



Open Workshop for Faculty and Students: Accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Methodology and Research

Organized by Research Cell, St. John College, in Collaboration with Research and Information System (RIS) for Developing Countries, New Delhi, and NETRA

Date: 27th March 2024

The workshop began with inauguration and introduction session chaired by Dr. Inakali Assumi, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English. Following this, Dr. Chubatila. Principal and Research Cell Advisor, of St. John College, extended a warm welcome to the resource persons, guest and participants in the workshop on "Accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Methodology and Research."

Dr. Chubatila expressed gratitude to the organizers, including the Research Cell at St. John College, RIS, and NETRA, for facilitating the much-needed event. She thanked Dr. Amrit Puzari from National Institute of Technology, Nagaland, the key resource person, and Dr. Moameren from St. Joseph University, Chumoukedima, who played a pivotal role in organizing the workshop. Dr. Chubatila highlighted India's G20 presidency and the ongoing efforts to engage youth in sustainable development, referencing the G20 University Connect events nationwide. She emphasized the workshop's aim to fulfill a requirement of the G20 University Connect initiative and urged participants to approach the discussions with openness and commitment.



The workshop commenced with an insightful presentation by Dr. Amrit Puzari, Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry and Chief Vigilance Officer, NIT, Nagaland, on "Accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Methodology and Research." Dr. Puzari emphasized the escalating pollution levels worldwide and proposed necessary measures to transition towards a sustainable society. Furthermore, he elaborated on adapting and formulating research methodologies conducive to sustainable outcomes.

Subsequently, Dr. Moameren, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Joseph University provided a comprehensive guide on preparing and submitting project proposals based on his practical and professional experience. He addressed the common challenges encountered during the application process, offering valuable insights to prospective applicants.

The presentations were followed by engaging individual discussion sessions, fostering fruitful exchanges among participants.



Certificates were distributed by Principal Dr. Chubabila, with congratulations extended to all attendees by Workshop Convener, Dr. Sita Malakar, Assistant Professor & Head Department of Sociology. The event concluded with vote of thanks and words of appreciation and encouragement from Dr. Temsununga, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany.

The workshop served as a platform for academia and researchers to deliberate on methodologies and strategies for advancing Sustainable Development Goals, fostering collaborative efforts towards a sustainable future.



One-day workshop on financial literacy on the theme Women led Development

Organized by Mount Mary College in Collaboration with Research and Information System (RIS) for Developing Countries, New Delhi, and NETRA

Date: 24th July 2024

Mount Mary College, Chumoukedima in collaboration with RIS (Research and Information System for Developing Countries and North Eastern Training, Research and Advocacy (NETRA) foundation organized one day workshop on financial literacy on the theme Women led Development. Brief introduction about the workshop and the issue and challenges relating to SHG was highlighted by Dr. Moameren Pongen Assistant Professor, St. Joseph University. Mr. W Temshiba Ao, Senior Branch Manager Bank of Baroda. highlighted the vast areas which the Self Help Group can explore and utilized it for their benefits. For that he points out the five threads which every SHG need to follow, that is holding Regular meetings, regular Saving, Inter loaning, timely repayment of loan to Bank and proper maintenance of record of income and expenditure and other related documentation of their SHG. He also shared in detail regarding importance schemes for women like the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission. This was followed by Q & A session where participants from different SHG cleared their doubts regarding loan process, issue on repayment, defaulters, Cibil score and other related issues.





ONE DAY NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDIA'S ROLE IN SHAPING INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL ORDER

Organised by Department of Political Science in collaboration with RIS and NETRA Foundation

26th July 2024.

On 26th July 2024, the Department of Political Science, St. Joseph University in collaboration with the Research and Information System for Developing Societies and Northeastern Training Research and Advocacy Foundation conducted **ONE-DAY NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INDIA'S ROLE IN SHAPING INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL ORDER** at St. Joseph University. It was attended by U.G. and P.G. students from St. John College, C-Edge College, Patkai Christian College (Autonomous), Testo College, ICFAI University, Nagaland and the media partner for the National Symposium was from FNN. The symposium aims to explore India's influence, contributions, and challenges to the evolving Indo-Pacific regional order on various aspects such as economic, political, connectivity, and society in the Indo-Pacific regions.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Nabarun Roy, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi. In his keynote speech, the resource person remarked on the constructed notion of Indo-Pacific in contemporary international politics and focused on India's evolution approach since the 1950s and how India viewed the strategic landscape on the question of alliances and defence pacts such as SEATO, Designate Areas, Colombo Powers, Asia-Africa Growth Corridor and bilateral relations with South East Asian countries. In the contemporary context, the resource person highlighted how it will make sense of India's approach towards the Indo-Pacific in strategic terms by questioning whether India is balancing against China and remarked on the quotation given by Rajagopalan that it is a form of "balancing" an idea not fit as India is reassuring China regularly and further, the resource person stated that India is not hedging as it entails maintain distance between both China and the US, or at least not balancing China but as an "Evasive balancing" strategic diplomacy.



