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Editorial



With all the terror going around in the world, we sit in the comfort of our own rooms waiting and preparing for our own terror (end term exam) that is just around the corner. But before the floodgates of stress are opened, let's look back on the month that is gone and the events that took place and savor those moments because it's not coming back.

We all get lost in life with all the bustling going around in this competitive world, which makes us blind to all the little things that exist in our life. The pace of the world today is just too fast and while trying to keep up with the pace, we fail to appreciate and take for granted all the little things. Things like we use everyday, our simple food that we eat everyday, our family and friends and even the air that we breathe. It is a privilege that we fail to notice because for many it is the last breath they take before life runs out.

It's just like they say, "life moves too fast and if you don't stop and look around for a while, you will miss a lot of things."

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The world is a competition and we are a part of it. It's a never ending hurdle of trying to be better, to have more in every aspect of life than the rest, all to be lost when death pays a visit. There is no harm in stopping and taking a break from the rat race of life, to take a moment and appreciate life itself for having enough of what we need and not more.

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NATIONAL INTEGRATION TOUR TO AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT

A total of 18 students and 2 teaching faculty from Modern College, Piphema were privileged to undertake the National Integration Tour (NIT) to Ahmedabad, Gujarat which was sponsored by 7 Assam Rifles under Assam Rifles Project 2023-24. The journey started with a flagging off ceremony at 7 Assam Rifles HQ. We left Dimapur Railway Station on 29th September at 12:17 am and we arrived at New Delhi railway station by the afternoon of 30th September. We visited the Red Fort or Lal Qila located at Old Delhi, India Gate and National War Memorial which stands as a memorial to 84,000 soldiers of the Indian Army who sacrificed their lives during the WWI during our short stop at Delhi after which we left for Ahmedabad at 7:55 in the evening.

After reaching Ahmedabad at around 8:15 in the morning of 1st October, we visited the auto world museum which is one of the biggest personal collections of vintage cars, bikes, buggies and utility vehicles. We also visited Akshardham Temple at Gandhinagar where we also enjoyed a light and water show. The second day started with a long ride to visit the statue of unity which is the tallest statue in the world and located at Kevadia colony. On 3rd October we were honored to meet the GOC and all officers of the Golden Katar Division and got to experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of riding a tank as well. After that we headed to visit the Sabarmati Ashram which is also famously known as Gandhi Ashram and ended the day with a visit to Atal bridge.

The next day we were all excited to visit the prestigious IIM (INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT) Ahmedabad which has produced personalities like Mallika Sarabhai, Raghuram Rajan and Chetan Bhagat. After the visit we proceeded to ISRO Ahmedabad which is also known as Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition where we got to learn about the miracles of outer space.

We were able to experience not just the beautiful places and scenic views of Ahmedabad but also the delicious food which were all new to us. Shopping around the bazaars and malls is something we would definitely want to experience again. Our eventful journey also saw us getting the stadium experience with the first match of the ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP between England and New Zealand. Our last stop at Ahmedabad was Science City after which we took our leave of the city and headed back East.

We definitely savored every bits and pieces of Ahmedabad; from the varieties of food to the malls and people and everything in between. Thank you Ahemdabad for the experience and thank you 7 ASSAM RIFLES for this beautiful opportunity that combined adventure, excitement and learning in the most enjoyable way.



AUTUMN FIESTA CELEBRATED

Modern College Piphema organized Autumn Fiesta on 7th October, 2023 at the College Campus with Event Sponsors from Lerinah Motors, Punjab and Sind Bank; Event Partners from D/ Café, Fifa Café and 7th Assam Riffles Gaspani.

The fiesta comprised of College Fete, Cosplay Campus and DJ Evening. The Autumn Fiesta was kicked off with a Formal inaugural program where Dr. Vitsou Yano, Principal presented a welcome speech, Mrs. Kaisa Hekha, Chairperson, Modern Society of Education declared the event open.

The Cosplay Campus which was organized in collaboration with the Nagaland Anime Junkies (NAJ) also featured a Cosplay Competition where Ms. Shiro from Baptist College was the Winner and Ms. Aying Wallim of Modern College backed the consolation prize. The winners were awarded with cash prize and gift hampers. The fiesta concluded with the DJ Evening featuring DJ Rhon.







