Message from the Issue Editor

Dear Readers,

As human beings we may often come across failures. But how do we really handle such failures. Sometimes there is not even a single soul to help us. Instead we receive only criticism when we actually expect to get simple encouragement to do better next time. I have come across people who toil for hours and hours and gave 100% efforts yet they failed. But there are always rewards in the midst of our failures only if we handle our failures positively. In reality failure and success go hand in hand.

When we fail in life, it’s only taking back our place of defeat in order to bounce back with success and come back next time. The understanding we get out of failure only leads us to a different level of learning experience. According to Louis C. K., “Whenever you leave behind failure you’re doing good. If you think everything you’ve done is great, you’re probably dumb.” People who never experienced failures in life would think it’s the end of the world once they are struck by failure. We read in newspapers, watch in the television of young working professionals, students being getting frustrated, depressed, angry and suicidal cases. But is failure really the end? Lloyd Jones rightly said, “The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.”

There are many famous persons who came out success despite of their many failures. Albert Einstein for instance, did not speak till he was four and did not read till seven. His teachers and parents thought Albert Einstein was mentally handicapped but he only turned out to win a Nobel Prize and became the face of modern Physics. Steven Spielberg applied and was denied two times to the
prestigious University of Southern California film School. Instead he went to Cal State University in Long Beach. He went on to direct some of the biggest movie blockbusters in history. Now he is worth $2.7 billion and in 1994 got an honorary degree from the film school that rejected him twice. Likewise, we have Michael Jordan (the greatest basketball player), Thomas Edison (inventor of light bulb), J. K. Rowling (author of the Harry Potter series), Colonel Sanders (founder of KFC), Walt Disney (who gave us Disney World and Mickey Mouse) and many more.

From their lives we understand that there is no success without failure. Failure is a great teacher and it only shows us how to walk the right path and makes us think. Remember all of us are entitled to make mistakes and face failures in life. All we need to know is the question on how to will deal with failures. The choice is ours.

“Fall down seven times, get up eight.” -Japanese Proverb

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Campus News

Vice Chancellor’s Meeting with DoNER Minister: The Vice Chancellor of IUN, Col. (Dr.) V. R. K. Prasad met with Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon’ble Minister of State, Development of North East Region (DoNER) at New Delhi on the 27th of June 2015 to discuss issues pertaining to the university.

Visit to Government Dignitaries: On the 14th and 15th of July 2015, the Vice Chancellor, Col. (Dr.) V. R. K. Prasad and the Pro Vice Chancellor of IUN, Dr. C. P. Alexander visited Shri P. B. Acharya, Hon’ble Governor of Nagaland, Mr. Deo Nukhu, Parliamentary Secretary of Higher Education, and Mr. Neiphiu Rio, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha.

Pre Teacher’s Day Celebrations: IUN celebrated Pre Teacher’s Day on the 4th of September 2015. Dr. C. P. Alexander, Pro Vice Chancellor and Mrs. Vindhya Sagar, Senior Lecturer (Dept. of Management) delivered speeches on behalf of the faculties. A variety of programmes were presented by the students.

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**University Seminar:** On the 3rd of September 2015, a one day seminar on *Climate Change, Environment & Health Issues* was organised by the Department of History and the Department of English & Softskills. Resource persons Mr. Toshi Sanglir, Youth Secretary (Ao Baptist Arogo Mongdang) and Environmentalist delivered talks on climate change, pollution, etc. while Dr. C. P. Alexander, Pro Vice Chancellor, ICFAI University Nagaland gave a discourse on holistic living and health issues with the final semester students interacting with them.

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According to Tyler (1953), making choices is a major aspect of development. The function of counselling is to help clarify alternatives so as to make the right decisions.

The difficulties of youth arise largely from their limited experience with reality. One reason maybe that many are over protected at home and have not had the opportunity to make independent choices.

