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Report on International Women's Day Celebration at Bethany Christian College

Bethany Christian College celebrated International Women's Day under the theme "Give to Gain" on 8 March from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the B.Ed Smart Room of the college. The programme was organised by the Women's Cell of Bethany Christian College to mark the significance of women's rights, empowerment, and gender equality. The programme began with an opening prayer by the Principal, Dr. B. Kamzamong invoking blessings for the successful conduct of the event. This was followed by a welcome speech by Assistant professor Lhaichingthem, Convenor of the Women's Cell, BCC. In her address, she warmly welcomed the resource person, faculty members, and students, and highlighted the importance of observing International Women's Day as a platform to reflect on the progress and challenges faced by women in society. After the welcome address, the college and college secretary presented a token of appreciation to the resource person in recognition of her valuable time. The highlight of the programme was the session delivered by the resource person, Ms. Nemkholam Lhungdim, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Churachandpur. In her insightful talk, she discussed the United Nations' recognition of women's rights and emphasised the importance of inclusive growth and the need to bridge gender inequality. She noted that even after 76 years of independence, society is still grappling with issues of gender inequality. She also pointed out that under certain customary laws, women still do not have equal rights to property, which reflects the persistent gaps in achieving gender justice. The speaker discussed important legal provisions such as the POCSO Act, mentioning that amendments have been made to make laws more inclusive, although effective implementation and execution remain a challenge. Furthermore, she stressed that while citizens must be aware of their rights, they must also understand their duties and responsibilities. She reminded the audience that although International Women's Day has been celebrated for more than 100 years, women in many parts of the world are still fighting for their rights and equality. During her speech, she also reflected on how the celebration was in many ways a tribute to the life and sacrifices of the College Secretary, recognising her dedication, perseverance, and hard work. She also acknowledged the important support of her husband in enabling her journey. Ms. Lhungdim encouraged the college to collaborate with the District Legal Services Authority to organise legal awareness programmes, which would help students and the community better understand legal rights and procedures. She remarked that students living in towns are fortunate to have access to information about their rights, while many people in remote areas are still unaware of basic legal processes such as filing an FIR. She also invited students to visit the court to observe how judicial proceedings function, encouraging them to learn about the justice system. To illustrate the strength of democracy and the rule of law in India, she referred to the Mumbai terror attack case, explaining how even the accused, Ajmal Kasab, was given full legal opportunities, demonstrating the principles of justice and democracy. The session was followed by an engaging question hour, where students interacted with the resource person. A student speech was delivered by Chonglemnieng, 6th Semester, Political Science, who spoke on the empowerment of women and highlighted the importance of education, confidence, and equal opportunities for women in society. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Assistant Professor Seikholal, Coordinator of IQAC, Bethany Christian College, who expressed gratitude to the resource person, organisers, faculty members, and students for their participation and contribution to the success of the event. Finally, the programme was brought to a close with a closing prayer by Dr. L. Khobung, Vice Principal of Bethany Christian College, marking the end of a meaningful and enlightening celebration of International Women's Day.

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