

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH NAGALAND UNIVERSITY

Matter for Newsletter 2008-09

PUBLICATIONS BY FACULTY MEMBERS

BOOKS/JOURNAL

Dr. N.D.R. Chandra

1. *Multicultural Literature in India: Critical Perceptions*. Volumn 1, New Delhi; Sarup and Sons, 2009. (under publication).
2. Journal Edited as Chief Editor, *International Journal of Literature, Culture & Media Studies Vol. I.I. , Jan-June 2009*.

Dr. A.J. Sebastian sdb

1. *The Poetry of G.M. Hopkins : An Ecological Study*. New Delhi:Adhyayan Publishers,2009.

ARTICLES

Dr. N.D.R. Chandra

1. "New Historicism and *The God of Small Things*" with N. Tiwari in *Literature, Culture & Media Studies*, Vol. I. 1. Jan-June 2009, pp.79-96.

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01. "Human Predicament and Search for Meaning in Vijay Tendulkar's *The Cyclewallah*." *Litcrit*, Vol 34, No. 1, June 2008, pp.57-68.
02. "Balram breaks out of his cage in Aravind Adiga's *The White Tiger*"(*Rockpebbles*, Dec 2008, pp.107- 21.
03. "A Critique of Aravind Adiga's *Between the Assassinations*" (*Muse India*, the literary e-journal, Issue 22, Nov-Dec. 2008.
04. "*The White Tiger* review" (published in *New Quest* NQ173-174 July-Dec 2008.
05. "Mahesh Dattani's *Tara* : A Psychological Overview", Published in *museindia* 12 January 2009.
06. "*Between The Assassinations* : Review article." *Seva Bharati Journal of English Studies* (a referred journal), Special Issue on Indian Writing in English. vol.v. Feb. 2009. pp.9-13.
07. "A Critique of Aravind Adiga's *Between The Assassinations*." Published in *Musindia*, 7 Dec 08.
08. "Poetry and Tales of Easterine Iralu: An Assessment" (Published by *Museindia* on 11 Jan 2009.
09. "An Appraisal of the poem for Barack Obama's Presidential Inauguration." (Published by *Museindia*, 25 January 2009.
10. "Naga Folktales." *Museindia*, the literary e-journal, Issue 24, March-April 2009.

Dr. Nigamananda Das

1. Published a paper titled "The Poetry of Monalisa Changkija: An Ecofeminist Reading" in *Rockpebbles*, vol.xii, no.II, Jul-Dec 2008, pp.122-31.

PARTICIPATION OR PAPER PRESENTATION IN SEMINAR/CONFERENCE/SYMPOSIUM

Dr. N.D.R. Chandra

- i. Invited to chair Multi-Ethnic Literature of United States – India (MELUS) and Multi Ethnic Literature of the World International Conference on “Literary Transactions in Globalised Context: Multiethnicity, Gender and the Marketplace” held at Vishva Bharti, Shantiniketan, from 28th to 30th Nov. 2008.
- ii. Presented a paper on “Translation Studies” at 54th All India English Teachers’ Conference held at Gurukul Kangari University, Hariduar from 18-20th Dec. 2008 and also Chaired an academic session on “Literary Theory” there.
- iii. Participated in a seminar on “Creation of Awareness on Energy Conservation” organized by Chief Electrical Inspector, Kohima on 23rd may 2008 at Hotel Japfu.

