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“From the Vice Chancellor’s Desk”

His Excellency,

The Governor of Meghalaya,

I am honoured to present the Tenth Annual Report of the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Meghalaya for the year 2015-16.

In compliance with Section 44 of The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Meghalaya Act 2005, [Meghalaya Act No 12 of 2005], a report on the academic operations and activities for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 is hereby enclosed.

The University is proud to announce that it is operating from its own permanent campus at Tura. Construction of the first academic – cum – administrative building is completed and efforts are on to construct additional academic blocks as and when funds are permissible.

The students’ strength during this academic period witnessed a considerable increase at Shillong campus compared to that of Tura Campus. The University endeavors to revitalize and improve the quality of teaching mechanisms thereby ensuring a holistic academic development. The University’s industry interfaced relationships through Summer Internships saw the companies benefitting from the talent of our students and the latter benefit from the real world experience the companies give them. These industry interfaced relationships also resulted in successive job placements of the students.

Uppermost in our thought to disseminate and enhance knowledge, another Postgraduate program—Master in Commerce had been launched in this academic year.

The University acknowledges with gratitude the assistance and support given by the Government of Meghalaya towards the functioning and development of the University. The University through its Faculty, Staff and Students strive to be a testimony to what a community of smart, spirited, industrious and diligent individuals can accomplish. The University progresses, because of the dedicated efforts put in by each and every one connected to it, Members of the various Statutory Boards, Faculty, Staff, students and well-wishers.

Our University will continue to be the Spring of Knowledge to our people, our state and our nation.

The enclosed report expatiates on the Academic, Student and Faculty Development activities as well as the Infrastructure for the year 2015-16.

Dr(Miss) Alicia Gatphoh
Vice Chancellor



The Visitor



His Excellency Mr. V. Shanmuganathan
Governor of Meghalaya

The Chancellor



Prof. Subhash Sarnikar

1. Introduction

The ICFAI University, Meghalaya was established under the provisions of the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, (Meghalaya) Act 2005, (Act No. 12 of 2005). The University is sponsored by The ICFAI Society, a not-for-profit educational society established in 1984.

The University emphasizes on providing high quality and industry relevant education in the areas of Management, Humanities & Social Sciences, Information Technology, Hospitality & Tourism Management. The University believes in creating and disseminating knowledge through innovative educational programs, research, consulting and publishing.

The University seeks to establish a cadre of professionals with a high level of competence and deep sense of ethics and commitment to the code of professional conduct.

2. Vision & Mission

Merit with Ethics

Vision: To be a top ranking private University of choice for students, staff and corporates, recognized for excellence in Higher Education and Research, especially relevant to social needs.

Mission: The mission of the University is to offer world class, innovative, career-oriented professional

Postgraduate and Undergraduate programs through inclusive technology-aided pedagogies, to equip students with the requisite professional and life skills as well as social sensitivity and high sense of ethics. The University will strive to create an intellectually stimulating environment for research, particularly into areas bearing on the socio-economic and cultural development of the state and the nation.

