

SHILLONG SCIENCE CENTRE

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTRE

1. **Name** : Shillong Science Centre.
2. **Address** : North Eastern Hills University (NEHU) Permanent Campus, Mawlai Mawkynroh, Shillong-793022.
3. **Nodal Officer** : Member-Secretary, Shillong Science Centre, C/o. SCSTE, Meghalaya, Lower Lachumiere, Shillong-793001, Ph. No. - (0364) 2505511 (off.), (0364) 2521828 (Res.)
4. **Constitution** : Constituted by Government of Meghalaya and registered under Societies Registration Act, 1983.
5. **Mission** : To popularise science and to inculcate scientific temper among the general masses.
6. **Function** : To create infrastructure and facilities and undertake programmes to explain science to the general masses with a view of inculcating a scientific temper in them.
7. **Head** : Chairman
8. **Functional Authority** : Chairman
9. **Chief Executive Officer:** Curator
10. **Type of Organisation** : Autonomous registered society of the State Government
11. **Composition of the Organisation** : (i) [Governing Council](#) (ii) [Centre](#)
12. **Composition of the Governing Council** : [Annexure I](#)
13. **About the Centre** : The Centre is manned by a team of scientific, technical and administrative personnel headed by the Curator. The Centre creates facilities, activities and conduct programmes to explain science to the general masses, particular school children.
14. **Organisation Structure:** [Annexure II](#)
15. **Controlling Authority of the State Govt.** : Planning Department, Govt. of Meghalaya
16. **Funding** : The Centre is funded by Planning Department (S&T), Govt. of Meghalaya and the Ministry of Tourism & Culture Govt. of India through the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata.

OBJECTIVES

- (i) To develop a scientific temper amongst the general public, particularly school children, by inculcating a spirit of inquiry and fostering creative talent through activity- based learning process incorporating method of science.
- (ii) To encourage critical analysis and understanding of local problems in science & technology, environment, health and hygiene etc. and to work towards finding a solution to these problems.
- (iii) To disseminate information related to scientific and technological topics relevant to the State of Meghalaya in particular and the country in general.
- (iv) To promote creative activities in school to supplement formal science education.
- (v) To highlight important and relevant topical issues in science and technology and to popularise them for the benefit of the community.
- (vi) To develop scientific exhibits, temporary exhibitions, kits and aids for use in the Centre and in other science centres/programmes in order to portray the development in science and technology.

