

Editorial



As we reflect on the previous month, I feel honored to share this message with our college community through this Positive Link. The past month has been vibrant and meaningful, especially with the successful celebration of Modern Week and the various awareness programs organized within our campus. Modern Week brought energy, creativity, and unity among students, allowing everyone to express themselves confidently while celebrating contemporary culture in a positive manner. At the same time, the awareness programs conducted during the month helped us grow not only academically but also socially, by encouraging responsibility, discipline, and social understanding.

These events clearly showed the strength of teamwork and leadership within our college. The active participation of students and the guidance of our faculty members made every program impactful and memorable.

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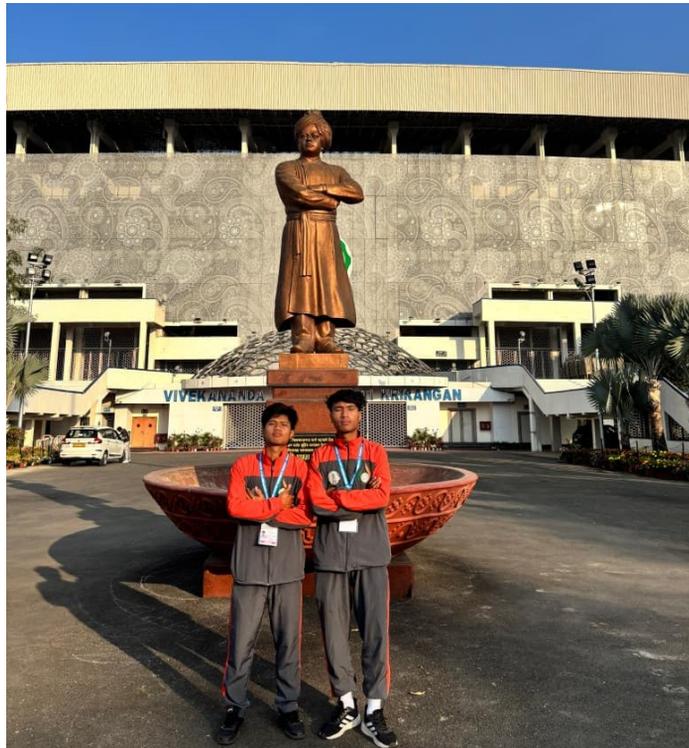
Through this publication, we aim to continue promoting positivity, unity, and constructive engagement within our institution. Let us carry forward the same spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm in the coming months and work together to build a stronger and more progressive college community.

In conclusion, the achievements and activities of the past month remind us that growth comes from unity, participation, and shared responsibility. Let us continue to support one another, take active roles in college initiatives, and uphold the values that define our institution. With positivity, determination, and teamwork, we can achieve even greater milestones in the months ahead. Together, let us move forward with confidence and pride, strengthening the spirit of our college community.

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ANCSU Representative
MCSU

All India Inter University Football Tournament

Mr. Seiginhao of BA 2nd Sem. and Mr. Ngamminlen of BA 4th Sem. represented Nagaland University in the All India Inter University Football Tournament held from 30th January to 9th February 2026 at Kolkata.



Observation of World Cancer Day

On 4th February 2026, Red Ribbon Club of Modern College observed World Cancer Day under the theme "United by Unique". The programme aimed to spread awareness about cancer, promote empathy, and highlight the importance of collective support. The programme ended successfully with fostering awareness, unity and sensitivity towards individuals affected by cancer.



Exhibition match

On 5th February, an Exhibition Match was played between the students of the two sister institutes- Modern College and Modern Institute of Teacher Education (MITE).



Literary Fest

On 7th February, Students along with one faculty of English Department attended the literature festival and book fair- “The White Owl” at Chümoukedima. The festival provided a platform for students to engage in the podcasting of modern story telling and also to explore diverse contemporary books. The visit also offered rich insights into literature, culture and digital narratives.



Modern Week

On 10th February, Modern College kicked off Modern Week 2026 on a high note with an energetic **Open 10k Mini Marathon**, uniting students, faculty and participants from across the states in the true spirit of fitness and community. The Special Guest for the event was Lt. Colonel. Sanjeev Kumar, Second-in-Command of 78th BN CRPF, Zubza, whose words of encouragement and support added great inspiration to the event.



The Literary Day programme, marking the beginning of Modern Week, was held on 10th February 2026, at the Indoor Stadium, Modern College. The event witnessed active participation from students and faculty members. An exhortation was delivered by Dr. Vitsou Yano, Principal of Modern College. In her address, she highlighted the importance of Modern Week as a platform for students to showcase their talents and abilities beyond the academic sphere.



