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EDITORIAL NOTE

The "Bapco Focus" Editorial team proudly presents to you the October 2017 issue of college Bulletin. This issue includes all the reports and various activities held in the college during this semester. We are grateful to the students and teachers whose contributions has made the success of this Bulletin possible.

We also once again welcome all the freshers to the BCK family. Baptist College is where you will find the most experienced lecturers to guide you in every way. We encourage you to grab every opportunity that comes your way and make the best use of them. We hope that you have an amazing and memorable stay. Always remember that a heart of determination and hard work is never wasted as you are in the right place at the right time. Enjoy your journey and stay, here at Baptist College.

Wishing everybody all the very best.

"In Excelsis"

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

- **Dr Vizovono Elizabeth** and **Dr Sentinaro Tsuren** on the release of their book "*Insider Perspectives; Critical Essay on Naga Writings*".
- **Dr Avel Thira** on being conferred a Phd Degree.
- **Mr Mordecai Chasie**, on getting through NPSC (CESE) and on being appointed as a PGT in the department of History.
- **Mr Lhutu Keyho** on getting through NET exam.
- **Dr Tsenbeni Kennao**, on the arrival of your baby girl, the newest member of your family.
- **Dr Vizovono Elizabeth** on being appointed as a member of Bard of Undergraduate studies (BUGS), English, under Nagaland University for a period of three years with effect from November 2016. She is also member of the board of studies, (Undergraduate English) at St Joseph's University *w.e.f* 2017 session.

ADIEU!

Mr Mordecai Chasie & Mr Shanchothung Tsanglao, Thank you for your selfless and dedicated services rendered to the college and students. May God be with you wherever he leads you from here.

WELCOME!

Dr Chiete Mero, Welcome to the family. May you be an inspiration to all in the college, and in the process may you find joy and satisfaction.

“You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.”

Zig Ziglar

A WORD FROM THE OUT OF PLACE TEACHER!



In a short stint of just about three months and counting, shorter in duration than most flings, never before have I bared myself to a room full of strangers and found acceptance among the students, of all colours, sizes, personalities and most importantly, individuals and I must say, I never wish for this to end.

They say teaching is a performance in itself. One walks in, performs, captures the imagination or attention at least, imprints an idea or a lesson to one's audience and makes an exit. However, for a novice, it was harder than it appeared. Running out of words on the first day, being mistaken time and again for a student, parched throats resulting in squeaks and the unforgettable incident of crashing down on my back in slow motion along with a desk which should be placed alongside the skulls and artefacts of dead ancestors in a museum; I have been through it all.

I came out of it unscathed and wiser, but I believe I leave behind a piece of me every time I walk out of a class and that compensates for the strenuous work of being a teacher. This, I believe, echoes in the feelings of every teacher in the staffroom.

Perhaps, because of certain similarities, I could blend in with most of the students and that helped me get comfortable to share more than the books prescribed and in a way, added to a certain kind of enthusiasm in coming to classes despite the daily struggles of having to wake up at all! If at all I regret a thing, it is that I could not get to know the first year BA students better due to the size of the class and I do hope this message gets out to all of them.

Owing to a sheepish nature, I joined the college with a motive. I wanted to face my fears of standing before a room full of people. But I realise that I have learned a whole lot more for which I am eternally and equally grateful for, the staff, students and Ranjit too! And if I had a choice, I still would not trade this for anything else nor would be anywhere else.

Long live Baptist College!

Shanchothung Tsanglao
English Department
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The committee has so far carried out a mass social work in the college campus on 29th Aug, 2017. Surprise checking of eatables in all the classrooms and together with NSS volunteers, Student Council and office peons. The volunteers are taking turns in cleaning the bathroom and toilet in the college everyday.

The committee would like to take the opportunity to thank the Principal for providing free drinking water facilities in our college for both student and staff.

Appeal/Rules

1. Drinking water
 - Don't waste water.
 - Don't use drinking water for washing purpose.
 - Dispose off the plastic cups in proper place.
 - Don't take water in cups/bottles to classroom.
2. The Concerned class will be responsible in maintaining cleanliness in the allotted room.
3. Pasting things on the walls of the new wall is prohibited.
4. Spitting inside the classroom (floor, walls and window) will invite a fine of 200/- or may even go to the extent of expulsion from the college.
5. Anyone caught dirtying/littering the classroom or College Campus will be made to clean the mess.

