

## PROFILE OF THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT

### Brief History of the Department

As for the Department of History of our college, no records whatsoever are available prior to 1937, whereas one may presume that from the beginning of the college session around 1923-24, history could have been taught as one of the subjects at the intermediate level. By 1937, the degree classes were started. And we come across the name of Mr K.N Dutt teaching history from then onwards upto at least 1947. His articles can be gleaned from the old issues of the college magazine between 1946 and 1950. Since 1939, he was assisted in the department by Mr K.P Choudhury who taught upto 1947. Dr M.M Mukherjee joined the college in 1940, but probably as a part timer, since no further information is available.

After he came to the college as a part timer in September 1949, the services of Mr Promatha Nath Dutt were regularised in December 1950. He also taught in the school section. Rendering twenty eight years service, he retired in September 1977. He got his PhD just on the eve of his retirement. He authored a book on the History of Assam and also wrote on the Khasi Jaintia history. However, he did not live long after retiring. Mr Kulada Charan Bhagabati joined in March 1954, but taught only for a few years. Mr Kapil Chatterjee joined the staff in October 1954. Deeply influenced by the Gandhian ideals, he was an ardent nationalist. Later, he resigned from the college but unfortunately, the date of his resignation is not available. He later joined the Lady Keane Girls' College from where he retired. He edited a local English language newspaper for many years. He has been living at Narendrapur in West Bengal at present.

Dr Hamlet Bareth, the first important Historian of the Khasi people, worked in the department between August 1958 and January 1965, when he tendered his resignation. Later, he joined the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), from where he retired recently. Mr Divya Has Goswami taught here from April 1963 to October 1965. After resigning from service, he joined the Dibrugarh University later as its Registrar. Then came the next set of teachers – Dr K.K Bhattacharjee (1963-1993), Dr M Kar (1965-1989) and Mr Hasan Yusuf, an alumnus of this college, who joined in March 1966. Dr Bhattacharjee joined the college after completing his M.A, while working in the AG's Office, Shillong. Later, he did his PhD and his work has since been published. Even after been offered a post in the Viswa Bharati University, he preferred to stay back. After his retirement, he helped a college which was newly set up. He is also one of the founder members of the Vidyarthi Kalyan Samstha, an NGO. Dr Kar too got his PhD while in service and on the basis of his painstaking research, he has written a substantial work on the Muslim Politics in Assam. He presented papers at the seminars in the national level. He founded the Institute of Social Research at Shillong and also edited an academic journal, *Social Research* for some years. Both the institute and its journal are now defunct.

Dr David Reid Syiemlieh (1977-1979) and Mr A.P Sandilya (1979-1980) were the alumni of this college and worked here for a brief spell. Both of them resigned with the former joining NEHU and the latter taking up a new career with the Reserve Bank of India. Currently, Dr Syiemlieh, who is the author of a number of books and is an expert in Church History. He visited the USA as a Fulbright Visiting Fellow. When Mr Sandilya left, Mr Abhijit Choudhury joined in 1981 after resigning from the Arunachal Pradesh Civil Service. He completed his B.A from this college in 1976. Next came Mrs Amena Passah (1989-1995) after the retirement of Dr. M. Kar. She joined our college switching over from another. As Dr. Bhattacharjee retired, Ms Darilin Suting joined in 1993. Later, Mrs. Passah resigned to join NEHU. In her place, Mr. Shobhan Lamare joined, who completed his Ph.D, while at the college. He is a poet and has two academic works to his credit. After he left in July 2006, to join NEHU as a Reader, Mr. Barry Kupar Rymbai joined the faculty.

When Mr. Hassan Yusuf retired in 2004, Dr. Binayak Dutta joined the college. However, as he left for Assam University ( Diphu Campus) in 2007, Mr. Banteilang Jyrwa joined. However, Mr. Banteilang Jyrwa resigned from the college to join government service in December, 2010. The department welcomed Dr. (Mrs.) Dianghunmon Rynjah on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. This was soon followed by the retirement of the Head of Department Mr. Abhijit Choudhury on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. The department welcomed a new member, Mr. Ricky Basaiawmoit in November, 2011.

The department functioned for two years with 4 government sanctioned posts and 1 part-time post. Over the last three years, two faculty members have left the college and joined universities. Then one faculty member joined government service and one retired. At present, the department has four faculty members.

