

## REPORT

### **VOTER AWARENESS PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

Keeping in mind the upcoming elections to elect new members to the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, the Department of Political Science, Shillong college organised a Voter Awareness Programme targeting first time voters and young voters of the college. The programme began with a welcome address given by Smt V.R.Solomon, Head of the Department of Political Science in which she highlighted the objective of organising the programme. This was followed by a speech from the Principal, Dr E. Kharkongor who exhorted the young voters to actively take part in voting as citizens of the country and for them to understand the importance of their vote and the value their opinion brings to the decision-making process. This was followed by a talk from the resource person, Shri Sadon.k.Blah, a social activist, youth leader and Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Seng Khasi College. As a scholar and leading social activist, he highlighted the constitutional and ethical aspect of voting. He stressed on the importance of choosing rationally and wisely and cautioned the students not to be influenced by money power or other influences and not to be swayed by winds of rhetoric and unfulfilled promises. This was followed by an interactive session. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Smt A.Marbaniang, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.

