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# ONLINE SPECIAL INTERACTIVE SESSION AND GUEST LECTURE

## Towards Peace and Reconciliation: The Role of Civil Society in Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation in Nagaland



### SPEAKER

**REV. DR. C.P. ANTO**

**Principal, NEISSR and Director Peace Channel**

**Rev. Dr. C.P. Anto** is the Founder Director of the Peace Channel and Principal of the Northeast Institute of Social Sciences and Research (Dimapur, Nagaland). He has been based in Nagaland for the last 25 years. Rev. Dr. C.P. Anto has had extensive involvement in peace and conflict transformation initiatives in Nagaland and other regions of Northeast India. He has been the Director of Youth Commission, Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland (2006-2013), Secretary to the Commission of Interfaith and Ecumenical, Diocese of

Kohima, Nagaland. He is trainer and educator in Peace and Conflict studies and with an expertise in establishing Youth Development programmes. The Peace Channel founded by him, is an initiative of the diocese of Kohima in mobilizing the youth for building peace and engaging them as indispensable contributors who would ensure a future devoid of violent conflicts. The movement utilizes a multi-pronged strategy forming youth Peace Clubs, promoting peace education in the educational institutions, encouraging cultural integration through peace festivals and inter-religious meet. The movement has now a network of over 250 peace clubs in educational institutions and localities of the districts of Nagaland and has also made foray into the neighbouring states of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh reaching out to over 100,000 youth. He has trained over 1200 teachers and 1450 religious and community leaders on dialogue, peace education, techniques of conflict transformation skills, and human rights. Rev. Dr. C.P. Anto has a Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Transformation from Nagaland Central University, an MSW specialization in Youth Development from Sacred Heart College Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu. He is a graduate of the Peace and Conflict studies programme of the School for International Training, University of Rhode Island, USA and has attend specialist trainings on Non-violence from the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies University of Rhode Island, USA. He is the recipient of the Rotary National Peace Award 2017 and 7th North East India Peace Award 2019.

### About Northeast Institute of Social Sciences and Research (NEISSR)

North East Institute of Social Sciences and Research Dimapur, Nagaland has the privilege of being the first Master of Social Work (MSW) College, started by the Catholic Church in Nagaland and is affiliated to the Nagaland University. The Management of the College is with the Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland. The Bishop constitutes the Governing Body of the college. The Bishop of Nagaland, who is the President of the Governing Body, constitutes the managing committee of the college as per the rules and regulations of the Society and keeping with the norms laid down by the University. NEISSR is first ever MSW college in Nagaland offering specialization in Peace and Conflict Transformation as well as Youth Development. Three key areas of specialization are described below. Community Development (CD) focuses its attention on urban and rural communities and their development. It qualifies the student to take up responsible positions as Community Development officers, Community Organizers and Block Development Personnel. Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) seeks to develop professionals in the field of conflict transformation and peace building equipped with knowledge of both modern and traditional methods as well as the blend of both to relate to the current social settings. Youth Development (YD) specialization is concerned with the field of youth and youth activities. Youth Development Workers can work under both formal and non-formal settings.

### About Peace Channel

The Peace Channel is a youth peace movement, aiming to transform individuals into peace lovers, peacemakers and peace promoters; thereby leading people from a culture of violence to a culture of peace. The movement focuses primarily on mobilizing youth in educational institutions and local communities to join Peace Clubs, which bring together young people – irrespective of caste or creed – to stand for peace and harmony in their immediate neighborhood. The Peace Channel facilitates training and capacity building programmes for the members on a regular basis, keeping them connected and active through a host of district and state level programmes and cultural exchanges. In addition, the PC reaches out to the adults by garnering support from local leaders, bureaucrats and teachers through an associate membership programme. Associate members are the lead as well as resource persons for the movement in addressing local issues and guiding the youth. Taking the message of Peace to the general masses, the movement has set up 'The Peace Band' – a concert team of musicians and performers – who travel around communities and institutions. Furthermore, through the annual peace awards, the Peace Channel honors individuals who have contributed towards peace promotion and peace education in Nagaland and in the states of North East India.

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