

CELEBRATING SHERIG CENTENARY- GNH IN BHUTAN AND INDIA

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY Gaeddu College of Business Studies, Bhutan and Loyola College, Chennai.

Fr.[Dr.]George Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College, Mr. Shomik Saha, Lecturer, Dept. of Management, Salesian College, Siliguri and Mr. Tony Thomas, student of B.Com 1st Year, Salesian College, Siliguri, participated in an International Conference at Gaeddu College of Business Studies [GCBS], Bhutan from 13 -15 May 2012, titled “CELEBRATING SHERIG CENTENARY- Gross National Happiness {GNH} IN BHUTAN AND INDIA” jointly organized by Gaeddu College of Business Studies, Bhutan and Loyola College, Chennai. The paper presentation session was officially inaugurated by Dr. A. Victor Devadoss, Head, Dept. of Mathematics, Loyola College, Chennai. Mr. Rob Marjerison, Faculty, GCBS, then highlighted the role of standard of living as a determinant of happiness or well being.

Fr.[Dr.]George Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College, then enthralled the audience with his lively presentation on Psychological well being and the Internal experience. The next session was an interactive session taken over by Prof. Shubhro Michael Gomes, Faculty, GCBS, who stressed on the need for Work-Life Balance as the lead to happiness. Fr.[Dr.]George Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College was felicitated by Mr. Lhato Jamba, Director, GCBS and there was an hour long interactive discussion in his chamber on a Student Exchange Program. Research scholars from the Department of Mathematics, Loyola College, Chennai presented their papers trying to relate Fuzzy Logic and well being.

The second day's sessions began with Dr. David Luechauer, Visiting Faculty at GCBS from New Orleans University, U.S.A. enlightening the participants on the 'Role of Jesuits in promoting GNH'. Prof Subrata Basak, Principal, IEM Kolkata, stressed on the importance of Education as a facilitator in promoting Quality of Life. Dr. M.K.Ingale, a Senior Professor from MIT College, Pune, highlighted the four pillars of GNH. The very next session by Prof. Asok Kumar Banerjee, Vice-Chairman, IIM Kolkata Alumni Association and Advisor, Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, consisted of a wonderful paper on the effect of Cultural diversity on happiness and well

being. Mr Cyril Pereira from Malaysia, highlighted the importance of good governance in promoting GNH. Many Students from B.Com III rd Year and B.B.A. III rd Year highlighted through their presentations the importance of Good Governance and the Preservation of culture as tools for GNH. This was followed by the Valedictory session. It was an enriching experience for all to attend a conference of such magnitude and we look forward to attend such conferences in the near future. We would like to thank Mr. Pran Ku mar Kaul, Organizing Secretary of the conference for inviting us, and Mr. Lhato Jamba, Director, Gaeddu College of Business Studies [GCBS], Bhutan for extending hospitality to us.

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