

Golaghat holds national seminar on 'Conflicts in South Asia'



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Golaghat — The Departments of [Political](#) Science and Sociology at [Don Bosco](#) College Golaghat organised a national seminar entitled 'Conflicts in South Asia: It's Consequences and Implications' in collaboration with Salesian College Sonada Darjeeling from 16 to 17 March 2018.

Peace activist and socio-cultural academician [Prof.](#) Thomas Menampampil graced the event as chief guest.

[Prof.](#) Menamparampil, the Chief Guest of the seminar, spoke on a need to build up a “Thought Bank” that will [lead](#) to Dialogue and a sense of Co-Belonging – Working for peace. He emphasised the need to promote inter culture communication in which one is able to understand the other and come together through culture translators. It is also important he said to gather people together around great values and high ideals. He invited every community to contribute from its own resources “as we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny”.

Dr. Pius V Thomas, from Dept of Philosophy, Assam University, Silchar delivering the key note address spoke on “Conflicting Communities to Conversing Cosmo-polities: Counterfactual Ideals against Conflicts” and invited the participants to talk seriously about peace and real conflict resolution where the strangest of the strangers are welcomed.

[Principal](#) Dr Jose Palely informed that 37 institutions and universities across the country took part and 67 abstract papers were received in the seminar.

Soon after the inaugural programme, the participants went to three parallel technical sessions charied by Dr. Pius V Thomas and Dr. [Tarun Gogoi](#) and [Principal](#) of Salesian College Sonada Dr. George Thadathil.

“Each paper presenter was given 7 minutes to present the paper and the participants were given 3 minutes to clarify doubts about the paper,” said [Seminar](#) Coordinator Dr. Konsam Jenny.

Guests of honor included [Principal](#) Debraj [Roy](#) College, Golaghat Dr. Putul Saikia, and Fr. Nebu Mathew Palackal who gave fresh insights in conflict resolution.

[President](#) of the inaugural session Provincial of [Dimapur](#) Salesian province Fr. Nestor Guria spoke on the need to understand the conflict situation and intervene meaningfully by focusing on peace and peace education.

Asst. [Prof](#) Aparna Borchetia and Asst. [Prof](#) Lily Toppo from the Department of Sociology compared the inaugural session.

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