



Xavier University Bhubaneswar University Dialogue Series (UDS)

Date: 15 September 2018

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Class Room 307

Peace Through Education in Conflict Zone: Exploring North-East India

Speaker:

Col. Christopher Rego (Retd.)

Founder and Managing Director of Sunbird Trust



We invite you all for open house discussion on theme of ‘Peace through education in a conflict zone: Exploring North-East India’. The discussion will be led by Col. Rego who is Founder and Managing Director of Sunbird Trust.

About Speaker

In 2018, he was chosen by ‘Luminous India’ to be their first “Luminary” for national campaign for the girl child education for pioneering the concept of ‘White Bullets’ <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Dx2MmTnlwo>>.

In 2016, he was elected as an Ashoka Fellow from South Asia by the International Ashoka Foundation. The Ashoka Fellowship is recognized as an international gold standard in social entrepreneurship and is awarded to early stage entrepreneurs who are bringing innovative solutions to social problems that could be replicated anywhere in the world.

He is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakvasala (served in Army for 32 years) and Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Bangalore.

He is an author, a pianist, an amateur herpetologist, nature lover and passionate gardener.



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About Sunbird Trust



The Sunbird Trust works to provide physical, financial and information access to education for underprivileged children in conflict-affected areas of North-East India. The 'Sponsor a Child' scheme assists them obtain the basic standards of education and empowerment. Through the programme they reach out to children's parents and communities in their quest for development and to improve their life. Sunbird executes its work through

grassroots volunteers drawn from its supporting communities as well as Women's self-help organizations, youth groups and village development councils < <http://sunbirdtrust.com/>>.

With vision of 'Education and empowerment for children and youth in insurgency affected areas of North Eastern India', the trust is working in Assam, Arunanchal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland. In very effective way the trust supports education of nearly 2,500 underprivileged children across these states. It has built four (4) schools and two (2) hostels in Manipur and Assam.

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