

THE CHRISTMAS EDITION



Editorial

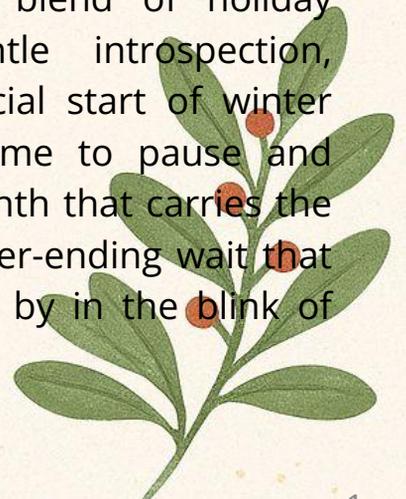


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DECEMBER: A MONTH OF CELEBRATION AND REFLECTION

Here we are, at the quiet close of another year. December arrives with its unique blend of holiday cheer and gentle introspection, marking the official start of winter and a natural time to pause and reflect. It is a month that carries the paradox of a never-ending wait that somehow passes by in the blink of an eye.



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This year has left its marks—some gentle, some bruising—and we carry them all forward into the new year. But as the season settles in, I invite you to take a moment to breathe and give a little grace to yourself and others. As the year winds down, it's a valuable opportunity to look back on what we've accomplished, from the major milestones to the smallest victories we often forget to celebrate.

Let's embrace a spirit of gratitude for the experiences, the growth, and the people who have been part of our journey. Looking ahead, December offers the clarity and silence needed for a fresh start. It is the perfect time to set intentions and make plans, ensuring we start the new year with a clear sense of purpose and renewed hope. To our teachers: "May your season be filled with joy, just like the joy you bring to our classroom." To all the students: "Happy Holidays, everyone! Enjoy your time off, and I look forward to seeing you in the new year."

Hohohoho Merry Christmas with heartfelt gratitude to our contributors and readers , I wish you a warm, peaceful and joyful holiday season, full of memories with your loved ones.

Ms.Vedulü Lohe
Asst. Social and Cultural Secretary
B.A.3rd semester



Department of History Educational Outing

The Department of History organised a one-day outing to Dzuleke and Heunambe Cave on 1st December 2025 with 13 students and 3 faculty members. The outing was engaging and fruitful, strengthening the teacher-student relationship and providing valuable exposure to students outside the classroom.



Students' Trek to Dzükou Valley

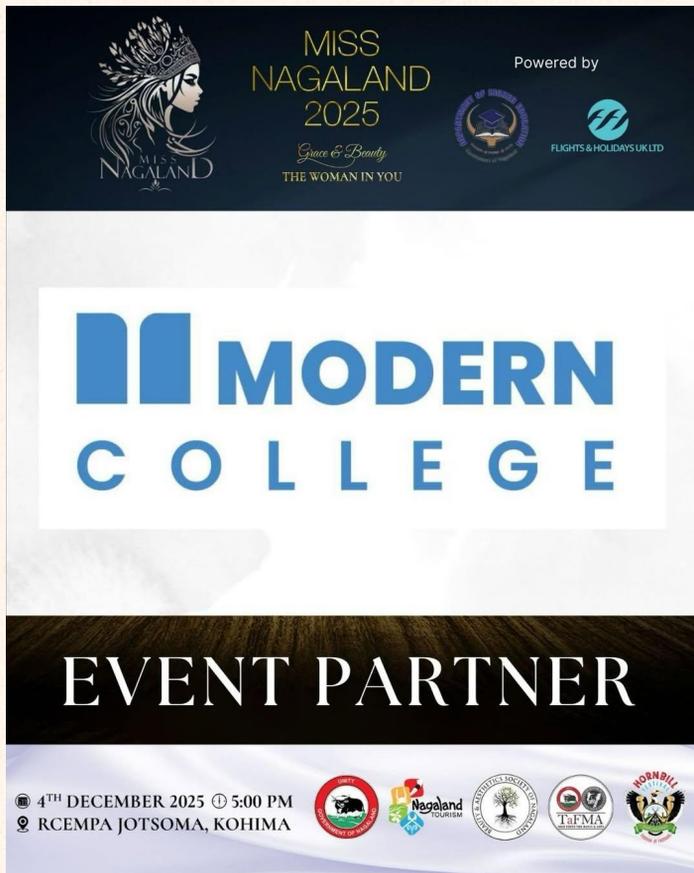
A group of Modern College students embarked on an unforgettable trek to the breathtaking Dzükou Valley from 1st to 3rd December 2025.



