REPORT ON SPECIAL LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

On 18th July, 2024 Shri.Vanlalhuma IFS, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Colombia and, Ecuador was invited to interact with students and faculty, aiming to provide insights into the workings of Indian diplomacy and international relations. The event was titled 'Special Lecture on International Relations'. It was organized by the Research Innovation and Extension Cell, IQAC and sponsored by Mizoram Youth Commission.

The primary objectives of the lecture were:

1. To educate students about the role and responsibilities of the Indian Foreign Service.

2. To inspire students to consider careers in diplomacy and international relations.

3. To provide a platform for students to engage with experienced diplomats and ask questions.

The program began with an inaugural session, where the Principal Prof. S. Haukhanlian Mate welcomed Mr Vanlalhuma and Mr.Malrosanga from MYC and highlighted the importance of understanding international relations in today's globalized world.

The Chairman, Dr.Malsawmkima invited Mr.Malrosanga, MYC to provide an insight on the workings of the commission and how students can benefit from its programs and initiatives. Mr.Malrosanga stated that MYC aims to empower young people by providing them with opportunities to develop their skills, participate in governance, and contribute to societal progress. He enlightened the students of the variety of programs which aimed at skill development, and community service and how scholarships, internships, and mentorship programs are offered to help students gain practical experience and guidance in their respective fields of interest.

The Chairman then invited the speaker Shri. Vanlalhumato address the gathering focusing on the structure and function of the Indian Foreign Service, India's foreign policy priorities, and the challenges and opportunities in the field of diplomacy. His lecture covered various topics, including:

- His personal experience in the field
- India's diplomatic strategies
- Key international partnerships and alliances
- The impact of global events on India's foreign policy
- Encouraging the students to be hardworking and sincere

Students were given the opportunity to engage directly with the speaker in an interactive Q&A session. Questions ranged from the selection process for the IFS, the day-to-day responsibilities of diplomats, and India's stance on current international issues.

The program was highly successful and achieved its objectives:

1. Students gained a comprehensive understanding of the Indian Foreign Service and its significance.

2. Many students expressed increased interest in pursuing careers in diplomacy.

3. The event fostered stronger ties between the college and MYC, paving the way for future collaborations.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Students appreciated the opportunity to learn from an experienced diplomat and found the sessions informative and inspiring. Faculty members also commended the initiative, noting its value in enhancing the academic environment. 230 students from the Department of English, Education, History and Economics attended the program.