The committee is trying it's best in having a clean Campus but without the help and Co-operation of each and everyone's participation it is possible. The Committee would therefore like to invite everyone to take part in this venture by Co-operating.

Mr. Kezhalehou Zatsu
Convener, Steward Committee

CR ORIENTATION CONDUCTED

The CR Orientation was held on the 15th of July, 2017. CRs of both the campus attended the programme. The programme was conducted by Dr. Kewe Lohe, Vice Principal of the college, Kohima campus. A talk on roles and responsibilities was delivered by Dr. Mhabeni Ezung which was followed by a special song by Mr. Haithonlo Kath. Mr. Mordecai Chase then moderated

a discussion on the lines of leadership qualities. This was followed by a closing remark by Dr. Kewe Lohe, ending the orientation programme with a prayer.

35TH FRESHERS' SOCIAL, 2017, KOHIMA & SECHU CAMPUS

The 35th Freshers' social was held on 1st of July, 2017 at the URA Academy Hall under the theme, 'Catch the Dream'. It was graced by Mrs. Sebu Meru, Vice Principal of Baptist College, Sechu Campus as the guest speaker of the day.

The event was celebrated combined of both Kohima & Sechu Campus. Blessings upon the event was invoked by the student counselor, Sir Victor Pucho, followed by the 'Glorious Day' collective voice presented by the Political Science Department 5th semester. A welcome note was heard through Isak Zhimo, the General Secretary, Student council.

The event followed having a contest round with a male and a female candidate representing their respective Departments (1st Sem) for the title, 'Mr & Miss Fresher's, 2017'.

A vote of thanks was delivered on behalf of the student council by the Assistant General Secretary Pisangla Yimchunger followed by a benediction prayer by Rukewe Kenye, President BCF, closing the event.



PARTICIPATION IN INTER COLLEGE DEBATE COMPETITION

Mr. Zaleve Vese from 1st semester, department of history represented the college and participated in

the 12th Inter collegiate Debate competition organized by Sazolie College, Kohima on the 22nd of September 2017. He debated against the motion on the topic "Clean Election can be a Reality in Nagaland." He was awarded a consolation prize and was presented cash and certificate.

Mr. Lhutu Keyho, Asst Professor from the department of English and Convenor, literary Committee, BCK, accompanied him.

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

The inter-department memory verse competition was held on the month of July for all the semesters based on the Bible verse Psalms 23:1-6. The 1st semester's competition was held on 25th July 2017 & the commerce department secured the 1st position. The 3rd semester's competition was held on the 20th July 2017 having the political department securing the 1st position. The 5th semester's competition was held on the 21st July 2017 with the commerce department in the 1st place.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME CUM COMPETITION HELD BY RRC

On 10th August, 2017 Red Ribbon Club held an Orientation Programme cum painting and Elocution Competition. 86 members (79 from Kohima Campus and 7 from Sechü Campus) attended the programme.

The resource person for the programme were Mrs. Renthunglo (Nodal Officer, RRC, BCK) and Miss Süvilü Venuh (Nodal Officer RRC, Baptist College, Sechü Campus).

The Winner of the competition were:

- Painting - Mr. Mhademo P Shitiri, BA 3rd Semester History Department
- Elocution - Mr. Chinglai Phom, BA 1st Semester Sociology Department

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

On 12th August, 2017 Avelu Nodal officer RRC, BCK along with 10 students attended the International Youth Day Organised by NSACS in Mount Olive College, Kohima. The winner of the Painting and



Elocution Competition Mr. Mhademo P Shitiri and Mr. Chinglai Phom represented the College for the competition. Mr. Bongwung BA 3rd Semester, Sociology Department, also took part in the programme by delivering a speech on the topic 'Significance of International Youth Day.'

REPORT ON FIELD TRIP (BA 5TH SEMESTER SOCIOLOGY)

Department of sociology 5th semester, accompanied by vice principal. Dr. Kewepfuzu Lohe and Sir Kezholesa Dominic Thapru went for field trip to Kidima on 22nd August, 2017 based on our topic Rural Sociology.

We moved from college around 7:30 am and reached Kidima around 11 am. On reaching Kidima we were warmly welcomed by the village Chairman. They also provided us with two Guides namely Mr. Kenato and Mr. Novizo who were passed alumni of our college, batch 2014. Kidima village is also known as organic village and the most progressive among the southern Angami. The rural Sociology trip gave us deeper insight into their culture, beliefs, lifestyle, migration, animism, practices and of all 'The need to preserve our rich culture'.

