

Name of event: National Seminar on Intersection of Science and Religion

Date : 17th February, 2023

Organizers: Research & Development cell, IQAC & EU

Resource Persons:

1. **Dr. Caleb Harris** is an Associate Professor and Head of Department, Department of Surgical oncology. North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences (NEIGRHMS), Shillong, Meghalaya. His area of interest are Esophagogastric cancer, surgical training, Cancer Care Delivery & Preventive oncology. He has several publications to his credit and a number of ongoing research projects (funded & non funded). Amongst others, he was awarded Silver Medal at European Board of Surgery and was the winner of Prof M. Guhanandam Gold medal in ophthalmology.
2. **Dr. Balajied Nongrum** is a lead Consultant, research and apologetics for RTB, Asia Pacific. He has a Bachelors Degree in veterinary science and a dual masters degree in Philosophy & religion and Science & Religion from Biola University USA.
3. **Rev. Dr. Ramengliana** is a Masters Degree Holder in Philosophy and a Gold medalist in NEHU. He got his Ph. D from NEHU after which he pursued BD in UTC Bangalore. At present he is serving as the GS, in NEICC.
4. **Lalrinzuala Nghaka** is a ministry associate, RTB. He attained his masters degree in Biochemistry from NEHU and is currently pursuing his Ph.D at MZU.

Number of participants :

- i) Students: 733
- ii) Faculty : 58

Short Report:

The Programme started with a introduction of organizing members and college faculty from the host Mrs. Lalrinsangi Nghinglova who also gave the welcome speech in the absence of the Principal who had fallen sick. The first session opened with presentation fro Dr. Caleb Harris on the topic *“Is the cancer rates higher in North East India because of Bad genetics?”* He gave an overview on the incidence of cancer in the North East states and identified some of the common cause of cancer in the region. He also posed the question whether cancer is genetic or sporadic. He also suggested some cancer preventive measures.

In the second and third sessions Dr. Balajied Nongrum gave powerful presentations on two topics “ *The intersection of Science and faith*” in which he talks about how Science and faith are not foes but friends. In his talk on “The Matrix of human sexuality” he delved into the complexity of human sexuality. Contemporary issues such as LGBTQ etc were also discussed. The three sessions were followed by a Q&A session in which many questions posed by the students were addressed.

In the fourth session Dr. Ramengliana gave an overview on *atheism and new age atheism*. This session was followed by a session on the role of religion (Christianity in particular) in the contemporary society which was presented by Lalrinzuala Nghaka. Topics ranging from existence of God, our purpose in life and what happens after death were discussed. The two sessions were followed by Q&A session. In between all the sessions a well known singer Maruati gave an astounding performance. The resource persons were gifted mementoes from the college. The sessions ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. Lalzahawmi Chenkual, Chairman, Research & Development Cell, GZRSC.

Registration of participants and Traffic management were done by Reception committee. Tea and lunch for resource persons were hosted by Refreshment committee. Security duty was done by NCC cadets. EU volunteers were responsible for ushering, collecting questions and felicitating the resource persons. Other related committees such as ICT, light & sound etc also performed their duties efficiently to ensure that the programs were conducted successfully.

CONFERENCE

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON THE INTERSECTION OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION
17 FEBRUARY 2023

Prayer Hall, Zirtui Residential Science College, Serchhip, Mizoram

1st Session (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)
Dr. Satish Mehta
 Director, Science Education, Government of India

2nd Session (10:30 AM - 11:30 AM)
Dr. Bhanu Prasad
 Director, Science Education, Government of India

3rd Session (12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)
Dr. Anand Kumar
 Director, Science Education, Government of India

4th Session (1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)
Dr. Anand Kumar
 Director, Science Education, Government of India

Each session will be 20-30 mins followed by Q&A. After all the presentations, an interactive session will be held for the students with a quiz competition. (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

Note: The programme will be followed by Workshop.

Organized by: **Prakash and Development Trust**, **Infomedia Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)**, **Association of Science Colleges (ASC)**

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