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**Welcome Back Honourable
Dr. Jagannath Patnaik as Vice Chancellor!**

The University proudly celebrates Honourable Dr. Patnaik's re-appointment. His visionary leadership continues to inspire academic excellence, innovation, and growth at The ICFAI University Sikkim - join us in this exciting new chapter!

Student Stars Shine Bright



We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Tshering Yangden Lachungpa, NSS Volunteer, achieved an incredible milestone by marching down Kartavya Path, New Delhi, as part of the NSS Contingent during the 77th Republic Day Parade.

Representing the true spirit of “Not Me, But You” on the national stage, a dream for many; she has turned it into reality through her unwavering hard work, discipline, and commitment. Her achievement is a matter of immense pride for the University and an inspiration to students across the nation.

Hearty congratulations to Ms. Tshering Yangden Lachungpa for this remarkable accomplishment!

BHM student Mr. Rahul Chettri stood 1st in India Skills 2025 Cooking Competition, honoured by Sikkim's Chief Minister on January 15 2026.



Republic Day Celebration

Marking the celebration of Republic Day, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor ceremonially hoisted the National Flag at the campus on 26.01.26.



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FEBRUARY 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

February was marked with a series of academic, cultural, and social initiatives.



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Exploring AI Innovation: Highlights from HEI Pre-Summit 2026

02.02.26

HEI Pre-Summit on AI Innovation (February 2): 96 students explored trends with Mr. Ajit Karki

Student Council Oath Ceremony

06.03.26

Oath taking ceremony of the freshly elected Student Council led by our Honourable Vice Chancellor; highlighted leadership, integrity, and the role of the council in strengthening student engagement and campus development.



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Innovation | Startups | Atmanirbhar Bharat

09.02.26

Entrepreneurship Day (February 9): Honouring founder Shri N.J. Yasaswy with sustainability keynotes.

Indian Army Signs MoU to Promote Military Academia Engagement

10.02.2026

Signing a landmark MoU with Indian Army at 17 Mountain Division HQ, boosting education, research, and skills for personnel, veterans, and families.

This partnership advances military-academia synergy for nation-building excellence.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: Bridging Knowledge for Tomorrow

13.02.26

A premier academic event designed to foster dialogue, innovation, and collaboration across diverse knowledge domains.



MARCH 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

The ICFAI University, Sikkim marked a vibrant month with a series of academic, cultural, and social initiatives.



Celebrating victory at Mr. Kaalrav and the Cultural Fashion Show. 8.03.26

The University secured two major achievements, emerging as Runner-Up in Mr. Kaalrav and Winner of the Cultural Fashion Show during Kaalrav Fest at SMIT event, showcasing student talent and creativity.

Understanding the Budget 2026–27: A Step Towards Inclusive India 09.03.26

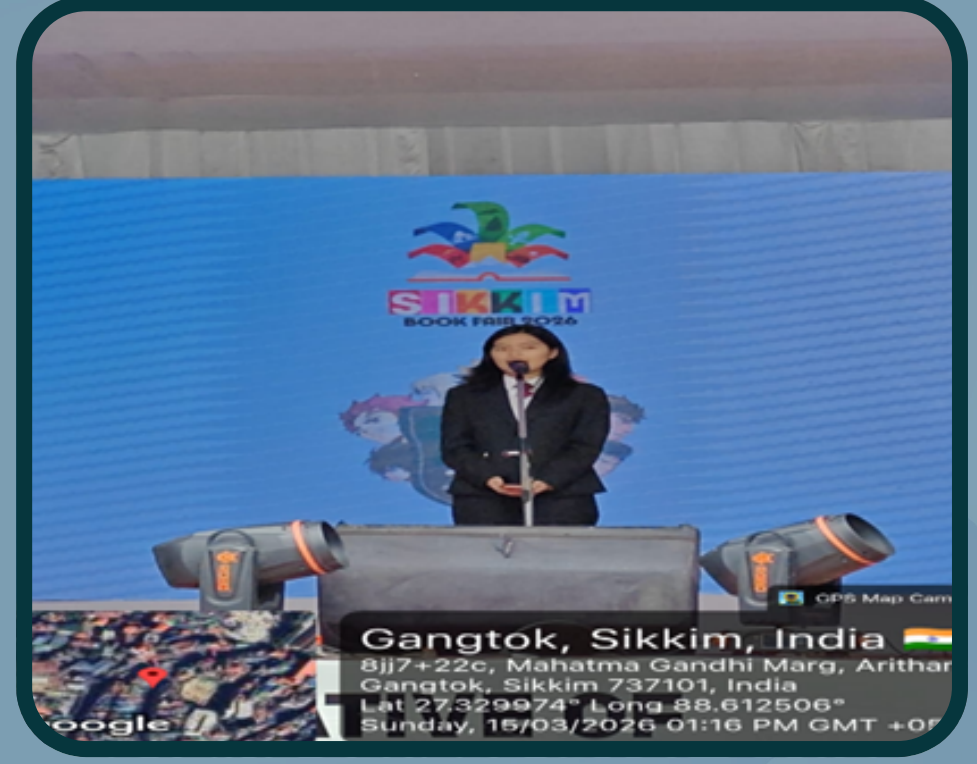
Students and faculty actively participated in the Post Budget Webinar 2026–27, focusing on inclusive development under the theme “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.”



