

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT – 1962

FACULTY OF THE DEPARTMENT AT PRESENT

NAME	DESIGNATION	QUALIFICATION	YEAR OF JOINING
Dr. (Ms) Saidun Nessa	Associate Professor	MA, MPhil, PhD	1985
Mr. F F Ropmay	Associate Professor	MA, MPhil	1988
Mr. S Lyngdoh	Associate Professor	MA	1990
Dr. (Ms) Jayanti Shadap	Associate Professor	MA, MPhil, PhD	1994

LIST OF PAST FACULTY

With the creation of the Department of Political Science in the academic session of 1962, Dr. B. Datta Ray, who joined St. Edmunds College on 9th October, 1950 as a lecturer in the Department of Economics, was the only lecturer in the newly created department.

- Mr. H. Syiemlieh joined the department on the 1st of September, 1962. Three year degree course in Pass and Honours in Political Science was introduced and the need was felt to expand the faculty. Ms. Eva Ganguly who came from Oxford doing B.Litt., there joined the department on 1st August 1963, but left the next year to join a college in Delhi.
- Dr. S. K. Chaube was appointed on 1st July 1964 to be followed soon by Dr. K.C. Pal on 28th July 1964. Dr. Pal left the college to join Cotton College in Guwahati and in due course became its Dean.
- Dr. B. Pakem joined the department on 20th September, 1965 and left for higher research in Delhi the following year. Subsequently, he joined Dibrugarh University and later on North Eastern Hill University where he served as its Vice Chancellor.
- Dr. M. Horam was appointed on 1st October, 1966 and left after a year and a half to join Kohima College as its Principal. He joined Manipur University subsequently.
- Mr. B. Ahmed, fresh from Indiana University, USA, joined the department on the 16th of September, 1968 in place of Dr. M. Horam and continued till his retirement on 1st September 1991. Dr. B. J. Deb was appointed the 1st August, 1974 in place of Dr. S.K. Chaube, who left for Calcutta to join Research Organization. Dr. Chaube later joined Delhi University.
- Dr. D. Bhagawati, was appointed on 1st November, 1974 in the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. H. Syiemlieh, who joined Synod College, Shillong as its Principal, on 15th October 1974.
- Dr. P. S. Dutta joined the department on 13th July, 1982 in place of Dr. D. Bhagawati, who joined Dibrugarh University in 1982.
- Mr. B. K. Srivastava, joined the department on 1st May 1985 in place of Dr. B. Dutta Ray who retired on 31st August 1985. Dr. S. Nessa joined the department on 1st October 1985 in place of Dr. P. S. Dutta who joined North Eastern Hill University.

- Mr. B. K. Srivastava left the college on 22nd February, 1988 to join government service and in his place Mr. P. K. Panigrahi was appointed but soon left for Arunachal University by the middle of 1988.
- Dr. Pascal Malngiang on 18th August, 1992. Dr. Malngiang left the college on 31st August 1993 to join North Eastern Hill University.
- Mr. W. Nongsiej was appointed on 1st October 1993 but he soon left for government service on 7th September, 1994.

The department, over the years, has been fortunate to have all these illustrious persons as members of its faculty. At present, the department is manned by a four membered faculty – Dr S Nessa (HEAD), Mr F F Ropmay, Mr S Lyngdoh and Dr J Shadap.

WORKSHOP/ SEMINAR/ POPULAR TALK/ ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT (2009 till date)

- Organised Dr B Datta Ray memorial lecture (1st memorial lecture) which was delivered by Shri Toki Blah IAS, member, State Planning Board on the theme, 'Good governance and bad politics' on 31st October, 2009.
- Department of Political Science organized a Popular Talk delivered by Dr Pascal Malngiang, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, NEHU on the theme, 'Students and Politics' on 30th July, 2011.
- The department organized the third Dr B Datta Ray memorial lecture. The talk was delivered by Rev (Dr) O L Snaitang on the theme, 'JIM Nichols Roy and Sixth Schedule of India's Constitution' on 12 November, 2011.
- Organized the Inaugural programme of the Golden Jubilee (1962-2012) celebrations of the department on 28th July, 2012. The theme of the celebration was 'Celebrating the past: Creating the future'. Shri Vincent Pala, Hon'ble Minister of State for Water Resources and Minority Affairs, Government of India was the Chief Guest for the Programme.
- The department organized a Guest Lecture on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. The lecture was delivered by Dr N G Mahanta from Guwahati University on the topic, 'Issues of peace and conflict resolution in India's North East' on 28th July, 2012.
- The department organized a one day State level seminar on the theme, 'Electoral Politics in the State of Meghalaya' held on 4th August, 2012. Shri B M Lanong, Deputy Chief Minister of Meghalaya was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

The one day seminar was split into two academic sessions. The speakers of the first session were Prof L S Gassah (Dean, School of Social Sciences NEHU), Mr Toki Blah (President ICARE), Mr Manas Chaudhuri (MLA) and Dr S L Marbaniang (Retd Prof. Dept of Mathematics, NEHU). The speakers of the second session were Dr S Sengupta (Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, NEHU), Dr A K Nongkynrih (Associate Professor, Dept. of Sociology, NEHU) and Mr Ardent Basaiawmoit (MLA).

Students and Professors of various Colleges of Shillong participated in both the academic sessions.

- The department organized the 5th Dr B Datta Ray memorial lecture with a talk delivered by Dr V Bijukumar on the theme, 'India's Uncertain Glory: Challenges to Indian Democracy' on 14th September, 2013.

