



# REPORT ON THE NATIONAL WEBINAR ON THE THEME 'CULTURES AND TRADITIONS OF MEGHALAYA'

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In collaboration with

EBSB, Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G

College, Badalpur,U.P

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## About Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB):

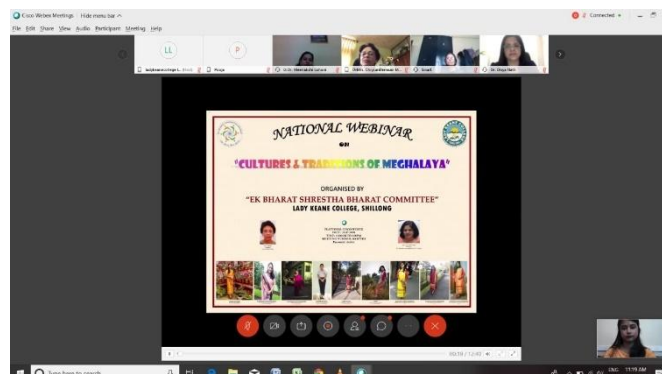
EBSB has been one of the major flag-ship programmes of the Government of India to bring in cultural integration in the country as a part of the vision to build a "New India by 2022". "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" was announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 31st October, 2015 on the occasion of the 140<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Subsequently, the Finance Minister announced the initiative in the Budget Speech for 2016-17. Through this innovative measure, the knowledge of the culture, traditions and practices of different States & UTs will lead to an enhanced understanding and bonding between the States, thereby strengthening the unity and integrity of India. The MHRD is the coordinating Ministry for these activities under EBSB.

*The objectives of EBSB is to celebrate unity in diversity, to promote the spirit of National Integration, to show case the rich heritage and culture, to establish long term engagements and to create an environment that promotes learning, sharing best practices and experiences.*

As the EBSB programme pairs one state with the other, Meghalaya has been paired with Uttar Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh.

The EBSB Committee of Lady Keane College, Shillong has been formed with Dr. D.G. Marbaniang as the Nodal Officer with members from the teaching fraternity and students representative alike. Under the EBSB Committee there is the EBSB Club having two teachers In-charge (Mr. S. Surong and Dr.(Mrs.) J.S. Dkhar), and more than 50 student members representing the various departments of the college.

The role of the EBSB Club is to plan programmes with regards to the objectives of EBSB and submit the proposal to the EBSB Committee for approval and implementation. The first programme that was proposed, approved and implemented is the National Webinar on 'Cultures and Traditions of Meghalaya' organized by EBSB, Lady Keane College and EBSB, Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G College, Badalpur, U.P on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



## About the day:

The 25<sup>th</sup> of July is the day that Lady Keane College, Shillong was founded. On 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2020, the College therefore celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> Foundation day whereby the Principal, Vice Principal, teachers and a number of students took part in the Flag hoisting ceremony to commemorate this day in the college campus at 10:00 A.M.



## About the programme:

The National Webinar on the theme ‘Cultures and Traditions of Meghalaya’ organized by the EBSB Committee of Lady Keane College, Shillong in collaboration with the paired institution, Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G College, Badalpur, U.P was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.

