

The Northeast Students' Welfare Association

The Northeast Cell of Sri Aurobindo College is a vibrant and inclusive community, dedicated to celebrating the culture, traditions and diversity of the northeastern states of India. The Northeast Students' Welfare Association (NSWA) was founded in the year 2013 under the Northeast Cell. The student body comprises members from the eight north-eastern states: Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura. The association aims to foster unity, promote cooperation, and enhance understanding between north-eastern and non-north-eastern students.



Events and Activities

NORTHEAST CULTURAL FEST, 2023

The North East Student's Welfare Association of Sri Aurobindo College organised the North East Cultural Fest on 7th November, 2023. The theme of the fest was, 'Celebrating Cultural Pluralism.' Dr. Rajesh Singh, Chairman, was the Chief Guest of the occasion. Dr. Singh addressed the gathering and mentioned about the uniqueness and diversity of the North-Eastern state of India. He also added that these festivities can bridge the bond among the people. The students from the college showcased their talents by performing Bihu, Ladakhi dance and traditional songs. Inter-college competitions including the North-East folk dance and Folk song were organised, where students from various colleges under the University of Delhi participated in huge numbers and made the event a resounding success. The foremost attractions of the event were Arunachali dance, Sikkimese dance, Bihu dance, Manipuri Folk Dance, Mising folksong, devotional song and the Ramp Walk with the theme 'Walk for Peace,' to name a few. Ambarish Borah and Arjeena Khatun won Mr. and Ms. North East titles respectively. The event was of immense triumph as the college hosted an array of students from various institutes, and joined by the faculty members and staffs of the college. The event was supervised by the North East Students' teacher co-ordinator, Ms. Kalpita Sonowal, and her team including Dr. Neetu Dwivedi, Dr. Sukrit Sobti, Dr. Vandana Munjal, Dr. Lamneivah Sitlhou, and Dr. Hemchandra Nameirakpam.



MOVIE SCREENING



On 20th January 2023, the North East Students' Welfare Association organized a special screening of the acclaimed Assamese film *Village Rockstars* (2017). The event attracted a large gathering of students, faculty members, and cinema enthusiasts, eager to experience this heartwarming story rooted in the rural landscape of Assam.

Village Rockstars, directed by Rima Das, is a poignant narrative that revolves around the life of a young girl, Dhunu, who dreams of owning a guitar and forming a rock band in her village. The film's authentic portrayal of life in rural Assam, combined with its themes of resilience, hope, and aspiration, struck a chord with the audience.

The event was more than just a movie screening; it became a platform for cultural exchange and awareness, highlighting the stories and experiences of communities often underrepresented in mainstream narratives. The discussion also provided insights into the growing influence of regional cinema and the importance of preserving local languages and stories.

UDIMAN 2023

Udiman
(North East group folk dance competition)

14th February 2023, 4.30 P.M @ Main Stage

GENERAL RULES



1. Time limit : 7-10 minutes
2. Team size:10-12 members
3. Introduction must include short description about the dance piece.
4. Only one entry allowed per college.
5. Criteria of Judgement : choreography, costume, technique, expression and overall presentation.
6. Decision of the judges will be final and binding.
7. Participants should bring their music in pen drive mp3 format as well as mail it to nestuedntswelfare.sac@gmail.com
8. North east group folk dance from any 8 north east states.
9. Reporting time 03.30 P.M.

The cultural extravaganza of Mehak 2023, the annual cultural festival of the college, witnessed an electrifying celebration of cultural diversity with “Udiman”—the North East Group Folk Dance Competition. Held on 14th February 2023, this event showcased the vibrant heritage of the North Eastern states through traditional dance performances that were both captivating and expressive.

Participants from various groups embraced their cultural roots, representing the richness and variety of North East India's folk traditions. Dancers adorned in colorful traditional attire performed with high energy and enthusiasm, presenting folk dances from regions such as Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, and more. Each performance highlighted the unique rhythms, music, and storytelling traditions of the respective communities, creating a mesmerizing experience for the audience.

The event was well-received, with a large turnout of participants, making it one of the most anticipated and attended highlights of Mehak 2023. The audience, comprising students, faculty, and guests, were enthralled by the sheer diversity and artistry on display. The judges had the challenging task of evaluating the performances based on criteria such as choreography, synchronization, and cultural representation.

**NORTHEAST CULTURAL FEST WITH INTER-COLLEGE
COMPETITIONS, 2022-23**

The Northeast Students' Welfare Association of the college organized the North East Cultural Fest on 29th September, 2022. The theme was of the fest was, 'Nurturing Cultural Diversity.' The students from the college performed Meitei dance, Ladakhi dance and traditional songs. Intercollege competitions like Group Folk Dance and Folk Song were held with students from various colleges under the University of Delhi participating in colossal numbers and making the program a success and a vibrant one. Principal, Prof. Vipin Kumar Aggarwal addressed the occasion, highlighting the North-East India's cultural diversity. The main attractions of the event were Bamboo Dance, Bihu Dance, Manipuri Folk Dance, and the Ramp Walk, which illustrated the rich weaving patterns of the region. Widamdibou Ringkangmai and Geetanjali Kolari were selected as Mr. and Ms. North-East, respectively. The event was supervised by the North-East students' teacher co-ordinator, Ms. Kalpita Sonowal, and her team including Dr. Neetu Dwivedi, Dr. Isha Gunwal and Mr. Rahul.

SRI AUROBINDO COLLEGE
(UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)
Organises

NORTH EAST CULTURAL FEST
Nurturing Cultural Diversity

Date: 29th September, 2022

- Northeast Folk Dance
- Northeast Folk Song

Exciting Prizes for the winners!!

Time: 10:30 a.m
Venue: Seminar Hall,

Prof. Vipin Kumar Aggarwal
(Principal)

Kalpita Sonowal
(Teacher Coordinator)

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Our students representing the college at the DU Northeast Students' Sports Meet, 2023.



The Northeast Students' Welfare Association being acknowledged during the Annual Day, 2023.



Our students bagged the 1st Position in the Tug-of-War competition at the NESSDU Sports Meet, 2024.



Our students participating in the Northeast Sammelan held in February 2024.

Cultural Meet of students from North East India, 2019-20

The Northeast Students' Welfare Association of Sri Aurobindo College organised a Northeast Freshers and Cultural Meet on 28th September, 2019. The objective of the programme was to welcome the freshers from the various parts of the northeastern states of the country to the college. The event started with an inaugural session and it was followed by a series of cultural programmes. Students from various academic years participated in good number and performed folk songs, dances and a ramp walk in their traditional attires showcasing the diversity of Northeast India. It ended with the prize distribution and selection of Mr. and Ms. Northeast (SAC).





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