

A Report on the talk, 'Gender Equality: Myth or Reality', organised by the Gender Equality Monitoring Cell, Shillong College



The Gender Equality Monitoring Cell, Shillong College organised a talk on the topic, Gender Equality: Myth or Reality, on the 26th of March 2022 at 2:00 pm, at the Principal's Conference Room.

The Resource person was Dr. Rekha Shangpliang, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Nehu, Shillong. Dr. Eva Kharkongor, Principal and Dr. Kollool Dutta, Vice Principal, presided over the program. Other attendees included the members of the Gender Equality Monitoring Cell, students and teachers of the Department of

English Post Graduate section of the College, as well student invitees from St. Anthony's College, Shillong and St. Edmunds College, Shillong.

The program was chaired by Dr. Dhira Bhowmick, HOD Department of English and Co-convenor Gender Equality Monitoring Cell, Shillong College. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. G. Janet Dkhar, Convener Gender Equality Monitoring Cell. The Resource person was welcomed and honoured with a bouquet of flowers, which was presented by Dr. Dalari Lyngdoh, Faculty and member of the Gender Equality and Monitoring Cell. After the welcome address, Dr. Eva Kharkongor, Principal, Shillong College delivered a speech, she expressed her gratitude to the speaker and the Gender Equality Monitoring Cell for making this talk a possibility. She further highlighted on the significance of the topic of the talk in today's time, while also wishing for the success of the program.



chairing the session.

Dr. G.J Dkhar delivering the welcome address

Dr. Dhira Bhowmick

The Resource person finally took over the program and delivered her talk on the topic of gender equality. She gave a lucid summary of the history and origin of feminism and other gender related movements and awareness. She highlighted the three waves of feminism, the various political and artistic developments spanning history from Mary Wollstonecraft to Madonna, the role of the suffrage movement, the Seneca Falls Convention and other

important milestones in the raising of awareness for gender equality. She concluded on a note that gender equality is still not a reality even in a matrilineal state like Meghalaya, but positive changes are visible, there is a positive change of outlook in this regard and we can only continue to strive to break stereotypes and aim for a less gender biased society. She concluded the talk by showing a video titled 'One Woman' which aimed at female empowerment and collective action to give her a safe place to live and succeed.



Dr. Rekha Shangpliang delivering her talk

An interactive session followed after the talk, where the students and teachers asked relevant questions with regards to the topic and were answered by the resource person. Other teachers also contributed in answering important questions related to the topic especially in the context of matriliney in Meghalaya. The interactive session elicited a highly meaningful and fruitful discussion on the sensitive issue of gender. All the participants have highly benefited from this program.



The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. H. Iangrai, HOD Department of Education and member of the Gender Equality Monitoring Cell, Shillong College.

Dr. Iangrai delivering the vote of thanks.

After the program refreshments was served and a brief photo session followed.



Faculty, members of the Gender Equality Cell with students of Shillong College, St. Edmund's College and St Anthony's College.



Faculty, members of the Gender Equality Cell with Resource Person.



Faculty of the English Department, members of the Gender Equality Cell of Shillong College.