

Report on

Panel Discussion on Rural Entrepreneurship



Organized by

E-Cell Williamnagar Government College

On the 24th September, 2024





Rural entrepreneurship is increasingly recognized as a crucial driver of economic growth and sustainable development. By harnessing local resources, fostering innovation, and creating job opportunities, rural entrepreneurship can help reduce poverty, enhance social inclusion, and promote balanced regional development. In light of these considerations, this "Panel Discussion on Rural Entrepreneurship" aimed to engage students of the college in understanding the significance of rural entrepreneurship and exploring ways to support and nurture entrepreneurial initiatives in rural areas.

The primary objectives of the workshop are:

- (i) To introduce students to the concept of rural entrepreneurship and its role in economic development.
- (ii) To discuss the challenges and opportunities in rural entrepreneurship, particularly in the context of Meghalaya.
- (iii) To inspire and motivate students to consider rural entrepreneurship as a viable career option.
- (iv) To provide a platform for interaction between students, academicians, entrepreneurs, and PRIME Meghalaya.
- (v) To identify potential areas for innovation and entrepreneurship in rural settings.


The workshop was structured around a panel discussion format, ensuring an interactive and dynamic exchange of ideas. A total of **100 students participated** in the Workshop. The key components of the workshop included:

Inaugural Session:

A brief introduction to the workshop's theme and objectives were given by Smt. Bandakerlin Lyngdoh (*Coordinator E-Cell, WGC*), followed by a keynote address given by Shri. Rajiv K Marak (*Principal, Williamnagar Government College*) on the importance of rural entrepreneurship in today's economy.

Panel Discussion:

The core of the workshop was a panel discussion featuring diverse experts who are representatives from government agencies (i) Shri. Nathaniel Kharkongor (*Senior Manager, MBMA*) (ii) Smt. Ansoa D N Arengh (*MTA, Meghalaya State Skill Development Society*)


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(MSSDS) East Garo Hills) (iii) Shri. Chiontim Karam B Sangma (*Functional Manager, DCIC Williamnagar*).

The experts spoke on various aspects of rural entrepreneurship and highlighted the landscape of rural entrepreneurship in Meghalaya. An overview of the current state of rural entrepreneurship was emphasized, focusing on success stories, challenges, and emerging trends in rural entrepreneurship. Further, key obstacles were identified such as access to finance, infrastructure deficits, skill gaps, and cultural factors. The role of government policies, financial institutions, and other support mechanisms in fostering rural entrepreneurship were thoroughly discussed by all three resource persons with special reference to the schemes and grants that entrepreneurs could avail from their respective government department. Likewise, experts explored how technology can bridge gaps and enable rural entrepreneurs to scale their businesses. Thus, the panel discussion also highlighted on the sustainability and social impact of rural entrepreneurship by engaging students to understand the social and environmental impacts of rural entrepreneurship and how it can contribute to sustainable development.


Q&A Session:


An interactive session took place where student participants posed questions to the panelists and sought advice on specific aspects of rural entrepreneurship.

Closing Session: The Way Forward

The workshop concluded with a closing remark from Dr. Antarwell Warjri (*Member, Entrepreneur & Vocation Committee, WGC*) who summarized the key takeaways of the day. Dr. Antarwell highlighted that a comprehensive understanding of rural entrepreneurship has a potential impact on rural development and encouraged students to explore entrepreneurship as a career path.

Therefore, the "Panel Discussion on Rural Entrepreneurship" aimed to create a platform for learning, dialogue, and inspiration and it provided students of the college with the opportunity to explore the potential of entrepreneurship in rural areas and engage with experts who are driving change in this field. By fostering a deeper understanding of rural entrepreneurship, the workshop contributed to shaping the next generation of entrepreneurs committed to sustainable and inclusive growth.


