

Awareness Programme on “Internet Safety” for School Students

In collaboration with the Alumni of Social Work, the Department of Social Work-PG at St. Edmund's College conducted an awareness program on "Internet Safety" for students of class VII and VIII at St. Mary's Secondary School, Pahammadoloi Village on the evening of June 8th, 2023. The event was organized as part of St. Edmund's College's ongoing centennial celebrations and the Rural Camp 2023 and it was facilitated by Ms. Hazel Berret Wahlang, an alumni from the class of 2013. This program was designed to help students become more aware of how to make good use of the Internet. A total of 93 students from classes VII and VIII participated in this program.



A welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Kendonglener Lemtor, MSW 2nd Semester, Department of Social Work-PG, in which he welcomed all students of St. Mary's Secondary School, co-workers, and resource person Miss Hazel B Wahlang. After the welcome address, the resource person conducted an ice-breaking session with the students in order to make the atmosphere more relaxed. Additionally, she inquired about their use of the Internet, as well as whether they were using it properly.



Afterwards, the resource person led a technical session and explained how to use the internet appropriately. Upon completion of the explanation, the resource person invited the student

social worker to perform a role play. Through the role play, we can see how one of the characters is defrauded by a scammer. After the role play, the resource person explained the principles of the SMART, including staying safe, not meeting up, accepting files, being reliable, and telling someone about the situation.

Following the role play and explanation of being SMART while using internet, the resource person began asking the students about their bad ways of using the internet. Several students provided examples of what they were doing, such as playing games, watching bad movies, wastage of time, procrastination and spending more time on the Internet. After that the resource person explained the role-play and how many people get scammed by the internet because they are unaware of how to use it appropriately.

The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Inimeriki Suja, MSW 2nd Semester, Department of Social Work-PG.