We moved back around 1:50 pm and had our lunch on the way which was prepared by ourselves. It is evident that everyone who had been a part of the trip still cherishes the moment we spent there and are ready to take a step ahead when it comes to perseverance of culture. Besides the trip was so much of learning and it gave a sense of 'Oneness' to the students. It was the first time the department went out as one and it has proved to be very



important. It helped everyone to express themselves and discover more about others. We (Sociology) hope that there will be more of this kind of activities in the near future.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Dr. Vizovono Elizabeth's Paper "*Story telling: "The Healing Power of Narrative in the Works of Temsula Ao and Easterine Kire"*" was published in Pranabananda Women's college journal, Volume 1, issue IV (Jan Dec 2016) 37-45.

Dr Sentinaro Tsuren's paper entitled, "*Folklore as a Form of Art History: Re-reading Jina Etiben - an Ao Folklore*" was published in Pranabananda Women's college journal, Volume 1, Issue IV (Jan Dec 2016) 37-45.

B.COM 5TH SEMESTER STUDY TRIP

The lecturers and the students of the B.Com 5th Semester of commerce Department went for a field trip and visited several places. First we visited the Popular Bakery at PR Hill, Kohima. Then went to Waste Management Plant located at Lower Lerie, Kohima and thirdly the Japfü Dzü, Drinking water plant, Kigwema.

The field trip was being organised under the initiative of Dr. S K Pandey and Dr. Avele Thirah for the purpose of writing project and to help us to have a better understanding on Management.

The field trip was a wonderful experience for us. It helped us to understand management better and clearer. It also broadened our minds to so many different scopes available in the field of management.

BOOK LAUNCH ATTENDED

Nine students from 1st semester English Department accompanied by Dr. Vizovono Elizabeth and Mr. Shanchothung Tsanglao and attended a book launch Programme at The Heritage Kohima. The book, "*Woven Words: A Collection of Women Poetry*" authored by lecturers from English Dept, Kohima Arts College was Released by Shri Mhonlumo Kikon on 19th August 2017.

POETRY WORKSHOP ATTENDED

Mr. Lhutu Keyho, from the department of English, attended the poetry workshop as a resource person at the 3rd edition of MAGNUM OPUS 2017 on the 24th of October 2017 held at North East Zone Culture Centre Diphupar, Dimapur.

Magnum Opus is an annual music and art festival organised by the Act of Kindness Movement, Dimapur in collaboration with NEZCC, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

INTER- SEMESTER QUIZ COMPETITION CONDUCTED

The first inter- Semester quiz competition of the Department of political Science was held on 22nd July 2017 at the college Campus, Kohima. The quiz competition was based on the topic "Indian Polity." A short programme was conducted which was chaired by Mr. Veneikho Sechu, Asst Professor, department of Political science. Mr. Neisengulie, also Asst Professor from the department said a word of prayer after which Mrs. Naro Chuba, the Head of the Department delivered a short speech. Her encouraging speech motivated the students to work hard. She also stressed on the important of the students to identify their first priority that is studying. The program enlivened with a special number belted out by miss Vinitoli and friends and a musical piece by Mr. Temsujungba and Mr. Aokhumba.

Thereafter the much awaited Quiz competition kicked off. The competition consisted of 12 rounds covering the topic of India polity, current Affairs and visual Display. Three participants each from every semester and the department of Political Science of Sechü Zubza campus took part competitively. The first place was begged by the 5th Semester, the second by the Sechü Zubza campus and their place by 3rd Semester.

The Quiz masters of the competition were lecturers from the department, Mr. L. Thsidelong and Miss Rüülhou. Mr. Veneikho acted as the recorder and Mr. Neisengulie as the time keeper of the competition. The programme concluded with light refreshment.

TRIP TO KHEZHAKENO

The department of English organised a field trip to Khezhakeno village on the 26th of August for the 3rd semester students of both Kohima and Sechü campus. However, the weather played spoilsport, and due to bad road conditions, the destination was diverted to Kisama Heritage village where the students and lecturers relished their lunch and went for sightseeing. The bad road conditions turned out to be a blessing in disguise as the lecturers and students immensely enjoyed the day-away from the classroom-in the beautiful village.