Below is the list of teachers who are part of the department:

Name	Qualification	Year of joining	Teaching experience
Ms. Darilin Suting	M.A. , M.Phil	01.07.1993	22 years
Mr. Barry Kupar Rymbai	M.A., NET	27.07.2006	9 years
Dr. (Mrs.) Dianghunmon Rynjah	M.A., PhD	15.04.2011	4 years
Mr. Ricky Basaiawmoit	M.A.	01.11.2011	3 years

As far as the enrolment of students into the department is concerned, adequate care and importance is taken to assess the entry level competency of the students, which is reflected in their educational qualification as well as their performance in the entrance test conducted by the department twice on an experimental basis (2005 & 2009). The admission is generally done in accordance with the eligibility criteria fixed by the college.

- a) St Edmund's College students – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division in MBOSE Class XII exam with 50% in History and 50% in English
- b) Meghalaya students– 50% aggregate in MBOSE Class XII exam having 55% in History and 50% in English.
- c) Non Meghalaya students – 55% aggregate in Class XII Board exam with 60% in History and 55% in English.

No survey has been conducted by the department to assess the socio economic status of the students. Generally, majority of the students belong to the urban middle class category while the rest are from the rural and backward sections of the region. Since the medium of instruction and communication in the college is English, therefore, the language proficiency of the students can be rated as good.

As far as the curriculum is concerned, it was extensively revised in the year 2005, followed by minor changes made in the year 2009. Mr.A.Choudhury (HoD) was a member of the curriculum review committee since 2002.

The success rate of students during the past five years was quite satisfactory. In 2010, out of the 25 students that appeared for the final examination, 2 students got first class,160were placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, 10 got simple pass and 3 failed. In the year 2011, the performance of the students was equally satisfactory. 25 students appeared for the final examination, out of which 12 were placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, 10 in simple pass and 3 failed. In 2012, the total number of students that appeared in the examination was 27. Out of this, 1 secured first class and the rest got second class. The pass percentage was 100%. 2013 also saw a total of students. Out of

this, 2 secured first class, got second class and the rest got simple class. The pass percentage was 100%.

The department of history is well equipped with the best possible learning resources provided by the college. The department has a small library having a number of books. The college library is reviewed periodically by adding new books, journals and other related textual materials every year. Grants for up grading the library is given by the college. Moreover, the teachers are also equipped with a computer having internet facility. For the last two years, the teachers had made extensive use of the internet facility for the purpose of teaching and other related works. The department is fortunate to avail modern teaching methods for the benefit of the students. The department has one overhead projector (OHP), but is yet to get an LCD projector. Due to this, the teachers are using the common audio-visual room of the college until a new arrangement is made.

Apart from teaching and conducting academic sessions, the members of the department also devote their time towards personal counselling and mentoring of students. Mentoring sheets are distributed to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students where they are required to provide information regarding their career options, learning abilities, problems faced by them in the teaching – learning process, family background, personal problems and others. In the end, the students submit these mentoring sheets to the teachers and a one on one interaction takes place between the teachers and the students. Over the last two years, the teachers have made sincere efforts to address the problems faced by the students.

With regards to orientation programmes and refresher courses, Ms. D. Suting has attended one orientation and three refresher courses. She is placed in the Selection Grade. Mr. Barry Kubar Rymbai has attended one Orientation and Refresher Courses respectively. Dr. (Mrs.) Dianghunmon Rynjah has attended one Orientation Programme. Mr. Ricky Basaiawmoit is yet to attend any of the aforementioned programmes.

St Edmund's College has been organizing a number of faculty/staff development programmes over the past few years in order to boost and strengthen the teacher – student relationship and ensure a healthy working environment in the teaching learning process. Some of the programmes conducted by the college over the last two years can be listed below:

- Seminar on “Emotional Quotient (EQ)” by Bro. Conrad D’Souza in February 2007 as part of the Faculty development programme.
- A programme conducted by Br. S. G. Alvarez, the then Provincial Leader of Christian Brothers in India, on 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2007.
- A programme on “Conflict Resolutions” conducted by Brother Conrad D’ Souza, on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2008.
- Seminar on “Student teacher relationship, Behavioral Pattern, Counseling and Career Guidance”, Part I organized by the College. Bro. K. Ward conducted it on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008.
- Seminar on “Student teacher relationship, Behavioral Pattern, Counseling and Career Guidance”, Part II organized by the College. Bro. K. Ward conducted it on 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- Eco-Spiritual Camp in Mount Abu in February, 2009, conducted by Bro. Noel Desa. It was attended by Prof. B.K. Rymbai.
- Ten Day Workshop on “Soft Skills” organized by Genpact, Gurgaon in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, St Edmund’s College from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2009. It was attended by Prof. B Jyrwa.

- E.I.R. Ways Programme organized by St Columbas School, New Delhi from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. It was attended by Prof. B Jyrwa.