Modern College as Event Partner at Miss Nagaland 2025

Modern College is delighted to be announced as one of the event partners for Miss Nagaland 2025. The collaboration marked a meaningful association aimed at celebrating talent, culture, and empowerment, while inspiring and uplifting young women across Nagaland.

As invited guests, students and a faculty member of Modern College attended the crowning ceremony of Miss Nagaland 2025 held at RCEMPA, Jotsoma, on 4th December.



MISS NAGALAND 2025
Grace & Beauty
THE WOMAN IN YOU

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4TH DECEMBER 2025 5:00 PM
RCEMPA JOTSOMA, KOHIMA

Logos include: Nagaland Tourism, Nagaland University, TAFMA, Hornbill, and others.



Governing Body cum IQAC Meeting Held

Modern College conducted its Governing Body cum IQAC Meeting with external members on 5th December 2025 at the MITE Conference Hall, Kohima.



Department of Education Educational Trip to Meghalaya

The Department of Education organised an educational trip to Meghalaya from 3rd to 6th December 2025, where four students and a teacher explored Lyngksiar, Weisawdong and Prut Falls, the Arwah Lumshynna Cave, and witnessed a stunning sunrise at Nongjrong. They also visited Laitlum, Raplang, and Umiam Lake, returning with cherished memories and meaningful learning experiences.





Students Selected for Inter-University Tournament

Congratulations to our Modern College students for being selected to represent Nagaland University in the East Zone Inter University Tournament under the categories of Volleyball (Men), Volleyball (Women), and Football (Men).

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CELEBRATING SPORTS EXCELLENCE

AKASH CHETTRI, BA 5TH SEM

ASIK, BA 5TH SEM

KIMDEIVAH SINGSON, BA 1ST SEM

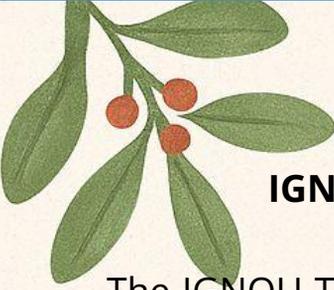
MONICA CHETTRI, BA 1ST SEM

SHABITRI RAI, BA 3RD SEM

SEIGINHAO KHUPNGAM SINGSON, BA 1ST SEM

NGAMMINLEN CHONLAL, BA 3RD SEM

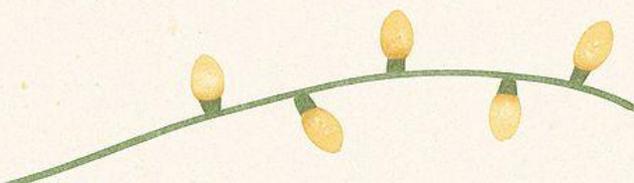
MODERN COLLEGE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR EAST ZONE INTER UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL (MEN), VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN) AND FOOTBALL (MEN)



IGNOU Term End Examination in Progress

The IGNOU Term End Examination for December 2025 is ongoing at Modern College Kohima Campus. The Study Centre-2001 hosts one of the biggest Learners Support Centres in the state of Nagaland. The examination commenced on 1st December 2025 and will conclude on 14th January 2026.

All the best to the examinees.



Sociology Department Exposure Tour to Meghalaya

The 5th semester students of the Department of Sociology, along with their teachers, explored parts of Meghalaya as part of their exposure tour from 5th to 8th December 2025. The trip was fun, exciting, and knowledge-enriching as the students explored the Meghalaya Plateau.

The visited sites included the Single Root Living Bridge, Double Decker Living Root Bridge, Blue Lagoon (a natural swimming pool), Lyngksiar Falls, Nohkalikai Waterfalls, Seven Sisters Falls, Elephant Falls, Ward's Lake, and Umiam Reservoir.





Pre-Christmas Celebration at Modern College

Christmas spirit was in full bloom at Modern College as the staff celebrated Pre-Christmas 2025 on 12th December. It was a joyful afternoon of reflection, music, fellowship, and festive cheer.



