

# BEYOND APOLOGIES

Venue: Seminar hall Christ college irinjalakuda

Date: 11/2/2016

The social work department of Christ College, Irinjalak/uda had conducted a national seminar on "Beyond Apologies" written by Debra Efroymsen (international economist). The program was on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 10.30 am extended to 12.30 pm. The guests were Dr.Rev.Fr Jose Thekkan CMI (The principle



of Christ college irjk), P.R. Bose (Head of the department of economics), Mr. Jacob Samuel (Director of program ESAF, Thrissur). The chief guest was Debra Efroymsen. Seminar was splendid with the students and the faculties of social work department of Christ college irjk and St. Joseph college irjk.

The program was started with the prayer and it was followed by the welcome speech by Saijith N.S (Faculty Department of Social Work in Christ College, irjk). The inaugural address was by principle Dr. Rev. Fr. Jose Thekkan CMI and facilitation by Mr. Jacob Samuel and Mr. P.R Bose. After the official ceremonies, the program was taken over by Debra Efroymsen.

Debra Efroymsen is an American citizen who was settled in Bangladesh for the last 16 years since 1994. She is regional director of the Canadian public health NGO Health Bridge and an advisor to work for a better Bangladesh trust and the institute of wellbeing. She had written about and spoken extensively on the issues of tobacco control, reproductive health, urban planning, transport policy and economics. She currently resides in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The institute of wellbeing was established in 2013 to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information on ways to increase wellbeing. Based in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the institute of wellbeing



regularly produces publications on public health, the environment, and other issues related to wellbeing.

"BEYOND APOLOGIES" bring about defining and achieving an economics of wellbeing. She presented the book in the form of 13 Myths about economics. A lot is wrong with current economics thinking. The bad effects are all around us; a worsening environment, growing inequality, and bankrupt governments. The book makes the case for an economics not of waste, consumption, and inequality, but of wellbeing.



Main highlights of the seminar was the talk of the Debra Efroymson which was extended for 2hr she said about her own views on economics Indian GDP, Americans millionaires come billionaires and the effective role of public sector. The doubts of the students were cleared at last in the question hour. Friendly and accessible rather than academic style, aimed at activist was the main

features of Debra's communication skill. She is concerned about the poor, the disadvantage, the environment and the preservation of our present resources.

The program was concluded by 12.30pm followed by thanks giving section and a small refreshment. She gifted "BEYOND APOLOGIES" as a memory and guide for our economic reference. We also gave a memorable memento and express our humble gratitude towards her.