Dr. A.J. Sebastian sdb

- i. Participated and presented a paper entitled “Angst and Hope in the poetry from Nagaland” at National Seminar on “Ethnicity and Conflict resolution in a Multi-Cultural Society: Canadian and Indian Perspective” Sponsored by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi and Orgd by Indo-Canadian Study Centre, Sponsored by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi and Orgd by Indo-Canadian Study Centre, Assam University, Silchar 2-4 Feb 08.
- ii. Presented paper in absentia with Dr. N. Das on “Ecopolitics in Naga Folktales” National Seminar: Narrating Northeast and Tribal Folklore
- iii. Participated in one day Seminar on “Historical Conflicts an Peace Process in Nagaland on 26 July 2008 at Conference Hall, NU, organized by Dept. of History & Arch., NU and North Eastern India Social Science Research Centre, Guwahati.
- iv. iv. Submitted a paper titled “Ecopolitics in Naga Folktales” with Dr. N. Das to the National Seminar on “Narrating Northeast and Tribal Folklore” organized by the Dept. of History, Assam University, Diphu Campus, 28-30 Sept. 2008 (paper accepted for publication).
- v. Submitted a paper titled “Ecopolitics in Naga Folktales” with Dr. N. Das to the National Seminar on “Narrating Northeast and Tribal Folklore” organized by the Dept. of History, Assam University, Diphu Campus, 28-30 Sept. 2008 (paper accepted for publication).
- vi. Presented paper entitled “Liberty/Equality vis-à-vis Corruption: A Study of Homen Borgohain’s *Pita Putra*” (with Dr. N. Das) at 11th International Conference of the Forum on Contemporary Theory, Vadodara, held at Varanasi in collaboration with the Dept. of English, BHU, Banaras, 18-21 Dec 2008, on the theme “Democracy in our Time: The Past and Future of Enlightenment.”
- vii. Presented a paper with Dr. N. Das entitled: “Drawbacks of Indian Democracy in Homen Borgohain’s *Pita Putra* and Aravind Adiga’s *The White Tiger* and *Between The Assassinations: A Comparative Study*” at 9th Biennial International Conference of Comparative Literature Association of India, 28-31 Jan 2009, organized by Centre for Comparative Literature and English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, cosponsored by CIIL, Mysore, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi and Goethe Zentrum, Hyderabad.
- viii. Attended and presented a paper entitled “Feminine Voice in the Poetry of Nagaland” International Conference “The reality of the Indigenous Women: Canada and India Sponsored by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi and Orgd by Centre for Canadian Studies & Sch. Women’s Studies, Jvpur University, Kolkata. Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 5-6 Feb 2009

Ms. Jano Sekhose

1. Paper presented in absentia on “Folktales from Nagaland: A Broad Classification” at Regional Seminar on “Oral Literature of the North-East” Sponsored by Sahitya Akademi & Organised by Department of English Mizoram University, Aizawl Mizoram University, Aizawl 18-19 November 2008.

Ms. Rosemary Dzuvichu

- i. Participated in the National Conference on “Domestic Violence” organised by the Lawyers Collective Womens’ Rights Initiative in August 2008.
- ii. Participated in the “North East Women Writers Meet” held at Imphal on 29-31 Jan 09, organised by LEIKOL & Dept. of Arts & Culture, Govt. of Manipur.
- iii. Was Resource Person at the National Conference cum Festival on “Spirit of North East” Organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts from 10-18 Jan 2009.. Presented a paper on “Tradition, North East Women and Modernity” and chaired a Technical Session on Language and Literature.
- iv. Was resource person at “State Seminar on 33% Reservation for Women” on 13 Feb 09 organised by State Women Commission.
- v. Was Organizing Secretary for the Silver Jubilee of the Naga Mothers Association on 14 Feb 09.
- vi. Participated as CEC, NUTA in the three day Consultative Meet on Peace with Overseas Nagas, organised by the Govt. of Nagaland from 5-7 March 2009.
- vii. Was resource person at the three day workshop on “Peace Studies” 15-18 March at Guwahati, organised by Centre for Peace & Democracy.

Dr. Nigamananda Das

- i. Participated in one day Seminar on “Historical Conflicts an Peace Process in Nagaland on 26 July 2008 at Conference Hall, NU, organised by Dept. of History & Arch., NU and North Eastern India Social Science Research Centre, Guwahati.
- ii. Submitted a paper titled “Ecopolitics in Naga Folktales” with Dr. AJ Sebastian to the National seminar on “Narrating Northeast and Tribal Folklore” organized by the Dept. of History, Assam University, Diphu Campus, 28-30 Sept. 2008 (paper accepted for publication).
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- v. Participated in National Seminar on “Contextualizing Literary Criticism and reading of literature” and Late Prof. PK Pati Memorial Lecture organized by Researchers’ Association, Orissa, on 18 Jan 2009 at Hotel Akbari Continental, Dolmundai, Cuttack.
- vi. Presented paper titled “Drawbacks of Indian Democracy in Aravind Adiga’s *The White Tiger*” at the National seminar on “Conflicting Readings of Indian English Award Winning Fiction” organized by Researchers’ Association of Orissa on 24 Jan 2009 at Hotel Akbari Continental, Dolmundai, Cuttack.
- vii. Presented paper on “Ecology and History in Mamang Dai’s *The Legends of Pensam* and Easterine Iralu’s *A Naga Village Remembered: A Comparative Analysis*” at 9th Biennial International Conference of Comparative Literature Association of India, 28-31 Jan 2009, organized by Centre for Comparative Literature and English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, cosponsored by CIIL, Mysore, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi and Goethe Zentrum, Hyderabad.

