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REPORT

ON TALK ON A "CHEMIST WORLD VIEW" (03rd September 2022)

A talk was organized by Chemistry department, Rayburn college on the 3rd September 2022. The speaker was Prof. R. H. Duncan Lyngdoh, Professor, Department of Chemistry, NEHU, Shillong. B. Sc students from 1st, 3rd, and 5th semester participated. Dr. Siamkhanthang Neihsial, Assistant professor, dept. of chemistry was the compere of the programme. Rev. Dr. Khen. P. Tombing gave the opening remarks. L. Chungkholen Kom, HOD, Chemistry Dept. gave vote of thanks.



Professor R.H.D Lyngdoh Former HOD (2006-2009), Former Dean of Physical Sciences (2017-2020), Coordinator of UGC SAP & DST FIST programs **Department of Chemistry** Nehu, Shillong

Date: 03-09-2022



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Rev. Dr. Khen P.Tombing presenting a small gift to the speaker



Prof. R. H. Duncan delivering his talk



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Group photo after the talk



Section of the audience & the speaker



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NOTICE

Short talk on "A Chemist's Worldview"

The Department of Chemistry, Rayburn College. Gangpinual is pleased to announce the visit of **Professor R. H. Duncan Lyngdoh**, Department of Chemistry, NEHU, Meghalaya on the 3rd September, 2022, at 3:30 pm at the Faculty Lounge to have a short talk on "A Chemist's Worldview".

He was the former HOD (2006 - 2009), the Dean of Physical Sciences (2017-2020), the Coordinator of UGC SAP & DST FIST programs.

He has published 55 papers and has supervised 20 PhD students.

The **B.Sc 1st, 3rd & 5th semester** students are requested to make it convenient to attend the talk **WITHOUT FAIL**. Other interested are also welcome.

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A CHEMIST'S VIEW OF NATURAL PHENOMENA

- 1. Who or What is a Chemist?
- 2. What is a Natural Phenomenon?
- 3. The Hierarchy of Levels of Understanding
- 4. A Chemist's Level in the Hierarchy
- 5. An Example of Application of a Chemist's Understanding
- 6. The Utility of a Chemist's Insight
- 7. What's Next Further and Beyond ?



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1. WHO OR WHAT IS A CHEMIST?

A chemist is sometimes hard to define !

Chemistry – the science of *material substances*, especially in terms of *molecules* – their structure and their interaction

Branches of chemistry - Inorganic Chemistry Organic Chemistry Physical Chemistry Theoretical Chemistry &c

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Broadly, a chemist is someone who works with *molecules*, and studies nature from this viewpoint.

A chemist always looks for the *molecular basis* of a given natural phenomenon.

The molecular basis means the role played by *molecules* in characterising and expressing the given phenomenon.

This viewpoint may seem microscopic, since molecules are so small and seemingly irrelevant to macroscopic phenomena.

But actually, events at the microscopic level are often of great importance in deciding the macroscopic outcome of a given phenomenon.

This forms part of the chemist's creed !



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ATTENDANCE

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Short talk on "A Chemist's Worldview"

by

Professor R. H. Duncan Lyngdoh, Department of Chemistry, NEHU, Meghalaya on the 3rd September, 2022, at 3:30 pm at the Faculty Lounge.

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