On 11th February 2026, Day 2 of Modern Week 2026, the much-anticipated **Cultural Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Indoor Stadium and Basketball Court. The event brought together students, faculty members, and parents to honour and celebrate the rich cultural diversity and traditions that define the institution. The day saw an eventful numbers of traditional games and cultural competitions. A Parent-Teacher Interaction Session was also convened on the said day.



The Sports Meet of Modern Week 2026 was conducted on 12th, 13th and 14th of February with great enthusiasm and active participation from all four houses — Blue, Red, Green, and Yellow. The event began with an energetic inaugural session led by Mr. Sagar Sharma. The invocation was delivered by Mr. Akash Chettri, MCEU President, followed by the welcome address by Mr. Lhuvuto Veswuh, General Secretary, MCSU. The oath-taking ceremony was led by Mr. Rokozetuo Kuotsu, Games and Sports Secretary, MCSU, reaffirming the spirit of fairness and sportsmanship. The meet was officially declared open with the ceremonial kick-off by Sir Athikho, Asst. Professor, Department of Economics.



NCC Trekking

On 21st February, the NCC Unit of Modern College successfully conducted a Cleanliness Drive cum Trekking Program at Mt. Pulie Badze as a part of environmental initiative.



Awareness Program on "Prevention of Sexual Harassment".

On 24th February 2026, The Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell Organized an Awareness Program on "Prevention of Sexual Harassment".



Mid-Week Mic Magic teacher edition

"Mid-Week Mic Magic Teachers' Edition" open mic was held on 25th February 2026, in the Academic Lawn, where the teachers showcased their amazing talents.



Reel Making Competition

Modern Week Reel Making Competition was won by Ms. Mhasivino Keyho of B.A 2nd Semester and was awarded a cash prize of ₹2000.



Faculty Development Program

On 26th February 2026, the IQAC of Modern College organised a Faculty Development Programme focusing on institutional growth and academic leadership. Prof. Dipak Kumar Shukla, Vice Chancellor, International University, spoke on "Institution and Academic Development", emphasizing resilient infrastructure, innovation and building future -ready institutions. Prof. Zavis Rume, Director international University, addressed "Academic leadership", highlighting integrity, courage and initiatives, participatory governance and data driven decision - making. The session was insightful and encouraged faculty members to work towards sustainable, inclusive and excellence-driven academic development.



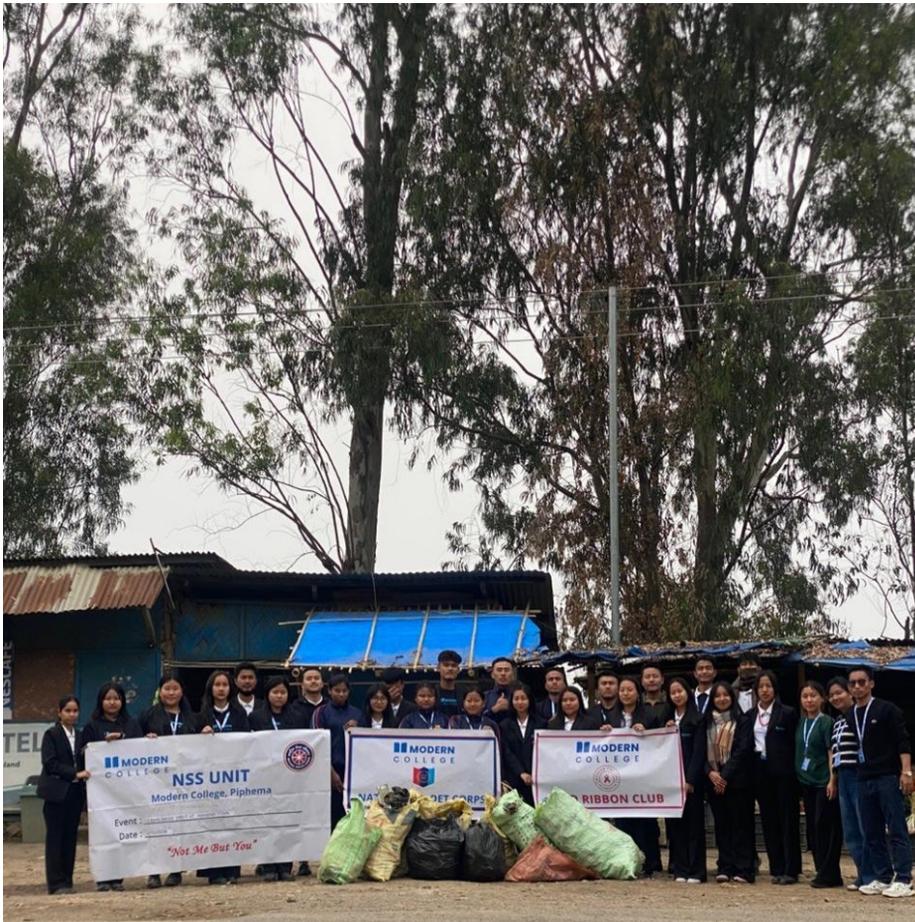
Assembly

On 27th February, the morning assembly was conducted by the students of B.A 2nd semester in the Indoor Stadium.



