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Substance Of Alma Mater

Dear Fellow Members,

With a sincere wish for your well-being, I step into the role of the President of the T'NITES Alumni Association. It's a privilege and a thrill to serve this remarkable community. Our alumni grid, a testament to the rich history and enduring legacy of Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, was built in record time. I am humbled to work alongside you to further our shared goals.



Reflecting on our achievements over the past year, we have accomplished significant milestones that demonstrate the power and potential of our alumni network. From a successful Alumni Meet-2023 and a Picnic this year to inspiring events prompting a series of impactful community projects for 2024-2025, we have shown that our connection extends far beyond our time. These achievements are a direct result of your dedication and engagement, and I thank each of you for your contributions.

Looking ahead, our vision is crystal clear. We aim to build an even stronger, more connected alumni community. We envision a community that is not just a network but a family, supporting each other personally and professionally.

- We look forward to introducing more events to help alumni connect professionally and personally.
- Expanding our mentorship programs, we aim to foster relationships between experienced alums and recent pass-out youngsters, providing guidance and support during critical career transitions.
- Our commitment to giving back remains firm. We will continue to organize and participate in events that reflect our values and make a positive impact.
- We will offer workshops and seminars on various topics, from leadership and innovation to wellness and work-life balance, to support the ongoing growth and development of our members.

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Our strength lies in our collective effort. I encourage each of you to get involved in any way you can. Whether it's attending events, volunteering your time, or simply staying connected, your participation is vital to our success.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming alma mater magazine every year, which will provide details on our initiatives, events, and ways you can get involved. Together, we will build a vibrant and supportive community that continues to thrive and make a difference.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kunzang Gatsso Bhutia', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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SUBSTANCE OF ALMA MATER

LHENDUP DORJEE LEPCHA
Former TAA's 2nd President
T'NITES Alumni Association
(2004-2012)



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MESSAGE



The memory of the T'Nite family's long journey over the last six decades or so will certainly find a precious space in the pages of this magazine, which, quite evidently, will stand testimony to the hard work, dedication, and tenacity of the T'Nite Alumni who believe in an exemplary bonding rooted in the lasting joy of a shared friendship and fond camaraderie.

May the rich legacy of the indomitable spirit and the gentle strength of purpose of the T'Nite Alumni be reflected in the sublime pages of "Legacy Echoes."

We look forward to the first edition of the magazine with fond anticipation.

Wish the Editorial Board of the magazine all the very best.

(Lhendup Dorjee Lepcha)

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2024

SUBSTANCE OF ALMA MATER

B.K. ROKA (Retd. DIG)

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MESSAGE

As I sit down to pen this message, I am filled with a deep sense of pride for the time I also had the honour to serve as the President of Alumni Association. Reflecting on my tenure, I am reminded of the many moments of joy, learning, and camaraderie that have defined our alum community. It gives me immense pleasure to mention that TAA is now bringing out the Alma mater magazine. A magazine is an ideal form through which the members can express their creativity, thoughts, feelings & talents, activities, and achievements made by us.

During my term, we collectively achieved significant milestones. From successful fundraising campaigns that provided crucial resources to our alma mater, to organizing numerous networking events that fostered connections and collaborations, our efforts have left a lasting impact on our community.

As we subsequently passed the torch to our new President and his team, I am confident that the future of our alumni group is bright. Our new leadership brings fresh ideas and a renewed energy that will undoubtedly continue to advance our mission.



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On a personal note, I would like to express my warm regards to the new President and his executive team members of TAA. Your commitment and hard work are truly commendable, and I am confident that you will lead the TAA to even greater heights in your upcoming endeavors.

With Regards



(B.K. ROKA)

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SUBSTANCE OF ALMA MATER

DR. R.K. TAMANG

Former TAA's 4th President
T'NITES Alumni Association



MESSAGE

At the outset I heartily congratulate the esteem members of Executive Body with immense appreciation and deep gratitude for having taken genuine pain to initiate and compose unprecedentedly grandiose alumni magazine.

It's indeed worth praising. We T'NITES are known for both vices and virtues that enabled us to excel in variant fields, both inter and intra-state, leaving behind the legacy. The success gradation of any school is measured by the performance and contributions of its alumni to our society. Being an old grad of the school means a lifelong commitment to the growth, prosperity, and success of our beloved alma mater. Our experiences, wisdom, and perspectives would definitely lead to a majestic accomplishment for our coveted institution. In the process of progression, let's take along all school faculties and students in our forward journey to prove that, in the true sense, the "Legacy Echoes."

(DR. R.K. TAMANG)



SUBSTANCE OF ALMA MATER

S.T.GYATSO

Former TAA's 5th President
T'NITES Alumni Association
(2019-2023)

PRESENTLY-IC Public Relation Coordinator & Analysis Programme
(Coordination Wing, TAA)

MESSAGE



I am very much delighted to know that the present TAA's members took the initiative to bring out Alma Mater Magazine.

I remain as TAA's president for four years, i.e., from 2019 till 2023. Although we were not able to do many activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic, however with the efforts of our active executive members, we somehow managed to organize a teacher's day celebration and felicitation program for retired teachers. After four years, the executive body unanimously decided to hand over the responsibility to this new TAA's members to carry forward our mission and keep our Association alive. After perceiving the activities of new executive members within a span of five months, we are very confident to proclaim that this new executive body will certainly keep our mission alive.

The idea of publishing this magazine has been appreciated by everyone. I am looking forward to seeing all the relevant information and photographs associated with the past records of our school. And I am sure that this proposed magazine will become not only important but will be a great souvenir.

I congratulate all the executive members as well as all the contributors and editorial group for their sincere effort in bringing out the magazine. This magazine would become a great inspiration for the new generation.

With best wishes

(S.T.GYATSO)



EDITOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Dear Readers,

As the editor of our esteemed alumni magazine, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition. Your stories, memories, and achievements are the lifeblood of this publication, and it is an honor to showcase the incredible journeys of our alumni community.

“We hope this edition brings back fond memories, sparks new ideas, and reminds you of the powerful network you are a part of.”



A special thank you goes out to our fellow member, Sh. Bindeshwari Prasad from 1983 School Batch and former Principal Chief Engineer-cum-Secretary to Government of Sikkim for being part of this editorial in finalizing the contents. I acknowledge your enthusiasm to support and apart your participation is evident on every page. Additionally, I deeply appreciate the alumni who took the time to share their updates and experiences with us. Your engagement is what makes this magazine a true reflection of our collective spirit.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to our readers. Your continued support and interest in the magazine inspire us to keep telling the stories that connect us all. We hope this edition brings back fond memories, sparks new ideas, and reminds you of the powerful network you are a part of.

Warm regards,
Editor- *Legacy Echoes*

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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ABOUT T'NITES ALMA MATER

Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, cradled in the heart of the capital of Sikkim, has subdued surroundings, benefiting from its antique stature over the years. It is also one of the state's premier institutions with a glorious history. The Schools have ensured intensification alongside motivation for intellectual growth. The school aims to understand values associated with its core motto, "In pursuit of Perfection," and is equipped with the bare minimum facilities to compete with the current changing scenario. The unique strength of unity is one of its most celebrated tools since its establishment.

As an esteemed institution that seeks to nurture life lessons during times of adversity, this school has prepared us mentally and physically by providing holistic grooming so that we can explore our true potential.