INTERACTIVE SESSION

Dr. Mhabemo Odyuo, Vice Principal, Model Christian College, Kohima along with four students visited the college campus on 9th October, 2023. They had an interaction with the faculty, students and visited the Botanical Garden, Indoor Stadium and Academic Block.



NATIONAL INTEGRATION TOUR (NIT) FLAG-IN CEREMONY

The National Integration Tour (NIT), organised by the 7 Assam Rifles (AR) concluded with a grand flag-in ceremony on 9th October, 2023 at Medziphema.

18 students comprising of nine girls and nine boys along with two teaching faculty from Modern College Piphema were part of the 10-day tour to Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

The tour was aimed at providing the students of Nagaland a comprehensive exposure to various inspirational, educational and industrial institutions in the state of Gujarat and to bring about all round growth.

The tour included visits to monuments of national importance like Statue of Unity, National War Memorial, Sabarmati Ashram, ISRO Space centre and the coveted Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad and many other places.

During the flagging in ceremony by the chief guest Sena Medal, Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) Major General Vikas Lakhera, highlighted the commitment of Assam Rifles towards bright future of people of Northeast, particularly Nagaland. He stated that the experiences and exposures obtained by the students during the tour would certainly help them in bringing a positive change in the personal lives and also the future of their state.

Speaking on behalf of the students, Mr. Ricky Das and Ms. Urmipem Mokung while expressing gratitude to the Assam Rifles maintained that the tour was not just vacation but opportunity to witness diverse and rich culture, gaining immense knowledge and experiences through different sightseeing and learned how to be responsible. Emphasizing on the limitless possibilities in India, Das conveyed that “when it comes to India nothing is impossible.”

He further said that after the tour, they discovered that the world is their playground. The culmination event was attended by several civil dignitaries and students from various colleges in the area.



CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM

A Career Guidance program was organised by the Training and Placement Cell and Gender Champion Club on 13th October, 2023 in the College Campus. The resource person for the program was Mr. Wele Mero Sr. Executive NIT, Gurgaon.

The aim of the program was to help students to explore alternate career opportunities beyond traditional government service roles and to make the students equip with knowledge about emerging career opportunities and options. It also aimed to empower students with skill knowledge needed to excel in the digital Era. Altogether, 82 students participated in the program.



INTER-COLLEGE DEBATE COMPETITION

Mr. Ricky Das, B.A. 3rd Semester, Dept. of Political Science participated in the Inter-College Debate Competition on 16th October, 2023 at Sazolie College, Jotsoma. The topic for the debate was "Artificial Intelligence is a threat to Human Society."

He was awarded a consolation prize. The event witnessed 20 debaters, one each from 20 colleges across Nagaland.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Faculty Development Programme on “Crafting a Research Masterpiece: The Journey to paper publications” was organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell Modern College on 17th October 2023, with the objective to learn about details involved in writing effective research paper and to understand the process of publication. The resource person Ms. Deepa Gupta, Doctoral fellow, Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) Anand, Gujarat was invited to share the wisdom and knowledge on the topic. The programme was chaired by Ms. Chanini Lokho, Assistant Professor, Department of Vocation. The session further commenced with the welcome address delivered by Dr. Vitsou Yano, Principal, Modern college. She shared about the relevance of FDP which shall certainly help to develop the writings and publishing skills.

The resource person, Ms. Deepa Gupta spoke on the characteristics of scholarly article and explained how to write article and how to publish them in reputed peer reviewed journals. She also shared that proper methods are followed for experiments, computations, and theoretical development and that data are properly recorded and saved for future reference. She further talked about the awareness of plagiarism, importance of citation and publications in quality journals in the stage of research courier.

The programme concluded with words of appreciation proposed by Ms. Vini Achumi, IQAC, Co-ordinator, she thanked the resource person for her informative and insightful lectures and the teaching faculty for their active participation. The programme saw active participation and interaction between the resource person and teaching faculty.



INTERACTIVE SESSION

Two prominent personalities Mr. Niketu Iralu, Intellectual/Social Activist and Mr. Aran Chihui, Entrepreneur/Concept Designer visited the college on 18th October, 2023 and had an interaction with the students.



21ST BIENNIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE ANCSU

A total of 18 students from Modern College attended the 21st Biennial General Conference ANCSU which was held at Mount Tiyi College, Wokha from 24th-26th October, 2023.