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Students' attendance for the

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Sl. No.	Name of Student	Semester (I/III/V)	Department	Signature
1.	Lpukruosa Ch. Momin	V	Economics	Lpukruosa
2.	Changchee Ch. Momin	V	English	Changchee
3.	Chisak R. Sangma	V	Economics	C.R.S
4.	Puangchi D. Shena	V	Economics	P.D.S
5.	Marina Ch. Sangma	V	Economics	M.C.S
6.	Pingsame M. Marak	V	Economics	P.M.M
7.	Brahmuchi D Sangma	IV	Economics	B.D.S
8.	Dikrame Momin	IV	Economics	D.M.M
9.	Tenora Sangma	IV	Economics	T.D.S
10.	Choweng Sangma	IV	Economics	C.S
11.	Jipjang M. Mlk	III	History	Jipjang
12.	Dimhe. N. Marak	V	Political science	Dimhe
13.	Agniku choyomelo T. Sg	1st	English	Agniku
14.	Jessfield B. Sangma	V	Political Science	Jessfield
15.	Sengka Ch. Sangma	1 st	Economics	Sengka
16.	Sajong Momin	1 st	Economics	Sajong Momin
17.	Balchong R. Sangma	1 st	Political Science	Balchong
18.	Raknik Ch. Momin	1 st	Political science	Raknik
19.	Atchisa R. Marak	1 st	Economics	Atchisa
20.	Singrak B. Momin	3 rd	History	Singrak
21.	Deepiush G Momin	1 st	Economics	Deepiush
22.	Bidanchu Tara Pese B. Mlk	1 st	Political science	Bidanchu
23.	Gamballina M. Marak	1 st	English	Gamballina
24.	Sengnatchi M. Sangma	1 st	Political Science	Sengnatchi


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26	Sunayankhin D. Sg	III Semester	Political Science	[Signature]
27	Gurukamalchi R. Marak	I Semester	Economics	[Signature]
28	Veronica Henry Lamin	III Semester	Political Science	V. Lamin
29	Tingtotchi G. Momin	III Semester	History	T. G. Momin
30	Sengpong M. Sangma	V Semester	Economics	[Signature]
31	Dishabi M. Marak	V Semester	Education	D. M. K.
32	Sengbilchi Ch. Sangma	1st Semester	Education	[Signature]
33	Robina A. Sangma	1st Semester	Garco	R. Sangma
34	Salakchi D. Marak	1st Semester	Garco	[Signature]
35	Neha Mahanta	1st Semester	English	Neha Mahanta
36	Prinya Modak	1st Semester	Education	P. Modak
37	Mimasha N. Marak	1st Semester	English	[Signature]
38	Demolin G. Momin	1st Semester	Education	D. M.
39	Silbime N. Marak	1st Semester	Education	[Signature]
40	Atamchi R. Sangma	1st Semester	Political Science	[Signature]
41	Chekklimba Ch. Marak	1st Semester	Political Science	C. K.
42	Tongrang S. Marak	1st Semester	Political Science	[Signature]
43	Bilseng M. Sg.	1st Semester	(Pol. Science)	[Signature]
44	Mangachang N. Sg	1st Semester	(Economic)	[Signature]
45	Dimimchillime M. Sg	3rd Semester	Pol-Science	[Signature]
46	Siljome N. Sangma	3rd Semester	Pol-Science	[Signature]
47	Wintilla R. Sangma	1st Semester	English	W. R. Sangma
48	Rotna Devia. Momin	1st Semester	English	R. Momin
49	Elibirth R. Sangma	1st Semester	Garco	[Signature]
50	Lakshmi G. Marak	1st Semester	Pol. Science	[Signature]
51	Augustin N. Marak	I 1st Semester	Economics	[Signature]


