

A Brief Report on the Brother M. G. Shannon Memorial Lecture on

“Science Education in the age of internet: Prospects and challenges”

organized by the DEPARTMENT of PHYSICS, St. Edmund’s College.

On the 9th of May, 2023, the Department Of Physics, St. Edmund's College organised the first "Brother M. G. Shannon Memorial Lecture" as part of the College Centenary Celebrations on the occasion of his 95th Birth Anniversary. It was the first Brother M. G. Shannon Memorial Lecture. The guest speaker invited for the day was Prof. R. H. Duncan from the Department Of Chemistry, North Eastern Hill University.

The programme started with a welcome address given by Dr. M. Lyndem, the Head of the Department of Physics, St. Edmund's College, wherein he welcomed all the guests, management team and the students. Besides, he explained the conceptualization and the importance of the lecture. This was followed by the presentation of a memento (potted plant) to Dr. Duncan by the Vice Principal of Academics, Dr. Capt. Pallavi Malhan. Thereafter, mementos were presented to the retired HoDs of the Science departments, which included Prof. Wandell Passah, Dr. M. C. Pal, Dr. V. R. Rao, Dr. S.N mazumdar and the Principal of St. Edmund's Higher Secondary School, Br. Agnelo Benjamin, by the Dean Dr. B. War Nongbri. Our Principal in charge, Br. Simon Coelho then graced the occasion with a few words in memory of Br. Shannon and congratulated the Physics Department for having commenced the lecture series. Following this, our Vice Principal Of Administration, Prof. Manotosh Chakravarty, gave a brief account of the life of Br. M. G. Shannon, reminiscing and sharing fond memories associated with him. Prof Wandell Passah and Dr. S. N Mazumdar also shared their experiences with Br. M.G. Shannon and paid rich tributes to him.

Finally, the Guest Speaker, Prof. R. H. Duncan took over the stage to present his lecture on "Science Education in the age of internet: Prospects and Challenges". He spoke with much grace and deliberation, all the while keeping the audience engaged. He delved on the challenges of conducting online classes especially practical class and the benefits of learning from those challenges. He ended the presentation on some very thought-provoking points regarding the application of internet on modern-day education. There was a lively interaction and discussion after the talk.. The vote of thanks was then presented by Mr L. K. Nongbet, Guest faculty Of Department of Physics, wherein he thanked all the attendees, the guests and the people involved in making the programme successful. The programme ended in high spirits as everyone rose to sing the college anthem.