LITERATURE FEST

6 students from Modern College attended the Literature Fest under the theme “Celebrating Creativity for All” organised by the Department of English, Baptist College on 27th October, 2023.

Ms. Rothrongru Sangtam of B.A. 3rd Semester, Dept. of English participated in Poetry Writing Competition; Ms. Tiajungla & Mr. Sunep Aier of B.A. 5th semester, Dept. of Education and Economics participated in Creative Writing on Thematic Concerns in Short Story Writing. They were given a Certificate of Participation.

The event witnessed competitions on poetry & short story writing; panel discussion on Literary Movements and Genres in Naga Writings, Book Readings by upcoming Naga Writers, Stories on Stage, Book counters, Food stall, Art & Craft Gallery.



INTER-COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL (MEN) SELECTION TRIAL

Modern College hosted the Inter-Collegiate Volleyball (Men) Selection Trial on 28th October, 2023 organized by the Department of Sports, Nagaland University.

The day started with a short inauguration programme at the Indoor Stadium, chaired by Ms. Phamsa Konyak, Asst. Games and Sports Secretary, MCSU. The gathering was welcomed by Mr. Pelee Hekha, Managing Director, Modern College, followed by an announcement on the trial selection by the Nagaland University Officials and lastly, words of appreciation was pronounced by Mr. John Besü, Administrator, Modern College.

Altogether, 38 students from 9 colleges and universities across Nagaland participated in the selection trial. The participating colleges/universities were Modern College, Piphema, Tetso College, Dimapur, Immanuel College, Dimapur, St. Xavier College, Jalukie, KROS College, Kohima, Nagaland University SAS Medziphema Campus, Nagaland University Dimapur Campus, Nagaland University Kohima Campus and Nagaland University Lumami Campus. The selection trial matches were played as per the AIU rules. Mr. Asik and Mr. Akash Chettri of B.A 1st Semester, Modern College was selected along with 12 students to represent Nagaland in the East Zone Inter- University Competition which will be held in KIT Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 8th to 11th November, 2023.

A team of match officials from Nagaland University were present to oversee the trial selection procedures. Dr. Harish Kumar Tiwari, Deputy Director of Sports, Nagaland University led the team.



STUDENTS' INTERNSHIP

The students of Bachelor of Vocation in Retail Management and IT, Modern College underwent Internship program from 1st-31st October 2023 in Kohima.

Internship being the vital aspect where students learn practical knowledge and gives them on-the-job-training, and helps them to sharpen skills, build confidence for communications and gain valuable experience and exposure into the role when hired. It also gives students an opportunity to learn and make mistakes and learn from a safe environment, and provides a perspective of real life.

The interning stores where students were involved are Reliance Trends, Toudi Enterprise and Café Bella. Through these various stores, students are expected to polish in Retail Management, Training and Development, Customer Service, Inventory Management, Retail Store Operations, Product Development etc.



READERS' MIRROR VIEWS & REVIEWS

Nagaland's Role in Northeast India's Empowerment

Nagaland, the jewel of India's Northeast, might be one of the smallest states in the region, but its role in empowering the entire Northeast is nothing short of remarkable. Like that persistent little sister who always surprises you with her determination, Nagaland has made significant contributions to the development and progress of this diverse and vibrant part of the country.

Nagaland's journey to statehood in 1963 marked a significant turning point in the political landscape of the Northeast. It became one of the first states in the region to gain full statehood within the Indian Union. This achievement served as an inspiration and a guiding

light for other northeastern states in asserting their identity and rights.

Nagaland's cultural diversity is a testament to the harmonious coexistence of various tribes and communities. This cultural mosaic is not just a source of pride for Nagaland but also a symbol of unity for the entire Northeast. It's like putting together a beautiful puzzle where each piece

plays a crucial role in creating a vibrant picture. Improving connectivity and infrastructure is a cornerstone of regional empowerment, and Nagaland has been actively

engaged in this endeavour. The state has been working tirelessly to enhance its road and rail networks, making it easier for goods and people to move within and beyond its borders. It's like building pathways to prosperity, one road at a time.

