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Message from the Issue Editor



Dear Readers,

The status of women in our country has undergone a

tremendous change over the past few centuries. Modern women compete with their counterparts in all aspects of

life and held high positions in corporate as well as government offices but still they are prone to social discrimination such as gender inequality, female foeticide, sexual harassment and wage inequalities etc.

In the Vedic age, women were treated with reverence and were placed at a high pedestal but the scenario has changed drastically and women do not enjoy the same status in the society. Men consider women as inferior and are meant for rearing children, cooking food, weaving clothes and looking after the household. Women have to suffer for dowry, which may lead to suicide or murder. Women have been treated as an object of luxury and lust, used as stepping stones for success, bartered and sold as a commodity. They are not even treated as a creature, but a caricature. To restore women in their deserved places and to uplift them from their degraded status, they have to be emancipated and empowered.

Women empowerment means multifaceted development of womenfolk such as providing them education, political freedom, social freedom and economic freedom so that they can free themselves from the vicious grips of social discriminations. Women's political empowerment usually implies women's active participation in elections and government which will give them a voice in the policies framed and affecting their lives. Economic empowerment implies that the women have authority to make their own decisions regarding use of resources for the prosperity of their families and community at large and that they do not have to depend on their counterparts for their day to day financial requirements. Social empowerment liberates women from the oppression and exploitation that obstructs women's path

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from reaching their full potential. Empowering women do not mean to treat them as deities rather treat them as equal being in every aspect of life.

For the empowerment of women, the key is to educate them and education will enable them to be self-dependent by creating job opportunities and self-employment and hence they will be blessed with economic freedom.

dilapidated existence
less privileged one.
has come up with
on the importance of



Economically free women can elevate their
and also can play a vital role in empowering the
The Government of India, from time to time
different policies and programs to put stress
womenfolk for country's development.

The Ministry for Women and Child Development was established to accelerate the drive for the development of women and children in India, 'Swayamsidha program', 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' initiative were started to bring awareness in the society about the true rights and value of women and their contribution towards nation's development. There are may be policies, strategies to strengthen women but there are hurdles which start from the family itself as even today in many parts of India, the birth of a girl child is not treated as auspicious and they are barred from getting education and working outside. But the most tragic part is that many a time women do not have any grievance and problem with their inferior status, which is a major hindrance. Even though initiatives are being taken up but still empowering women in India is a daunting task because it needs a sympathetic and benevolent attitude from the other half i.e., men folk to actualize it, which we do not find completely in India. Also, if women really want to be empowered and emancipated they need to help themselves and each other. Until and unless the womenfolk stand for each other, the process of their empowerment will go at a snail's pace. The time has come for Women to break the barriers and unite as it is us, the womenfolk - who if empowered can prove that the hands that rock the cradle can surely rule the world by contributing towards development and growth and creating a better life for everyone around the globe.

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Campus News

T20 Cricket Tournament: The ICFAI University Cricket Team emerged as the *Runner Up* under the captainship of Mr. Amit Kr. Singh, B.Com. 6th Semester in the finals of the *T20 Cricket Tournament* organized by the *Nepali*



Photos: Mr. Hamidul Islam, BA 6th Semester
Baptist Church, Chumukedima

(NBCC). The final match was played

on the 15th of March 2016. A total of sixteen teams participated in the tournament which was held during the 6th - 15th of March 2016.

Drama: On the 18th of March 2016, the students belonging to the 1st year of the MA (English) programme performed the Shakespearean drama "A Mid-Summer



Night's Dream" conducted by the Department of English. Mr. Tiakumzuk Aier, Director & co-society, *Dreamz Unlimited* Guest.



Photos: Mr. Tsase Annar, MA (English) 4th Semester
founder of the Dimapur based theatrical
honoured the performance as the Chief

Career Guidance Seminar: The *Placement Committee* of IUN organized a *Career Guidance Seminar* on the 19th of March 2016, for the final year students of the various programmes of the university. Final year students from other colleges around Dimapur also participated in the seminar. The resource persons who graced the seminar with their inspiring talks were local entrepreneurs namely - Mr. Lezo Putsure (Director of YouthNet), Mr. Yanpvuo Kikon (Consultant by profession and *Naga Blog*, *Indihut*, *TNB Cycling Club* and *Native Station*), and Mr. Sonam Inokha Khulu (co-founder of *Zatara Tea Pvt. Ltd.* and *Gorilla Marketing*), respectively.



