

Message from the Editor-in-Chief



Dear Readers,

Wish you all a very happy new year! May the new year bestow

greater wisdom and strength upon us

for making our society and consequently this world a better place.

Of late, I was wondering about our society. Civilized and modern, at that. And, apparently smart and educated. Powerful adjectives define the characteristics of our society today which is supposedly on the process of being upgraded to version omega. It made me reflect on certain things. Changes that have been happening. Of the values that our society carries nowadays. And, our role in its being so.

Today's hyper busy modern world consists of denizens who has access to all the comforts but knows no peace. Contentment seems to have become an elusive entity. Both, peace of the mind and peace in

the society have become scarce commodities. Although we should not generalise things, but we have to accept the fact the most of us take pride in our political systems and economies whether good or bad, boast of possessing hi-fi

technologies, and sometimes apply double standards and dress them up as strategies. And perhaps, mock our forefathers who did not have access to these technologies or

comforts. We gleefully satisfy ourselves with the feeling that we are much smarter than them, or pretend to be so. But, are we really? Have we become more contented? Have we achieved greater happiness? And, become better human beings than them? If it is possible to build some mathematical model which can make quantification or assessment of the "happiness or contentment factor" of a modern man today, I am sure, we will end up generating negative figures at our end. We need to assess where we are.

We should contribute to building the society in ways we can; infuse morals in the youngsters, restore old values, ironically, which are very much neglected these days. Both the teachers and students have a

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vital role to play in reconstructing today's society with values. There is a constant need for holistically educating ourselves and those around us.

Again, simply learning and mastering a certain theory or technique does not make a person educated. Rather, it makes him trained or qualified to do a certain job. Even police dogs and monkeys in town circuses receive training and can do things that humans are not capable of doing. But, do we call these animals educated? In most cases, whether moral values, ethical behaviour or tolerant nature are inculcated in the learner during the process of learning is another story altogether. As the great Albert Einstein once said, *"education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learnt in school."* Which means, qualification does not certify a person as educated. Although, an illiterate person can be well educated. A person who is both educated and qualified is of value to our society, and consequently to this world. Such a person can make immense contributions towards adding values to a society.

Proper education, whether formal or informal, teaches us moral and ethical values as well rather than garland us with certificates. It makes one confident, knowledgeable and also humble at the same time. If a certain kind of learning induces the qualities of arrogance, pride, intolerance and fanaticism in a person, then it cannot be called as education. Proper education teaches us how to value things and at the same time practice ethics in our lives as well as in our professions. There are both qualified people and



others in our society who in the name of professionalism, puts a price on everything but fails to realise the real value of anything. This is a deterring factor against the proper flourishing of a healthy society. Professionalism should carry along with it morals, ethics and values.



Compared to the times of our ancestors, undoubtedly, today our sciences have developed at tera scales, societies have become ultra-modernized and moral values like ethics and honesty being neglected are fast disappearing into blissful oblivion. Apparently, our forefathers gave more importance to moral values over other things and seemed to be more contented.

So, I guess, it's time to look back and learn from the wisdom and humility of our ancestors. And, put the same to practice in our family, social and work life as well. This is very much needed to build up and strengthen our society.

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Campus News

End Semester Examinations: The university conducted its semester end examinations between the 7th and 18th of December 2015. The department of IT & Mathematics invited *Ms. A. Neelima, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagaland* as external examiner for conducting the practical examinations of its BCA program.