Dr. Temjenmeren, Associate Fellow, IDSA, New Delhi spoke on "*India and Southeast Asia Building Consensus in the Indo-Pacific*". The speaker outlines how India and Southeast Asian countries by articulating their convergence of interests are strengthening their partnerships towards addressing common challenges critical for ensuring peace and stability. Further,

examines some of the key initiatives being undertaken for building greater cooperation in the light of the ongoing challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. Another speaker of the Symposium, Dr. Salikyu, Associate Prof. Tetso College, spoke on the topic “*India: Vacillating Between History and Ambition*” and presented his paper based on the recent changing events in world affairs that suggest transforming from a unipolar to a multipolar with shifting center of power from Washington to Beijing, New Delhi, and Moscow. The speaker focused primarily on India’s position in the evolving world affairs, especially in its relationship with Southeast Asia countries, and concluded that India’s ambition to attain a regional power does not complement its rich history and varied culture. Hence, measured against such standards, India will always fall short of its ambitions. However, measured against its civilizational values and truths, India may perhaps provide an alternative direction to the present world order. Mr. Benjungnungsang, Asst. Prof. St. Joseph University, spoke on the topic “*The Significance of the Indian Ocean in the Indo-Pacific Region*”, in the presentation, the speaker highlighted the significance of geo-political and economic significance of the Indian Ocean and based his argument on how far India with the help of other like-minded countries will evolve a peaceful and harmonious Indian Ocean for Free and Open Indo- Pacific region.



The Valedictory speech was delivered by Dr. Joyce Sabina Lobo, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Bangalore. The speaker spoke on the dynamics and role of various countries in the Indo-Pacific region and stated her argument through the lens of realist and liberal perspectives.

The One Day National Symposium was concluded with a Concluding Remarks delivered by Dr. Somingam Mawon, Associate Prof. St. Joseph University followed by Vote of Thanks on the National Symposium by Dr. Moameren Pongen. Asst. Prof. St. Joseph University.



One-day workshop on financial literacy on the theme Women led Development

Organized by Mount Mary College in Collaboration with Research and Information System (RIS) for Developing Countries, New Delhi, and NETRA

Date: 20th August 2024

On 20th August 2024, The Research Committee, C-Edge College, Naga United, organized an awareness program on 'Financial Literacy' at C-Edge College. The event aimed at enlightening Homemakers on the importance of financial planning and effective goal settings. The event was sponsored by Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and North Eastern Training Research and Advocacy (NETRA) Foundation.

Smt. T. Lhingneikim, Manager Financial Inclusion SBI Regional Business Office Dimapur, Nagaland and Mr. Shiva Dey Prasad, Asst. Prof. C-Edge College, were the Resource Persons for the event.

The programme had two sessions. During session One, Smt. Lhingneikim spoke on the topic "Financial Literacy for Homemakers". She stressed on the significance of setting financial goals.

She also focussed on the different Govt. Schemes and highlighted the benefits of availing such schemes. Some major schemes mentioned are:

1. PMJDY Accounts Or Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana Or Zero Balance Account.
2. PMSBY Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bina Yojana
3. PMJJBY Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Bima Yojana
4. APY Atal Pension Yojana
5. Sukanya Samriddhi Account for Girl Child
6. Public Provident Fund
7. MUDRA Loan

In Session Two, Mr. Shiva Dey Prasad talked on the topic "Investment Avenues". He mentioned on the avenues available for the investors such as Fixed Deposits, Recurring Deposits and Systematic Investment Plans (SIP). He also explained the structures on how a small investment can





Prof. CEC as Coordinators.

The program was presided by Ms. Yajennaro, Asst. Prof, CEC and Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Chubato Aier, Principal, CEC. Overall, the Financial Literacy Program for Homemakers was a significant success in providing the participants with valuable insights into financial planning and investment.

grow in tandem with the market.

A total of 18 participants attended the event which includes Homemakers and SHG groups from Naga United. The event was successfully coordinated under Dr. Moameren Pongen, Asst. Prof. St. Joseph University, Chumoukedima, as the Convenor and Ms. Yimwapangla Asst. Prof CEC, Mr. Shiva Dey Prasad, Asst.





“One Day Financial Literacy Workshop for Self-Employed Women”

Organised by

Research Cell, St. John College, Dimapur in collaboration with RIS and NETRA Foundation
24th Aug 2024.

