

## Editor's Note



**Dr. Khrukulu Khusoh**

**I**t is hard to imagine a time such as this as brought about by the pandemic situation. These days have been tough as well as challenging with one having to keep the wheel in motion following a period of unprecedented turmoil due to the pandemic, while at the same time coping up with the realities of the new normal. In these trying times, we learn the importance of adapting to the new challenges; to change gears and accelerate on to soar higher in our duties as teachers and students thriving to be better and wiser individuals.

It has become virtually impossible to distribute newsletter effectively. Owing to this, the publication of newsletter had to be delayed for some months. Nonetheless, amidst the tight schedule of a four month semester, we have made an attempt to bring out thoughts from the talent concealed with the student community. This issue includes articles, poems, art-work, achievements, and impressions/memories and we hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we have enjoyed making it. As always, we welcome your comments.

## My LAST MEETING with **Late Prof. C.P. Alexander**

**O**n 21st November 2019, the students of department of Political Science had the golden opportunity to spend the last precious hour with late Prof. C P Alexander, VC, which also happened to be our late Sir's last conscious hour. I vividly remember those precious moments with our beloved Sir. The time spent was short, however, a number of personal thoughts and key issues regarding student's concern and the University were discussed.

I share this meeting with you because it meant a lot to the student community as well as to our late Sir. In this meeting, students put forth desperate issues and suggestions for VC's consideration and necessary action. Sir was forever the gracious, inspiring and open person he is known to be. He was amicable and compassionate towards the student's needs and concerns; optimistic and motivating us to excel in different aspect of life. He encouraged the students to be dynamic and cultivate the spirit of competing with others. He reiterated that ICFAI students should be innovative and develop the necessary skills in the world of advance technology; and rebuild the institution to keep prospering in future. We also embrace his words that, "Political Science students should focus beyond the subject and develop strategic thinking to act as the centre for uplifting the university at the national level through various plans and policies." His ultimate vision of the university was to nurture talented individuals to be productive and useful for the society.

With his visions and comprehensive plans, the University stands as one of the best private Universities in Nagaland. Under his leadership, the university has produced many young students who are excelling in different fields across the country. The achievements and progress of the university is a result of his tireless effort and labour. He has opened doors to hundreds of students to achieve their dreams. He plans to digitalize the institution in a digital world for the easy access of the students to equip themselves with various courses has however not materialised as of now due to his untimely demise. Nonetheless, his legacy remains and his words will continue to inspire us in the days to come.



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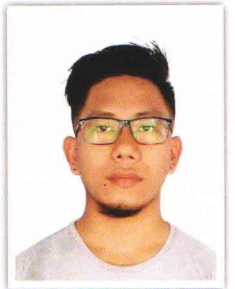


## Citizenship Amendment Act: *A THREAT* to India's Democracy

The Citizenship Amendment Act passed recently by the parliament on 11 December 2019 has been condemned by both citizens and international forums alike. Over the past few months we have witnessed countrywide protests against the Act from different parts of the country. The ruling BJP government has declared that the Act aims to grant citizenship to six minority communities (Hindus, Sikhs, Parsi, Jain, Buddhist and Christians) from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. It is debatable as to why the central government is trying to give refuge to the minority communities of other countries when it has failed over and over again to protect the minority communities from the oppression by the majority community (Hindus) within its own country. RSS activists are slaughtering people in the name of religion, the so-called Political Brahmacharis are trying to make INDIA a Hindu Rashtra, the voice of the people are silenced through force and if anyone tries to speak against the injustice of the government, they are termed as anti-nationals and the list goes on and on. The Act is a clear example that the agenda and motive of their government is entirely based on religion. We need not do the math in order to understand the simple fact that in the countries mentioned by the BJP government, the number of Hindus will be more against the combined numbers of the remaining five religions. Leaving that aside, now,

has the government ever mentioned that the Act benefits the legitimate citizens of India in any way other than its aim of granting citizenship to illegal migrants? No, because there isn't any. The only possible outcome of this act would be more protests, more atrocities from police and loss of more innocent lives. In the northeastern states especially Assam, the prospect of citizenship for massive numbers of illegal Bangladeshi migrants has triggered deep anxieties, including fears of demographic change, loss of livelihood opportunities and threat to indigenous culture. There is also an economic problem. If tens of thousands leave Bangladesh and start staying legally in Assam and North East, the pressure will first show in the principal economic resource-land. It also boils down to the political rights of the people of the state. Migration has been a burning in states like Assam and Tripura. There is a view that illegal immigrants, who will eventually become legitimate citizens will be determining the political future of the state. All of these in the case of Assam will lead to the violation of the Assam Accord, which was a prior agreement reached with the central government on migrants and refugees. Dr. Shurhodelie Liezietsu was right in saying that many convincing points might have been highlighted by leaders supporting the Act like exemption of ILP states, including Nagaland and sixth schedule areas from its purview. He