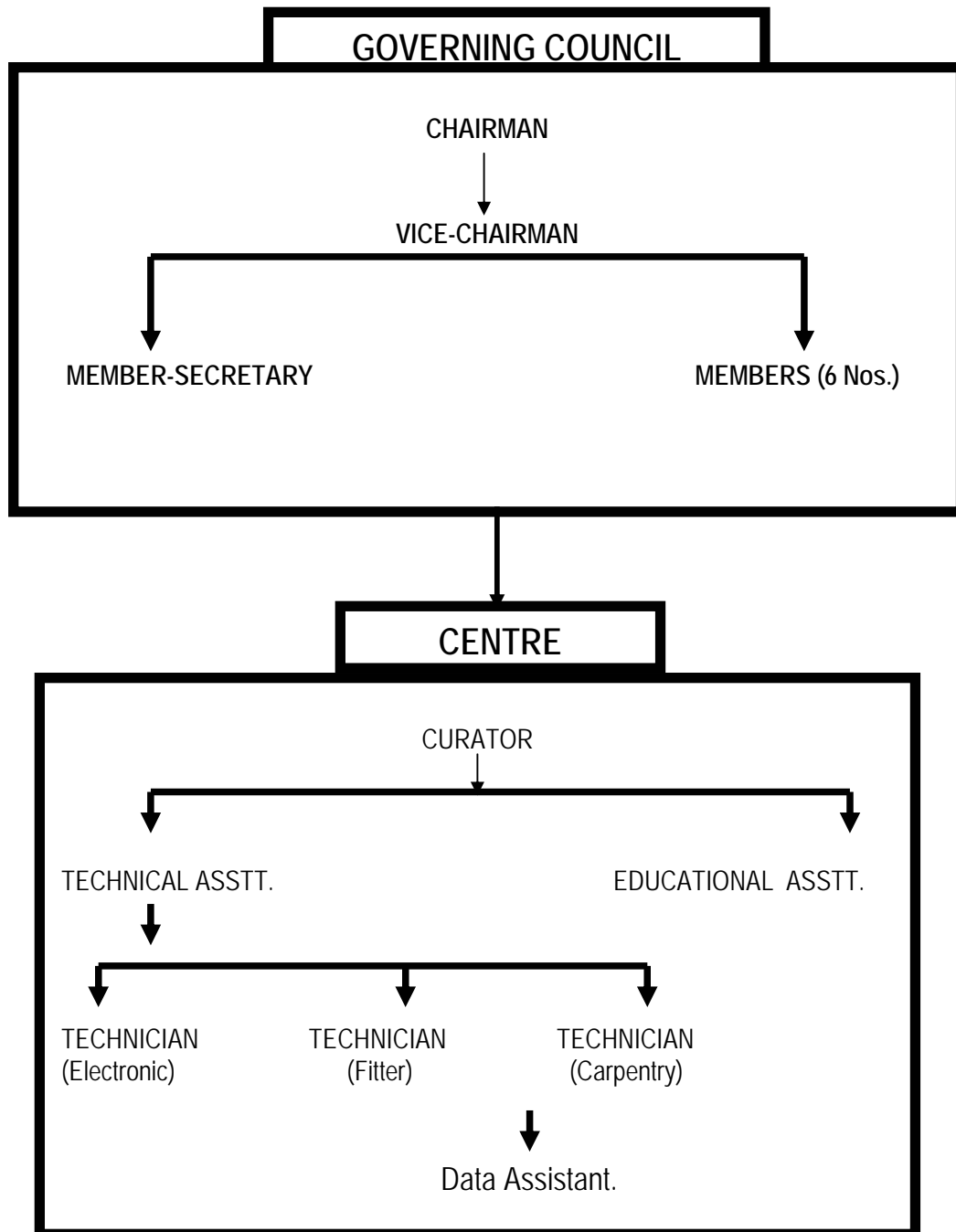
FACILITIES IN THE SHILLONG SCIENCE CENTRE

- * Science Galleries – Two Science Galleries, namely, Water Gallery and Fun Science Gallery, have been set-up in the Centre and these Galleries house a number of interactive and passive science exhibits.
- * Science Auditorium – A small Auditorium is housed inside the main building of the Centre where regular science awareness/promotional programmes are conducted from time-to-time.
- * Science Park – A Science Park has been set-up in the premises of the Centre where a good number of outdoor active and interactive science exhibits, gadgets and models are installed.
- * Inflatable Planetarium – The Centre has an Inflatable Planetarium where regular planetarium shows are arranged for visitors.
- * Appropriate Technology Corner – A separate corner for displaying and demonstrating various kinds of appropriate technologies useful to the public has been set-up behind the main building of the Centre.
- * Orchid House – A small Orchid House has been set-up within the premises of the Centre displaying different species of orchids, especially the local varieties, for the benefit of the general public, particularly school children.
- * Herbal Garden – A separate spot within the premises of the Centre has been earmarked for growing different kinds of herbal plants, particularly the indigenous species.

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Annexure I

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



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Annexure II

COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

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| 1. Chief Secretary, Meghalaya | - | Chairman |
| 2. Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary, Planning (S&T), Meghalaya. | - | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary, Personnel & AR Meghalaya. | - | Member |
| 4. Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary, Education, Meghalaya. | - | Member |
| 5. Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary, IPR, Meghalaya. | - | Member |
| 6. Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary/ Secretary, Information Technology, Meghalaya. | - | Member |
| 7. Representative of National Council of Science, Museums, Kolkata. | - | Member |
| 8. Registrar, NEHU, Shillong | - | Member |
| 9. Project Director, S&T Meghalaya | - | Member-Secretary |

OPENING HOURS:

Monday to Saturday
(Except Sunday and State Government Holidays)

From 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (During Summer)

From 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM (During Winter)

ENTRANCE FEE:

Rs.10/- per head for general public

Rs.5/- per head for students