On the 24th of August, 2024, a “One Day Financial Literacy Workshop for Self-Employed Women” was organized by the Research Cell, St. John College in collaboration with RIS & NETRA Foundation. A group of 25 Self-Employed Women Association (SEWA) members registered for the workshop. The programme was scheduled for 10.00 am at the conference hall, St. John College.

Dr. Naruti Longkumer, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Chemistry, St. John College, chaired and opened the programme. Dr. Sita Malakar, HOD, Dept. of Sociology, St. John College, delivered a warm welcome speech.

Following which, the guest speaker, Dr. Moameren, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Political Science, St. Joseph



University, gave a short inspiring speech on how to uplift oneself, especially women folks, through self-employment. He further highlighted the word, “Homemaker” and how every homemaker can benefit from various Government schemes. He also shed some light that it is vital to choose and take loans carefully and to pay back on time so as to avail the facilities in the future as well. He further provided important information on the rules of taking and paying loans. Additionally, he suggested that it is important to avoid short-cut routes and plan ideas for long term income.

The resource person, Ms. Isile Nza, Asst. Area Manager, CRISIL Foundation, started the workshop with her introduction and then she informed about their various offices in Nagaland. She gave a PowerPoint presentation by explaining the term ‘financial literacy’. She further



described the importance of saving and investing money cleverly and that savings should be our top most priority. She delivered information regarding the various investment options such as savings account, recurring deposit, fixed deposit, and mutual funds. Her presentation was very detailed, informative and she sensitized the audience with

numerous Government schemes and policies through her presentation.

Question and answer (Q&A) session started and the SEWA members as well as the faculty members took active part by asking questions which were promptly clarified by both Ms. Isile Nza and Dr. Moameren. The resource persons also explained in depth that there are different insurance schemes with different policies. Questions regarding loans from private banks, returns from various policies etc. were raised and all the answers were provided.

After the Q&A session, the certificates of participation were given to Dr. Moameren, Ms. Isile Nza and to all the SEWA members by Dr. Chubabila, Principal, St. John College. The Principal also gave a short speech regarding the importance of money management and acknowledged everyone for their presence. Dr. Rahul Kumar Sarma, HOD, Dept. of Chemistry, delivered the vote of thanks. Mr. T. Rakho and Mr. Opangmar extended their helping hands for the technical settings.

The programme ended with photo sessions and Lunch.





SJU Conference on Skill Development and Internship

Organised by Department of Political Science in collaboration with RIS and NETRA Foundation

9th September 2024.

On 9th September 2024, the Department of Political Science, St. Joseph University, Chumoukedima in collaboration with the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and NETRA Foundation conducted “**SJU Conference 2024 on Skill Development and Internship**” at St. Joseph University campus. The resource persons for the conference were Er. Alongse Sangtam, Joint Director & Mr. Menguzelie Suohu, Asst. Project Officer, Directorate of Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt of Nagaland. It was attended by Heads of the institutions and Convenor and members of Skill Development from St. John College, Unity College, C-Edge College, Dimapur Government College, Mount Mary College, Modern College, City College of Arts and Commerce, Eastern Christain College, Heads of Department of Botany, Chemistry, Social Work, Psychology and Counselling (SJU) to serve as a platform for the exchange of ideas and practices on the implementation and challenges faced by educational institutions on Skill development and internship under NEP 2020 framework.

At the conference, all the attendees were divided into groups to discuss and explore the effective approaches to skill development and internship implementation within the institution to address the skills gap, internship opportunities, and how to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry. Representatives from each group in their presentation highlighted the nature of skill development and internships undertaken by institutions to enhance students’



employability and growth. However, they also shared the challenges faced by the institution for a robust implementation in the education sector such as structural constraints, lack of industry, socio-economic factors, limited internship-providing agencies, lack of financial

resources, and time frame of the skill and internship program.

To facilitate the group-wise discussion and queries, question and answer session with the resource persons was conducted as a part of the conference session. Based on the presentation and questions, the resource persons shared valuable insights and information on how the government has undertaken various projects with different institutions and agencies in promoting skill development to enhance employability, especially for youths by focusing on skill-building initiatives and internship programs. Furthermore, highlighted that skills are not static in today's fast-paced and changing world, which therefore is important to adopt a growth mindset and actively seek out opportunities for skill development, whether it be through formal education, on-the-job training, or self-directed learning. Additionally, to address the skills gaps and foster a robust system, the resource persons, encouraged educational institutions to collaborate in setting up centers for skill development to ensure that courses are relevant, industry-aligned, and accessible to a diverse range of learners.



