

Editorial



THE UNWAVERING POWER OF SELF-BELIEF

Self-belief is like a superpower that helps you achieve your dreams. When you believe in yourself, you feel confident and capable of overcoming any challenge. It's like having a strong shield that protects you from doubts and fears. With self-belief, you can turn your dreams into reality, even when others doubt you. It gives you the strength to keep going, no matter how tough things get. Self-belief is not just about thinking you can do something; it's about knowing you can, and that's a powerful force that can even move mountains.

It's the unwavering conviction in your abilities that drives you forward, even when faced with obstacles. Self-belief fuels perseverance and resilience, enabling you to bounce back from setbacks stronger than before. It's the driving force behind innovation and progress, as those who believe in themselves dare to push boundaries and challenge the status quo. With self-belief, you become the architect of your own destiny, shaping your future with determination and confidence.

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The journey of self-belief is nothing without its trials. It requires an unwavering commitment to one's vision, an acceptance of failure as a stepping stone rather than a roadblock, and a resilience that withstand the fiercest storms of adversity. It demands courage – the courage to stand tall in the face of doubt, to pursue one's passions with unyielding fervour, and to forge ahead even when the path ahead seems shrouded in darkness.

Yet, amidst the disorder of uncertainty, there is a profound liberation that comes from embracing one's own potential. It is the recognition that the power to shape one's destiny lies not in the hands of fate, but within the depths of one's own spirit. It is a journey of self-discovery, an exploration of the boundless reservoirs of strength and resilience that lie dormant within each and every one of us.

Cultivate and nurture your self-belief. Recognize your strengths, acknowledge your achievements, and challenge your doubts. With a strong belief in yourself, you can conquer any challenge and pursue your goals with confidence and determination. Trust in your abilities and never underestimate the power of self-belief to push you forward.

So, those who find themselves standing at the precipice of uncertainty, grappling with doubt and hesitation, remember this: believe in yourself, even when no one else does. For it is in the crucible of self-belief that the extraordinary is forged, where dreams take flight, and where the impossible to defeat spirit finds its truest expression.

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BADMINTON CLUB PARTICIPATES IN 1ST INTERCOLLEGIATE BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Badminton Club, Modern College participated in the 1st Intercollegiate Badminton Tournament organised by the College of Arts and Technology, Nerhe Phezha, Kohima held on 5th and 6th April, 2024 at Indoor Badminton Stadium, Kohima. The club was represented by Ms. Thinlung (Girls single), Mr. Penglang K. (Boys single), and Ms. Thinlung and Mr. Khruvoyi K. (Mixed double). The team was accompanied by Mr. S. Anthony as the Team Manager.



DEPT. OF HISTORY FIELD TRIP TO KHONOMA

The Department of History organised a field trip for the B.A. 6th Semester students to Khonoma Village on 13th April, 2024.





TRIP TO KAZIRANGA

The department of Economics and 6th Semester General students went to Kaziranga as part of an exposure tour on 13th to 14th April, 2024. 19 students along with 5 staffs toured the famous Kaziranga National Park on Jeep Safaris and got to witness various animal species including the endangered one-horned Rhino also known as the Indian Rhino.

