

Message of the Issue

Dear Readers,

Have you ever wondered on the impact of what you say to others be like? Or perhaps the other way round? Well, to be honest it plays a very

important role in building us up or even to pull us down, so down that sometimes we lost our way to climb up again. That happens to most of us all the time. Isn't it?



Allow me to further throw a little light into that by using an example of toothpaste. Open the toothpaste and squeeze all the toothpaste out of the tube onto a saucer. Now try to put all of the toothpaste back into the tube once it is squeezed out. Impossible to do it, isn't it?

Did you know that very same thing is true of the words we speak? Have you ever said something that hurt someone's feelings and heard them say, "You take that back". You cannot take it back, can you? Once you have said it, it is said. You cannot put the words back in your mouth any more than you can squeeze the toothpaste back into the tube. That is why we, as a teacher, as a friend, as a colleague, as a student and as anybody else need to be very careful about the things we say. The Bible says, "He who holds his tongue is wise" (Proverbs 10:14ff). Words can hurt. The Bible further says, "Reckless words pierce like a sword" (Proverbs 12:18). Our words can cut like a knife. They can hurt others. Once we have said it, we cannot take it back, so let's make sure that we choose our words wisely. Let it be words that heal wounds, which encourages and uplift people.

Once again, watch What You Say!!!!

May God Bless Us All Abundantly

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Campus News

National Workshop: A **Three Day Workshop on Digital Libraries** themed **Open Source Software for Digital Repositories** was jointly organized by **Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)** & **ICFAI University Nagaland** during **8th to 10th March, 2018**. The workshop was sponsored by **ISI** and **Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation (RRRLF)**.



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Resource persons **Prof. ARD Prasad**, *Head, Documentation Research & Training Centre (DRTC), ISI, Bangalore*, **Prof. Devika P. Madalli**, *DRTC, ISI* and **Dr. F. R. Sumer**, *Deputy Librarian, NEHU, Shillong* shared their valuable insights and trained participants from across the North East in **DSpace** (an open source digital repository developed by MIT, USA).

Annual Cultural Day: The University celebrated its **2nd Annual Cultural Day** with the theme



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Negotiating Food and Culture

organised by the Forum for Cultural Studies (FoCuS) on the 10th of March, 2018. A number of events were conducted which include Food Exhibition, Cultural Dances, Music, Indigenous Games, Book Exhibition, etc.

Ms. Abokali Jimomi (founder of Organic Nagaland) graced the occasion as a resource person deliberating on promotion of indigenous food.



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Health Talk & Health Camp: On the occasion of the **263rd Birth Anniversary of Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann** (the founder of Homoeopathy), the *Symposium for Holistic Health (SHH)* of IUN organized a health talk and camp. During the occasion on



the 10th of April, 2018, Prof. (Dr.) C. P. Alexander (Vice Chancellor, IUN) deliberated on the importance of homoeopathic practice while Dr. Seyiekhrietuo John (State Program Officer (NAM), Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Kohima, Govt. of Nagaland) and Dr. Ruusietuonuo (Medical Officer

– AYUSH, Community Health Centre, Peren, Nagaland) talked about the initiatives of the state government in this field. A large number of doctors from across the state participated in the event. Further, free medical check-ups and distribution of medicines were carried out for the staff and students of the university.

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Industrial Tour: Students pursuing the MBA programme of the university went on an Industrial tour to Shillong, Meghalaya during 26th to 29th April, 2018. Accompanied by Asst. Professors (of Management Studies) Imtinungsang Jamir and Neisal Theyo the group of students had an enriching industrial experience.



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Highlights of my International Trip

The ACU (Association of Commonwealth Universities) is the world's first international university network, promoting and supporting excellence in higher education. Taking place from December 18-21, 2017, The ACU Respect Residential School – hosted by ACU member institution Heriot-Watt University (HWU) Malaysia with the aim to give student leaders practical means to promote mutual respect and understanding sent out global applications where 30 student leaders (from 110 applications globally) from across the Commonwealth spectrum were selected.

I had the honour and privilege to be selected as one of the student leaders to represent ICAFI University, Nagaland at the ACU Residential School. ICAFI University enabled me to attain a scholarship to fund the travel expenses and helped me through the rigorous process of arriving at Kuala Lumpur.

I had the opportunity to be a part of diverse circle of student leader members from over 20 Commonwealth countries (including Bangladesh, Canada, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Trinidad and Tobago). The amount of diversity presented by the students pushed the boundaries and exposed me to unlimited information, shaped me to perceive culture in a redefining manner.

Over the four days, participants were immersed in Kuala Lumpur – a famously multi-ethnic, multi-religious city – and had the chance to get beneath the surface of the city by having frank, engaging conversations with representatives of civil society organisations. A mixture of lectures, café conversations, and immersion visits saw students discuss the challenges and opportunities of advocating for fairer, more inclusive societies with activists from Mythos Labs, Global Peace Foundation, Justice for Sisters, and the Make it Movement.

The student leaders were given practical means to develop their skills, work towards a shared goal of creating a fairer, more inclusive society, and cultivate innovative solutions to promote mutual respect and understanding. We were also able to present ideas that can be implemented back at our home institutions where the team I was enrolled in came up with the solution of raising cultural intelligence and building capacity to tackle issues such as bridging local and international students, unity across diversity, ethnic harmony, meritorious university elections, international



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student well-being, mental health awareness and challenging cultural prejudice.

The ACU Residential School has left a deep impact over my role as a young leader enabling me to be more vocal, deliberate, to think beyond the four walls, to better engage with people who are different than me, to lead or operate within a diverse team and to create conditions for innovations to occur. Lastly, I was given the opportunity to stand in front of the Commonwealth Young Leaders to give a brief introduction where they were acquainted with the ethnic culture of Nagaland through folklore and by displaying the "Achi Xathi" necklace worn by the Sumis.

I am eternally grateful for this wonderful opportunity and I thank ICFAI University for enabling to be a part of this progressive Residential School.

- Ms. Tokaholi Chishi
MA English 2nd Semester



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Waiting for a New Dawn

Mine was a dream last night

Where, there witnessed a wondrous sight.

It was, as always will, a peaceful

Enthralled with newness, there was no perverse.

I, as messenger, came back, whence

Regretted with loss, wrenched!

The grateful wait for your return,

O New Dawn! Let our existence here overturn.

*- Mr. M. Matsang H,
MA English 2nd Semester*



March Madness

Adore this season, I do for a reason

Mischievous, mysterious the madness of March!

Roughly heated, partially blustery

A kaleidoscope you are of bewilderment.

Adore this season, I do for a reason

Imprinted in you are the colours of maiden

Disdain to be sanely, abhor you confinement

Audacious, ebullient, unpredictable oh March!

- Ms. Kivibo,
BA (English) 2nd Semester

Photo-Synthesis



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