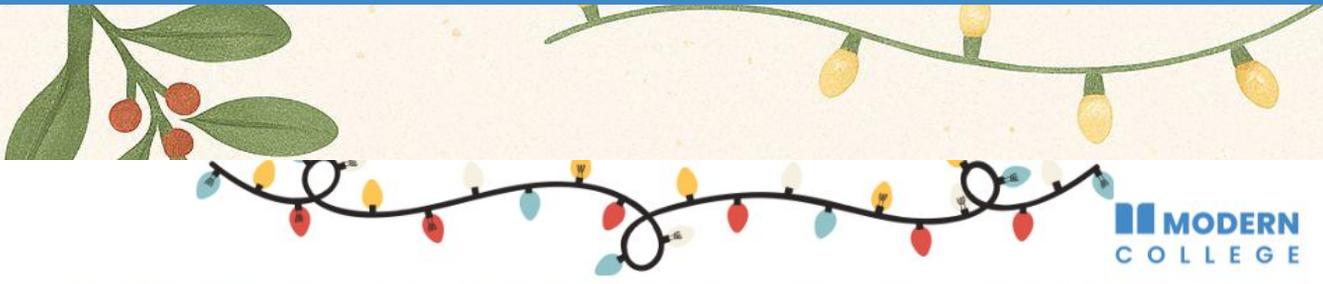
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IF WE KNEW THEN: ALUMNI REFLECTIONS

As the winter break sets in and the year draws to a close, we turned to our alumni with a reflective question:

“If you could go back to your college winter break, how would you spend that time differently?”

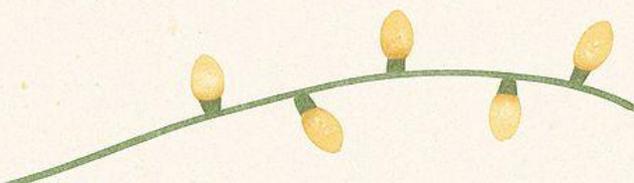
Their responses offer thoughtful reminders about friendship, balance, joy, and making the most of fleeting moments before life moves forward. We hope these reflections resonate with our students and inspire them to cherish their own college days a little more.

- If I could go back to my college winter break, I'd trade some late-night study sessions (not exactly related to my major papers) for a mix knowledge and short trips—maybe a weekend hike for a quick study escape—to recharge the brain. I'd also set aside a few evenings just to have fun and catch up with friends over a hot cup of tea or rather a lemon tea, rather than cramming assignments.

-Mr. Chinazou (Batch of 2025)

- If I were to spend my college winter break again I will plan for more trips with mates, cause you know what? Nothing works after graduation, totally cut off from each other and also not to be offended with one another because everyone gets busy with our own personal works of life! So yeah, to my juniors- have fun as much as you can, cause life is totally different after graduation.

-Mr. Tsurenthong (Batch of 2025)



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- I would have added more outings with my friends .Maybe a pre Christmas celebration too. A short 3-4 day trip for myself. A surprise visit to someone's house (a long distance friend) and cared less about what's going to happen the next semester.

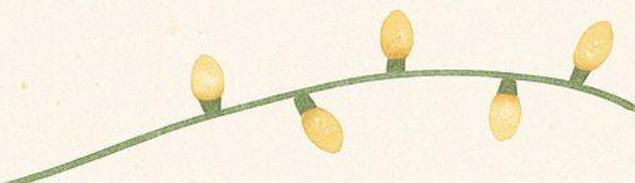
-Mr. Ricky Das (Batch of 2025)

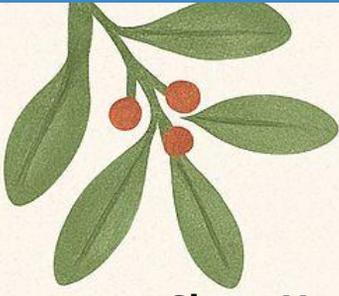
- Maybe I'd try to put those WhatsApp plans in motion. Make sure to photograph those smiles and nights more and stay tipsy longer into the night then leaving early and I'd definitely go for therapy.