FILM FESTIVAL CUM WORKSHOP

North East Network (NEN) with its knowledge partner GIZ CCA-NER organised a "Film Festival Cum Workshop" in observance of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People under the theme "Amplifying the voices of Indigenous people through the lens of women-Biodiversity, Livelihoods and Climate Change" on 9th August, 2017, at APO Building, Kohima. Ten students from BA 5th Semester accompanied Dr. Mhabeni Ezung and Dr. Vizovono Elizabeth attended the programme.

The programme was held with the objective to provide awareness among the urban mass about the indigenous resources, the issues they faces, such as climate change, etc. It also aimed to celebrate the work of women-led participatory video project in Nagaland and to promote the resilience of the past through the lens of women.



Monalisa Changkija's keynote speech was read by her daughter Ate Longkumer, shared that women occupies the significant portion in the indigenous agricultural community in India which made upto 5% . She further urged the audience to look into the matters and issues concerning the indigenous people and amplifying them through women voices.

In the first session, Mr. Kenneth Pala, Senior Technical Advisor and Regional coordinator, GIZ, gave a Power-point presentation on "Inter-linkages between climate change and biodiversity and its impact on livelihoods". He focused the defects of climate change on agriculture and food security, livestock production, crop yields,

gender and how it affects the lives of the people as a whole. He also advised on the ways to respond to climate change by adaptation and mitigation to climate change.

The speaker on the 2nd session were Sesino Yhoshu, Filmmaker and producer, Vibi Yhokha, Journalist, Morung Express, Vezoteu and Kukunelu Shijoh, Farmer and Filmmaker, Tshenyilou Chirhah EV Team, NEN under the topic 'Visibilising the Unheard Indigenous Women Farmer in Media'. Speaking on her own experience she praised the women filmmakers of Phek District. She mentioned that in order to make a film, we need technology and a story behind it. Vibi Yhokha stated that the farming community consists of 60% of population in India and how media serves as a medium to popularise the dignity of women. Vezote-u Doulo and Kukunelu Shijoh shared the experience in their journey of film-making; how they documented the traditional or women knowledge, how they handle the camera and gained confidence. They encouraged the students to not only focus on books but also to learn traditional skills. As a team of participatory video, Tshenyilou Chirah shared her experience and how the film created awareness in different parts of Phek Villages. She maintained that the value of traditional practices was once again revived.

The program started with the invocation prayer by Rev. Rachiilie Vihienuo, welcome and introduction from Seno Tsühah, NEN and Stephen Gangmei, NEN as the compere of the inaugural session. Bano Haralu, Journalist and Environmentalist moderated the second session. In between several films made by the womenfolk were screened and issues were raised by Crissida Jamir, GIZ Nagaland.

It was concluded with the rewarding of viewer's choice award which was won by Grassroot Women Filmmaker-makers-Enhulumi village titled 'Women's Work is Work' and announcing the best three slogans. Solo Nsü won the first position. The closing remark was given by Wekoweu Tsuhah.

The program was attended by the women filmmakers, Youth Net Nagaland Team, Media persons, students and many organisations in Nagaland.

LITERATURE FEST 2017 (2ND EDITION)

The second edition of the (BCK) Literature Fest was held on the 24th June 2017 at Baptist College Kohima, organised by the Department of English. The fest began with a word of prayer by Dr. Tsenbeni Kennao. The Competitions for the event were poetry writing, short story writing (on the spot), and sketching. An interesting and new feature of this year's edition was the Treasure Hunt wherein six groups of four students each hunted and battled hard for the treasure. Some of the best book stores of Nagaland-Crossword, Barkweaver and Penthrill Publications participated in the book fair. Having received a positive and good response last year, the event continued its book exchange activity.

Craft and food stalls were set up by Papyrus, Gutouch and Little Niceties. The poetry and art gallery showcase the imaginative and artistic talents of the lecturers and students.

Renowned and celebrated writer, Easterine Kire read a few stories at the story telling session audience really enjoyed listening to her. A few students from the 3rd semester also shared their grandparent's stories to the audience. In the open mic poetry, students and lecturers of the department as well as guests and students from other colleges recited their original compositions.