T'NITES Alumni Association is an alumni community of Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, primarily to cater to the student's Academic, Vocational, Co-curricular, & Career needs. To achieve the above ends, the T'NITES Alumni Association was established in 2001 and steadily added its reserve from approx 1800 alums until Jan 2023. The 2023-2024 6th Executive Body marked the assembly of its real-time registered team. This initiative of eleven months was a result of the overwhelming support received from each added member and registered 200 Plus (Permanently Registered Members) in the T'NITE Alumni Community with the program initiated under T'NITE Reunion Meet Initiative (TRMI), which subsequently evolved as Membership Code.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

– Mahatma Gandhi

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T'NITES ALUMNI CONNOTATION



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An alumnus (masculine), plural (alumni) is a former student (Especially Male Students) of a "Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, Jiwan Theeing Marg, Development Area, Gangtok (East Sikkim) Affiliated Vide- No. 1820001". If you have studied here at any time or at any point of a year, not necessarily to have passed Matriculate/ Intermediate, and if you possess the attachment of the overall milieu of Black & White Uniform, then you are an alum of T'NITE institution. As more than one alum gets together, they become alumni, and the more alumni you have, the more comprehensive the Alumni Network becomes, symbolically portraying unity and integrity. Hence, the concept of T'NITE Alumni pertains to students of TNSS only.

Further, TAA does not as of now stand for the credentials of individuals other than the objectives set to meet the welfare of the school. TAA is not a certification body, and the membership is solely based on their dedication to participate in the activity that may be necessary for the sustainable progress of the association.

However, when TAA is over with its primary task, necessary authentic records based on documents will be initiated and maintained.

"To each individual the world will take on a different connotation of meaning—the important lies in the desire to search for an answer"

- T.S. Eliot



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ORIGIN OR RELEVANCE OF WORD- T'NITE

This was one of the floating area of research during our mission commitment to publish dedicated first ever Alma Mater Magazine for the T'NITES Alumni Community.

MOST ACCEPTED MEANING:

- T'NITE is happening or appearing once every 12th Day of the month based on fortnightly [bi-weekly] once every two weeks. Example- A fortnightly or bi-weekly meeting/magazine/ Newsletter etc. As we know, a fortnightly event or publication happens or appears once every two weeks. Likewise, it is an event or publication that happens or appears once every 12th Day.

CONTEXTUAL MEANING AND HISTORICAL RELEVANCE:

- T'NITE Stands for Twelfth Night (Holiday/entertainment), initially taken from a Christian festival on the last night of the Twelve Days of Christmas, commemorating the feast day. In Western Christianity, the feast principally commemorates Jesus Christ's physical manifestation. It is sometimes called Three Kings' Day.

- At one point, it is associated with the meaning of Yuksom, literally which means the "meeting place of the three learned monks, "as three monks who came from Tibet selected Phuntsog Namgyal as the first King of Sikkim and gave him the title Chogyal, "the king who rules with righteousness."

"Life is made of ever so many partings welded together."

– Charles Dickens

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T'NITES ALMA MATER MAGAZINE



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The initiative to publish Alma Mater Magazine after the T'NITE Alumni Meet-2023 on 25th November 2023 at Chintan Bhawan which also noticed biggest ever gathering of Alumni became the first ever to be published by an association of a school's alumni to keep alums abreast of fellow alumni and news of activity, often with an implicit goal of fundraising.

An emerging version of the magazine is related to the T'NITE Community and the role of educational institutions; the intended readers are former and current Teaching/Non-teaching Staff, Retired Teachers, Former Principals, Alumni, and their families.

In 2023, TAA started planning to bring out the Alumni Annual Magazine and became the first to publish T'NITE Alma Mater Magazine—the Legacy Echoes.

CONTEXT:

The concept of an alumni magazine was instituted at the beginning of the Year 2023. However, by November 2023, the issue was devoted to giving former students a picture of the present life and furnishing information regarding those who once were its students. Though TAA was established as an official alumni association in 2001, it did not publish any supplementary Newsletter or *Bulletin* due to its advancement stage; however, many notable events and activities were planned and conducted before the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Until today, Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School regularly published Twelfth Nights (T'NITES) and an annual magazine called SPARK, credited as the first such periodical that dealt solely with school matters. In 2023, TAA started planning to bring out the Alumni Annual Magazine and became the first to publish T'NITE Alma Mater Magazine—the *Legacy Echoes*.

The role of T'NITE Alma Mater Magazines is to inform, interpret, interest, and, at times, inspire. Over the years, such magazines pertaining to groups of former students have evolved from serving solely as house organs of institutions to independent voices that report about campus life, even if the stories may unconstructively portray the associations that sponsor the publication. T'NITE Alumni magazines generally report on different aspects of the T'NITE Community and its affinity.

The editor is of the opinion that this initiative to publish this dedicated magazine holds a little apart subjects from the institution we serve and even farther apart from alum horizons with scope to touch of independence, sometimes a reality check as there is a larger world to be served than just that of the institution and group of T'NITE Family. The editor also strongly views the importance of maintaining an independent campus voice. T'NITE Alma Mater Magazine should be a vehicle for continuing education; the publication is believed to function as a house organ bound to integrate its audience from the intellectuals of the institution to the entire T'NITE Community.

The editor sought the T'NITE Fellow Members for Support to Education to endorse a statement affirming the exemplary work to continue. Further, it assures the freedom to exercise their fair editorial judgment while considering the publication of each article/column within the framework of agree-upon meticulous editorial policy. The TAA also endorsed the statement on professional standards to balance sound, moderate, and damaging content, giving a complete picture of the institution and the association. The editor also adopts the standards for all of its members and mediates any disputes that may arise.

Legacy Echoes– Genesis

Awards for Excellence

TAA initiated the “Magazine Name Contest” to give a unique name to its first-ever magazine in December 2023. The award focuses on editorial excellence and accomplishment by alumni magazines considering appropriate background – the “Legacy Echoes” by *David Gyamtso Lingdong* was awarded winner by the Jury Team on 14th Feb 2024 morning. A total of 44 Contenders competed for the award, recognizing the best editorial name that suits and one of the best on the line of an alumnus. Among others, “कालकृती” by *Dr. B.C. Basistha* & “The T'NITES Mystique” by *Tulsi Pradhan* were runner-ups in the category of “Most Appealing Names” as suggested.