3. Governance

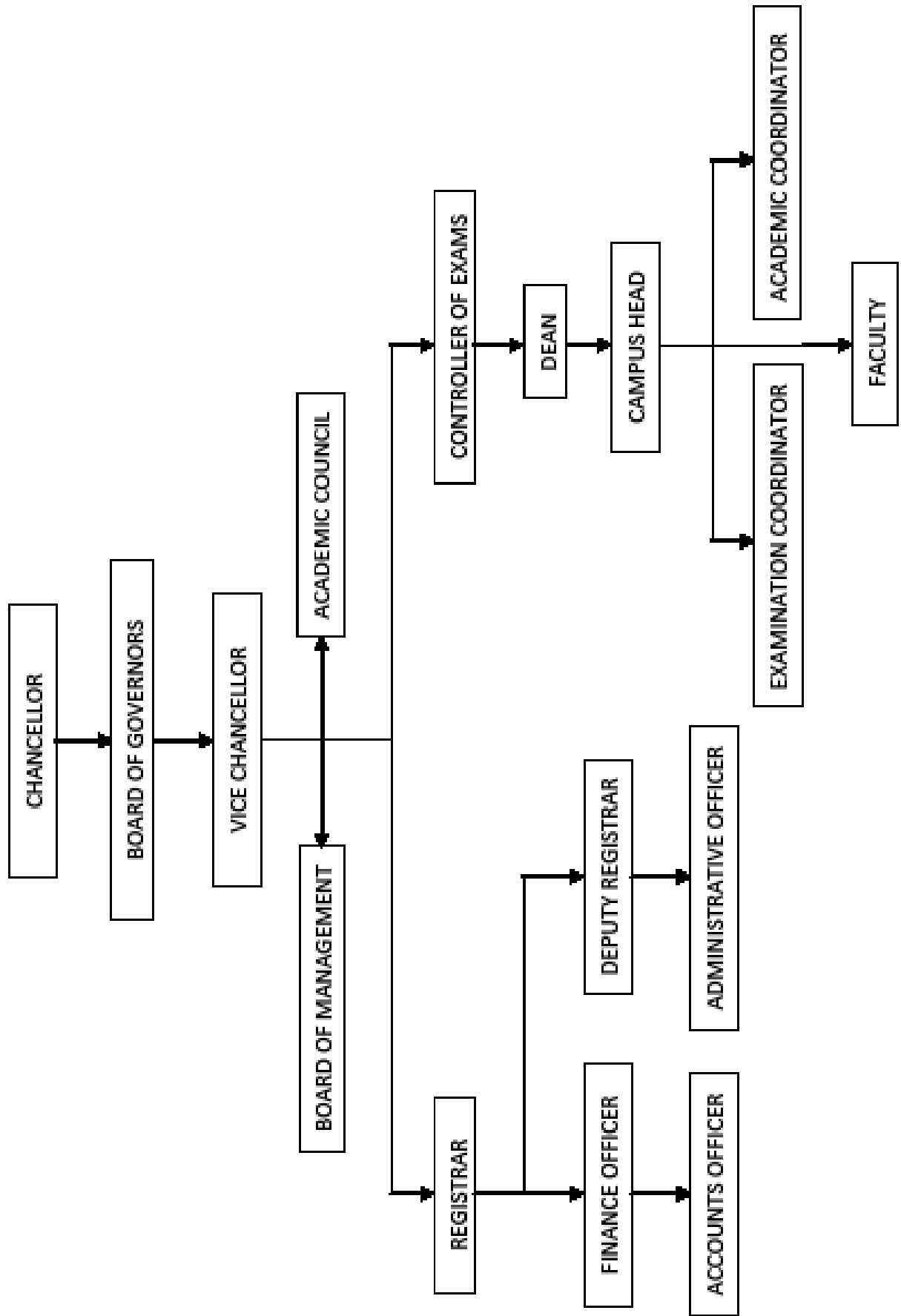
The ICFAI University, Meghalaya is a professionally managed University. All the statutory bodies are constituted in accordance with the Act, Statutes and Rules of the University. Meetings are regularly held to review the operations of the University. Issues pertaining to institutional development, long-term strategies, programs to be developed, human resources, staff recruitment, training & development and financial matters are discussed at these meetings. Appropriate decisions are taken and guidelines are given for their implementation with the objective of achieving academic excellence.

4. Accreditations

UGC Status: The University is empowered to award degrees as specified by the UGC under section 22 of UGC Act, 1956.



5 The ICFAI University, Meghalaya Organizational Chart



6. Officers and Authorities of the University

Officers of the University

Chancellor	: Prof. Subash Sarnikar
Vice Chancellor	: Dr. (Miss) Alicia Gatphoh
Registrar (Officiating)	: Dr. (Mrs) I. B. Bhuyan
Finance Officer	: Mr. M. V. Sarma

Authorities of University

I Board of Governors	
Prof. Subhash Sarnikar	Chancellor
Dr. (Miss) Alicia Gatphoh	Vice Chancellor
Mr. C. P. Gotmare	Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Meghalaya
Dr. (Mrs) T Lyngdoh	Member
Dr. T. R. K. Rao	Member
Dr. Col. V. R. K. Prasad	Member
Dr. (Mrs) D. Laloo	Member
Dr. K Enoch	Member
Dr. (Mrs) I. B. Bhuyan	Registrar (Officiating)
II Board of Management	
Dr. (Miss) Alicia Gatphoh	Vice Chancellor
Dr. (Mrs) I. B. Bhuyan	Registrar (Officiating)
Mr. C. P. Gotmare	Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Meghalaya

Prof. Seshaiyah	Member
Dr. R. C. Ramola	Member
Mr. R. Prasad	Member
Mr. Sudhakar Rao	Member
Dr. A. Pathak	Member
Prof. L. S. Gassah	Nominee, Govt. of Meghalaya

III Academic Council	
Dr. (Miss) Alicia Gatphoh	Vice Chancellor
Dr. I. B. Bhuyan	Registrar (Officiating)
Mr. M. V. Sarma	Finance Officer
Dr. Col. V. R. K. Prasad	Member
Dr. Meenaxi Dhariwal	Nominee, Chancellor
Dr. C. M. Chitale	Nominee, Chancellor
Dr. Ashok Joshi	Nominee, Chancellor
Prof. G. Singaiah	Member
Mrs. V Sangma	Dean

IV Finance Committee	
Dr. (Miss) Alicia Gatphoh	Vice Chancellor
Dr. (Mrs) I. B. Bhuyan	Registrar (Officiating)
Mrs. Ratna Bhanu	Member
Mr. M. V. Sarma	Finance Officer



7. Infrastructure

The University is endowed with excellent facilities required for creating a congenial academic atmosphere. State-of-the-art infrastructure is available at the ICFAI University, Meghalaya to meet the requirements of the programs conducted.

