

Editorial



HOW LUCK CAN SHAPE OUR LIVES

Have you ever stumbled upon an opportunity or met someone by chance, only to find that it led to a life-changing experience? That's the power of serendipity! It's the art of finding something valuable or delightful when we least expect it. Like Forrest Gump's momma always said, "Life is like a box of chocolate, you never know what you're gonna get."

Serendipity can be a powerful force in our lives, leading us to new discoveries, relationships and opportunities. It's about being open to the unknown and embracing the unexpected twists and turns that come our way. The ancient Greek philosopher, Seneca, said, "Luck is what happens when preparation things do not necessarily work out as planned! meets opportunity."

So, how can we cultivate serendipity in our lives? By being curious, taking risks,



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and staying open-minded. Some days, in order to let the magic happen all of us have to take a break from the things that we cannot control, live a little and let the universe do its thing.

By saying yes to new experiences and stepping out of our comfort zones, by trusting that the universe has a way of unfolding as it should. Great John Lennon once sang, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans" Making us aware that sometimes too much planning without action gets the ball in your hand but does not get you the ring. It allows us to put in everything we have and yet ensures that we fall short sometimes or don't make it happen for us. The true and undeniable fact is that in this age of cutthroat competition, we try to prioritise and schedule our day's events and goals according to our convenience. And yet things do not necessarily workout as planned!

So, why don't we let ourselves embrace the power of serendipity and see if it can make it happen for us or where it takes us? Fingers crossed and Que Sera, sera!

Mr.Ricky Das
General Secretary
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CLEANLINESS DRIVE

Cleanliness drive was initiated by the staffs and students of Modern College in the campus on 3rd September, 2024.



TEACHERS' DAY

Students of Modern College organised Teachers' Day programme for the Teachers to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the teachers.

Ms. Leroyia of B.A. 3rd semester chaired the programme and Mr. Roshan of B.A. 3rd semester invoked God's blessings. Ms. Ketouseno of B.A. 3rd semester welcomed the audience. Mr. Imnachujiang of B.A. 5th semester performed a special number. Mr. Mhasikhotso, E.U. Advisor delivered a special prayer for Teachers and Mr. Chemjungli Sangtam of B.Voc 5th semester gave a speech on behalf of the students. To end the programme Ms. Neangmai of B.A. 5th semester said the benediction.

The management also prepared a hearty lunch to enjoy for the teaching and non-teaching staff on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

After the lunch, there was a friendly match of basketball and tug of war between the teachers and the students.





TEACHERS' DAY SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Mr. Pfücüte Aruji, B.A. 5th Semester, Winner of Teachers' Day Special Photography Competition.



GENDER CHAMPION CLUB AND ANTI SEXUAL HARASSMENT CELL

The Gender Champion Club and Anti Sexual Harassment Cell of Modern College organised an awareness programme on “Prevention of Sexual Harassment” in the college Indoor Stadium on 6th September. The event aimed at educating students and staff on understanding, identifying, and preventing sexual harassment in academic and professional spaces.

The programme commenced with a warm introduction and welcome speech and introduction of the speaker, Dr. Vitsou was given by Mr Keviu, Assistant Professor, Department of Education. Dr Vitsou began by asking a question to the audience, ‘What a good touch and what a bad touch is?’. She then explained that sexual harassment encompasses any form of unwelcome sexual behaviour, which may include verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

Dr. Vitsou then delved into the legal framework designed to combat sexual harassment. She outlined the Act’s core mandates: Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal. Dr. Vitsou emphasised the need for educational institutions to proactively create safe environments where harassment is less likely to occur. She further stressed the importance of creating a safe place for victims to come forward without fear of retaliation or stigma. She called on everyone- students and faculty members, to play their part in creating a zero-tolerance environment where harassment has no place. The awareness programme was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on the audience.

The programme was moderated by Ms. Kikrunei-u Chalieu of B.A. 5th semester and concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Rothrongru Sangtam of B.A. 5th semester.



2ND UNION ASSEMBLY OF ALL NAGALAND COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION

Mr. Chinazou and Mr. Tsurenthong of B.A. 5th semester represented Modern College at the 2nd Union Assembly of All Nagaland College Students' Union held on 7th September, 2024 at Oriental College, Kohima.



PRE-SEMESTER EXAMINATION 12th-20th September, 2024



MODERN COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION VISITS CAMPUS

Modern College Alumni Association Executives along with other alumnus paid a visit to the college and had interaction with the college administration on 20th September, 2024. During the interaction, the visitors gave useful suggestions to aid in the completion of Football Ground through the Alumni Association. One of the suggestions given by the alumni that was approved by the administration was to start Fundraising drive to be initiated by the alumni.

