

Report of Activity on the Special Talk titled ‘The Intersection of Philosophy, Science and Religion – A Philosophical Analysis.’

The Department of Philosophy, Pachhunga University College, Aizawl held a special talk on 15th February 2023. It was organized in collaboration with Reasons to Believe, Asia-Pacific. The title of the Special Talk was ‘**The Intersection of Philosophy, Science and Religion – A Philosophical Analysis.**’ There were two speakers, namely, Dr. BalajiedNongrum and Rev. Dr. Ramengliana. Dr. BalajiedNongrum currently serves as the lead consultant, research, and apologetics for Reasons to Believe Asia-Pacific (RTB A-Pac). He holds a bachelor’s degree in veterinary science from the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad. After completing his master’s degree in philosophy and religion, he went on to pursue a second master’s in science and religion from Biola University, USA. Rev. Dr. Ramengliana currently serves as General Secretary, Northeast India Christian Council. He has done his MA and PhD Philosophy (NEHU) and BD in UTC Bangalore.

Both speakers were given 30 minutes to state their case. After each speaker’s presentation, there was a 10-minute questions and answers session. The first speaker, Dr. BalajiedNongrum spoke on the topic ‘The Intersection of Science and Faith.’ He argued that there was no conflict between science and religion. He stated that scientific discoveries support the existence of God.

The second speaker, Rev. Dr. Ramengliana spoke on ‘New Atheism – A Philosophical Critique.’ He argued that new atheists like Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens were unreasonable in making claims religion was destructive to mankind. He shared how in his role as a church leader, he was always looking for ways to help others along with other believers.

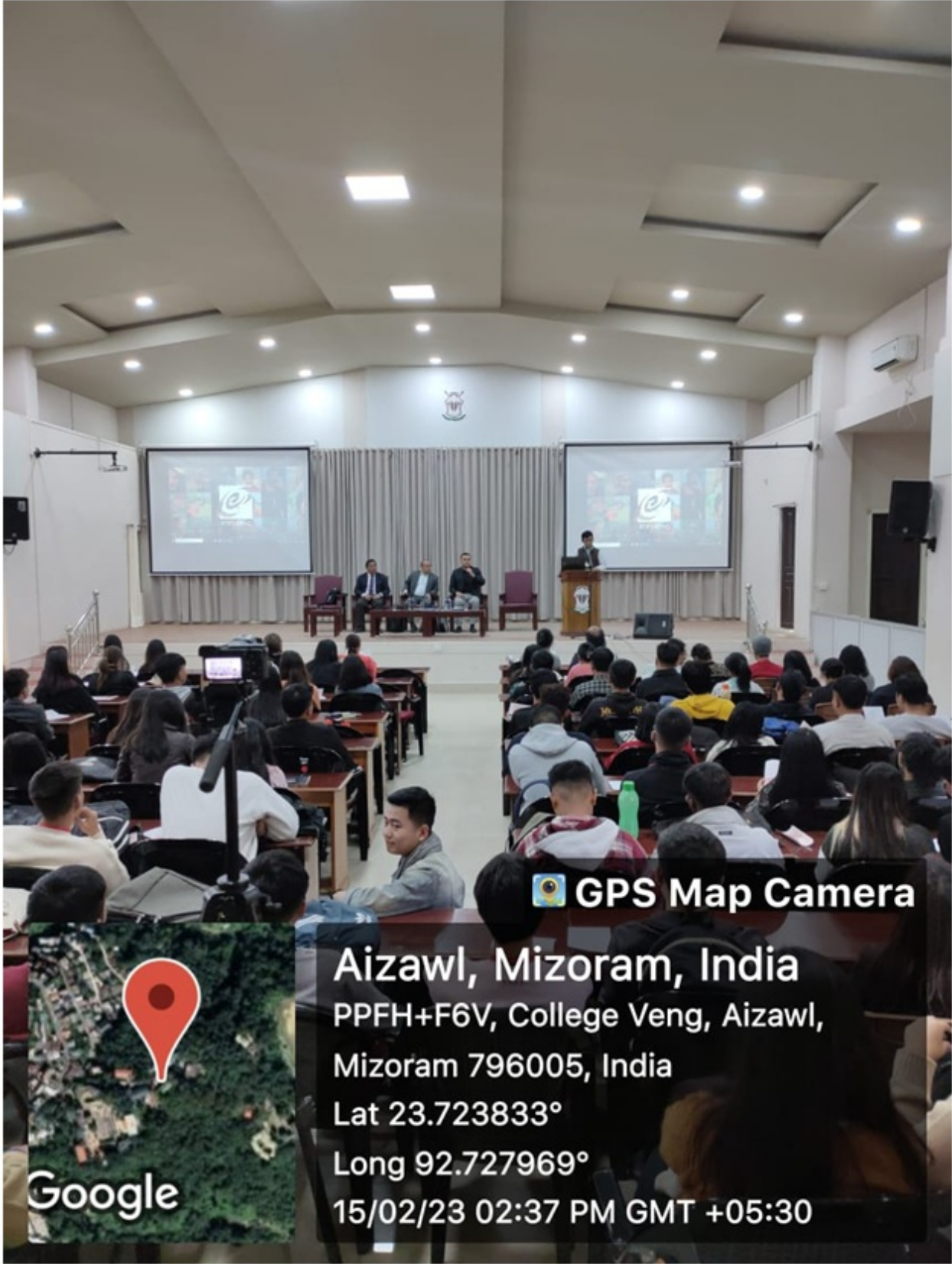
The event was coordinated by Dr. Vanlalvenpuia, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy. There was also a short speech from the Vice Principal, Mr. Lallungmuana. The Head of Department, Emily F. Lalnunpuii, Department of Philosophy gave the Vote of Thanks. The entire event was held in the Seminar Hall, Pachhunga University College with 137 attendees, consisting of both students and faculty members, including those from other departments.




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