-Mr. Odibendang Jamir (Batch of 2025)

- If I could go back to my winter break, I'd honestly try to do all the things I never got the chance to. I'd go on camps, maybe try trekking, or even just have a fun sleepover with friends. I'd also meet up with my old batchmates instead of making excuses and postponing the meetup every winter. I think doing all this would make the break feel really warm and special, something I'd look back on with a lot of fond memories.

-Ms. Kikrunei Chalieu (Batch of 2025)



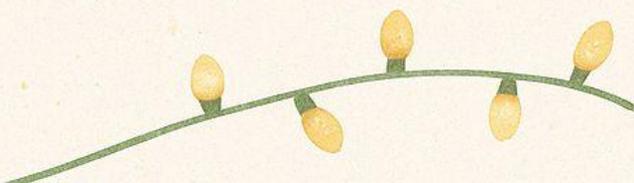


Share Your Shine: This Year's Best Campus Moments!

As the year comes to a close, we invited our students to look back and share the moments that made their campus life memorable- the laughter, the friendships, the small joys, the big emotions, and everything in between.

From spontaneous outings and unforgettable events to moments of gratitude and connection, these reflections capture the heart of student life at Modern College. Each memory is a reminder that it's often the simplest moments that leave the deepest mark.

- My favourite moments were pursuing my friends to go to Desi Corner with just 30rs. in our pocket
-Mr. Lungunlen (B.A 3rd Semester)
- Bunking class with my chatterbox group will always be the funniest and most memorable moments of this semester
-Ms. Ruth (B.A 1st Semester)
- My best campus moment of this year was EU jubilee, for the first time I led something so important and it was a grand success, AGTG.
-Mr. Akash Chettri (B.A 5th semester)

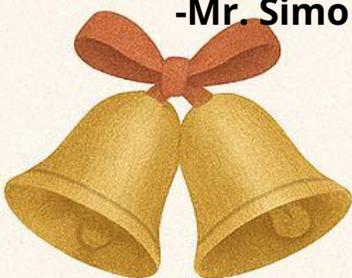


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- This semester was really fun.,One of my favourite memories is definitely the Autumn fest. The whole campus was so lively that day – music, performances, laughter, and everyone just enjoying themselves. And all the colourful stalls made it even better. It’s honestly a moment I’ll always remember.

-Ms. Asieno (B.A 1st Semester)

- The one moment I will never forget this semester was when we heard that Miss Wati was leaving us.She has always been more than just our HoD — she was a mentor, a guide, and someone who genuinely cared for every student in the English department. When the news spread, it felt like the entire department went silent. Many of us cried, not because she was going far away, but because her presence had become such an important part of our daily campus life.But just when we were slowly trying to accept it, she surprised us with the best news of the semester: she decided to stay for one more year.The relief, the joy, and the happiness we all felt in that moment is something I will never forget. It truly brought the whole department together and reminded us how deeply she has touched our lives. This emotional roller-coaster — from losing her to getting her back — became one of the most unforgettable parts of this academic year

-Mr. Simon Rai (B.A 1st Semester)

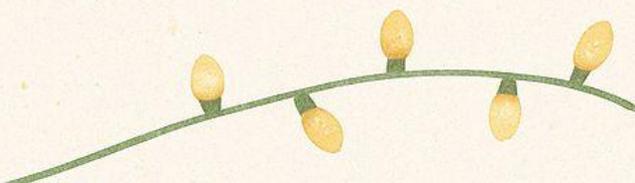


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- Falling down from the steps while coming down to the class from women's common room and the most embarrassing part was that some juniors saw it and my best friend instead of helping me she was laughing so hard it was the most funniest moment for her definitely not for me and the most embarrassing yet the most exciting moment which I will never forget as my best friend still keeps on teasing me she will never let me forget it

-Ms. Visielhouno (B.A 5th Semester)

- The best part of my college experience was definitely the vibrant campus life! I loved seeing the seasons change, and the weather was just perfect. But what really made my day was when Sir John appreciated my work with the college social media team. His encouragement meant the world to me! A big thank you to all our mentors, teachers, and seniors for their guidance and support. Your efforts have made our college journey truly unforgettable. Here's to many more events, memories, and milestones in the future!