The team was led by Mr. Ashim Das, President of MCAA, batch of 2007 accompanied by Mr. Meyitemjen, batch of 2014, Mr. Pradeep Kumar and Imsenperong Tzuwar, both batch of 2021. Mr. Ashim Das encouraged all its members to participate in the drive with spirit of enthusiasm and contribute towards the completion of the Football Ground.

The team visited the ongoing construction of Football Ground, Academic Block, Indoor Stadium and Botanical Garden.



CAMPUS VISITATION

Mr. David Haokip, Chief Manager, SBI from Lerie Branch, Kohima visited Modern College Campus, Academic Block and Botanical Garden on 23rd September, 2024.



ROUND 2 DEBATE COMPETITION

Department of English, Modern College, organised its 2nd Round of annual Debate Competition on 23rd September, 2024.

The topic for the debate was 'Artificial Intelligence Tools: An assistant or a threat'.

For the 2nd Round, 10 participants were selected to compete in the Final Round to be held on 26th September, 2024.

The participants participated with good competitive spirit and interest.



MODERN COLLEGE EVANGELICAL UNION SERVICE

Modern College Evangelical Union service held on 25th September, 2024.



DEBATE COMPETITION ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English at Modern College organized a stimulating Debate Competition aimed at fostering critical thinking, awareness, and public speaking skills among students. The competition comprised three rounds, attracting a total of 30 enthusiastic participants. Throughout the event, the participants' insights and the audience's engaging questions left a lasting impression as the debates delved into heated and pertinent topics, broadening everyone's understanding of pressing issues and stimulating discussions.

The debaters, armed with compelling statistics and data, presented well-supported arguments that resonated with the emotions of the audience. The diversity of opinions, thoughts, and perspectives expressed during the debates contributed significantly to the participants' and audience's knowledge and comprehension. The pinnacle of the competition was reached on 26th September, 2024, with the final round focusing on the topic **"Lifting of NLTP Act: A Boon or a Bane?"** featuring 10 dedicated participants.

The event was chaired by Ms. Grace Gonmei from B.A. 1st Semester, Department of English, with Mr. Keneingulie, Assistant Professor, Department of English serving as the Moderator. The judging panel comprised Assistant Professors Mr. Shahilo Khing, Ms. Cilule Ndang, and Ms. Neilhoukhono Nipu from the Department of Political Science, Education, and History, respectively. Time keepers were Mr. Lokita Achumi and Ms. Vimenuo Sogotsu of B.A. 3rd Semester and 5th Semester. Rapporteurs were Mr. S. Yamong Khiamniungan and Ms. Rүүлhouü Khawakhrie of B.A. 1st Semester. Mr. Khriesavituo Chüsi was the photographer.

The Opposition Team emerged as the winner with **Mr. Ricky Das** of B.A. 5th Semester bagging the award for **'Best Debater'** of the Debate competition. Prizes were sponsored by **GRACE AND GOODWILL MISSION**.

Ms. Pisala V.Sangtam of B.A 5th Semester performed and captured the attention of the audience through her incredible dance. The event concluded with Ms. Kezhazeno Thepa from B.A 1st Semester, Department of English delivering the vote of thanks at the end of the successful program. The Debate Competition followed a roster:

| Oder of Debate Competition | Topic | Date | No. of Participants |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Round 1 | The establishment of Town Councils and Municipal Councils(ULB's) ensure greater participation and transparency | 8 th August | 30 |
| Round 2 | Artificial Intelligence Tools: An assistant or a threat? | 23 rd September | 24 |
| Final Round | Lifting of NLTP Act: A Boon or a Bane? | 26 th September | 10 |





NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

The National Service Scheme unit Modern College participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 campaign on 26th September, 2024. This initiative involved a cleanliness drive in public spaces, a Swachhata pledge, and a short awareness rally. The primary aim of the campaign was to promote waste management practices, health hygiene, and sanitation within the community.

Several Activities were conducted: Cleanliness Drive where volunteers engaged in a thorough clean-up of local public areas, collecting litter and promoting a clean environment; Swachhata Pledge was taken where participants took a pledge to maintain cleanliness and promote hygiene practices in their daily lives; Awareness rally was organized to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation, with slogans and banners emphasizing key messages. The campaign witnessed active participation from 30 volunteers along with 2 programme officers, contributing to the overall success of the event.

The involvement of volunteers fostered a sense of responsibility and commitment to community welfare. The rally effectively communicated the significance of cleanliness and waste management to the public. The Swachhata Hi Seva campaign conducted by the NSS unit at Modern College was a successful initiative aimed at enhancing community awareness about cleanliness and hygiene. The active participation of volunteers demonstrated a collective commitment to promoting a cleaner environment.