Empowering Futures: Apprenticeship Awareness Drive with IIE Guwahati 13.03.26

An Apprenticeship Awareness Campaign was organized in collaboration with IIE, Guwahati, highlighting skill development, industry readiness, and employability.

MARCH 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



Voices of Expression: Poem Recitation at MG Marg

14.03.2026

Students participated in the Poem Recitation Competition at MG Marg, engaging with renowned authors and gaining valuable literary exposure.

Strengthening Innovation: Induction into the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)

16.03.26

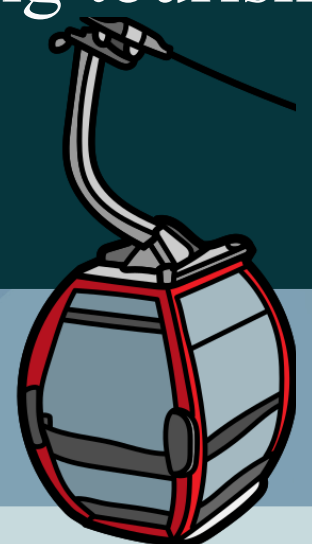
Induction of new faculty and student members into the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) was conducted, promoting innovation and collaboration.



Empowering Futures: Apprenticeship Awareness Drive with IIE Guwahati

13.03.26

Students on an educational field visit to the Ropeway and NIT, exploring tourism and cultural heritage.



MARCH 2026 HIGHLIGHTS



Serving Humanity: NSS Blood Donation Camp in Collaboration with STNM Hospital

20.03.2026

The NSS Unit organized a Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with STNM Hospital and partner organizations, successfully collecting 28 units of blood

Blood Donation Drive: Students and University representatives participating in the blood donation drive, contributing to a noble humanitarian cause.



Raising Awareness: University Hosts Talk on Climate Change and National Growth

27.03.26

The University hosted an insightful lecture on climate change and national development, encouraging awareness on sustainability and global challenges.



“We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.”

Faculty PhD Milestones

Congratulations to our esteemed assistant professors who have achieved remarkable academic distinctions by earning their Doctorates of Philosophy. These accomplishments underscore our university's commitment to cutting-edge research addressing regional and global challenges.



Dr. Rinchen Tamang, Faculty of Law: Awarded PhD by ICFAI Law School, IFHE Hyderabad (December 2025). Thesis: Child Sexual Abuse in the State of Sikkim: A Socio-legal Study with Reference to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

Dr. Sweata Gurung, Faculty of Hotel and Tourism Management: Conferred PhD by Amity University, Noida (December 2025). Thesis: Entrepreneurial Opportunities and Challenges for Women in Hospitality Business: An Exploratory Study of East Sikkim.



Faculty PhD Milestones

Congratulations to the Assistant Professors who have achieved remarkable academic distinctions by earning their Doctorates of Philosophy. These accomplishments underscore our university's commitment to cutting-edge research addressing regional and global challenges.



Dr. Kesar Prasad Sharma, Faculty of Liberal Arts: Granted PhD by Bodoland University, Kokrajhar (December 2025). Thesis: Institutional Agricultural Finance and its Impact on Production and Revenue Generation of Farmers in Sikkim with Reference to Organic Products.

