

St. Edmund's College, Shillong represents in “SAC Peace Initiative Collective” podcast

The St. Anthony's College Peace Initiative Collective features an episode titled “What Keeps Us Together – Stories from the Northeast” that was held at the College campus. **Ms. Aisri Debbarma, student of 1st Semester, Department of Sociology** had the opportunity of representing St. Edmund's College, Shillong in the conversation held on 04th November, 2025, that aimed to highlight the shared values, cultural richness, and unity that exist among the people of the Northeastern states of India despite their vast diversity.

As an interviewee, Ms. Debbarma represented the state of Tripura and her community, the Debbarma tribe. During the conversation, she spoke about the traditional foods, cultural practices, and the sense of togetherness that binds the people of Tripura. The conversation also discussed the broader theme of unity in diversity across the Northeast and reflected on what makes our region truly special. The discussion further explored how peace can be preserved through mutual respect, understanding, and the celebration of each other's cultural heritage. The podcast provided her and other invited guest speakers with the opportunity to learn about the traditions and values of other Northeastern communities, shared by fellow students' from different states.

Overall, it was an enriching experience that not only deepened my appreciation for one's own culture but also strengthened the understanding of the cultural harmony that connects all of us in the Northeast.

