

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief



Dear readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to wish you all a very happy new year and welcome you to 2014.

As *Tapasya* continues its "journey for the quest of knowledge", with this first issue

of the year, I take this opportunity, to share with you some of my thoughts about our environment, while I dedicate this issue to the *cause for a cleaner and greener earth*.

In this age of rapid and massive implementation of technology in every aspect of our day to day living, our natural environment is being polluted; natural resources being depleted. And we are least bothered about it. As *optimization-of-industrial-efficiency, perfection-of-the-art-of-excellence, race-to-become-the-top-notch*, and other similar *mantras* are rendered top priority in the human society, our responsibilities towards the well being of the environment takes a back seat. Ironically, in this so-called age of modernisation wherein we humans consider ourselves to be the most superior and intelligent race on earth, to the contrary, are the biggest contributors to the damages caused to our natural environment. We educate ourselves, empower ourselves with technology, yet are ignorant and least bothered about the aftermaths of our irresponsible behaviour towards our environment, be it in the form of nuclear waste, e-waste, industrial pollutants, de-forestation, by-products of scientific experiments gone haywire, or oil spills in the sea, to name a few.

Learning, knowledge and care for the environment goes hand in hand. Learning has an intrinsic and a very deep rooted relationship with our natural habitat; our environment. In the ancient days in India, pupils used to study under their *gurus* in *ashrams* which were located inside jungles closer to nature and away from the society.

Although, a few countries have taken strides towards protecting the environment by implementing or practicing concepts like the ecosystems approach, recycled paper, green computing, rainwater harvesting,

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to name a few, the remaining majority of the human population at large are yet to become a part of this movement; let alone, being aware of it.

In this context, *Tapasya* has been playing a two-fold role. Primarily, it has been providing a platform to our students in showcasing their writing and creative skills. While, at a more subtler level, it is contributing towards a cleaner and greener environment by *not* using paper and saving trees.

With this, I make an appeal to you all to be responsible for the environment, create awareness about it and contribute towards keeping it green and preserving it.

Happy reading!

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# The Green Club – A Report

Ms. Sensangla Chang, MBA 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

The love of our Environment starts with the love of oneself. It is here therefore that every individual's role is manifested and demanded. ICFAI University Nagaland (IUN) campus being new, maintaining and beautifying the campus is a Herculean task in terms requirement of both man power and time. Nevertheless in our limited and negligible level but with high spirits and enthusiasm we have already begun the journey of beautifying and maintaining the campus.

Under the initiative of the Bank Dimapur, in Collaboration program under the theme "Plant a tomorrow" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August



Central Office the main branch of Axis with IUN organized a tree planting sapling, watch a greener future 2013 . Around ninety saplings of mango, litchi, guava and holog were planted. There was participation from the team of the Axis Bank, Faculty, Staff and members of the Green Club. The Team leader delivered a short talk emphasizing the importance of the need to practice afforestation for a greener and better environment and to take care of the Ecology. The Pro-Vice Chancellor while appreciating the team



for their noble visit also stated that their dream of having a green environment is being fulfilled by the Axis Bank and heartily welcomed the team on behalf the IUN family.

The campus itself being new and with a view to beautify it, another plantation drive was organized during October 2013. Selected flowering and ornamental plants were planted around the pond area and in the elevated circular flag post area. It is encouraging to note that the students took an active part by arranging to bring the saplings and planting them. Care is being ensured, so that, the saplings and flowers survive. As the saying goes "Charity begins at home", we at ICFAI believe that one has to begin where one is. We strictly enforce that the campus is not littered and accordingly waste bins are placed at various points. We believe that maintaining the Offices, Classrooms and toilets clean is everyone's business. The members of the Green Club will continue to render their service with all dignity and integrity.





# Money is Not Everything

*Mr. Kweding Chuilo, BA 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester*

Money will encourage you,

It never discourages.

Money will make you wealthy,

Money will take you anywhere,

With money you can buy everything.

But, it is not all about the money,

Money cannot buy happiness,

Money cannot buy yesterday,

Money cannot buy *'a ticket to heaven'*

Money can be yesterday today,

But, it is never tomorrow.

Money will eat away your shyness,

Don't make money your dream,

Make reality your money.