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remarked that it all might sound good but were actually cover-ups for the real motive of the Act, warning that its effect would be slowly visible through 'population politics'. If anyone is of the idea that the assurance from the BJP leaders will save the people of Nagaland and our unique culture, language and identity, well, we should think again because despite the age old ILP regime in Nagaland (except Dimapur which was also recently brought under ILP), how far have we been able to prevent the influx of illegal migrants. Nagaland will end up like Tripura where the number of illegal migrants has outnumbered the original inhabitants. It is undeniable to say that the protest in Nagaland is not as strong as compared to the rest of the north eastern states. We need to remind ourselves that if the Act affects even one of these states the whole of the region will suffer the brunt of it. We've managed to correct some of the errors committed by our government over the years and we've even managed to topple down the government during our fight against the ULB elections but our fight against injustices shouldn't be limited within our area. I'm not talking about showing solidarity for the other states because we're equally in danger as the rest of them are. We need to be as strong and resilient as them in our fight against the CAA.

## Importance of Political Science for Civil Services Examination



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Through this newsletter column, I would like to share my opinion on the importance of studying political science subject for civil service examination. Pursuing political science as honours subject helps students to understand about the mechanism and function of government. It enlightens us about the Indian polity, Indian constitution, government and functioning of the administration in the government sector. It further expands our knowledge about the domestic and foreign policy of other countries. It also provides news of the current situation and train students to keep themselves updated. The above stated subject matter covers a lot of aspect preparing an aspire candidate in almost all aspect for UPSC prelims and mains exam. So I would like to suggest that it is beneficial in taking political science subject if you are planning for cracking civil service exam. Having mentioned all these benefits, I believe it is a good option to opt for this subject



# Backdoor Appointment in Nagaland

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surprise, the practice of backdoor appointment in our state is still persistent and interminable. Though we claim ourselves as Christian majority state, such practices are carried out with impunity.

It pains me to see many hardworking aspirants struggle so hard to get employed while the undeserving ones getting employed through illegal means. In all these, the bureaucratic and the political class in the state are willfully

It was in high school when I first came across the word 'backdoor appointment.' This interested me to do some study on this matter. And to my

depriving the poor and meritorious young people of jobs and opportunities. Backdoor appointment is an attempt to induct an employee without following the procedure, snatching someone's entitlement. Backdoor appointment is not just simply depriving poor individuals of opportunities but represents self-perpetuating interest of the haves at the cost of the have-nots.

So I put forward few words as food for thought. Why not be self-respecting individuals? Why not compete in an open competition? Why spend parent's money for years on education when you are to get in through backdoor? Education is meant to liberate us; to make us self-sufficient and confident individuals. Let us have the courage to give healthy competition a chance. Success is sweet and deserving when it is accompanied by hard work. Work hard and achieve goals with pride.

#SAYNOTOBACKDOORAPPOINTMENT #YESTOOPENCOMPETITION#



## SOME COMMON TRAITS OF NAGALAND

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Corruption in Nagaland sounds little outlandish. To think of evil graft in a land that sets Christ like image exhibits a great challenge to the outside world. On the contrary our actions distort a prerequisite impression of being Christian state. Our greed and selfish nature, love for power and position, has brought a crown of shame to ethical values and moral principles which Nagas were known for by the outsiders.

In election, a mass determination is to change the government for it fails to perform according to people's requirements. Well, decision changes overnight when money hits the pocket. Students will surely protest when government fails to disburse stipend in time, whereas in the form of parent's income it always remains fake!