State Level Seminar on BioEthics: The Department of Philosophy organized a *One-Day State-Level Students' Seminar on BioEthics: Issues and Challenges* on the 29th of March 2016. The seminar was



sponsored by *Heritage Publishing House (HPH)*, Dimapur. Dr. Lanusangla Tzudir, Publisher & Chief Editor, HPH delivered a talk on

"Introduction to Philosophy in contemporary times." The seminar was chaired by Dr. R. K. Behera, Dean of Social Science, Patkai Christian College. The following papers were presented by students from IUN as well as other colleges of Dimapur.

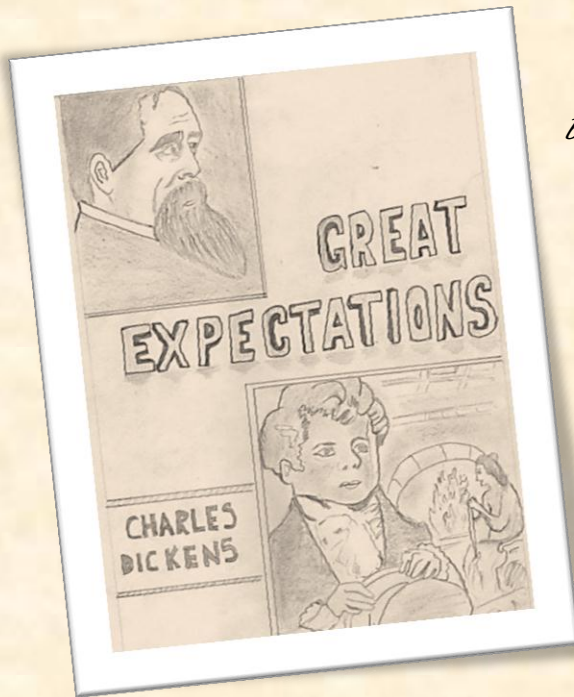
- *Abortion: Meaning, Types, Methods, Pros and Cons* - Wangbo Wangsu, Salesian College (**Best Paper Presented**)
- *Abortion: Respect for Life* – Sachi Chang and Tuisin Raman, Patkai Christian College
- *Organ Transplant: Social, Ethical and Religious Issues* – Ruovitso Mezhu, IUN
- *On Legalising Euthanasia* – Piyesi A. Assumi, IUN

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Great Expectations (A Graphic Novel) – Part 12

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

Ihis 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 twelfth installment in the series.

Incident 12: Miss Havisham seeks forgiveness from Pip



Miss Havisham sets herself on fire. Pip tries to save her and in that process his hand gets injured.



Herbert looks after Pip's wounds.




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Are We Living In A Modern Or Corrupted World?

