REPORT INDUCTION PROGRAM 2025



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INTRODUCTION

The Department of Social Work-PG, St Edmund's College, Shillong organized an Induction Program for MSW 1st Semester on the 1st September 2025 in Shannon Hall, St. Edmund's College, Shillong. This Induction Program aim to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment and inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution, help them build bonds with the students and faculty members of the department, and expose them to a sense of larger purpose and self exploration. This program will enhance the new MSW students to understand and get an introduction to St Edmund's College and Department of Social Work-PG.

The Programme allows the student to engaged with the new students as soon as they come into the institution; before regular classes start. At the start of the induction, the new students learn about the institutional policies, processes, practices, culture and values, and their mentor groups are formed.

The objectives of the Induction Program are as follows:

- 1. **Socializing:** Meeting other new students, senior students, students union, Lectures by Eminent faculties.
- 2. **Associating:** Visits to University / college, visits to Dept./Branch/ Programme of study & important places on campus.
- 3. **Governing:** Rules and Regulations, student support etc.
- 4. **Experiencing:** Subject lectures, study skills, small-group activities, physical activity, creative and performing arts, literary activities, universal human values, etc

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

An Induction Programme for the MSW 1st Semester students was organized by the Department of Social Work (PG), St. Edmund's College, Shillong, on the 1st of September 2025 at Shannon Hall, St. Edmund's College. The programme was graced by the esteemed presence of Br. Sunil Britto, Principal (In-charge), Dr. K. P. Pallavi Malhan, Vice-Principal (Academics), Dr. B. War Nongbri, Dean of the College, the faculty members of the department, the MSW 3rd Semester students and the newly inducted MSW 1st Semester students.

The programme was hosted by Mr. Martius Rynjah, Assistant Professor of the department. It commenced with an invocation by Ms. Melisa Kharbyngar, a 3rd Semester student, followed by a gracious welcome address delivered by the Head of the Department, Dr. R. Rajendra. In her address, Dr. Rajendra extended a warm welcome to the newly inducted MSW 1st Semester students and expressed her gratitude to the



dignitaries, faculty members, and senior students for their presence. She emphasized the significance of pursuing social work education with sincerity, compassion, and commitment, encouraging the students to embrace the values of service, empathy, and professionalism as they embark on their academic journey. She also highlighted the supportive environment of the department, assuring the students that their years at St. Edmund's College would be both enriching and transformative journey for all of them.



Following the welcome address, the 3rd Semester students presented a melodious welcome song, creating a warm and vibrant atmosphere for the occasion. This was followed by an introduction of the faculty members of the department, once again led by the Head of the Department, Dr. R. Rajendra. Thereafter, the Principal i/c of the College, Br. Sunil Britto, addressed the gathering. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of maintaining regular attendance and adhering to the leave protocols, while also outlining the rules and regulations of the

College. His address served as an important reminder of discipline, responsibility, and commitment expected of every student in order to foster a vibrant campus atmosphere and ensure

an enriching learning experience.

The Dean of the College, Dr. B. War Nongbri, highlighted the importance of shared responsibility among fellow students and emphasized certain guidelines and college norms advising students to carried out with good etiquettes in college premises and strictly reminding everyone to refrain from any form of prohibited intoxicating

substance within the campus.

After the address by the Dean of the College, the Vice-Principal (Academics), Dr. K. P. Pallavi Malhan, addressed the gathering with an inspiring message. She spoke on the significance of being a social worker, beautifully describing social work as "the art of listening and the science of hope". Dr. Malhan further highlighted the role of entrepreneurship and its potential to bring about meaningful change in society as to encourage the students, she cited examples of distinguished role models, such as the founder of Amul, who exemplify how vision,



dedication, and hard work can create opportunities and transform communities.

Furthermore, a video presentation of the College was showcased, offering a virtual tour that highlighted various aspects of campus life, including the academic buildings, laboratories, facilities, co-curricular activities, student clubs, and the rich cultural diversity of the institution.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Mr. George K. Sunn, who expressed deep appreciation to all the dignitaries, faculty, and students for their presence and contributions. The event came to a close with the rendition of the College Anthem, followed by light refreshments.

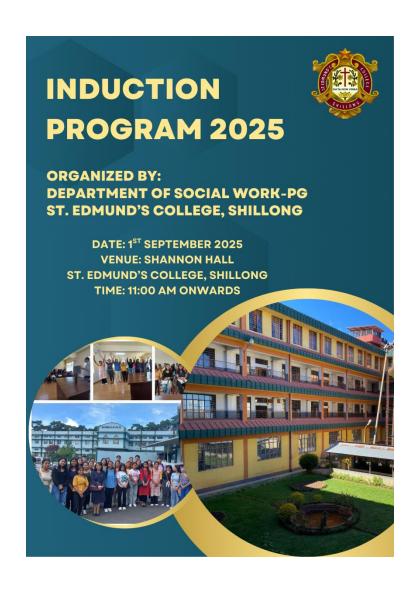


The second session of the Induction Programme was held in the department classroom and was hosted by two 3rd Semester students, Banteilang Dkhar and Mebansiewdor Nongkhlaw. The session began with a guided tour of the Department, allowing the newly inducted students to familiarize themselves with the facilities. This was followed by an introduction to the MSW theoretical curriculum by Dr. Wandaia Syngkon, Faculty Member of the department, who outlined the course structure across all four semesters, including both the major and optional papers.

Subsequently, Dr. Hazel B. Wahlang and Mr. George K. Sunn conducted a session on the MSW fieldwork curriculum, highlighting the components of fieldwork practicum in each semester. These included Concurrent Fieldwork, Orientation Visits, Rural Camp, Study Tour, and Block Placement. In addition, Ms. Ainamlin Dkhar provided an orientation to the Department Library, explaining the available study materials and resources, as well as the rules and procedures for borrowing and returning books.

An engaging ice-breaking activity was then conducted, in which the 3rd Semester students organized a game called "Pass the Ball" for the newcomers. This was followed by an interactive session where both the 1st and 3rd Semester students introduced themselves and exchanged experiences, fostering camaraderie and connection. Eventually, the second session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Class Representative, Mr. Toiengskhem Wanswett.





ANNEXURE 2: List of Participants

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