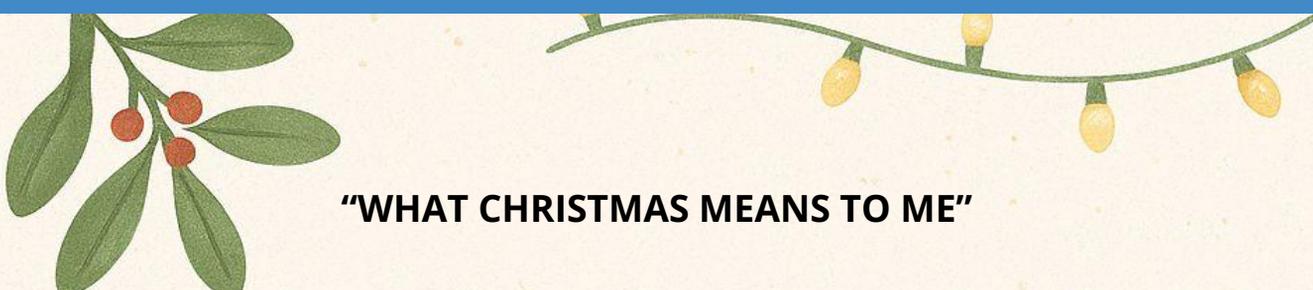
-Mr. Dil Kumar (B.A 1st Semester)



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- One of my favourite campus moments this year was simply the feeling of peace I got from our college environment. The calm, scenic atmosphere always made me feel relaxed, even on stressful days. All my lecturers were so kind, approachable, and friendly and of course I can't forget my close friends ,my mates, and all the juniors who made every day brighter. Another small but special memory was waiting for the bus with my friends and playing LUDO. It became our little routine, something new and fun that kept us excited instead of just sitting tired after class. And yes with all the academic stress, tests, exams, and tension... It was a lot but somehow, everything passed. I'm ending this academic year with a grateful and fulfilled heart, thankful for the moments, the people, and the little joys that made it meaningful.

-Ms. Neipuvino Rhitso (B.A 5th semester)





“WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME”

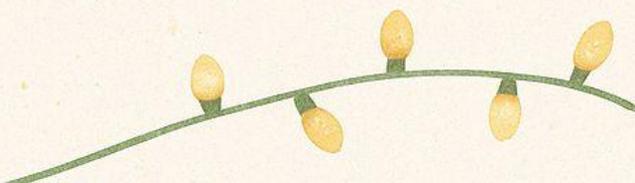
Christmas is a season that invites us to pause, reflect, and reconnect with what truly matters. As the year draws to a close, members of our faculty share their personal reflections on what Christmas means to them — offering thoughts of faith, gratitude, kindness, and hope that resonate beyond the season.

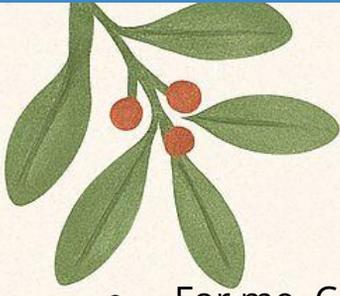
- Christmas to me is a feeling that settles deep in my heart. It's waking up to cool December mornings, feeling a little more peaceful than usual and letting myself enjoy the quiet. Christmas to me, is a celebration of God's greatest act of love. He is the Reason for the Season.
Warmest Christmas greetings!

-Ms. Lochumlo (Department of Economics)

- Christmas, to me, is more than a day on the calendar- it is a season of warmth, hope and deep reflection. It reminds me of the value of kindness, the beauty of giving and the joy that comes from togetherness. Amidst the lights and celebration, Christmas brings a gentle invitation to pause and appreciate the blessings around us. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

-Mr. Shahilo (Department of Political Science)





- For me, Christmas is a season we anticipate; a season of gratitude.