### **HONOURS/ RECOGNITIONS RECEIVED BY THE TEACHERS:**

1. Mr. A. Choudhury went to Department of History, Assam University, Silchar as a Visiting Fellow from 18<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2007. He took classes with M.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester students and gave a few talks to the M. Phil students. He also helped the department by preparing blueprint for courses on USA and South-East Asia. He was invited again in 2008. However, he could not go due to certain reasons.
2. Mr. B. K. Rymbai was invited to accept felicitation in recognition to his services to the Khasi-Jaintia Welfare Association (KJWA), Shillong, on 13th November, 2007. But he could not go due to invigilation duties at the college selection test.

The teachers in the department have participated and contributed to the academic field through their teaching, consultancy/extension services as well as research works and papers. Given below is the list of seminars and workshops attended/participated by the department members as well as contributions made in the form of research papers and articles. Recognitions to two of the members of the department for their services had been given by the following authorities, which is as follows:

### **SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA ATTENDED, AND PAPERS/TALKS PRESENTED BY THE FACULTY MEMBERS**

#### **Mr. Abhijit Choudhury**

##### **Book Published**

- 2007 Sajal Nag, Tejimala Gurung and Abhijit Choudhury, Eds., *Making of the Indian Union. Merger of Princely States and Excluded Areas*. New Delhi: Akansha Publishing House.

##### **Papers/Articles Published**

- 2004 Abhijit Choudhury, "The Tale of 'Ka Pah Syntiew' – From Sacred History to the Secular" in Tamo Mibang and Sarit K. Chaudhuri, Eds., *Folk Culture and oral Literature from North-East India*. New Delhi: Mittal Publications.
- 2005 Abhijit Choudhury, Entry on 'E. P. Thompson' and on 'Eric Hobsbawm' in the 8<sup>th</sup> Volume of the *Assamese Encyclopaedia*, Ghy: AXX, Feb.
- 2006 Abhijit Choudhury, "Thammaa, Phire Eso! A Look at the Role of the Grandma in the Bengali, Assamese and Khasi Societies". *Phoenix. Abiroto Jatra*. (a Bengali Little Magazine), Guwahati 3(1) Jan.
- 2006 Abhijit Choudhury, "Descent of the 'Seven Huts'. Folk Narrative as Structure of the Khasi-Pnar Consciousness", in Sukalpa Bhattacharjee and Rajesh Dev, Eds., *Ethno-narratives, Identity and Experience in North East India*. Delhi: Anshah Publishing House.
- 2006 Abhijit Choudhury, Entry on 'Marc Bloch' in the 9<sup>th</sup> Volume of the *Assamese Encyclopaedia*, Ghy: AXX, Feb.

- 2006 Abhijit Choudhury, “Ethno-Cultural Paranoia and Political Design: some Reflections”, in Bimal J. Dev, Ed., *Ethnic Issues, Secularism and Conflict Resolution in North East India*. New Delhi: Concept Publishing Company.
- 2006 Abhijit Choudhury, “Understanding Sardar Bhagat Singh”, in *Shaheed-E-Azom Bhagat Singh* (Commemorative Volume), Bhagat Singh Birth Centenary Committee, Shillong.
- 2007 Abhijit Choudhury, “Critiquing the Contemporary Governance in North-East India with particular reference to Meghalaya” in Jayanta Kumar Ray and Rakhee Bhattacharya Eds., *Development Dynamics in North-East India*. New Delhi: Anshah Publishing House (for Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, read MAKAIAS, Kolkata)
- 2007 Abhijit Choudhury, “Contesting Claims, Consequent Heartburns, (Provincial Rivalries on some Acceded States in the Central Tribal Belt of India, 1947-1949)”, in Sajal Nag, Tejimala Gurung and Abhijit Choudhury, Eds., *Making of the Indian Union. Merger of Princely States and Excluded Areas*. New Delhi: Akansha Publishing House.
- 2007 Abhijit Choudhury, “Human Rights. Whose Rights??? (Reflections on Certain Issues)” in Saifun Nessa, M. Sen & L. M. Shangpliang, Eds., *Human Rights (With Special Reference to North East India)*. New Delhi: Reliance Publishing House.

