

## REPORT OF THE OBSERVATION OF 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF MAHATMA GANDHI

The NSS Unit, Shillong College conducted a programme on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at the College Conference Hall on “Gandhi’s Philosophy and its relevance in modern day’s world” for the volunteers of the Unit to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Year of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Dr.(Mrs) M. L. Nongbri, Chief Consultant World Vision, Shillong was the main Speaker and Resource Person at the programme. In her deliberations, she dwelt at length on the aspects of Gandhi as a leader and his Philosophy of non-violence during the freedom movement and the achievement of India’s independence through this philosophy. She said that his ideology of Satyagraha and Non-violence is very much relevant in today’s modern world where so much hatred, exploitation, injustice and unrest is taking place in different parts of the world including India. She said that Mahatma Gandhi himself represented humility and truth and it was due to his humility and truthfulness that people in every parts of the world looked up to him as a greatest leader who inspired many others in their fight for justice and equality among different races and communities in many countries around the world. She said that as NSS volunteers, they have greater roles in carrying forward this legacy of Gandhiji specially in today’s present age where the country is facing so much unrest due to ethnic, political and religious clashes. She said that even after a century and a half, people still believe in Gandhi’s philosophy of non-violence and peaceful negotiations are the only solutions to many problems faced by countries in the world.

The programme was presided over by Pf. A. Marbaniang, Programme officer of the unit and was attended by 90 volunteers including programme officers. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks from Dr. S. Khyriemujat, Programme Officer.

