

National seminar on Climate Change held at Jakhama, Nagaland

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A two-day national seminar titled “Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities: Responses to Climate Change”, was organised by St. Joseph’s College, Jakhama (Nagaland). The governor of Nagaland Nikhil Kumar, graced the occasion as the chief guest. The inaugural session was chaired by the convenor of the event, Fr. Abraham Lotha. Welcoming the chief guest, the college principal, Fr. Isaac Padinjarekuttu, said that the seminar is part of the college’s silver jubilee celebration. The governor mentioned that the topic was of importance and termed it the order of the day. Mr. Probir Bose, of The Climate Change Project, delivered the keynote address. He spoke and showed the audience several interesting slides on different aspects of climate change and global warming.

Various resource persons presented papers in the afternoon session that was chaired by Dr. Sushmita Dasgupta of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi. In the course of the session, Mhonlumo Kikon spoke about the politics of carbon emission and its impact on indigenous communities in non-metropolitan places such as Nagaland. Following this, Dr. Dolly Mathew, enlightened the audience about the carbon budget, emission and its stabilisation steps, which included a description of procession farming. Speaking on the occasion, Zuchamo Kikon, additional director of agriculture, government of Nagaland, spoke at length about sustainable jhum cultivation and its effects in Nagaland.

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