

# North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research (NEISSR)

## Peace Knit Fest cum Peace Channel Foundation Day



**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018**

**Venue: Town Hall Super Market, Dimapur, Nagaland**

**Theme: “Transformed to Transform”**

North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research (NEISSR) IQAC in coloration with Peace Channel organized its 11<sup>th</sup> Peace Knit Fest cum Peace Channel Foundation Day at Town Hall, super market, Dimapur, Nagaland on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018. The ‘*Peace Knit Fest*’ is an annual gathering of the peace lovers, public leaders, peace activist and Inter-religious leaders of Nagaland. The programme includes peace award ceremony for the peace activists in the region who have made exceptional contributions in Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution, Violence Reduction and related issues in Nagaland. The main objective of the gathering is to inculcate peace in the minds and hearts of the participants through the thematic stream – “**Transformed to Transform**”

The program started with a self-reflective session which was initiated by Mr. Kishor Dass, PRO, and Peace channel. The event was graced by Fr. John Poji, Vice Principal NEISSR, lighting of the lamp by special guest, religious leaders and dignitaries signifying the symbol of peace and prosperity followed by special number from NEISSR Choir.

Dr. Fr. C.P Anto, Director, Peace Channel delivered the welcome address. He highlighted the importance of peace and the purpose of inculcating peace studies in educational institutions and communities. Most, Rev. Dr. James Thoppil, Bishop of Nagaland gave the Chairman’s Message. He shared about the means of achieving peace which is the ultimate result of war from within oneself. A master of peace is one who conquers individual selfishness and feelings; he further urged the participants to prepare oneself to achieve peace. The program was **graced** by special guest, Shri Sushil Kumar Patel IAS, DC Dimapur who delivered a message of hope.

Peace Award 2018 was conferred to Kevichusa Family who stood for the values of forgiveness and reconciliation. Mr. Visasier and Mr. Kethoser Kevichusa received the award on behalf of the family. It was given in the presence of Shri. Sushil Kumar Patel IAS, Deputy Commissioner Dimapur and Most. Rev Dr. James Thoppil Bishop of Nagaland and other dignitaries on the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Knit Fest 2018. The inaugural function concluded with word of gratitude by Mr.

A. Taku Longkumer, President of Peoples forum for peace and former Peace Awardee of Peace Channel.

A panel discussion on religion perspectives to peace was held. Dr. Deben Sharma, Asst. Professor of NEISSR moderated the Panel discussion. In his introductory speech he briefly discussed the right to peace. He stated peace is something that human beings have to make as a matter of life. Rev. Moses Murry, Convener of Christian Forum; Mr Ajay Sethi, MD, NIIT, Dimapur, Secretary Dimapur; Member of Peoples Forum for Peace, and Jain Samaj, Dimapur; Mr. Alok Pareek, Member, Hindu Samaj, Dimapur; Md. Kalimur Rahman, President Muslim Youth, Dimapur and Ms. Soma Baruah, Representative of Buddhist community, Dimapur shared their perspectives. Having heard all the panelists, Dr. Deben the moderator noted Peace with all peoples and forms of plant and animals lives as the common theme across different faith, traditions and scriptures while underlining the theme of International Day of Peace 2018 as Right to Peace. He questioned if the common theme across the different faith traditions and philosophies were Peace with one and all forms lives how we explain the increasing crimes and violence in the society when diverse groups of peoples have been increasingly coming closer to one another within same space and time and at such juncture of human history how do we make a sense of Right to Peace as the theme of International Day of Peace. He concluded the panel discussion by contextualizing the theme of the International Day of Peace 2018 within the framework of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights (UNDHR, 1948) and Sustainable Development Goals (2015-2030) highlighting, in particular, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and strong Institutions and SDG 17: Climate change actions as a matter of right to future sustainable peace in harmony with natural environment, as a commitment of the international community to change the direction of development towards sustainable lives. He reminded that it was time for all to reflect on your lifestyles and standards shaped by market and comforts provided by the modern development paradigm causing climate change to reconnect and restore the cultural relationships between man and nature for sustainable future on the only planet.

The highlights of the program are Peace Award ceremony, Interfaith meet and competition on motivational talk and social event which consisted of various performances the peace club members. The event enable the participants to learn, share, experience peace, work for peace, integration and harmony. The event was attended by dignitaries, religious leaders, peace activist and peace club members from different social institutions. Around 280 participants attended the program.

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D.C. Dimapur, Nagaland  
**Chairman, Peace Channel:** Most. Rev. Dr. James Thoppil,  
Bishop of Kohima

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2018

**Time:** 8:30 am - 4:30pm

**Organized by: Peace Channel & DAN**



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## INVITATION



Peace Channel & People Forum for Peace

**11th ANNUAL PEACE KNIT FEST 2018 cum PEACE CHANNEL FOUNDATION DAY**

**21st September 2018**

**Theme: "Transformed to Transform"**

We the Peace Channel family and People's Forum for Peace (PFP) Invites the Peace lovers, Peace Club Members, Civil Society Leaders, NGOs, Faith Based Organization and well-wishers from across the state to participate in the **11th Peace Knit Fest cum Peace Channel Foundation Day 2018** at Town Hall, Super Market, Dimapur, Nagaland on **21st September 2018**.  
The programme will include Peace Award ceremony , Inter faith meet, Competition on Motivational talk and Social Event.

### INAUGURAL FUNCTION:

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**Peace Awardee 2018**



**Participants of Peace Knit Fest 2018**



# Visasier Kevichüsa receives Peace Award

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 Dimapur, Sep. 21: "Forgiveness is never to raise the past issue, and living with unforgiving feelings will be like drinking poison; and without forgiveness we cannot move forward. If an individual refuse to forgive, how a person can claim to be the follower of our Almighty?" was the message conveyed by peace award recipient Visasier Kevichüsa at the 11th Peace Knit fest 2018 on September 21 at Town Hall, Dimapur.

The occasion coincided with the foundation day of Peace Channel. Kevichüsa was conferred Peace Award 2018 by Peace Channel for his contribution in working and promoting reconciliation in Nagaland and Northeast region. The event was jointly organised by Peace Channel in collaboration with People's Forum for Peace, North East Diocesan So-



Visasier Kevichüsa with his family members receiving the award from Peace Channel.

cial Service Society, North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research and DAN on the theme "Transformed to transform".

"If our memory of the past is greater than our future than we are dying," underscored Kevichüsa. Receiving the award,

Kevichüsa remarked that the absence of peace was costly.

Guest of honour and Bishop of Kohima Diocese, Rev. Fr. James Thomas Thoppil, in his address said, "to have peace, one has to be prepared for war. The term 'war' he was referring to the fight

for peace within oneself; fighting own prejudice, hatred and selfishness. Peace can be brought from within and not outside," he remarked.

Special guest and Deputy Commissioner, Dimapur, Sushil Kumar Patel, asserted "unless we promote peace, stabil-

ity is a concern. After we engage ourselves in lot of wars, then only we reflect that peace was not only important but indispensable."

"Inner and outer peace both are important because when we don't have inner peace it is difficult to spread the message of peace. There are a lot of absences of peace in society but when there is injustice in the society peace disappears and therefore resources should be shared equally in a society," the DC said while affirming that the state requires peace messengers who can sow the path of peace.

Director of Peace Channel Dr. Fr. CP Anon in his welcome address queried if there was a funding from the state government for peace. In this context, he suggested the state government introduce peace education.

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