

Editorial



"In the presence of challenges, some buy crutches, others grow wings". We may encounter challenges, but these are to test to do our best. The difficulty is that some of us stop trying in the trying times.

Patience, Will Power, Determination, Courage and Confidence are the sterling qualities of the mind which are indispensable in the struggles of life. Lives of great people are nothing but success stories, where it has been proved that sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks "He can". So, have a positive attitude as by being an optimist, you can turn scars into stars and thus win laurels in life.

Remember that, "Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice, it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to achieve". Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for it every day.

Life is a mixed bag and therefore, don't over think and don't forget to enjoy the simple pleasures. "Lose that madness, not your Sanity"

Mr. Shahilo Khing
Member

Literary and Cultural Committee

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MODERN COLLEGE HOLDS 4TH GRADUATION DAY

Modern College Piphema held its 4th Graduation Day on July 21, 2023 with Prof G.T. Thong, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema as special guest. In his speech, he challenged the graduates to be risk takers, grow beyond mediocrity and to use their grit and determination to achieve their goals. He also implored the students to become responsible stewards of the environment.

The programme was chaired by Ms. Thripila Sangtam while Dr. Vitsou Yano, Principal, welcomed the gathering, prayer of blessings for the graduates was pronounced by Mr. Mhasikhotso Shüya, Senior Advisor, EU, special number by M-1 Hostellers, speech on behalf of MCSU delivered by Mr. Chumthungo Patton, Asst Gen Secy, MCSU and speech on behalf of the juniors by Mr. Vivek Patel. Another special number was presented by Ms. Pulovili Lohe, Asst. Professor, Department of English.

Valedictorians and University Toppers, Ms. Moarenla Jamir, Department of Sociology and Ms. Maongnaro Longkumer, Department of History, delivered speeches on behalf of the graduates. The programme culminated with presentation of certificates to the graduates by Ms. Keleseno Longkumer, Academic Officer. Ms. Moarenla Jamir was awarded the newly instituted 'The Founders "Dr. S. Hekha Mao and Mrs A. Kaisa" Excellence Award' with a Citation and Cash prize of Rs. 25000 and Graduate of the Year.

A total of 49 students successfully graduated from the institution.





TREE PLANTATION DRIVE AND OUTING WITH 7TH ASSAM RIFLES GHASPANI

A tree plantation drive was organised by Ghaspani BN Assam Rifles on 13 July, 2023 in the college campus.

The army along with the students planted multiple tree saplings along the Stepping Stones leading to the Academic Block. All the tree saplings were donated by the 7th Assam Rifles Ghaspani.

After the tree plantation drive, a friendly football match was played between Modern College students and Assam Rifles in the 7th Assam Rifles ground, Ghaspani under the theme 'Learning through Sports.'

After the match, the students and staff were briefed on the functioning of the Assam Rifles and the camp after which everyone was taken for a short tour around the camp where they got a glimpse of the beautiful environment around.





ANNUAL COLLEGE MAGAZINE RELEASED



The annual College Magazine of Modern College – Apprise was officially released on 19th July, 2023 by the Literary & Cultural Committee in the presence of the Principal, Administrator and faculty.

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS ORGANISED AT MODERN COLLEGE BY GHASPANI BN COB PIPHEMA

Ghaspani BN COB Piphema organised Kargil Vijay Diwas at the college campus on 26th July, 2023. The programme was attended by students, faculty and personnels from 7th Assam Rifles. The students were familiarised with the history behind the day.

Capt. Ravi Yadav encouraged the students by mentioning that help will be extended to the students intending to pursue careers in this field by providing them with study materials for written exams.



FACULTY WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) Modern College, Piphema, organised a faculty workshop on Brand Guidelines and Basic Report Writing on 27th July, 2023. The resource persons for the workshop were Ms. Chanini Lokho, Assistant Professor, Department of Vocation and Dr. Vitsou Yano, Principal, Modern College. The workshop highlighted the importance of 'Branding' and identification through brands.

Mr. Pelee Hekha, Managing Director, highlighted the revised service policy to the faculty after which Dr. Yano spoke on the importance of writing good reports.

The chairperson for the workshop was Ms. Vini Achumi, IQAC coordinator. Words of appreciation was proposed by Mr. Verahu Nienu, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and the recorder of the event was Ms. Mongsenchila, Assistant Professor, Department of History.