A. Academic Complex:

The University Campus at Tura spreads across 13.5 acres of land. The Academic and Administrative building stands on a built up area of 40,156 sq.ft. It has a state-of-the-art infrastructure with all amenities required for quality education.

The Shillong Campus is housed in a rented building at Dhankheti, in the hub of the city. It has similar amenities as the Campus at Tura. Shillong being the educational hub for North East, the University is on the lookout for a suitable site in and around Shillong.

Both the Campuses have well-stocked libraries augmented with periodicals and journals comprising of ICFAI Publications and others. The Campuses are also well-equipped with Computer labs.

Following are the facilities at the University Campus:

Description	No's	Area in Sq. ft
Classrooms	16	10,000
Administration	1	2,335
Halls	2	1,880
Faculty Rooms	2	4,830
Library	1	2,415
Computer centre	1	1,300
Other utilities (toilets etc.)		14,950
	Total	37,710

B. Library Facilities:

The University has a well stocked library. Students have access to the finest collection of cotemporary books and journals which supplement the prescribed reference books and text books, providing students an opportunity to gain significant appreciation of Management and IT subjects, going well beyond the classroom based program.

The library is augmented with books, periodicals, journals, magazines and other publications on a regular basis.

The following are available in the University Library:

Books	8038
Journals	37
Magazines	1307
Newspapers	8
CD/DVD	112

C. Computer Facilities:

The computer lab is equipped with latest Intel-based computing facility at both the Campuses. The computers are connected through Local Area Network (LAN) in hybrid fashion with enough internet bandwidth for general use, especially for online training, research, video conferencing, etc.

D. Other Infrastructure

- **Health Centre:** First Aid facilities are available.
- **Placement Cell:** The Placement Cell comprising of the Faculty Members looks after the Placements and the Summer Internship Programs of the Students.
- **Recreational Facilities:** Indoor recreational facilities are available for students.



8. Faculties and Programs

Faculty of Management Studies (FMS)		
Program	Duration	Year of Commencement
MBA	2 years	2007
MTTM	2 years	2014
M.Com	2 years	2015
BBA	3 years	2007
BTTM	4 years	2015
BHM	4 years	2015
BHTM	3 years	2008
BA (Eco)	3 years	2014
MTA	2 years	2014
Faculty of Science and Technology (FST)		
BCA	3 years	2008
MCA	3 years	2014

Selection and Admission Process

Selection of applicants into respective programs is made through screening of applications and personal interviews.

Post Graduate Programs

MBA Program: The MBA program provides the students with the knowledge, skills and strategic perspectives essential to business leadership and managerial career. The curriculum is designed to provide a portfolio of strong functional skills and the ability to adapt and integrate these skills in different management settings.

Students who have graduated in any discipline from a recognized University with an aggregate of 45% marks and above are eligible to apply for the same.

MTTM Program: This program initially was known as the Master in Tourism Management (MTA). However, in compliance with UGC directive, the program is renamed as Master in Travel and Tourism Management. The MTTM program prepares students for managerial positions as required by the tourism industry, which is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. The program equips the students with entrepreneurship skills in the field of tourism administration.

Students who have graduated in any discipline from a recognized University with an aggregate of 45% marks and above are eligible to apply for the Program.

M.Com Program: The M.Com program is a post graduate program covering areas on accounting, management, banking and economics related courses. The uniqueness of this program is that, it allies with other Management courses making the student with this M.Com degree a multi-tasker.

Students who have graduated in Commerce, Economics (Hons.) and Business Management from a recognized University with an aggregate of 45% marks and above are eligible to apply for the Program.

MCA Program: The MCA program is based on contemporary curriculum and cutting edge pedagogy thereby equipping the students with up-



to-date technical and IT skills required in public and private sectors

Students who have graduated in any discipline from a recognized University with an aggregate of 45% marks and above with Mathematics at the 10+2 level are eligible to apply for the Program.

Under Graduate Programs

BBA Program: The BBA program imparts an in-depth knowledge and broad understanding of functional areas of Management. The program focuses on various areas of management and prepares the students for a professional career in management and readies them for pursuing an MBA degree after graduation.

BHTM Program: Students of the BHTM program are gradually being phased out in compliance with the UGC directives, dated July, 2014. This program is bifurcated into two programs: Bachelor in Hotel Management and Bachelor in Travel & Tourism Management.

BTTM Program: The BTTM program prepares the students for managerial positions required by the tourism industry. The program envisages the students as entrepreneurs who want to start their business in the field of tourism and /or hospitality sectors.

BHM Program: The BHM program provides an insight into the hospitality industry and prepares students for a career in this fast growing field. The students are taught the necessary skills with emphasis on exposure to the management and organization involved in providing services in hotel industry.