MOCK PARLIAMENT

Department of Political Science, Modern College conducted its first edition of Mock Parliament on 27th September 2024.

The participants took active part with much enthusiasm and passion. The house dealt with 7 agendas with opposition party questioning the ruling party with noteworthy pressing issues. There were engaging and passionate argument and counterarguments from both the parties.

The audience witness an amazing performance. The event was chaired by Ms. Ketouseno B.A. 3rd semester, introduction for mock parliament was given by Mr. S. Anthony, HoD of Political Science. At the end of the Mock Parliament, best two speakers were given prize money. The event concluded with vote of thanks by Ms. Vikeduonuo Kire, Assistant Professor from Department of Political Science.

Overall the Mock Parliament was a major success.





Literature Fest

Five students of Modern College from English Department attended the Baptist College 7th Edition 'Literature Fest' under the theme "Literacy Mosaic: Connecting Art and Literature", held on 28th September, 2024.

Mr. Lokito Achumi of B.A. 3rd Semester and Ms. Vimenuo Sogotsu of B.A. 5th semester participated in workshop on Academic Writing; Ms. Kezhazeno Thepa and Ms. R       of B.A. 1st semester participated in workshop on Creative Writing; and Ms. Rothrongru Sangtam of B.A. 5th semester attended the talk show on "Images and sounds are memory keepers". Each received a certificate of participation.

The event witnessed workshops on Academic writing, Creative writing, Clay modeling, Mock Interview competition and Talk show in the affect of images and sounds in creating core memories.



CAMPUS VISITATION

Pastor Rokosietuo Sirie, Founder of The Word Nagamese Baptist Church Sechü Zubza along with its church members visited Modern College on 29th September, 2024.



ENTREPRENEURS MEET

Ms. Vini Achumi, Assistant Professor from the Dept. of Vocation, along with 4 students, Ms. Zidila, Ms. Christianlen, Mr. L. Pathong and Mr. Kevikelie of B.A. 5th semester attended an Entrepreneurs Meet on the theme "Unleashing Entrepreneurial Potentials in Youths" organised by Science and Technology Intervention in Northeast Region-Technology Facilitation Centre (STIENER-TFC) NU: SAS, Medziphema Campus on 30th September, 2024. The programme started with an Introductory Session followed by Session I on 'Entrepreneurial Journey' and Session II on 'The Future of Startups.'



BETWEEN DREAMS AND REALITY

In the silence of night, a heart beats fast,
a dreamer's soul, with a future to cast.
Longing for success, with every fiber strong,
a desperate cry, to rise above the wrong.

In classrooms, his mind starts to grow,
College life is tough but he must know.
Books and fees weigh heavy on his mind,
Parents' sacrifices, to ease his grind.

Part-time jobs help pay his way,
Saving for tomorrow, day by day.
Exams loom near, stress is high,
Studying hard, with a tired sigh.

Grades and stress, a tricky pace,
Work and study, fill up his space.
Limited funds, but he finds a way,
To make his dreams come true each day.

Dreams of success shine like light,
Competing with peers, day and night.
Career passion burn, a fire so bright,
a better future, in plain sight.

College life is a journey, he learns and grows,
Overcoming challenges, as he goes.
Tired but strong, he faces each test,
and keeps on going, doing his best.

With every step, he hides his pains,
And conquers fear, with courageous gains.
Through struggles, he finds inner might,
And rises above, into the light.

Behind tired eyes, a hidden grin,
Smiling in pain, with a heart within.
People judge, with a distant stare,
Unaware of the fire that burns with care.

With each triumph, his spirit will soar,
And parents' love he will forever adore.
Mom's sleepless nights, Dad's ceaseless toil,
Their dreams for him, their heartfelt soil.

But still, his journey's far from done,
More hurdles await, more battles to be won.
He'll face them strong, with heart aflame,
For his dreams, his future, still await his name.

Mr. Haotinlun Singson
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Women safety in India: A call for action

Women's safety in India remains one of our most pressing social issues. Despite advancements in various fields, the safety and security of women in India continue to be a major concern. From urban centres to rural areas, incidents of harassment, abuse, and violence against women are reported daily. As a society, we must recognise the seriousness of this issue and work collectively to create a safer environment for women.

The Current Scenario: India has made significant strides in promoting gender equality and women's rights, but the reality on the ground often tells a different story. According to data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), crimes against women, such as domestic violence, sexual harassment, assault, and dowry-related issues, continue to rise at an alarming rate. This growing number highlights a deep-rooted problem requiring urgent attention from the government and society.