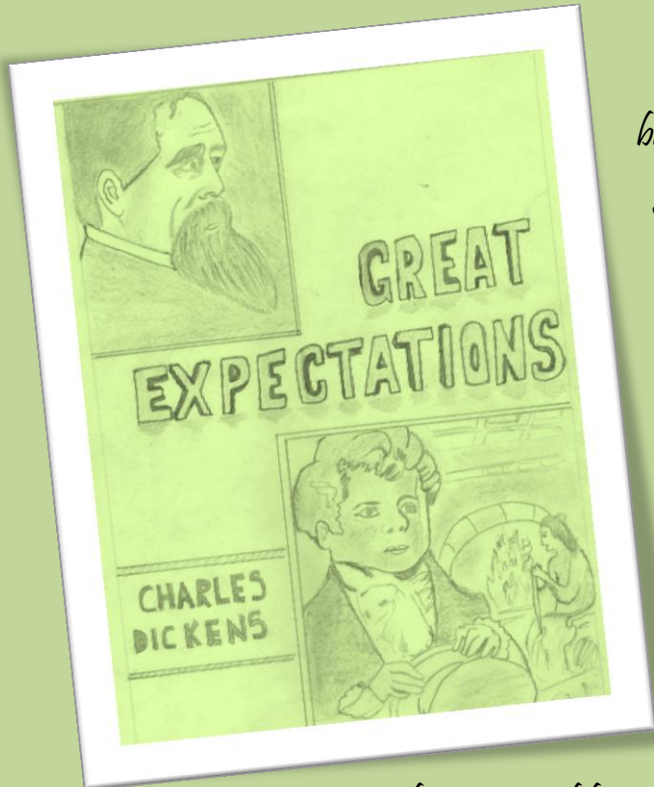
Year End Farewell Meeting: The year 2015 ended at the university campus with a *Year End Meeting* of the staff and presided by the Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. C. P. Alexander. The meeting ended with Professor Alexander reflecting on the various activities conducted during 2015 and discussion of plans for the next academic year.

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Great Expectations (A Graphic Novel) – Part 9

Ms. Temsurenla Ozukum, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English

This graphic novel is the outcome of a class project which was conducted as part of the internal assessment for a course titled 'Fiction from Richardson to Hardy' in the MA (English) class. For this project, the class was divided into eight groups and was assigned different tasks based on the text "Great Expectations" by the Victorian novelist, Charles Dickens.



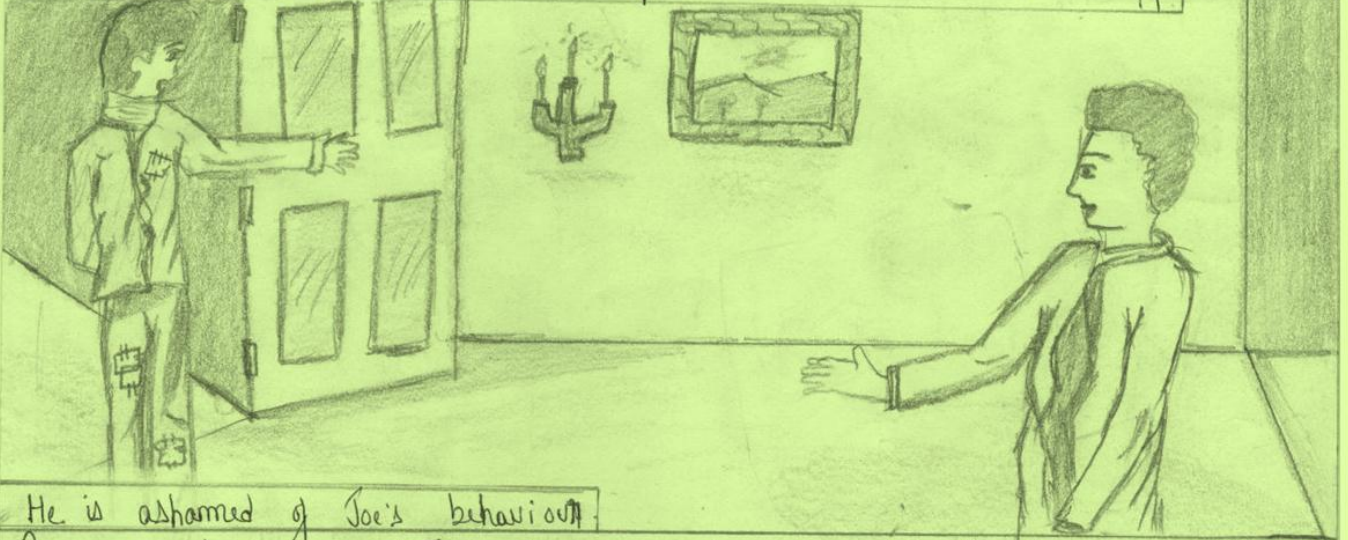
One of the groups was assigned to create a comic book based on fifteen important incidents found in the novel. They were very creative and delivered a presentation using these comic panels involving events and incidents which Pip, the protagonist undergoes and overcomes as he attains adulthood.