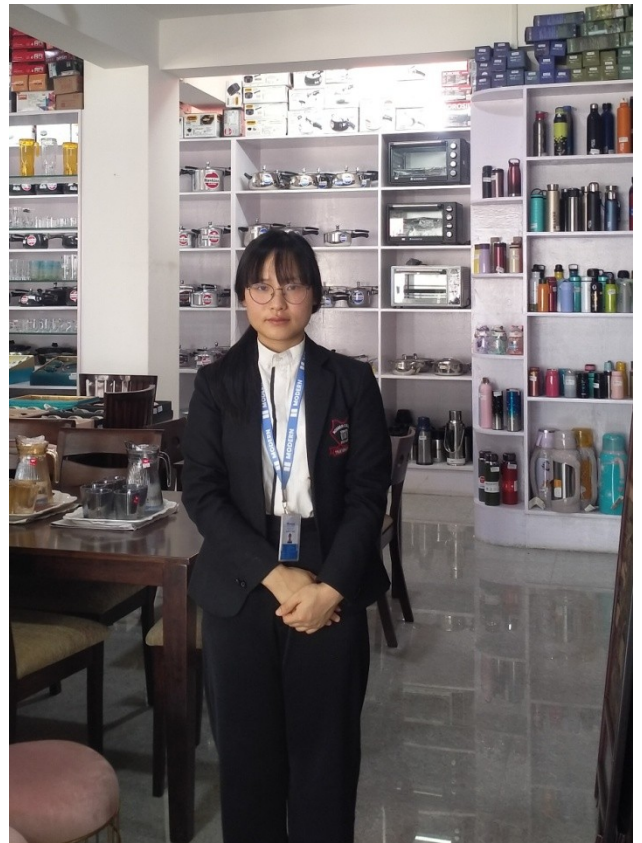




B. VOC INTERNSHIP REPORT

The students of Bachelor of Vocation in Retail Management and I.T. 4th and 6th semesters are currently undergoing a one month internship program in Kohima. Their interning stores are Reliance Smart Point, Happy Home, Toudi Enterprise, and Okusa Toyota. Internship helps our students to learn and experience beyond the traditional classroom and also polishes and refine their skills. It also gives them an opportunity to learn professional conduct.





RANK TEST FOR NCC CADETS CONDUCTED

Rank test for NCC cadets was held on 17th April, 2024 at Modern College with 12 cadets participating in the drill test. Corporal Bijay Khawas and Corporal Chinazou Tholituomai were promoted to the ranks of Senior Under Officer (SUO) and Junior Under Officer (JUO) respectively. The drill test was conducted under the supervision of CT (SD) Kevingukho Kehie and CT (SW) Bideo A. Humtsoe.



STATE LEVEL STUDENTS' SEMINAR

Modern College, Piphema held its third edition of the one-day State Level Students' Seminar on 25th April, 2024 organised by the Department of History, Modern College under the theme **"Rethinking Naga History Beyond Tradition"**. The seminar was sponsored by the Department of Art and Culture, Government of Nagaland and the State Bank of India. The keynote speaker for the seminar was Dr. Nutazo Lohe, Assistant Professor, Phek Government College. He addressed his concern on the colonial narrative that the Britishers left behind. He added that the history jotted down by the Britishers lacked credibility due to the context and language gap and put forth the question of how and what do we do to reclaim our historical narratives beyond what is given to Us. Colleges from across the state came to participate and attended the seminar. Students from Modern College Piphema, Baptist College Kohima, Don Bosco College Kohima, Baptist College Sechü Campus, Phek Government College and Unity College Dimapur presented their papers on various topics under the theme. In total 11 participants presented their papers and the best presenter of the seminar was awarded to Ms. Diezenuo Chüzho from Baptist College Kohima.









CHRIST KING HR. SEC. SCHOOL STUDENTS' OUTING AT MODERN COLLEGE

Students and staff members of Class 8, Christ King Higher Secondary School, Kohima visited Modern College, Piphema as part of their annual outing day. Mr. Kaikho Losii, Development Manager of the College along with Student Campus Ambassadors welcomed and led visitors to explore the Botanical Garden, sports and academic facilities of the college. After the visit, the students took time out to play Badminton and TT in the Indoor Stadium, followed by outdoor games such as football, volleyball and basketball. The visit concluded with refreshment and a group photograph with the College Administration team.





WORLD EARTH DAY OBSERVED BY ECO GREEN CLUB

Modern College Eco Green Club celebrated World Earth Day on 22nd April, 2024 under the theme ***Planet vs. Plastics*** by undertaking a cleanliness drive within the college premises. A total of 22 club members took part in the cleanliness drive.



MEN'S HOSTEL FAREWELL

Boys of 2nd & 4th Semesters organised a farewell programme at Men's Hostel on 27th April, 2024 for the outgoing hostellers. Sir Mhasi, Warden, Men's hostel, gave a parting speech on behalf of the hostellers. After which a friendly football match was played between the outgoing and remaining students in the afternoon.