#### Popular articles published

- 2008 Abhijit Choudhury, “Descent of the ‘Seven Huts’ Folk Narrative as Structure of the Khasi-Pnar Consciousness” translated into Khasi by S. S. Sawian in “*Seng Khasi Mawlai Silver Jubilee Souvenir*”, December.
- 2008 Abhijit Choudhury, “The Space for Women in Religion and Education”, in *Aureole 2008 (commemorative volume)*, Women’s College, Shillong.
- 2008 Abhijit Choudhury, “Why History has to be an integral part of School Curriculum”, in *Golden Jubilee Souvenir 2008*, Laitumkhrah Bengalee Secondary School, Shillong,
- 2008 Abhijit Choudhury, “God, Did You Create Amino Acids?” (on some controversies around Darwin’s Theory of Evolution), in the *Golden Jubilee Souvenir 2008*, of the R & R colony Durga Puja Committee, Shillong.
- 2008 Abhijit Choudhury, “Tumi Kee Kebole Chhabi?” (in Bengalee, a study in Human Being), in *Ibid*.
- 2008 Abhijit Choudhury, “Being Religious vs. Being Areligious”, in *Songhati* ( Souvenir of the Durga Puja Committee), New Colony, Shillong.
- 2008 Abhijit Choudhury, “Why History of Medicine?”, in *Utsav 2008* (Souvenir of the Durga Puja Committee, Kench’s Trace, Shillong.
- 2009 Abhijit Choudhury, “Pragitihaser Aaloy Manab Prajatir Bibarton” (in Bengalee, meaning Human Evolution in the light of Pre-history), in *Karmasaala: Darwin Bicentenary Issue*, Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, Shillong.

#### Seminars & Workshops attended with Papers presented:

- 2004 Workshop on “*Historiography of North East India: Critical Perspectives*”. Centre for North East India, South and Southeast Asia Studies, Omeo Kumar Das

- Institute of Social change and Development, with Dept. of Folklore Research, Gauhati University; and Dept. of History, Cotton College, Guwahati, Feb. 27. Paper: “Northeastern India in the Perception of Suniti Kumar Chatterji”.
- 2005 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Folklore Congress (IFC) held in Guwahati with collaboration between Guwahati University and Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, between 31<sup>st</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Paper: “Give me back my Grandma!( A Note on the Role of Grandma in Family and Folklife).”
  - 2006 ICHR National Seminar on the Tribe, Peasants and Modern Identity in Northeastern India, C.1800-2000 A.D., Dept. of History, Tripura University, April 5-7. Paper: “Tribal Identity and Multiple Modernity: Exploration of the Complexities in Contemporary Northeastern India”.
  - 2006 International Seminar on Armed Conflict, Development and Governance in Eastern India, Women’s College, Shillong and Argue India (A research institute, Shillong), Dec. 1-2, 2006. Paper: “Another Kurukshetra in the Offing? (Naxalites Vs Salwa Judum in Chhattisgarh)”.
  - 2007 Presented a paper titled “Critiquing the Contemporary Governance in North-East India with particular reference to Meghalaya”, in National Seminar on “*Dynamics and Issues of Development in North-East India*” organized by Dept. of Economics Mizoram University & MAKAIAS, Kolkata, at Aizawl, 19-20 April. Chaired one session.
  - 2008 Abstract titled, “Partners in Empire: Christian Missionaries in Colonial India”, sent to the International Seminar on “*Encounter and Interventions : Colonial Space and Missionary Endeavour in British North-East India*”, at the Department of History, Assam University, Silchar, 16-18 March.
  - 2008 Presented a paper titled, “Managing the Borderlands of Bengal: Early Colonial Perspectives (1765-1822)”, in the National Seminar on “*The Eighteenth Century in North East India: Crisis, Sustenance, Transition*” at the Dept. of History, NEHU, 26-28 March.
  - 2008 Presented a paper titled “The Revolt of 1857: Was it a Contest between Civilizations”, in the “*UGC National Seminar on Revisiting 1857 : Relevance in Nation Building*” at Radhamaddhab College, Silchar, 24-25 November.
  - 2008 Invited to contribute to the Encyclopaedia Indica Kids : Culture and Ecology, by the National Folklore Support Centre, Chennai, 25 November 2008
  - 2009 Presented a paper titled, “ The Concept of the ‘Indian’: The North-East I Contemporary Perspective”, in the two-day Symposia of Nehru Memorial Museum and Library(NMML), New Delhi, on “*Ethnicity, Region and Nation: India’s North-East*, at OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, 29-30 March.