Mr. Monin Boro, BCom 6th Semester

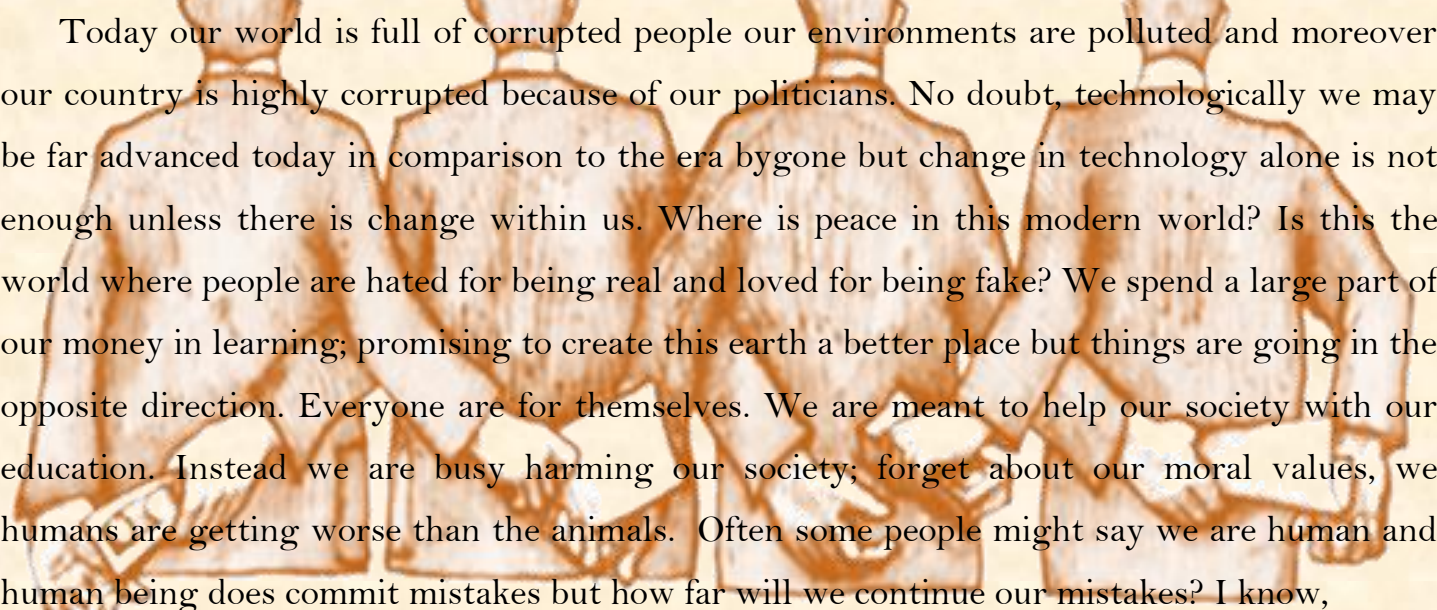
Once upon a time this world was a very beautiful place where our parents spent most of their time loving one another with mutual respect. Once my mum said to me, my son, always remember things have changed now and you should be careful of yourself because this modern world has become a most corrupted place. Survival has become very difficult for the innocent. Cruelty and hatred is growing in every heart; murder, crime and adulteration have become like a game of the modern world. Trusting someone has become like a gamble. Usually, people do not trust each other anymore. Most of them have already lost their hopes. Fear because once we are out predict what is going to Starring with our eyes, everywhere. Some bathe with water made a choice to play



lies in everyone's heart of home we can never happen in our life. we see bloodshed people do not like to take anymore. Terrorists have and bath with blood.

I wonder where the sign of civilization is. How long will such cruelty and hatred go on? In the 19th century, Mark Twain once said that *"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."* In today's modern world, how many of us can deeply understand the word "kindness"? Often, very few. Today we are not humble enough and most of us simply pretend to be good morally. We are lagging behind; our actions are against the law and order.

Today our world is full of corrupted people our environments are polluted and moreover our country is highly corrupted because of our politicians. No doubt, technologically we may be far advanced today in comparison to the era bygone but change in technology alone is not enough unless there is change within us. Where is peace in this modern world? Is this the world where people are hated for being real and loved for being fake? We spend a large part of our money in learning; promising to create this earth a better place but things are going in the opposite direction. Everyone are for themselves. We are meant to help our society with our education. Instead we are busy harming our society; forget about our moral values, we humans are getting worse than the animals. Often some people might say we are human and human being does commit mistakes but how far will we continue our mistakes? I know,



making a mistake is not the end of the world but repeating one is. Don't we know that making the same mistakes can bring disasters? Changing the laws is not enough. There must be a change in us.

So, let us take a vow and promise together

to create this corrupted world a better place where we can live happily with

peace and harmony. Together let us help the poor and support our neighbours by doing work to remove the poverty line and to make our state corruption free!

You can stop

CORRUPTION



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The Precious Gift

Mr. T. Hongthei Phom, MA(Eng) 2nd Semester

Life so precious, a gift from Him,
With purpose we never knew.

Some wonder what?

Yet it goes on

Like the river flows to never return.



Some wonder how?

Yet it goes on

Like the strike of hands in time.

What painful thought it is,

To never realize what we are able.

At the break of dawn,

We make merry.

At night we sleep sound, dreamless.

Yet, life goes on.