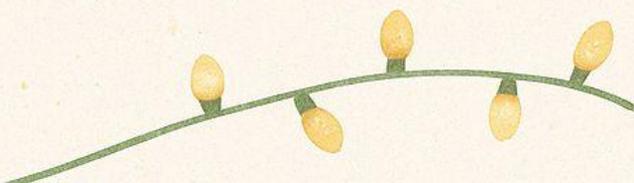
-Mr. Manong (Department of English)

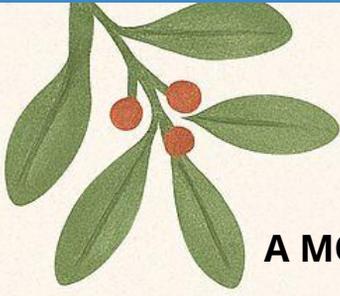
- Christmas, to me, is a sacred time to remember God's greatest gift: His only beloved Son, sent into the world out of boundless love, bringing hope, peace, and salvation to all. This Christmas season, let us open our hearts to welcome Him with faith and gratitude. May this holy season be filled with abundant blessings, and may you all have a truly Merry Christmas.

-Ms. Vikeduonuo Kire (Department of Political Science)

- Christmas means gratitude, growth, and the reminder that even in darkness, love and light always return.

-Ms. Sentila Longkumer (Department of English)



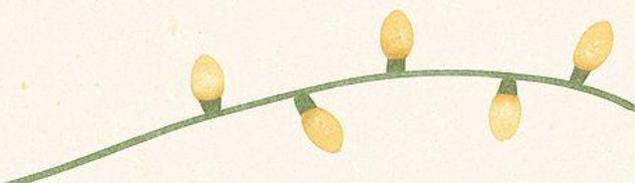


SOUNDS OF THE SEASON: A MODERN COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST!

To bring in the warmth and the joy of the season, we asked students and teachers to share one Christmas song that lifts their spirits. Their choices have come together to create our very own **Modern College Christmas Playlist** - a mix of classics, choirs, modern favourites and nostalgic melodies.

🎵 Song List & Contributors -

- **Last Christmas - Wham!**
(Submitted by Simon Raj, B.A 1st Semester)
- **Christmas Morning - Forest Frank**
(Submitted by Sangle, B.A 5th Semester)
- **Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree - Brenda Lee**
(Submitted by Moalong, B.A 5th Semester)
- **Joy to the World - Boney M.**
(Submitted by Asik Raj, B.A 5th Semester)

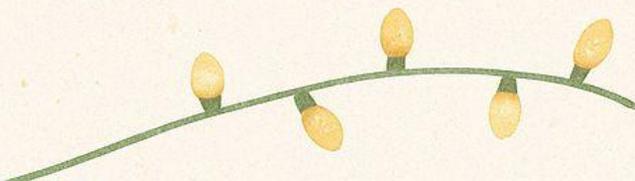


- **All I want for Christmas is you - Mariah Carey**
(Submitted by Akash Chettri, B.A 5th Semester)
- **Last Christmas - Ariana Grande**
(Submitted by Rüülhou-ü, B.A 3rd Semester)
- **Christmas is Everywhere - Music Travel Love & Friends**
(Submitted by Fita Pfinyu, B.A 3rd Semester)
- **Underneath the Tree - Kelly Clarkson**
(Submitted by Grace Gonmei, B.A 3rd Semester)
- **Merry Christmas - Ed Sheeran & Elton John**
(Submitted by Lhüvoto Veswüh, B.A 5th Semester)
- **It's Christmas Time - Music Travel Love**
(Submitted by Teisovi Domeh, Dept. of Sociology)
- **Be Born in me - Francesca Battistelli**
(Submitted by Kaweu, Dept. of Sociology)





- **White Christmas - Boney M.**
(Submitted by Keleseno Longkumer, Dept. of English)
- **Santa Tell Me - Ariana Grande**
(Submitted by Vedülu Lohe, B.A 3rd Semester)
- **Mary, Did you know? - Pentatonix**
(Submitted by Elow, Campus Supervisor)
- **Mistletoe - Justin Bieber**
(Submitted by Vilhuru, Office Assistant)
- **Mary's Boy Child/Oh My Lord - Boney M.**
(Submitted by Mongsenchila, Dept. of History)
- **Noel - Chris Tomlin Ft. Lauren Daigle**
(Submitted by Kevingukho, Dept. of History)



- **Snowman - Sia**

(Submitted by Mahima Raj, B.A 5th Semester)

- **Santa doesn't know you like I do - Sabrina Carpenter**

(Submitted by Ketouseno, B.A 5th Semester)

You can scan the QR Code to listen to this playlist on Spotify



STUDENTS' ARTICLE IN LOCAL DAILIES



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India's education system today stands at a crucial moment of transformation. While the country continues to push for reforms that promise holistic learning and modern skills, it still grapples with long-standing challenges that slow down progress. The implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) has brought renewed attention to the need for flexibility, creativity and skill-based education. Yet the reality on the ground reveals a complex landscape of hope mixed with persistent hurdles.