#### Extension Services

- Member of the NEHU Academic Council since 2003; and the College Governing Body since 2007.
- Presented a talk on “Indian Revolt of 1857” at Women’s College, on 10 May, 2007.
- Presented 3 lectures on “Clothing - A Social History”, “Impact of Socialism & the Left Movement in Assam” and “Ideologies of Nazism & Fascism” in the

- programme “Teaching of History at Secondary Level through Use of Local Specific Materials” organized by NERIE, 5-7 December, 2007.
- Resource person in the programme on “Review of Textbooks in History for Secondary Stage of Education - Assam, Meghalaya” at NERIE, 20 March, 2008.
  - As a Panelist in the Panel Discussion in the Workshop on “*Regions, Tribes and Borders in North East India*”. Presented a brief resume on “The Sixth Schedule and Political Culture.” at MAKAIAS, Kolkata, on 18-19 July, 2008.
  - Resource person in the Workshop on “Final Revision of Textbooks for Class XII, at DERT, Shillong, on 10-12 September, 2008.
  - Resource person for “Training of Teachers of NE States on the Use of New Social Science Textbooks for Class - X Developed by NCERT Following NCF-2005” at NERIE, Shillong 6 November, 2008.
  - Resource Person on “Development of Teachers’ Handbook for Contextualizing History in North East India Perspective”, NERIE, Shillong, 20 October, 2008 and 23 January, 2009.
  - A Talk on “Women’s Movement: A Historical Perspective” in Panel Discussion on the occasion of International Women’s Day 2009, at Women’s College, 9 March, 2009.
  - Invited to (i) MAKAIAS, Kolkata on 16-17 January, 2008 (ii) DERT, Shillong on 16-20 June, 2008 (iii) Guwahati on 6-7 December, 2008: and (iv) Itanagar on 11-13 February, 2009 but could not go due to unavoidable circumstances.
  - Resource Person on “Orientation Programmes for Faculty Members from SCERTs/SIEs/DIETs on the Teaching Methodology in History (Secondary Level)”, NERIE, Shillong, 22-24 September, 2009.
  - Acted as a Subject Expert for recruitment of Asstt. Teacher in Social Science in the Interview held at Jail Road Boys’ Higher Secondary School, Shillong, 13 June, 2009.
  - First S.S. Challam Memorial Lecture titled “Social Dimension of Behdeinkhlam” at Seinlang Sein Raij, Shillong (a Jaintia Socio-Cultural Organisation), 5 July, 2009
  - Acted as a Subject Expert for recruitment of Lecturer in History in the Interview held at Seng Khasi College, Shillong, 15 July, 2009.
  - Introduced the Theme for Inter-College Debate, “Can Politics Save Shillong’s Environment”, held at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Shillong, at the behest of People’s Learning Centre (PLC) on 4 September , 2009.
  - Acted as a Resource Person at the Workshop on “Examination Reforms” , held at St. Anthony’s College Shillong, 9 September , 2009 ( IQAC and UGC).
  - Represented the Principal at the “Principals’ Meet on Value Education” , and gave a talk. It was organized by Help Age India at the Shillong Club 10 September, 2009.
  - Acted as the Speaker at the Annual Inter-School/College Debate Competition held at Laban Bengalee Boys H. S. School, Shillong, 16 September, 2009; and as a judge at the Inter-School Debate Competition organized by the State Government and Education Department, Meghalaya, celebrating Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas, at Laitumkhras Presbyterian H. S. School, Shillong, 2 October, 2009.
  - Delivered a talk titled, “An Approach to Historiography”, in the Department of History, Shillong College, Shillong, 15 October, 2009.

- Delivered a talk titled, “Human Evolution in the context of Prehistory”, before the Science Club, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, 22 October, 2009.
- Chaired two sessions ( junior and senior) in the District Level Inter-School Debate at St. Mary’s Higher Secondary School , Shillong, organised by the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District in collaboration with the District Sports Office and the District Inspectorate of School, on 23 October, 2009.
- Chaired the Vijay and Deepak Chandoke Memorial Inter-School Debate Competition-2009, organised by the Rotary Club of Shillong, 24 October, 2009.
- Counselor at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Shillong, taking M.A classes in History since 2005.
- Taking classes for Civil Services candidates at Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute (MATI), Government of Meghalaya, Shillong, w.e.f 27 October, 2009. Earlier also took classes with the Pre- Examination Training Centre of the NEHU ( PETC) until 2006.
- Acted as Resource Person at the “Orientation of KRPs of North-East Region on Education for Peace” at NERIE-NCERT, Shillong- 29 October, 2009. Delivered a lecture on “Gandhian Approach to Peace”.

