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## Indo-Tibetan Relations discussed at SJEC



Guest lecture on Indo-Tibeian Relations, St. Joseph's Evening College

**Jigme Namdol**

*"India is our guru and us, tibetans, are its chelas."*

- Mr. Tenzin Lekshay La, Deputy Director of TPI

On September 18, The Tibet Policy Institute (TPI), Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh in association with St. Joseph's Evening College (SJEC), Bengaluru organised a talk on Indo-Tibet relations at St Joseph's Evening College.

and religious factors that bind the two countries and the future uncertainties.

Tenzin Lekshay, deputy director of the Tibet Policy Institute gave a historical perspective on various factors concerning India, Tibet and China.

Dr. Rinzin Dorjee, a scholar on Tibet policy, talked about China's transformation from religious oppression to soft-power religious diplomacy. He gave various real-world examples of the strategies, intentions

and plans of the Chinese government in taking claim of the characteristics of the Buddhist religion, and undermine the Indo-Tibet's religious significance.

Rinzin concluded the event with a note to the people of India and the government to understand the ill-intentions of the Chinese government and take active participation in building closer ties with Tibet.

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## Supreme Court upholds the Right to Equality for LGBT Community

**Rajesh**

To the rescue of the LGBT Community from constant fear and persecution of IPC Section 377, A five-judge Constitutional bench of the Supreme Court unanimously de-criminalises part of the 158-year-old colonial law under Section 377 on Thursday, September 6. The five-judge bench was headed by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra and comprised Justices R F Nariman, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Indu Malhotra.

The judgment, on the legalisation of same-sex relations between consenting adults, is a great relief to the community who have been constantly living in fear and isolation. The punishment prescribed under the Indian Penal code for unnatural offences of having carnal intercourse is no longer valid.

"The right to privacy as part of the right to life applies fully to the LGBT community. Section 377 is irrational, arbitrary and incomprehensible as it fetters the right to equality for the LGBT community...LGBT community possesses same equality as other citizens," said CJ Dipak Misra..

"Punishment under Section 377 made the LGBT a closeted community, destroyed the identity of members and reached their dignity, all part of the right to life. The state has no business to get into controlling the private lives of LGBT community members or for that matter that if any citizen," said Justice Chandrachud.

"Social morality cannot violate the rights of even one single individual," said CJ Misra and Justice Khanwilkar.

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## 'Pursue Journalism for Passion, not Profit'

**Ignatius Arun**

The Department of Journalism and Communication of St. Joseph's Evening College (SJEC) organised guest lectures on the field of journalism for the BA journalism and MA Journalism and Communication students on September 17.

The resource person was Mr. Pradeep Nair, News Editor, The Hindu. The first session was on Journalism Profession: Challenges and Opportunities. The session was attended by all the three years of BA journalism students. The second session was

on editing techniques; it was attended by MA Journalism and Communication students.

Mr. Nair gave insights on taking journalism as a career in the long run. He discussed the various job opportunities available in the field of journalism. "To take up journalism as a profession, one must read, write, listen and speak to gain deep expertise on the language, knowledge on current affairs, and sharpen one's writing skills," said Mr. Nair.

He encouraged students to spend about 15 minutes each day to read magazines and newspapers such as India Today, The Week and Guardian to know how news is expressed with in-depth meaning across the globe.

## Powerful quotes to motivate you to study

"The secret to getting ahead is getting started."

- Unknown

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."

- Thomas Jefferson

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

- Robert Collier

"There is no substitute for hard work."

- Thomas Edison

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