Dr. Rohini Singh, Faculty of Liberal Arts: Bestowed PhD by Sikkim University (March 2026). Thesis: Voices from the Margins: Dalits in Indian-Nepali Writings.

These scholarly triumphs not only elevate our institution's reputation but also inspire our community to pursue excellence in academia and beyond.



What is a Story?

What makes a story interesting? Why do we read stories? Aristotle claims that the element in the story that connects with the readers is the “hubris”/“hamartia” or flaw of the hero. The hero, who might be a superior person in terms of social status, nurtures a flaw within him that is common in most readers (or spectators of the tragic play in ancient Greece) and this is the element engendering the connection of the readers with the story. Hence, Aristotle suggests that we are interested in a story because we want to witness the future guaranteed to a person with the same flaws as us. Art is the gateway to the future.

In modern times, a people’s favourite writer of thrillers, Stephen King attempts to answer the same questions in his book, *On Writing*. For King, an engaging story is born from situations which address people’s “What if?” questions. For example, I personally have thoughts like, “What if an alien from outer space falls in love with a human?”, “What if a mother ashamed of her son’s crimes murders him?” King writes that the characters in the story required to address such questions, would organically take birth and grow in the writer’s mind when the situation is taken up by the writer and the plot too would develop on its own. The writer has to just pay attention.

Storytelling is an ancient tradition. It started with the primitive man’s developing the ability to communicate with signs and then words. It was important for man to narrate the events of his day to his family and clan members. While narrating, man observed that the portions of the story which deal with his heroism of chasing a wild animal for food garnered more attention. Then, he began fabricating details to catch hold of his family’s attention throughout the narration. Hence, story was born and is still living.



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THAT WHICH DECAYED



Genetic Hysteria have I in me,
Rage— follows 'Round as a dog.
Relentless rally on the ring 'round
my forehead crescent,
no further murmur of demur but
foretold acquiescent.
'Tis conjured by an injury—*inherited.*

Oh Mother of wrath!
Oh Daughters of vengeance!
Rituals—rinse my cup with rum,
Inebriate me such—lips of bacchus I'd kiss
And Pray, hedonistic.
Then—
Obliterate the bread, prime with the wine
That which—To my brethren belong.

And at the lasts of inhalation—*intoxication*
My life, notes from the Underground,
The heart but a glass fortress in wartime,
The end —
Decorum—That which decayed ever.
Drunken Devil utters "Bravo! Encore!"
Apologies! My kinsmen—
Is there, for us, Salvation no more?

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Besaka Tamang
BA.LLB 2nd sem

THE DEATH PENALTY: DOES IT ACTUALLY DETER CRIME?

Capital punishment remains one of the most contested sanctions in criminal jurisprudence. Its proponents argue that the fear of execution deters potential offenders. This is clam rooted in classical deterrence theory. Its critics contend that no credible evidence supports this proposition. Both positions deserve serious examination.

In India, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the death penalty in *Bachan Singh v. State of Punjab* (1980), restricting its application to the "rarest of rare" cases. In *Macchi Singh v. State of Punjab* (1983), the Court laid down practical guidelines after considering the manner, motive and magnitude of the crime. These judgments reflect a judicial view that capital punishment, sparingly applied, serves a legitimate penological purpose.

However, empirical evidence tells a different story. The National Research Council, USA (2012) concluded after decades of research that there is no credible evidence that the death penalty reduces homicide rates. Canada abolished capital punishment in 1976; its murder rate subsequently declined. Most of Western Europe, having abolished the penalty, reports lowers violent crime rates than many retentionist nations.

A critical flaw in the deterrence argument is its assumption of rational deliberation. Most homicides are committed in passion or psychological distress but not premeditation. Moreover, according to the NCRB (2022), India's conviction rate in murder cases stands at approximately 44%, meaning impunity remains widespread. Where certainty of punishment is low, severity becomes irrelevant to deterrence.

The Law Commission's 262nd Report (2015) recommended near-abolition, citing arbitrariness, inequality in application and lack of proven deterrent value. This findings supported by Project 39A's Death Penalty India Report (2016) documented that death row prisoners are overwhelmingly from marginalised backgrounds.

The evidence suggests that swift, certain and equitable justice deters crime far more effectively than the harshness of any sentence. Capital punishment, however grave, cannot substitute a functional criminal justice system.