BA Eco. (Hons) Program: BA Eco. (Hons) aims to meet the requirements of the dynamic world and equip students with the requisite knowledge giving them an edge in the current scenario and open up avenues to pursue varied career options. With this in mind, the core courses of Economics are supplemented by Management related courses.

BCA Program: BCA program provides a sound academic base in computer skills and applications from which an advanced career in computer applications can be developed. The students get a good conceptual grounding in computer usage and its practical business applications.

Eligibility for Under Graduate Programs:

Students who have passed 10+2 in any stream from a recognized Board with an aggregate of 40% marks and above are eligible to apply for the Program.

Student Strength of the University

Post Graduate Programs

Program	Students on Roll Academic Year 2015-16		
	Batch 2014-16	Batch 2015-17	Total
MBA	11	7	18
MTTM	4	8	12
M Com	NA	12	12
MCA	3	2	5
TOTAL	18	29	47

Under Graduate Programs

Program	Students on Roll in Academic Year 2015-16			
	Batch 2013-16	Batch 2014-17	Batch 2015-18	Total
BBA	35	45	85	165
BCA	11	30	67	108
BHTM	26	15	NA	41
BTTM	NA	NA	16	16
BHM	NA	NA	3	3
BA Eco	NA	NA	9	9
TOTAL	72	90	180	342

Students Graduated in 2015

Program	No. of Students Graduated
MBA	10
BBA	23
BCA	8

Placements: The University gives utmost importance to assist students in getting suitable placements after successful completion of the program.

Placements of the University

Program	Batch	Number of Students	
		Placed	Opted for Higher Studies
MBA	2012-15	9	1
BBA	2012-15	14	9
BCA	2012-15	0	8

9. Faculty Resources and Support Staff

Faculty of the University

Name	Designation	Qualifications	Experience in Years
Mr Lurshai Lyngwa	Campus Head	PGD-SEDMA-JMC	11
Dr. Indrani B. Bhuyan	Lecturer	M.A., M.Phil, Ph.D.	25
Ms. Arunima Bayan	Junior Faculty Member	M.A. (Economics), PGDHRM, Diploma in Sustainable Enterprise and Retail Management	15
Ms. Lopa Mudra Gogoi	Junior Faculty Member	PGDRM	12
Mr. Md. Shonahar Ali	Faculty Associate	M.Sc. (Statistics), B.Ed.	12
Mr. Dewan Hafizur Rahman Raufy	Faculty Associate	M.Com	13
Mr. Sudam Chetry	Faculty Associate	M.Sc.-IT	15
Mr. Surajit Sen	Faculty Associate	M.A., DCE, CES	13
Ms. Banriline Kharjana	Faculty Associate	PGDBM	9
Ms. Ranitha D. Shira	Faculty Associate	MBA	7
Ms. Mercy D. Sangma	Faculty Associate	MTA	5
Mrs. Brenda Marak	Faculty Associate	MBA	3
Mr. John K Majaw	Faculty Associate	MBA	4
Mr. B Sen	Faculty Associate	MTA	5
Ms. Apsara Marwein	Faculty Associate	MTA	2
Ms. Yadaphica War	Faculty Associate	MCA	2
Ms. Reveka Sultana	Faculty Associate	M.Com	8
Mr. Deiki Wahlang	Faculty Associate	MA Economics	15
Mr. Richieson Warjri	Faculty Associate	MBA-HM	2



Mr. Mewanshwa Nongrum	Faculty Associate	MBA	3
Ms. Mardaka G Shullai	Faculty Associate	MCA	3
Ms. Chompaboti Hajong	Faculty Associate	MBA	2
Ms. Rupjyoti Saha	Faculty Associate	M.Com	0.9

Non-Teaching Staff of the University

Name	Designation	Qualifications	Experience in Years
Mr. Subhajt Sen Gupta	Accounts Officer	M.Com., Industrial Accounts	17
Mr. Daniel Marak	Accountant	B.Com.	5
Mr. Buddhadev Prasad	Administrative Officer	B.Sc.	10
Mr. Amit Rai	Administrative Officer	M.A.	10
Ms. Ruby Mary Nongkhlaw	Senior Development Officer	B.A., B.Ed.	21
Mr. Mukhtadul Hussain	Development Officer	BBA	5
Ms. Wankorlin Mawthoh	Assistant Librarian	M.Li.S.	11
Ms. Stacy D. Sangma	Student Counselor	M.A., B.Ed.	12
Ms. Bawan P. Ryntathieng	Student Counselor	B.A.	7
Mr. Pardi Marak	Administrative Assistant	B.A.	11
Ms. J S Marbaniang	Administrative Assistant	MBA	2
Mr. Babulal Prasad	Library Assistant	BBA	3
Ms. C G Momin	Marketing Officer	MBA	2
Mr. Sharan Pradhan	Development Officer	MBA	3

10. Publications and Papers presented

- Mr. S Sen, Faculty in Soft Skills Department was awarded M Phil Degree by the English & Foreign Languages University, Shillong Campus.
- Dr. (Mrs) I B Bhuyan published a paper titled “The Narrator called Ishmael” in the International Journal of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities published by IRA Publications, Ghaziabad, bearing an ISSN 2249-4642.
- Dr. (Mrs) I B Bhuyan was a participant at a two day Symposia, November 10-11, 2015 of the Sahitya Akademi held in North Eastern Hill University.