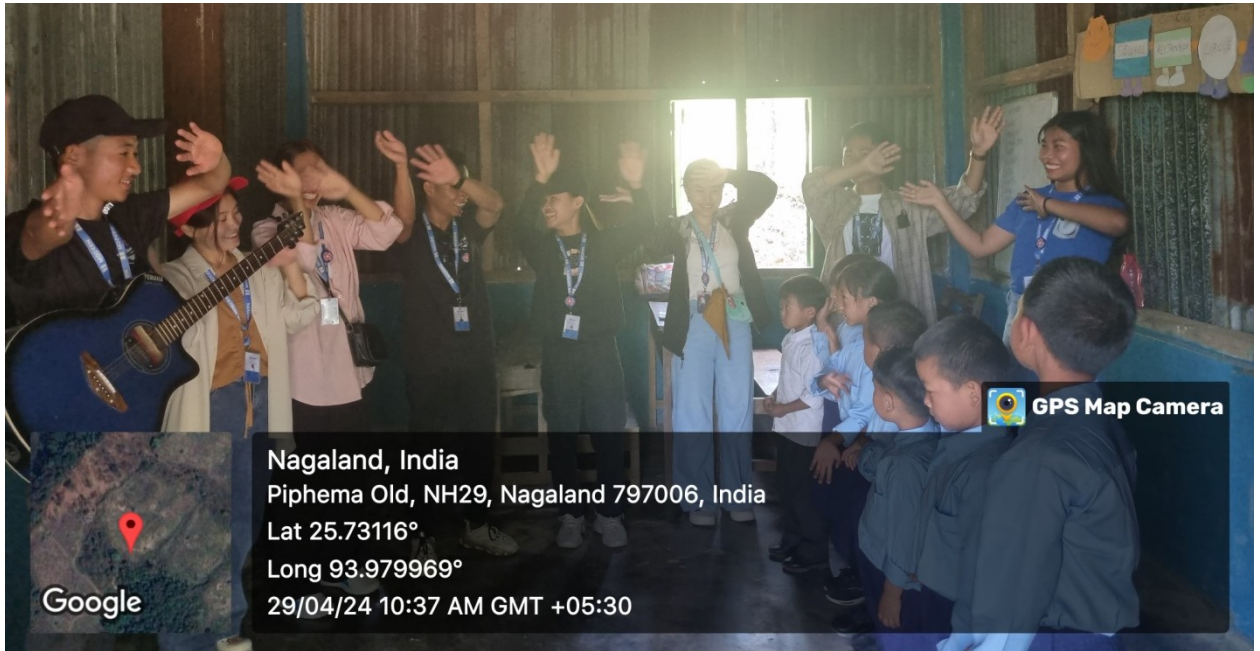


NSS CAMP AT OLD PIPHEMA VILLAGE

The NSS Modern College, with an aim to understand the rural community, organised a two-day camp on 29th & 30th April, 2024 at the adopted village Old Piphema. NSS Programme officers along with 26 NSS volunteers took part in the camp. The volunteers participated in various activities for the welfare of the village by carrying out activities like helping the village elders, cleaning the village council hall, partaking in the cleanliness drive, and visiting the primary schools. The volunteers also took part in the nature walk and recreational activities as a sign of appreciation. The objective of the camp was to help students understand the community and connect with the village.







PARTING SOCIAL 2024

Modern College, Piphema organised its parting social on 1st May, 2024 for the outgoing students. The event was moderated by Mr. Pfücüte Arüji and Ms. Rachel Thiumai of 4th and 2nd Semesters respectively. Ms. Nepe C, Vice President, MCEU invoked God's blessing for the programme after which Ms. Pisala V Sangtam of 4th Semester delivered the welcome note. The 2nd Semester presented a welcome song for the seniors and Mr. Ricky Das, Asst. General Secretary, MCSU gave a speech on behalf of the juniors. A speech on behalf of the outgoing students was delivered by Mr. Beyau K of 6th Semester. Mr. Pelee Hekha, Managing Director, Modern College, gave an exhortation to the parting seniors. He encouraged the students to step out of their comfort zone and learn how to face the challenges in life. The students made a short film as well as performed an Act for their seniors. The programme successfully came to an end with a Vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Neizeno Kuotsu of the 2nd Semester.