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Eco Club initiative



Essay Competition by Literary Club



Session on the meaning and importance of Peace Club in society by Peace Club



Clean and green drive by Eco Club

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A courtesy meet with the former Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Ganga Prasad, in Gangtok by The Registrar of The ICFAI University, Sikkim reflecting collaborative bond between academia and governance in fostering educational development.

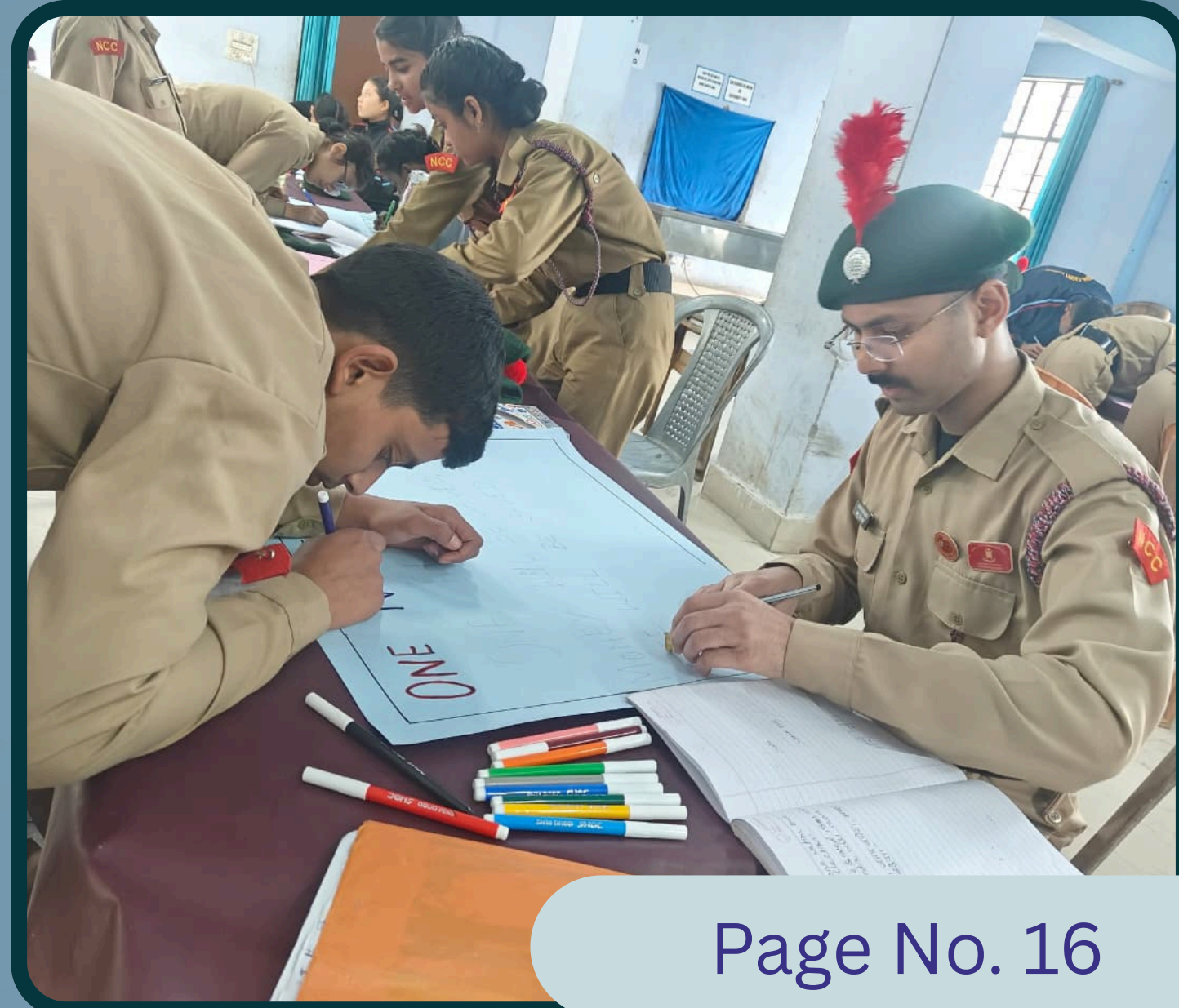


Practical class for B certificate exam of NCC

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