11. Student Activities

With the passing of the years, students' activities had become a regular feature and are diversifying in nature. Activities for this year Annual Report is recoded under different captions as per the activity conducted.

- Immediately at the end of the May 2015 End Semester examinations, a Workshop on “Information Technology & Its Applicability in Other Areas” was organized by the Computer Science Department of the University. Dr. S Roy, Department of Information Technology, North Eastern Hill University, Dr. A Chakraborty, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, NIT, Meghalaya and Mr. A Dev Sarma, Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, NIT, Meghalaya were the Resource persons. Mr. S Saikia, Department of Computer Science of the University chaired the program as one of the panelist.
- With Case studies being the current trend in disseminating knowledge, a three day Workshop on Case Studies was held for all the Faculty of the University in June 22-24, 2015. Prof. D Purkayastha of Case Research Centre, IFHE, Hyderabad and Prof. G V Muralidhara of IBS Hyderabad as Resource persons delved thoroughly into the varied methods of teaching Case Studies. This training session went a long way in deliverance of Case studies to the student community.



- A one day Seminar on “The Age of the Gazelles” was held on September 23, 2015 which aimed to inspire the youth with innovation, creativity, entrepreneurship and small business management. Prof. G Singaiah, Department of Management, NEHU, Mr. Conrad A Sangma, Director, SSNet Pvt Ltd and Mr. T G Momin, of Information Technology College, Tura were the eminent Resource persons of the day.
- The Indigenous Terra Madre in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Hospitality, ICFAI University Meghalaya, organized “ITM on Campus”: A talk-cum-seminar on the “Culinary Journeys of North East” on November 5, 2015.
- Dr. Ashish Chopra, a Culinary Historian, Travel Writer, Development Consultant, Television Host and author of several books, while appreciating the different food of the various tribes of the North East, he lamented the fact that the youth are driven away from their roots by the popular cuisines of the world. He felt that one's identity can be created by the cultural heritage bestowed upon by the varied cuisines of the area. The founder of India's Social Network on Food, Drink and Travel, Suresh Hinduja opined that it was a joy to discover different varieties of cuisines and likened it to reading books. Food, to him, is something exciting as he observed, “We are always pre-occupied with the thought of what we eat at different times in a day.” Speaking on the occasion, Gai Lai Mitwichan, Co-Founder, F.A.C.T., Collective Bangkok





- The day ended with a delightful fashion show by the students of the University showcasing the various ethnic wears of the traditional indigenous tribes of North East with particular reference to the tribes of Meghalaya.

National Service Scheme [NSS]

The NSS Unit of the University is active in conducting numerous activities for its members.



Metropolitan Area, Thailand, talked about the importance of using traditional and indigenous plants and herbs. Talking to the eager listeners, Joel Basumatari, Head Chef of Smokey Joe's Restaurant and Grill, Dimapur, stressed the fact that the North East has a rich and varied collection of spices which should be preserved and showcased. He was astounded at the fact that tasty dishes of Meghalaya can be prepared with simple ingredients.

- During the period under report, the NSS volunteers celebrated the World Environment Day on June 5, 2015 by joining hands with the Basin Development of West Garo Hills to promote the Eco System campaign. Some of the students won laurels in Green photography. Tree plantation drive was also organized where 200 tree saplings were planted. This plantation drive was intended to imbibe on the students the importance of planting trees for promoting the well being of the present and future generations
- Along with the rest of the country, the International Yoga Day was also celebrated by the NSS unit of the University. The one day Yoga Workshop on June 19, 2015 aimed to advocate the ancient Indian practice with the intention to create awareness that yoga is a kind of exercise for the physical & mental development of the yogis. The workshop focus on the physical exercise which is a necessity in today's sedentary lifestyle. Even at present Yoga is very much relevant as it is



both a physical activity and an effective way of managing stress and minimizing tension.

