

## Captain Williamson Sangma State University and Payap University Host International Academic Workshop on Future-Ready Education.

*Captain Williamson Sangma State University (Meghalaya, India) and Payap University (Chiang Mai, Thailand) collaboratively conducted a two-day online international workshop on “Human Resource Development and Design Thinking for School Improvement in Tribal and Rural Contexts” on 21st and 22nd May 2026.*



*Participants of the International Academic Workshop*

**TURA, MEGHALAYA – May 22, 2026:** Captain Williamson Sangma State University (CWSSU), Meghalaya, in collaboration with the International College of Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, successfully concluded a two-day International Academic Workshop on “*Human Resource Development and Design Thinking for School Improvement in Tribal and Rural Contexts.*”

Held on May 21–22, the workshop created a meaningful space for educators, students, and academic experts to reflect on the realities of education in rural and tribal communities and explore practical ways to strengthen schools in underserved areas.

Although the international speakers joined virtually, CWSSU brought together 41 participants physically on campus, including MA Education students and faculty members from affiliated colleges across Meghalaya. The interactive sessions encouraged participants to openly discuss challenges faced by schools in remote areas, including teacher shortages, limited resources, language barriers, and community engagement.

The programme was inaugurated by CWSSU Vice Chancellor **Dr. Vasanthi Vijayakumar**, who emphasized the importance of building global academic partnerships that contribute to local educational development. **Dr. Patchara**, Dean of the International College, Payap University, highlighted how collaborations across countries can help educators learn from one another’s experiences and solutions.

The workshop featured sessions by two internationally recognized scholars from the United States. **Dr. Brian Perkins** from Teachers College, Columbia University, introduced participants to design thinking approaches that place students and communities at the center of school improvement. **Dr. Oliver “Ozzie” Crocco** from Louisiana

State University spoke on human resource development, focusing on supporting teachers, leadership growth, and professional learning in challenging educational environments.

Participants described the workshop as engaging and relevant, as many of the discussions reflected the realities they encounter in their own schools and communities.

The event was jointly coordinated by **Dr. Geetam Chetry**, **Dr. Kanika Das**, and **Shri Deiborme Lyngdoh** from the Department of Education, CWSSU, along with **Dr. Chiche** from Payap University.

Both institutions expressed hope that this collaboration would lead to future research partnerships, faculty exchanges, and continued dialogue on improving education in tribal and marginalized communities across South and Southeast Asia.