

**North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE)
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**Report
on
NCERT GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

**Date
1st September, 2011**

**Venue
Sri Aurobindo Institute of Indian Culture, Shillong**

Chief Guest: Prof. A.N. Rai, Vice Chancellor, NEHU

Distinguished Guests: Smti L. R. Sangma, Director, Directorate of Educational Research and Training (DERT), Government of Meghalaya, Shillong
Ms. Bertha Dkhar, Padmashree Awardee, Principal, Jyoti Sroat School, Bethany Society, Shillong

PROGRAMME FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

Sl. No.	Timing	Activities
1.	3.30 PM	Introductory speech by Dr. Tulika Dey, Assistant Professor, NERIE, Shillong.
2.	3.45 PM	Welcome speech by Prof. J. P. Bagchi, Principal, NERIE, NCERT, Shillong.
3.	4.00 PM	Felicitation of Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests
4.	4.15 PM	Lighting of candle and cake cutting.
5.	4.30 PM	Achievements and challenges of NCERT by Dr. F.G. Dkhar, Associate Professor, NERIE, Shillong
6.	4.45 PM	Release of books and CDs on “50 Years of NCERT” by the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests.
7.	5.00 PM	Speech by Ms. Bertha Dkhar, Padmashree Awardee
8.	5.30 PM	Speech by Smt. L.R. Sangma, Director, DERT, Shillong
9.	5.45 PM	Launch of NERIE website by the VC, NEHU
10.	5.55 PM	Speech by Prof. A.N. Rai, VC, NEHU
11.	6.15 PM	Cultural programs by students of different schools
12.	7.00 PM	Vote of thanks by Dr. Abhay Kumar, Assistant Professor, NERIE, Shillong

Welcome Address: Prof. J.P. Bagchi, Principal, NERIE, NCERT, Shillong.

The program began with welcome address by the Principal, NERIE, NCERT, Shillong. The Principal spoke about the achievements of NCERT in the last 50 years and its colossal progress in education. He said that the NCERT has been emphasizing on quality education. It takes all kinds of programs pertaining to school education. It is actively involved in research, teachers training, development of textbooks and curriculum etc. "In order to progress we require not only the material infrastructure but value education as well", he said.

He welcomed and expressed his sincerest gratitude to all the people who were present in the function especially Prof. A.N. Rai, VC, NEHU, Shillong; Madam LR Sangma, Director, DERT, Shillong and Ms. Bertha Dkhar, Principal, Jyoti Sraot School, Shillong.

Felicitating the Guests

- Dr. M.G. Wallang, Assistant Professor, NERIE along with Prof. J. P. Bagchi, Principal, NERIE felicitated Prof. A.N. Rai, VC, NEHU.
- Dr. Sarajubala Devi, Assistant Professor, NERIE along with Prof. J. P. Bagchi, Principal, NERIE felicitated Madam L. R. Sangma, Director, DERT, Shillong.
- Ms. Barsha Rani Duarah, SPA, NERIE Library along with the Prof. J. P. Bagchi, Principal, NERIE felicitated Ms. Bertha Dkhar, Principal, Jyoti Sraot School, Shillong.

Lighting a candle and cake cutting was done by Prof. J. P. Bagchi, Principal, NERIE, Shillong and Prof. A.N. Rai, VC, NERIE, Shillong.

Then Dr. F. G. Dkhar, Associate Professor, NERIE, Shillong spoke at length on the **fifty years of NCERT**.

Thereafter, Chief Guest and other Distinguished Guests released the Golden Jubilee Books and CD on fifty years of NCERT.

After release of books and CD, Ms. Bertha Dkhar was invited to speak on the occasion. The main points of her speech are given below:-

- Ms. Dkhar expressed her pleasure to be involved in the celebration. She thanked the organizers of the function.
- She expressed her heartiest congratulations to NCERT and its component units in reaching its milestone in ensuring good education to children.
- All of us are directly or indirectly connected with school education. We may get pre-occupied with our ideas and we might forget to whom all this belong to. A child is a human being at a very early and tender age and assumes different identities later on. A child is a son or daughter and it is up to the parents to decide on what to do with their children.
- Sometimes we lose track on the nature of children. Questions arise like why does a child like to stay away from school? Why don't they understand? Why don't they do their homework? Why don't they like maths and science?

