programmes. The programme was sponsored by State Council of Science & Technology and Environment (SCTE) Meghalaya, Indian Overseas Bank, Shillong, Social Forestry, Government of Meghalaya & State Bank of India, Laitumkhrah.

The Inaugural programme was held on the on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Hall, and Shri R. Shullai, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Research and Training, Forest and Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme was attended by over 450 students along with faculties of the Colleges.

Shri C. Manjunatha, IFS, DFO, Deptt. of Forest and Environment Government of Meghalaya was the resource person.

The different events organised included distribution of Leaflets on Environment Awareness to students and members of general public in rural and urban areas, wearing of Environment Badges by students, teachers and members of public. Sit & Draw, Elocution, Quiz, Debate and Poster competition for School & College students held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 in the College premises and a total of 200 students participated.

Prior to this event on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2014 a Cleaning Drive in and around the College Campus was under taken by NSS volunteers and they actively participated in the cleaning drive.

The Prize Distribution function for all competitions was held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Shillong College Conference Hall. Smt. R. Thangkhiew, RO, State Council of Science, Technology and Environment (SCTE), graced the occasion as Chief Guest and distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions and events.



## **OTHER EVENTS 2011-2015**

1. A notable academic milestone was reached when an ISBN coded publication of the College under the aegis of SCAS was released on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 during the Inaugural function of the Girls' Hostel. The Book (ISBN Coded) is a result of the proceedings of the National Symposium held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, at Shillong College on the topic "Great Depression of 1930s and present Economic Meltdown – Identifying the Commonalities and the Lessons thereof". This event was attended by noted economists of our Country, including Prof. C. P. Chandrasekhar of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Shri Phrang Roy of IFAD and Shri Jitendra Choudhury, Hon'ble Minister of Industries Rural Development , Government of Tripura.
2. On 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, IQAC of the College organised a Book release function in which a book entitled, "Thought and Reality – A critical study of Hegel's Philosophy" authored by Dr. K. Dhirendro Ramsiej, Principal of the College, was released. The Book was released by Shri H. D. R. Lyngdoh, Hon'ble Minister for PWD etc., Government of Meghalaya, who appreciated the efforts of Dr. Ramsiej in co-ordinating academics with administrative work so efficiently. Prof. L. Mao, Department of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University, gave the key note address in the programme underlining some aspect of Hegel's philosophy and efforts of Dr. Ramsiej in taking insight of the philosophy.
3. National Seminar on "Convergence of Accounting Standards (for Reporting Purpose)" was organised on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, in the college conference hall by the Department of Commerce & Management of the College in collaboration with SCAS. The conference was inaugurated by Shri W. M. S. Pariat, IAS, Hon'ble Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya at 10.00 AM on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. A number of resource persons and delegates from different parts of the country as well as from the state attended the seminar. Those who spoke on the occasion included Prof. Bhabatosh Banerjee, Guest faculty of IIM, Kolkata, Prof. Sujit Sikidar from Gauhati University, Guwahati, Prof. G. Soral, Department of Accounting and Statistics, Mohallal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan, Prof. S. K. Basu, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, Prof. K. C. Kabra, Department of Commerce, North Eastern Hill University, Shri S. Mukherjee and Shri R. K. Jha from North East Electric Power Corporation, NEEPCO. Shillong. The seminar ended with a valedictory function held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, at 3.00 PM.



Altogether 183 participants including the resource persons, delegates, paper presenters and student delegates attended the seminar.

4. As part of the year-long celebration of “Golden Jubilee of Teaching Science in Shillong College” an International Seminar on “Attracting Best Talents in Basic Sciences” was held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at Shillong College. The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Mukul Sangma, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya as the Chief Guest in the presence of Shri P. B. O. Warjri, the then Addl. Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya as the Guest of Honour. Prof K. G. Bhattacharya, from the Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University delivered the keynote address in which he stressed on the declining rate of students pursuing basic sciences not only in India but even in America. In this platform the Chief Minister of the State, Dr. Mukul Sangma also declared to the delight of all about the award of a special scholarship for the students who pursue their higher studies in basic sciences. The Seminar was attended by about 100 delegates from within and outside the country. The international delegates were from our neighbouring country Bangladesh, from far-off the US, and had the regional delegates from the neighbouring state of Assam.

The technical sessions was followed by a Panel Discussion to highlight the theme of the seminar and also address the queries. The Seminar then came to a close at the formal Valedictory programme where the Valedictory address was delivered by Dr. A. Goswami, Former HOD Chemistry, Cotton College, Guwahati, where she made her deliberations as an experienced teacher of Science. The National & International delegates expressed their happiness & appreciation for the kind hospitality shown by the College fraternity during their stay here.

5. An Orientation Programme on Zero Littering Campaign was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 10:00 am at Basketball Court, Shillong College. Resource persons included Mr. Paul Lokho, Community Development Coordinate, MsPalvy Dora Kharkongor Community Organizer, Ms Larisa Lakadong, Community Organizer from Community Participation and Public Awareness (CPPA) SIPMIU, Urban Affair Department, Govt. of Meghalaya. About 500 students of Shillong College took a pledge for zero littering campaign on this day.
6. A Three-day **National Seminar** on “Translation: Transcending Barriers” was organised by the Literary Circle of the College in collaboration with SCAS from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2014, at the College Conference Hall. The Seminar was sponsored by University Grants Commission, Government of Meghalaya, Shahitya Academi and



ICSSR. The Inaugural function was graced by Prof. L. S. Gassah, Honorary Director, ICSSR, NERC, wherein the key note address was delivered by Prof. Esther Syiem, Head, Department of English, North Eastern Hill University. A host of Resource Persons and delegates participated in the Seminar. Some of the prominent resource persons were: Prof. Bipul Shyam Purkayastha, Dean, AESOPS, Department of Computer Sciences, Assam University, Silchar, Prof Badaplin Wan, Dean, School of Humanities, North Eastern Hill University, Prof. Desmond Kharmawphlang, Head, Department of Folklores, North Eastern Hill University, Prof. Avadhesh Kumar Singh, Director, School of Translation Studies and Training, IGNOU, New Delhi. The seminar also included Screening of Documentary “Roots and Longing” by Shri Conrad Sangma and also Musical rendition “Ka Put Sla, Mieng bad Phawar” by performing artists from Mawrykneng village, Meghalaya.

7. Two faculty members Shri S. Lato , Joint Secretary, SCAS and Shri A. Dhar , Treasurer attended the training programme on “Master Resource Persons Training on Transit of Venus , 2012” at the Shillong Science Centre , NEHU , Campus , Shillong organized by State Council of Science , Technology & Environment , Government of Meghalaya on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012.