MY EXPERIENCE ON TURNING 22

I'm going to turn 22 soon. It's a weird age, this. You're young, you're wild and you have so many ideas. And yet at the same time, you feel like you're late - like time is running out. Am I too early or am I too late? Is time on my side or has it already passed? There was a time when I had a dream to go pro at CS:GO. I started early and I was pretty good at it. I worshipped the game so much that it was all I could think about. Maybe I had a chance, you know? But then the YouTube revolution happened and I hastily declared that I wanted to become a YouTuber just like PewDiePie whom I really look up to and enjoy watching his videos till date. I didn't know where to begin. I needed a good PC, a webcam, Wi-Fi at home and what not, I needed to know editing and I needed to be good at entertaining my audience and the like. Also, I knew my family would never agree to such an absurd idea and so I settled on the thought that I wouldn't want to be a burden to my family and that I should find something more realistic. And soon enough, everything became irrelevant. I wanted to be a mangaka now. I wasn't particularly good at drawing and making up stories, but the idea of it was enchanting. I could learn and study how to start a career as a mangaka, I thought. But I couldn't get myself to believe in that dream. So I chose to study what my father wanted me to after my 12th grade - Political Science. Unlike him and most people I know, I'm not as enthusiastic in the subject and I don't think I'll ever be, as much as I hate to agree that it's always going to revolve around me and my daily life - politics. Nevertheless, it doesn't change the fact that I don't want to have anything to do with it. Ironically this very attitude of mine has also led me to having a backlog in my honors paper in the 4th Semester. The quote, "Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you" by Pericles makes so much sense now. But that's not the point here, in the near future, whatever job I land myself into, I don't want it to be the only thing people remember me for. I have a dream of building something that I can call my own. Something that could separate me from the rest. Yet, I still haven't achieved anything, both academically and outside my academic life. I always have this longing feeling that I could do so much more. I find myself dreaming of a life where I can travel as much as I can and dream about being the fittest, best version of myself who could make a difference because I know that everything seems possible when you start dreaming about it.

You think you can have the physique of an athlete when you start running until you start running. You think you can make beautiful music until you learn that only a couple of your friends listen to it. You think you're ready to quit your jobs or your studies until it's time to quit. What I'm trying to say here is that , we're all beautiful people with a bunch of broken dreams. We walk past each other not knowing that we all want to be someone else, someone big. We shake hands with teachers who may have once dreamt of being musicians, we bump fists with the closest of friends, not knowing that they too, dreamt of a life different from the one they live. "Dreams die only when you forget about them". I don't want to believe that it's too late for me to dream. I don't want to believe that time is running out. There is so much life to live, so much dreams to achieve still. So let me be a little immature. Let me be stupid. Let me believe that I can still learn from the first time and that it's perfectly fine for me to suck at it. There is so much I've yet to do. So much lives I've yet to live. And I'm going to live them all. I want to write a book someday. I want to make a cinematic film for my friends and me. I want to visit Japan. I want to go to France with my close friends. I want to visit every public aquarium there is around the world. I want to find a home away from home. I want to feel like I'm LIVING and not just existing. Not all of my dreams are supposed to make it, but I don't want any of my dreams to die. I'll write a little whenever I can. I'm going to capture as many memories I can. I'll earn and save up enough to travel. I'll fulfill the promise I made of going fishing with my close friends and it won't be a distant dream anymore. I'll experiment and I'll explore. I'll leave home. I'll fall in love. I'll own as many cats as I want. One day, one step at a time. I'll keep moving. I don't want to forget my dreams. Because the day I do, I'd have lost a part of myself that I really wished for and I think that's the most tragic thing to ever experience- the death of your dreams before you die. We're a bunch of beautiful people with broken dreams but we're not just going to sit and contemplate on it. Keep going little dreamer! Don't let your dreams die.

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Why this election matters

The 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024 is anticipated to be a crucial event for Indian Politics, with the potential to shape the country's future trajectory. As the Ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) completes its second term in power, the Political landscape is expected to be highly competitive, with various parties vying for power and influence.

Some people view the Elections with skepticism, feeling disillusioned with the very Political System.

This 18th Lok Sabha Election 2024 is crucial as whoever comes to power will exercise the delimitation process which is going to be in 2026. In Nagaland, the NDPP led PDA, the Congress and an Independent candidate are vying for the lone Lok Sabha Seat with the aim of bringing development, specially focusing on the long overdue Naga Political Solution. The issue has been going on for

decades and is expressing the voice of the people of Nagaland as an ethnic and religious minority state in the country.

It is imperative to mention that while the dialogue on Naga political issue has been ongoing between the GoI and the various Naga political groups for decades, besides the Framework Agreement signed between the GoI and NSCN (IM) in 2015 and Agreed Position signed between the WC of NNPGs in 2017, both agreements being signed with BJP as the ruling party in the centre which is a big step towards a solution, there has been no noticeable progress in a long while now and this stands to be a cause of concern for the people of Nagaland.

