

INTER STATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**ORGANISED BY MEGHALAYA STATE
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL WORK-PG,**



**ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE, SHILLONG
VENUE : ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE, SHILLONG**

DATE : 12th JULY 2023

Introduction

Exchange Program is a program which enable the students to have an inter cultural and educational exchange of ideas and knowledge about the rich culture and diversity of the respective place and to learn about the life style, culture and various social practices in our society.

On the 12th July 2023, The Department of Social Work-PG, St Edmund's College, hosted the Inter-State Exchange Program which was organized by the Meghalaya State Commission for Women in collaboration with the Department of Social Work-PG, St Edmund's College.

The program was conducted with an objective of enabling the students with a new experience in learning the culture and diversity of the state of Meghalaya and meet new people for interaction and encourage the students to explore other cultures and understand various issues faced by the women of the particular region and the ways in which they have overcome them.

The program witnessed the participation of the women delegates from National Commission for Women coming from different states of the country including, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and New Delhi, and the MSW 2nd and 4th semester.

About the program

At the very outset, the Inter State Exchange program was started with a welcome address by the Assistant Professor, Mr Martius R. Rynjah. He welcomed the delegates from different states, members of the National Commission for Women and Meghalaya State Commission for Women, the members of the St Edmund's College management including the Vice Principal (Academics) and the Dean, the faculties of the Department of Social Work-PG and Commerce Department and the MSW students of St Edmund's College. Besides that, the Dean invoked the program with a prayer following with her address to all the participants which she express her delightful to address the gathering participated by the women delegates from across the country. The Vice Principal



(Academics), Capt. K.P Pallavi Malhan and the Dean of St Edmund's College, Dr. B. War Nongbri was called upon to felicitate the representatives of National Commission for Women, New Delhi and Meghalaya State Commission for Women.

Additionally, the Vice Principal (Academics), Capt. K.P Pallavi Malhan, delivered her address in



the gathering which she express the need and important of having such program which would benefit the students in understanding the culture and backgrounds of the diverse country, India.

The programme was meaningful with the presentation by Assistant Professor, Mr. Martius R Rynjah in which he presented on the state Meghalaya including the culture and traditions, the

various festivals which is commonly celebrated by the three major tribes of Meghalaya, viz. Khasi, Jaintia and Garo. He further, presented on economic and political aspects of the state, the various tourist places and the natural resources available in the state.

Following was a presentation by Ms. Hazel B Wahlang where she presented about the St Edmund's College and the Department of Social Work-PG by a showing a glimpse of St Edmund's College campus in a video documentary and followed was the presentation on the functions and activities of the Department of Social Work-PG. In her presentation, she mentioned about the Department as an

action oriented course with various components including Concurrent Fieldwork Practicum, Organisational visits, Rural Camp, Study Tour and Block Placement. She further presented on the various activities conducted by the department which includes: Awareness Programmes, School Outreach Program, Community Services, Role Plays, Observation of the important events and other collaborative



programmes with government agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations. Through the presentation it depict that the department more focuses on practical/field learning.

After the formal session, an informal session was followed with an entertainment by the MSW Student, Mr. Malcolm M Nongsiej in which he performed a song in the event. Besides that, the interaction and discussion was followed on learning each culture and backgrounds respectively. The

women delegates introduced themselves and mentioned their area of work and their field of interest. This session provides a space and a platform for the students and the delegates to interact and share their idea and knowledge. The program witnesses and learnt that some of the delegates are Brand Ambassadors of '*Beti Bacchao Beti Padhao Abhiyan*' in Rajasthan. These women delegates shared their knowledge and views on the various societal issues such as dowry system, marriage system, property rights etc. In the interaction a woman delegate from Himachal Pradesh talked about co-habitation and advantages of a matrimonial society. They also shared their overall experiences in Meghalaya. Consecutively, the exchange program ensured the amalgamation of different cultures, traditions, customs, and lifestyle of people living in different states and the visit was primarily focused on the various developmental activities, skill development, education and employment available for women in the respective states.

In conclusion of the program the faculty members and the MSW students expressed their acknowledgement and appreciation to all the women delegates and the representatives from National Women Commission, New Delhi and Meghalaya State Commission for Women for the ambience of cultural learning and creating a space for sharing of knowledge and ideas. And the group photo was taken to mark the memories of the consequential event in the college.



ANNEXURE 1

List of Participants

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ANNEXURE 2

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