

## **International Webinar on the theme, "Freedom and Responsibility: The Limits of Pure Liberty**

**organised on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

An International webinar on the theme, "**Freedom and Responsibility: The Limits of Pure Liberty**" was organised on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 from 9.00 a.m. onwards

Shri.R.Decruse, the then Principal in-charge, Lady Keane College, Shillong welcomed the resource persons, chairpersons of different academic sessions and participants of the webinar. The subthemes of the webinar included Responsibility of citizens in the contemporary world, Ahimsa as a means of political freedom, Satyagraha as a contemporary dharma, Spiritualism as a means of freedom. In the first **Academic Session the chairperson** was Prof. John Clammer, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. The Keynote address titled 'Deleuze and the traditional Understanding of Freedom and Agency' was presented by Dr. Janae Sholtz, Associate Professor, Alvernia University, Pennsylvania, USA. In her address Sholtz brought forth elaborately the traditional understanding of freedom and compared it with the Deleuzean view of Liberty. She also described importance of members in society. Individual liberty is a value and that the social system should be based on unanimous consent. Any limit to liberty must thus be consented to by each and every individual. In its personal aspect, liberty would be what is opposed to bondage or slavery. In a community, freedom would mean what is opposed to subjection to an arbitrary or despotic government. Philosophically the term has a larger connotation; the power to exercise choice and make decisions without constraint from within or without, it amounts to autonomy and self-determination.

**The second academic session was chaired by** Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri, Madras Institute of Development Studies Chennai, India. The panellists during the session were Swami Madhurananda, Monk n Scholar, Ramakrishna Mission, Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati, and Uttarakhand, India.

Rev.Fr.Dr.Daniel Aigbona, Senior Lecturer, Saints Paul & Peters Catholic Major Seminary, Ibadan, Nigeria. There were 80 registered participants who attended the programme. They included research scholars and professors from the universities of North-East India and other regions of India. 32 students of the IV<sup>th</sup> semester of the Department of Philosophy also attended the webinar. Dr. Sabita Das Homroy, Head, Department of Philosophy, Lady Keane College, Shillong proposed vote of Thanks.