## **NORTH-EAST SOCIETY**

The term 'Culture' implies the way of life of different social groups throughout the world. Nevertheless, cultural differences should not be seen as a barrier to the unity of a nation, but rather a binding factor for better cause of a nation. The North-East Society of Ram Lal Anand college was created, with the vision to eliminate the feeling of alienation among the students from North-East, to bridge the gap between them and other students of the college posed due to language barrier, to encourage and support the students from this region morally, emotionally, culturally and academically. Since its inception in 2016, North-East Society has been functioning actively with a great support from the entire college and constant support of Principal and other members of the society. This year the North-East Society of Ram Lal Anand College added two new faculties viz Dr Sarbari Nag and Miss Leimiwon Zimik as Committee Members of the society.

The society welcomed its newly elected members officially on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, by organizing a fresher's meet, in the college seminar hall. The program started with a welcome speech by Principal, Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta. He addressed many problems faced by the North-East students and encouraged everyone for their active participation in every aspect in the college premises. He also reminded the vision and the objectives of the society by highlighting the importance of being a responsible student. He then felicitated the elected office bearers for the year 2019-2020. The following is the list of office bearers of the newly formed students committee:

Akoijam Suranjoy Singh	President	Dhritismita Medhi	Cultural Secretary
Yogesh Sharma	Vice-President	Subhashi Mahanta	Finance Secretary
Rituraj Hazarika	General Secretary	Amit Tajo	Sport Secretary
Niwin Konthoujam	Joint Secretary	Pasounni	Executive member

The office bearers pledged to take up the responsibility and help every member of the society in all possible way. After the felicitation, a formal introduction was given by the new members of the society. An ice breaking session was taken up with games, dancing, singing etc. Based on their talents shown, two of the students were crowned with the title of Mr. and Miss. Freshers of North-East respectively. Teachers and students were also presented with gifts as a welcoming gesture and the program masked its end with refreshments being served.

Regular interactive sessions and meetings between the members and the teachers of the society were fruitful in addressing various problems faced by the students. Throughout the year, many of the members took active participation in various extracurricular activities like sports, dance etc. organized by different colleges and brought glory to the society in specific and to college as a whole. Keeping the unique tradition, college fest "SPLENDOUR-20" began with "AARANYA-20" on 13th of February 2020. Presence of Shri Hibu Tamang (Additional CP- Security, Delhi Police) as the Chief Guest made the occasion a special one. The chief guest who was also heading the special Police Unit for the NE Region in his speech emphasized the need of the hour to bring students from different parts of the India on a platform where they can show case their rich social and cultural traditions and understand each other very well for building a great nation. The day long program included music, folk dances of several states like Assam, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, ramp walk presenting the beautiful culture and tradition of the North-East region. Performances were mesmerizing and were greatly appreciated by a large participation of students from various colleges and special band performance involving one of our teacher Miss Leimiwon Zimik was dedicated to the environment. Aaranya-20 ended successfully with a message to recognize, communicate and divulge the cultural backgrounds and practices of the Northeastern states amongst everyone in a harmonic manner.