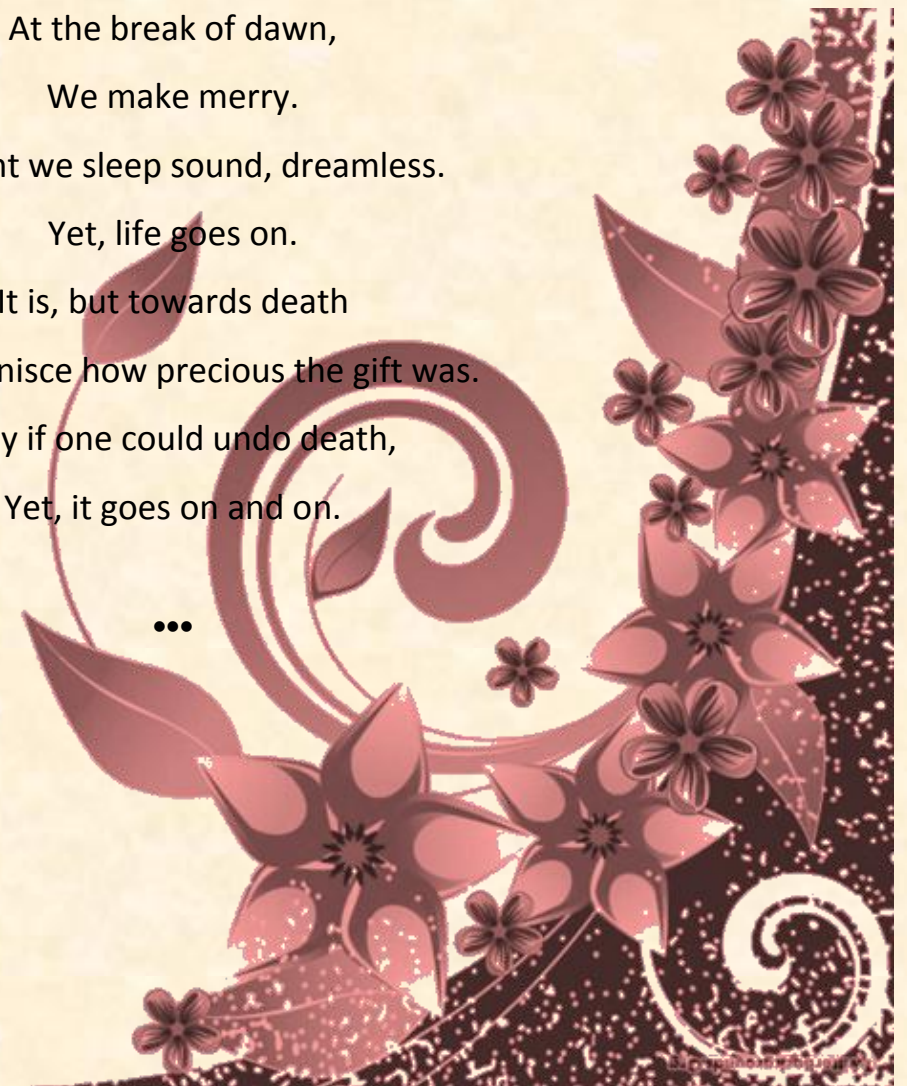
It is, but towards death

We reminisce how precious the gift was.

Only if one could undo death,

Yet, it goes on and on.

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Believe To Achieve

Mr. Limhathung R Yanthan, MA(Eng) 2nd Semester

No Hope is Vain,
No Faith is Silent.
Hope Visions optimistic conduct,
Faith prevails for truth.
No man without Hope has a future,
No man without faith has goodness in him,
Hope and Faith are foundations to the truth we speak.

I have a dream; Hope and Faith;
Hope to achieve, Faith to conceive it,
Sins have past, but Sinners have a future.
Hope for a better judgement; For glory;
Where all be judged not in differences but by conduct of character.

I shall strive, to conquer
The Visions I see;
None shall judge the
actions of my faith.
For he who provides my
daily bread, shall decide
all evil and good;
My foe is a mere
dissenting voice to the
truth I speak.



Note: This poem won the 2nd Position in the Poetry Writing competition of the ICFAI Fest 2016.

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Photo-Synthesis



“How you see me...”

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