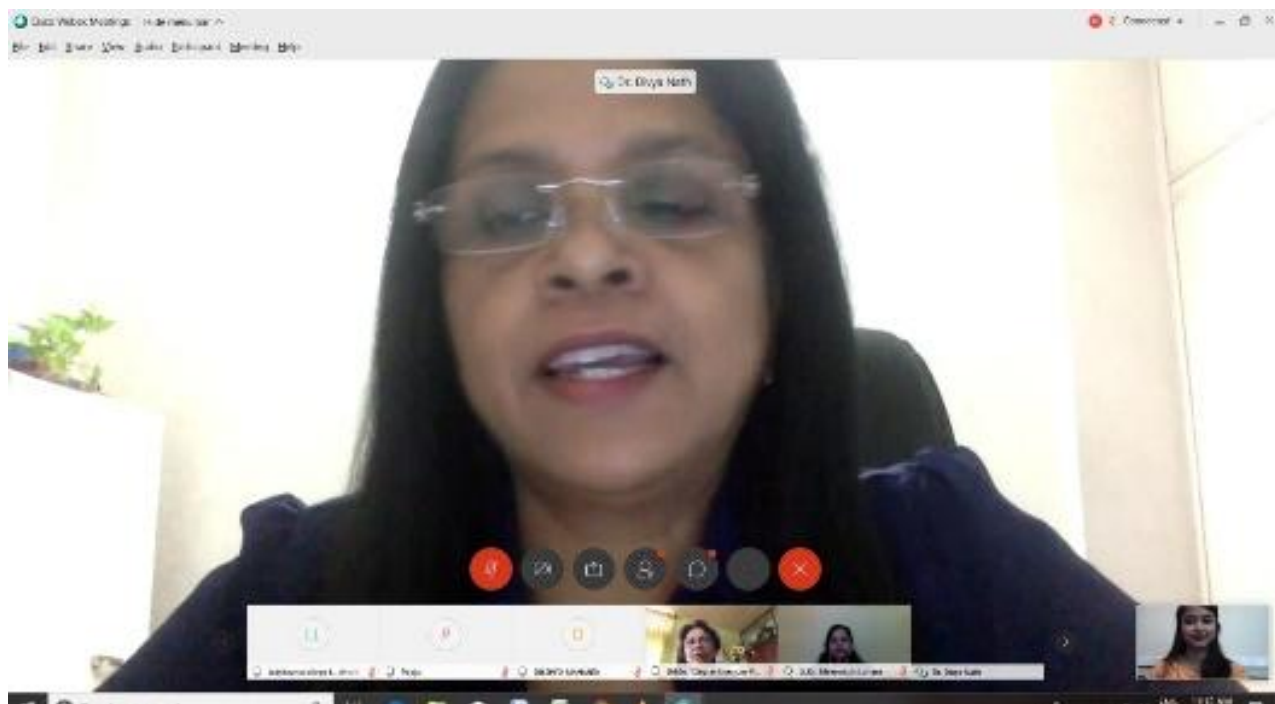
The National Webinar was the first one of its kind hosted by the EBSB committee of Lady Keane College, Shillong as part of the celebration of the 85<sup>th</sup> Foundation day of the college. The theme for the webinar is *Cultures and Traditions of Meghalaya*. The entire program was planned to be exclusively

student centric. Therefore, the host, the resource persons and the performers were all students of the paired institutions.

The programme was hosted by Miss. Jovenia Kharshiing, B.Sc 6<sup>th</sup> Semester, Department of Zoology and started with the Principal of the College, Dr. (Mrs.) C. Massar formally welcoming all the participants to the webinar. The Principal lighted a candle to flag off the programme. After the welcome address by the Principal, the College Anthem was sung. One of the main highlight of the webinar, was the inauguration of the newly constituted EBSB Club of the College by Dr. Massar.



The chief guest for the webinar was Dr. (Mrs) Divya Nath, Principal, Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G. College, Badalpur Uttar Pradesh.

