



PRESIDENCY COLLEGE

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CENTRE FOR MEDIA STUDIES

Guest Lecture 2

Date: 8 August 2017

Resource Person: Dr. Paul Newman, Researcher

Topic: 'The role of USA in promoting terrorism'

Venue: Seminar Hall

Presidency College, August: Centre for Media Studies organized a guest lecture on "The role of USA in promoting terrorism" for the students in seminar hall on Tuesday.

The speaker for the day was Dr. Paul Newman, who is currently a Professor of Human Rights at Bangalore University. He has previously participated at the United Nations Human Right Council sessions held in Geneva 2012 and has also co-authored a book titled "Unfettered Genocide in Tamil Eelam".

During the session, Dr. Paul highlighted his views on the commonly accepted notion that terrorism is monopoly of a particular religion. Contrary to popular belief, he opined that there is no link between religion and terrorism. He also stressed on how it is used as a state policy by USA to achieve its neo-imperial ambitions.

Dr. Paul shared insights on how the America's economy largely depends on oil and weapon industries. They do this cleverly by destabilizing other countries by funding terror outfits to sell its arms and loot the resources of oil rich countries. He enlightened the students about America's

gory history of invading countries and toppling governments under the garb of 'liberation'; from bombing Hiroshima to invading Libya, America has always asserted its dominance in world affairs.

At the end of the lecture Dr. Paul took questions from the audience. Many students disagreed over his views as they had a preconceived idea of 'Terrorism'. The lecture was very informative and interactive and we enjoyed it a lot.