While agriculture remains the backbone of Nagaland's economy, the state is proactively diversifying its economic base. Initiatives to promote tourism and handicrafts are opening up new avenues for growth and development. Nagaland's economic progress doesn't just benefit the state itself but contributes to the prosperity of the entire Northeast. Empowerment is intrinsically linked to education and skill development and Nagaland recognises this. The state is committed to improving its education system and nurturing a skilled workforce which not only enhances opportunities within Nagaland but also bolsters the human resource pool for the entire region.

Nagaland, though small in size, stands tall as a beacon of progress and empowerment in India's Northeast. Its journey from a humble beginning to a trailblazing state serves as an inspiration to the entire region. Whether it's in politics, infrastructure, culture, economy, education or environmental conservation, Nagaland's contributions ripple across the Northeast like a steadfast little sister who continues to surprise and impress. As Nagaland

continues to progress and thrive, it sets a shining example for the entire Northeast, highlighting the strength that lies in preserving tradition while embracing progress and peace. Together, the states of the Northeast can forge a brighter, more empowered future for themselves and the entire nation.

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Women's Plight in Manipur: A General Insight

Beneath the serene surface of Manipur's landscape lies a troubling saga of ethnic discord that threatens to unravel the social harmony of the region. The ongoing conflict deeply rooted in the complex interplay of identities between the Meitei and the Kuki communities has revealed a distressing reality: women's bodies used as battlegrounds and tools to exert dominance.

The heart of Manipur's crisis lies in the intricate tapestry of its ethnic groupings. The generally accepted cause leading to the recent clashes is considered to be the seeking of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status by the Meiteis and which is staunchly opposed

by the Kukis. This embodies a discord and reflecting not just differing ethnicity but also historical narratives. While the economic and political dimensions cannot be ruled out yet the crisis is predominantly an outcome due to collision of ethnic aspirations. The kuki people's connection to the land and the Meiteis pursuit of ST status stands as a symbol of contested narratives, stretching back to generations.

In the midst of this complex ethnic battle, like in any warfare, women again have to bear the brunt of the tragic casualties. Beyond the struggle for identity and resources, they face a harrowing plight of being systematically

weaponised and violated. With the intensification of clashes the plight of women often goes unseen and ignored. Realities of women assault, torture, sexual predation et al often take a backstage and remain mostly concealed. Victims are often silenced by the vortex of conflict and the weight of pretext societal norms and sacrifice. The disturbing manifestation of this turmoil is the weaponization of women in the form of the two unfortunate women being subjected to dehumanizing treatment which is a brutal testament of how women become soft targets in the theatre of conflict/wars. The National Commission for Women (NCW) had informed a 46% rise

in crime against women in the first eight months of 2021. The conflict statistics if compiled will reveal an even darker picture of the first eight months in 2023. Where do the government fit in the legislative framework for women and women empowerment schemes for conflict torn state of Manipur. In this turbulent chapter, Manipur's women should not be reduced to mere statistics. Atrocities have to be stopped immediately and accountability ensured for the violence inflicted and borne by the women folk.

Amidst this ethnic chaos grappling Manipur, the pain, the resilience and the robust fortitude displayed by the women must not

be forgotten. It is these same virtues that offer a glimpse of hope amid the confusion and darkness. The need therefore, rest in adopting a holistic review and effort not only to seek justice from the court of law but the involvement of all stakeholders including the law makers, police officers, NGO's, the forensics, rehabilitation centres and the civil organisations. If India, the largest democracy is to ensure a truly plural state then for sure, the government must first guarantee the safety, protection and justice of women: the Home-makers and the Nation builders.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

1 st -31 st Oct..	: B. Voc Internship
7 th Oct..	: Autumn Fiesta
10 th Oct.	: Filling up of Examination Application Form for End Term Examination
18 th Oct.	: HoD Meeting
19 th Oct.	: Management & Administration Meeting
23 rd - 24 th Oct.	: Puja Break
31 st Oct.	: Submission of IPR to HoD/IQAC Report Submission/ Submission of Hostel Reports

TO LOOK AHEAD:

3 rd Nov.	: Students' Care
4 th Nov.	: Staff Picnic
6 th Nov.	: Staff Meeting
10 th Nov.	: Assembly (i/c 1 st Sem)
11 th Nov.	: National Education Day (i/c Dept. of Education)
20 th Nov – 11 th Dec	: End Term Semester Examination
21 st Nov.	: HOD Meeting
30 th Nov.	: Submission of IPR to HoD/IQAC Report Submission/ Submission of Hostel Reports