- As part of community service, the NSS unit visited a remote village, Lawse in West Khasi Hills on September 8, 2015 to observe the International Literacy Day. During the interaction with the residents, our students' eyes were opened to the poor and unhygienic living conditions of the villagers. The volunteers demonstrated to the children the benefits of cleanliness and good hygiene.
- On September 23, 2015, the volunteers observed the International Peace Day by holding a short play within the busy Tura Market with one objective: To spread the message of peace amongst the residents and villagers who thronged the marketplace.
- The NSS Unit celebrated the NSS Foundation Day on September 24, 2015. On this day, Dr. H langrai, State Liaison Officer, as the Guest for the event highlighted the different activities being carried out by NSS Volunteers and shared a few success stories. He exhorted the young minds to greater heights of service for their nation. At the same time he cautioned that most of the problems lay in our minds and it's the healthy activities which can help us have a healthy minds. The event was marked by colorful cultural programs presented by the Volunteers. Prizes for different competitions like Story Writing, Poetry Writing and Photography, which were held earlier, were distributed to the winners. To motivate the students, NSS Volunteers, who were the event coordinators of the different competitions, were also felicitated on the occasion.
- Four Volunteers accompanied by the Programme Officer attended the Inter State Youth Exchange & Home Stay Programme at Dharwad, Karnataka from the 9th to 18th of October 2015. The participants' presentation of the State's folk arts



and dance could exhibit the same to the participants from other states. The program comprising of youth seminars, discussions and home stay delved on important topics such as Leadership and Personality Development, Youth Social Harmony and National Unity, Life Skill self-awareness, Critical and creative thinking, Effective Communication, Duties and responsibilities of Citizens and Cultural Interaction with Host volunteers.

- To commemorate the Vigilance Awareness Week scheduled from October 26-31, 2015 the NSS unit in collaboration with the Small Industries Development Bank of India [SIDBI], on October 29, 2015 a debate competition was conducted for the students of the University.
- Again, as part of its community service, NSS volunteers visited and socialized with the orphans in the William Lewis Boys' Orphanage at Mawphlang. The volunteers played games with the orphans and handed out candies to them. A sack of potatoes and a sack of rice were donated to the orphanage. This visit was truly a life changing experience for the students.
- As a support to Government sponsored programs, some volunteers of the unit lent a helping hand to the organizing committee of the 12th South Asian Games co-jointly hosted by the States of Meghalaya and Assam. During the Games period, February 5-16, 2016, the volunteers as Functional Area Heads imbibed the message of playing for peace, progress and prosperity with a tinge of hospitality and care.



12. University Activities

Highlights of the Year

Visitation of the Honourable Members of the Meghalaya Private Universities Regulatory Board on July 8, 2015. Members of the Meghalaya Private Universities Regulatory Board comprising of Shri. L Roy, the Chairman; Dr. (Mrs) M P R Lyngdoh, Member; Dr S K Chattopadhyay, Member and Mrs. C R Marak, Member visited the university and made on the spot inspection of the academic programs, administrative department and all other related activities.



Conducted the First “Super 5 Challenge Cup 2015” Futsal Tournament in Meghalaya.

Distinguished Visitors to the University

- **Gai Lai Mitwichan**, Co-Founder, F.A.C.T., Collective Bangkok Metropolitan Area, Thailand, Dr. Ashish Chopra, a Culinary Historian, Travel Writer, Development Consultant, Television



Host and author of several books and Suresh Hinduja, the founder of India’s Social Network on Food, Drink and Travel visited the University



as part of the Indigenous Terra Madre in Campus on November 5, 2015.

- **Shri. Noverfield N Marak**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for Urban Affairs, PHE etc. witnessed the Final Match of “Super 5 Challenge Cup 2015” as the Chief Guest. Also present on the day were Shri. Dikki D Shira, Additional Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills, Shri. J P Marak, District Sports Officer, West Garo Hills and the Ex-MLA of Tura, Shri Billykid A Sangma.



13. Community Activities



In the State in general and Garo Hills in particular, the University earned the name as the First to promote the now trendy and popular limited Football game entitled “Futsal” by organizing the First Ever Super 5 Challenge Cup 2015 at Tura. The University in collaboration with the District Sports Office, Tura, conceptualized and designed the Futsal Tournament to fit to the local football environment. The success of the Tournament is gauged by the requests of other District Sports Offices to hold similar tournaments in their respective Districts. It is worthy to note that this Tournament conducted under floodlights witnessed a huge response as young and old and also eminent and senior citizens thronged the playground which went a long way to show the reusherance of peace in this beautiful hilly region.

As the Kick off for the tournament coincided with the Constitution Day on November 26, Mrs. V S Sangma, Dean, led the reading of and pledging to the Preamble of the Constitution before the commencement of the match.

The other community services are taken up by the NSS unit of the University.



Extra-curricular activities of the students

The University conducts extra-curricular activities with the objective to impart a holistic development of its students. During such times, students remove the bars of dissimilitude and develop a feeling of oneness under one family, the ICFAI family. One, not to be missed is the University Week normally held in February every year. Before the Final End Semester Examination in May, the students of the junior batches felicitated their seniors and bid them adieu at an event commonly named as Parting Social. With the commencement of new academic sessions in August, a similar event is conducted by the current batches to welcome the new joinees to the university in what they fondly called the Freshers’ Social. While the Parting social sometimes tend to wrench the heart, the Freshers Social is a time of revelry and laughter, heralding a new academic year.

