



Tapasya

"...a quest for knowledge..."

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Message from the Registrar



It gives me immense pleasure, that through this edition of 'Tapasya', I can share my views with our readers. Education is the only way out of ignorance into the glorious light of knowledge. It will remain fundamental in the overall growth and progress of our society and therefore it is imperative for students to receive education not only for gainful employment but most importantly to learn how to live and contribute in the society.

Students are a nation's most valuable and creative assets. We all should recognize this fact and must encourage each one of them to achieve their goals and mission ahead in their lives. 'Tapasya' is a platform for our students to realize their potential and communicate their ideas and experiences with the society. I am glad to see that our monthly e-magazine truly represents the thoughts and opinions of our youngsters.

As we all know, literature will stand the test of time, and so if you want to leave a mark on earth, start writing.

The efforts put forward by the team in shaping and developing the publication is praiseworthy. I wish all the best to each one, who has assiduously contributed towards the publication of this edition.

With this, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Reading.

*"Christmas hath a darkness; Brighter than the blazing noon
Christmas hath a chillness; Warmer than the heat of June
Christmas hath a beauty, Lovelier than the world can show
For Christmas bringeth Jesus, Brought for us so low."
-Christina Rosetti*

Makhan Chetia
Registrar

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STOP THE GAME OF BLAMING! - PART I

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It's one of the oldest games known to man. Adam blamed Eve and she blamed the serpent. If the serpent was a little bit intelligent like us, it would have blamed God, for creating the apple.

The retiring president of a company after a standard farewell, gave two envelopes marked No.1 and No.2 to the incoming president, and said, "Whenever you run into a management crisis you cannot handle by yourself, open envelope No.1. At the next crisis, open envelope No.2". A few years later, a major crisis came. The president went into the safe and pulled out the first envelope. It said, "Blame it on your predecessor". A few years later a second crisis came. The president went for the second envelope, and it said, "Prepare two envelopes for your successor".

When the British were ruling over us, we blamed them for keeping us illiterate & poor. But after independence, things become worse. Now, we have added a few more feathers to our glory, like unemployment, corruption, poverty, illiteracy, terrorism, etc.

We satisfy our egos by saying that, *"Once India was known as the golden bird before the Mughal & British came and robbed us"*. But what we forgot is that, *"All blame is a waste of time. No matter how much fault you find with another and regardless of how much you blame him, it will not change you"*.

By seeing the present condition of us – the Indians, nobody will believe, that once our country was known as *"The Golden bird"*. We need to do something to prove it because seeing is believing. Today nobody is as poor as we are.

We are culturally rich, emotionally rich and intellectually rich. When the rest of the world wore leaves, we were busy inventing steel. When the rest of the world had not yet awakened to the light of learning, we were studying science. We had invented the zero much before the others saw the dawn of civilization.

But today unfortunately, India is a rich nation inhabited by poor people. The present scenario of our country is as follows:

- Every night 300 million people go to bed hungry (exceeding the combined population of Canada & the USA). Where as, if all the food grain lying unused in our warehouses were to be packed in gunny bags and placed one after the other, it would make a path to the moon and back. Yet, this country bears the cross of over 300 million starving Indians.
- Of the 350 million people living below the poverty line, nearly half of them die before the age of 40 due to malnutrition and lack of medical attention. While we've one Indian doctor for every 2400 Indians. We've one Indian doctor serving 1325 Americans in the United States.
- There is a backlog of more than 30 million court cases in India, and, on an average it takes 20 years to resolve a dispute. While we've 10 judges to every million people in India, the USA has 120.
- Other countries are planning to settle life in other planets and we are struggling for food, shelter, water and electricity...



· Once we were known as the world's teacher but today 30% of the world's illiterate population hails from and resides in India.

We are ready to give our lives and take any action without hesitation in the name of caste, tribe, religion, the church, the temple and the mosque. But, we are afraid to stand up against corruption, terrorism, illegal taxation, mafia, etc. For these, we always depend upon and blame the Government for not taking any action.

Stop blaming the politicians and the leaders. In the last 64 years, we had been playing this game only, now it's time to find our own weaknesses. Sixty four years, today's politicians and leaders were blaming other politicians and leaders and today they are getting back the same thing. If we too keep ourselves busy in blaming them without rectifying our weakness and shortcomings we are going to fall in the same pit.