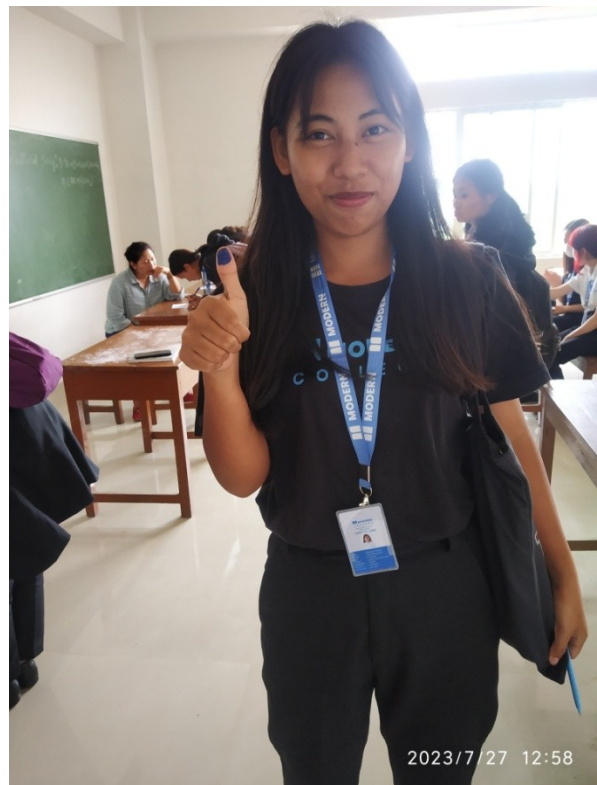
MCSU ELECTION 2023

The election process for MCSU office bearers 2023-24 kick started on 25th July with the filling of nominations.

The process saw speeches from all intending candidates after which polling was done on 27th July.

The office bearers of Modern College Students' Union are:

1. Mr. Dieccoo B.A. 5th semester - General Secretary
2. Mr. Ricky Das B.A. 3rd semester - Asst. General Secretary
3. Ms. Roselin B.A. 5th semester - Social and Cultural Secretary
4. Mr. Chemjungli B. Voc. 3rd semester - Asst. Social and Cultural Secretary
5. Ms. Livitoli Swu B.A. 5th semester - Literary Secretary
6. Mr. Odibendang B.A. 3rd semester - Asst. Literary Secretary
7. Mr. Lanpong Konyak B.A. 5th semester - Games and Sports Secretary
8. Ms. Phamsa Konyak B.A. 5th semester - Asst. Games and Sports Secretary
9. Mr. Zasivolie Keyho B.A. 5th semester – ANCSU Representative
10. Ms. B. Victoria B.A. 5th semester – Women Co-ordinator



MODERN COLLEGE OBSERVES WORLD NATURE CONSERVATION DAY

The World Nature Conservation Day is observed globally to highlight the significance of biological diversity, nature conservation, protection of the ecosystem and balancing nature.

The Eco Green Club observed the World Nature Conservation Day along with the 1st semester students at the Botanical Garden on 28th July, 2023 under the theme "Forest and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet". A total number of 34 students along with the three teacher in-charges of Eco Green Club participated in the activity organised by the club which was the plantation of saplings in the college campus and the visitation of the Botanical garden.

Everyone participated actively and some students made posters and wrote slogans as to how to conserve our nature and keep our planet green. The event was a success and the Eco Green Club is looking forward to organizing and conducting the upcoming events with divergent ideas and activities to promote the club and spread awareness to create a healthy environment.



WOMEN'S COMMON ROOM, MCSU AND EU OFFICE INAUGURATED

The inauguration of the Women's Common Room, EU and MCSU office was held on 31st July at 12:30 pm.

A short programme was organised where Ms. Vini Achumi, IQAC Co-ordinator chaired the programme after which Dr. Vitsou Yano, Principal, delivered a short speech. Mr. Mhasikhotso Shüya, Advisor EU, invoked God's blessings.

Ribbon cutting was initiated by Mr. Pelee Hekha, Managing Director.





Sr. DB Gracy
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Sr. Emilia Toppo



Sr. Reena Arinai

EXPERIENCES IN MODERN COLLEGE

When we think of Modern College, we recall fond memories of our own College. The 3 years had flown by in the blink of an eye. And now we are at a crossroads in our lives.

Our college always reminds us of our first encounter with the Modern college family in a new environment with unfamiliar faces. All of us were strangers to one another, and many of them gave us a puzzled look. 'Are we teachers or students?' Finally, our classmates discovered us sitting in the same class room as them. Then the never-ending conversation and friendship-building began.