In the closing act of the fest, the 3rd semester students from the Department of English recited Nini Lungalung's poem 'Greetings Pain'. Nini Lungalung also shared some of her poems which were truly beautiful. The audience was treated to a beautiful melody by Seyievinuo Chuzho. A spoken word performance was also delivered by The Four Felons followed by an enthralling presentation by Musician's Studio.

The event concluded with prize distribution for the various competitions. The other special guests and judges of the day were Rukulu Kezo, Anisha Himb Rudy, Vithuse Temi and Vishü Rita Krocha. Guests and students from other departments and colleges also attended and participated in the event. The fest was overall a splendid success.



LITERARY EVENT ATTENDED

The Lecturers and the 3rd semester students of the Department of English, Kohima campus attended the event "Barkweaver Days" on 2nd July 2017. The event was organised by the Barkweaver Publishing House at Ozone Café, Kohima from June 30 to July 2. The programme featured book exhibition, book sale, book launches, art and crafts, poetry reading etc. Mr. Lhütü Keyho, Assistant Professor, also recited his poem 'Half Dozener', among other, during the poetry reading.

BOOK LAUNCHED

Dr. Vizovono Elizabeth and Dr. Sentinaro Tsuren, Both Asst Professors from the department of English, launched their book, "Insider Perspectives: Critical Essays on Literature from Nagaland" on the 12th of September 2017 at the Rivenburgs Memorial Chapel, Mission Compound, Kohima. The programme was

chaired by Mr. Lhutu Keyho. The programme began with a prayer by Pastor Kedo Peseyie, City Church Kohima after which Dr. Vizovono Elizabeth, Co-author of the book gave an introduction of the book. A special number was presented by Mr. Zawe and Amos which was followed by Dr. Sentinaro Tsuren, also Co-author, delivering the publisher's note on behalf of Barkweavers Publications. Mrs. Nini Lungalung commented on the book and the noted poet and teacher was full of praise for the new book on the verge of release. The book was released by the principal, Mr. Delhu Khate.



HOW TO APOLOGISE PROPERLY

I am sorry
 I stole from your garden
 You are red with anger
 Cursing like the space deprived duck
 But to be honest with you,
 Your sugarcane taste the sweetest



Imposition

Up here in Utopia,
Something doesn't feel right.
Interlinking with a mafia,
They got me up all night.

Sleepless night I go
To the class with bag.
Just in time to stop the Cargo,
And my whole body is all sag.

I curse my fate
For a complete session.
I'm one hour late.
Because of my imposition

Amongkhumba
BA 3rd Sem, Dept. of English

A wish for an old friend

My old friend
You are more precious
Than gold to me
To spend my day with you
Once again, would be a great pleasure.

My golden friend
We hold together golden Memories
Golden Memories never to be forgotten
Are we gonna grow old....?
Just reminiscing golden Memories....?

My golden friends
Let's walk once again
Down the Memory lane
We'll see the sunset together once again
With a Battle of whisky

Ahuveyi Medeo
BA 5th Sem, Dept. of Pol. Science

Home

I lay bewildered by the wind chimes;
By the rustling leaves of the old fig tree.
I stand lost in my mind
Pining for another soul to complete me.

A restless mind I harbour,
A promised heart I Keep.
Even as the days get darker,
My soul will not wander or weep

The scent of autumn's chill
The taste of its maturity.
The joy of your love I still feel
With hope of love, a clarity.

Wherever I wander, wherever I roam,
I will come back to you,
I will come back home.

Justin Metha
BA 1st Sem, Dept. of English

Midnight Wonders

Up high, stars fill the night,
Across the hills and valleys
Sparkling, Shimmering, glimmering from afar.
A garden lit by the moon light,
Heavenly made flowers
Grow through the night.

Pretty little flutter fellow
Dressed in wings of pretty angelic bright
With breeze, whispering to the waiting tress.
There fit upon a thistle bush
Coaxes the green grasses to sway,
And stirs wild flowers into a rhythmic dance.

Little hearts of sweet love that craves,
Give them love that helps to heal
And fill the hearts with cheerful smiles.
Nourishing the green grasses with dews
Anxiously waiting for the dawn
To shine your midnight wonders.

Zaleve Vese
BA 1st Sem, Dept. of History

Who am I?

Standing in the crowd
Of what feels like an amphitheatre,
All eyes on me, to inspect
My every step I stand alone
With no voice, left utterless.

They want me to be social,
Yet when I step into the open
To co-exist with the general,
They tell me I am over
Socialising, leaving me dumbfound.

