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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 Manipur



SPEAKER

DR. DEBEN BACHASPATIMAYUM SHARMA

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Dr. Deben Bachaspatimayum is an activist, scholar and practitioner of peacebuilding and conflict transformation with several years of experience across various contexts in the Northeastern region. Prior to establishing the Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies programme in NEISSR, Dr. Deben worked as Senior Research Fellow at Volunteers for Village Development (VVD) Ukhrul (Manipur) from

2014-2017. Dr. Deben has also served as Regional Facilitator for Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution programs of the Henry Martyn Institute (HMI), Hyderabad. He has worked as Peacebuilding Coordinator at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) India from 2002-2007. He was also Program Coordinator for state level peace initiatives and relief and rehabilitation programs from 1994-2000 at VVD. He is the Convener of the People's Dialogue Initiatives (PDI) a civil society platform for dialogue to address violent conflicts in Manipur, that promotes grassroots democracy. In addition, he is a member of Coalition on Advocacy for Lifelong Learning (CALL-Manipur) and a member of Asia South Pacific Basic Adult Education (ASPBAE) - an international NGO working on SDG-4 (i.e. securing free primary and secondary education). He is also a Founder Member of Peace Core Team Manipur (PCTM) a voluntary group of trained facilitators and peace workers belonging to different ethnic and religious communities. He has worked as Research Scholar and Primary School Teacher living among an indigenous community in Bhutan from 1990-1994. His book *Lhops (Doya) of Bhutan: An Ethnographic Account* (Akansha Publishing House: 2005) is one of the few existing studies on indigenous communities in Bhutan. He occasionally, writes on development, peace and the rights of indigenous people in local newspapers and journals. He is the Founder President of Manipur Cycle Club (MCC) a voluntary civil society movement promoting bicycles as popular means of transport in Imphal city for promoting health, economy and environment. Dr. Deben Bachaspatimayum has a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of North Bengal, an M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Anthropology from Hans Raj College, University of Delhi.



DISCUSSANT

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.

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