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Institute Activities

**GERMANY DELEGATES
at
NIT MEGHALAYA**

A high level team of delegates from the Department of International Affairs, Hamburg University of Technology & University of Hamburg, Germany have visited NIT Meghalaya from **29.03.2025 to 01.04.2025**. NIT Meghalaya has made concerted efforts to align its R&D focus with the national goal of achieving technological self-reliance. The institute has ongoing academic and research collaborations with many national and international universities, governments, and industries in order to keep pace with expanding frontiers of knowledge and global developments. Its pre-eminent position at the cutting-edge of research is reflected in its impressive list of research projects, consultancy projects and research publications. Our collaboration with the industries has yielded the invaluable opportunity for faculty to engage in research projects with industrial relevance.



Felicitation Session

Delegates from the Department of International Affairs, Hamburg University of Technology & University of Hamburg, Germany have interacted with the scholars and students of NIT Meghalaya to explore the career perspectives in Germany for higher or collaborative studies.



Discussion Session at NIT Meghalaya, Sohra



Interaction Session with Students, NIT Meghalaya, Sohra

**INSTITUTE DAY CELEBRATION
1ST APRIL 2025**

National Institute of Technology Meghalaya celebrated its Institute Day event on the 1st day of April, 2025 in its permanent campus Saitsohpen, Sohra, first time after full phrased shifting of the campus from its temporary campus Shillong. The opulent event was graced by Chief Guest, Amitabha Ghosh, Platinum Jubilee Senior Scientist of The National Academy of Sciences, India & Honorary Distinguished Professor, IEST, Shibpur, Guest of Honour, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal (HAG), Mechanical Engineering Department, NIT Hamirpur & Former Director, NIT Srinagar, (J&K) and special guest, Dr. Wang Yi, Head International Affair, Humburg University of Technology, Germany.

The event included two extramural lectures by Prof. Prof. Amitabha Ghosh and Prof. Rakesh Sehgal.

During the program several achievements by employees and students were recognized by the Institute as mentioned below:



Inaugural Session



Faculty Awardees



Student Awardees



Staff Awardees

SHISHIR 2025
Annual Cultural Fest

NIT Meghalaya's annual cultural fest, **SHISHIR 2025**, unfolded with vibrant energy from April 3rd to 5th, 2025. This year marked a special occasion as it was the first time the festival was held at the institute's permanent campus in Sohra, a location renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty.

Rooted in the theme "Nature," **SHISHIR 2025** was a heartfelt tribute to the harmony and resilience of the natural world, beautifully reflected through art, music, drama, and dance. The passionate collaboration of students and faculty, led by GS-1(Cultural) Himanshu Kashyap and GS-2(Cultural) Rohan Sangam from the Student's Body, with the crucial support of Dean Student Welfare Prof. Paonam Sudeep Mangang, President, SAC Dr. Atanu Singha Roy, and Vice President (Cultural), SAC Dr. Susmita Sharma, brought the campus alive with a diverse array of events organized by various clubs.



Felicitation of Chief Guest, Mr. A Wanshai Shynret by Director NITM, Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta SHISHIR 2025

The opening ceremony witnessed the esteemed presence of Director of NIT Meghalaya, Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta, alongside our Chief Guest, Mr. A Wanshai Shynret, Director of the North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong, who delivered an inspiring address highlighting the vital role of nature. We were also honored to have Anendya Raajsshre, IAS, SDO, Amlarem (Civil) Sub Division as our Guest of Honor for the inauguration. The evenings were particularly captivating: the serene Classical Night featured the mesmerizing Santoor recital of Pandit Satish Vyas, the energetic Star Night showcased the soulful performance of playback singer Tushar Joshi, and the grand finale was an electrifying DJ Night under the Sohra sky. The closing ceremony was graced by our Chief Guest, renowned motivational speaker Mr. Mark Stone, and our Special Guest, Miss Mixdalin lawsai, Assistant Public Prosecutor, Directorate of Prosecution, who added to the vibrancy of the celebration. SHISHIR 2025 was more than just a festival; it was an immersive experience celebrating culture, creativity, and community within the embrace of Sohra's stunning natural environment.



Lamp Lighting Ceremony, SHISHIR 2025



Glimpse of Dance Competition SHISHIR 2025

Women's Empowerment Workshop

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Cell (UBA Cell), NIT Meghalaya organized a Women's Empowerment Workshop on **19th February 2025** to discuss the career opportunities for women and socio-economic developments of the region.



A Lecture given by **Dr. Anju Batta Sehgal** for **Empowering Engineering Faculty (Women) in Pedagogical Skills @Viksit Bharat NITM & Enhancement of Women's Competency to Face Challenges of Viksit Bharat@2047**



Felicitation of Dr. Anju Batta Sehgal by Dean (AA)

ADVANCED ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

on 3D Modelling and 3D Printing 10th to 14th March 2025

Coordinated by
Dr. Bikash Kumar Sarkar and Dr. Kishore Debnath.



Inaugural Session

INVITED LECTURES on Experimental Fluid Mechanics: quo vadis? 31st March 2025

Speaker: Prof. Cameron Douglas Tropea

Prof. Tropea started his lecture on history of fluid mechanics development and contributions made by different personnel on the field of fluid mechanics, governing equations of fluid flow considered and then discussed existing methods in experimental fluid mechanics like PIV, LDA, hot-wire anemometry, use of optics to measure the flow field variables, atomization and sprays, and multi-physics capability, advances in high-speed imaging, mathematics in fluid mechanics research. At last, discussed the possibilities and limitations of the use of MRI (Magnetic resonance imaging) in the field of fluid mechanics. Also paid a visit to the central workshop of NIT Meghalaya.



