

Past Events & Institutional Highlights

Environmental Conservation & Community Action

Wildfire Awareness Programme | *February 10, 2026* The Department of Zoology, in collaboration with the Senapati District Forest Division and IQAC, conducted a successful awareness programme themed "**Our Forest, Our Responsibility.**"

* **Expert Insights:** Shri Shanngam, IFS (DFO Senapati), and Dr. Lokho Puni, IFS (Retd.), addressed the environmental ethics of traditional farming and the rising threat of global warming.



- **Technical Management:** Smt. K. Chokhoni, Range Forest Officer (Mao Range), provided a technical breakdown of wildfire management. She utilized real-life case studies, specifically the recent blaze at **Mt. Esii**, to illustrate rapid response strategies and containment techniques.
- **Community Support:** The event was enriched by the presence of Shri Alankrit Gautam, IFS, and active participation from the Mao Students Union and Mao Women Union.

The Mt. Esii Bravehearts: NSS Fire-Fighting Mission | January 30–31, 2026 In a remarkable display of courage, 40 NSS volunteers led by Sir Philip summited Mt. Esii to support the Manipur Forest Department, NDRF, and IAF. Working under extreme conditions alongside helicopter water drops, our volunteers helped ensure the blaze was safely contained. We are proud to report that all "NSS Heroes" returned home safely after their tireless service.



Academic Field Visits & Political Research

From Village Gates to Green Governance: Field Study at Khonoma | February 2026 The Department of Political Science, led by HoD Dr. Soreiphy K and Dean of Students Dr. Adani Kollo, undertook an immersive academic field visit to Khonoma, Nagaland—a historic site known as Asia's first "Green Village."



Accompanied by faculty member Chovoni Cheng and 44 students, the group explored the village as a "living political text." The visit focused on three core pillars of political thought:

- **Indigenous Self-Rule:** Students studied the *Khel* system (Thevo-ma, Merhu-ma, and Semo-ma), learning how traditional village councils exercise sovereignty and maintain collective security through the *Kharu* (traditional wooden gates).
- **Colonial Resistance:** The visit included a stop at the war memorials and reconstructed forts (notably the Semo-ma Fort), where students revisited the history of the Anglo-Khonoma War (1879–1880)—the final armed resistance of the Angami Nagas against British expansion.
- **Sustainable Leadership:** Once a "warrior village," Khonoma's transition into a global model for environmental stewardship was analyzed. Students met with local experts to discuss community-managed conservation and the Khonoma Nature Conservation and Tragopan Sanctuary (KNCTS).

Arts, Literature & Culture

Celebrating creativity, voice, and the power of expression.

Inaugural Barak Literature and Art Festival | January 2026

ACI made its mark at the first-ever Barak Literature and Art Festival in Barak Valley. A delegation of faculty and students (6 English Honours and 1 MNC student) represented the

institute at this landmark event, which featured captivating talks by renowned literary figures and artists.

- **Student Spotlight:** We are incredibly proud of our three students who took to the Open Mic stage. They enchanted the audience with original poetry, showcasing the raw talent and creative depth nurtured at ACI.
- **Academic Enrichment:** Beyond the performances, the festival provided students with a rare opportunity to engage with contemporary literary discourse and creative industry professionals.



National Pride & Patriotic Observances

77th Republic Day & National Unity Day

- **Republic Day:** NSS units celebrated at the SDO Office, Punanamei, showcasing "Unity in Diversity" through patriotic songs and vibrant cultural dances.



Unity March: 104 volunteers and faculty members (Mr. Philip, Ms. Neli Mosone Ekhe, Mr. Losii, and Ms. Ng Mary Saza) completed a 15km march. Major Rishab Daman of the **16 Assam Rifles** addressed the group on the historical unification of India by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.



Constitution Day (Samvidhan Diwas) The Department of Political Science commemorated the day with a public reading of the Preamble, a photo exhibition on the making of the Constitution, and screenings focused on the *Viksit Bharat* vision.



Leadership & Democratic Engagement

Special Debate: "50 Years of Emergency" Under the moderation of Ms. Kaini Lokho, students engaged in a rigorous debate on the lessons for Indian democracy. The event was graced by Hon'ble Shri L. Dikho, MLA, who inspired the youth to remain vigilant guardians of democratic values.

- **Top Honors:** 1st Place - Ashiho Roziini; 2nd Place (Joint) - Asa Augustine & Loshuo Athikho.

1st Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament | November 21, 2025 An inaugural session where students simulated parliamentary proceedings to debate the future of a developed India.



Skill Development & Wellness

Zoology Dept: Vermicompost Harvest As part of the Skill Enhancement Course (SEC), students completed a full cycle of organic manure production. Under faculty guidance, students mastered vermiculture techniques using *Eisenia fetida*, successfully harvesting nutrient-rich compost for sustainable waste management.



Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan The ACI community collectively took the *Nasha Mukt Bharat* pledge, reaffirming our commitment to a drug-free campus and a healthy, responsible lifestyle for all learners.
