

REPORT OF NLP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Department of ELE, EFLU, Shillong

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The NLP training programme in Shillong was held from the 10th to the 14th of December, 2013 in the Department of ELE, EFLU. The program started with an inaugural ceremony chaired by Dr. Bamon, Dean of EFLU. From LDC-IL, Atreyee Sharma introduced the participants about the program and briefed them about the goals and achievements of LDC-IL. There were about eighty people including faculty members from LDC-IL, EFLU, and other office staff. After a tea break the academic sessions started with Shahid Bhat from LDC-IL delivering a lecture on Artificial Intelligence and NLP. After lunch there was a lecture by Nandaraj Meetei from LDC-IL on Semantics and Componential Analysis. On the second, third, fourth and fifth day lectures were delivered by Atreyee Sharma, Shahid Bhat, Nandaraj Meetei, Farson Daimari, Pramod Rout and Amaresh Gopalakrishnan all from LDC-IL. The topics covered in the lectures were corpus linguistics, POS tagging, chunking and parsing, morphological analyser, speech collection and annotation, sign language data collection and annotation and corpus in-house tools demo etc. Each day there were 3 lectures, two before lunch and one after lunch. The lectures were timed from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. with two tea breaks and one lunch break. After the successful completion of the academic sessions on the fifth day, in the valedictory session organized, the participants were given the chance to express their feedback about the program. Indeed it was very encouraging for LDC-IL. The participants expressed their interest in NLP and said that they want to have more programs of this sort conducted for them in the future. Certificates were distributed to the participants by Dr. Arzuman Ara, local coordinator for the program who is a faculty member of the Department of ELE. The program concluded on a note of vote of thanks by a student of the Department.