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**About the Presenter:**

Manjuri Palit Bull: Having done my Master of Arts in History from the North Eastern Hill University I embarked upon a teaching career. I have been teaching moulding and guiding High School students almost twenty years. Presently I am teaching in St. Anthony's Hr. Sec. School, Shillong. For seven years, I shared real classroom situations and experiences with Post Graduate trainees in the College of Teachers' Education, PGT, Shillong. have been instrumental in curriculum Development and conducted Teacher Training Programme in various schools. For most part of my career have dealt with under-privileged students sensitizing them to issues relating to their heritage, environment, vocational training, poverty, employment and career development. Looking for a change and improvement in self development and to cater to the needs of the youth of my region where career counseling is a far cry. I chanced upon JIVA conference.

It is my humble beginning to share my ideas with JIVA Conference and I am sure its going to be a wonderful and life-long learning experience for me and my students will surely benefit from it.

Ms. Wantina Kharkongor was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, in Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya. I completed my Graduation in Commerce from St. Anthony's College, one of the reputed institute in North East. After my Graduation I pursued my Post Graduation in Commerce from North Eastern Hill University a centralized University. Immediately after my Post Graduation I got my job as an Assistant Lecturer in Deptt. of Commerce in St. Anthony's Higher Secondary School.

It is through this institution that I got a chance to attend the seminar conducted by U. N. O on drugs and crimes. After which I had conducted a seminar in the school for the Higher Secondary Section. I had also been in social works as a volunteer in world vision during my students life and worked with the under-privileged people. I have been in the field of teaching and enjoy my role of guiding and advising students in the right path.



**Title of Paper:**

**The two sides of the Meghalaya Archery**

**Abstract:**

Meghalaya “The Abode of Cloud”, known for its lichens and orchids is also famous for an aged old sports – Archery, which is rooted in its history way back in 1828, when U Tirot Sing, the legendary freedom fighter of the Khasi, fought for freedom.

Archery a unique sport in Shillong is viewed as ‘gambling’ by many. It is the only government sanction form of gambling in the state legalized since October 1982.

But on a deeper thought, the ground reality is that the innumerable people involved right from the making of “arrows” (The Khnam) and “bows” (The Ryntieh”, and those sitting in the counters in around the state for them is the main source of income – “Daily Bread and Butter”

Isn't it then, a means of livelihood??