

Message from the Issue Editor



Dear Readers,
Education and learning liberates a person from the bondage of ignorance, provides him with wisdom and

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enlightenment. Learning is a two-way process and we are never too old to learn anything. We have to have an open mind and a humble disposition for this. Again, learning is not limited to courses, diplomas and the likes only; in fact, learning is a lifelong and perennial process encompassing all areas of life. The more open we are to new ideas and willing to explore and evaluate them the more we benefit from this learning process.

Our university depicts this concept quite beautifully. It is very interesting to see that inside our university's environment there is a mini-society of its own; a socio-educational system; a common learning ground where people from three different periods meet. As the modern world taxonomies them - the baby boomers (BB), generation X and Y, respectively. Students, most of them hailing from the tech savvy generation Y, have a very open and modern take on life. Digital technology, gadgets and smartphones are part and parcel of their life. They are free, outspoken and willing to learn from the teachers most of whom are from generation X and in the process giving back valuable experience. At the higher end of this socio-educational hierarchy the BB generation provides invaluable advise to both the groups X and Y; advise which have been gathered through long years of experience.

Learning should not be taken as an obligation or duty but as a way of life and it should be enjoyed, experienced to the fullest extent. This is what life is all about.

Happy Learning!

Mrs. Vindhya Sagar, Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of Management



Campus News

ICFAI Fest 2015: The literary, cultural and sports week of the university officially known as the *ICFAI Fest* was held from 27th to 31st of January 2015. The participants were grouped into four houses –

Hercules, and Atticus,

The activities were held on the 27th and comprised

Poetry Recitation, Poetry and Extempore while on the activities consisting of –

Sketching, Singing, Dancing and IT Games were conducted. The ‘Sports’ activities were conducted in two phases. Outdoor games including Football, Badminton, Long-Jump, Race, Shot-put, Volley Ball and Basketball took place on the 29th and 30th while the indoor games composed of Carom, Table Tennis and Chess were held on the 31st. Both students as well as the university staff enjoyed the festival which worked as a rejuvenating event at the start of the year.



Sparta, Achilles respectively.

‘Literary’

on

of – Essay Writing, Story Writing,

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Writing, Spelling ‘B’ 28th ‘Cultural’



Education – An Instrument of Social Change

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Education plays an important role in the development of mental and intellectual growth of every individual. Education in other word is a form of learning which starts with one's birth and goes on till death. Education is not only confined to bookish knowledge but, it touches all aspects of things which brings in enlightenment and knowledge. Before society was formed, man was considered to be savage being. There was no educational system being known. In those times, it was just "survival of the fittest". The stronger individual takes over the weaker individual.

But, with the passage of time man started to invent the art of learning. Education came into being and with its advent, the superstitious beliefs, false religious practices and social evils like the sati system, the purdah system and child marriage considerably reduced from the world.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy, a very well-known personality in the history of India brought about a great change due to his knowledge and insight of western education. He set up schools and colleges for women. Raja Ram Mohan Roy revealed his earnest zeal to educate the uneducated Indians so as to free the society from social evils and to eradicate them. He strongly advocated and worked for the cause of women as they were considered to be inferior to the opposite sex. Women were not allowed to obtain any form of education. Their sole purpose of living was just to get married and have children and look after the house. Infanticide was also practised in great numbers during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries as the birth of a female child was considered to be a burden. But, due to the impact of western education, some wise Indians were able to deviate themselves and see light from a different angle. With the introduction of western education in India, women were also given equal status. Education brought a great change to the society.

It can be said that education was an important tool in bringing about social change. Education gave order to the state and the country. Many social and evil practices were banned because education opened the doorway to a better brighter future. The narrow mindedness of the people began to broaden with the attainment of education.

Another important role model in the history of India, who brought a great change to the country was Mahatma Gandhi who is also known as the "father of the nation". Gandhi played a prominent role in India's fight for freedom. In his diary, he has stated how he moved abroad to attain higher education, how hard he tried imitating the English gentlemen but to only end up as an Indian. It was his foolish admiration for the English people which prompted him to imitate them. But one should not forget that the education he procured from the western world brought great change to the Indian society later on. This education is not only to do with bookish knowledge. Education is just another form of learning which broadens the mind and accepts the truth. Education bring facts into light and facts leave no space for doubt. The world underwent a total change under the sphere of education. This process of learning does never end until one reaches his or her grave. Education can either be

formal or informal but it has its own advantages and disadvantages. The society has underwent great changes ever since education came into being. Education opened up the hopes and aspirations of the people making the world a small place which can be fitted into a single brain, demolishing all kinds of narrow and negative aspects. (Note: This essay won the 1st prize in the *Essay Writing Competition* of the *ICFAI Fest 2015*).

