

Annexure II

Inter-departmental Seminars

Objectives/Goals: Inter-departmental Seminars in the college was introduced with the following aspirations:

- To make faculty (as well as students) more research oriented.
- To give the knowledge service acquiring through knowledge also means of teaching.
- To organise Seminars/Workshops/Conferences to create a platform for sharing research works.
- Create new knowledge base in various fields/ which may help in administrative and developmental works database which can be useful in policies, help in assessment of social, political, economic status/disparities of our state etc.

The Context: Quality has become the buzz word for defining education today. One of the ways in which institutions of higher education can meet the challenges it poses i.e. through research based knowledge. Research works carried out by academic a prime source of knowledge and hence it must be made an integral part of the education system.

The present system of imparting education to under graduate students in Nagaland is chiefly to transfer established text based knowledge and information. Teachers also do not give much effort in investigating and exploring their sub matters. Faculty members for the most part were also indifferent towards research and lacked experience in conducting seminars, conferences, etc. Thus the bigger challenge Kohima College, Kohima to or stimulate the minds of the teachers that the minds of the students needs to be opened up, guided and encouraged to make enquiries. But to give them such freedom, teachers first need to prepare themselves.

The Practice: Having realised that research is an intellectual which is a fundamental of both teachers and students, Kohima College, Kohima has made a humble attempt to a research atmosphere in the college by with the teachers.

- Every 3rd Saturday of the month beginning with 2014, for holding inter-departmental seminars in which one department is expected to present at least two papers in topics that are deemed relevant to all other departments. So far five departments have held their

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seminars viz. History Department, Education Department, Political Science Department, English Department and Economics Department. Tenyidie Department will hold their seminar in the month of September 2014.

- Apart from frequent seminars and assignments/projects given to the students in the classrooms, the Research Cell proposes to have a one day seminar on research process with special reference to citations and project proposals in the month of September 2014.
- The entire teaching faculty have compulsorily to unite one academically inclined research paper to contribute to the college journal, "Impressions". Majority of the teachers have already done so.
- The Research Cell also proposes to take up a minor project under UGC and also encourage individual teachers to pursue the same.

Impact: research practice in the College is in an initial stage; however its impact is already being felt. The initiative teachers to encourage research among the faculty has yielded encouraging results. Some have published in the college journal. The drive to do research has been ignited in them and quite a few are now registered and have decided to register for Ph.D. Students too are taught the basics of doing research and the foundation is being laid for them to pursue it at higher. The greatest challenge which was to