Adolescence is a period of fantasy and daydreaming. Most adolescents suffer from an identity crisis. Society no longer considers them young enough to be treated as children nor is it prepared to treat them as adults and entrust them with adult responsibilities this unclear position causes an identity crisis and feelings of alienation. They exhibit different degrees of nervousness and appear to lack confidence in themselves and to some extent in others as well.

The problems of the youth broadly falls under three categories:

1. Emotional problems: anxiety, hypersensitivity, impulsiveness, moodiness, immaturity, withdrawal etc.
2. Motivational problems: lack of ambition, low aspiration level, feelings of frustrations, negative attitudes, lack of interest etc.
3. Moral problems: feelings of guilt, sense of being lost, confused ideas of right and wrong, delinquencies such as lying, stealing, unruly behaviour etc.

Youths who are beset with such problems are not able to function efficiently in any sphere of activity. Their academic life leaves much to be desired. Their performance is adversely affected. It is thus obvious that youth, not only as an important section of the community but also as the future hope of society, require counselling assistance.
Great Expectations (A Graphic Novel) – Part 5

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 fifth installment in the series.
Incident 5: Attack on Mrs. Joe.

Mrs. Joe is attacked by an unknown person.

P and Biddy begin to think that it was Orlick who attacked Mrs. Joe.
Anger

Ms. Soyimla Akum, M.A. (Eng.) 3rd Semester

Burn, Burn this anger of mine,  
Melt, Melt down this anger  
For it is nothing but remorse  
Wonder where it comes from.

Many souls have I displeased  
Sorrowful hearts I've hurt,  
Though you have said nothing,  
I know the pain from your eyes.

Forgive me, Forgive me;  
Those patient and loving souls  
Silently praying that I'll be right,  
Inspite of my knowing folly.

Lord, help me by being inside  
My body and soul forever  
That this anger is burnt and  
melted down.

In a second it visits me  
But, it lingers on in my soul  
for by the time I realise,  
Th damage has already been done.
Dreams Unfulfilled

Mr. Inakali Assumi, M.A.(Eng.) 3rd Semester

I remember the old hut I used to live in with my parents. We always had very little to eat, but I had no grievance. For I was grateful for being with my loved ones, though life was difficult. My parents did not have the same thought ... and they sent me away. To a place unknown to me, and said that I will be happier there. I hated them for what they did to me. For I was never happy there.

Their's was a house bigger than our tiny hut. They had everything a little girl or even a grown up would wish for. They were not my relatives, and I had never seen them before, neither they. There was fair girl who was of my age and I was to be a companion to her. And help her out with tidying up her beautiful room which I always admired. Yet, I had no longing for it ... I only longed for my poor little hut.

She and I were of the same age and it amused me that I had to take care of her. Wash her clothes, comb her hair, and never to hear a complaint from her. At my parents house, I did it all by myself and never bothered anyone. Sometimes I was to help in the kitchen and sometimes go to the market. And when everyone was out for dinner or a movie, I was to keep the house safe from robbers. I was so young and scared yet they gave all the responsibility to me.
I will never forgive my parents, for I hate them now, more than anything else
I was a burden to them, so they gave me away
Not to be looked after, but for me to look after them.

I had a dream so high, yet no one ever asked me
They think I deserve to live this way because I was born poor.
Now my life is not my own
My own parents have forgotten me
There is none to ask me what I want
And all my dreams are left unfulfilled.
Void Life

Mr. Subijoy Acharya, BCA 3rd Semester

Living a life that is void.

Shattered dreams and completely annoyed.

My present seems polluted,

My faith seems diluted.

Name of God sounds like a lie.

Even hope seems to say good bye.

Friendship is lost along the way.

No one to blame, nothing to say.

The road that I seek

is now completely bleak.

Now my soul is bound to my mind

But still hopes for a road to bind.

Yet love of parents is completely pure

So their happiness is my real cure.
“Look at me!”

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