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A Sad Reflection

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It was a cold winter afternoon. My friend and I had been shopping and our tired legs needed some rest. We thought of visiting a restaurant to take some rest as well as to fill our empty stomachs. We went to the nearest restaurant thinking it to be a nice one. Once there, we found children working as waiters. I could not take my eyes off one particular child. Of course, all the children working there were serving as waiters but this young boy was different. He was so smart, so jolly and so kind. The whole time I was just wondering what if these children were given proper education. They are the future makers of our society but unfortunately they were working.

This made me sad; making me think how appalling the society is becoming. Moreover many questions rose in my mind. The rich people are well educated but are they really civilized? They talk of developing a society, a state, a country but do they really try to implement all-round development in their daily lives? I am not stressing on Child Labour or differences between the rich and the poor. All I wanted to know is how great and rich Nagaland have become. This I person once truly said, "Naga people poverty but knows how to disguise it."

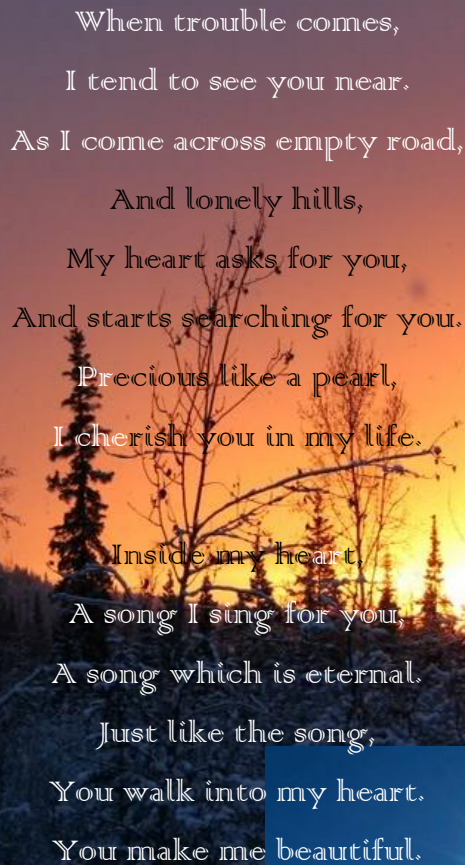


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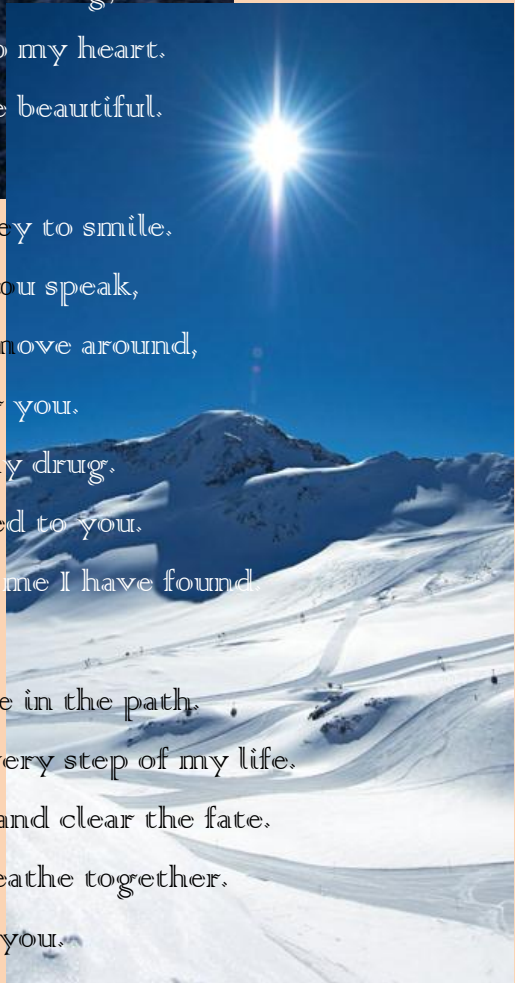
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Walk With Me

Mr. Chuba-Imti, BA 2nd Semester



When trouble comes,
I tend to see you near.
As I come across empty road,
And lonely hills,
My heart asks for you,
And starts searching for you.
Precious like a pearl,
I cherish you in my life.
Inside my heart,
A song I sing for you,
A song which is eternal.
Just like the song,
You walk into my heart.
You make me beautiful.



You are my key to smile.
The more you speak,
The more you move around,
I fall for you.
You are my drug.
I am addicted to you.
I swear, the one for me I have found.

Walk by my side in the path.
Walk by my side in every step of my life.
Let's walk together and clear the fate.
Let's walk and breathe together.
I need you.

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Photo-synthesis (Photo Gallery)

Mr. Tato Swu, BCA, 4th Semester



Note: This sketch won the 2nd position in the *Sketching Competition (Theme: "Life")* during the *ICFAI Fest 2015*. (Photo taken by Rupanka Bhuyan, Dept. of IT & Mathematics, IUN.)

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