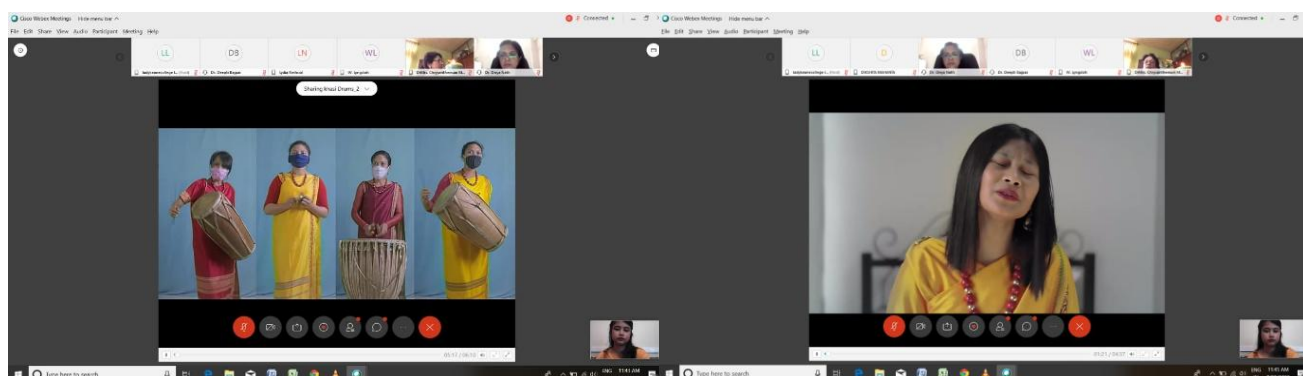


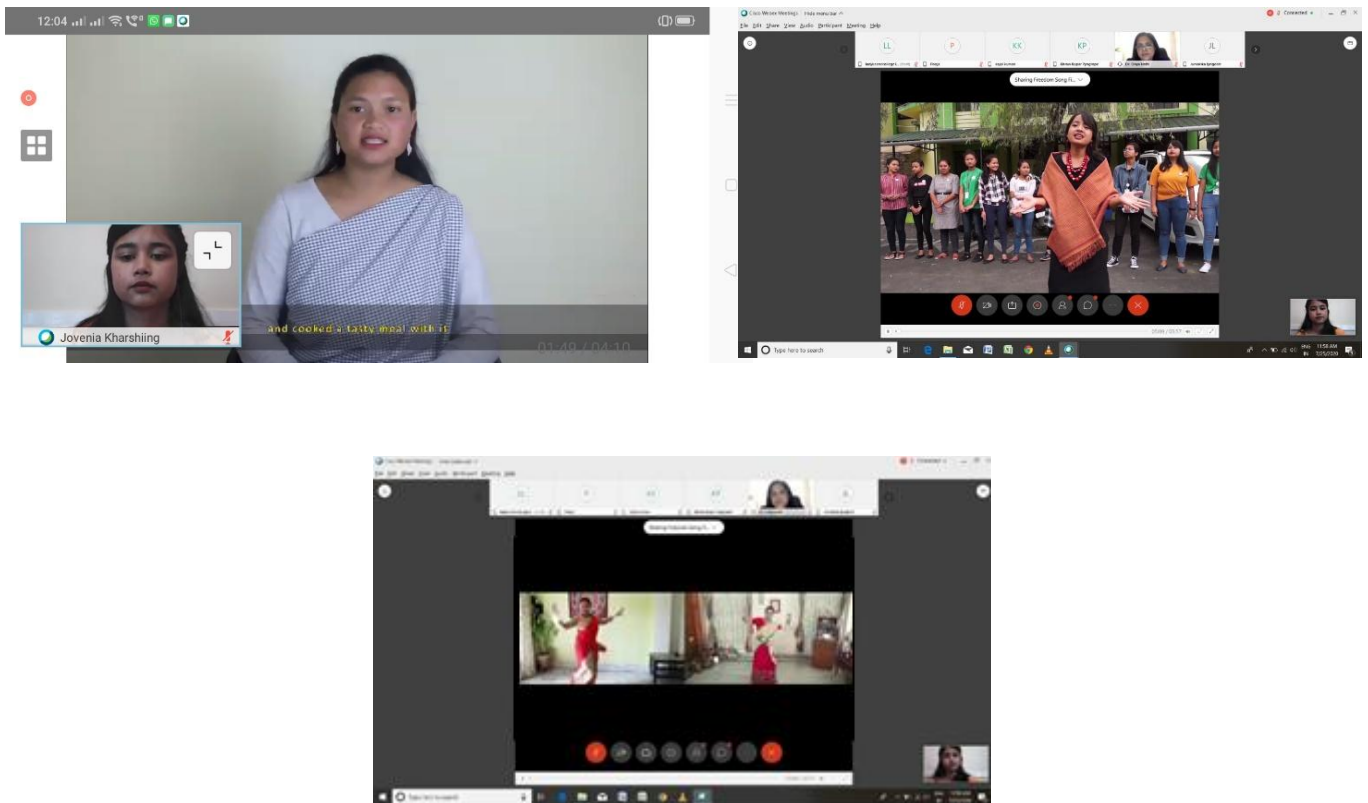
*Figure: Dr. (Mrs.) Divya Nath, Principal, Km. Mayawati Govt. Girls P.G. College while delivering her address*

The webinar showcased the traditional drum beating style of the Khasis and was performed by the students of Khasi Traditional Music of Lady Keane College, a traditional solo song which was composed in the Khasi traditional style of singing and sung by Ms. Bahunshisha Marwein, Department of Economics, Lady Keane College, A traditional Khasi folktale was told and narrated by Ms. Siantidora Mawlong, Department of Khasi, Lady Keane College, an Assamese Bihu dance was performed by Ms. Shivangana Mena and Ms. Sanchary Ray Choudhury, Department of Sociology, Lady Keane College and a song on freedom was also aired which was composed and released by the NSS Unit of the College and sung by the NSS volunteers. Ms Nisha Singh of Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G. College and Ms Merrylyne Dohtdong of Lady Keane College both shared some insight about the traditions and cultures of their respective States. The students of Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G. College performed the Koch and Raas dance with grace and elegance.

