

Message from the Issue Editor



As we rush and proceed towards the close of the year, with just a few more pages to go through the book

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of the year 2014, let us slow down for a moment and pause to review the contents of 2014. We may ask ourselves, 'Was it a year filled with achievements and contentment or was it one filled with failure and regret'? Whatever may be the content, the truth is that it cannot be undone or done again. The only thing remaining now is memories, to learn from the past experiences and to look forward to a brighter future. The late renowned Psychologist Dr. Abraham Maslow once remarked, "People who live close to their true capacity have pronounced a sense of well being and considerable energy. They see themselves as leading purposeful and creative lives." Isn't that what we all want to do? The fact is, this can begin the moment we decide to become a 'Have person' and leave the 'Have Nots' to their complaints and their alibis.

While everyone continues to seek for growth in their personal lives, whether students or professionals, the hard truth is that we do not realize that it is we ourselves who hold the key to unlock the potentials hidden in each of us. The answer lies in how long one holds the key. One has to look for it and sometimes look hard enough.

No doubt, the myriad challenges posed before us is that growth demands sacrifice. It pushes us out of our comfort zones to do more than what is required of us. This is the trap of the 'Have Nots' and this is the reason why they continue to remain as 'Have Nots'. The decision therefore is simple yet elusive. One cannot simply make a decision and then sleep over it but has to reaffirm the commitments over and over again until it has become a reality. As an anonymous quote says, 'The clock has decided to take time by his own hands'. We need to master our time and make

the best use of this resource because the only way to lengthen our life is to save time. For instance, getting up in the morning 30 minutes earlier each day gives about 10950 minutes a year or about more than a week's time extra in a whole year. Think about how much can be achieved in this extra time put together.

We need to develop a sense of expectancy, i.e., to hold the feeling that the goal we are aspiring for is a sure thing and that it is only a matter of time before being realized. As a matter of fact, though everyone emphasizes much on the future yet let us not commit the mistake of allowing our past and future to nullify our present. What should be remembered and learnt is to treasure the good memories of the past, enjoy today and look forward to a better tomorrow. After all, life is a journey to enjoy the trip. It is said that the wisest person is the one who learns from the past as well as from the experiences of others. Though the past is an integral part of life's experiences - a past is a past. There is a good reason why windshields are much bigger than the rear view mirrors. This is simply because the view ahead is much more important than the view left behind. As for our road trip in life, the promise of the future is always better than the pain of the past.

As we begin to flip over to the last pages of 2014, let us ponder over how meaningful the life we have lived and contributed for the good of others and the society at large in every sense of the term. The world famous Country star Sheryl Crow recently remarked "The feeling of being able to help someone else is bigger than anything else that I could experience". Remember the world does not owe us anything. Let us be thankful to God for all the good we had simply because we have seen the bad as we prepare to close the book of 2014.

Finally let us equip ourselves with head held high looking forward to yet another new chapter of our life.

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Campus News

Advent Christmas: The university celebrated “Advent Christmas” on the 3rd of December 2014. The event was organized by IUN’s *Music Club* and *SCMI*. The event was honored by the enlightening message of *Father Shibu Varghese PC*, *Principal of MGM Higher Secondary School*, Dimapur as the chief guest. A variety of events were conducted which consisted of songs, dance, games and bonfire.



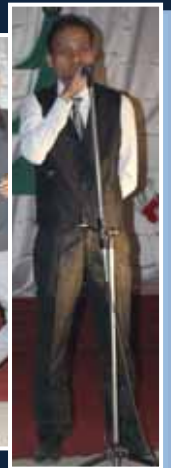
A few glimpses...



Photos clockwise from top-left: (1) **Song by the Music Club**, (2) **Message by Fr. Shibu Varghese**, (3) **‘The Jungle Dance’ by students of MA (English) 1st Semester**. (Photos taken by: Md. Hamidul Islam, BA 3rd Semester).



A few glimpses...



Photos from top-to-bottom: (1) Tug-of-War, (2) Special Dance by the students of BCA 3rd Semester, (3) Participants in the Talent Show, (4) Blind-folded Race. (Photos taken by: Md. Hamidul Islam, BA 3rd Semester) .

Visit to Orphanage: Keeping the birth of Christ in mind IUN visited *St. Joseph's Children Home* on the 5th of December 2014 and donated cakes to the children. Faculty members spent some quality time with *Sister Reena* and the children who are either orphans or destitute. *St. Joseph's Children Home*



caters to the needs of over 40 children at present.



Importance of Literacy

Mr. Prabhakar Kesari, B.A. 3rd Semester

As the saying goes, *"A little learning is a dangerous thing"*, a person without proper knowledge and education causes trouble in the society. In today's world, due to rapid rise in population and pollution, there is a great need to overcome these situations. These problems can only be solved when there is a rise in literacy and when people are well educated. Because of the lack of education there are still people who think of the old ways and are still backward. When the society is educated, there is development in all the fields and the society also progresses. Many new inventions and discoveries are made for the welfare of the people when proper education is provided to the people.

Therefore, there is a great need for proper education to bring about development and welfare of the people, without which a society will not thrive or move forward.

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My Passion

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Every individual in this world has his or her own passion. Passion in an individual helps him/her to be what s/he wants to be. Some passions are strong, some weak. It depends on how our inner self takes or carries it out. Passion is a key factor to drive our inner talents or capabilities in fulfilling the dreams or goals of our lives.

As for me, my passion is music. Music makes me feel alive even in times of worries and difficulties. It always refreshes me even in a dull and lonely environment. It is said that music is the stairway to heaven and it truly is. It drives me to be alive.

Having a passion means having humanity and liveliness in our hearts. But it does not necessarily mean all our potentials and talents are driven out of it. It is a part of us and what we become; we just have to cultivate and steer it in the right direction.

Every individual has passion in them which makes them what they are. If we take the examples of artists or artisans, passion is the first step which drives them out of their inner self and makes them do what they really want to do. So also every individual, to become someone in life have to have passion to direct them towards their goals. Passions fulfil dreams.

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Nature (Photo Gallery)

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The picture on the left called "The Face" won the 1st Prize at the photography competition in *TechAura 2014* held at Nagaland University.



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