They say: we live in a free world,
We are free to express ourselves.
So when I express myself to the
World, I am faced with questions.
And disdainful faeces.

Is not this place our home,
Where we are free to be us?
For a long time, I thought.
We can be our true self.

But was I wrong after all
This time? How looks can be
deceiving. It is a shame how
Fascinated was I with the
idea of freedom.

Bewildered am I when they
Ask me who I am,
for I no longer recognize the
Reflection when I look into the mirror.

P. Daniel
3rd Sem, Dept. of English

"Institute"

Young was the blood then a little age.
Freedom was out, pranks were spree out of cage
Learning was a burden something out of my vein;

Books declared as 'Ghost',
studying a crime back then.

Walking with a finger stuck to our lip
To kept us silent it was teachers loved tip.
White chalks and black was the board,
Bullies rougher than our basketball court
Catholic institute was it, Don Bosco high School;
Looking back, yeah I was more than a fool.
Gutted to even say cheerio all stepped out.
Sigh? Good and bad things for which we fought.

Now stepped somewhere shelter and air was new,
Known to none, Faces I knew were only few.
Education's precious something spoke my mind,
A new chapter, Friendship was the best way to bind.

Still white chalk but green was the board
Strange, playground,

Assembly hall and more was the basket court;
Again catholic institute by
high promoted to (DBHSSK) higher,
Butterflies and flowers out there were hot as fire.

Home was hostel Yeah a bridge to connect fun
But Grub heats me up yeah it includes bun.

Time hurtled knowing it not.

To move with it the option I only got.

Wrist filled with lots of band

Time approached and I waved my hand.

Placed somewhere new but air here call me old
Seems like a reunion, say union my Gold.

Knowledge and wisdom
is something now I must touch.

Life's wow! A feelings of goodness such.

College life, It's Baptist College Sechü-Campus.

'Campus' a motivating word sound like 'can pass'

Chalk replaced with marker board is now white.

Hope new ambition with till my ambition guide.

Suyal

BA 1st Sem (Sechü-Campus)
Dept. of Pol. Science

LONG AND FIRM

Once there was a beautiful lady. She was tall, fair, had a long shiny and silky hair and possessed a perfect figure. She was very groovy and it was like she conquered and ruled all the latest fashions and trends.

One morning she was getting ready with her finest dress. It was Sunday. She was getting dressed to go to the church. She applied everything on her face that matched her outfit. Then, after she was done, she started for her destination.

Everytime she took a step, her red high heels clattered. She was dazzling and was looking stunning in her small dress. The tapping sounds of her shoes added to her charm. And, as she walked, sustaining breeze made it perfect. They lured everyone and eventually, she reached where she was headed for, the church.

As she entered, people heard vivid previously mentioned tapping sounds of shoes; everyone turned back and saw a dazzling light, it was the charming lass. Her eyes were sparkling and all eyes were on her and most forgot to even blink, especially the male beings. She walked on and ultimately took a seat where she felt comfortable.

The service went quite well and eventually it was time for the final prayer and head back for respective homes. The minister and everyone else stood on their feet. So did the lady. Everyone closed their eyes. The lady also tried to close her eyes and say her prayers but she couldn't. She tried again but she just couldn't close her eyes. Others were already uttering their prayers. She tried several times. She was perspiring and put all her effort but to all in vain.

She had tied her hair just too immensely firm on the top.

Ayem Konyak
BA1st Sem, Dept. of English

SOME CALL IT SCANT INCIDENT, YET LIVES TO BE IMMORTAL

This is about an incident that happened to me back in 2010 in my village on 31st December. Me and my friends, we decided to stay up till late mid-night waiting for New-Year (2011).

We decided to make camp in our farm house but there was no electricity connected in the farm house so we came up with an idea of stealing electric current from the main current line which passes right above the farm house. We approached my uncle for wires. He gave us a single piece of wire (Quiet thick and BTW). I divided the wire into two pieces in both two sides of the wire but in the middle, the wire is still intact. In one side of the wire, we connected it with the light bulb and the other side of the wire was reserved for connecting with the main electric line. Me being the bravest climbed up to the roof of the farm house along with one friend behind me. When I connected the first half of the wire to the main line, nothing happened (I was so happy and proud of myself) but when I connected the other half of the wire to the main current line, BOOM. A huge explosion took place and the friends behind me jumped down from the roof (Height = 15ft minimum) without any foot wear but still landed unhurt. As for me, I got so numb that I just stood there motionless so my friends had to carry me down. The whole village spent the first week of New-Year without electricity because the transformer was crashed. But still we went and had the best New-year ever.