Here is a short summary of the novel:

Great Expectations is the coming of age story about Philip Pirrip, otherwise known as Pip. The novel is narrated by Pip, a young orphan who seeks to become a gentleman in order to earn the love of the beautiful but cold hearted Estella. Estella has been adopted by the rich but strange lady Miss Havisham to seek revenge on men. With the help from a mysterious benefactor, Pip leaves his country home in Kent for London to become a fine young gentleman. In the process, he distances himself from the coarse life and upbringing of which Estella has made him ashamed. Eventually, Pip redeems himself and the novel ends with Pip as a matured and chastened individual.

This is the ninth installment in the series.

Incident 9: Pip's meeting with Estella after some years.
Joe comes to visit Pip in London but Pip does not welcome him warmly.

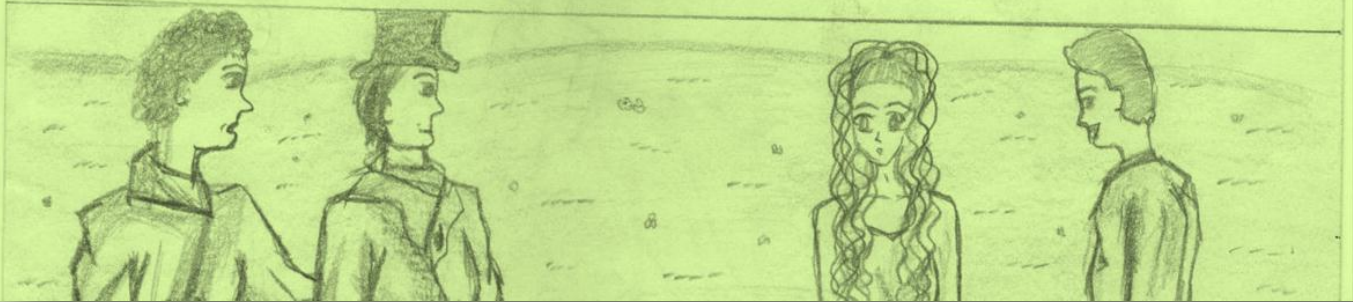


He is ashamed of Joe's behaviour.

Pip goes back home to meet Estella but she still treated him coldly as before.



Estella comes to London and Pip spends alot of time with her. But he is not treated as a suitor but rather as someone to accompany Estella to meet suitors after suitors.



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Goodwill Dearest

Ketousenuo Peseyie, MA (Pol.Sc.) 4th Semester



May you have all life wrapped with happiness;

Smiling and captivating people who are sad;

Being gleeful believing you are immensely blessed.

Love and feel heart; listen and learn better,



Share and receive more; Love and be loved.



*Whatever you are; where ever life takes
you,*

Remember that you have a friend to reckon.

Who is fain to sustain everything hand in hand,

And truly awaiting to mark your win.

Now, knowing that I have called you my own, at all times I wish you well.

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Best Contribution
of the Month

She

Sentimenla Lemtur, MA(English) 4th Semester

A slow pace of movement,

Rise and fall, rise and fall

Like a breeze enchanting the vales

Nothing is as beautiful as it breathes...

Oh wait, it is alive

Oh wait, its She

She, the Channel of Love,

She, the Burning Coal,

She, the Peace and Kindness,

She, the Epitome of Sacrifice,

She a Soothing woman

A slow pace of journey to life,

Arise and fall, arise and fall,

Lone she gives to all

As heavier the load weighs and weighs...

Oh wait, it is alive

Oh wait, its She

She, the Living Stone

She, the Ignored Being

She, the Nurturing Hands;

She, the Silent Tears

She, a Soothing Woman



The eyes so clean, washed with tears,
Her hands so rough, yet so soothing
Her embrace so loose, yet so warm
Her million names mighty

She, a Granny

She, a Mother

She, a Sister

She, a Juliet

Se, a companion.

Oh, wait, She is alive

Oh wait, She is Life.



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Photo-Synthesis



“From a distance...”

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