### **Ms. Darilin Suting**

- Attended Inter-college seminar on “Pressing Women’s Issues in North-East India” held at St Edmund’s College on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2003 – organized by the Department of Sociology.
- Attended Workshop on “Cooperative Learning” held at St Edmund’s College from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2005
- Attended Sixth Prof. B. Pakem Memorial Lecture on “Human Genome and Human Welfare” – held at St Edmund’s College on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 organized by North-East India Council for Social Science Research.
- Attended a programme on “Culture of Violence” – held at St Edmund’s College in 2006.
- Attended a talk organized by Political Science Department, St Edmund’s College, in collaboration with North-East India Development Studies on “Global War against Terrorism”, by Prof. Pramod Kumar from Chandigarh on 5<sup>th</sup> August,2006.
- Attended Workshop on “Studying Indian Adolescence (Research Methodology)” – held at St Edmund’s College on 22<sup>nd</sup> May,2007, conducted by U.S Educational Foundation in India. It was conducted by Fullbright Fellow Prof. Murray Milner Junior, Virginia University.
- Attended series of lectures on “Revolt of 1857; Peasants in Uniform” – held at St Edmund’s College in May, 2007.
- Attended National Seminar on “Look South – A Meghalaya Perspective”, held at St Edmund’s College from August 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> , 2008.
- Attended National Seminar on “Toxicity of Chemicals and their Hazards, with special reference to Heavy Metals”, held at St Edmund’s College from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2008.
- Attended U.G.C Workshop on “Capacity Building for Women in Higher Education”, organized by St Edmund’s College from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

- Participated in the “International Day Against Drug Abuse And Illicit Trafficking” held at St.Edmund’s College on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and organized by Meghalaya Aids Control Society.
- Represented the college before the Expert Committee in the U.G.C office, New Delhi on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2010, for presentation of the proposal for the establishment of a new Subhash Chandra Bose Centre at the college.
- Attended a seminar on “Sixth Schedule” organized by the department of Political Science in November, 2011.
- Attended a college programme on “**Capacity Building**”, organized by St.Edmund’s College, Shillong held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.
- Attended the third memorial lecture organized by the department of Environmental Science in memory of( It) Valentine Richard Miranda and Marjorie Miranda on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012.
- Attended a guest lecture organized by the Department of Political Science, on the topic “**Issue of Peace and Conflict Resolution in India’s north East**”, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.
- Attended the State level seminar on the theme “**Electoral Politics in the State of Meghalaya**” organized by the Department of Political Science, St.Edmund’s College, Shillong, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 2012.
- Attended a programme on “**Teachers for Social Justice**”, organized by the Advocacy cell of the Congregation of Christian brothers India, St.Edmund’s college unit, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.
- Attended the fourth B. Dutta Ray Memorial lecture organized by the departments of Economics and Political Science on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. The theme was “Social Obligations Today”.
- Attended a Guest Lecture on the topic “**Environmental Issue**”, organized by the Department of Geography, St. Edmund’s College, on the occasion of its golden jubilee on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.
- Participated in the National Seminar on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of U Kiang Nangbah, organized by Sein Jaintia, Shillong in collaboration with St. Edmund’s College, Shillong on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2012. The theme was “**Emergence of U Kiang Nangbah in the context of Northeast Resistance to British Imperialism.**” Attended a Workshop organized by the college on “**CCBI Protection Policy: Knowledge Understanding and Development Code**”, held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
- Attended a Seminar on the occasion of the 178<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of U Tirot Singh, organized by the Department of Khasi, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.

**Mr. Barry Kupar Rymbai**

- Attended series of lectures on “Revolt of 1857; Peasants in Uniform” – held at St. Edmund’s College in May, 2007.

- Attended National Seminar on “Look South - A Meghalaya Perspective” held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2008 in St. Edmund’s College.
- Attended National Seminar on “Toxicity of Chemicals and their Hazards with special reference to Heavy Metals” on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, organized by St. Edmund’s College, Shillong.
- Attended UGC workshop on “Capacity Building for Women in Higher Education”, organized by St. Edmund’s College from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.
- Attended B.M. Pugh Second Memorial Lecture on “India in the Age of Inequality- Farm Crisis, Food Crisis and the Media”, organized by the North East Regional Institute of Education, held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009. The Guest Speaker was P. Sainath, Rural Affairs Editor of The Hindu.
- Participated in the UGC-Sponsored Orientation Programme (Information Technology) conducted by the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Academic Staff College from 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 to 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.
- Participated in the “International Day Against Drug Abuse And Illicit Trafficking” held at St.Edmund’s College on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and organized by Meghalaya Aids Control Society.
- Attended a seminar on “Sixth Schedule” organized by the department of Political Science in November, 2011.
- Participated in the Refresher Course in History conducted by the NEHU Academic Staff College from 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2011 to 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.
- Attended a two-day workshop on “Effective Presentation through Microsoft Power Point” held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 organised by the Department of Computer Science, St.Edmund’s College.
- Attended a college programme on “**Capacity Building**”, organized by St.Edmund’s College, Shillong held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.
- Attended the third memorial lecture organized by the department of Environmental Science in memory of( It) Valentine Richard Miranda and Marjorie Miranda on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012.
- Attended a guest lecture organized by the Department of Political Science, on the topic “**Issue of Peace and Conflict Resolution in India’s north East**”, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.
- Attended a seminar organized by the Department of History, St.Mary’s College, Shillong, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2012. The talk was on the topic “**Career options in History with special reference to Archaeological studies.**”
- Attended the State level seminar on the theme “**Electoral Politics in the State of Meghalaya**” organized by the Department of Political Science, St.Edmund’s College, Shillong, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 2012.
- Attended a programme on “**Teachers for Social Justice**”, organized by the Advocacy cell of the Congregation of Christian brothers India, St.Edmund’s college unit, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.
- Participated in “The Edmund Rice Capacity Building” programme held at St.Edmund’s College on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

