



PEACE KNIT FEST 2019

Date: 14th March 2019

Venue: NEISSR Conference Hall, Bishops' house, Dimapur, Nagaland

The North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research (NEISSR) IQAC jointly organized with Peace Channel and North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati. An Annual Peace Knit 2019 on the theme “Conflict, Role of Media and the Possibilities for Peace making in the North East with Special focus on Nagaland” on 14th March 2019. at NEISSR Conference Hall, Bishops' house, Dimapur. The programme as attended by 112 students and delegates' altogether.

The program began with lighting of lamp and inter-religious prayer by the religious leaders of the different communities. The inaugural speech was given by Dr. Fr. C. P. Anto, Principal, NEISSR. Followed by a keynote address by Dr. Fr. Walter Fernandes where he addressed the main purpose of the book was not to praise or critique the book but to see how we can go forward. He also emphasized on three subjects that leads to conflict which is land, identity and diversity.

The programme included two sessions of book review and discussion co authored by Dr. Fr. Walter Fernandes and Bhaswati Borgohain on, “Living with conflicts: Possibilities of peace making in North East” where the panelist were Mrs. Elizabeth Thungchanbeni E. Ezung, who gave an insight on why the people are not satisfied with the government even though they are working hard on their part and also connecting it with Articles of Indian Constitution.”We must never care to stop working towards the peace progress”. Dr Toshinano Longchar emphasized on the importance of dialogue, a form of discussion, for peace building and through it diversity can be strengthened. Ms. Vitono Gugu Haralu relate on her personal and professional experiences and came up with the statement that peace begin the moment we realize our mistake, it opens door to listen and find a solution.

The second book was on “Journals of Dispute: Media coverage of conflicts in the Northeast,” Ms. Aheli Moitra briefed about the review of the book and how media can play an active role by taking positive steps in supporting peace. Miss Bano Haralu emphasized on how media is the window of opportunity where community can engage in thought and deliberation. The Photo Gallery Exhibition and Presentation was presented by a photographer Ms. Zubeni Lotha, who is the only Academic research Photographer from Nagaland. She challenged through her photography how we are caught between self, culture and tradition and how we should not mistake tradition with culture. The question here is “who defines culture for us and whether we should just accept it or whether we should question what is offered to us?” according to her.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Miss Viveni.

From NEISSR Desk

INVITATION

THE MANAGEMENT, FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS OF
NORTH EAST INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & RESEARCH (NEISSR)

CORDIALLY INVITE YOUR PARTICIPATION
IN THE ANNUAL PEACE KNIT SEMINAR 2019
ON
THURSDAY, THE 14TH OF MARCH 2019
AT 9:30AM.

VENUE: THE NEISSR CONFERENCE HALL
BISHOP'S HOUSE, DIMAPUR.

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North Eastern Social Research Centre Guwahati

Peace Knit Fest 2019 Programme

<p>DAY ONE FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2019</p> <p>Arrival & Registration: 8:00AM-8:30AM</p> <p>Energising Session: 08:30AM- 09:30AM</p> <p>INAUGURAL FUNCTION: 09:30 AM-12:00 AM</p> <p>Moderator : Ms.Garrol Lotha Project Coordinator, Peace Channel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Invocation : Rev.Fr. A.D. George Parish Priest Wokha ❖ Welcome and Key Note Address :Dr. Fr. C.P. Anto Director, Peace Channel ❖ Multi Media Presentation : Ms.Alino. S. Chishi, Kohima, Peace Animator ❖ Special No : Mr. Yanyithung Shitri ❖ Chief Guest message : Smti. Zuthunglo Patton, IFS DFO, Wokha ❖ Vote of thanks : Mr. Vincent Kikon, Wokha Peace Animator <p>12:00 AM-01:00 PM – LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>01:00 AM – 02:00 PM -2nd Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Peace Celebration : 02:00PM-03:00PM <p>INTERFAITH MEET & PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Themes "Towards ensuring inter-religious dialogue in a multi- religious society"</p> <p>Moderator : Ms.Vitono Haralu, Project Coordinator, Peace Channel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solidarity song : Peace Song 2. Solidarity Message : Chairperson(8-10 mins) a) Christian Community : Mr. Zubenthung Ngullie Pastor Police Baptist Church b) Muslim Community : Mr. M. Alam, (President Muslim Community c) Hindu Community :Mr. Deonarayan Pandit d) Catholic Community : Rev. Fr. A.D. George(Catholic Community) 3. Discussion and queries : 4. Vote of Thanks : Mr. Vincent Kikon, Wokha Peace Animator 		<p>CULTURAL EVENING: MR. & MISS PEACE CHANNEL HUNT 0.:30 PM-4:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Moderator : Mr. Alan Paul & Ms. Rebika Teronpi > Introductory round :Contestants > Questioning round : Contestants > Ice Breaking :Ms. Rebika Teronpi > Crowning of Mr.& Miss Peace channel: Channel > Closing prayer : Ms. Katini Eshena, Researcher,Peace Channel <p>DAY TWO SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019</p> <p>Peace Meditation (08:00 AM- 09:00AM) : Ms. Nyeamyng Konyak &Ms. Alino. S. Chishi</p> <p>Goal Setting for a Peaceful Living (09AM-10:00AM) : Dr. Fr. C.P. Anto, Director, Peace Channel</p> <p>PEACE RALLY- 10:30AM-12:00PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Vote of Thanks : Ms. Rosa Angami, Peren, Peace Animator <p>LUNCH-12:00PM- 01:00PM</p> <p>Motivational Talk: Students</p> <p>VALEDICTORY FUNCTION AND PEACE AWARD</p> <p>02:00-03:30 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chief Guest : Shri. E. Mhonbemo Patton Principal Accountant General, Nagaland ❖ Peace Awardee : Y. Yanbemo Lotha, Associate Pastor Lotha Baptist Church ❖ Host : Ms. Vitono Haralu & Ms.Garrol Lotha <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invocation : Pastor Khonbemo P Kikon, Wokha Town Baptist Church 2. Welcome Address : Dr. Fr. C.P. Anto, Director, Peace Channel 3. Glimpse of PKF : 4. Speech by the chief Guest : Shri. E. Mhonbemo Patton, Principal Accountant General Nagaland 5. Peace Award Ceremony : 6. Vote of Thanks : Ms. Garrol Lotha Project Coordinator, Peace Channel <p>PEACE ANTHEM</p>
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Press Release

