

Report of the student seminar

On

Indian Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Challenges and Prospects

The departments of Political Science of the Salesian College, Sonada (SCS) had organized a one day student seminar on the theme – Indian Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Challenges and Prospects. The inaugural session of seminar began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and a prayer by Vice Principal Fr. George Chempakathinal. The Vice principal also welcomed the dignitaries and the student scholars and explained the significance and relevance of the seminar.

The Principal Fr. George Thadathil, in his inaugural address, talked about the importance of a Foreign policy for any nation and urged that a seminar of this kind is primarily to benefit the students and give them an exposure to enhance their way of understanding and learning.

Prof. Shibashis Chatterjee of Jadavpur University Kolkata, in his key note address, gave a clear understanding of how foreign policy is formulated and the role played by policy makers in this regard. He further talked about the important determinants of foreign policy. He divided Indian policy into 4 phases and gave a detailed understanding as to how Indian foreign policy has evolved following the changes in the international environment. Mr. Taramani Pradhan, the Head of the department of Political Science, SCS, presented the vote of thanks.

The following were the broad themes of the two technical sessions: **India's relation with China, Pakistan and United States: Challenges and Prospects, India and Global Terrorism, India and Nuclear Regime, India's Energy Security and India and the UN: reformation of UNSC.**

Seven different Colleges from in and around Darjeeling had participated in the Seminar. Over fourteen presentations were made during the seminar. The seminar was conducted in two sessions covering different themes. All the Students presented their papers systematically with a clear understanding of their topic. There were many students who were excellent in their presentation. The key note speaker, Prof Shibashis Chatterjee was really impressed by the performance of the students. He complimented all the students and urged them to continue with such good work. Mr. Diwesh Pakhrin, faculty of the Department of Political Science concluded the seminar with a vote of thanks.

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