Extension Service

In a commendable initiative promoting civic responsibility and environmental sustainability. The RRC, NSS AND NCC Units of Modern College jointly organised a Cleanliness Drive along the stretch of Piphema Highway on 27th February 2026. A total of 26 students, accompanied by three Faculty members, actively participated in the activity. The programme not only enhanced cleanliness but raised awareness among commuters and residents about the importance of cleanliness and public hygiene and reducing plastic pollution. The drive successfully reinforced the values of discipline and social service among the students.



Ms. Lochumlo Shitiri, Asst. Professor, Department of Economics, published her research paper, **“Problem of Educated Unemployed Youth in Wokha District: A study of Pangti Village”** in a UGC recognized journal.

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STUDENTS' ARTICLE IN LOCAL DAILIES



CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. RASINA YEASMIN TAPADAR
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Topic : The Nagaland Education Paradox: Rising Literacy meets systemic crossroads

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THE NAGALAND EDUCATION PARADOX: Rising Literacy meets systemic crossroads

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As we move into 2026, Nagaland's education landscape presents a striking duality. On paper, the state is a beacon of success, having recently overtaken many large states to become the third most literate state in the country, with a literacy rate of 95.7%. Yet, beneath these impressive statistics lie a complex administrative hurdle and a desperate need for vocational transformation.

The journey from 21.9% literacy rate at the time of statehood in 1963 to nearly 96% today is nothing short of a social revolution. Currently, we boast of over 2,700 schools and a Pupil-Teacher ratio of 13:1, which is significantly better than the national average of 21:1. Despite the state's high literacy projection, a survey conducted by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics revealed a sobering 'education paradox'. Nearly 92% of residents lack formal technical or vocational training. The current system has been criticised for being 'degree heavy' but 'skill light' producing thousands of graduates every year who find themselves as unemployable in our modern market economy. The effect is heavy reliance on government jobs/sector, which is already scarce and may be even saturated, resulting in a situation of a 'ticking time bomb' between the existing educational system and employment.

The road to reform is also thwarted with obstacles i.e. recent months have witnessed administrative fric-

tion process by Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiya (RMSA) teachers over pending salaries and regularisation. Nagaland education is at a crossroads, facing both achievements and challenges. The impressive rise in state literacy rate with initiatives like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Right to Education (RTE) contributing to the state along with the various Polytechnic institutions and the Nagaland University enhancing the access to higher education. On the other hand, 'Profiteering' concerns raised by various bodies and organisations have flagged the commercialisation of education where private institutions allegedly forced parents to buy overpriced textbooks and uniforms from the school.

For Nagaland, to move from literary to educate in the true sense, three basic revamps are essential i.e.

- i. Vocational integration Schools must move beyond the blackboard and integrate Traditional Art and Agriculture coding technology.
- ii. Upgrading of educational institutions in remote areas to ensure a fair and even playing fields for the students,
- iii. Accountability i.e. weeding out teacher absenteeism and ensuring merit-based recruitment to restore public faith in our existing educational system.

The state must address these issues by promoting digital literacy, vocational-based learning systems and the adoption of a bilingual approach and a farsighted meticulous navigation to ensure equitable and quality education for all.

STUDENTS' ARTICLE IN LOCAL DAILIES



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The plight of child labour

Child Labour in India is prohibited under Article 24 of the Indian constitution which is well supplemented by Article 21A (Right to Education) and Article 39(e) – (f) (policy to protect children from abuse). Child labour is a complex issue that has an unpleasant effect on the health and well-being of the child. Child labour in Nagaland is mostly related with working as a house helper or as a babysitter and not so much related with hazardous factory environment. But the abuse and trauma are no less in any situation/environment. Though child labour may provide short-term benefits for the families, it causes a cruel, inhumane, and degrading system of inequality in society.

In Nagaland, many villages, especially in the far-flung areas, the parents are not able to take up their responsibilities to nurture their own child due to extreme poverty and thus take the ultimate decision to hand over their beloved child to the strangers with a HOPE of a bright future for the children through education and exposure to the new towns of opportunities. The act done here is the sacrifice of the parents and not selling off their child into a bond of Child Exploitation. There must be a mutual benefit from both ends, where the Child helps with household chores or babysitting, and in return, the child gets the love and care from the owners in the form of education or monetary help. And most importantly, the owner must provide the child with the love and warmth of the parents that the child so longed for.