The consequences for the fraud was sour and bitter because we faced a lot of outstanding lectures from both our parents and village authority but the incident was something which me and all my friends involved will forever remember and cherish.

Cholo
B.Com 3rd Sem.

'STOP CRITICISING, REALIGN YOUR PERSPECTIVE'

"Nagaland Government; the most lenient government in the country!" It is certain that 99% of all Nagas will disagree with this. Infact some might feel like throwing a chunk of stone at you for saying this. Every morning you flip through the pages of the Newspaper, you find criticism on almost all pages: Corruption, bad roads, back door appointments, unpaid salaries, poor infrastructure, no development, unattended schools, the list goes on. Our conscience is so acquainted with these pessimistic insights. Every new dawn the media outlets seem in a mission to draw out the all optimism in us. This old haunting stories keep repeating. The aforementioned headlines will just rob the zeal in us to go through the articles.

POTHOLE ISSUE

25th August 2017 ACAUT'S, 'Mother of ALL RALLIES' witnessed thousands outraged citizens and eminent speakers voicing out our grievances which gained appreciation state wide. But as I read through the coverage of the rally, I began questioning myself, asking if I am performing my duties as a responsible citizen of the state. I also began wondering if the speakers and individuals who shared grievances on behalf of the public are doing what is required of them as responsible citizens. Reading through, I came across a concerned citizen sharing how good the road condition of our neighbouring state is and how bad ours is. Everybody seems busy playing the criticising game. Now, the question is, 'Has she/he ever took the burden to fill any potholes in our locality?' I have no answer to this question but if the answer is a 'No' then I believe we are speaking our minds too early and are being judgemental just too easily.

BACKDOOR APPOINTMENT

Taking a turn in the issue of backdoor appointment I ponder again if I have any right to say anything on this issue. It is obvious my qualification does not permit me in saying this but If the educational institution only teach us to become officers, and when my parent's only dream is to see me in NL-10, or if the society is only going to respect government. Servants especially the ones who got through the NPSC exams, then I believe our government is not at fault here. Infact the government is so good to us they are trying their level best to provide government jobs to all the citizens of the state. It is learned that approximately, 60% of state's fund is spent in paying the employees'

salaries, which means there is a serious urgency to ask ourselves if there is an excess of government employees in our state. If it is so, the right thing every sensible citizen should do is, to fight to reduce this excess of appointments in the state, instead of fighting to ban backdoor appointments. It is also learned that there are over 60,000 unemployed graduates in the state and we condemn the government for this. But do we ever bother to ask ourselves who the taxi driver, the plumber, the masons, the shopkeeper etc. are? Matter of fact in our Naga concept is that these occupations are for high school drop outs. Any graduate practicing these occupations becomes an example of failure in his/her neighbourhood. Time to ask ourselves who is at fault here AGAIN!

THE NOT LESS THAN 100,000 donation please:

The celebrations for tournaments, festivals, anniversaries etc. has no end in our state. The sad thing here is that the success of any of these programmes are decided by the chief guest's donations, who are almost always a cabinet Minister or an MLA. A donation of less than 100,000 by any Minister might just send a wrong signal to voters who just can't wait for the next election. What's more saddening is when the time comes for the chief guest to give his speech the crowd/ audience becomes lesser than when the chief guest arrives. Very few cares about what he is going to say. Infact when you go back home the first question you get to hear is 'How much amount he donate?' Today our society has reached a point where a good Minister is decided by how much money he spent on us. I think it is us who is at fault here.....Again. There are lots of evidences where we find ourselves being the culprit.

So, this time instead of praying for good leader MAYBE we should be praying for good citizens. Instead of waiting for the government to provide all our needs, maybe we should start doing something that is profitable and beneficial for everyone. May be instead of playing this criticising game we should start asking ourselves 'What is my contribution to the society? And I believe one day things will be at peace, where you and I will no longer have to worry about getting jobs. Time for all the Nagas (not just the leaders, bureaucrats, administrators, etc.) to start giving our contribution for a better Nagaland .

TIME FOR US TO CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE.

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