Name of the Contenders competed for the “Magazine Name Contest-2024”

NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	NAME	CONTEST ENTRY NO.
1	AJIT RAI	1
2	S.T. GYATSO	2
3	P.M. RAI	2A
4	BINOD CINTURY	3
5	B.C. BASISTHA	3A
6	SONAM TOPGEY BHUTIA	3B
7	O.P. THIRANI	4
8	MANI BHADRA	5
9	PEMPA TSHERING BHUTIA	6
10	DR. TIKA NATH SHARMA	7
11	JANG BAHADUR BASNETT	8
12	DIWAS GURUNG	9
13	JIGME NORBU LACHUNGPA	10

14	PRANAY DEWAN	11
15	TSEWANG NORBU BHUTIA	12
16	RAJESH AGARWAL	13
17	ARJUN KUMAR CHETTRI	14
18	RAJEN GURUNG	15
19	MOHAN P GURUNG	16
20	GAUTAM KANDOI	17
21	SAMDUP TSHERING BHUTIA	18
22	NAWIN LAMICHANEY	19
23	PRAKASH CHETTRI	20
24	SANTOSH SINGH	21
25	BHASKER BASNETT	22
26	RAJ PRADHAN	23
27	RAVI PRADHAN	24
28	DHANANJOY SHAKYA	25
29	INDRA PRASAD CHHETRI	26
30	KARSANG LAMA	27
31	PRAWIN LAMICHANEY	28
32	TULSI PRADHAN	29
33	RAJU TAMANG	30
34	VICKY AGARWAL	31
35	CHITIZ CHETTRI	32
36	TSEWANG GYALTSEN RINZING	33
37	NAGENDRA AGARWAL	34
38	DR. KESHAV GIRI	35
39	M.N. DHAKAL	36
40	DAVID GYAMTSON LINGDONG	37
41	RAMESH PERIWAL	38
42	MENLA ETHENPA	39
43	COLONEL KRISHNA BAHADUR TAMANG (RETD.)	40
44	SUSEN PRADHAN	41

For this historic event, our eminent Jury Team represented all strata of society and culture. They were from prominent fields and have significant knowledge and experience. Hence, their essential role in selecting a name for the first-ever magazine of TAA through different scales and marking charts was quite challenging.

Creating a judging panel to represent diverse perspectives as having a varied panel could help obtain well-rounded feedback. Accordingly, recommendations were sent to the following Members to be on the Jury Team:

Lhendup Dorjee Lepcha	(1969-70 Batch)	Had conveyed the message of inability to function as Jury as he was Out of Station
<i>Chewang Zangpo Bhutia</i>	(1975 Batch)	
Dr. Ram Kumar Tamang	(1979 Batch)	Consent could not be obtained, hence his role as Jury was cancelled
<i>Som Nath Poudyal</i>	(1977 Batch)	
Bhim Thatal	(1990 Batch)	
Himmat Rai	(1992 Batch)	

Given the above, the Group members were actually Jury Team of four. The senior member, SHRI LHENDUP DORJEE LEPCHA, headed the Jury Team.

Magazine Name Contest followed specific guidelines to make the conduct of the event transparent and fair:

- The jury names were not to be announced or declared openly until the winner was declared. After completion, every record and process opted for selection and a scorecard was to be presented.
- The jury was not to be from the contestant list.
- The jury was to represent all generations of the T'NITE Community.
- One Member from the TAA Core Group was to assist the entire jury.
- LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION: 31 Jan 2024 (However, it was extended by a week on Jury suggestion)
- The winner was to receive a letter of Appreciation and TAA customized/Commemorative items. His suggested name would also represent the first of its kind for the TAA's Annual Magazine.
- DECLARATION OF RESULT: The procedure for selection and declaration was to be determined after considering the context and suitability.
- Factors such as creativity, relevance to the magazine's content, uniqueness, and mass appeal were considered.
- An initial review to shortlist entries that met the essential criteria was conducted.
- A scoring system, a numerical scale, was opted to evaluate entries objectively based on the established criteria.
- A feedback session was organized where judges discussed their opinions on the shortlisted entries that could provide valuable insights.
- **Final Evaluation:** The Judges' scores for the shortlisted entries and a process to aggregate them to identify the top entries that aligned most closely with the established criteria were incorporated.
- Ensured that the selected name was not trademarked or used by another entity. Performed a thorough investigation to avoid legal complications.
- **Winner Announcement:** The winner's name was declared through a formal announcement.

The approaches mentioned ensured a fair selection and fostered engagement and excitement among participants.

CRITERIA PROPOSED BY JURY FOR THE SHORTLISTING PROCESS:

- Does the name reflect the content and theme of the magazine?
- Is it relevant to your target audience and their interests?
- Is the name easy to remember?
- Does it have a catchy and memorable quality?
- Has the name been used by other magazines or publications?
- Is it distinctive and unlikely to be confused with existing brands?
- Is the name clear and easy to understand?
- Does it convey the purpose or focus of the magazine?
- Does the name demonstrate creativity and originality?
- Can the name be adapted for different sections or columns within the magazine?
- Does it avoid cultural or language-specific barriers?
- Is the corresponding domain name available for the magazine's online presence?
- Can it be easily found and accessed on the internet?
- Does the name infringe on any trademarks or copyrights?
- Does the name resonate positively with your target demographic?
- Is the name likely to remain relevant and attractive over time?
- Will it age well without becoming outdated?

TO CONSIDER EDITORIAL ALIGNMENT:

- Does the name align with the editorial tone and mission of the magazine?
- Does it convey the right level of seriousness or playfulness, depending on your content?

By establishing these criteria, participants ensured that the submissions received were well thought out and met the magazine's specific needs. In this process, significant observation has also been noticed in the Scale Chart by our Jury, Dr. Ram Kumar Tamang, associated with Column No. (viii), which was accordingly incorporated and resent for proper evaluation. Also, necessary changes were made in Column No. (ii) Simultaneously. Consolidated data was meticulously prepared upon receipt of the complete Scale Chart from all the Jury Members.

Further, the virtual meeting to authenticate the selection process was conducted on the 13th of February, 2024, evening, through a group video call, and a consolidated evaluation report was shared in advance for discussion in the meeting. Agreed upon by the Jury Members, the virtual proceedings were recorded for reference if required after the Jury head declared the result.

AGENDA FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING WAS:

- To discuss the process opted in selection process.
- To discuss the Correctness of Score/Scale Chart considered in the selection process.
- To discuss the recommendation forwarded in the Compiled Data.
- To validate the period in Years (Minimum) for the Magazine name.
- To discuss on how to make the declaration exciting through electronic/ virtual message.
- Meeting to be presided by Jury Head Shri Lhendup Dorjee Lepcha.
- The video call to be initiated through WhatsApp by General Secretary, TAA (Assisting Juries). All Jury were requested to be present by 7:05 PM. Internet connectivity issue was taken into consideration.

Above steps were adopted to make the contest more exciting and to transmit the message to the entire T'NITE Community that our intention was seamless, as per the expected procedure.

“RESULT DECLARATION”

Dear Contenders for the Magazine Name Contest,

After careful consideration of all the scale criteria and marking chart presented before the Jury, after weighing each slab/column with utmost diligence and after thorough deliberation over last three days, Jury reached a historic result for the first-ever event that transpired in the TAA.

The Jury Team conducted a virtual Meeting which continued for 40 Minutes to ensure every aspects of the contest were considered.

After the final verdict as per the consolidated data compiled, the Jury conveyed their message:

- The Jury congratulated all the contestants for their participation. They acknowledged the incredible interest shown by the T'NITE Members.
- Having gone through it extensively, it was revealed that the participation of 44 contestants was symbolic in the process.
- However, the jury team conducted the selection process based on the suggested name for the contest, and the contestants' names were not mentioned to ensure a fair and seamless process.

The magazine's name was declared, but the Contestant's name was announced after complete information on the chart for each participant against the suggested name was received.

- The Jury declared the rightful winner. Their assessment was based on the collective data presented before them.
- The necessary recording of the virtual proceeding was recommended to be presented after the declaration of the name by 9 AM on 14th Feb 2024, as announced.

Based on the above facts, the Jury announced an additional 2 winners as runner-ups in the category of the "Most Appealing Name". TAA expressed gratitude to the entire Jury Team for their time and dedication in the selection process throughout the assessment. The Jury further wishes this significant outcome brings closure to all involved participants and upholds the excellent fellow feeling in our T'NITE Community.

