



Sikkim Government College, Namchi
Affiliated to Sikkim University

DEPARTMENT
OF
ECONOMICS

Welcomes



NAAC PEER TEAM

DEPARTMENT PROFILE

- ◉ **Established:** 1997

- ◉ **Affiliated to:**

University of North Bengal: 1997–2007

Sikkim University: 2008–Present

- ◉ ***Academic Programs offered:***

- ◉ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Economics (Honours):

(3 Years – 6 Semesters)

- ◉ Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Economics (General):

Economics as an Elective *(1.5 Years – 3 Semesters)*

- ◉ **Interdisciplinary Courses:**

Master of Commerce : *3 Core Courses*

Managerial Economics, Advanced Business Statistics, Computer Applications in Business

VISION AND MISSION

Vision:

To be a centre of excellence in Economics education, fostering inclusive growth by providing quality education, addressing industrial and societal needs, and contributing to sustainable economic development and evidence-based policymaking.

Mission:

- ***Inclusive Education:*** Provide high-quality education with a focus on rural and economically weaker students to ensure equitable learning opportunities.
- ***Research & Innovation:*** Promote research, innovation, and critical thinking to address real-world economic challenges.
- ***Industry Collaboration:*** Bridge the gap between academia and industry through collaborations, internships, and applied learning initiatives.
- ***Skill Development:*** Foster employability and entrepreneurship through skill development and experiential learning.
- ***Sustainable Development:*** Support sustainable development and policymaking through community engagement, and outreach programs.

FACULTY PROFILE:

Name	Qualification	Designation	Area of Interest/ Specialization	Experience
Dr. Bikash Sharma	M.A., Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	International trade, Economic Planning, Rural Development	7 years
Shanti Tamang	M.A., M.Phil., NET. (Pursuing Ph.D.)	Assistant Professor	Econometrics, Agricultural Economics and Gender Economics.	8 years
Kunzang Topgyal Shangderpa	M.A., NET.	Assistant Professor & Head	Mathematical Economics and Statistics	5 years
Phurba Lepcha	M.A., NET.	Assistant Professor	International Trade and Agricultural Economics	4 years
Tshering Wangchuk Bhutia	M.A., NET.	Assistant Professor	Agriculture , Public Policy & Education	5 years

FACULTY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Name of Faculty	Publications	Workshop, Orientation/RC attended	Paper Presentation	Awards and Recognition
Dr. Bikash Sharma	National-05 International-01	12	11	NCC- ANO
Shanti Tamang	National-01 International-03	10	04	Best research paper award. (University of North Bengal)
Tej Kumar Siwakoti	International- 01	-	-	-

Curriculum Development:

Participation in Curriculum Development for Regular Review and Updates; Incorporation of Emerging Topics

- ***Contribution in University Examinations:*** Question Paper Setter, Examiners & Evaluators, Scrutinizers, Moderators, Invigilators.
- ***Academic Counsellors:*** (IGNOU)

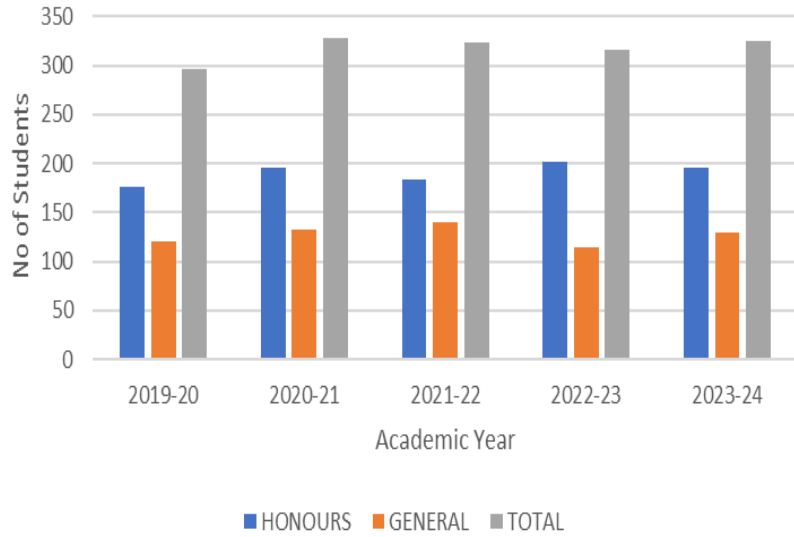
FACULTY RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Title of the Paper/ Chapter with Title of Book	Name of the author	Name of Journal/Name of Publisher	Year of Publication	ISSN/ISBN number
RESEARCH ARTICLES				
Impact of Religion, Caste, Demographic, Food Habits of Tourist and host family on choice and preference for homestay booking and conformation	Dr. Tej Kumar Siwakoti	International Journal of Basic and Applied Research	2019	2249-3352
Trends, Causes and Impacts of Urbanisation in India	Shanti Tamang	Purakala, 31(25)	2020	ISSN:0971-2143
Smart Cities Mission in India: An Overview.	Shanti Tamang	Journal of Information and Computational Science Volume 10 Issue 8 - 2020	2020	ISSN: 1548-7741
Financial Inclusion Through Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana	Shanti Tamang	International Journal of Creative Research Thoughts, 9(4)	2021	ISSN: 2320-2882
CHAPTERS				
Women Social Entrepreneurship and Self-Help Group: A Review /Emerging Trends in Science, Social Science, Engineering and Management-A Multidisciplinary Approach	Shanti Tamang	Research Circle and International Institute of Knowledge & Research (IIKR)	2022	ISBN No: 978-93-5546-016-5