- Attended a seminar organized by the Department of History, St.Mary's College, Shillong, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2012. The talk was on the topic ***“Career options in History with special reference to Archaeological studies.”***
- Attended the fourth B. Dutta Ray Memorial lecture organized by the departments of Economics and Political Science on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. The theme was “Social Obligations Today”.
- Attended a Seminar on the occasion of the 178<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of U Tirot Singh, organized by the Department of Khasi, St. Edmund's College, Shillong, on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.
- Participated in the Awareness Programme conducted by Reserve Bank of India at St.Edmund's College on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.
- Attended an international seminar on “Cultural Heritage and Peace Education” held at Shillong on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 organised by Confederation of UNESCO Clubs and Association of India.

### **Mr. Banteilang Jyrwa**

- Attended National seminar on “Look East Policy- Impact on the North-East India” on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> , 2006, organized by Synod College, Shillong.
- Attended National Seminar on “Look South - A Meghalaya Perspective” held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2008 in St. Edmund's College.
- Attended National Seminar on “Toxicity of Chemicals and their Hazards with special reference to Heavy Metals” on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, organized by St. Edmund's College, Shillong.
- Attended National Seminar on “Interpreting Historical Developments in North-East India- A Gender Perspective”, organized by the North Eastern Hill University on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.
- Attended UGC workshop on “Capacity Building for Women in Higher Education”, organized by St. Edmund's College from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.
- Attended B.M. Pugh Second Memorial Lecture on “India in the Age of Inequality- Farm Crisis, Food Crisis and the Media”, organized by the North East Regional Institute of Education, held on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009. The Guest Speaker was P. Sainath, Rural Affairs Editor of The Hindu.

### **Dr.(Mrs.) Dianghunmon Rynjah**

- Attended a seminar on “Sixth Schedule” organized by the department of Political Science in November, 2011.
- Attended a college programme on ***“Capacity Building”***, organized by St.Edmund's College, Shillong held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.
- Attended the third memorial lecture organized by the department of Environmental Science in memory of( It) Valentine Richard Miranda and Marjorie Miranda on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012.

- Attended a guest lecture organized by the Department of Political Science, on the topic ***“Issue of Peace and Conflict Resolution in India’s north East”***, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.
- Attended a seminar organized by the Department of History, St.Mary’s College, Shillong, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2012. The talk was on the topic ***“Career options in History with special reference to Archaeological studies.”***
- Attended the State level seminar on the theme ***“Electoral Politics in the State of Meghalaya”*** organized by the Department of Political Science, St.Edmund’s College, Shillong, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 2012.
- Attended a programme on ***“Teachers for Social Justice”***, organized by the Advocacy cell of the Congregation of Christian brothers India, St.Edmund’s college unit, held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.
- Attended the fourth B. Dutta Ray Memorial lecture organized by the departments of Economics and Political Science on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. The theme was “Social Obligations Today”.
- Attended a Guest Lecture on the topic ***“Environmental Issue”***, organized by the Department of Geography, St. Edmund’s College, on the occasion of its golden jubilee on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012.
- Participated in the National Seminar on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of U Kiang Nangbah, organized by Sein Jaintia, Shillong in collaboration with St. Edmund’s College, Shillong on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2012. The theme was ***“Emergence of U Kiang Nangbah in the context of Northeast Resistance to British Imperialism.”*** Attended a Workshop organized by the college on ***“CCBI Protection Policy: Knowledge Understanding and Development Code”***, held from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
- Participated in the National Seminar on the topic entitled ***“Inclusive Development-Bridging the Gap”***, organized by the Department of Social Work, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- Attended a Seminar on the occasion of the 178<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of U Tirot Singh, organized by the Department of Khasi, St. Edmund’s College, Shillong, on the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.
- Participated in the Orientation Programme conducted by North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Academic Staff College (ASC) from 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 to 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.
- Attended a National Conference organized by the department of History, Synod College, Shillong on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. The theme was “Religion vis-à-vis Socio-Political, Ecological and Gender Issues: A Historical Perspective.”