On the religious front, Nagaland being a Christian majority state with a 99% population of Christians, it is cause of concern for its citizens that atrocities against Christians are on

the rise in the country. The introduction of UCC, even though the state has been exempted (might eventually prove to be a threat to Article 371(A) of the Indian Constitution), remains to be a topic of uncertainty and apprehension among the people. Another critical issue that concerns the people of the state is the scrapping of the Free Movement Regime (FMR).

Such being the situation and state of the affairs, Nagas at this juncture needs a strong representation at the centre, somebody who would strongly voice the hope and aspiration of the people while also fighting for every Rights of the Nagas enshrined in the constitution of India, irrespective of Party affiliation whether the party be in power or opposition.

May the people vote from the heart and choose a worthy representative.

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THE MORNING EXPRESS

Embracing nature's beauty: My experience on Nature Camp at Gwizan Resource Centre Khonoma

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Participating in a Nature Camp at Khonoma Village was truly an immersive and culturally enriching experience. Khonoma, located in the Northeastern part of India, is known for its stunning natural beauty, rich biodiversity and vibrant tribal culture, and is also known as Asia's First Green Village.

Recently, I had the opportunity to embark on a journey to Khonoma Village for a Nature Camp that promised an immersive experience in the lap of Mother Nature. What followed was a truly unforgettable adventure that filled my soul with peace and wonder.

As I arrived at Khonoma Village, I was immediately struck by the pristine beauty that surrounded me. The village was enveloped by verdant forest and rolling hills and the air was filled with the sweet scent of wildflowers (especially the beauty of Rhododendron) and the chirping of birds provided a melodious soundtrack to our exploration.

Some of the best highlights of my stay at Khonoma Nature Camp which was organized and funded by the Nagaland Pollution Control Board was the sights and sounds of the wildlife, the aroma of wildflowers and the feelings of cool mountain breeze against my skin that left me in awe of the wonders of the Natural world.

The food served at the Camp was a delightful blend of local Naga delicacies and international cuisines, prepared with fresh organic ingredients sourced from neighboring farms. Each meal was a culinary delight and the fresh sound of nature surrounding the dining hall added to the overall experience.

During my time at the Nature Camp, I had the opportunity to embark on a rigorous trek which was an interestingly challenging trail (a trail leading to Dzükou Valley) which brought me closer to nature, allowing me to witness the diverse flora and fauna that called this region home.

The best part of attending the Nature Camp was getting an opportunity to visit the Sheep Farm in Poilwa, Peren. The place was thoroughly mesmerizing and nevertheless the Captivating view of Dzüleke streams left an unweaving memory in my heart.

As my time at the Nature Camp to an end, I found myself filled with a profound sense of peace and gratitude. Disconnecting from the hustle and bustle of city life and at the same time the simplicity and beauty of nature had reminded me of the importance of slowing down, appreciating the world around us and embracing the present Moment.

Overall, my experience at the Nature Camp at Khonoma Village was truly transformative, I left Khonoma Village with a heart full of memories, a mind filled with inspiration and a soul nourished by the beauty of the Earth. This journey will forever hold a special place in my heart as a reminder of the serenity and wonder that can be found when we allow ourselves to be embraced by nature's beauty.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Khriehu Rutsa and her team from Nagaland Pollution Control Board for giving us the opportunity to participate in this Nature Camp and never forgetting our two teachers incharge, Verahu Neinu and Neilhoukhonuo Nipu for their tireless efforts throughout the camp.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

- 1st – 30th April : B. VOC internship
- 3rd -12th April : Pre-Semester Exam
- 11th April : Id-UI-Fitr
- 16th April : Pre Semester Exam Result review meeting cum Staff meeting/ declaration of eligible candidate for end term examination.
- 19th April : Assembly (i/c 6th Semester)
- 22nd April : Filling up of examination application forms for end term exam(tentative) / World Earth day (Eco Green club)
- 24th April : HoD meeting
- 25th April : Management and Administration meeting

TO LOOK AHEAD:

- 1st May : Parting Social 2024
- 7th May : End Semester Exam starts
- 14th May : HoD Meeting
- 16th May :International AIDS Candle Light Day (I/C Red Ribbon Club)
- 28th May : Management and Administration Meeting
- 31st May : Submission of IPR to HoD/IQAC Report
Submission/ Submission of Hostel Reports