

Departmental Activities 2016-2021(Brief report)

The faculty members also involved themselves actively in extra-curricular activities of the College such as the Annual College Week, NSS Programme and Sports activities. During 2015-16, the college celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with a year long programme. Teachers of the department have been actively involved in the various programmes by shouldering their responsibilities sincerely and effectively in various capacities as Convener, Joint Convener and members of the different sub-committees.

Participation in extra-curricular activities is a part of the academic routine where teachers get an opportunity to interact with the students outside the class room. In short, all the teachers participated actively in every program and activities of the college and shoulder whatever responsibility entrusted upon them.

Our main objective is not only to educate students by imparting knowledge based on curriculum but also to improve the overall development of the students so as to transform them into a whole human being in the future. In order to serve the said objective the department used to organize seminars from time to time for the students where each student has to give a presentation based on the given topics. Besides the department organized fieldtrips/educational tour to different places within and outside the state which are considered very essential for enhancing the knowledge of the students through their exposure and interaction with different types of people.

FIELD TRIP TO GUWAHATI ON 17TH DECEMBER 2016

The department organized a field trip to Guwahati on the 17TH December, 2016, where our honours students were accompanied by three teachers. We started our journey at 7.30 am from the college .We took a break for breakfast at Nongpoh and reached Guwahati at 11 am.The trip was a resourceful one where we visited some important places like the zoo, Srimantha Sankardeva Kalakshetra and others.The zoo is the largest of its kind in the North East region located within the Hengrabari Reserved forest at Guwahati .The zoo is a home to different types of animals ,birds, reptiles of different species from around the world.The main purpose was to help our students to become more aware of animal behavior, care and conservation and how to take care of the environment as it has a significant impact on the life and welfare of animals.The tour offered a hands on learning the environment for the students. After touring a vast amount of land for instance wide open spaces including several hills all were exhausted and from there we took our students to the city for lunch.

After lunch we visited Srimantha Sankardeva Kalakshetra popularly known as Kalakshetra which is a cultural institution located in the Punjabari area of Guwahati, Assam.It was named after the medieval poet-playwriter and reformer Srimantha Sankardeva.It includes a cultural museum, library,and various facilities for preserving, demonstrating and performing cultural items besides a park. The institution showcases the culture and the history of the North Eastern states of India.Since this is a museum of a historical nature, therefore our main objective of visiting it was to create further awareness among the students and empathy for others. Aftr the visit students came to learn about the past important events ,distinguished historical figures and courageous decisions they made for the sake of an important cause.The visit has helped to teach, inspire and also to connect to different communities of the region.



EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO GUWAHATI ON THE 20TH AND 21ST DECEMBER, 2017

On the 20th December, 2017 we visited, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati , the Brahmaputra river, Accoland and others.

The next day that is on the 21st December, 2017 we visited the Planitarium located in Pan Bazar Guwahati ,the zoo, the Srimantha Sankardeva Kalakshetra and others.

As soon as we reach Guwahati, we started our trip on our first day by visiting The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati, a public and research university established by the Government of India, located in Guwahati in the state of Assam. The purpose of this visit was to educate, explore, experience and to provide them with an insight and perspective into how other institutions are functioning. At the end of the visit the students got to learn about the institution's best practices which has helped them to enhance their interpersonal skills.

On our visit to the Brahmaputra river, our students interacted with the people living on the banks of the river and they provided them with immense knowledge on its contribution to the economy of Assam taking different sectors of the economy into account.

After lunch in the afternoon of our first day we took our students to Accoland an Amusement and water park located near the Guwahati airport. It was really fun playing with our students where they enjoyed themselves in water rides and other fun activities in the place. It was already sunset and we hurried our students to get ready to leave the place by then. Before leaving we had our refreshment inside the park itself. We returned to the city since it was already getting dark we took our students to the malls in the city for shopping. It was 8 pm and time for dinner. We took our students to one of the hotels for dinner and after dinner we went back to the Baptist guest house to stay there for the night as arranged.