'Its structure' was one of the things that made us unhappy with the college. The packed campus with a road in front of the college and a river behind, with no space for the recess time. But gradually the structure of the college did not matter anymore. As it is said - A college is much more than the bricks and mortar with which it is built . The teachers, classmates and our juniors made a complete college and nothing could replace their presence. There was so much of fun and learning which filled the empty gaps of expectations to cherishing memories. As the saying goes 'a small family is a happy family' - Modern College rightly gives great meaning to this statement . We can proudly say that it gives its best to provide integral education to all the students. We the Sisters in the new environment of Modern College had good memories which will not be erased from our hearts.

A short note for the faculty of Modern College:

“Perfection is not attainable but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence” (Vince L.). This phrase precisely defines Madam Vitsou Yano, our principal. With the elegant looks, vibrant and energetic leadership and friendly relationship, she has always been the source of our encouragement and enlightenment.

Making a mention about our lecturers and mentors, all of them are ‘excellent’- in their teaching and in their bond with the students. Their effective presence has made a difference and inspired us a lot. Being guided for the last 3 years, we would like to make a mention of our 4 lecturers of Department of English – Ms. Watimongla, the Head of the Department, Ms. Keleseno, Ms. Imlikokla and Ms. Pulovili. With their creativity, authenticity in teaching, guidance and their great help whenever we needed, we were able to make a smooth way in the complex world of English. Hats off to you dear teachers. We’ll reminisce the enjoyable field trips and the departmental activities. What shall we write about our classmates? Strangers in the beginning - good friends in the end. There are so many things to write about our classmates. With their gestures, friendly smiles, their collaboration and generous help, our college days have really been adorable. And now it has become beautiful memories for us, which will be unforgotten.

The Management had always availed themselves to listen to our plea and had always accommodated us in the best way possible. Their immeasurable help extended to us was much valued.

Adding these things into our experience sound much as a ‘Thank you’ address than an experience, but failing to acknowledge the Modern College Family will be incomplete experience. Thank you Modern College for the memorable years.

Shine bright like a lone star in the sky above and be as lovely as a full blooming flower. Long live Modern College.

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Sr. Yanbeni Ezung

SWEET MEMORIES IN MODERN COLLEGE

Memories flash back to us, reminding us of the days of Modern College. It seems we appear to have only recently joined Modern College, but it has passed us by in the blink of an eye. It was like a dream when we five Sisters joined Modern College through an online class on 3rd August 2020, unsure of what to do next. It was our teachers who were like our friends to us, guiding and assisting us at all times and making us feel good and accepted. We felt like strangers in unknown land when we first started our offline classes. Oh! We remember the first day of the class, when Dr. Kholia made us introduced ourselves; we were all timid and shy unable to speak out even a single word.

The moments that stand out in our minds are those in which we were given an opportunity to present our lessons to the class, participate in the seminars, college activities and other activities that helped us learn and develop our self- confidence. These were the times when our teachers recognized our needs, supported us, and showed that they cared. There were the times when we learned and laughed with our teachers and friends while on field trips and while playing other games and participating in sports. Those memories will be very dear to us.

Despite being brief, our time at Modern College was unforgettable. We owe a debt of gratitude and appreciation to the College Administration, the faculty, the teachers and our friends who have supported us through both good and bad times and have enriched our lives with their experiences. We have gained a lot of knowledge that will be put to use in our mission among young people. We will always treasure those special times in our lives, and we wish and pray that Modern College continue to shine, educating many young people who will be the leaders of tomorrow with true and quality education.

Dinosaurs; The Perished Giants

Dinosaurs are reptiles that lived on our planet earth over 250+ million years ago. They evolved over 3 major periods, the Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous. The species survived for about 160 million years which is 64 times more than the time humans have been on the planet. Being huge in size, they were top predators on land across the globe with no opponent of their equal footing. Most of them were carnivores who ate their own species while some were herbivores surviving on a plant-based diet alone.

They started small in size, about the size of household pets. Later on, they evolved into much bigger size with heights above 18 meters. The titanosaurs is claimed to have been the biggest dinosaur that existed with a long neck and its weight measuring to over 100 tonnes. The tyrannosaurus rex is another meat-eating dinosaur that weighed almost 60 tonnes or even more. There were about 900 unique dinos/dinosaurs that lived through the three major periods.

The earth's geography during those years was completely different from what it is today. During the Triassic Period, the beginning age of dinosaurs, the entire earth's landmass was clubbed into one supercontinent called Pangea. Soon, during the 160 million years of dinosaurs' existence, the landmasses, called the tectonic plates in geological terms, started drifting from each other breaking Pangea, the Supercontinent, into smaller pieces/continents which separated the dinosaurs altogether. Dinosaurs thrived and lived in every continent up to the end of the Cretaceous period which is when they went extinct altogether.