Lecture Session

INVITED LECTURES on Coatings for Biomedical Applications 28th March 2025

Speaker: Prof. Rakesh Sehgal
Professor(HAG), Mechanical Engg. Dept. NIT
Hamirpur

On 28th March 2025, Prof. Rakesh Sehgal—an accomplished academican with over 39 years of experience in teaching, research, and institutional leadership, and former Director of NIT Srinagar—delivered an enlightening expert talk on “Coatings for Biomedical Applications.” Drawing from his extensive expertise in tribology and materials engineering, Prof. Sehgal provided an in-depth overview of coatings and their characterization, with a focus on their pivotal role in biomedical implants. He discussed advanced concepts in surface engineering, highlighting both wear-resistant and corrosion-resistant coatings that significantly enhance the durability and performance of implants. Prof. Sehgal emphasized the causes of implant failure, particularly due to the generation of wear particles, and how proper coating techniques can mitigate such risks. He explained the widespread biomedical applications of titanium and its alloys, supported by real-world case studies, and explored the relevance of physical vapor deposition (PVD) and nanostructured coatings like tantalum nitride (TaN) in current research. The session also touched on the nano-mechanical properties of coated surfaces, underlining their influence on biocompatibility and mechanical stability. His talk provided a valuable interdisciplinary perspective, bridging materials science and biomedical innovation, and was greatly appreciated by both faculty and students for its depth and practical relevance.



Lecture Session



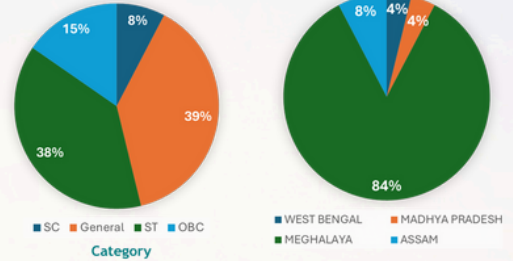
Participants with the Expert

**ADVANCED
MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (A-MDP)
AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (MDP)**

The Advanced Management Development Programme (A-MDP) is an initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India. It is designed to equip professionals, entrepreneurs, and business leaders with advanced management skills, strategic decision-making capabilities, and technological insights. The program focuses on enhancing leadership qualities, improving operational efficiency, and fostering innovation in business practices. A-MDP plays a crucial role in strengthening India's entrepreneurial ecosystem by bridging skill gaps, promoting self-sufficiency, and enabling businesses to adapt to dynamic market conditions. By empowering participants with cutting-edge management techniques and industry-relevant knowledge, it contributes to sustainable business growth, job creation, and economic development, particularly benefiting MSMEs and enterprises in emerging sectors.



Falicitation Session



Attendee Demographic

Visits to foreign university by our PhD scholars as part of the ongoing Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) Project



Valedictory Session



Indian Research scholars interactions and discussion with research Scholars at University of East London



Gllimpse of the event



Indian Research scholars with Dr. Salim Barbhuiya (Foreign PI) at University of East London



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Workshop conducted by Department of Civil Engineering

The Department of Civil Engineering has successfully coordinated Five (5)- One Day Events and One(1)-Five Day [ESDP -Awareness cum Training in Solid Waste Management–Path to Entrepreneurship and Skill Development for Women in Northeast India] workshop sponsored by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME) from February 26, 2025 till March 10 to March 14, 2025. The Program was coordinated is Dr Susmita Sharma, Assistant Professor from Dept of Civil Engineering. The program was inaugurated by Chief Guest Satinder K. Bhalla (Deputy Director General, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications) and Guest of Honour Bijit Goswami (Executive Director, Tech-Operation & Maintenance, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited), under the leadership of Director Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta . The expert speakers who delivered lectures in the workshops were from IIT Ghy, IIM Shillong, NEHU Shillong, and leading industry associates. The program concluded with a valedictory session, where Prof. Sreedeeep S, IIT Ghy delivered the closing remarks, marking the successful completion of the workshop.



Product demonstration during the workshop

Student Activity Center, NIT Meghalaya have introduced two clubs such as Yoga Club and MUN NITM Club



Dr. Diangarti Bhalang Tariang
FiC, Yoga Club
Dr. Jagritee Talukdar
FiC, Yoga Club
Dr. Elsa Cherian
FiC, MUN NITM Club
Dr. Kaushik Talukdar
FiC, MUN NITM Club

A Five-day training program on 'From Manager to Leader: A Transformational Workshop' 24th to 28th March 2025.



Inaugural function of the Five Day [ESDP -Awareness cum Training in Solid Waste Management–Path to Entrepreneurship and Skill Development for Women in Northeast India] workshop



Glimpse of the Session



Delegates and participants of the MSME sponsored ESDP 5-Day workshop

National Science Day Celebration

National Science Day was celebrated on 28.02.2025 by organizing an invited research talk by Professor A B Kunnumakkara (Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT Guwahati).



Lecture during the workshop



Talk by Prof. A B Kunnumakkara, IIT Guwahati

A top-down view of a desk covered with various data visualization documents. The documents include a pie chart with four segments (one black, three blue), a bar chart with multiple bars of varying heights, a line graph with multiple lines and data points, and a candlestick chart with red and blue bars. There are also some smaller charts and a world map. A laptop is visible in the top left corner, and a spiral notebook is in the bottom left. A yellow sticky note is at the top, and a pink sticky note is at the bottom. The text "Research and Development" is overlaid in the center in a large, bold, black serif font.