(to be continued)

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*Best Contribution
of the Month*

Ode to My University

Mr. Akshay Rai, BCA 3rd Semester

Time continues in its ceaseless motion,
As I in my continuous de-motion.
Still, you have achieved a landmark;
And in my life are you, so stark!
This clay into a shape hardened:
Within the time I will here spend.
So lucky am I, O great peak,
That every moment I speak;
May you even more grow,
And against Time's scythe row
The lives of many through this maze,
Enabling us to face this haze.

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Love Unknown

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*It all started in school
where I first met her,
and I kept staring at her like a fool
until everyone sees me except her.
Everyday I grew fond of her,
but I was too scared to tell.
Day by day she became dear,
and inside of me 'love' I felt.
It was a love untold,
I waited for the perfect timing,
but I wasn't that bold
to tell her my feelings.
Now its a love unknown
it became just sweet memories
which was known to none.
Not even the one that was loved.*

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WITCH

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The word *Witch* flashes in our minds the picture of women dressed in black, wearing a long pointed hat, having a nose like pinocchio, riding on their broomsticks, cursing, killing people and plaguing villages. That is the power of *media* and the *Vatican*.

Witches are pagan worshippers (i.e. they follow many Gods and Goddesses); who has natural and not supernatural powers; powers that they take from the *earth, air, fire, water* and *spirit*.



They believe and believed in magic and were also great healers until a new religious organization emerged; the Vatican. The Vatican in those days were against every single cult who didn't follow their teachings.

During the *middle* or *dark ages*, Europe was plagued with diseases. The Vatican held the witches responsible for this. Then, later on in the 14th century, the greatest witch hunt began. Anyone who

practised magic were butchered, burned alive, or beheaded. Even the *Joan of Arc* was buried alive, isn't it? Because, they thought, she was a witch too!

Yes! They were beheaded, butchered or buried alive but some of them escaped the purge and continued their practise and are still active today in every corner of the world. And, they even have a WFT Academy of Pagan Studies in New York (imagine Hogwarts).



Hard Work Is The Key To Success

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Some people keep dreaming while others wake up and work hard to make their dream come true. It is good to dream because we get our inspiration from our dreams. But, to make the dream come true, we need to work hard. So, our dream and hardwork are interrelated.

What is the use of dreaming if we are not ready to work hard to live our dream? For example, a person gets his inspiration to build a boat from his dream. First he dreams about the boat and then he gets his inspiration, to build it. But to build the boat, he has to work hard. Only by working hard, can he build the boat.

Therefore, our dream is our brain, our inspiration is our eyes, and our hard work is our hands. They are all inter-related, and without anyone of them, success is not possible. So, if we dream only, we will get the inspiration, but the fulfillment of our dream is in our hands, i.e. hardwork. Which means, hardwork is the key to success.

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Believe In Yourself

(Source: The Internet)

*When you really want something,
sometimes you have to swim a little deeper...*

*You can't give up just because,
things don't come easily...*

*You have to overcome the obstacles,
and face your fears...*

But in the end, it's all worth...

*While! Life is full of ups and downs,
but if you believe in yourself...*

*You will always come through with,
flying colors...*

Value friendship, Love, and Faith...

Never underestimate yourself...

Believe In Yourself!!!

Submitted by Ms. Puja Bhowmik, BCA 5th Semester

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The first thing that comes in our mind when we proudly say ‘Dimapur’ is that it is the ‘Business Centre’ of Nagaland. And no doubt it is a God gifted area where we find different kinds of trade, fashion and enjoyment, the only thing missing is good and proper road conditions. Dimapur being the oldest traveling destination for anyone looking for business transactions or shopping fails to maintain proper road conditions with poor connectivity too.

Road conditions in Dimapur, instead of improving, have become pathetic. The town is getting so modernized but it is embarrassing to have such dusty and dirty roads, because so many tourist from abroad visits our town and it has a very bad impression on our society as it shows our backwardness, and also our lack of civic sense. It is really disheartening because of some few selfish people that our society is being misjudged. These bad road conditions has created great inconvenience to the general public, that we cannot reach our destination in time be it school, colleges, offices etc. So it is high time that those influential people in the concerned sectors should take this problem into consideration and take measures and actions to make the roads in Nagaland in general and Dimapur in particular better.

"Emotion" (Photo Gallery)

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Moment of Joy (award winning photo of Zoomax 2013 organised by Nagaland University)



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