



SYNOD COLLEGE SHILLONG

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NAA C Re-Accredited 'A' Grade

Institution distinctive to its priority and thrust

Vision: To provide the highest standard of academic excellence in a Christian environment, primarily for the economically disadvantaged students, in preparation for a life of purpose, service and leadership.

- Synod College is located in an area of high population density of indigenous Scheduled Tribes of the state of Meghalaya. About 98 percent of the students enrolled are indigenous Scheduled Tribes of the state. The College has been able to **provide access to quality higher education to these students.**
- **Many of the students are economically disadvantaged and are first generation learners from their family to pursue higher education at the college level.** In the last two years, the pandemic has imposed severe limitations, disruptions and economic hardships upon most of the students, sometimes resulting in inability to continue their education. In the midst of the crisis, the College has made every effort through the concerted effort of both management and teachers, to find ways and means of helping the students to continue and re-join their studies. Delayed payment of fees was permitted by management and in 2020, **60% fee waiver for all practical classes** was decided upon by the management since offline practical class was discontinued during the period. This has borne fruit and was reflected in the pass percentage of the students in the last university examination: 92.50% in BCA; 95.24 % in Commerce; 96.37% in Arts and 97.65% in Science; with many rank holders. As per the students progression survey, about 80% of them could progress to PG courses in different higher educational institutions in the state and outside the state.
- The College strives to **help economically disadvantaged students** by permitting payment of fees in three well-spaced instalments and giving due allowance for late payment, subject to the Principal's approval. The **College Hostel fees are reasonably priced** in comparison to other private hostels in the city. Hostellers who hold good academic records and come from BPL backgrounds are granted **concessional hostel fees.**

- A study of the student demographic profile of the College reveals that many of them come from far flung remote villages with limited resources. This has imposed further hardships upon the family to educate their wards in the city. Taking cognizance of this, the College has taken conscientious initiatives to address the issue by **starting a new college in Nongstoin village** located in West Khasi Hills, to give students in and around the area, equitable access to higher education. The College named SYNOD COLLEGE, NONGSTOIN, is poised to begin its first academic session in June 2023.
- In further pursuit of its vision, the programs offered in the College in the form of **Certificate Courses and other trainings are vocation-oriented and skill-based**, to prepare students for self-generating employment and entrepreneurship. Workshops/Courses on **Vegetable and Fruit Processing, Bee-keeping and Candle making, Baking, Fashion Design and Tailoring, Solar Panels installation** and other allied programs are consciously chosen, keeping in view the economic and rural context of most of the students. In this context, the rallying thrust of the College is **to build up a generation of ‘job creators’ rather than ‘job seekers’**. To reflect its seriousness to this commitment, the College has acquired a plot of land in Mawphanlur, a village in South West Khasi Hills, with the objective of **building a Resource and Training Centre to provide quality training and empowerment to the people from the area**.
- The **extension activities** promoted by the College are in alignment with its vision of **producing socially aware and responsible minded citizens** who will be an asset to the society and the nation. As such, therefore, a study of the activities and programs conducted by the College through its cells and departments, reveals that **community engagement** is one of the main thrust of its vision.

Simultaneously, the College is **fully committed towards maintaining a high standard of academic excellence**. **Research activities** are encouraged through its In-House projects, student seminars, high level national and international seminars and conferences, publication of books and up to date training for faculty and staff to equip them, academically and professionally. It spares no effort to provide the best facilities in terms of technology and other teaching aid so that its students and faculty can become globally competent members of society.