Besides the above, students represented the University at different platforms. On June 3, 2015, a student Christina K Sangma brought laurels to the University by winning the First Prize in the debate competition commemorating the Digital India Week. This competition was organized by the District Administration, West Garo Hills, the National Information Centre and the Meghalaya Information Technology Society.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan

In consonance with the Nation-wide Sanitation campaign of the Government of India, students and staff of the University conducted in – campus Cleaning Drive on 2nd October 2015. Cleaning drives in collaboration with the residents of the locality were also held.

14. Press Clippings

Tura Times

Conrad urges students to be innovative, have open minds

Written by Meghalaya Times. Posted in [Front Page](#)

Staff Reporter

TURA, Sept 23: The working president of the National People's Party (NPP), Conrad Sangma urged students to be innovative and to step out with an open mind while encouraging them to start their own businesses.

Sangma was speaking during a seminar titled 'The Age of the Gazelles' organized by ICFAI University at its campus in Tura which seeks to inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst the youth of Garo Hills.

The seminar discussed topics like entrepreneurship, business opportunities and business environment while an interactive session was also held wherein the students of the higher secondary section of 18 different institutions and speakers shared and exchanged ideas.

Sangma who is also director and co-founder of SS Net Pvt Ltd, said, "Be innovative in your thinking and step out with an open mind. Entrepreneurship in a region like North East is not easy. Be prepared to overcome challenges".

Sangma stated that vast opportunities are in the offing for youth to take up in Garo Hills while exhorting the youth to be mentally prepared as they venture out to start their own enterprise.

"The government should facilitate business by addressing the critical gap in infrastructure like electricity, road and communication. An effort should be made to create a conducive atmosphere for business", said Sangma while adding that the government should come up with a policy to encourage the youth to engage in entrepreneurial ventures.

"We have to find ways to tackle problems. It should not pose a hurdle to the business", asserted Sangma when questioned about the affect of militancy on business enterprises. He further urged the university to organize various competitions to create an environment for business and motivation to youngsters.

The head of department of Management NEHU, Prof G. Singaiah deliberated on the need to imbibe indigenous knowledge to set up enterprises, while academic coordinator of IT College Tura Tithue Momin, who also runs various business enterprises in Garo Hills said, "In a competitive environment, business has to be set up considering all pros and cons". He stressed on the need to provide quality service to attract consumers.

Director of Mason Philips Academy, J D Sangma, spoke about innovation in business, while the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of West Garo Hills (WGH), Pravin Bakshi spoke at length about Internet based business start-ups, which he said, will benefit the people at large in Garo hills. Bakshi said that people could take a cue from different enterprises and replicate the idea to suit locally.

In her keynote address, the Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University Meghalaya, Alicia Gatphoh spoke about online business which she said has taken the service industry to new heights.



ICFAI organizes 'Age of Gazelles' seminar

By Our Reporter

TURA: The ICFAI University Meghalaya today held a seminar titled - "The Age of the Gazelles" at its campus here.

The objective of the seminar was to inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst the youth of Garo hills. Students of higher secondary and colleges from 18 different institutions participated in the seminar.

The seminar discussed on topics like entrepreneurship, business opportunities and business environment. It also had interactive sessions, wherein the students and speakers shared and exchange their ideas.

Director and co-founder of SS Net Pvt. Ltd Conrad Sangma, who is also the working president of National People's Party (NPP) spoke at length about entrepreneurship and business.

He said that a vast opportunity was in offing for youth to take up in Garo hills. "Be innovative in your thinking and step out with an open mind. Entrepreneurship in a region like North East is not easy. Be prepared to overcome challenges", said Sangma.

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Speaking on critical gap in infrastructure, which would facilitate business environment, Sangma said, "Government should facilitate business by addressing the critical gap in infrastructure like electricity, road and communication, the effort should be made to create a conducive atmosphere for business".

Pushing for an entrepreneurial policy for Meghalaya, he said, "Government should come up with a policy which will encourage youths to engage in entrepreneurial ventures".

On questions posed by participants on militancy and its effect on business environment, he said, "We have to find ways to tackle problems. It should not pose a hurdle to the business".

He also urged the university to organize various competitions to create an environment for business and motivation to youngsters.

Academic coordinator of IT College Tura Tithue Momin, who also runs various business enterprise in Garo Hills said, "In a competitive environment, business has to be set up considering all pros and cons of a business". He stressed on the need to provide quality service to attract consumers.

Prof G Singaiah, head department of Management North Eastern Hill University speaking at the seminar deliberated on the need to imbibe indigenous knowledge to set up the business.

Director of Mason Philips Academy J D Sangma spoke about innovation in business, while the deputy commissioner of West Garo Hills Pravin Bakshi spoke at length about Internet based business start-ups, which would benefit the people at large in Garo hills.

Vice Chancellor of ICFAI University Meghalaya Alicia Gatphoh in her keynote address spoke about online business, which has taken the service industry to new heights.