The name of the Contestant was declared at 9 AM on 14th Feb 2024.

RUNNER-UPS WINNER:

In the category of MOST APPEALING NAME for the "Magazine Name Contest":

1ST Runner Up was-

Contestant Entry No. 3A

DR. B.C. BASISTHA

Membership Registration No. TRMI-182

Name Suggested: काल कृती

2nd Runner Up was-

Contestant Entry No. 29

TULSI PRADHAN

Membership Registration No. TRMI-92

Name Suggested: THE T'NITES MYSTIQUE

WINNER OF MAGAZINE NAME CONTEST WAS-

Contestant Entry No.37

DAVID GYMTSO LINGDONG (Membership Registration No. TRMI-247)

"LEGACY ECHOES" - was declared the name of the Alma Mater Magazine that is to be Published Every Year by the TAA

"If you really look closely, most overnight successes took a long time."

— Steve Jobs



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The JOY Of Fellowship

“The joy of affinity lies in the sense of connection it fosters, the opportunities for growth, and the comfort of knowing that one is not alone in life's journey.”

- Editor

The joy of the T'NITE fellowship encompasses the profound sense of connection, camaraderie, and shared experiences among our members. It's the warmth of being in the companionship of others sharing common interests, values, and goals. This comradeship brings each member of the T'NITE Community together, fostering a sense of belonging, support, and mutual understanding. In a short journey since the end of 2023, TRMI Members have experienced a dutiful congregation and thrived by coming together in events of reunion initiatives and picnics, providing members an opportunity to share ventures and support one another.

T'NITE Community is not devoid of colleagues, mentors, or peers who share similar career paths or professional goals. It is also a robust association that offers platforms for professionals and retirees to connect, collaborate, and learn from one another. In times of need or struggle, TAA has witnessed that this affinity within the T'NITE family played a crucial role in providing emotional support, empathy, and encouragement. TAA looks forward to supporting the group or individuals facing challenges in the coming time to meet problems, offering a safe space for each registered member.

Profoundly, the most intimate form of fellowship occurs within the bonds of friendship, prospering love, trust, and shared experiences. Hence, TRMI focuses on organizing Gathering events for our members to celebrate, dine, and spend quality time together, bringing immense joy and fulfillment.

The joy of affinity lies in the sense of connection it fosters, the opportunities for growth, and the comfort of knowing that one is not alone in life's journey. It boosts bonds, builds resilience, and enriches the overall experience.

“In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”

- Abraham Lincoln

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dated: 10th Mar 2024

DAVID GYAMTSO LINGDONG

School Batch of 1987

I'm excited, with a heart filled with gratitude and excitement. It is with immense honor that I express my deepest appreciation for selecting my proposed name, "Legacy Echoes of ex-students of TNSS School," for our magazine.

"Legacy Echoes" encapsulates the essence of our school's rich history and the enduring impact of its alumni, who have shaped our school's legacy. It speaks to the tradition of excellence and the lasting contributions of former students to the fabric of our school community. This magazine will serve as a platform to amplify the voices and stories of those who have walked these halls before us, inspiring current students and future generations.

I am humbled by the opportunity to contribute to this important initiative, and I am eagerly anticipating how "Legacy Echoes" will evolve and flourish under its new name. This magazine is not just a publication; it is a testament to the spirit of our school and the profound legacy we all share.

To the selection committee, thank you for believing in the power of this name and for entrusting me with this honor. To my fellow students, I am grateful for your support and encouragement throughout this process. And to our alumni, past and present, your stories are the heartbeat of this publication, and I am deeply honored to help share them with the world.



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PHOTO: *David Gyamtso Lingdong being felicitated and declared winner of Alma Mater Magazine Name Contest 2023-2024*

As we embark on this journey together, let us embrace the legacy of our school with pride and passion. Let us amplify the echoes of those who came before us, celebrating their achievements and paving the way for those who will follow in our footsteps.

Thank you all for being a part of this momentous occasion. Together, let us write the next chapter of our school's legacy, one echo at a time.

Thank you

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

MANI BHADRA

Editor- *Legacy Echoes*

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Dear T'NITES Alumni,

As I write this editorial, I am reminded of the strong connection we share through our alma mater. Each of us carries a piece of our legacy, shaped by our experiences, friendships, and the knowledge we gained during our time there. This magazine serves as a bridge, connecting past, present, and future alumni, and it is my honor to bring these stories to you.

This issue is particularly special as it celebrates 22 years of excellence and 23 years of glorious milestones. Within these pages, you'll find inspiring profiles of alumni who have gone on to make significant impacts in T'NITE communities and in their personal lives. The journeys, challenges, and triumphs of TAA members since 2001 remind us of the incredible potential within each member of our alumni community.

We've also included updates on campus developments, reports on events, a familiarization page, Founders & Teamsters information, photo galleries showcasing our journey from Black & White to Flamboyant Period, achievements, and ways to stay engaged with the association. Whether you're reconnecting with old friends or discovering new opportunities to contribute, we hope this magazine serves as a reminder of the enduring bonds we share.

As always, your contributions are what make this publication a vibrant reflection of our diverse and accomplished alumni network. Your stories, achievements, and experiences bring this magazine to life. Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, we are the living legacy of our alma mater, and this first issue of *Legacy Echoes* is a celebration of our collective chronicle, made possible by your active participation.

Warm regards



THE GOLDEN ERA OF TAA!

Celebrating 22 Years of Excellence:
“A Journey of Team Build-up and Dedication”

T'NITE Community marks 2023-2024 Year a significant milestone as we celebrate 22 years of excellence, a journey defined by team build-up, dedication, and remarkable achievements. This celebration is not just about the passage of time; it is a tribute to the countless moments of hard work, creativity, and unwavering commitment that have brought us from all three generations of T'NITE Ex-Students to where we are today.

REFLECTING ON OUR JOURNEY

Over the past 22 years, we have witnessed incredible growth and transformation. From our humble beginnings, we have evolved into leaders, consistently pushing the boundaries and setting new standards of excellence each passing year. Our journey, filled with challenges, has allowed us to learn, grow, and emerge more substantially.

HONOURING OUR TEAM

This milestone is a testament to the extraordinary people from diverse backgrounds who have been part of our journey. Our team's passion to excel, expertise in formulating the plan to create a unique fellowship, and perseverance have steered our success. Every member has played a crucial role, and we celebrate their collective effort today.

CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

We take immense pride in our achievements over the past 22 years. From groundbreaking events like Golden Jubilee Celebration 2016, Teacher's Day Celebration by our seniors at school premises, T'NITE Reunion Meet-2023, T'NITE Alumni Picnic back in 2004 and the recent one on 24th February 2024, and assignments that have significantly improved the relationship between the school and the alumni, each accomplishment has been a significant step towards our vision. Our mission has not only met but exceeded expectations, strengthening the reserve with little effort, and our fellow members' particular confidence and continued motivation were beyond anticipation.

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LOOKING AHEAD

As we celebrate this milestone, we look to the future optimistically and enthusiastically. The world constantly changes, and we are ready to embrace new challenges and opportunities. Our commitment to excellence remains steadfast, and we are excited to continue our journey, building on our legacy and driving forward with renewed energy and purpose to celebrate more years of excellence.

GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our fellow members from the 1960s to date for their support. Your trust and support have been instrumental in our success, and we look forward to continuing our wonderful affinity in the years to come.

A SPECIAL THANKS

To each and every one of you who has been part of our journey, whether in the past or present, we want to express our deepest gratitude. Your unique contributions have been invaluable, and we are truly honored to have shared this incredible journey with you.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION

Let us take this moment to celebrate our collective achievements and the spirit of excellence that has defined us since 2001. Here's to 22 years of success and many more to come!

With heartfelt appreciation

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

- *Vince Lombardi*



As we begin another exciting chapter of our alumni journey, I am thrilled to connect with you through the latest introduced pages in the magazine. The magazine is intended to help us get to know each other better. In this issue, we are shining a spotlight on introductions that will remind us of the lasting impact of our shared experiences on our personal and professional lives.

The sense of camaraderie and shared history that we cultivate through this publication makes our T'NITE community unique. Whether we are reminiscing about our shared affinity, staying connected in the present, or looking forward to the future of wonderful fellowship, these pages serve as a valuable resource and a cherished connection to our alma mater. This effort may help contribute to building a vibrant community and is truly representative of the diverse and dynamic group we are. We are the living embodiment of our school's legacy.



**CELEBRATING
22 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE**



**THE JOURNEY OF TAA
2001-2024**



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1st Executive Body of T°NITES Alumni Association

(02nd Jan 2001-31st Jan 2004)

THE FOUNDERS



RAM KUMAR GURUNG
President



MENLA ETHENPA
General Secretary



CHEWANG ZANGPO
General Secretary



RAMESH PARIWAL
Treasurer



SATBHAGWAN AGARWAL
Treasurer



SONAM TOPGEY
Vice President



DAMBER CHHETRI
Vice President



KARMA TSERING BHUTIA
Publicity Secretary

Additional Member:
Mr. TSEWANG DORJEE
(Publicity Secretary-II)
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THE PATRONS:

SHRI TSETEN LEPCHA
SHRI TSETEN BHUTIA
SHRI DORJEE NAMGYAL
SHRI T.D. RINZING (IPS)
SHRI B.K. ROKA

Hon'ble Minister
Hon'ble Chairman, DCS
Hon'ble Chairman, STDC
DIG, Police
Supdt. Of Police (RL)

Patron-in-Chief
Patron
Patron
Patron
Patron



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2nd Executive Body of T'NITES Alumni Association (01st Feb 2004-2012)

THE TEAMSTERS



LHENDUP DORJEE LEPCHA
President



MENLA ETHENPA
General Secretary



DR. R.K. TAMANG
Publicity Secretary



RAPDEN BHUTIA
Jt. Secretary



CHEWANG ZANGPO
General Secretary



**KARMA TSHERING
BHUTIA**
Publicity Secretary



P.M. RAI
Jt. Secretary



DAMBER CHHETRI
Vice President



SONAM TOPGEY
Vice President

Additional Members:
LALCHAND KHATRI
(Jt. Treasurer)
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RAMESH PERIWAL
Treasurer



**PEMA ONGDA
BHUTIA**
Jt. Secretary

Additional Members:
KARMA TSERING BHUTIA
PEMA DADUL
PENJO D NAMGYAL
SONAM TOPGEY
DR. WANGCHUK
KAZEEMAN CHHETRI
SONAM TASHI
(Executive Members)

Additional Members:
Late MR. TENSUNG LEPCHA
TASHI THENDUP
DILIP GIRI
(Jt. Secretaries)



Glorious 23 Years

**3rd Executive Body of
T°NITES Alumni Association
(2012- Dec 2016)**

THE TEAMSTERS



BHIM KUMAR ROKA
President



PRAKASH CHETTRI
Treasurer-I



D.B. RANA
Treasurer-II



DR. PEMPA T. BHUTIA
Vice President

Additional Member:
**Late MR. TENSUNG
LEPCHA**
(General Secretary –I)
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NIRMAL MANGER
General Secretary –II



NAWIN LAMICHANEY
Publicity Secretary



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**4th Executive Body of
T°NITES Alumni Association
(Dec 2016-Aug 2019)**

THE TEAMSTERS



DR. RAM KUMAR TAMANG
President



SAMDUP TSHERING BHUTIA
General Secretary-I



RAJ KUMAR SINGH
General Secretary-II



PRAMOD KUMAR RATHI
Treasurer-I



KHARGA B. GURUNG
Treasurer-II



PEMA ONGDA BHUTIA
Vice President-I



DAL BAHADUR RANA
Publicity Secretary-I



KRISHNA B. SHUBBA
Publicity Secretary-II



SONAM T GYATSO
Vice President-II



RAPDEN BHUTIA
Joint Secretary



SONAM LEPCHA
Executive Member



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**5th Executive Body of
T°NITES Alumni Association
(Aug 2019-17 Jan 2023)**

THE TEAMSTERS



SONAM TASHI GYATSO
President



PEMA WANGDA BHUTIA
Vice President-I



RAPDEN BHUTIA
Vice President-II



SAMDUP TSHERING BHUTIA
General Secretary-I



RAJ KUMAR SINGHI
General Secretary-II



PRAMOD KUMAR RATHI
Treasurer-I



K.B. GURUNG
Treasurer-II



Glorious 23 Years

6th Executive Body of T'NITES Alumni Association (17th Jan 2023 - 25th Aug 2024)

KUNZANG GYATSO BHUTIA
President



RAJ MOHAN PRADHAN
Vice President

MANI BHADRA
General Secretary



KIRAN RASAILY
Principal Advisor

Core Members



DR. SUSHEN PRADHAN
Treasurer-I



NARBAHADUR GIRI
Treasurer-II



DEORAJ BAGDAS
In-charge Public Relation



MILAN GIRI
In-charge Coordinator
Publication



GOVIND DHAKAL
In-charge Media &
Press Release



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6th Executive Body of T'NITES Alumni Association

(26th Aug 2024 onward)

7th Core Team



KUNZANG GYATSO BHUTIA
President



RAJ MOHAN PRADHAN
Vice President



JEEMILA BHUTIA
General Secretary & Treasurer-I



MANI BHADRA
Editor- *Legacy Echoes*
(1st Edition of Alma Mater Magazine)



CHITIZ CHETTRI
Treasurer-II



BHANU KUMAR PRADHAN
In-charge Media & Press Release

Report on Formation of a Coordination Wing to TAA

(23rd Jan 2024)



TAA's initiative to form a Coordination Wing to ensure effective communication, collaboration, and alignment of efforts within an association was a significant decision taken after the Reunion Event, giving due consideration to the standard strength needed for the efficient functioning of the Association. The provision of 25 members in the TAA's Governing Body is mentioned vide Para 9 (a) & (b) of the Memorandum and Articles of T'NITES Alumni Association of Sikkim. Hence, in its Present scenario, TAA devised an idea to establish "A think tank body of TAA." It will function as an institution that analyzes various social issues. This "Think-Tank" Body is expected to play a crucial role in generating ideas, shaping the objectives of TAA, and contributing to informed decision-making in both the T'NITE Community and TAA.

OVERVIEW OF COORDINATION WING FUNCTIONS

General Function Includes:

- Conducting in-depth analysis on a wide range of topics.

