

## Report

### Workshop on

“Tackling Unemployment: Reviving Indigenous Local Livelihoods in Meghalaya”

The Career and Counselling Cell, Lady Keane College, Shillong, under the Chief Minister’s Youth Development Scheme 2022–23, organized a Workshop on “Tackling Unemployment: Reviving Indigenous Local Livelihoods in Meghalaya” on March 26, 2024, at the College Auditorium. The Workshop was organised for the fourth and final semester students across departments.

The Workshop was also attended by Dr. Riolina J. Nongrum, Associate Professor and Coordinator, Career and Counselling Cell, Mrs. Iohun Dhar, College Counsellor, and members of the Cell. More than 330 students participated in the Workshop.

This Workshop was facilitated by Dr. S Maxwell Lyngdoh, Counsellor and Career Expert, Shillong. Dr. Maxwell is certified in Career Guidance from Bangalore (2008), and Life Skills and Reproductive Health (2015), from Delhi. He has 8 (eight) Publications and 5 (five) Book Chapters and regularly contributes Articles to English Newspapers in Shillong. Currently, he is serving the Government of Meghalaya as Member, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, East Khasi Hills, Shillong.

Dr. Maxwell touched on various topics, which are relevant, timely, and can be applied practically while addressing unemployment. The topics are as follows:

1. Unemployment
2. Underemployment
3. Background of North-East India
4. Indigenous local livelihoods in North-East India
5. Indigenous local livelihoods in Meghalaya
6. Importance and significance to revive existing indigenous local livelihoods
7. Linkage of reviving existing indigenous local livelihoods to student’s respective villages, districts and States
8. Exhibiting of photographs on existing indigenous local livelihoods which are low cost, which can be initiated upon graduating

Dr. Maxwell, in his interview with the media shared that such Workshops are very crucial to create awareness and change mindsets of the students, to enable them to explore avenues and create their own livelihoods, while utilizing the education and knowledge that one has attained.

Over all, the Workshop was a success and students expressed that they have really benefitted and learned from it. The Workshop was followed by lunch for the participants.