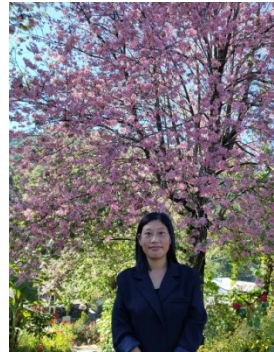


Editorial



"POWER OF FAILURE"

Life is a mixture of good and bad experiences. As the saying goes, **"Failure is the pillar of success"**. Thus in order to attain the fruit of success, one must undergo as many failures as possible. In regard to the context of failure, one should take inspiration from Thomas Alva Edison, the scientist who invented light-bulb after failing more than thousand times. It depends solely on a person for him to choose the optimistic and motivating thoughts amidst the darkest situation life throws over us. It is the person who triumphs over the hardest situation who is considered a successful man. Though there is no doubt that failing in life indeed puts down one's moral, that should not be the ultimatum. Everyone have the liberty to write one's own story and failing in the long run actually brings the opposite and antonym of its meaning i.e. success.

There are several stories that can substantiate the theory that failure in reality helps you in attaining true wisdom in life. It is through failing, one learns to be humble and more thoughtful in life. Failure itself is a

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beautiful process in driving a person to its fullest potential. The road to success is not only filled with roses, but the thorns act as obstacles and only after clearing and going through them, one gains success.

To draw a friend in this journey of failure is 'inspiration' but so should accompany hard-work. Pablo Picasso rightly said, ***"Inspiration does exist but it must find you working"***. Inspiration is a great tool as it ensures the positive mentality of a man whose will has been broken. Inspiration works as a catalyst in a shattered and failed person's mind. It gives a new ray of hope for him to get back to his feet and continue the journey.

Thus, encapsulating all, it can be seen that failure is just a crooked step one needs to walk in-order to reach the top. The power of failure truly lies in shaping a person to his best self. Failing is the perfect remedy to produce a successful person. Thus, closing with the statement, the one who has never failed has learnt nothing from life and that, ***"Failure is the absolute best teacher"***.

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12 DAYS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

Two Assistant Professors of Modern College, Ms. Pulovili Lohe, Dept. of English and Ms. Repamenla, Dept. of Education participated in the 12 Days Capacity Building Programme on Curriculum Development for Higher Education Teachers organized by the Department of Teacher Education, Nagaland University, Meriema and sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) from 26th October to 6th November, 2023.



COMBINED ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME WITH MODERN HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL ON 3RD NOVEMBER, 2023





ONE DAY PLANTATION DRIVE

A one day plantation drive was organized by the Eco Green Club on 3rd November, 2023 under the 'One Person One Flower' project. Both students and teachers took active part in the drive.



STAFF PICNIC TO BARAK VALLEY ON 4TH NOVEMBER, 2023





EVANGELICAL UNION PRE-CHRISTMAS

Evangelical Union Modern College celebrated Pre-Christmas on 8th November, 2023. The Program was graced by Mr. Pelee Hekha, Managing Director as the Speaker and Mr. Joseph who was a special invitee shared on 'What Christmas mean to me'. He also prayed for the students who will be appearing for their End Semester Exam.



DEMONSTRATION FOR PERMANENT PEACE IN MANIPUR

Six students from Modern College participated in the Demonstration for Permanent Peace in Manipur organized by the NSF under the aegis of North East Students' Organization (NESO) at Raj Bhavan Kohima on 9th November, 2023.



NATIONAL EDUCATION DAY

The National Education Day was observed by the Department of Education under the theme “Embracing Innovation” on 10th November, 2023 with the B. A. 5th Semester Education Students. Dr. Jagan, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Education gave a lecture on the contributions of Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, the First Education Minister of the Independent India and highlighted on the significance of celebrating the National Education Day.



NER NCC CAR RALLY ON 13TH NOVEMBER, 2023

CT NCC, Modern College along with cadets attended the flag in and flag off ceremony of the NEE NCC Car Rally. The rally started from Shillong and will end at Guwahati.