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Campus meet on business

Saiful Khan



Conrad Sangma at Tura on Wednesday
Picture by Saiful Khan

Tura, Sept. 23: Entrepreneurship and the need to create an environment conducive to business was the focus of a seminar organised by The ICFAI University Meghalaya on its campus here today.

The objective of the seminar, The Age of the Gazelles, was to inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship among the youth of Garo hills. Higher secondary and colleges students from 18 institutions participated in it.

The seminar discussed topics like entrepreneurship, business opportunities and business environment. It also had an interactive session, wherein the students and speakers exchanged ideas.

National Peoples' Party working president Conrad Sangma, who is also the director and co-founder of SS Net Pvt Ltd, spoke at length about entrepreneurship and economy. He said there was a vast opportunity in Garo hills for youths but exhorted them to be mentally prepared as they ventured out to start their own enterprise.

"Be innovative in your thinking and step out with an open mind. Entrepreneurship in a region like the Northeast is not easy. Be prepared to overcome challenges," he said.

Sangma urged the government to facilitate business by addressing gaps in infrastructure like electricity, road and communication as well as to come up with a policy that would encourage youths to engage in entrepreneurial ventures. On questions posed by participants on militancy and its effect on business environment, he said, "We have to find ways to tackle problems. It should not pose a hurdle to business."

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The director of Mason Philips Academy, J.D. Sangma, spoke about innovation in business while the deputy commissioner of West Garo Hills, Pravin Bakshi, spoke about internet-based business. Bakshi said people could take a cue from various enterprises and replicate the idea to suit locally. The vice-chancellor of ICFAI University Meghalaya, Aijicia Gagphoh, spoke about online business, which has taken the service industry to a new height.

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International Day of Literacy observed at Langtor

For the Chief Guest, a special program and inauguration of OOSC in Khasi and Jaintia languages. A. K. in Health and Nutrition in Schools was also observed during the program.

Meanwhile, 21 NSS Unit Volunteers of the ICFAI University, Meghalaya, Shillong Campus, organized by the Programme Officer (NSS) Dr. R. Barua, shared the importance of literacy by celebrating International Literacy Day in Lunglei, a village which is about 10 km away from Nongstoin town on Tuesday.

The importance of celebrating the day is to promote the public consciousness about the educational value of literacy and to encourage the literacy rate of the country.

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RKM LP School DWH

The Rana, Khabra Mission L.P. School, Raha 'B' South West Khasi Hills celebrated the International Yoga Day on June 21 on the school premises. Around 100 students/NSS volunteers and NCC staff had participated in the event.

Metallia-Sargam club

Metallia-Sargam Sports & Cultural Club, Shillong in association with Naha Yava Kendra, Sargam, Shillong organized a Freeform Yoga camp for active students and youths of the Tura Hills Forest College area. The session was conducted at Shillong Secondary School premises, Forest Colony on June 20.

NSS unit, ICFAI

The NSS Unit of the ICFAI University Meghalaya, Shillong Campus, with its volunteers, faculty and staff organized a free Yoga workshop on June 19.

NCC

C. Meghalaya Coy celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21 in Army Public School Happy Valley 14 GIC by conducting a yoga camp for the NCC cadets of the school and various other schools. 445 cadets attended the camp.

Nongstoin College

The Extension Cell, Nongstoin College in collaboration with the Naha Yava Kendra, Sargam, Shillong organized 'International Yoga Day' on June 22 at Nongstoin College premises. Around 100 students/NSS volunteers and NCC staff had participated in the event.

Yogathan in WJH

As part of the celebration of the first International Day of Yoga, an of Living organized two Yogathan events in West Jaintia Hills District, one at Debag Hall in Jowai and the other at Jura Tull Lang Auditorium, Shanggong Pabokhong, Shanggong. While around 200 people participated in the Yogathan in Jowai, over 100 turned up for the event in Shanggong.

RKM Garo Hills

The International Yoga Day was observed at Ramkrishna Mission School, Kuribhanga in Zokhasi on Sunday. The Ramkrishna Mission, which organized the programme, depicted the teachers to its campus in Chatterpoo for Yoga morning and day in two, around 100 cadets for the event. During the programme some of the participants and prominent citizens dwell on the health benefits of Yoga while others spoke about its health and medical benefits.

NSS/ICFAI University plants 200 tree saplings

SHILLONG The NSS Unit of the ICFAI University Meghalaya, Shillong Campus, organized a Tree Plantation Drive in Mawphlang village to commemorate the World Environment Day celebration on Friday when 20 students as well as members of the faculty and staff participated in planting 200 saplings.

The plantation plants an important role in environmental development and ecological balance and protect the wellbeing of the present and future generations.

Lack of awareness is attributed to deforestation, destruction of wetlands, depletion of water resources, etc. Therefore the tree saplings will be planted in the forest and protected.