Research and Development

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PhD Awarded



Ms. Debbarni Sarkar (P21EC004) from the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering under the supervision of **Dr. Satyendra Singh Yadav** has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Performance Evaluation of Intelligent Reflecting Surface-Assisted 6G Wireless Networks**” on 22nd January 2025.



Mr. Sanjiv Subba from the Department of Mathematics under the supervision of **Dr. Tikaram Subedi, Assoc. Prof, MA Dept** and Dr. Ardeline M. Buhphang, Assoc. Prof, Dept. of Mathematics, NEHU has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Generalizations of Semicommutative Rings**” on 18th November 2024.



Mr. Manish Kurre from the Department of Electrical Engineering under the supervision of **Dr. Atanu Bannerjee** has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Development and Analysis of Induction Heated Autoclave System Driven by Various Multilevel Inverters**” on 20th March 2025.



Mr. Chandrasen Pandey (P21CS017) from the Department of Computer Science Engineering under the supervision of **Prof. Diptendu Sinha Roy** has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Data Augmentation with Generative AI for Edge Traffic Analytics over 5G and Beyond Networks**” on 7th March 2025.



Mr. Bhargab Madhab Barua from the Department of Mechanical Engineering under the supervision of **Dr. Maneswar Rahang** has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Surface Modification of Aluminium Alloy using CNT Based Powder Metallurgical Green Compact Tool in EDM process**” on 21st January 2025.



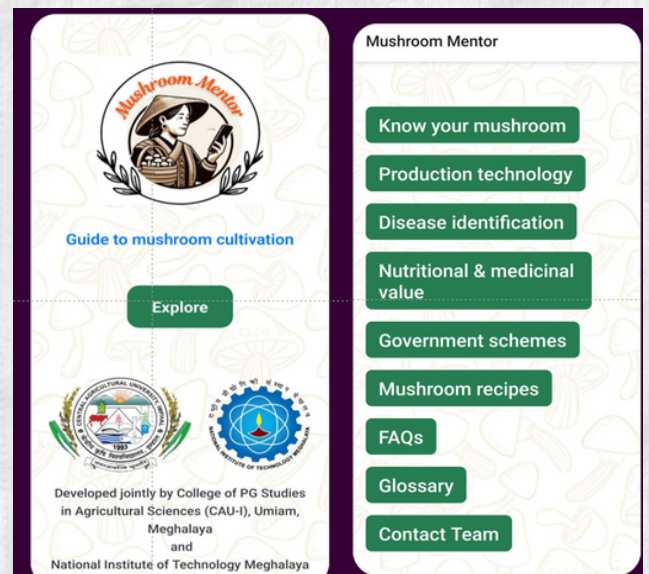
Ms. Sonali Samal (P21CS002) from the Department of Computer Science Engineering under the supervision of **Dr. Bunil Kumar Balabantaray** has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Development of Efficient Deep Learning Models for the Identification of Obscenity to Safeguard Women, and Society**” on 7th March 2025.



Mr. Anil Kumar Swain (P19CS007) from the Department of Computer Science Engineering under the supervision of **Dr. Bunil Kumar Balabantaray** has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Development of AI-Driven Techniques for Enhanced Lung Cancer Detection and Classification**” on 7th March 2025.



Mr. SR Ngamwal Anal (P19CS011) from the Department of Computer Science Engineering under the supervision of **Dr. Yogita** has been awarded Doctor of Philosophy for the thesis entitled “**Detection of Adverse Drug Reactions Using Deep Learning Techniques with Case Studies on COVID-19 Vaccines and Drugs**” on 7th March 2025.



Mushroom Mentor App

An android-based app “**Mushroom Mentor**” is developed for Meghalaya mushroom farmers jointly by College of PG studies in Agriculture Science (CAU-I), Umiam and NIT Meghalaya with team of students and faculties.



Indian patent on “**A SYSTEM AND A METHOD FOR QUANTUM COMMUNICATION BY OBJECT TELEPORTATION IN VARIANT SPACE TIME DOMAIN**” is granted to Mr. Dilip Kumar Mishra (P22CS002) and Dr. Bunil Kumar Balabantaray on 24.01.2025.



Faculty & Student Achievements

Dr. Arpita Nath has delivered an invited talk on “Recovery of metals from e-waste using laser ablation in liquids” in “Awareness cum Training in Solid Waste Management: Path to Entrepreneurship and Skill Development targeting women of Northeast India”, under the Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP) scheme, Sponsored by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME) Government of India from 10th-14th March 2025.

Dr Elsa Cherian Attended NFLP in IIM Visakhapatnam
We are pleased to announce that Dr Elsa Cherian, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Meghalaya completed the Nurturing Future Leadership Program (NFLP) under the Malaviya Teacher Training Programme (MTTP) under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, held at IIM Visakhapatnam from 6-10, 2025.



NURTURING FUTURE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
Sponsored by Ministry of Education, Govt of India
IIT Gandhinagar

Dr. Ngangbam Herojit Singh and **Dr. Kishore Debnath** have attended 5-Day residential leadership training program packed with interactive sessions, engaging workshops at IIT Gandhinagar during January 6 - 10, 2025.



Dr Elsa Cherian attended National Conclave 2025

Two Days National Conclave 2025, on the theme 'Transforming Teacher Education towards Viksit Bharat 2047' organised by the National Council for teacher Education (NCTE) in collaboration with North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) today at the Multi Convention Hall, NEHU, Shillong.

Dr. Arpita Nath has delivered an invited talk on “Laser induced breakdown spectroscopy in space science applications” in National Science Day, 28th February 2025, Synod College, Shillong.

