

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

REPORT ON THE GUEST LECTURE HELD ON 6.12.2021

The Department of History submitted a Proposal to the Principal on 22.11.2021. It was proposed that as part of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the statehood of Meghalaya, the Department would hold a 'Guest Lecture' Program. The proposal was accepted and it was decided to hold the Program on 6.12.2021`.

The 'Guest Lecture' was held on 6.12.2021 at 10.30am at the Conference Hall of the College. The Lecture was delivered by Prof A.K. Thakur, History Department, NEHU, on the topic "Forms of Consciousness and Creation of States in Modern India." The Program was attended by the Principal Dr Mrs E. Kharkongor, IQAC Coordinator, Prof S Sharma, a few teachers from different Departments of the College, History honours students, and also honours students from different departments. There were a total of about 50 students and teachers who attended the Program. The less number of attendees was because Covid19 Protocols were to be maintained.

Prof Thakur spoke on the forms of consciousness that is an important factor which leads a region/people to push for statehood. He also pointed out that though Meghalaya is completing 50 years of statehood, yet, there is still much to be done as no progress is evident in comparison to the other states. Dr Mrs E. Kharkongor in her speech reminded us about the history of the formation of Meghalaya and encouraged the department to research and publish articles on the subject. The program was conducted by Prof V.C.S. Dkhar (HOD, History Department). In her words of remarks, Prof V.C.S. Dkhar thanked Prof Thakur for the lecture and for his detailed explanation of the "forms of consciousness" which many were never conscious of. The welcome speech was delivered by Prof B. Khongdup and the Vote of Thanks was pronounced by Prof O. L. Syiemlieh.

There was an Inter-active session with the students. The students expressed their gratitude as they have learned so much about a 'topic' which is very relevant, and which is related to the topics in their syllabus.

A few mementos and honorarium were presented to Prof.

Thakur. The Program was followed by light refreshment.

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