



## REGIONAL CAMPUS

The English and Foreign Languages University

Shillong

Centre for English and Foreign Languages Training (CEFLT) Inaugurated

*EFLU Shillong is now the Nodal Centre for Capacity Building*

The Centre for English and Foreign Languages Training (CEFLT), was inaugurated at the Regional Campus of The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Shillong. As a part of the initiative of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji, for capacity building of the North East, the Centre will conduct various programmes in English and foreign languages. In addition, the Centre will also conduct certificate courses of Proficiency in English and foreign languages to develop the skills of the unemployed youth of the North East region.

Shri K. Moses Chalai, IAS, Secretary, North Eastern Council (NEC) was the Chief Guest at the inauguration, while Prof. T. K. Bamon, Director, Regional Campus, The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Shillong, presided over.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Chalai stressed that the children must acquire their native language first, which is the key to learn any language later on. He expressed deep concern that children now find it difficult to adapt themselves to the natural acquisition of their native language. This strangeness to the native language is the cause of cultural displacement, he said Shri Chalai referred to the need of learning English and other national languages for wider opportunities. A knowledge of two or more national or foreign languages will always provide a better edge for those who hail from smaller linguistic groups. He dwelt on the mastering of English to stand in good stead for the global opportunities. He said that learning languages like Mandarin and others will be an additional advantage for the young in the assured economic upsurge of the East.

Prof. T. K. Bamon, profusely thanked Prof. E. Suresh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, The English and Foreign Languages University, who is also the Member, UGC, for establishing the CEFLT at Shillong. The Director informed that it is a Government of India initiative for capacity building in English and other foreign languages in the North Eastern region and for the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) member countries. She also added that the Centre will conduct Certificate Courses of Proficiency in English and foreign languages to enhance the employability skills of the youth in the North East. The Director expressed gratitude to the North Eastern Council(NEC) Shillong, the Ministry of DoNER, Ministry of External Affairs (MoEA) for reposing faith in the EFL University, to implement this prestigious initiative. She apprised the gathering that the Regional Campus is resourceful with experienced faculty to handle the courses.

Ms. Rebekah A. Tham, Coordinator of Foreign Languages Dr. T. Temsunungsang, Academic Coordinator at the Regional Campus and faculty members of various departments attended the online event .

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**PROF. T.K. BAMON**  
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