

CENTRE FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH SYNOD COLLEGE (CHRSC)

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Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Synod College, Shillong (1965-2025)

National Seminar

on

“His Footprints in Time: Trailblazers of Meghalaya in the making of Modern India”

15th - 16th May 2025, at Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India

Programme for the Inaugural Function

15th May 2025

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Venue: Auditorium

Chairperson: **Dr. Kerlihok Lyngdoh Buam**, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong

Welcome Address	Dr. Gayreen Lyngdoh Principal, Synod College, Shillong	10:00 am to 10:05 am
Felicitation of Guest	Dr. P. Gracefulness Bonney Assistant Professor, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong	10:05 am to 10:10 am
Introduction of the Seminar	Dr. David Arnold Kharchandy Secretary, Centre for Historical Research Synod College & Assistant Professor, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong	10:10 am to 10:15 am
Speech by Guest	Dr. Wanwei Roy Kharlukhi Hon'ble Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha	10:15 am to 10:25 am
Speech by Chief Guest	Shri Conrad K. Sangma Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya	10:25 am to 10:40 am
Felicitation of Trailblazers	Chief Guest	10:40 am to 10:55 am
Vote of Thanks	Dr. Rusievan Shangpliang Assistant Professor, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong	10:55 am to 11:00 am
National Anthem		

Photo Session

Refreshment (11:00 am to 12:00 noon)

15th May 2025
Technical Session I

12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Venue: Conference Room

Chairperson: **Prof. Brenda Bazley Kharbirymbai**, Head, Department of Education, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

1.	<p><i>Transforming Rural Education: Dr. Phervision Nongtdu's commitment to rural education development in East Jaintia Hills</i></p> <p>Beket Siangshai Research Scholar, William Carey University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India</p>	12:00 – 12:10 pm
2.	<p><i>Rev. Shai Rabooh Manar: A Prominent Figure from War Jaintia</i></p> <p>Rev. Dr. S. Hayong John Roberts Theological College, Mawklot, Shillong, Meghalaya, India</p>	12:10 – 12:20 pm
3.	<p><i>Northeast Narratives: Comparing and Contrasting the Impact of Trailblazers from Meghalaya and Manipur</i></p> <p>Yaoreila Angkang Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, William Carey University, Meghalaya, India</p>	12:20 – 12:30 pm
4.	<p><i>His Story as a Tribal: A Reading of B. M. Pugh's Autobiography The Story of a Tribal</i></p> <p>Dr. Badakynti Nylla Iangngap Assistant Professor, Department of English, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India</p>	12:30 – 12:40 pm
5.	<p><i>In His Footprints-Honoring the Man A. K. Nongkynrih who lead with Vision and Mission</i></p> <p>Donna Clarissa Syiem Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India</p> <p>Dr. Amanda Pariat Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, DIET, Nongstoin, Meghalaya, India</p>	12:40 – 12:50 pm
6.	<p><i>His Footprints in Time: Hally War and the Umkar Root Bridge as Symbols of Indigenous Innovation in Modern Meghalaya</i></p> <p>Dr. David Arnold Kharchandy Assistant Professor, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India</p>	12:50 – 1:00 pm
7.	<p><i>Scripting Through History: In the Footsteps of O. L. Snaitang</i></p> <p>Apdalyne Nongrang Lecturer, Practical Theology Department, Nichols-Roy Bible College, Sohryngkham, Meghalaya, India</p>	1:00 – 1:10 pm
8.	<p><i>Customary Law and its Emerging Challenges: A Study Focused on The Pioneering Works of Rev. J.J.M. Nichols - Roy</i></p> <p>G. Lungchuiliu Rongmei Ph.D Research Scholar, William Carey University, Meghalaya, India</p>	1:10 – 1:20 pm

9.	<i>Rev. Dr. Iarington Kharkongor (1936-2020): His Influence on Khasi Society as a Spiritual Leader and Cultural Scholar</i> Bakynsai Nelson Syiem Assistant Professor, John Roberts Theological College, Mawklot, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	1:20 – 1:30 pm
10.	<i>Musical Trailblazers: Snow White's Prominent Influence on Meghalaya's Music Scene</i> Jankincy Hammy Lyngdoh Lecturer, Department of English, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	1:30 – 1:40 pm
Discussion 1:40 – 2:00 pm		

Lunch (2:00 pm to 2:30 pm)

15th May 2025

Technical Session II

2:30 pm to 4:15 pm

Venue: Conference Room

Chairperson: **Prof. Rekha Shangpliang**, Department of Sociology, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

11.	<i>Contributions of Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih to the Literary Landscape in Meghalaya</i> Dr. Davina Diengdoh Ropmay Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sankardev College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India Usha Moral Bamon Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Sankardev College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	2:30 – 2:40 pm
12.	<i>Dr. Donkumar Roy: His Contributions to Regional Development and State-Building in Meghalaya</i> Dr. Seven Dar Dkhar Principal, Asorphi Academy Higher Secondary School, Pynursla, Meghalaya, India	2:40 – 2:50 pm
13.	<i>Pushpindra Mehra: From Vision to Legacy-The Story of an Entrepreneur</i> Dr. Ibalari Phylla Khongjoh Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	2:50 – 3:00 pm
14.	<i>Fr. Dr. Barnes L. Mawrie's: Documenting Orality and Khasi Eco-Consciousness</i> Dr. Ehboklang Pyngrope Assistant Professor, Department of English, Synod College, Shillong Meghalaya, India	3:00 – 3:10 pm
15.	<i>Babu Jeebon Roy Mairom: A Visionary</i> Dr. P. Gracefulness Bonney Assistant Professor, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	3:10 – 3:20 pm