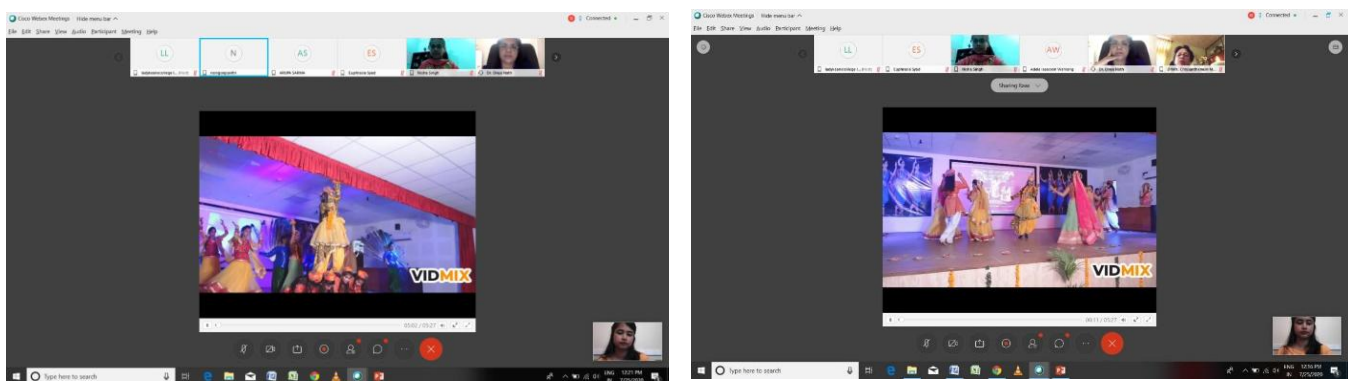


*Figure: Student Resource Persons of the two paired Colleges giving a lecture on Cultures and Traditions of the two States.*





*Figure: Various performances performed by the students of the Paired Institutions.*



*Figure: Dances performed by the students of the Paired Institutions.*

The program as a whole has enriched and enlightened us of the various cultures and traditions of Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh. Everyone who attended this webinar has surely learned and enhanced their knowledge of the different cultures and traditions of the two paired States.

At the end of the programme the organizers and participants took part in singing the National Anthem of India.

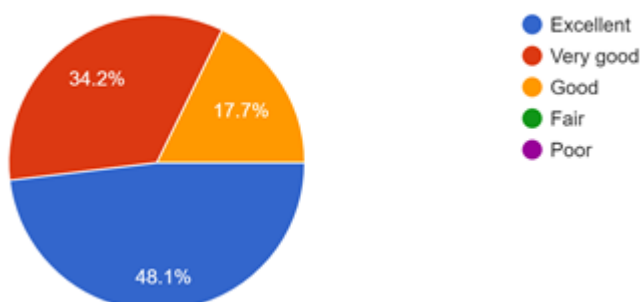
## Participation:

The total number of participants registered for this National Webinar was 327 which included 144 teachers, 158 students and 25 professionals from 66 different institutions from across India as depicted in Table 1 (Annexure-I).

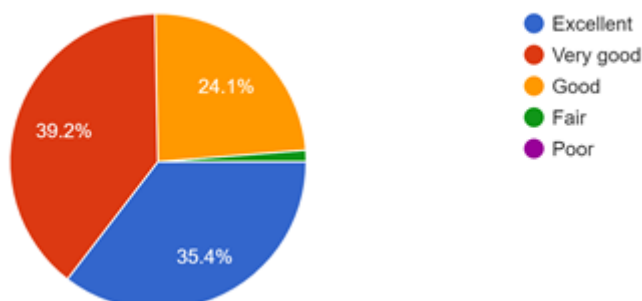
## Feedback:

The participants were given a link for feedback forms about the webinar. The opinions of the participants were recorded as follows:

- 1) On the theme selected: 48.1% of the participants rated the theme as excellent, 34.2% as very good and 17.7% as good.