Factors Contributing to Women's Insecurity

Cultural Norms and Patriarchy: Deeply ingrained patriarchal values often perpetuate discrimination and violence against women. In many cases, women are blamed for the violence they endure, and their freedom and choices are restricted by societal norms.

Lack of Awareness and Education: Many women are unaware of their legal rights or are afraid to speak out against their perpetrators due to fear of social stigma and lack of support. Additionally, many men are not adequately educated on the importance of respecting women's rights and

treating them with equality.

Inadequate Law Enforcement: Although there are several laws in place to protect women, the enforcement of these laws remains weak. Slow judicial processes, corruption, and lack of sensitivity among law enforcement officials often discourage women from reporting crimes.

Unsafe Public Spaces: Many public places in India, such as streets, public transportation, and workplaces, are not adequately designed with women's safety in mind. Poor lighting, lack of CCTV surveillance, and inadequate policing make these spaces particularly unsafe for women.

Steps Towards Ensuring Women's Safety

Promoting Gender Equality: Schools and colleges should include gender equality education in their curriculum. Young boys and girls need to be taught to respect each other and understand the importance of equality. This can help break down long-standing patriarchal attitudes and foster a culture of respect.

Strengthening Legal Frameworks: The government must take strong action to implement laws protecting women effectively. Fast-track courts should be established to deal with cases of violence against women swiftly. The police and judiciary need to be sensitised to handle such cases with empathy and seriousness.

Creating Safe Public Spaces: Cities and towns should focus on improving infrastructure to make public spaces safer for women. This includes better street lighting, more CCTV cameras, and an increased police presence in high-risk areas. Public trans-

port systems should have designated safety measures, such as women-only compartments and helplines.

Empowering Women: Women should be encouraged to learn self-defence techniques and be well aware of their rights. There should be more support centres and helplines available to assist women in distress. Encouraging women to speak out and share their experiences is crucial in breaking the cycle of silence.

Community Involvement: Local communities need to come together to create safe environments for women. Neighbourhood watch groups, women's safety committees, and awareness campaigns can play a significant role in building a safer society.

Conclusion

Ensuring the safety of women in India is not just the responsibility of the government or law enforcement agencies; it is a collective responsibility. We must all work together to challenge the societal norms that perpetuate violence against women and actively promote a culture of respect, equality, and safety. Only then can we hope to build a future where every woman feels safe and empowered to live her life to the fullest.

Women's safety is not just a matter of policy but of changing mindsets. It is time for each of us to contribute to this change, to stand up for what is right, and to ensure that every woman in India can live without fear.

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Reader's note: Articles or letters published in any of the columns do not re

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

- 2nd September : 5th Weekly Test
- 4th September : IQAC Meeting
- 5th September : Positive Link /Teachers’ Day (i/c MCSU)
- 6th September : Students’ care
- 10th September : Debate 2nd Round (i/c Dept. of English)
- 11th September : Issue of Admit Card for Pre-Semester/Weekly Test review cum Staff Meeting
- 12th - 20th September : Pre-Semester Exam
- 16th September : Id-e-milad/World Ozone Day(i/c Eco Green Club)
- 18th September : HoD Meeting
- 20th September : Students’ Care
- 24th September : Management and Administration Meeting/NSS Day
- 26th September : Debate Final Round (i/c Dept. of English)
- 27th September : Assembly(i/c Hostellers) / Youth Parliament(i/c Dept. of Pol.Sc)
- 30th September : Submission of Monthly Report: IPR, IQAC, HoDs & Hostel Wardens/Pre-Semester Result Review Meeting

TO LOOK AHEAD:

- 1st to 31st October : B. Voc. Internship
- 2nd October : Gandhi Jayanti (i/c NCC & NSS)
- 4th October : Students' Care /Staff Meeting/ Career Guidance (i/c Training & Placement Cell)
- 5th October : Positive Link
- 7th-9th October : Academic Performance Meeting with the departmental students (i/c HoD)
- 8th October : HoD Meeting
- 9th October : IQAC Meeting
- 10th -11th October : Puja Break/ Hostel Week
- 14th October : Submission of Report of the Departmental Meeting with the Students
- 15th October : Faculty Development Program (i/c IQAC)
- 18th October : Students' Care
- 19th October : Autumn Fiesta (i/c HoDs)
- 24th October : Management and Administration Meeting
- 25th October : Assembly (i/c Evangelical Union).
- 30th October : Submission of Monthly Report: IPR, IQAC, HoDs & Hostel Wardens
- 31st October : Diwali