16.	<i>Adventure into the underworld: Brian D. Kharpran Daly's caves expedition</i> Careenia Kharsyntiew Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	3:20 – 3:30 pm
17.	<i>Janggin A •gitok Sangma –his contributions and legacy to modern Garo society</i> Dr. Sanggra A. Sangma Associate Professor & Head, Department of History, Don Bosco College, Tura, Meghalaya, India	3:30 – 3:40 pm
18.	<i>Larsing Khongwir: Evangelical Missionary in Meghalaya and Beyond</i> Dr. Kerlihok Lyngdoh Buam Assistant Professor and Head, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong	3:40 – 3:50 pm
19.	<i>Neil Herbert Nongkynrih: A Catalyst of Musical Renaissance and Cultural Promotion</i> Pdianghun Bethania Wahlang Independent Researcher, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	3:50 – 4:00 pm
Discussion 4:00 – 4:15 pm		

Refreshment

16th May 2025

Technical Session III

10:00 am to 11:45 pm

Venue: Conference Room

Chairperson: **Dr. David Pyngrope**, Assistant Professor, Department of Nano Technology, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

20.	<i>Unparalleled leader: A milestone seal of instinctual leader from the Scotland of the East</i> Vorrozislov Sohkhlet PhD. Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, North Eastern Hills University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	10:00 am to 10:10 am
21.	<i>Prof. Barrister Pakem: Bridging Academia Politics as Vice Chancellor, Political Scientist, and Cabinet Minister</i> Namratha T. Sangma PhD Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, William Carey University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	10:10 am to 10:20 am
22.	<i>Prof. G. G. Swell: His Life, Leadership and Legacy in Shaping Meghalaya and Beyond</i> Dr. A. W. Rani Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India Pynwandurlang Shabong Assistant Professor, Department of Khasi, Shillong College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	10:20 am to 10:30 am
23.	<i>Ignition of Light and Life in the Hills</i> Dr. Soma Gupta Assistant Teacher, Shillong Jail Road Boys' Higher Secondary School, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	10:30 am to 10:40 am
24.	<i>Beyond the Goalpost: Larsing Ming Sawyan's Role in shaping Modern India</i> Idausile Endi Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, William Carey University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	10:40 am to 10:50 am
25.	<i>A Study on RK Vijay Byrsat's Contribution to Rural Communities through COLKS towards Viksit Bharat</i> Reuben Morgan Langstieh Independent Researcher, Farm Manager, Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, Meghalaya, India	10:50 am to 11:00 am
26.	<i>Hoping Stone Lyngdoh and His Contribution in Hill State Movement</i> Daniel Stone Lyngdoh Advocate, Government of Meghalaya in the Supreme Court of India	11:00 am to 11:10 am

27.	<i>Professor L. S. Gassah and the Promotion of Literacy on Traditional Institutions</i> Deigratia Neemin Ranee Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	11:10 am to 11:20 am
28.	<i>Purno Agitok Sangma: A Visionary Leader from Meghalaya in India's National Politics</i> Wenfield D. Sangma Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, William Carey University, Meghalaya, India	11:20 am to 11:30 am
Discussion 11:30 am to 11:45 am		

Tea Break (11:45 am to 12:00 noon)

16th April 2025

Technical Session IV

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Venue: Conference Room

Chairperson: **Dr. Charles Reuben Lyngdoh**, Head, Department of Political Science (PG), Synod College, Shillong

29.	<i>The Unsung Martyrs of the Khasi Hills - U Luk Sing Syiem and U Muken Sing Syiem</i> Daphibahun Lyngdoh Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sankardev College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India Dr. Eric Hynniewta Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sankardev College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India Dr. Sengchi Diamai Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sankardev College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India & Eligius R. Sawian Vice Principal, St. John Bosco Boys Higher Secondary School, Sohra, Meghalaya, India	12:00 – 12:10 pm
30.	<i>Skendrowell Syiemlieh "A Folk Virtuoso": Retrospecting His Life and Legacy</i> Manbha Kupar Warjri PhD Scholar, Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	12:10 – 12:20 pm
31.	<i>A Reflection: The Educationist and Legacy of Prof. R. R. Thomas</i> Dr. Ibandalin Wanswett Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, Synod College, Shillong	12:20 – 12:30 pm
32.	<i>Beyond Borders: Rev. Dr. Amos C. Moore's Evangelical Work in Nepal</i> Rachelle Nicol Kharchandy MDiv, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies SAIACS, Bangalore, India	12:30 – 12:40 pm

33.	<i>James Michael Lyngdoh</i> Bamedabet Lyngdoh Nonglait Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (PG), Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	12:40 – 12:50 pm
34.	<i>E.K. Mawlong: Trailblazing Regional Politics and Ethical Leadership in Meghalaya</i> Nangiaisan Kharlukhi Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Meghalaya, India	12:50 – 1:00 pm
35.	<i>The Unsung Kargil Hero: Captain Clifford Keishing Nongrum</i> Saphibadondor Makadoh Independent Researcher, Shillong	
Discussion 1:00 – 1:30 pm		

Lunch (1:30 pm to 2:15 pm)

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Welcome Address	Dr. Merostar Rani Vice-Principal, Synod College, Shillong	2:30 pm to 2:35 pm
Felicitation of Chief Guest	Students	2:35 pm to 2:40 pm
Rapporteurs Report	Dr. Rusievan Shangpliang Assistant Professor, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong	2:40 pm to 2:50 pm
Speech by Chief Guest	Prof. Shobhan N. Lamare Head, Department of History North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya	2:50 pm to 3:10 pm
Distribution of Certificates	Chief Guest	3:10 pm to 3:25 pm
Vote of Thanks	Dr. P. Gracefullness Bonney Assistant Professor, Department of History, Synod College, Shillong	3:25 pm to 3:30 pm
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