Annual Peace Knit Seminar 2019 conducted

DIMAPUR, MARCH 14 (MExN): The Annual Peace Knit Seminar 2019 featuring was two panel discussions and visual media presentation on the theme: "Conflict, Role of Media and the Possibilities for Peace Making in the North East with Special Focus on Nagaland" was held at NEISSR Conference Hall, Dimapur on March 14.

Two research publications of NESRC, Guwahati, namely - 'Living with Conflict: Possibilities of Peacemaking in North East and Journals of Dispute: Media Coverage of Conflicts in the Northeast, With Case Studies from Nagaland, were reviewed and discussed threadbare by panel of Naga women leaders working diverse field of work.

It included Elizabeth Thungchanbeni E Ezung, lawyer and lecturer, City (Law) College Dimapur; Dr. Toshinaro Longchar, member, NBCC, Peace Committee; Vitono Gugu Haralu, Social Activist; Bano Haralu, Senior Journalist & Editor, Nagaland Today; Aheli Moitra, Senior Journalist & Special Reporter, The Morung Express; and Zubeni, an emerging social activists through visual media - photography.

Dr Deben Bachaspatimayum, Faculty member, NEISSR moderated both the panels and facilitated discussions. The seminar jointly organized by NEISSR, NESRC and Peace Channel was attended by over hundred people including young academicians, research scholars, leaders of inter-religious forum and college students.

Dr Fr. Walter Fernandes, Senior Fellow, NESRC, the principle author of the two books gave the key note address to the gathering after Dr Fr C.P. Anto, Principal & Director, NEISSR and Peace Chanel, felicitated him for resourcing the seminar with path-breaking research publications in the field of peace and conflict studies and role of media.

Members of Inter-Religious Forum, K.K. Paul representing Bengali Hindu community, Ajay Sethi, rep-

'Peace with justice & human rights for all'

Justice is the search for a new society. In the face of immediate violence, justice is to look beyond the triggers at the underlying causes that lead to the conflict. Fr. Dr. Walter Fernandes, Senior Fellow at the North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati, (NESRC) stated this while taking part in a discussion with students and other audience at the Annual Peace Knit 2019 organised by the North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research (NEISSR) in collaboration with Peace Channel and NESRC.

If we focus only on legal justice in a case, then victims will rarely get justice, noted Fr. Walter, while urging for measures to set in motion a wholesome idea of justice.

"How can we resolve a conflict at the local level?" This is a question one can ask while attempting resolution, he observed, highlighting the local, national and international levels of resolution that can emerge from a conflict situation. In the case of equality, for instance, Fr. Walter said, "equality is not just uniformity. Equality has to exist amidst diversity."

Focus of resolution should be on attaining "peace with justice," he reiterated, rather than establishing 'peace' that is more about 'power sharing' as was done in the case of Mizoram or Nagaland. "This will happen if the focus is on the process rather than the causes. It is the role of the civil society to focus on the causes and help bring peace with justice," Fr. Walter maintained.

resenting Jain community and Md Tajuddin Ahmed, representing the Muslim community in Dimapur also shared their views of discovering larger humanity from their lived-in experiences in Nagaland. They stressed God is One and believed that solution to conflicts can be found. Fr Walter Fernandes



Dr Fr. Walter Fernandes, Senior Fellow, NESRC. (Photo Courtesy: NEISSR)

Human rights for all

Responding to a question whether peace can co-exist with religion, Fr. Walter stated that religion can be ambiguous—every religion has components of peace and violence.

"It is important to respect every human being as created in the image of God with rights conferred upon him or her," he stated. "God brings liberation, not conflict."

The NESRC Senior Fellow further urged that as Christians, "we must get away from the theology of the promised land on which most theology in the North East is based."

"God is not a real estate developer but the God of peace and reconciliation; the God of all, not just one community," he maintained. "No one is the sole inheritor of land. We must move towards human rights for all."

(Morung Express News)

winding up the sessions underlined that every religion has two sides; violent and non-violent and the choice in our hands.

Mercy Ozukum and P Pagniba Andrew, MSW Students, conducted the seminar and Viveni, Final year students, MSW offered the vote of thanks.