

Report

Visit to NEHU Central Library, Shillong Meghalaya

Organized by the Department of Political Science, For Post-graduate Students

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On April 26, 2024, the Department of Political Science, Unity College organized an educational visit to the North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU) Central Library in Shillong. The primary objective of this visit was to provide students with hands-on experience in exploring the extensive resources available at one of the region's premier academic libraries and to equip them with essential skills for navigating scholarly materials pertinent to their field of study.

A total of 31 M.A Political Science students and 2 teachers participated in this enriching experience. The visit began with a warm reception by the NEHU Central Library staff, who welcomed the group and provided an insightful overview of the library's extensive facilities and services. The students were introduced to the library's mission, the scope of its collections, and the range of academic support services available to users.

Following the introduction, the group was guided through various sections of the library, including the stacks, reading areas, and digital resources section. Each area provided students with a deeper understanding of how to access and utilize the resources most effectively. The stacks, home to a vast collection of books and journals, were particularly valuable for students specializing in Political Science, offering them access to numerous works critical to their academic development.

The library staff conducted a detailed tour, during which they demonstrated the use of the library's catalog system. This system is an essential tool for locating both print and digital materials within the library's vast collection. The students were shown how to search for books, periodicals, and academic journals related to Political Science, enabling them to efficiently find the materials they need for their coursework and research projects.

In addition to exploring the physical resources, the students were introduced to the library's online databases and research tools specifically tailored to their discipline. A comprehensive demonstration was given on how to access scholarly articles, books, and other materials in both print and digital formats. This session was particularly valuable as it highlighted the importance of digital literacy in modern academic research. The students learned how to navigate various online platforms to access peer-reviewed journals, e-books, and other academic resources crucial for their studies.

The visit also included an interactive Q&A session, where students had the opportunity to ask questions and seek further clarification on topics related to library services and research methodologies. This session proved to be highly beneficial, as it allowed students to address specific challenges they might face when conducting research and to receive guidance on best practices for utilizing the library's resources.

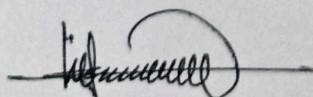
Overall, the visit to the NEHU Central Library was a significant success. It not only provided the students with practical knowledge and skills that will aid them in their academic journey but also underscored the importance of utilizing library resources to enhance their research capabilities. The Department of Political Science plans to organize similar visits in the future to continue enriching the students' academic experience.

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