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- Analyzing data and trends to provide evidence-based insights.
- Help to produce reports and briefs.
- Formulating recommendations based on actual analysis.
- Providing solutions to address challenges.
- Collaborating to strengthen the reserve.
- Offering opinions and advice on specific issues.
- Help in conducting events planned in the Year schedules
- Disseminating Alumni information through publications and media.
- Engaging the T'NITE community to gather resource input.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH:

- Advising educational programs and providing a means of resources to the TAA.
- Cooperating with academic institutions to support welfare measures.
- Anticipating future trends and developments in TAA.
- Helping TAA to prepare for future challenges.
- Ensuring the integrity and unity of the T'NITE Community
- Adhering to high standards of academic rigor and ethics.

Overall, think tanks (the Advisory wing) will contribute significantly, acting as important intermediaries between Core Group and TNSS academia.

With the formation of the Coordination Wing of TAA and its expected crucial role in fostering effective communication, collaboration, and alignment within the association, ultimately contributing to the success of the fundamental aims of TAA, the TAA later defined the general functions associated with a Coordination Wing. These functions would include:

- Facilitate communication to ensure information flows that may involve organizing regular meetings, plans, or utilizing collaboration tools.
- Promote collaboration to enhance productivity and achieve common goals. It could involve organizing workshops and activities or implementing collaborative platforms.
- Coordinate activities related to primary objectives by overseeing timelines, milestones, and deliverables. The coordination Wing will work closely with Core Members to ensure that tasks are completed on schedule and within scope.
- The coordination Wing will mediate to find solutions and maintain a positive environment within Alumni Members.
- Ensure that resources are allocated appropriately to meet TAA needs.
- It may provide support in decision-making process by soliciting input from T'NITE Members and facilitating discussions. Coordination Setup can help ensure that decisions are appropriately framed.
- It also involves helping TAA to adopt new processes, technologies, or organizational structures.

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- The coordination Wing may establish and enforce standards to ensure consistency and excellence in delivering the welfare measures.
- Ensures that goals and objectives are aligned across different functions which may involve working with leaders from various areas to create a cohesive strategy that supports the overall mission of the association.

The Core Group has requested senior members to join the new Coordination Wing voluntarily. After confirmation of their willingness to participate, the exact functions and charter of duties & responsibilities of this new wing will be determined.

Members who have expressed their support and willingness to work in TAA's Coordination Wing are:

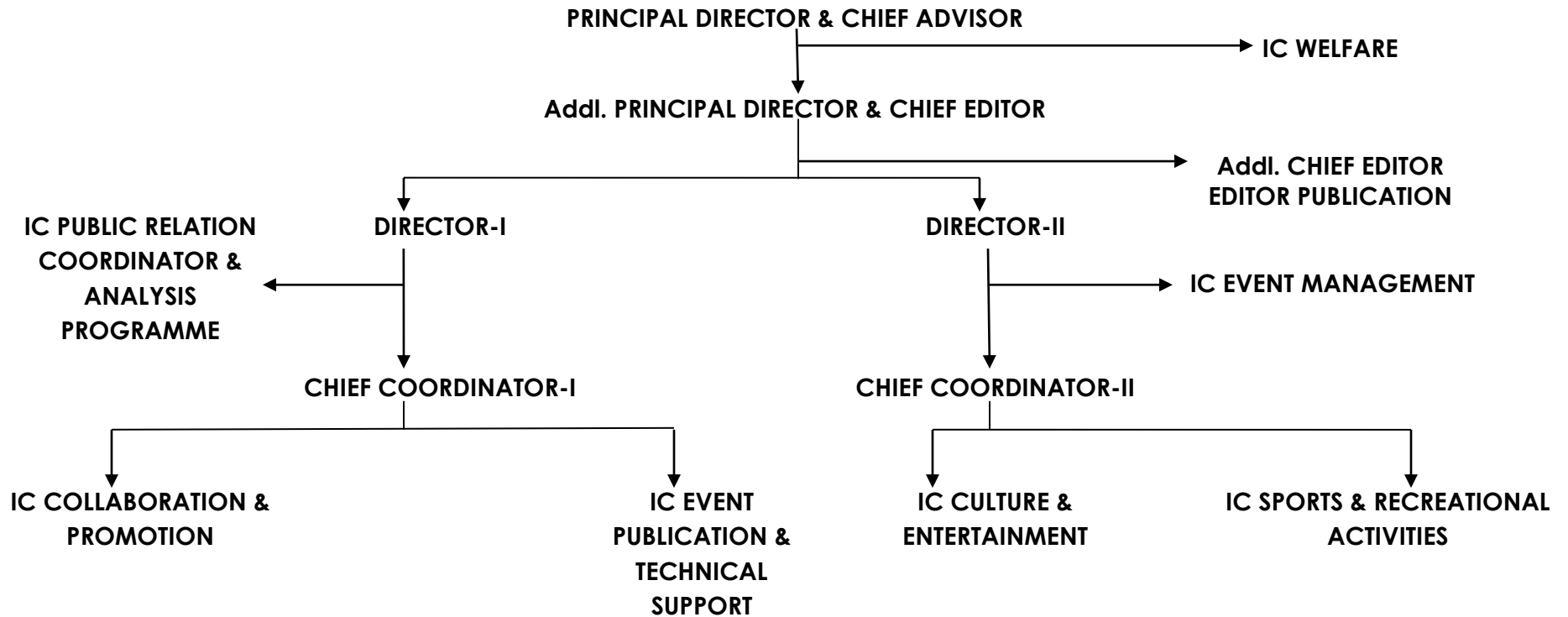
In-charge Organization (CW) & Resource Planning	: Col. Krishna Bahadur Tamang (Retd.) 1968 Batch
IC Welfare	: Ramesh Periwal, 1975 Batch
IC Public Relation Coordinator & Analysis Programme	: Tulsi Pradhan, 1977 Batch S.T. Gyatso, 1979 Batch
Director-II	: Shri Karsang Lama, 1976 Batch
IC Event Management	: Jeemila Bhutia, 1996 Batch
IC Sports & Recreational Activities	: Raju Tamang, 1998 Batch Chitiz Chettri , 2002 Batch
IC Event Publication & Technical Support	: Tsewang Norbu Bhutia, 2004 Batch Divyanand, 2005 Batch

ORGANIZATION CHART



COORDINATION WING

(Think Tank & Advisory Body of T'NITE Alumni Association)



**With this if implemented would suffice the present requirement of 25 Members for TAA to function properly considering initial memo of 2001*



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INTRO TO LEADERSHIP

KUNZANG GYATSO BHUTIA, a man of exceptional character, is widely celebrated for his remarkable achievements and invaluable contributions to the field of mountaineering. His journey, from being the second Everest from Sikkim and the first from the Northeast region to conquer Mount Everest in 2008, is a testament to his unparalleled determination, skill, and courage. His story is not just about mountaineering, but about the human spirit's ability to conquer any challenge, inspiring a new generation of climbers.

Throughout his illustrious career, Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia has been adorned with numerous accolades, including State Awards and the Khel Samman Award, in recognition of his extraordinary accomplishments. His dedication to mountaineering has brought pride to our state and inspired countless young climbers, igniting their passion and encouraging them to pursue their dreams.



Under the expert guidance of Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia, a multitude of aspiring mountaineers have been nurtured, and many have successfully summited Mount Everest. His mentorship has been transformative, not just in shaping the next generation of mountain climbers, but in instilling in them the values of perseverance, courage, and respect for nature. Several of his proteges now serve as mountain guides, a testament to his profound influence.

