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# Role of Christian Missionaries in the spread of Western Education in the khasi Fills

Speakers: 1. Rev. Lyndan Syiem, Preacher, Teacher &

**Social Worker** 

2. Dr. Sylvanus Lamare, Principal, St. Edmund's

College.





Date: 23rd of March 2023.

Venue: St Edmund's College Auditorium

**Time: From 1 PM** 

St Edmund's College, Shillong Department of History (In collaboration with the IQAC,St Edmund's College) Date-23rd March 2023 Speakers-Rev.Lyndan Syiem and Dr.Sylvanus Lamare Topic-Role of Christian Missionaries in the spread of Western Education in the Khasi Hills

On March 23rd, 2023, the Department of History at St Edmund's College, Shillong, in collaboration with the IQAC, organized a guest lecture on the topic of the Role of Christian Missionaries in the spread of Western Education in the Khasi Hills. The programme was hosted by our very own Professor B. Rymbai. The lecture was delivered by two eminent speakers, Rev. Lyndan Syiem and Dr. Sylvanus Lamare

The event began with a welcome speech by the Head of the History Department, Professor D. Suting, followed by a welcome song performed by the students of the 4th semester of the Department of History. The programme was then opened with a prayer led by the Dean of the college, Maam Nongbri.

The first speaker, Rev. Lyndan Syiem, an alumnus of St. Edmund's College, who had Economics as his honours, was an excellent debater during his college days and is now a preacher, teacher, and social worker. In his lecture, he spoke about the Protestant contributions towards the spread of Western education in the Khasi Hills. He mentioned that the Christian missionaries played a significant role in the establishment of schools and colleges in the region, which provided the Khasi people with access to quality education.

Rev. Syiem explained that the missionaries' emphasis on education was not only to spread Christianity but also to empower the local people by providing them with the necessary skills and knowledge to improve their standard of living. He also discussed the role of the Welsh Missionaries, who were the first to establish schools in the Khasi Hills, and how their efforts paved the way for the establishment of other institutions of education.

The second speaker, Dr. Sylvanus Lamare, the principal of St. Edmund's College, spoke about the contributions of the Catholic missionaries towards the spread of Western education in the Khasi Hills. He discussed how the Catholic missionaries established educational institutions, such as St. Edmund's College, that played a significant role in shaping the educational landscape of the region.

Dr. Lamare highlighted that the missionaries' emphasis on education was not limited to providing formal education but also included vocational and technical education. He mentioned that the Catholic Church established training centres for various skills, such as carpentry, tailoring, and agriculture, which helped in the overall development of the region.

After the lecture ended, the vote of thanks was given by our very own Professor R. Basaiawmoit which was then followed by the interactions between the students and the speakers.

In conclusion, the guest lecture on the Role of Christian Missionaries in the spread of Western Education in the Khasi Hills was an enlightening experience for the audience. The speakers' insights into the contributions of the Christian missionaries towards the development of education in the region provided a new perspective on the history of education in the Khasi Hills. The event was well organized and conducted, and the audience left with a deeper understanding of the subject

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