Over the last few years, NEP has encouraged a shift from memorisation to understanding, from rigid structures to flexible learning paths. Many schools are adopting activity-based learning, while universities have begun offering multidisciplinary courses and multiple exit options in undergraduate programs. Digital platforms created during the pandemic, such as DIKSHA and E-Pathshala, continue to support remote learning and help bridge geographical gaps. These changes reflect an effort to make education more inclusive and aligned with global standards.

However, India's progress remains uneven. A large number of government schools still struggle with inadequate infrastructure. Many lack proper classrooms, libraries, laboratories or even essential facilities like clean drinking water and functional toilets. The digital divide also remains a serious concern. Although urban schools benefit from smart classrooms and reliable internet, millions of rural students still depend on limited or outdated resources.

Teachers, who form the backbone of the education system, face their own difficulties. Thousands of schools experience teacher shortages, especially in remote areas. Those who are employed often carry the burden of non-teaching duties, reducing the time they can devote to classroom instruction. A need for continuous training and updated teaching methods is widely felt, as the demands of modern education grow more complex.

Another pressing issue is the rise in dropout rates, particularly at the secondary level. Economic pressures, early marriage, lack of transportation and social inequalities push many children, especially girls from marginalised communities, out of school. While government schemes have made significant progress in bringing children into classrooms, ensuring they stay and succeed remains an ongoing challenge.

The dominance of high-stakes examinations also continues to shape Indian education. Despite strong criticism, many students still rely heavily on rote memorisation and private coaching to succeed in board exams and competitive tests. This exam-centric culture often limits creativity, critical thinking and practical learning, leaving young people unprepared for real-world challenges.

At the same time, India is witnessing growing debates about commercialisation in education. With the expansion of private schools and coaching institutions, concerns are rising that quality education may increasingly become a privilege only the financially stronger can afford. This raises questions about equity and the future of government schooling.

Yet amid these challenges, there is optimism. India has shown resilience in adapting to change, and ongoing reforms reflect a sincere effort to improve the system. Stronger investment, better teacher training, improved monitoring, and a renewed focus on equity can help bridge the gaps that still exist. If these areas receive sustained attention, India's education system can truly transform into one that empowers every child with the knowledge, skills and opportunities needed for the future.

As the nation advances into a rapidly changing world, education remains its most powerful tool. The path ahead is demanding, but with committed effort and inclusive policies, India can turn this moment of transition into a moment of historic progress.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

1st Dec.	Statehood Day/ World AIDS Day (i/c RRC)
2nd Dec.	HoD Meeting/ IQAC Meeting cum Activity Report Presentation for Odd Semester
5th Dec.	Positive Link
9th Dec.	Management and Administration Meeting/ Ad. Calendar
12th Dec.	Pre-Christmas Celebration/ Submission of Monthly Report: IPR, IQAC, HoD, Hostel Wardens etc.
Date to be notified	Departmental Exposure Trip/ Tour outside the State

TO LOOK AHEAD

JANUARY 2026

13th Jan.	Joining Report of of the Hostel Wardens, Cooks & Administration
14th Jan.	Joining Report of the Staff & Hostellers/ Departmental Meeting/ Staff Meeting.
15th Jan.	Reopening of Class for Even Semester/ Assembly (i/c Administration)
16th Jan.	Students Care
20th Jan.	Management & Administration Meeting
21st Jan	HoD Meeting
23rd Jan	Assembly (i/c Hostellers)
26th Jan.	Republic Day (i/c NSS & NCC)
27th Jan.	IQAC Meeting
30th Jan.	Students' Care/ Library Committee Meeting
31st Jan.	Submission of Monthly Report: IPR, IQAC, HoD, Hostel Wardens etc.
Date to be notified later	Cleanliness Drive (i/c NSS, NCC & Eco Green Club)



***Here's wishing our students,
faculty and staff a joyful
Christmas and a prosperous
year ahead full of promise.***

- The Literary & Cultural Committee, Modern College

