

## Guest lectures Inter Department

An initiative towards Inter-Departmental activities, the Department of History Lady Keane College organized **a series of three lectures for the VI Semester History and Political Science Honours students**. The topic of the lectures was on the **“Reorganization of States in North East India “after 1947**. This topic is **relevant to the Honours students of both History and Political Science as this topic is included in the syllabus**

The lectures were held on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. This programme was held from 11am to 12noon at the Seminar Hall of the College Prof. L. S. Gassah, Retired Professor Dept. of Political Science NEHU Shillong was the Resource Person for all the three lectures.

The programme started with a welcome address by Ms. J. H. Buam, HOD, Dept. of History, Lady Keane College Shillong altogether 69 students attended the first lecture, 57 students on the second day and 76 students on the third day

Prof. L. S. Gassah commenced the lectures with a background on the topic mentioned; the Sixth Schedule and Reorganization Act of 1956. He highlighted on the beginning of autonomy movement, demand for separate districts and later hill states for the hill areas of Assam. The first state to be carved out of Assam was Nagaland created in 1963, formation of the autonomous state of Meghalaya in 1970 and later the formation of Meghalaya as state in 1972. He spoke at length on the hill state movement in Meghalaya and the role of the All Parties Hill Legislative Conference

The two princely states of Manipur and Tripura were created as Union Territories in 1956 and became full-fledged states in 1972. Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh was first formed as Union Territories but the new state of Mizoram was formed in 1985 and Arunachal Pradesh in 1987.

The lectures were interesting and relevant and a lot of interaction from the students especially on the last day of the lectures The programme ended with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. J. H. Buam

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