PUBLICATION BY MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

- Dr Jayanti Shadap, 'The Agency of Rural Development in Meghalaya: An Analysis', *Decentralization and Rural Development in North East India*, Harendra Sinha and J. Zorema (eds.) New Delhi: Abhijeet Publications, 2012, **ISBN 978-93-81136-65-2**.
- Dr Jayanti Shadap, 'Educated Elite and Traditional Political Institution of Meghalaya: A Study of an Urban Durbar', *Social Forces and Politics in North East India*, Apurba K. Baruah and Susmita Sen Gupta (eds) Guwahati: DVS Publishers, 2013, **ISBN 978-81-86307-68-7**.
- Dr Jayanti Shadap, 'Status of women in Meghalaya with special reference to political status of Khasi women', *Women in North East India*, Harendra Sinha and Sanjay Sinha (eds.) New Delhi: AKansha Publishing House, 2013, **ISBN 978-81-8370-354-3**.
- Dr Jayanti Shadap, 'Educated Elite and Party manifestoes of Meghalaya Assembly Election 2013: An Analysis', *The political Anvil VOLUME 2*, Shillong: Synod College, 2013, **ISSN 2319-7528**.

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN

SHORT LIST OF ALUMNI

Most of the students passing out of this department have excelled in life and are doing well in their chosen field. Name of some of the past pupils are given below with their present position.

1. Ronnie Wahlang – MCS Government Service
2. Dheeraj Borkotoky – Lecturer in Higher Secondary Section of St. Edmund's College.
3. Batskhem Myrboh – Assistant Professor, Synod College, Shillong
4. Airpeace Rani – Assistant Professor, Synod College, Shillong
5. Obadiah Lamshwa Lamare – Lecturer, Lady Keane College and Research scholar in NEHU
6. Gabriel – Meghalaya police
7. Samaria Pathaw – Opened up school in Ri-Bhoi district

This list is not exhaustive as many could not be contacted till the filing of this profile.

ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT (STUDENTS)

RANK HOLDERS IN NEHU FINAL EXAMINATION

- 2009 KROZAKILE RIKHA – First class 7th Rank
- 2010 OBADIAH LAMSHWA LAMARE – First class 4th Rank
LIMASENLA OZUKUM – First class 7th Rank
TSHELHI – First class
- 2011 EVAN WANDA MAWTHOW – First class 2nd Rank
EMELIA PDIANGHUN FEEGRADE LYNRAH – First class 3rd Rank

RITAMONI DEVI – First class 5th Rank
 LILY LALNUNMAWI – First class 6th Rank

2012 LHAIBOINENG – First class 2nd Rank
 C. LALREMSIAMI – First class 8th Rank
 ATOBO V. YEPTHOMI – First class 10th Rank
 IDA and MYANTHUNG – First class
 2013 RINREICHON H. SHIMRAY – First class 1st Rank
 TSALIMSE SANGTAM – First class 2nd Rank
 TOSHIWAPANG – First class 3rd Rank

SUCCESS RATE OF STUDENTS (Political Science Honours)

2009-2013

YEAR	APPEARED	FIRST CLASS	SECOND CLASS	SIMPLE PASS	TOTAL PASS	FAIL
2009	25	1	17	7	25	-
2010	41	3	27	11	41	-
2011	42	4	29	8	41	1
2012	38	5	25	8	38	-
2013	42	3	20	18	41	1

PASS PERCENTAGE

2009	100%
2010	100%
2011	97.62%
2012	100%
2013	97.62%

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- ❖ The students of the department of Political Science have been publishing the annual departmental magazine, 'Vox Populi' since 2004.
- ❖ In this magazine, there is a special 'Guest column' for which the students interview some eminent scholar/academician from the town and excerpts of the interview/interaction are published in the magazine. This is done every year to inspire and encourage the students to interact with people.
- ❖ Around Rs 10,000-12,000/- is collected every year from the sale of the magazine which is again utilized for the same purpose.
- ❖ An award has been instituted in the name of Dr B Datta Ray, the first Professor in the Department of Political Science. Since 2008, every year, this award is given to the top rank holder of NEHU final Honours examination from the department.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES BY THE TEACHERS

1. Members of the Department take 'Central Services Coaching Class' which starts after 2:30pm.

2. Members of the Department are engaged in 'Remedial class' (UGC sponsored programme) for the Degree students. Mr S Lyngdoh is the co-ordinator of the programme.
3. Teachers from the Department take Post Graduate classes in the Department of Social Work.
4. Teachers from the Department involve themselves in various activities like being in charge, judging events etc during the 'College Month' time.
5. They engage themselves in examination related work like – evaluation, scrutiny etc (Final examinations).
6. Counselling (Mentoring) is done by the members of the Department for the Honours students of B.A 1st, 2nd and 3rd year. Sometimes formally and sometimes, informally.
7. 'Guest lecture' and 'Memorial lecture' is organized by the Department where eminent scholars are invited to give lecture on on-going issues for the benefit of the students.
8. Members of the Department help the students in bringing out the Departmental magazine every year.
9. Besides giving class tests and home assignments, group discussions are organized in the class and students are asked to present seminar papers in the class.
10. Mr S Lyngdoh has been appointed as a member of the NEHU Court.
11. Members of the department attend seminars, lectures etc organized by other departments and other colleges.
12. Our students participate in Seminar/Lecture organized by other colleges. K. Pamei and Ngachammi from BA III year(hons) participated in a lecture on 'Civil Service in India-Recent trends and issues' on 29th October, 2010 organised by the Department of Political Science, St. Mary's College, Shillong.

FUTURE PLANS

There are certain areas where work has been decided to be undertaken. These are:

- ❖ To organize Inter College quiz/debate competition.
- ❖ To organize Lecture/talks every year where eminent scholars would be invited for the benefit of the students.