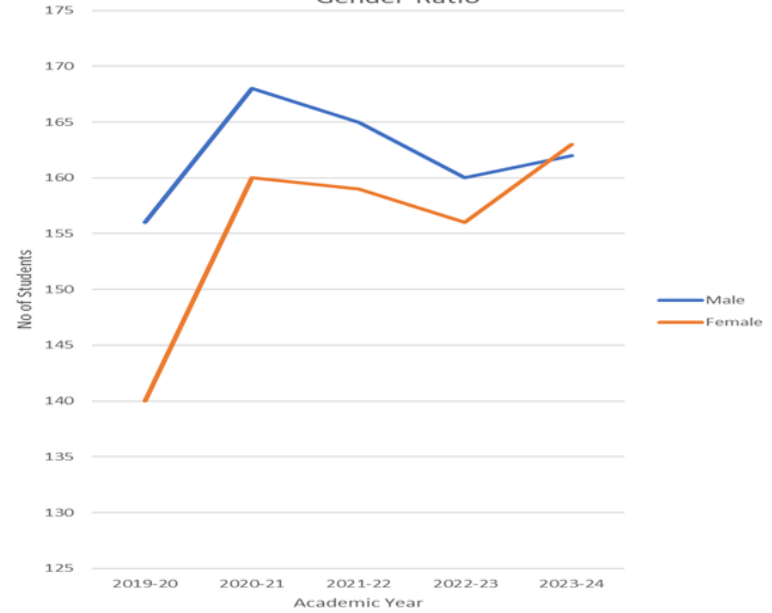
STUDENTS STRENGTH

ACADEMIC YEAR	HONOURS	GENERAL	TOTAL	GENDER RATIO
2019-20	176	120	296	156:140
2020-21	196	132	328	168:160
2021-22	184	140	324	165:159
2022-23	202	114	316	160:156
2023-24	195	130	325	162:163

Students Strength

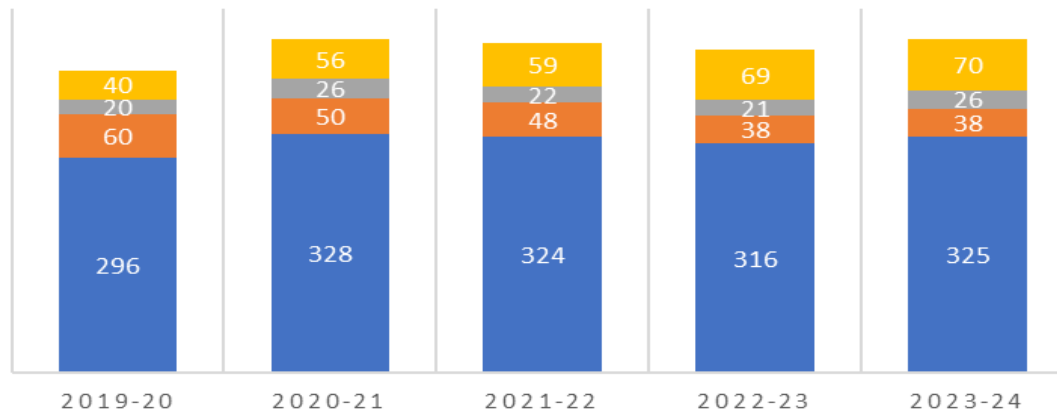


Gender Ratio



CATEGORY

■ TOTAL ■ STs ■ SCs ■ OBCs



STUDENT PERFORMANCE

YEAR	Average Pass Percentage	CGPA: 60% and Above:
2018-19	88.46	15.38
2019-20	100	24.48
2020-21	96.22	68
2021-22	100	87
2022-23	91	82
2023-24	87	32