Dr. Alekha C. Nayak has delivered an invited talk on “Constraining spinning primordial blackholes with global 21 cm signal” in International Conference on Frontier of High Energy Physics at IIT Bhubaneswar on 13th February 2025.

Invited talk delivered by **Dr. Rubi Chakraborty** on "Probabilistic Slope Stability Analysis using GeoStudio" in a 5-day short-term program on "Application of Multi-module Geostudio Software for -Comprehensive assessment of Geotechnical structures (AMGS-25)", 7th to 11th January 2025, NIT Warangal.

Dr. Arpita Nath has delivered an invited talk on “Currents Trends in Laser Based Selective Material Processing” in Short Term Training Programme (STTP) on Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Research (ETMR) organized by the Departments of Physics and Chemistry, School of Energy Technology, Pandit Deendayal Energy University from 10th to 14th February, 2025.



Dr Elsa Cherian and Thangjam Ayingbi Chanu Attended National Workshop in IGNOU, New Delhi

Dr Elsa Cherian, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and **Thangjam Ayingbi Chanu, Research Scholar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences** presented the paper titled “Relevance of Spirituality of Spirituality in Work-Life Balance, Stress Management and Sustainable Work Culture” in the “Two-Days National Workshop on Management and National Education Policy-2020” organised by Indira Gandhi National Open University in collaboration with All India Council for Technical Education, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur and Shiksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas on December 06 & 07, 2024 at Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

Dr. Naba Kamal Nath delivered an invited talk on “Organic Molecular Crystals: From Fragile to Functional” at the School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad, February 14-15, 2025.

Dr. Naba Kamal Nath delivered an invited lecture on “Stimuli-Responsive Molecular Crystals: Towards Next-Generation Smart Materials” at Advances in Chemical Sciences - I (ACS-I), held on March 10-11, 2025, at the Department of Chemistry, North-Eastern Hill University.

Dr. Naba Kamal Nath attended Industry academia conclave held on Nov 15-17, 2024, at NIT Jamshedpur.

Dr. Naba Kamal Nath attended PanIIT World of Technology Conference 2025 at IIT Guwahati, on 21, 2025.

Mr. Subhadeep Sinha, a student from ECE Department clinches Gold Medal at Inter NIT Power Sports Meet held at NIT Surathkal from 10th to 12th January 2025

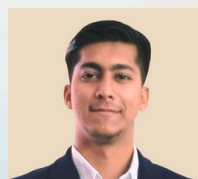


Mr. Subhadeep Sinha at NIT Surathkal



Mr. Subhadeep Sinha

UG student, Ribait Phawa (B23CS006) attended Start-Up Mahakumbh 2025 at Bharat Mandapam during 3-5 April 2025 organized by UBA and Ministry of Tribal Affairs.



HIMANGSHU BARMAN

HIMANGSHU BARMAN of Department Of Mathematics bearing a Roll no P24MA002 qualified GATE 2025 with All India Rank (AIR) 21



International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Intra NIT Badminton Tournament

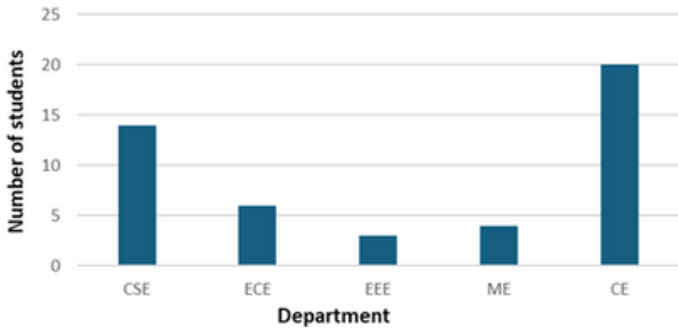


Intra NIT Badminton Tournament was held from 1st to 9th March 2025

Results of the Tournament

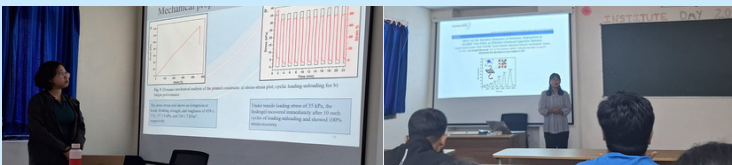
Men's Singles: 1st: Purshottam Thakur 2nd: Kyntubhah Bamon 3rd: Gaurav Kumar Singh	Women's Singles: 1st: Sonia Raj Gurung 2nd: Ridahun Nongkhlaw 3rd: Ankita Singh
Men's Doubles: 1st: Gaurav Kumar Singh & Purshottam Thakur 2nd: Naveen Bhadavath & Amarjyoti Mondal 3rd: Subhajeet Khan & Aryan Saha	Women's Doubles: 1st: Sonia Raj Gurung & Khushi Kumari 2nd: Ridahun Nongkhlaw & Wanrisuk Khyriem 3rd: Ankita Singh & Kunjana Panthy
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Long term internship details of the academic year 2024-2025



CBS Journal Club

The research scholars of the Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences will present a research paper based on current ongoing research worldwide. We have recently started this activity, and so far, two presentations have been organized.