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Moreover, Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia's pioneering efforts in introducing artificial rock climbing to Sikkim have revolutionized our region's mountaineering landscape and elevated the sport to new heights. Thanks to his vision and leadership, Sikkim now leads the way in sport climbing in the North East, as evidenced by his recent remarkable contribution and assistance in securing the first position in the medal tally for climbing in the year 2023.



Further, his illustrious career and unwavering dedication to mountaineering and allied sports are noteworthy. All prestigious accolades he earned would not only be a fitting tribute to his extraordinary achievements but also inspire future generations of adventurers.

Moreover, apart from these he holds multiple posts. He is President to Sikkim Mountaineering Association (SMA), Sikkim Sport Climbing Association (SSCA), and Principal of Mountaineering & Adventure Institute of Sikkim (MAIS).

EDITOR

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“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt



T'NITES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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2001-2024

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FELLOW MEMBERS**

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BINOD KUMAR CINTURY

DOB: 03-07-1949

School Batch Details: 1966

First Architect cum City planner of Sikkim;
Worked in Buildings and Housing
Department from 1978-1983.
Private consultancy from 1984 onwards



PRAYAG CHAND MUNDRA

School Batch Details: 1966

one of the founder member of Youths
Library and was a Secretary cum Treasurer
of the Library
Occupation: Business



O. P. THIRANI

DOB: 19-11-1949

School Batch Details: 1966 (1st batch)
B.Sc.(Elect. Engg.), IIT BHU, almost 40
years in Kolkata, now back to roots,
Gangtok



D.D. PRADHAN

DOB: 16-08-1949

School Batch Details: 1966

Location: Sixth Mile, Lower Tadong,
(Gangtok)

PROFILE: Served in E&P Department in
various capacities, concluding as Secretary
to the GoS in the Power Sector till
Superannuation in September 2007.
Post-retirement, served as Member of the
State Planning Commission for two years



PEMA WANGCHEN

School Batch Details: 1968

Education Qualification BSC

Engineering(Electrical) from BCE, Patna,
Bihar(Now NIT Patna)

Served in Power Department, GoS from
13/05/1975 on various capacities and finally
retired as Principal Chief Engineer cum
Secretary on 30-04-2011



**COLONEL KRISHNA BAHADUR
TAMANG (RETD.)**

School Batch Details: 1968

PROFILE: The first Indigenous Sikkimese
to be Selected for the Full rank of Colonel
in the Indian Army

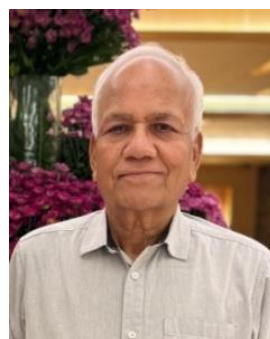


B.K.ROKA (DIG.Retd)

School Batch Details: 1968

Former 3rd President of TAA, Former
President of Sikkim Football Association,
Sikkim Olympic Association & Nepali Sahitya
Parishad Sikkim.

PRESENTLY: President of Sikkim KhoKho
Association & V.P. of



SURENDRA KUMAR SARDA

DOB: 02-01-1951

School Batch Details: 1968

General Secretary to Chinmaya Mission
Sikkim Centre (CMSC)



LHENDUP DORJEE LEPCHA

DOB: 22-03-1952

School Batch Details: 1969-70

Former 2nd President of TAA

Professional status: Retired as Secretary
to the Government of Sikkim & Retired
Member of Sikkim Public Service
Commission (SPSC)

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PANNALAL SOMANI

School Batch Details: 1969
Somani Enterprise, MG Road, New Market,
Gangtok (SIKKIM)



M.B. THAPA

DOB: 25-01-1953
School Batch Details: 1969-71
(TNHS School)
Football Captain
PROFESSION-First Class Contractor



TOP DHAN RAI

School Batch Details: 1973
B.SC. (HONOURS), M.SC. (FORESTRY)
Chief Editor (School Magazine)
Principal Director of Forests (Retired on
2015)



BAL BAHADUR RAI

School Batch Details: 1973
1973 BATCH CHIEF PREFECT
Retired on 31-08-2015 as Additional Director
Health department
(Government of Sikkim)



JIWAN DABRIWAL

DOB: 23-08-1954
School Batch Details: 1973
Occupation: Businessman



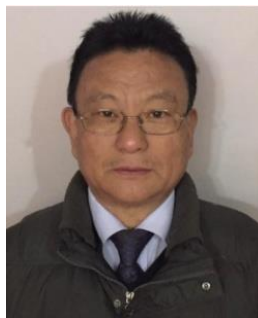
SURENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN

School Batch Details: 1974
1974 School Chief Prefect
Retd. As Superintendent of Police
(Government of Sikkim)



SONAM DORJEE BHUTIA

DOB: 19-11-1956
School Batch Details: 1974
Retired on 30th November 2014
As Sr. Accountant, P & DD (GoS)



PHURBA TSHERING BHUTIA

School Batch Details: 1975
Retired as Principal Director
Horticulture, Govt. of Sikkim



CHEWANG ZANGPO BHUTIA

DOB: 15-12-1958
School Batch Details: 1975
Retired as Secretary to the Government of
Sikkim

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MENLA ETHENPA

DOB: 17-02-1957

School Batch Details:1975

Former Captain- Jelep House, Founding GS to TAA, Retired on 01-06-2020 as MD to STCS after rendering 44 Years of Service
Currently, holds multiple prominent positions at the national and state levels.



RAMESH KUMAR PERIWAL

DOB: 28-04-1958

School Batch Details: 1976

Doctorate in Social Work,
Eminent Social Worker attached with 9
NGO's & Managing Director to
Ruchi Diagnostic Clinic



INDRA PRASAD CHHETRI

DOB: 04-08-1959

School Batch Details: 1976

B.Sc (Math)
Retired as Director of Fisheries (GoS)



PRANAY KISHORE DEWAN

DOB: 02-01-1958

School Batch Details:1975-76

Retired as Director, Department of
Agriculture



MOHAN PRAKASH GURUNG

DOB:15-08-1955

School Batch Details:1976

R/O Arithang, Gangtok
PROFESSION: Hotelier



SANTOSH KUMAR SHILAL, IAS Retd.