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52.	Telhi S. Sangma	BA ^{2nd} Semester	Yaro	Telhi
53.	Chisala N. Marak	BA I st Semester	Education	Chisala
54.	Mikchora N. Sangma	BA I st Semester	Education	MD
55.	Shashu K. Marak	BA I st Semester	Yaro	Shashu
56.	Cherime R. Marak	BA I st Semester	Education	C.R. Marak
57.	Sengime G. Momin	BA I st Semester	Education	Sengime
58.	Rangchi S Marak	BA I st Semester	Pol. Science	Rangchi
59.	Ramu N. Marak	BA I st Semester	Education	Ramu
60.	Griksimchi G. Momin	BA I st Semester	Education	G. G. Momin
61.	Ibaia J. Sangma	B.A 5 th Semester	YARO	Ibaia
62.	Chabanchohu S. Sangma	B.A 6 th Sem	History	Chabanchohu
63.	Miknahki Ch. Mh	BA 6 th Sem	Pol. & Li	Miknahki
64.	Gracey J. Sangma	BA 5 th Sem	YARO	Gracey J. Sangma
65.	Tangkamchi D. Shira	BA 5 th Sem	Pol. Science	Tangkamchi
66.	Ambika N. Sangma	B.A 5 th Sem	Pol. Science	Ambika
67.	Newsha N. Marak	B.A 5 th Sem	Pol. Science	Newsha
68.	Nehalina D. Shira	B.A 5 th Sem	Pol. Science	Nehalina
69.	Chonime Chi K. Marak	BA 5 th Sem	Yaro	Chonime
70.	Arijimo Akanchi D. Marak	BA 5 th Sem	Political Science	Arijimo
71.	Temaki D. Shira	BA I st Sem	English	Temaki
72.	Tangimchi D. Shira	BA I st Sem	Education	Tangimchi
73.	Rikhang D. Shira	BA I st Sem	Education	R. D. Shira
74.	Senga A. Sangma	BA I st Sem	English	Senga
75.	Neustau M. Marak	BA - I st Sem	Pol. Sc	Neustau
76.	ENRICO R. MARAK	B.A 5 th Sem	Pol. Sc	ENRICO
77.	Jehm Beniam G. Marak	BA 3 rd Sem	Pol. Sc	Jehm Beniam
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80.	Chipo V. Mk	1st	GAO	C.N.MK
81.	Gracefield B. Marak	1st	political science	gbr
82.	Githang D. Skara	1st	political science	Githang
83.	Tungim M. Sangma	1st	GARO	Tungim
84.	Rani Shah	1st	Pol. Science	R. Shah
85.	Bindu Sutradhar	1st	Pol. Science	Bindu
86.	Memachi K. Marak	1st	Education	Memachi
87.	Jakmedime M. Sangma	1st	Education	JMS
88.	Enderanchi M. Marak	1st	English	Enderanchi
89.	Tangmerik R. Sangma	1st	English	T.R.S
90.	Chisao T. Sangma	1st	Education	C.T. Sangma
91.	Chiasa el. Marak	1st	GARO	Chiasa
92.	Nikamchi G. Momin	1st	Education	Nikamchi
93.	Manchita G. Marak	1st	Education	Manchita
94.	Nikka M. Sangma	1st	Pol. Science	N.M.Sg
95.	Heppil N. Marak	1st	GARO	Heppil
96.	Anasa chuama N. Mk	1st	History	Anasa
97.	Chilhelia K. Sangma	1st	Education	Chilhelia
98.	Manchita B. Sangma	1st	Education	Manchita
99.	Cheanna R. Sangma	1st	Education	C.R.Sg
100.	Alkambin G. Momin	1st	English	Alkambin

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Attendance for Faculties and Resource persons

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1.	Sri Rajiv Kumar	Principal		
2.	Smt. Anantakeshin Lyngdoh	Asst. Prof.	Economics	
3.	Dr. Chirik D. D. Sangma	Asst. Professor	English	
4.	Dr. Anjanmelli Rajji	Asst. Professor	Pol. Science	
5.	Nathaniel Kharchoung	Senior Manager	PRIME	
6.	CHIONTIM KAKAM B. SANGMA	Functional Manager	D.C.I.C., W/ megam	
7.	ANSAO D. N. ARENGH	MTA	MSSDS	
8.	Wilner D. Shua	Lecturer	History	
9.	Dr. Bihang K. Safo	Asst. Prof	Geo	
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