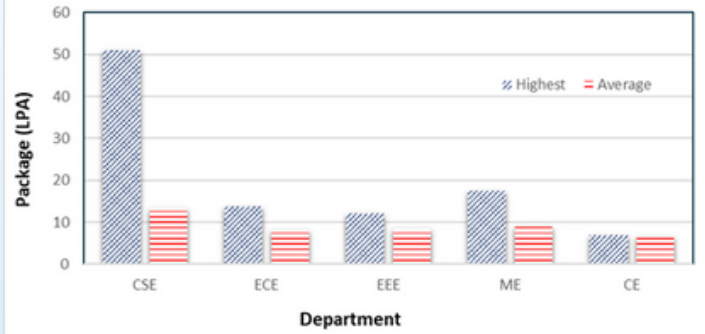
Research Presentation

Dr. Shubhankar Majumdar has received several awards and achievement this year.

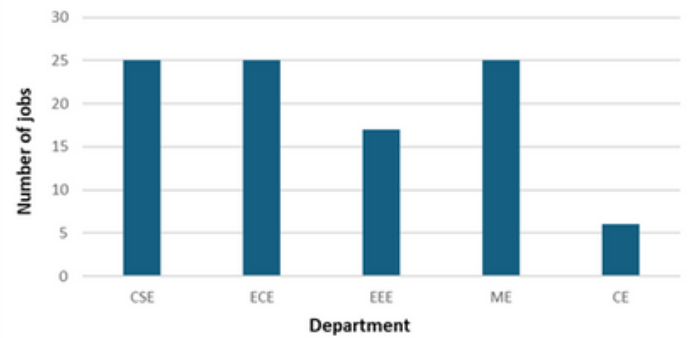
1. He have been awarded the Best Researcher Award for the second consecutive year at NIT Meghalaya in the Institute Day Celebration 2025.
2. He have done the demonstration and commissioning of the 5G laroratory settings in January 2025.
3. He have also delivered a talk on 5th Intenational Conference on Micro/Nanoelectronics Devices, Circuits and Systems (MNDCS 2025).
4. He have attended the FIST Review presentation at IIT Bombay in February 2025.

Student Placement Record 2025

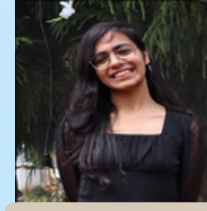
2025 B.Tech Batch Branch-wise Package (in LPA)



No. of jobs offer secured by 2025 B.Tech Batch



Shreya Poddar (CSE) has secured job offer from Microsoft with Rs. 51.03 LPA



Shubhavi Kukreja has secured job offer form JPMorgan Chase & Co. with Rs 19.75 LPA



Arkibud Broadwin Ryntathiang has secured job offer form HPCL with Rs 17.42 LPA



Yash Raj Gupta has secured job offer form JusPay with Rs 27 LPA



Ashutosh Kumar Rai has secured job offer form Vedanta with Rs 11.45 LPA



Avinash Renukunta has secured job offer form Tredence with Rs 10 LPA

Fourteen students have secured prestigious job offers from Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), with an impressive salary package of ₹19.48 LPA. Notably, six of these students hail from the Mechanical Engineering Department, demonstrating their exceptional technical proficiency and academic excellence. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the high standard of talent and the rigorous training the institute provides.



Dr. Shubhankar Majumdar receiving award during the Institute Day Celebration, NIT Meghalaya



Institute Information



Department of Computer Science and Engineering to Launch MCA Program Under NIMCET

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) is planning to introduce the **Master of Computer Applications (MCA) program**, which will commence starting from next academic year. The program will be offered under the prestigious **National Institute of Technology Master of Computer Applications Common Entrance Test (NIMCET) counseling**, ensuring a standardized and high-quality curriculum. The admission into the MCA program is based on the rank obtained in NIMCET only.

NEWLY JOINED FACULTY



Dr. Bibhas Manna has currently joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at NIT Meghalaya on 7th Feb 2025. Previously, He worked as a postdoctoral researcher at Pennsylvania State University, USA, and TU Wien, Austria. He have completed my PhD at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India. His research interest primarily include

Experimental design of semiconductive sensors, modelling and simulation of FETs, first-principle-based transport in 2D semiconductors, device-algorithm co-design for Neuromorphic/In-Memory computation, Electronic Design automation, etc.



Dr Swathisha P has joined the Department of Humanities and Social, NIT Meghalaya as an Assistant Professor. She was previously a faculty member in the Department of Applied Psychology, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur. She completed her PhD at Pondicherry University and her master's degree at Calicut University. Her research interests

are social psychology, human sexuality, community psychology, and qualitative research. She has published papers and book chapters with nationally and internationally recognised publishers and has also served as a peer reviewer for some recognised journals.



Dr Shaoni Shabnam joined as an Assistant Professor in The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Meghalaya on 27th February 2025. She has a PhD in Sociology from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay. She has worked as an Assistant Professor in the PG Department of Sociology in St. Xavier's

College (Autonomous) Kolkata for 8 years. Her areas of research interest include issues of Social Stratification: Class, Caste, Gender; Intersectional Marginalities; Sociology of Consumption, and Cultural Studies. She has both national and international publications to her credit and is currently working on the area of domestic workers' rights in India from a comparative global perspective.



Dr. Rwivoo Baruah has recently joined the Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences at the National Institute of Technology Meghalaya as an Assistant Professor. He completed his Ph.D from the Dept. Biosciences and Bioengineering at IIT Guwahati under the supervision of Prof. Arun Goyal. His Ph.D. research was on food microbiology,

enzymology and carbohydrate chemistry and were published in several international journals. During his Ph.D, Dr. Baruah received the CIMO(Centre for International Mobility) fellowship to Helsinki, Finland where he worked for six months at the VTT Research lab, Espoo Finland and the Department of Food and Environmental Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland. After his Ph.D., he joined CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore India with a fellowship through CSIR Research Associateship and worked on Bifidobacterial exopolysaccharides and developing probiotic fermented foods.



