



**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR CUM WEBINAR ON “CLIMATE CHANGE: - A
LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL AGENDA”
ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY & IQAC, ST. EDMUND’S
COLLEGE
IN COLLABORATION WITH NABARD, SHILLONG
A CENTENARY CELEBRATION (1923-2023)**

SUMMARY REPORT

The two days International Seminar-cum Webinar was organized by the Department of Geography and IQAC of St. Edmund's College in collaboration with NABARD Shillong on the 16th & 17th of August, 2023. The seminar –webinar organized with the objective on Climate Change: A Local, National and Global Agenda was inaugurated on 16th August 2023 by Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, Chairman of Meghalaya State Planning Board at St. Edmund's College auditorium along with zoom cloud meeting application for online link. The programme started off with the welcome address by the principal in charge Dr (Bro) Simon Coelho and Professor Osmond Kharmawphlang Head of the Department of Geography highlighted about each session to be conducted during the seminar-webinar. Shri Metbah Lyngdoh, Chairman of the Meghalaya state Planning Board was the honourable Chief Guest of the inaugural session and Dr P. Sahoo, General Manager of NABARD Shillong was the Guest of Honour. The programme was attended by various faculty members, Research scholars and Students from various departments and Institutions. The different departments include the Department of Geography, Zoology, Botany and Environmental Science of St. Edmunds College. The other institutes include the Department of Geography; Union Christian College, Synod College and Umshyrpi College.

DAY-I

In Day 1, the programme has four technical session of which two was offline and another two was online

Online Session:

The first speaker was Dr. Arun Bhakta Shrestha, Senior Climate Change specialist, ICIMOD, Kathmandu and his deliberation was on the topic "Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources and Disaster in the Hindukush Himalayan Region: Challenges and Solutions".

The second speaker was Dr Bremly W B Lyngdoh, founder and CEO of World View Impact, Co-Founder of GYAN, consultant UNDP. His deliberation was on the topic "Fighting Climate Change by restoring the forest of the tide in Myanmar".

Offline Session:

The first Offline session was deliberated by Dr Anup Saikia, Professor, Department of Geography; Gauhati University. His topic was on: "Climate Change and North East India: A view from the clouds".

The last offline session of day 1 was a student presentation deliberated by Heika Tyeptthomi, a fifth semester student from the department of Environmental Science on the topic: "Estimation of Carbon footprint and its awareness among students in St. Edmunds College, Shillong". Another student deliberation was co-

presented by Pradakshina Borbora and Angshita Kashyap 5th Semester of the Department of Geography on the topic: “Climate Change and its Mental Prospect”.

DAY-2

Five technical sessions were deliberated in which three session were on offline mode and two session in online mode.

Online session:

Dr Rajesh Thapa, M.Phil, Ph.D, Research Fellow, School of Environmental and Rural Science- Ecosystem Management, University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales , Australia. He deliberated on the topic:”Impact of Climate Change on the biodiversity of the Australian region”.

Dr. Sunil Kumar De, President of International association of Geomorphologist(IAG), Internatuional Correspondence Secretary, Indian Institurte of Geomorphologist (IGI), IGU COMLAND Steering Committee member, Professor Department of Geography; North eastern Hill University. Prof Sunil Kumar De deliberated on the topic: “Impact of Climate Change of Landslides”

Offline session:

In the offline session Dr B.K. Tiwari, formerly Professor of Department of Environmental Studies, NEHU, Shillong deliberated on the topic: “Environmental and social implication of Climate Change adaptation and mitigation projects”.

Shri Nababrata Bhattacharjee, Environment Safeguard specialist, Chairman SEAC, Meghalaya(MOEF&CC) technical advisor(Environment natural resources) to the Government of Meghalaya. Shri Nababrata deliberated on the topic: “Climate Change and Strategies for Impact Management”

The last session of the International Seminar cum webinar was concluded by student session co-presented by Ritika Kharkerlang and M. Kishan Sinha, 5th semester students of Department of Geography on the topic: “Climate Change: understanding the Global challenges and Pathways to Sustainability”

The Sminar cum webinar ended with the valedictory function which is grace by Shri R.S.Gill, Indian Foreign Service, Principal Chief Conservation Forest and Head o Forest Force, Meghalaya Shillong as the Chief Guest and Shri Greville N Kharlukhi, Assistant General Manager of NABARD Shillong as the Guest of Honour.



Figure 1: INAUGURATION



Figure 2: PARTICIPANTS



Figure 3: VALEDICTORY



Figure 4: ALL PARTICIPANTS