5 DAYS FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

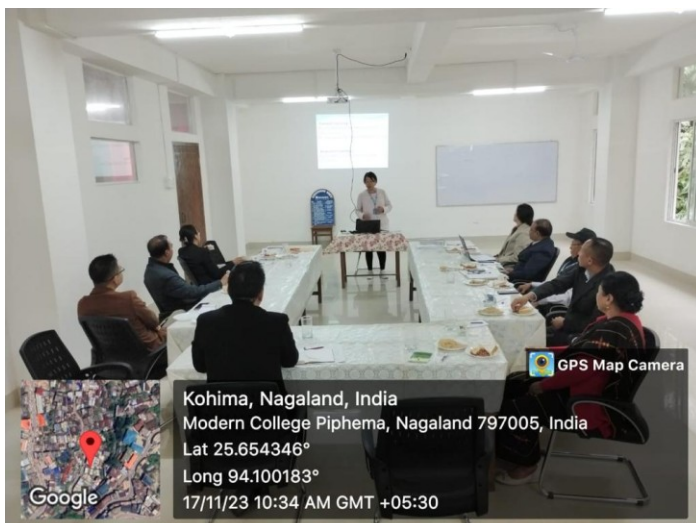
Ms. Seyiekhrienuo Mezhü, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Sociology participated in the 5 days Faculty Development Programme on Design, Develop and Deliver Online/Blended learning courses organized by the Dept. of Teacher Education, Nagaland University, Meriema from 7th -11th November, 2023.

A total of 40 participants from different departments of Nagaland University and affiliated colleges to NU participated in the programme.



ANNUAL GOVERNING BODY MEETING

The Modern College annual Governing Body Meeting was held on 17th November, 2023.



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Cancel culture, this phrase, surprisingly of recent creation has become ubiquitous in pop culture and reached the highest halls of power, used to describe 'cancellations' large and small.

The idea of cancelling began as a tool for marginalised communities to assert their values against public figures who retained power and authority even after committing wrongdoing - but in its current form, we see how imbalanced the power dynamics of the conversation really are.

'Cancel culture' describes the phenomenon of frequent public pile-ons criticising a person, business movement, or idea.

A celebrity or a public figure says something offensive - the public backlash fuels up over social media, followed up by the so called 'cancel culture', where the calls to cancel the person - that is, to effectively end their career or harm their public image starts,

whether by boycotts of their work or disciplinary action from their employer.

This phenomenon actually had an innocuous beginning before it morphed into a mechanism that can turn a person or brand onto a pariah into a matter of tweets. It came out as a misogynistic joke. The earliest reference to cancelling someone comes in the 1991 film *New Jack City*, in which a gangster dumps his girlfriend by saying, "cancel the bitch, I'll but another one".

After which the expression came into circulation during the late 2010s in hip hop songs and shows. By 2015, the concept of cancelling had become widespread on 'Black Twitter' to refer to a personal decision, sometimes serious and sometimes jest, to stop supporting a person or work. Into the 2020s, the phrase has become a shorthand employed by conservatives in the US to refer to what are perceived to be disproportionate reactions to politically incorrect speech. According to Jonah Engel of *The New York Times*, the usage

of the word 'cancellation' indicates the "total disinvestment in something".

Overtime isolated instances of cancelation became more frequent and mob mentality more apparent and the culture became more like an outraged culture.

The expression 'cancel culture' has mostly negative connotations and is used in debates on free speech and censorship.

The 44th US President Barack Obama criticised this call-out culture by saying, "People who do really good stuff have flaws. People who you are fighting may love their children and, you know, share certain things with you".

Pope Francis also said that cancel culture is "A form of ideological colonisation, one that leaves no room for freedom of expression", saying that it "ends up cancelling all sense of identity".

On the contrary, some argue that cancel culture does have its benefits, such as allowing less powerful people to have a voice, helps marginalised people hold others accountable when the justice

system does not work, and cancelling is a tool to bring about social change.