Dr. Suraj Gupta currently joined as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya, India. He completed his M.Tech & Ph.D. from the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, National Institute of Technology Mizoram, India. His research interests are metaheuristic

optimization-based control of active magnetic bearing system, power converters and control, optimization and control of EVs and renewable energy system.



Dr. Pemendra Kumar Pardhi joined as an Assistant Professor in Department of Electrical Engineering NIT Meghalaya, Sohra India. He received his B.E. degree in electrical and electronics engineering from Mansarovar Institute of Science and Technology Bhopal, India, M.E. degree in electrical engineering with a specialization in power electronics, and PhD degree in electrical engineering

from the Shri Govindram Seksaria Institute of Technology and Science, Indore, India, in 2014, 2017 and 2024 respectively. He received the Young Scientist Fellowship award from the Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology Bhopal in 2022. He has served in CastNX Pvt. Ltd. for more than two year as a Senior Design Engineer (Power Electronics).



Dr. Bhabagrahi Natha Sharma received his Ph.D in Applied Mechanics from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras. He possesses an M.Tech in Applied Mechanics from IIT Delhi, along with a B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology, Sarang, Odisha. Before joining NIT Meghalaya, he worked as a postdoctoral researcher under the Indo-

German Science & Technology Centre (GISTC) Postdoctoral Industrial Fellowship and also as an intern at Testia, an Airbus Company in Germany. His research focuses on structural health monitoring, non-destructive testing, smart materials, and elastic wave propagation. Dr. Sharma has contributed to several publications in his field. Notable works include studies on the time reversibility of Lamb waves in thin plates with surface-bonded piezoelectric transducers under varying thermal conditions and the role of transducer inertia in the generation, sensing, and time-reversal process of Lamb waves.



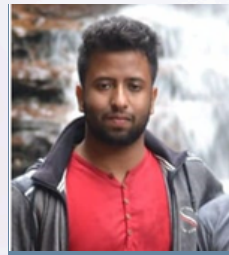
Dr. Kaushik Talukdar is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Meghalaya, Sohra, Meghalaya, India. He earned his Ph.D. in Theoretical Chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay in 2020, focusing on parity and time-reversal

violating effects in molecules under the supervision of Prof. Sourav Pal and Dr. Nayana Vaval. Following his doctorate, Dr. Talukdar conducted postdoctoral research at Philipps University of Marburg, Germany, from December 2019 to April 2021, working with Prof. Robert Berger. He then served as a DST-INSPIRE Faculty Fellow at Tezpur University, Assam, and as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Bhattadev University, Assam, from March 2023 to February 2025. His research interests include computational chemical physics, coupled cluster theory, relativistic quantum chemistry, noncovalent interactions, and chemical education. Dr. Talukdar has been recognized with several awards, including the DST INSPIRE Faculty Fellowship in 2022 and the INSA Visiting Scientist Award in 2024.

Alumni Pen



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Reflecting on my journey at NIT Meghalaya, I realize it was more than just an institution—it was a home, a place where I grew, learned, and built lifelong connections. The experiences I gained, both academically and personally, have shaped who I am today. Here's a small piece that captures my time at NIT Meghalaya.

NIT Meghalaya—a place I once called home,
 Where dreams took flight and minds would roam.
 Amidst the hills, beneath skies so wide,
 I found my passion, my strength, my guide.
 Mentors who lit the spark to grow,
 Friends who stayed through highs and lows.
 Late-night coding, coffee runs,
 Endless laughter, midnight puns.
 Not just books, but life it taught,
 In every challenge, a lesson was caught.
 Moments fleet, yet memories stay,
 NIT Meghalaya—lighting my way.

One of my most cherished memories is the day I got selected into NIT Meghalaya for my M.Sc. It felt like a dream come true. The welcoming atmosphere, supportive seniors, and excellent faculty made every moment special. Our chemistry lab was a place of discovery, with seniors guiding us through every challenge. NIT wasn't just about academics; the extracurricular activities allowed me to explore new talents. The guidance I received from my professors shaped my future, and I will always be grateful to NIT Meghalaya for making me who I am today.



Divyasree Dev
 Roll No:
 B.Tech (2020-2024 Batch, CSE)
 Currently at Morgan Stanley

- 1st Recipient of the Chairperson's Gold Medal
- Former Student Convenor, Coding Club
- Generation Google Scholar

Dearest Juniors,

Life at NIT Meghalaya was a journey of learning, struggles, setbacks, and growth. I've been in your shoes—navigating academics, self-doubt, and the pressure to prove myself. There were times when I felt like everything was falling apart. But every challenge you face here will shape you into the beautiful, wholesome person you deserve to be.

The world beyond college is challenging, but your time here has prepared you in more ways than you realize—not just academically, but in resilience, self-trust, and the ability to adapt. However, learning doesn't stop when you step beyond these gates. Whether in your job or higher studies, learning is a continuous journey. True success comes not only from expanding your knowledge but also from standing firm in your values, setting boundaries, and staying true to yourself.

So, stay curious, keep learning, believe in yourself, and never let fear dictate your choices. You are capable of more than you can imagine.

Your story is still unfolding—so don't give up on yourself yet.



Reuben Sanname Lyndem, Roll No.: B19EC007
 B.Tech (2019-2023 Batch, ECE)

Currently pursuing MTech in
 Wireless Communication and
 Networks at IIT Kharagpur

Greetings!

It is an honour to address the readers of this magazine. I had the privilege of attaining my Bachelor's degree from NIT Meghalaya, graduating in 2023.