In the morning of 21st December, 2017 our students got up early in the morning. By 8.30 we all lined up in the canteen of the guest house for breakfast. By 9.30 we left the Baptist guest house and the Planetarium located in MG Road Guwahati was our first destination of the day. The magic of the infinity expanding universe was explained in such a detail and is yet beyond our understanding. Apart from the regular sky watching sessions, special shows projected on a dome-shaped overhead screen were the star attraction of the planetarium. These shows were available in Hindi, English and Assamese and the timings were convenient. The ambience of the place made us feel relaxed and enjoyable here. It was 11.30 by then we had our light refreshment and left the place. The zoo was our next visit it is the largest of its kind in the North East region located within the Hengrabari Reserved forest at Guwahati. The zoo is a home to different types of animals, birds, reptiles of different species from around the world. The main purpose was to help our students to become more aware of animal behavior, care and conservation and how to take care of the environment as it has a significant impact on the life and welfare of animals. The tour offered a hands on learning the environment for the students. After touring a vast amount of land for instance wide open spaces including several hills all were exhausted and from there we took our students to one of the restaurants in the city for lunch.

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STUDY TOUR TO SIKKIM FROM 24TH TO 28TH MARCH 2019

On the 25th of March, 2019 the Department of Economics (6th Semester) went for an excursion trip to Sikkim. Our team of 16 members which include 14 students and 2 teachers left from Shillong at 7am in the morning and reached Guwahati railway station at around 9am. We travelled from Guwahati to Siliguri by train for 8 hours. Then on reaching Siliguri we took a tourist cab to Gangtok for about 4 hours and finally reached Gangtok.

On the next day we started exploring Sikkim. We went to Tashi View Point which is situated in Gangtok only. From the view we could get a peak of the beautiful Mountain in the other side with all the beautiful and picturesque scenery. On the spot the Sikkim traditional attire were also displayed in which we got a chance to try it out.

On the next day, we visited the Ridge Flower Park where they display varieties of flowers including orchids which is famous in this place. Then on the same day, we also visited Ban Jharki Falls Park. On that way evening, we finally made a visit to the Directorate of Handicraft and Handloom displaying the various organic like tea leaves grown in the hills of Sikkim. We could also get bamboo shoot pickle and other food items display by the Directorate.

On the 28th we then made a visit to the famous Rumtek Monastery situated on East Sikkim. It is home to the communities of monks and where they perform the rituals and practices. A golden stupa contains the relics of the 16th Karmapa.

Opposite the Rumtek Monastery is a college, Karma Shri Nalanda Institute for higher Buddhist studies. While entering the monastery, we have to keep quiet because it's the religious place and we also did a prayer jointly with the monks.

Our last visit was to the famous lake i.e., Tsong Lake which is 40 kms from Gangtok. A part from the beautiful lake which is frozen in winter, we also found other activities enjoyed by tourists. They include Yak riding and zip lining. This is a place where all our friends had the most wonderful time. On our way back from Tsongolake we also visited one of the famous market in Sikkim, M.G Morg. Here we bought some of the Sikkim souvenirs.

On our way back, we also made a stop in one factory called Sikkim Supreme. In this factory they deal with the processing of various fruit juices water, jams, pickles etc. We also got a sneak peek inside the factory during the process of making these items.

To conclude, it was a memorable experience. As tourism economics is an important area of study of how tourism plays a major role in promoting the development and the economy of the state.







STUDENTS SEMINARS:The Department took the initiative to conduct class seminars and presentations particularly for the honours students within every academic session.In this aspect the students are allotted different topics of interest which are syllabus oriented and are judged by all the teaching staffs of the department.The judgment is based on different criteria like presentation skills, logical idea, knowledge,body language , etc where marks are credited accordingly.This enabled the students to come out of the shell and get rid of nervousness and straight fright.

STUDENTS SEMINAR 13TH & 14TH MAY 2019



**ORIENTATION cum Motivational PROGRAMME FOR 1ST SEMESTER
ON THE 16TH, JUNE ,2019**

A one day Orientation cum Motivational Programme was conducted by the department for the 1st semester degree of Economics Honours students on the said date. The main objective of the programme was to help the students to prepare for their careers and to motivate and encourage them to do their best in whatever field they choose so as to attain success. All the faculty members of the department were present during the programme. The programme was ended with a vote of thanks from our Head of the Department Prof .B.Syiem.



SEMINAR PRESENTATION ON THE 29TH AND 30TH NOVEMBER, 2019



STUDY TOUR TO DAWKI ON THE 8th NOVEMBER, 2019

The tour to Dawki a border town in the south of Meghalaya was a memorable one. The main purpose of the tour was to expose our students to entrepreneurship through eco-tourism and also to ensure that our students are equipped with skills to excel in the industry with a sense of responsibility..Students were also taken to the adjoining areas to experience and see firsthand the rich and diverse range of unique tangible and intangible cultural and natural tourism resources the region has.We were overjoyed to witness a blend of cultures and topography as the hills merge into the plains of Northern Bangladesh.