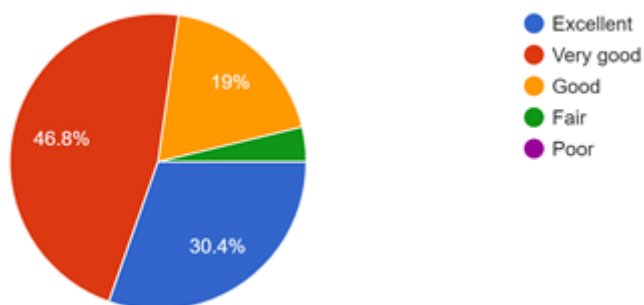


- 2) Contents of the programme: 35.4% rated the contents as excellent, 39.2% as very good, 24.1% as good.

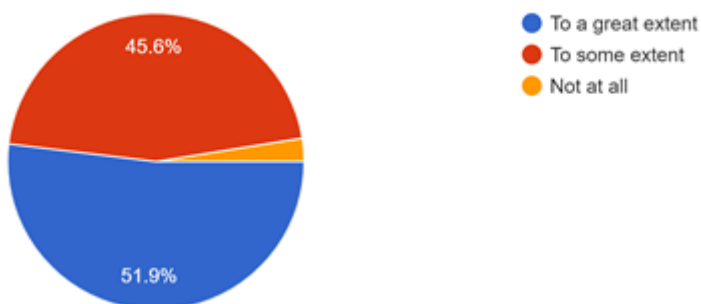


- 3) Arrangement made for conducting the programme: 30.4% rated the arrangement as excellent, 46.8% as very good and 19% as good.

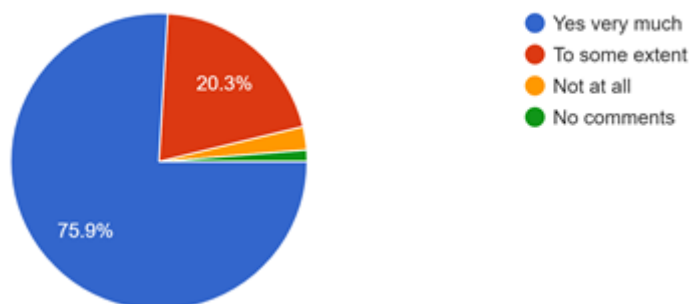




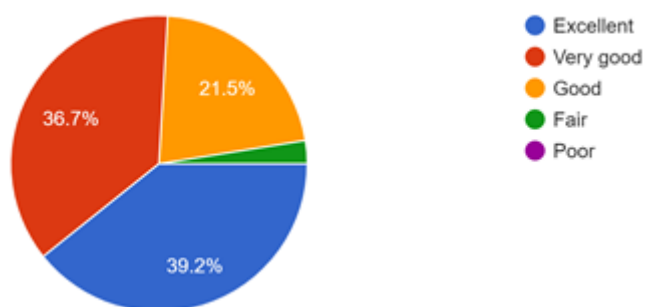
- 4) Gaining knowledge and understanding the culture and traditions of the tribes of Meghalaya through the programme: 51.9% of the participants were able to understand and gain knowledge to a great extent and 45.6% to some extent.



- 5) Enhancing understanding and bonding between states: 75.9% of the participants feel that programmes like these will enhance the understanding and bonding between states, thereby strengthening the unity and integrity of India to a great extent and 20.3% to some extent.



- 6) Overall comments about the programme: 39.2% of the participants rated the overall programme as excellent, 36.7% rated it as very good and 21.5% as good.



- 7) The participants were requested to write a few lines about whether the webinar was beneficial. The response was an overwhelming yes (>80%) that the webinar was beneficial and informative. They were also those who found it not to be beneficial.
- 8) They were also asked to point out lapses and loopholes in the programme and the response received were mostly relating to poor connectivity and wish that the programme duration was more so as to showcase more of the Cultures and Traditions of both the States.
- 9) Participation in such programmes in the future: 57% of the participants expressed their willingness to participate in such programmes in the future.
- 10) The participants were also asked to give specific suggestions to improve the quality of such programmes and some of the suggestions were:
  - a) To increase the duration of the programme
  - b) To generate more advertisement
  - c) To add more variety to the programme

## Conclusion:

As evident from the feedback from all the participants, it is clear that the Webinar was a success and has achieved its objective of showcasing the Cultures and Traditions of Meghalaya.

## Acknowledgement:

The organizers would like to express their deepest gratitude to Dr. (Mrs.) C. Massar, Principal, Lady Keane College, Shillong for her guidance, support and providing financial assistance in connection with the National Webinar.

