MaDE

(Making a Difference as Educators)

A Faculty Development Programme Organized by Department of Value Education, St. Anthony's College, in Collaboration with: **DAVID C COOK-** Life on Life Ministry **and Don Bosco Higher Education Network India (DBHEI)** under the aegis of the IQAC

Shillong, Meghalaya. The Department of Value Education, St Anthony's College, Shillong, in collaboration with **David C Cook Ministry** and the **Don Bosco Higher Education India (DBHEI)**, under the aegis of IQAC, hosted the second edition of the **Faculty Development Programme – MaDE 2.0** (**Making a Difference as Educators)** in the college. The programme was a five-day event from 22nd to 26th April 2025.

MaDE 2.0 was a Training of the Trainers (ToT) programme in value-based teaching. In keeping with the mission and vision of the college, this FDP affirmed the vision of education as a mission of transformation—shaping not only the minds but also the character of the young. The five-day FDP was attended by 35 teachers from various higher education institutions of the Northeast.

The resource persons were from the David C Cook Ministry, who are certified members of Character Solutions International (CSI). The event was also financially supported by Central Bank of India, St Anthony's College Branch and DBHEI.

The five-day event focused on the importance of value-based teaching in the schools and colleges. The sessions included theoretical inputs on character formation, family values, social responsibilities and the spiritual orientation required to be provided to the youth in the mission of education. The participants in groups had to do a series of class-room teaching to the rest of the group applying the methods and dynamics taught by the animators.

The group was also presented teaching materials and guide books that could be used in classroom teaching of ethics and values.

The five-day FDP was indeed a learning experience for all and was well appreciated by all those attended. In the valedictory function, certificates of participation were distributed to all. In the open feedback, at the closing event, all appreciated the programme for its uniqueness, applicability and relevance in the mission of teaching.

The 5-day faculty programme ended with a closing prayer of blessing said by one of the participants, asking God's guidance on each to be Educators who make a difference in the lives of the young they teach.

The Department of value education on behalf of the organizing team expressed their gratitude to especially the sponsors, Central Bank of India St Anthony's College Branch and DBHEI for their support and to all who made this 5-day event possible.