I remain grateful to my professors, who taught me much more than what textbooks offered. Their lessons helped me develop a passion for research and study and pushed me to continue my academic journey. It is without a shadow of a doubt that I could do so because of the support and encouragement my professors at NIT Meghalaya provided.

Keeping academics aside, I fondly remember the fun and memorable experiences with my friends during our time together. The homemade lunches we shared daily, the cultural event practice sessions, and the trips we took outside the city; I hold on to these moments dearly!

I look back to my time at the institute with great joy and fulfilment, and I have complete confidence that the institute will go from strength to strength in the years to come.

Featured Articles



Rediscovering the Self in the Digital Age: A Yoga Journey Inward Amid the Scroll

by

Dr. Jagritee Talukdar & Dr. Diangarti B Tariang
FiC, Yoga Club, SAC NITM

The digital age has ushered in unprecedented connectivity, yet it has also introduced profound challenges to mental and emotional well-being, particularly among youth. Screen time among adolescents has surged to alarming levels, with U.S. teens averaging 8.5 hours daily on entertainment screens alone—exacerbated by pandemic lockdowns that left 1.5 billion children worldwide reliant on digital devices for education and socialization. While these platforms bridged gaps during crises, prolonged exposure has fueled sedentary lifestyles, cyberbullying, misinformation, and behavioral disorders like gaming addiction. Platforms like YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram dominate teenage attention, with 16% of teens reporting near-constant YouTube use. The cognitive toll is stark: studies show it takes 23 minutes to regain focus after a digital interruption, while social media’s curated realities breed comparison, anxiety, and a fractured sense of self. In this hyper-connected yet internally fragmented landscape, yoga emerges as a transformative antidote. Beyond physical exercise, yoga cultivates introspection, self-regulation, and awareness, offering tools to reclaim authenticity in a world defined by metrics and digital personas. This ancient discipline intersects with modern mindfulness to address four core challenges of the digital era: chronic stress, fractured attention, unhealthy tech habits, and emotional turbulence.

The relentless barrage of notifications and multitasking demands fragment attention and elevate stress. Mindfulness and yoga counter this by teaching individuals to anchor themselves in the present. **Yoga asanas (postures)** like **cat-cow** poses or **child’s pose** release physical tension, while **pranayama (breathwork)** grounds the mind. By filtering distractions, these practices reduce mental noise, restoring control over attention. A study from the University of California, Irvine, underscores this, revealing how digital interruptions erode productivity, a problem yoga directly mitigates through focused breathwork and postures. Mindfulness dismantles the myth of multitasking by emphasizing intentional, singular focus. Yoga’s balancing poses, like **tree pose**, train the mind to sustain concentration, a skill transferable to work or study. **Nadi shodhana** (alternate nostril breathing) calms the nervous system, curbing impulsive screen-checking and fostering deliberate task engagement.

This shift from reactive to intentional behavior enhances decision-making and reduces errors, proving especially vital for adolescents navigating academic and social pressures amplified by digital overload.

Short yoga breaks—meditation, desk stretches, or humming bee breath (bhramari)—create mental resets, diminishing reliance on digital validation. By heightening awareness of how content impacts emotions, individuals avoid doom scrolling or addictive behaviors. For instance, a midday savasana (corpse pose) can symbolically “reset” the nervous system, fostering a balanced relationship with technology. The fight-or-flight response triggered by digital overwhelm—whether from cyberbullying or information overload—is countered by yoga’s activation of the parasympathetic nervous system. Restorative poses like savasana lower cortisol levels, while bhramari breath soothes anxiety. Yoga sequences, such as **surya namaskar** or **vakrasana yoga (twisted pose)**, create rituals to distinguish work and personal time, releasing digital stress. These practices foster self-compassion, reducing anxiety linked to screen dependency and promoting holistic well-being. Technology itself can bolster mindfulness when used intentionally. Apps like **Namaste Yoga or Y Break** offer guided practices, workplace de-stress tools, and activity tracking. Smartphone features—screen-time trackers, notification filters—support mindful habits, while wearables monitor posture and breath during yoga, merging tech with tradition. This synergy underscores that technology, when wielded consciously, can enhance rather than undermine well-being. The fusion of yoga, mindfulness, and digital technology must be intentional. Together, mindfulness and yoga are not just practices but lifestyles that transform our relationship with technology. These practices are not mere escapes but lifestyles together navigating the complexities of the digital age with greater ease and awareness. In a society inundated with scrolls and screens, the journey inward through yoga becomes not just a refuge, but a revolution.

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Thought of the Quarterly Month

“Success is not fixed, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”

-Ratan Naval Tata

Translation in Khasi

“Ka jingjop kam dei ka jingkut, ka jingrem kam dei ka jingkut lad: hynrei ka dei ka jing ai mynsiem ba phin ãaid shaphrang ha ka thong.

- Ratan Naval Tata

Translation in Hindi

सफलता निश्चित नहीं है, असफलता घातक नहीं है: आगे बढ़ते रहने का साहस ही मायने रखता है

- Ratan Naval Tata

Highlights

Upcoming Event

**7th International Conference
on
Energy, Power and Environment
May 09 – 11, 2025**

7th International Conference on Energy, Power and Environment
May 09 – May 11, 2025
Venue: National Institute of Technology Meghalaya, Sohra Campus, India
Website: <http://nitm.ac.in/icpep2025/>

About Conference
The ICPEE serves as an international platform to exchange recent advances in electrical and electronics engineering. The previous editions of ICPEE held in 2015, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024, were successfully conducted at NIT Meghalaya with all accepted papers now available in the IEEE Xplore Digital Library. ICPEE 2025 aims to bring together researchers, professors, students, practitioners, and lecturers from academia, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and industry to discuss and share their latest work across all aspects of electrical engineering, including related environmental challenges. Distinguished speakers will be invited to deliver keynote addresses and talks on emerging trends and major developments in cutting-edge technologies. The conference seeks to create a forum for researchers and engineers involved in power and energy systems to exchange ideas and present solutions for current and future challenges. It also offers a platform for leading academics and industrial practitioners worldwide to discuss related environmental concerns, efforts to reduce carbon emissions, and the increasing generation of electrical energy to support industrial growth. ICPEE 2025 will play a pivotal role in identifying research directions for future advancements.