- The answer to all these questions lie in cooperation between the students, teachers and parents.
- She talked about the latest evolved concept on disabilities which we find in the United Nation Act on Disabilities in 2007, which India signed in 2008.
- We should speak of disability as a topic of interaction and environmental barriers.
- Now we don't ask what's wrong with a child. The question, rather, should be what is wrong with the society. What can the school do for the child?
- She talked about inclusive education. Inclusive education means that children with impairments can study together with the other children in the same school.
- From researches done, it has been found that teachers find it difficult to include such children with special needs in their class. This situation should be rectified.
- She then talked about the creation of a happy atmosphere in learning. This atmosphere is the outcome of our disciplinary methods. Disciplinary methods used in these days can amount to mistreatment of children. In India 65% of the children are mistreated and abused.
- These are the matters which are very crucial and need to improve the quality of education.
- Teachers should do in relation to needs of children with low profile abilities in mainstream schools with the help of teachers.
- She wished NERIE all the very best in the years to come.

Then Smt L.R. Sangma, Director, DERT, Shillong was invited to speak. The main points of her speech given below:

- She expressed her thankfulness for being associated with the celebration of 50 years of NERIE, NCERT, Shillong.
- She talked about education. Education is a very vast subject. It involves different stages. The child who is preparing to go to school right up to the level when one becomes professor or even doctorate. Education is a continuation process. It involves many stakeholders, e.g children, parents and teachers.
- She stated that without the NCERT educational system cannot run in the country.
- There are many children who are out of school and many are yet to be brought to the school. The parents need to be educated and oriented in this regard.
- The right of children education enacted in 2009 would help the children a lot.
- She looked forward to the academicians who are part of NCERT and the faculty members of NCERT to address some of these issues pertaining to school education.
- A Number of training and workshops have been conducted by NERIE, NCERT to train the teachers.
- She concluded by saying that let us continue to give our best efforts to get better education.

This was followed by inauguration of NERIE website by Prof. A. N. Rai, VC, NEHU, Shillong. The url of NERIE website is <http://nerie.nic.in>. This website has been designed and created by NIC, Meghalaya.

Then Prof. A. N. Rai, VC, NEHU Shillong was invited to say a few words on the occasion.

The main points of his speech include:

- He expressed his heartiest congratulations to NCERT for its achievements in the last 50 years.
- He started his speech by saying “learning and knowledge gives immortality”, and he added that “after we are gone, knowledge remains”.
- All learning is part of education but learning alone is not education.
- Teachers have more challenging job right from imparting knowledge up to giving skills for job oriented knowledge. Knowledge is so vast and is not possible just for one teacher to impart all kinds of education. Every teacher has own ways of organizing the course.
- The purpose of teaching is to impart the knowledge and understanding. There is a great need of urgency to make maximum use of what we have.
- Mindset has to be changed in training children. Society has become too individualistic.
- The way of disciplining children starts from home. Parents should not shift the responsibilities of their children to schools.
- There should be commitment from both the teachers and the students.
- Thank you.

Tea Session

Cultural program started at 6.15 PM in which students of following schools of Shillong performed various cultural items depicting and celebrating the diversity of the region.

1. Loreto Convent School – Song (solo).
2. Centre School for Hearing Handicap – Thoibu Khamba Dance.
3. Pearly Dew School –Khasi Song(Duet).
4. Pearly Dew School – Khasi Song (Solo).
5. Laban Assamese School – Cultural Dance.
6. Mizo Modern School – Bamboo Dance.
7. Association of Challenge – Khasi Folk Dance.
8. Musical Dance School, Shillong – Manipuri Folk Dance.
9. IDGC – Song.

The celebration concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Abhay Kumar, Assistant Professor, NERIE, Shillong.