

**ANNUAL REPORT OF KAMALA NEHRU COLLEGE NORTHEAST CELL: July 2020-
December 2021**

The academic period which stretched from July 2020-December 2021 has been an exceptional year for the students of Kamala Nehru College in general, and the Northeast students in particular. A team of faculty members comprising of the following members engaged with the Northeast students with various concern student related matters:

1. Ms.Elвина S. Amongla, Asst. Professor, English Dept.....Nodal Officer
2. Ms.Victoria Potshangbam, Asst. Professor, History Dept.....Member
3. Ms.Chetna Sharma, Assoc. Professor, Pol. Science Dept.....Member
4. Ms.Shikha Prakash, Asst. Professor, History Dept.....Member
5. Dr. Robert Mizo, Asst.Professor, Pol. Science Dept.....Member
6. Dr. Kh. Pou, Asst. Professor, Economics. Dept.....Member

The unexpected pandemic crisis and its subsequent national lockdown led to numerous challenges for the Northeast students and the cell became an important platform to address their needs such as:-

- **Concerns regarding online classes due to poor connectivity issues in major parts of the North East region:** Several telephonic conversations pertaining to the pressure and worries on the part of the students' inability to join online classes due to serious connectivity issues transpired between the members and the students. The faculty members coordinated with their respective subject teachers to inform them about the students' plight.
- **Scholarship related queries:** Since majority of the Northeast students had returned to their hometown, one of the problems they faced was to obtain a required bonafide certificate while applying for various scholarships. Several students contacted the Nodal Officer directly and shared their inability to apply for the required certificate in person due to the pandemic lockdown. Students were made to write an email to the head of the institution and carbon copy (CC) the same to the Nodal Officer, Northeast Cell and the Nodal Officer for Scholarship. As per the directive of the Principal a mechanism was created wherein a staff member from the administrative unit was assigned to ensure that bonafide certificates were prepared with signature from the Scholarship Nodal Officer and the Principal were done. The certificates were either directly sent through the WhatsApp number of the concerned students or through their email id.

- **Admission related issues such as clarifications on courses offered by various departments:** Some parents from the Northeast region had contacted the members and sought help to explain the admission process during the various cut off admission periods. The telephonic conversations were the modes of transmitting any clarifications or queries with admission matters were addressed by the members.
- **Seeking Information for accommodation at reliable Paying Guests (PG) for the wards/students:** Queries related to reliable Paying Guests were another matter queried by some parents whose ward got admitted in the college. Parents were guided on the plausible areas (in terms of close proximity to the college) which could be a good and practical option to scout for PG.
- **Open Book Examinations clarifications and queries:** Since Open Book Examinations was a new system for conducting online examinations during the pandemic period, and considering the adverse network connectivity issue in parts of Northeast area, students' OBE related issues were taken note of and the same was communicated with respective departments and the Technical Assistant person-in-charge of the same.

The already created Northeast WhatsApp continues to be an important platform for dissemination of important notices and circulars especially which concern the Northeast students. Students were/are encouraged to share in the group WhatsApp if they face any problems or any issues that need to be taken care of. This platform has been the most effective means of communication in reaching out to the collective students.

A **Northeast Cell meeting** with the students was held on **19th February 2020 in room No: L**. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss topics and various activities so that a thematic based programme could be executed before the end of the odd semester session. It was decided that students would deliberate on inviting some influential Northeast personalities to address the students. However the tentative plan could not be materialized due to the pandemic crisis and the eventual national lockdown which spilled over till the end of 2021.

The academic session ended with an Orientation Day organized on 7th December 2020 through the online Zoom platform. The senior students and the faculty members welcomed the freshers.

(Note:-the new batch began their online classes from the second week of November 2020).

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