Important Tracks		
Modern Power Systems	Control and Automation	Power Converter Topologies, Components and Drives
Smart Grid & Microgrid	Electric Mobility and Transportation	Instrumentation and Signal Processing
Renewable and Sustainable Energy Conversion Systems	Energy Storage & Battery Technologies	Energy Policies
Sustainable Solutions for the Carbon Emissions	Communication Technologies	Electrical Machines and Industrial Drives

Registration Details		
Members	Member Participants (Rs)	International Participants (USD)
	Early Bird (from 09/05/25) Rs	Regular (from 10/05/25) USD
Author (Non-IEEE Members)	7500	8000 / 300 / 300

**5th International Conference
on
Intelligent System and Machine Learning
May 16-17, 2025**

5th International Conference on Intelligent System and Machine Learning
May 16-17, 2025 (Hybrid Mode)

ABOUT NIT MEGHALAYA
The National Institute of Technology Meghalaya is one among the 11 NITs in India established under the NIT Act 2007 (amended 2012) of the Parliament of India as Institute of National Importance with full funding support from the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The Institute presently consists of 16 academic schools. The Institute has five Engineering Departments in Mechanical, Engineering, Civil, and Communication. Electrical Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering since 2017. It is continuously maintaining 08 positions in NITP in top 100 Institutes of India. In 2024, we are ranked 44th NITP.

SHILLONG
Shillong is the capital city of Meghalaya and the District Headquarters of East Khasi Hills. It is one of the hill stations in the country that is accessible from all sides. The name Shillong is derived from the Shillong, a powerful deity and is situated at an altitude of 1491m above sea level. Shillong is very well connected to Guwahati and other cities. It is well connected by connecting Guwahati-Shillong and by railway station. NIT Meghalaya is situated in North of Shillong. The Institute is about 120 km from Guwahati airport and about 97 km from Guwahati railway station.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
The Department of Computer Science & Engineering, NIT Meghalaya offers B.Tech degree in Computer Science and Engineering discipline. This UO Programme in Computer Science and Engineering is primarily for non-physical programme in NIT Meghalaya, with an average intake of 10 students per year. The department has designed facilities to support these teaching activities. It has a well-qualified and experienced faculty team. The Computer Science and Engineering department makes all efforts in imparting high-quality education to its highly motivated students. One of the aims of this department is to play a role of producing Computer Engineers ready to satisfy the needs of the Computer and IT world. The Department is also actively involved in various Research activities.

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Celebration of International Day of Yoga 2025



Proposed Schedule	Event Details
Date: 23/04/2025 Time: 11:30 AM -12:30 PM (LH1)	02 External Lectures on Yoga and its importance
Date: 08/05/2025 Time: 05:00 PM -06:00PM (LH1)	Quiz competition and Open-Mic on Yoga for students
Date: 02/06/2025 Time: 07:00 AM -10:00 AM	1-Day Yoga retreat (Seven Sister Waterfalls/Acrwah Cave side; location will be within 7-10 kms)
Date: 21/06/2025 Time: 08:00 AM -10:00 AM (LH Complex)	Celebration of International Day of Yoga 2025

Unique Culture and Place of Meghalaya

Caves of Meghalaya

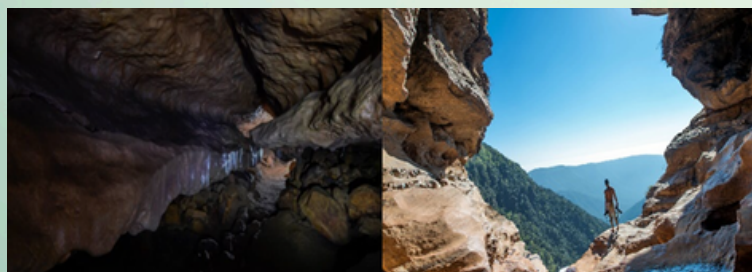
Siju Cave, also known as Siju Dobakkol or the "Bat Cave," is a limestone marvel in Meghalaya's Garo Hills, near Napak Lake and Simsang River game reserve. Famous for its intricate stalactite and stalagmite formations, the cave harbours a unique ecosystem with



Siju Cave

tens of thousands of bats and rare species like cave-dwelling shrimp. First scientifically explored in 1922, it spans 4,772 meters, ranking as India's 14th longest cave. Its labyrinthine chambers, constant temperature, and rich biodiversity make it a vital research site for bio speleology and palaeontology while offering visitors an otherworldly experience of nature's subterranean artistry.

Arwah Cave



Arwah Cave

Arwah Cave, nestled in the lush East Khasi Hills of Cherrapunji, Meghalaya, is a captivating blend of natural artistry, geological history, and cultural intrigue. This limestone wonder is adorned with intricate stalactites and stalagmites, sculpted over millions of years, while its walls cradle fossils of ancient marine life-mollusc shells and fish bones-that whisper tales of a prehistoric oceanic world.

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