

## A Report on S. C. Dutta Memorial Talk on Dharma and World Peace – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017



- A talk on "DHARMA AND WORLD PEACE" was organised by the Philosophy Department of Shillong college on 20 th July 2017. Dr. J. Biswas Head Department of Philosophy Shillong College welcome everyone to this talk.

Prof . Xavier Mao the Head department of Philosophy North Eastern Hill University attended the talk as Resource person.

He said that today , with so much agony caused by violent conflict , war and bloodshed, the world badly needs peace and harmony . This is a great challenge for religious and spiritual leaders. He said one should not honour only one's own religion and condemn other religions One should honour other religion for various reasons . By doing so one helps one's own religion to grow and also renders service to the religions of others.

He had cited an example of Emperor Ashoka who represents a glorious tradition of tolerant co-existence and peaceful synthesis. He also mentioned that we need to protect the environment to .stop polluting it. It will prevents us from understanding mental pollutants such as ignorance , cruelty or greed. Removing such pollutants will promote peace among human beings , as well as a balanced healthy relationship between human society and its natural environment .



He said Non-violence is the key to a definition of peace and harmony. We have to adopt non-violence and refusing to countenance violence or killing. He said peace should be the first principle of "Universal religion'.

Dr K.D. Ramseij the Principal of the college also address the gathering and gave a short speech.

Teachers and students from other colleges also attended the talk . The programme was ended with lots of pertinent questions raised by the teachers as well as students Dr. B.P. Tripathi pronounced the vote of thanks.