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CWSSU Strengthens Research Preparedness of Postgraduate Students through Extension Lecture Series

AMPATI, November 5, 2026: The Department of Education, Captain Williamson Sangma State University (CWSSU), Tura Campus, conducted an eight-day extension lecture series to equip postgraduate students with the research skills and practical knowledge required for preparing their fourth-semester dissertations.

Titled “Foundations of Rigorous Educational Inquiry: From Research Problem to Dissertation Proposal”, the programme was held from October 26 to November 3, 2026, for students of the third semester of the postgraduate programme.

The series aimed to help students develop clear, feasible and ethically sound research proposals through expert lectures, practical exercises and collaborative learning. It was coordinated by Dr. Geetam Chetry, Head In-charge, Department of Education, along with Dr. Kanika Das and Shri Deiborme Lyngdoh.

The programme was inaugurated on October 26, with the coordinators outlining its objectives and highlighting the importance of strengthening students' research competencies to facilitate their dissertation work. The Department acknowledged the support of Vice Chancellor Dr. Vasanthi Vijayakumar, Registrar Shri Ambrose Ch. Marak, Deputy Registrar Mrs. Singje Marak and Finance Officer Shri D. K. Newar in organising the programme. This was the department's second extension lecture series of its kind.

The sessions covered key aspects of educational research, including identifying research problems, formulating problem statements and framing research questions. Shri Deiborme Lyngdoh and Dr. Geetam Chetry conducted sessions on these foundational areas.

The series also featured online lectures by external experts. Dr. Daniel Debbarma of Government Degree College, Khumulwng, Tripura, delivered a session on systematic literature review, while Prof. Sherwin May Sungoh, former Dean, School of Education, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, and Chairperson of the Meghalaya Education Commission, spoke on preparing dissertation proposals. Dr. Kanika Das conducted sessions on survey design and sampling techniques.

The series concluded on November 3 with a mock viva, during which six student groups presented their research proposals before a faculty panel and received feedback to strengthen their proposed studies.

A total of 28 students presented their proposals during the exercise. Feedback from participants indicated an overall satisfaction rate of 82.1 per cent, while the programme also benefited from the participation of two external experts from Tripura and Shillong through online sessions.

The Department described the series as a valuable academic initiative and announced plans to organise a follow-up session focusing on data analysis and dissertation writing to further support students in completing their research work.