

“Decoding Lok Sabha Elections: India’s Political Future”

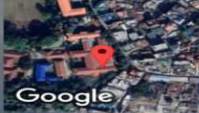
On the 11th of May 2024, the Political Science Department of St. Edmund's College, in conjunction with the Electoral Literacy Club, hosted a seminar under the theme "Decoding Lok Sabha Elections: India's Political Future". The prime aim of the session was to provide an impartial and unbiased comprehension of the electoral process, covering topics such as voting rights, electoral systems, political parties, candidates, and civic participation. This program was designed to equip individuals with the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions during elections and understand the broader impact of their actions on democracy. The event was open to 10 colleges within Shillong, Meghalaya and approximately 200 attendees were present.

The seminar was inaugurated in the presence of esteemed individuals including Vice Principal (Administration) Professor Monotosh Chakraborty, S.Lyngdoh, HOD Department of Political Science, Dr. Jayanti Shadap faculty member; Amelia Myllem faculty member and Nodal Officer Electoral Literacy Club; Pynksan Syiem faculty member; and teachers from various other Departments. They were all gracious enough to lend their valuable time and expertise to the event.

The keynote speakers at the event were remarkable individuals, each with their own unique perspective on the various aspects of politics and democracy. Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky, the Associate Professor and HOD of the Department of Political Science at Royal Global University in Guwahati, spoke about the intricacies of democracy, the process of elections in India, and the economic relations with development. Mr. Anirban Paul, the advisor at Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), shared his insights on Identity Politics, the end goals of politics, ethnicity and caste politics. Dr. Batskhem Myrboh, the Associate Professor in the department of political science at NEHU, shed light on the nuances of the electoral process in Meghalaya and the North East India, along with his predictions for the General Election 2024.

Throughout the day, participants had the opportunity to actively engaged with the panel of esteemed speakers to discuss pressing topics such as women's involvement in politics, the issue of one nation one election, and the crucial role of national parties in the North Eastern region. These discussions led to the development of insightful recommendations that can positively impact these areas.

The session was truly enlightening and kept the students captivated throughout. They gained valuable insights into democratic principles and the significance of voting. With enhanced electoral literacy, voters can form clearer opinions, thus contributing to a healthier democracy. The discussions were not only educational but highly impactful, providing a rich learning experience for the students.



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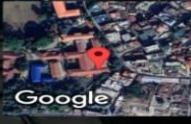
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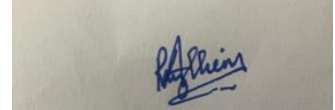


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