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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE SEMINAR REPORT 2022

Topic: "The Role of Youth in Political decision making"

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Date : 30th August 2022

Venue : Conference Hall

Time : 11:00 Am

Members Present:

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| 1. Hatneilam Khongsai, | Polsc 3 rd Sem |
| 2. Rebecca Nemneihat Haokip, | Polsc 3 rd Sem |
| 3. Suraj Pandey, | Geog 5 th Sem |
| 4. Janggoulen Singsit, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 5. Lhunminlal Haokip, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 6. Jangminlal, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 7. Tilkhosei Haokip, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 8. Chingdeihoi, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 9. Jenevi Niangngailam, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 10. Kimhoineo Mangte, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 11. Vahchanhoi, | Polsc 5 th Sem |
| 12. Sehminthen, | Soc 5 th Sem |
| 13. Satmingun, | Soc 3 rd Sem |
| 14. Khaizamuan Haokip, | Edn 3 rd Sem |
| 15. Janggousang Baite, | Edn 5 th Sem |
| 16. Lalminlun Vaiphei, | Geog 5 th Sem |
| 17. Lalminthang Singson, | Geog 5 th Sem |
| 18. Langh Lam Lun, | Edn 5 th Sem |
| 19. Nenghoithem Haokip, | Polsc 5 th Sem |

TEACHERS PRESENT

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| 1. Melody L.Inbuon | Dept of Education |
| 2. Sarah Lalhrietpui | Dept of Zoology |

3. Khailalsiam	Dept of History
4. Chinneilhing	Dept of Education
5. Kimneiting Haokip	Dept of Sociology
6. Alicya	Dept of Sociology
7. Nunglienthang	Dept of Political Science
8. Seilal Lhungdim	Dept of Political Science
9. Tinneikim	Dept of Botany
10. John Darhmingthang	Dept of English
11. Seikholal Haokip	Dept of Political Science
12. L.Buhril	Dept of Geography
13. Thangjaleng Gangte	Dept of Political Science

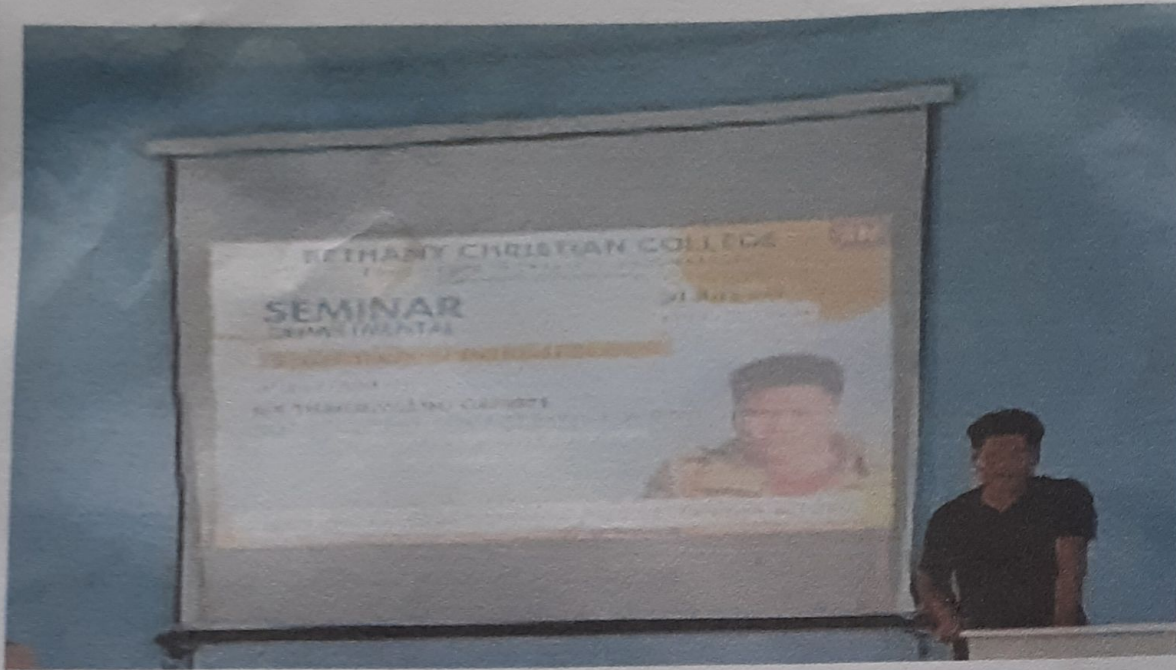
ROLE OF YOUTH IN POLITICAL DECISION MAKING

India is a Democratic country since Independence. For political system to be representative all parts of society must be included. When young people are disengaged from political processes a significant portion of the population has little or no voice or influence in decision that affect group member's lives.

To make difference in the longer term, it is essential that young people are engaged in formal political processes and have a say in formulating today's and tomorrow's politics. Inclusive political participation is not only a fundamental political and democratic right but also is crucial to building stable and peaceful societies and developing policies that respond to the specific needs of younger generations. For young people to be adequately represented in political institutions, processes and decision making and in particular in elections, they must know their rights and be given the necessary knowledge and capacity to participate in a meaningful way at all levels.

When there are obstacles to participating in formal, institutionalized political processes, young people can rapidly feel disempowered. Many tend to believe that their voices are not going to be heard or that they will not be taken seriously even if they are heard. The problem becomes circular as politicians may lose interest in responding to the aspirations of young people if they cannot win their votes. This in turn leads to young people being increasingly excluded from taking part in decision making or in debates about key socio-economic and political issues, despite their sensitivity to the demands for social equity and justice, environmental protection and cultural diversity.

In new and emerging democracies, the inclusion of young people in formal political processes is important from the start. Young people's active contribution can bring democratic values to life, leading to the overturning of authoritarian practices. In countries where force authoritarian regimes from power they are likely to feel significant frustration if they are not included in new formal decision making procedures. This can destabilize democratization and accelerate conflicts.



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