The organizers would like to express their sincerest appreciation to Dr. (Mrs.) Divya Nath, Principal, Km. Mayawati Government Girls P.G College, Badalpur, U.P for gracing the webinar as the Chief Guest and for allowing her students to participate in the National Webinar.

The organizers express their heartfelt thanks to the Resource Persons, Performers and all the Participants without whom the programme would have not received such an overwhelming response.

The organizers are indebted to Mr. Nangsan K. Swer for providing technical support in hosting the webinar in the Webex platform.

The organizers are also thankful to Miss. Stepbaphyrnai Lyngdoh, B.Sc 6<sup>th</sup> Semester (Chemistry Honours) for her assistance in creating the online registration forms in Google Docs, e- Certificates in Google Slides and for her typological help in finalizing the Final Report without whose dedication the webinar would not be a success.

The organizers are also thankful to all the experts working behind the scene to make the programme a success.



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## Annexure-I

Table 1: List of participants from different Institutions

SI No	Institution	Students	Teachers	Others
1	Lady Keane College, Shillong	128	53	Principal, Vice-principal (degree, higher secondary),1(retired Vice-principal), 3(librarian),1(project assistant)
2	Jaintia Eastern College			Principal
3	Bissau College			Principal
4	Tura Government College, Tura		7	Principal
5	Don Bosco College, Tura			Principal
6	Mendipathar College, North Garo Hills, Meghalaya		15	Vice-principal
7	Captain Wiliamson Memorial Government College, Baghmara			Principal
8	Women's College			Principal
9	Sohra Government College		5	
10	Kiang Nongbah College		10	
11	North Eastern Regional Institute of Education, Umiam			1(Junior Project fellow)
12	Sibsagar College, Joysagar		1	
13	Sontali Anchalik College		1	
14	F A Ahmed College, Garoimari		1	
15	Lakhimpur Commerce College		1	
16	Rukasen College, Assam University		1	
17	Radhamadhab College, Silchar		1	
18	Maharaja Bir Bikram College, Agartala, Tripura		1	
19	St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science Autonomous Cuddlore	1		
20	Sri Sundareshwari College of Education	1		
21	Rajapalayam Rajus College		1	
22	CSI Bishop Newbiggin College of Education		1	
23	Amity University, Maharashtra			1(librarian)
24	Sadakathullah Appa College		1	
25	JP College of Arts and Science, AYIKUDY		1	
26	G. Venkatasamy Naidu College, Kovilpatti		2	
27	Dr. M.G.R Government Arts and Science College for Women, Villupuram	1		
28	Srivi Lions International School, Srivilliputtur		18	Principal
29	MSPM's DG Tatkare Mahavidyalay Mangaon-Raigad, Maharashtra			1(librarian)
30	Stellamarays College of Engineering		1	
31	Mahalashmi Women's College of Arts and Science		1	
32	Nazareth Margoschis College		1	
33	V O Chidambaram College, Tuticorin		1	

34	K.R. College of Arts and Science		1	
35	M.K University		1	
36	Anna university			1(Resource co-ordinator)
37	St Mary's College (Autonomous) Thoothukudi		1	
38	M.S University Colleg, Tisaiyanvilai		1	
39	Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College	1		
40	V.V.V College for Women, Virudhunagar		1	
41	Thiruvalluvar University College of Arts and Science		1	
42	JNTUK		1	
43	School of Nursing GDGM & MCH Hospital Shillong			Vice-principal
44	Gcon UJJAIN MP		1	
45	Kamaraj College, Toothukudi		1	
46	St.Edmund's College, Shillong		1	
47	Vai Dhunda Maharaj Deglurkar College Degloor		1	
48	North Eastern Hill University	3	1	2(Research scholar), 1(Alumni)
49	Shillong Commerce College		2	
50	Assam Don Bosco University	10		
51	District Institute of Education and Training, Sohra	1		
52	Seng Khasi College	1		
53	Bormanik College	1		
54	St. Mary's College, Shillong	2		
55	Sankardev College	1		
56	St. Anthony's College, Shillong	2	1	
57	Lady Keane Girl's Higher Secondary School			Principal
58	Shillong College		1	
59	Debraj Roy College	1		
60	Mairang Presbyterian Science College	1		
61	Synod College, Shillong	1		
62	Dispur College		1	
63	Indira Gandhi National Open University	1		
64	Union Christian College		1	
65	NEIGRIHMS	1		
66	D.K.M College for Women (autonomous), Vallore		1	