#### **Mr. Ricky Basaiawmoit**

- Attended a college programme on ***“Capacity Building”***, organized by St.Edmund’s College, Shillong held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

- Attended the third memorial lecture organized by the department of Environmental Science in memory of (It) Valentine Richard Miranda and Marjorie Miranda on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012.
- Attended a guest lecture organized by the Department of Political Science, on the topic ***“Issue of Peace and Conflict Resolution in India’s north East”***, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.
- Attended a seminar organized by the Department of History, St.Mary’s College, Shillong, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 2012. The talk was on the topic ***“Career options in History with special reference to Archaeological studies.”***
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- Attended an International Seminar on ***“Cultural Heritage and Peace Education”***, organized by the ***Confederation of UNESCO Clubs and Association of India*** on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.
- Attended a seminar on the topic ***“Decline of the Mughal Empire with special reference to the role of Aurangzeb”***, organized by the Department of History, St. Mary’s College, Shillong, held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013.

#### **Extension Services:**

- Mr. Barry Kupar Rymbai acted as Resource Person taking classes for M.C.S at Career Academy and Khasi Jaintia Welfare Association (KJWA), Shillong, from February to September, 2007.
- Mr Banteilang Jyrwa as Resource Person taking classes for I.A.S and M.C.S at Career Academy, Shillong from November, 2006 to September, 2007.

### DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

- In May, 2007 a guest lecture was organized by the department of history, St. Edmund's College to commemorate 150 years of the Indian Revolt of 1857 and 60 years of independence. One public and 4 departmental lectures were delivered by Dr. Sabyasachi Dasgupta, an ex-Edmundian and Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum, New Delhi.
- The department organized a field trip for the third year students to Nartiang, a historical site in July, 2010.
- The department organized a guest lecture on "Subhash Chandra Bose" held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011 in the college auditorium of St.Edmund's College.
- The department conducted a field trip to the cultural sites in and around Cherrapunjee/Sohra area on 8th December, 2011.
- The department organized a guest lecture on "U Tirot Sing" held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 in the college auditorium of St.Edmund's College.
- The department organized a guest lecture on "Development of Telecommunication" in August, 2012.
- The department conducted a field trip for the second and third year students to Sacred Grove, Mawphlang and David Scott's Trail both of which are important historical and cultural sites on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.
- The department took the students for an excursion to Hyderabad and Goa from the 24<sup>th</sup> September to the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014, under the supervision of Prof. Ricky Basaiawmoit.
- Due to time constraint, structure of regular classes and paucity of funds, the department has been unable to carry out any research project and bring up any publications during the past two years.
- The department hosted the faculty members of Madras Christian College, Chennai on October 29, 2014. The purpose of the visit by them was to interact with the faculty members of St. Edmund's College regarding the teaching-learning process and the course content. In this connection, the delegation from Madras Christian College consisted of the following members:
  - (1) Dr. Surendran Purushotham
  - (2) Dr. R. Venkataramanujam
  - (3) Mr. K. Ashok
- Over the past few years, the department of History, St. Edmund's College, has played an influential role in preparing the students for their future careers; this is evident by the fact that a number of them have been placed in various fields which include health services, armed forces, teaching, civil services, etc. through the process of mentoring.

The teachers have succeeded in shaping and moulding the career prospects of the students and they continue to do so.

➤ Below is the list of the placement record of some of the past students who have excelled in different professional fields:

1. Dr. Shobhan N. Lamare, who was also a faculty member of our department, joined the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, as an Associate Professor in the year 2006.
2. Mr. Monishankar Mishra joined the Tripura University, Agartala as an Assistant Professor in the year 2006.
3. Dr. Binayak Dutta joined the department of history, St. Edmund's College in May, 2005. Subsequently, he left the college in October, 2007 to join the Assam Central University, Diphu as an Assistant Professor.
4. Mr. Barry Kubar Rymbai joined the department in the year 2006.
5. Mr. Wallambiang Rane joined the nursing service at Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong in 2006 while doing his third year honours.
6. Mr. Ricky Basaiawmoit graduated from the college in the year 2008 and then joined the college as a faculty member on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2011

On top of these, there are many other past pupils who are working as teachers in different schools, colleges and universities in different parts of the country. Unfortunately, their placement record could not be maintained by the department due to certain reasons.

#### PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS (2015-2020)

The following programmes will be taken up –

1. Talks by experts on topics related to history and culture.
2. Students' seminars involving other colleges.
3. Arranging study tour outside the state.
4. Showing documentary and feature films with historical themes.
5. Undertake minor research projects under the UGC schemes involving students and teachers of the department.

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