Civil based societies and students unions like NSF and ACAUT whose initial objectives were to uproot corruption and to serve for common cause eventually ends up politicizing and contest's election after gaining popularity! By this,

I do not intend to criticise but keeping in account of our system that has a magic of transforming good to evil. A land where illiterate govern the system and literate are confined to four walls and becomes the master of keypad. Dignity of labour seems quite humiliating, no matter how far a person do well in his life failing to acquire a government job is considered unsuccessful.

Mushrooming of Theological institutions is higher than missionaries of ten thousands we'd promised to the world. Schools, Colleges and hostels outnumbered the total enrolment of students in Nagaland. In short it had turned business oriented rather than quality development of a person. A plethora of corruption has skewed to a great extent that today even churches are filled with hypocrites whose actions are not consistent with their claimed beliefs, but talks about righteousness. Church no longer concerns about lost souls but takes pride in big building and is becoming more materialistic than spiritual.

The trend of chasing one another, extortion, bribe, agitation, protest is becoming a neo culture more like a common traits of our daily lives. Tribalism and personal agenda continues to breed self-styled groups, factions, institutions and multiple organisations with zilch prudent further disintegrating we feelings.

The visceral protest rallying and raising awareness about social injustice simply depicts a stigma of our land. What we may feel is irresponsible, but the ultimate responsibility is ours, that one finger we points at, have three times more responsibilities than the one we points to. The evil graft will continue, the entire generation will remonstrate worse than the present, until and unless we change our attitude, behaviours and examine personal errors. That way, I believe we can have better Nagaland and truly uphold the banner of "Nagaland for Christ." (The same article was published in Nagaland Post on 23rd January, 2020)





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Two years have just gone by in a blink of an eye. When I recall all the fun, joy and naughty things we have done as students of ICFAI University, I should say are the most memorable and the joyful part of my life.

Talking from a graduating student's perspective, I believe that the moments created beyond the boundaries of the University have been equally helpful to the graduates. Everyone has had their own share of excitements and stories that they will carry along their life. Along with the support received from wonderful friends, all the faculty members are loving, caring, and inspirational to me.

ICFAI is indeed a place of learning in so many ways. The various current-issue studies, group works on research projects, the assignments, class presentations each were helping us develop our skills and helped us implement our knowledge. The wonderful values gained from ICFAI will enable us to achieve our dreams in the near future. Every little encounters and experiences gained in ICFAI has been enriching and will remain within my memories for life long. Our times spent here can all be considered a learning experience, during which we discovered the value of friendship and the importance of individualism. The road that ICFAI showed me will continue to stretch me towards unceasing progress. I shall be forever grateful to ICFAI University for the change it has brought in me.

**LONG LIVE ICFAI UNIVERSITY NAGALAND.**



**Katoni G. Sumi**  
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I am proud to have been a student of ICFAI University Nagaland, and now also proud alumni for many reasons. ICFAI has the resources available in terms of its well-equipped library, the easy access to one of the biggest e-digital libraries and the various programmes organised have all contributed in making me into a confident person I am today.

I am very thankful to the faculty members of the Political Science Department for their love and support in our lows and highs. I have learned a lot about living with and for a purpose as it is also the meaning of professionalism. They not only taught us the syllabus but also encouraged and challenged us to look forward to our future with confidence. I will really miss the class lectures of Elmie ma'am and Dr. Khrukulu. Their hard work will never go in vain. I will miss the reading materials of Holi ma'am. Her never ending readings have broadened our knowledge and developed our reading skill. I will miss the professional class deliveries of Dr. Cholicheh. A big thank you to Charles sir for always updating us with the latest news and information, Dr. Shasanka for teaching us the importance of hard work and commitment. I will forever be grateful to all of them for their concern in moulding us into better and thinking individuals.

Looking back, I'm grateful to IUN for instilling many values in me. ICFAI has taught and given me things far beyond book knowledge. It has equipped me with the necessary tools to enhance our skills thereby shaping our personality to a great extent. I for one can affirm that ICFAI is the right place for students to gain confidence, become self-sufficient and become independent individual. I'm proud to say that I belong to this nurturing, beautiful family of IUN and today I look back to my stay at the University with fond memories. Even though I am no longer a student of this university I will forever be a part of it.





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One of the most interesting stages in life that gives an opportunity to research, analyse, create, explore and think beyond is the "University Phase." Life at University is the time when we learn to explore more than what we've learnt before and we all dive into the ocean of deeper understanding and broader perspectives and new opportunities which brings us into a whole broader and new level. This golden age also equips us to face the challenges in life and creates a strong foundation of knowledge.