So is cancel culture an important tool of social justice or a new form of merciless mob intimidation? This question is receiving mainstream consideration, as it is not just about the fall of public figures but also about establishing new ethical codes and social norms and figuring out how to collectively respond when these norms are violated.

Artificial Intelligence; Your Companion for the Future

Artificial intelligence is like the magician at the backstage of a digital circus, pulling rabbits out of data hats and juggling bits and bytes with finesse. It's the digital Sherlock Holmes, solving mysteries with a keyboard and mouse in place of the magnifying glass and pipe.

You can imagine AI as a savvy digital detective in a world where cat videos and complex algorithms coexist, creating a harmonious blend of intelligence and entertainment.

AI in the current times has very well blended in with human society to say, from agriculture to the south pole of the moon. Use of AI in the education sector to control and better understand the world, deep expeditions under the ocean to the far interstellar space explorations, AI has strongly influenced and touched every sector known to the human world.

Stephen Hawking, theoretical physicist, stated that "AI is likely to be the best or the worst thing to happen to humanity." This quote definitely worries all minds as we can rightly say that it is too late for anything or anyone to substitute the AIs and if at all there is any, what or who is it going to be for you?

AI has become the quirky roommate we never knew we needed. In fact it's the unsung hero of everyday life making us laugh and ponder in equal measures. You're running late for work desperately searching for your keys and your AI assistant sensing your distress bursts into renditions of the Mission Impossible theme songs, guiding you to the elusive keys as if your morning routine were an action packed blockbuster. Who needs Hollywood when you have AI turning the ordinary into the extraordinary?

But it's not just about entertainment. AI has taken on seriously impactful roles too. Remember the days when you had to wait for hours at the doctor's office? Well, AI is changing the game with chat bots diagnosing ailments and robots assisting in surgeries, healthcare has never been this efficient or amusing. Your next doctor might be a witty AI hologram, prescribing laughter as the best medicine. AI is the ultimate eco-conscious buddy, optimizing energy usage and making recycling a breeze. Your AI powered trash can might just compliment your

sorting skills or crack a recycling joke as you dispose of that soda can. Saving the planet, one chuckle at a time. A white paper shows AI application will help China cut down over 3 billion tonnes of carbon emission by 2060.

Artificial Intelligence presents a myriad of opportunities, but it also comes with significant threats. As AI takes over the world at a rapid rate, one major concern is the potential loss of jobs due to automation. As overpopulation increases and AI systems advances, if at all there is no cordial relation between these two major factors eventually it will lead to widespread unemployment and economic instability. Additionally, there are ethical concerns surrounding AI such as privacy issues and the misuse of AI for malicious purposes, which includes cyber attacks and misinformation campaigns. Right at the stage of weak AI and narrow AI we can confidently say that we stand above them since they lack a subconscious mind or so to say common sense like we humans do but we are not very far away from the era of super AIs which can definitely surpass human intelligence, leading to a scenario where we lose control over these powerful technologies, often referred to as "singularity". Ensuring responsible development and regulation of AI is crucial to mitigate these threats and harness the benefits of this transformative technology. In fact AI is like a toddler with a loaded gun, adorable until it starts shooting.

In a nutshell, AI isn't just about algorithms and data; it's about transforming the mundane into the extraordinary, one witty remark at a time. In current times AI acts like the other side of the coin which is equally responsible for the growth of society as much as humans are.

So buckle up and get ready for a future where AI doesn't just predict a future but rather makes you laugh your way into it, leaving a trail of smart, eco-friendly giggles in its wake. After all, who said saving the world can't be hilarious? Artificial intelligence is the future and no one can deny the fact that the gimps of the future are already here.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

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 – 14 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

TO LOOK AHEAD:

1 st Dec.	: Statehood Day
15 th Dec.	: Submission of IPR to HOD/IQAC Report Submission/ Submission of Hostel Reports
15 th Dec 2023- 15 th Jan 2024	: Winter Break