Pass percentage above university average (85%)

‡ University Rank Holders:

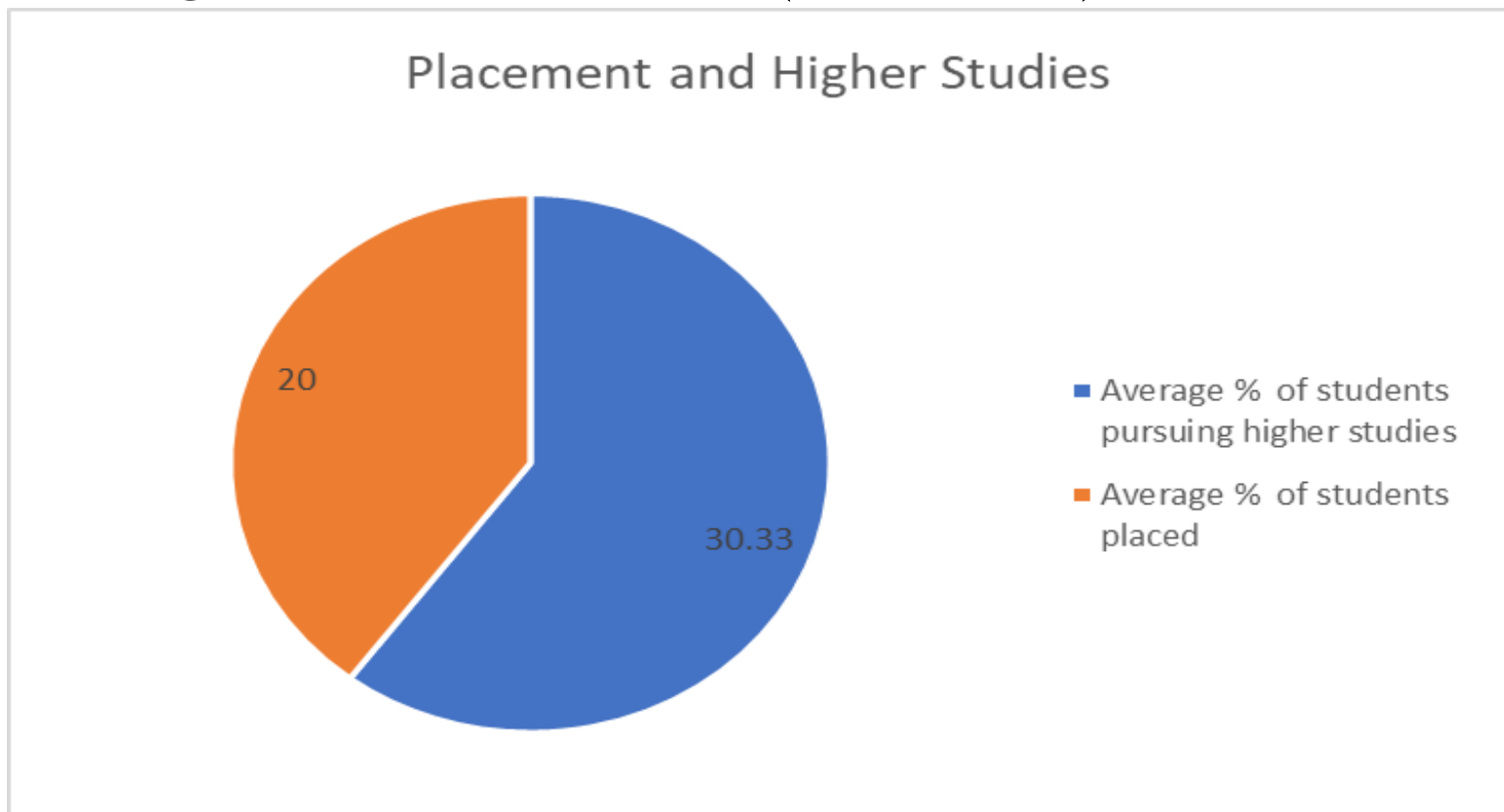
Silver Medallists: 01 Binita Sherpa (batch of 2020)

• UGC-NET Qualifiers:

- Binita Sherpa (2023)
- Jeet Bahadur Gurung (2022)

STUDENTS PROGRESSION

Average % of students (2019-24)



INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA LINKAGES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

◉ Collaborations with Organizations

- **Non Government Organisation: PRATHAM - ASER Field Surveys (2018, 2022, 2024)**
- **Farmers producers Organisation: Nari Pragatishil Cooperative Society.**
- **Kyoto University, Japan: Guest Lectures- Dr. Hemant Poudyal, an Associate Professor from the Graduate School of Medicine at Kyoto University, Japan.**

▶ Community Engagement

- Organizing community outreach programs focusing on livelihood and economic empowerment in local communities.
- Active involvement in community projects, including cleanliness, plantation and awareness drives.

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

◎ National Workshop (One week):

Title: *Application of Statistical Techniques in Social Sciences*

Objective: Provide hands-on training in data collection, statistical analysis, and interpretation; Enhance quantitative research skills among students and faculty.

Outcome: Improved research methodology skills among participants; Strengthened data-driven decision-making capabilities.

◎ Seminar (One Day):

Title: *Role of Higher Education in Socio-Economic Development*

Objective: Discuss the impact of higher education on economic growth & social transformation.

Outcome: Encouragement for higher studies and research in economic development.

◎ Webinar (One Day):

Title: *Financial Awareness & Consumer Training*

Objective: Educate students and the community about financial literacy, savings, investments & banking

Outcome: Improved financial decision-making ; Increased awareness of government financial inclusion schemes (PMJDY, MUDRA, etc.).

ADD-ON COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
• Understanding the Gig Economy: Opportunities and Challenges	30 Hours	Shanti Tamang
• Introduction to Research Methodology	30 Hours	Dr. Bikash Sharma
• Statistical Analysis and Data Interpretation using SPSS	30 Hours	Tshering W. Bhutia
• Introduction to Behavioural Economics	30 Hours	Phurba Lepcha
• Financial Technology: Innovations and Implications	30 Hours	Kunzang T. Shangderpa

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

- **Teaching Methods:**
 - Blended learning: Online and offline modes.
 - Use of ICT tools (Google Classroom, Google meet, Zoom).
 - Guest lectures and seminars by industry experts.
 - Experiment and fieldwork opportunities.
- ▶ Dissertation/ Report writing/ presentation by students
- ▶ Test / Project work
- ▶ Data Analysis
- ▶ Review Analysis
- ▶ Encouraging students to refer text books and prepare own notes.
- ▶ Group discussions.

ADVANCED AND SLOW LEARNERS SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

🔍 Identification Process

- ✓ **CGPA: 60% and Above** (Benchmark for Advanced Learners).
- ✓ **Assessment:** Internal tests, past performance, faculty observations.
- ✓ **Student Feedback:** Personalized discussions and mentorship sessions.

SUPPORT FOR ADVANCED AND SLOW LEARNERS

Advanced Learners

- ✓ Encouragement for Research & Paper Presentations.
- ✓ Participation in Competitive Exams (UGC-NET, Banking, Civil Services).
- ✓ Enrollment in Advanced Certificate Courses (Financial Economics, Data Analytics).
- ✓ Leadership Roles in Seminars, Debates, and Peer Tutoring.
- ✓ Internship & Industry Exposure through Collaborations.

Slow Learners

- ✓ Remedial Classes & Extra Tutorials on Core Concepts.
- ✓ One-on-One Mentorship & Guidance for Personalized Support.
- ✓ Bridge Courses to Strengthen Fundamental Knowledge.
- ✓ Interactive Learning Methods (Case Studies, Group Discussions).
- ✓ Use of ICT & Visual Aids for Conceptual Clarity.

DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAMS

- ✓ **Electoral Literacy Programs** - Encouraging youth participation in democratic processes.
- ✓ **Rural Development Awareness Camps** - Field visits to study rural economic structures & local governance.
- ✓ **Gender Awareness Programmes**- Promoting awareness about gender equality and economic empowerment (Celebration of Women's Day, Interaction with local SHG women).
- ✓ **Green Initiatives & Environmental Awareness:**
Plantation & Cleanliness Drive, Environment Day Celebration.
Departmental Garden Maintenance

OTHER EXTENSION ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

- **Academic**

- ✓ **Participation in National & State-Level Seminars** - Presenting research papers in economics & social sciences.
- ✓ **Workshops on Data Analytics & Research Methods** - Hands-on experience with statistical tools like SPSS & Excel.
- ✓ **Inter-College Debates & Essay Competitions** - Active involvement in economic & policy-related discussions.
- ✓ **Participation in various national & international-level quiz contests.**
- **2nd Place:** Quiz Competition, Namchi (2022).

