

REPORT ON THE PARTITION HORRORS REMEMBRANCE DAY EXHIBITION

HELD ON 14TH AUGUST 2024

On the 14th of August 2024, the Department of History of Lady Keane College, Shillong, organized an exhibition to commemorate “Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.” The event was held in the College Library, was aimed at remembering the 1947 partition and honouring the memory of the millions affected by this significant historical event. Bethsheba Lamminhoi a student from the 5th Semester History Honours welcomed the teachers and students and introduced the theme of the exhibition, highlighting the importance of remembering the partition and its lasting impact on the nation. The exhibition was formally opened by Dr. D. B. K. Mukhim the Principal of the college, who spoke about the significance of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day and reflected on the displacement, violence, and suffering caused by people during the partition of India in 1947. Following the speech, a one-minute silence was observed in honour of the partition victims. The program ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. A. M. Shangpliang, Head of the History Department who recited Rabindranath Tagore’s famous poem “Where the Mind is Without Fear.” The poem, with its themes on freedom, dignity, and hope for a better future, resonated deeply with the occasion, symbolizing the desire for a world where fear and division are overcome. The national anthem was then sung, bringing the formal proceedings to a close. Following the national anthem, the students along with teachers were invited to explore the exhibition set up in the library. The exhibition featured photographs, historical documents, and testimonies related to the partition of India. These exhibits provided a visual and emotional connection to the history of the partition, offering insights into the experiences of those who lived through the turmoil and highlighting the importance of remembering these stories. The “Partition Horrors Remembrance Day” exhibition was a significant event that successfully fulfilled its purpose of remembering the victims of partition and educating attendees on the profound impact of this historical event.