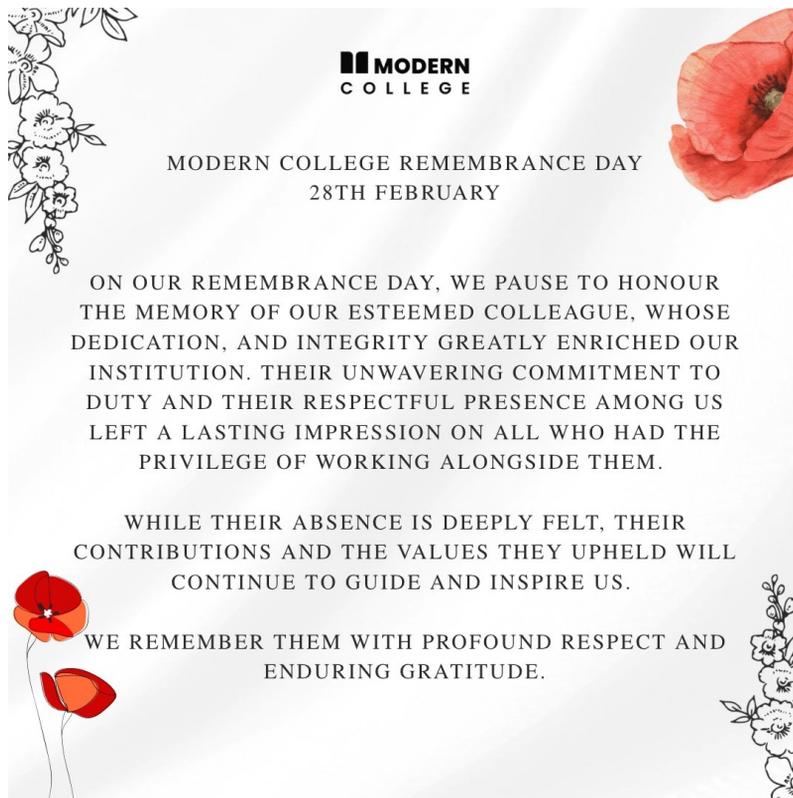
There have been many instances in Nagaland where the abuse of chil-

dren by the so-called caretakers of the children was reported. This cruel and inhumane act of some stains the reputation of the whole of Nagaland, contrary to the general view about the Nags being hospitable and generous people. Some get the highlight in the news, but many still go unreported, and the abuse continues. To do away with any system in a society, it is important to carefully understand the root-level situation and come up with a solution to deal with it. The poverty in villages is something which cannot be eradicated overnight, and so is the need of the working parents and aged people in many towns and cities to have a helper whom they can rely on with full trust to hand over the care of their precious babies and delicate aged parents. The mode of service exchange here should be of mutual benefit to both parties. And not the caretakers abusing and exploiting the young service givers.

Any form of abuse must be reported to the NGOs and the department concerned for the Child Care. The government should sanitise the general public with toll-free numbers and other means through which it can reach the uneducated parents to protect their child when in need, by taking the help of the concerned departments to get justice. Every child is precious. The Naga society will be a true progressing state when every individual, regardless of age, gender, social status, or tribe be included as ONE and strives together for the growth of Nagaland.

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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH:

3 rd Feb.	Staff Meeting
4 th Feb.	World Cancer day i/c RRC
5 th Feb.	Positive link
6 th Feb.	Students care
9 th Feb.	HOD meeting
10 th -14 th Feb.	Modern Week/ Alumni meeting/ PTA meeting
17 th Feb.	IQAC meeting
20 th Feb.	Students care
23 rd Feb.	First weekly test
24 th Feb.	Management and Administration meeting/ Awareness program (i/c Anti Sexual Harassment Prevention and Women Cell)
27 th Feb.	Assembly i/c 2 nd Semester/ FDP i/c IQAC/ Announcement of state level students' seminar
28 th Feb.	Remembrance Day/ Submission of Monthly Report: IPR, IQAC, HOD, Hostel Wardens

TO LOOK AHEAD:

Date	Activities
3 rd March	Holi
6 th March	Students' Care
7 th March	Celebration of International Women's Day i/c Gender Champion club & Dept. of Eng
10 th march	Academic and Administrative Audit Peer Team visit
13 th March	Assembly i/c B.A 4 th Sem
16 th – 23 rd March	Pre-Semester Exam
24 th March	University Exam Form Fill up, Management & Administration meeting/ Photo Session for College Magazine Apprise
26 th March	Remedial class review
27 th March	Assembly i/c B.A 6 th Sem./ Alumni activity i/c MCAA
31 st March	Release of College prospectus, Submission of monthly reports
To be notified	Career guidance/Collection of students' feedback