- **🏆 Sports & Cultural Events**

- → **Active participation in national and state-level events**
- **Winner:** Hills Open Volleyball Meet 2021, Darjeeling; Intra Sikkim Volleyball tournament 2022, Sumbuk.
- **Gold Medal:** Open Karate Championship, Siliguri (2023)
- **2nd Place:** Girls Inter-department football tournament SGC, Namchi (2023).
- **2nd Place:** Inter department Dance Competition, SGC Namchi(2019, 2024).

- **💡 Leadership Building**

- ✦ *Each class (Honours & General) has one male and one female Class Representative (CR) to ensure inclusivity.*

- 🏆 **Students Leading the SRC: ✧ Vivek Rai (2019); ✧ Chewang Tamang (2024)**

- ✦ *Other key SRC positions*

SKILL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES



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EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



SWOT ANALYSIS

Strength:






▶ Strengths:

- ✓ Qualified & Diverse Faculty – Specializations in Econometrics, International Trade, Agricultural Economics, and Public Policy.
- ✓ Strong Student Performance – High pass percentages, UGC-NET qualifiers, and active student participation.
- ✓ Research & Academic Engagement – Faculty publications, paper presentations, and workshops.
- ✓ Community & Industry Collaborations – Partnerships with Pratham, Kyoto University, and local cooperatives.
- ✓ Innovative Teaching Methods – Blended learning, ICT tools, fieldwork, and data analysis training

▶ **Weakness:**

- ▶ Infrastructural Inadequacies.
- ▶ High Student-to-Teacher Ratio
- ▶ Lack of Quantitative Focus – Most students lack a mathematics background

Opportunities:

-  **Growing Demand for Economists in Policy & Industry** :Expanding career opportunities in banking, financial institutions, government bodies, and research think tanks.
-  **Expanding Research & Grants** –Apply for ICSSR/UGC funding for rural development and financial inclusion studies.
-  **New Skill-Based Programs** – Introduce certificate courses in Financial Economics, Data Analytics, and Public Policy.
-  **Industry & Academia Linkages** – Strengthen MoUs with financial institutions, think tanks, and government agencies.
 -  **Alumni Engagement & Placement Support** – Build a structured alumni network for mentorship, internships, and career guidance.
 -  **Higher Studies Encouragement** – Increase postgraduate enrollments in premier institutions.

Challenges (Threats):

- ▶ **No PG Program in Economics** – Limits academic continuity within the college.
- ▶ **Competition from Other Institutions-** Difficult to attract Quality Students
- ▶ **Low Permanent Faculty Strength**
- ▶ **Budget Constraints**– Limited funding for faculty-led research, student projects, and skill-based programs

BEST PRACTICES OF THE DEPARTMENT

- ◉ **Departmental Library:** Access to books, question banks, journals, and study materials.
- ◉ **Student Mentorship system:** Personal guidance and parent-teacher meetings.
- ◉ **Experiential Learning:** Regular field trips, Observations, Mini projects
- ◉ **Hands-on Training in Data Analysis** – Practical exposure to **SPSS, Excel & stata** for statistical analysis.
- ◉ **Students Seminar** and presentations.
- ◉ Celebration of national and international **prominence days**.
- ◉ **Regular counselling sessions** on career opportunities and economic development aspects.

FUTURE PLANS

Short-Term Goals:

- ▶ **Launch certificate course in Financial Economics for final-year students.**
- ▶ **Expand alumni network for mentorship & placements.**
- ▶ **Strengthen industry-academia linkages for internships.**

Long-Term Goals:

- ▶ **Introduce M.A. in Economics & interdisciplinary courses (AI & Data Analytics in Economics).**
- ▶ **Secure research funding from UGC, ICSSR, and international bodies.**
- ▶ **Expand faculty recruitment to reduce student-teacher ratio.**

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

-  **Email Communication:**
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QR Wall magazine (Department of Economics).

-  **Official WhatsApp Community:**
Dept. of Economics, SGCN.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ApDAdjx6hYwDvvG4o0Mhwy>

- ▶  **Social Media Platform**
Facebook Page: Department of Economics, Sikkim Government College, Namchi.

Thank You.

We welcome the NAAC Peer Team's valuable feedback