We visited Shnongpdeng Village which is 8 kms north of Dawki along the winding river Umngot.The water was so clear where our students enjoyed peering into the bottom and played with the stones.We really enjoyed a gentle boat ride through a stretch flanked by forests and some of our students took a dip into the river where each one of us was occupied by different kinds of activities or the other.It was indeed an enjoyable and memorable trip. We believe that the trip had enhanced the understanding of the students about the challenges and opportunities of entrepreneurship through eco-tourism.





S.C Dutta Memorial Lecture on the 14th December 2021

To commemorate the 50 years of statehood of Meghalaya, the Department of Economics, Shillong College in collaboration with the Meghalaya Economic Association (MEA) organised the SC Dutta Memorial Lecture on December 14, 2021 at the college conference hall. The topic of the lecture was on “Education and Economic Growth (Perspective on National Education Policy 2020).” The programme started at 11 am with the felicitation of the guest speaker and the dignitaries on the dias. The dignitaries on the dias were Dr. E. Kharkongor, principal of Shillong college; Prof B.Syiem, vice principal and head of economics department; Dr D.W Thangkhiew, Assistant Professor of Economics ,NEHU; Dr AshutoshDey , Assosciate Professor , RiBhoi college and Dr. K.K Singh retired Professor, St. Anthony’s college.

The programme began with a welcome song by BalasiewdorRyntathiang and her friends. Then the welcome speech was given by Prof B. Syiem. He welcomed all the guests, teachers, students and

everyone present. He also talked about how Meghalaya got its statehood, and highlighted briefly on the NEP 2020 and its importance for economic development.







The programme continued with Dr E. Kharkongor's speech. She gave a reminiscence of how the college started and remembered the commitment of the first principal of the college, Prof S.C Dutta

to lead the college where it is today. She also then talked briefly on the topic of the lecture and emphasized the importance of education for the economic well- being of the nation.

The S.C Dutta Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr D.W Thangkhiew who was the resource person. She expressed her gratitude for giving her an opportunity to talk on a very relevant topic. She talked on the significance of the New Education policy 2020. She also covered how the implementation of NEP can impact our education system .She pointed out that the quality of education must be taken into account. She also emphasized how education influences economic growth and how this growth can be improved by investing in education.

The second part of the programme was to release the book entitled 'GREEN ECONOMICS- THE ROAD TO A BALANCED AND HEALTHY ECONOMY'

Before the release, Dr AshutoshDey introduced the book to the audience. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the publisher, EBH Publishers(India). He also lauded all the contributors and the editors of the book.

The book was released by Dr K.K Singh.



The programme wrapped up around 1:30 pm. The vote of thanks was given by Prof.I.S Kharkongor. Light refreshments were given to everyone who attended the programme.

Field trip to Sohra on the 20th December,2021

The department of economics, Shillong College organized a one day picnic for the students of 5th semester on 20th December 2021 to Sohra, Meghalaya. We visited

four tourist attractions:-Lyngksiar Falls, Wei Sawdong Falls, Mawsmmai Cave and ended our day at Polo Orchid Resort.

Transportation arrangement was made by the head of department. Students packed their own lunch. Students assembled at the college campus at around 8am and few of them assembled at two different pick up points. There were 20 students and 3 teachers who accompanied them.

We started at 8.30 am in the morning with prayer and a feeling of a great day ahead. We first stopped at Lyngskiar Falls where we also had our lunch. The place was beautiful even though there was less water as it was winter. After the lunch and posing pictures we left the place.

The next place visited was the Wei- Sawdong Falls. To witness the falls we had to trek down the path using bamboo trees. It is a three- tiered cascade.

Next, we visited the Mawsmmai Cave.It was a short walk of 15 minutes. The cave is beautiful with stalactites and stalagmites. There are some places inside the cave where we need to squeeze around and crawl

Lastly, we visited the Polo Orchid Resort where we also had our light evening refreshments. The students really enjoyed the beauty of the place.

The purpose of the picnic was to enable better communication among students and facilitate student –teacher bonding, relieve stress and to stay active.

Given below are few memories of the picnic.



Lyngskiar Falls



Polo Orchid Resort

At last, the picnic came to an end at about 5.00 p.m. through a lot of joy and pleasure and we left Sohraand reached the college campus at 9.00 p.m.
Sohra indeed gave an experience of being surrounded by greenery and the beauty of nature.