CHRIST COLLEGE, UMEIT

Institutional Development Plan (IDP)

Research Cell:

Since Christ College is located in the rural areas of the Ri Bhoi district of Meghalaya. The Research Cell will shift academic research away from a purely theoretical exercise to field-based, prioritizing the unique ecological, local biodiversity, socio-economic development and livelihood pattern, cultural and socio-economic systems of Meghalaya.

Thrust Areas of Research

1. Local Resources and Sustainable Utilisation

Quantitative and socio-spatial mapping of local resources.

Study of land-use changes and patterns.

Utilisation, management and conservation of local resources.

2. Biodiversity and Ecological Preservation

Documentation and study of Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK).

Traditional forest management practices.

Study and conservation of local flora and fauna.

3. Rural Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Development

Analysis of local Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Study of the socio-economic conditions of villages.

Examination of farming practices, livelihood patterns and their changing dynamics.

4. Rural and Community-Oriented Research

Prioritising the research needs of rural students and communities.

Promoting local resource utilisation and sustainability.

Exploring sustainable livelihood opportunities and livelihood sustenance.

Encouraging community-engaged student field studies and dissertations**.**

5. Interdisciplinary Research and Collaboration

Organising collaborative workshops and academic discussions in interdisciplinary research areas.

Encouraging research collaboration across different disciplines.

Research Promotion and Faculty Development

6. Research Publications

Encouraging each department to publish at least one research paper in a peer-reviewed journal within a five-year period.

Promoting publications in reputed journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science.

7. Faculty Research Capacity Building

Encouraging faculty participation in Research Methodology programmes.

Promoting participation in NEP Orientation Programmes and other relevant academic and research development initiatives.