DISTINCTIONS/AWARDS/ RESEARCH GRANTS/ HONOURS:

Dr. N.D.R. Chandra

- i. Creative Giant - 2008 (by the Home of Letters, Bhubuneswar), Bharat Excellence Award & Gold Medal – 2009, Human Excellence Award & Gold Medal – 2009 by Friendship Forum of India, New Delhi.
- ii. Biography Included in the Volumes: *Asian Admirable Achievers* (2008), *Asian/American Who's Who*(2008),

Dr. A.J. Sebastian sdb

- i. Appointed Member, Editorial board of Foreign e-Journal vpweb, USA from 12 Dec 2008.
- ii. Appointed editor (Poetry section) CreativeSaplings.com (E-journal in Literary Studies) from February 2009.

Dr. Nigamananda Das

- i. Awarded Associateship of the UGC Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences, at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, vide 1 (28) 2009/IUC/admn.F2/863 dated 5 Feb 2009.

COMMUNITY AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Dr. N.D.R. Chandra

- i. Delivered 5 Lectures in the Winter School Conducted by Dept. of English, Manipur University, Imphal from 19th to 21st Jan. 2009.
- ii. Delivered a Lecture on “How do we learn English” at Government Post-Graduate College, Kharsia in Chhattisgarh on 13th Dec. 2009.
- ii. Delivered a Lecture on “Personality Development & National Integration” at the State Level N.S.S. Camp Held at G.G.D. University, Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh on 15th Jan. 2009.

Dr. A.J. Sebastian sdb

- i. Was Resource person at the orientation programme for 40 Cl.X & XII students at DB Youth Centre and spoke on “Be motivated to Achieve” on 12th April 2008.
- ii. Was Resource person spoke on ““You are Born to Succeed “ at the programme orgd. by Faith Harvest Church, Kohima, for 60 youth at Redcross complex on 19th April 2008.
- iii. Was Resource Person at the Orientation Programme for Teachers of G.Rio Hr. Sec. School Kohima on 31 Jan 2009 and spoke on “Make Real your Motto: Grow and Shine.”
- iv. Was Resource Person at Youth Animation Programme “Runways” at DBYC Kohima on 14 March 09 and talked and animated the young on “How to make your Dream Come True.”

Ms. Rosemary Dzuwichu

- i. Was resource Person at the Seminar “Women in Decision Making Bodies” organised by the State Commission for Women, Angami Women Organisation with the Women Leaders of Kohima, April 2008.
- ii. Was Resource Person at the “Amendment of the Nagaland Municipal Act & Women in Municipal Councils in August 2008, organised by Lhisema Women Organisation, Kohima village.
- iii. Completing a study on “War Widows in Nagaland” with the State Women Commission.
- iv. Completing a study on “Look East Policy and Naga Women” with the State Commission for Women.

Dr. Nigamananda Das

i.. Acted as Resource Person at National Seminar on “Best Practices: Promotion Through Social Work” sponsored by NAAC, Bangalore and organized by Lakhimpur Girls’ College, North Lakhimpur, Assam, 12-13 Sept. 2008.

Ph.D RESEARCH

Ph.D Awarded

i. *Progress Towards Self-Realization in the Major Novels of Shashi Deshpande* by Ms. Anungla Imdong Phom under the supervision of Dr. AJ Sebastian sdb. (awarded on 24.11.08).

Ph.D Thesis Submitted

- i. “Feminism in Shashi Deshpande’s Novels” by Mr. Nawal Kishore, Principal, Loyem Memorial College, Tuensang in 2008, under supervision of Dr. N.D.R. Chandra.
- ii. “New Historicism, Feminism & Postcolonial Studies in Arundhati Roy’s Works” by Mr. Narendra Tiwary, Principal, Mount Olive College, Kohima, in -2008, under supervision of Dr. N.D.R. Chandra.
- iii. “Religious & Philosophical Strains in Nissim Ezekiel’s Works” by .Mr. John Wesly in 2008, under supervision of Dr. N.D.R. Chandra.
- iv. Culture Reflected in Chinua Achebe’s Works and Ao Naga Literature- by Ms. Sentinaro in 2008. under supervision of Dr. N.D.R. Chandra.
- v.
- vi. “The Role of tradition and the Individual Talent in Thomas Hardy’s Fiction and Poetry: A Critical Study” y by Ms. Jano S. Liegise, Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of English, NU in 2008, under the supervision of Dr. AJ Sebastian sdb.

Programmes Organised:

i. Kit Junge, Consul at the American Consulate Kolkara delivered a lecture on “American Elections 2008 & American Dream” and had interaction with the students and faculty on 24th April 2008. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Rosemary Dzuvichu, Senior Lecturer.