

Report on International Webinar

An International webinar on the theme, 'Multilingualism and Democracy', was organised by the Department of Philosophy, Lady Keane College, on 19th August 2022, from 6.00 p.m to 8.00 p.m . Dr. D. K. B. Mukhim, Principal of Lady Keane College, Shillong welcomed the resource persons and the participants of the webinar. The keynote address was presented by Prof. Prasenjit Biswas, North- Eastern Hill University, Shillong. In his address he mentioned on the linguistic diversity in North-Eastern Region of our country and also the democratic ways of functioning that is prevalent among the tribal communities of the region. The book entitled 'Vernacular Politics in Northeast India '(OUP release of 2022) was taken up for discussion during the event. The author of the book, Dr. Jelle J. P. Wouters is a social anthropologist and teaches in the Department of Social Sciences at Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan made a presentation which covered in detail all the chapters of the book. Prof. Xavier P Mao, Head of the Department of Philosophy, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong who was a discussant on the book brought to discussion different indigenous elements that is fundamental in the democratic nature of administration prevalent among the tribal communities of North-East India .The discussion that followed had several of the aspects on multilingualism was covered. The coordinator of the webinar, Dr. S Varghese, proposed the vote of Thanks. There were 120 registered participants which included the teaching faculty, research scholars and students of different universities of India. The total budget of the event was Rs. 8000/- (Eight Thousand Rupees only).

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