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## STOP THE GAME OF BLAMING! - PART II

*Mr. Ajay Chakraborty, Lecturer, Deptt. of Finance*



**I**n our country the game of blaming is very famous. Forget about the politicians; they are the past masters in the art of blaming. I am talking about our so called freedom fighters. They are busy in blaming each other. One faction will blame the other faction. Every faction is busy in proving who is giving the best of service to the nation. Remember this, the more you try to justify, the more the public suspects you. Don't forget the tree which bears more fruits but is liable to get more stones. Stop blaming and give your best service to your people.

Today whatever is going on in Nagaland and in India, for this, I don't blame our politicians and leaders. I blame the general public. They are the main culprits for spoiling this beautiful nation. Every time we blame this or that minister for poor development or for misuse of public funds. But it never comes to our mind when we receive cash or kind or a promise for government jobs in favour of casting our vote.

The following things, WE should ask ourselves, before blaming politicians and leaders:  
Do we go to office regularly and are present during the office hours? Do we take bribes for putting our ugly signature on a piece of paper? Do we give our best service even when our boss is not looking at us? Do we follow traffic rules? Do we pay our taxes? Do we give bribes? Do we spoil government & public properties in agitation? Whether the service provided by us is money oriented or service oriented?

If a child fails in an exam the parents blame the child, the child blames the teacher, the teacher blames the principal; and the principal blames the parents.

Friends we have our own common sense; stop living on other peoples' common sense. Accept the blame for your mistake and improve over it so that you won't repeat it next time. For example, we blame the Government for illiteracy. But we shouldn't forget Government is looking after the illiteracy problem of the entire nation. My advice is that if the wealthy and educated people of a particular colony or village join hands, then within a minute they can solve the illiteracy problem of that area.

As we join hands to construct churches, temples, mosques, form groups for fighting with the Government or with people of other communities or religions; if we work for the society or nation, I believe that a lot of man-made problems will be solved automatically.

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## A Report from IUN's Music Club

Mr. Neisal Theyo, Lecturer, Deptt. of Management

**M**usic is intrinsic to all cultures and can have surprising benefits not only to learning languages, improving memory and focusing attention, but also for physical coordination and development. Music is something that speaks the instilled mind to thousands. With a motive to inculcate extra-curricular activities, provide opportunities and avenues to explore and enhance the students' talents and creative abilities, and also to add essence to a student's life, music club was formed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2013 electing our IUN students Mr. Medoketuo Rio and Ms. Kumrila as President and General Secretary respectively. The Club has a total of nineteen members. First of its kind, ten members along with Dr. Kevizonuo Kuolie, Mr. Neisal Theyo, Ms. Bendangienla Aier and Ms. Renbeni Ezung visited **Christ Community Church** Chumukedima on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2013 and highlighted the congregation about the University through power point presentation, presented songs and shared the Word of God.



*Photo: The IUN Music Club with the Pastor and his wife at Christ Community Church (CCC)*

**Here are a few of the comments given by the students...**

“It was nice attending and participating in songs in CCC along with youths from different tribes.” – **Chumlamo Ennio, BBA 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

“Enjoyed fellowship with new friends and learned about the liturgical system of CCC.” – **Jeeseha Jianch, MBA 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester**

“Had a blessed time at CCC. Seeing the Pastor of the Church upon how he handled the congregation and how he delivered his message really uplifted me. Hope we will have more of such activities so that we can add to our knowledge.” – **Adakho Kadete, MBA 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

“Experienced the ‘Good news’ in a very new way.” – **Medoketuo Rio, MBA 1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**Activities conducted by the club so far are:**

The Music Club presented special songs on the Teachers' Day on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 and Advent Christmas Celebration held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2013.

**Some of the upcoming programmes of the club in the near future are:**

Church Visits, Fund Raising (for musical instruments) and Music Classes.

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## My Grandmother

Ms. Temsuyangla Longkumer, BBA 4<sup>th</sup> Semester



My Grandmother

She is a strong woman

In spirit and in health

In knowledge and in character.

Alone she raised ten strong children

In sickness and in sadness

Amidst needs and wants

With love and care

Widowed so early in life

When life was at its toughest

And cruellest.

But life couldn't bore this woman down

Her opinions, feelings and reactions

Were too positive to be negated

After one generation

I came to the world

Of this extraordinary woman.

And now in my young life

When I am upset

And depressed

This woman wisely and lovingly

Points out the right way

She motivates and steers me

Towards my studies and towards God

She tells me

Never be lazy in life

To be strong enough to resist temptations

She taught me

The art of tolerance

Merged with hard work.

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