What actually killed the dinosaurs still remains a mystery. Maybe it was one or two asteroids that struck earth, raising the temperature of the earth to extremes which might have made nearly 75 percent of the total population of life on the plan-

et unable to sustain themselves, leading to the extinction of many species including the giant dinosaurs. Some claim that their eggs became prey to almost every animal which contributed to the decreasing number of newly hatched offspring over time. Another theory is that there were too many male dinosaurs in relation to females. Infertility specialist Sherman Silber, supporting this theory, asserted that dinosaurs perished because they couldn't find mates. According to Wallace Tucker and paleontologist Dale Russell, a supernova could have been the cause of the extinction which completely wiped the dinosaurs off the face of the earth in an action-packed mass devastation.

However, the parent reason is that there was a meteorite that struck earth causing abnormal reactions on earth and significantly changing the environment which eventually led to the mass extinction. It didn't happen all at once. It happened over a course of thousands of years, slowly killing all the dinosaurs.

The fossils of dinosaurs have been found mostly from three major locations- the high-altitude badlands of China, Argentina and North America. North America holds some of the largest number of dinosaurs' fossils.

Though the dinosaurs have long perished, its descendants still are pretty much alive in the form of birds. All the non-avian dinosaurs went extinct, but the avian dinosaurs evolved over the millennia into birds. Chicken, a domesticated bird, is also believed to have evolved from dinosaurs.

The crocodiles, the cassowaries, the tuatara, the sharks, sea turtles, ostriches, crustaceans, etc., all survived the factor that led to the extinction and are very much alive and present today.

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Religion: A Cult of Perspective

As humans, we believe in an entity of our faith- a supernatural being beyond our imagination. We proceed to devote ourselves to this entity from conception till death in order to receive 'His' deliverance.

But is that what this is all about? The answer lies here- a devotion you commit yourself to merely to attain deliverance after death because death is certain but the life beyond death isn't and it's the fear of that uncertainty that makes us devote ourselves to a religion.

You go living a life where you have blindly devoted yourself to faith without comprehending why you are doing it. You go as far as believing in it because someone has told you to believe in it. You don't question their words because you consider it a sin to go against them.

You fail to recognise that what they state or preach is mostly according to their point of view and not the way it was meant to be understood. You cling to a belief or faith without understanding the true essence of it and go on creating a false appearance of it with your perspective without truly considering if it is right or wrong. All you do is focus on just one side of the picture to reassure yourself and ignore the reality.

We are all like fools in a queue, accepting and believing what is fed to us, whether right or wrong because we fail to understand the truth behind our own beliefs. The world is full of people with their cults who put faith before them but believe what they want to and force it over the rest.

Even in Nagaland, most of us are born into Christian families and we are taught what to believe in ever since we can remember. Our morals and beliefs are moulded by the faith our families believe in and theirs by the morals and beliefs their own families believed in. And so the cycle goes on. But does it make you a Christian? Is being born into a Christian family enough to be a real Christian? How sure are you that they are teaching the right beliefs and not just some personal interpretation?

Do you believe in your religion because you were born into it or because you are told to believe in it? Or are you in a cult of perspective?

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

- 13th July :Tree Plantation Drive & Outing
with the 7th Assam Rifles
Ghaspani
- 19th July : Annual College Magazine
"Apprise" released
- 21st July : 4th Graduation Day Observed
- 26th July : Kargil Vijay Diwas organised by
Ghaspani BN COB Piphema
- 27th July : Faculty Workshop (IQAC)
- 27th July : MCSU Election
- 28th July : World Nature Conservation Day
Observed
- 31st July : Women's Common Room, MCSU
& EU Office inaugurated

TO LOOK AHEAD:

- 3rd Aug. : Debate 1st Round
- 4th Aug. : Students' Care
- 5th Aug. : Monthly Newsletter/ Workshop (i/c Dept. of
Vocation, Education and Economics)
- 7th Aug. : 4th Weekly Test
- 9th Aug. : Staff Meeting
- 11th Aug. : Freshers' Day
- 14th Aug. : 5th Weekly Test
- 15th Aug. : Independence Day (NSS, NCC)
- 16th Aug. : HoD Meeting
- 17th Aug. : Debate 2nd Round
- 18th Aug. : Students' Care/ Career Guidance
(Training & Placement Cell)
- 21st Aug. : 6th weekly Test
- 25th Aug. : Assembly (3rd Semester)
- 28th Aug. : 7th Weekly Test
- 29th Aug. : Management & Administrative Meeting
- 31st Aug. : Submission of IPR to HoD/ IQAC Report
Submission/ Submission of Hostel Reports