As I look back and ponder upon my journey and experiences during my stay in this esteemed University, a plethora of thoughts fill my mind. My two years (2018-2020) of stay here are indeed filled with, to frame it in a phrase, "bitter-sweet memories." My life and experience at IUN has taught me quite a lot and also things which I haven't learnt or known before. It has the perfect blend of joy, peace, curiosities, ambivalence, struggles and hardships. In fact, on the whole, life itself has taught me and is teaching me a lot of things of which, if I had to write them down, would fill up all these pages.

Reminiscing the initial days, I still remember the first day I entered the University campus and my class and everyone's faces were new to me. I remember how my lecturers made us feel secure and comfortable with the way they approached us and dealt with us, how their friendliness, positivity, courteousness, warm smiles made us feel safe like home. They were and are indeed encouraging, motivating, inspiring and amazing people. I am indebted to the entire faculty for nurturing and shaping us into a better person. Their tireless efforts will never go in vain.

My thoughts also takes me back to the exquisite and remarkable places such as the University library, the canteen, the lawn and shade where one can relax, the sinju shops on the roadside of the University, and not forgetting my favourite spot, the mini coconut garden because of its calmness and serenity. I also had a wonderful time with my batch mates. The beautiful memories created will remain with me for life long.

In addition, the various clubs such as the Green Club, NSS and SCMI has been enriching, motivating and inspiring, which I myself is a personal witness as a member and participant of those clubs. It has in fact taught me more about my duties and responsibilities as a student and as a responsible member of the society, and to be mindful of the things which needs care and concern. In addition, other activities such as the Cultural day, Literary and Sports week, Kairos, Youth Fest and others have all contributed in making me a confident individual I am today.

Every beginning has an end. Little did we know that our journey together would end abruptly because of the pandemic. But hope to meet you all again someday.

In conclusion, it will be important to note that, in this competitive world, we all want to earn our degrees and certificates, achieve something, in order to live a good life. But sometimes, it is not about how much degrees and certificates we've earned or what we've accomplished or achieved, but it is also about what we've learnt, what knowledge we've gained throughout the journey and how we can make the best and wise use of it. Thereby, making learning a never ending process.

**LONG LIVE IUN!**







## That *Amazing* Place



Beyond the beautiful plains  
In the midst of the majestic field,  
Lies a beautiful place called ICFAI.  
Oh! How wonderful ICFAI is!  
It has got God's amazing touch.  
Exalted, up high it stands.  
Bursting with nature's beauty  
That nurtures the young minds.  
Rich in God's grace  
A blessing it has been to me  
Oh! How much I adore thee ICFAI  
Oh! How much I adore thee.

## If I'm asked



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What makes me the most happiest?  
Without a doubt, it'll be you.  
Without a doubt, I will keep choosing you.  
Do you know your sweet smile eases my harsh reality?  
It strengthens me and keeps me going,  
Eyes that embraces me with bliss,  
I won't dare trade with anyone.  
Oh! My soul jumps with joy for your existence,  
Praising God for the masterpiece he has created.

## Change Has Wings



She's not well-breed, they call her Hayden  
He's not grand, they call him femme  
Mankind discredit them

She tackles her dismay, closer to Destiny  
But mankind cite it as collapse.  
She speaks her mind but they silence her.  
She, the supreme, yet justice left her behind.  
Hi-tech masters the isolated and ruptures mirages,  
Melancholy and curiosity rely and craze for it.  
Those corrupted minds;  
To judge is their daily Manna.

Hey! Have you forgotten their freedom?  
Those minds and sentiments  
Can do with a change.

Naysayers! Stop your poisoned words  
Mighty! Shut not the voice of innocence  
Leaders! Chase not the helpless from their homes.  
Forget not your good promises.  
Every soul needs deliverance.  
Raise good thoughts and morals,  
Heal the wounds that run deep.  
Let Change spread its wings  
And love will bring all the joy.



# STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS



**Katoni**

**GOLD MEDALIST**

MA Political Science  
(2018-2020 Batch)



**Viseno**

**STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

MA Political Science  
(2018-2020 Batch)



**Watilong Longkumer**

**GOLD MEDALIST**

BA Political Science  
(2017-2020 Batch)



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