DOB: 04-01-1959

SCHOOL BATCH: 1976

PROFILE: Former Commissioner cum
Secretary to the Government of Sikkim



NIRANJAN KUMAR SARDA

School Batch Details:1976

C/o Life Line Medicos, MG Marg,
Gangtok (Sikkim)



SONAM DORJEE BHUTIA

DOB: 18-08-1959

School Batch Details: 1976

Retired as S.E
Government of Sikkim



KARSANG LAMA

School Batch Details:1976

Retd. as DFO & Presently:
Executive President of International
Human Rights Council (Sikkim State
Board)

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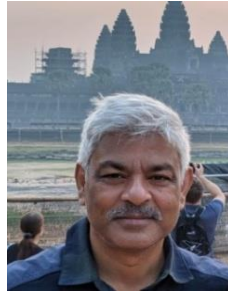
SATBHAGWAN AGARWAL

DOB: 03-01-1960

School Batch Details:1976

Founder Member TAA

ASSOCIATED WITH NUMBER OF SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS



Dr. KESHAV GIRI

School Batch Details:1976

1st MD Radio Diagnosis (AIIMS, New Delhi)

from Sikkim &Recipient

of "Certificate for Meritorious Service Award" in the Year 2017

Retired in 2019 as Director General (Radiology) from STNM Hospital (GoS)



TASHI PHUNTSO DENZONGPA

School Batch Details: 1976

Recipient of Certificate for Meritorious Service Award in the year 1998

Retired in the year 2016 as Regional Transport Officer East & North



KARMA TSHERING BHUTIA

School Batch Details:1976

RETD S.P & Founder member of TAA



AMBER KUMAR PRADHAN

School Batch Details: 1976-1977

DOB: 17-03-1957

Self employed



P.M. RAI

DOB: 10-12-1959

School Batch Details: 1977

Retired from Sikkim Police Service



BHASKER BASNETT

School Batch Details:1972

Studied till Class VII in the year 1972 & moved to Shillong for further studies.

Present status: Politician & Social worker.



D.B. RANA

DOB: 02-02-1956

School Batch Details: 1976-77

TAA Founder Member &

Former Treasurer-II

Retd. from Finance L.F.A. Auditor



TULSI PRADHAN

School Batch Details: 1976-77

(School Vice Prefect & Himalayan Hostel Captain); President of Sikkim Students Association (1978-79); Ex MD, DACs and retired as Additional Registrar, Cooperation Dept. (GoS)

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SONAM TOPGAY BHUTIA

DOB: 17-03-1960

School Batch Details: 1976-77 (School Chief Prefect), Founding Vice-President of TAA. PROFESSION: Worked as Class I AA to Sikkim Govt (since 1979) & Class I CPWD Contractor (Retd)
CURRENT STATUS: Hotelier, Builder & Promoter



DR. R.K. TAMANG

First +2 Batch (1979 Passed out)
Retired Secretary to the Govt of Sikkim.
Former Chairman, Sikkim Public Service Commission &
Former 4th President of TAA.
Also received State Meritorious Service Award in 2013



S.T. GYATSO

DOB: 25-08-1958
School Batch Details: 1979
Former TAA's President,
Retired on Jan 2018, as an Additional Director Culture Affairs & Heritage Department



RAJ KUMAR SINGH

DOB: 19-01-1961

School Batch Details: 1979
Former General Secretary II to 5th Executive Body of TAA
Current Businesses in Gangtok & Jaipur



PRAMOD KUMAR RATHI

DOB: 04-02-1959

School Batch Details: 1979
Former Treasurer-I to 5th Executive Body of TAA and Currently Business in Gangtok



PEMA WANGDA BHUTIA

School Batch Details: 1979
Founder Member of TAA & Former Vice President-I to the 5th Executive Body of TAA. Former Municipal Councillor of GMC (2015- 2020) and President of the Tibetan Community for the past 20 years.



SHYAM SUNDER LAKHOTIA

DOB: 07-08-1960

School Batch Details: 1979
Owns- Lakhotia Medical Store
Deorali Bazar, Gangtok (SIKKIM)



RAJEN GURUNG

School Batch Details: 1979
Retired Voluntarily on 30-06-2017 as Chief Engineer to the Government of Sikkim



RAPDEN BHUTIA

DOB: 20-11-1958
School Batch Details: 1979
Former TAA-Vice president, Retired on 31-12-2018 as Superintendent of police, Police Reserve Lines, PHQ, Gangtok (SIKKIM)

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Members Registered under T'NITE Reunion Meet Initiative
(TRM) Programme



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KAZEEMAN CHHETRI
School Batch Details:1978-79



DR. NIMA TSETEN BHUTIA
School Batch Details:1979
Retired Principal Director
Dept. AHLF VS



DR. SHANKER DEO DHAKAL, IAS
DOB: 15-07-1962
School Batch Details:1979
Secretary to Chief Minister of Sikkim



PARMATMA SINGH
DOB: 15-11-1957
School Batch Details: 1979



SHERAP TSHERING BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1980
Retired as principal Director, Agriculture
Department in the Year 2020



DUPCHEN BHUTIA
DOB: 05-08-1962
School Batch Details: 1980



GANESH CHANDRA KHANAL
School Batch Details: 1980
Ex Director SSDMA (Government of Sikkim)



NARESH KUMAR AGARWAL
DOB: 28-04-1963.
School Batch Details: 1980-81
Business and Associates with lots of
Social Organisation



SONAM DAWA LEPCHA
School Batch Details:1981
Retd on 09-06-2020 as a Superintendent of
Police (Reserve Lines), Gangtok (Sikkim)

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TSHERING THONDUP BHUTIA

School Batch Details:1980-81

Joined govt service 1985 as an Assistant Engineer (Civil) & Retd. as Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Govt of Sikkim on March 2021



HEM KUMAR CHHETRI

DOB: 20-05-1962

School Batch Details: 1982
Retired as Secretary to the Government of Sikkim



KARMA L. TENZIN

School Batch Details:1982
Retd. DIG, Vigilance & Erstwhile Captain Chagdor House



ASHOK KUMAR AGARWAL

DOB:17-11-1964

School Batch Details: 1982
Occupation: Business



KUBER BHANDARI

School Batch Details:1982
Retired as Secretary to the Government of Sikkim



BINDESHWARI PRASAD

School Batch Details: 1983
Bachelor of Engineering(Civil) from Anna University
Presently working as Principal Chief Engineer-cum-Secretary (GoS)



GANESH CHETTRI

School Batch Details: 1983
Retired as PCE cum Secretary, Power Department (Government of Sikkim)



ANIL KUMAR GUPTA

DOB: 25-01-1965
School Batch Details:1981-83
PROFESSION :Businessman (Trader & Hotelier)



PRAKASH CHHETRI

DOB: 25-05-1965
School Batch Details:1983
Presently: PCE-Secretary, Tourism Department, GOS

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PRAVAKER BASNETT
School Batch Details: 1983
Retired Superintending Engineer



GYURMEY TSHERING WANGDI (SES)
DOB: 08-03-1967
School Batch Details: 1984
Superintending Engineer
Public Health Engineering Department
(Government of Sikkim)



RINZING CHEWANG BHUTIA, IAS
School Batch Details: 1984
PRESENTLY: Secretary, Department of
Personnel and Secretary, Department of
Planning and Development



RAKESH SOMANI
DOB: 26-12-1965
School Batch Details: 1985
PROFILE: BUSINESS
SK Live News - 24 hours television news
Channel of North Bengal and Sikkim,
S. K. Audio Vision - Nepali Music Company,
Videography and Photography and
Corporate Event Management Company.



DR. BHARAT C BASISTHA
DOB: 15-02-1966
School Batch Details: 1985
Retd as Principal Director, Department
of Science and Technology (GoS)



S. T. BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1985
Discipline Perfect & House Captain
Chakdor House & Asst. General Secy to All
Sikkim Student Association (ASSA).
PROFILE: Working as Chief Engineer,
Power Department (GoS)



ANUP KUMAR CHHETRI
School Batch Details: 1986 (Arts)
Government Employee
(Government of Sikkim)



JANG BAHADUR BASNETT
DOB: 21-08-1967
School Batch Details: 1987



SANJAY AGARWAL
School Batch Details: 1985-87
Qualification: B.E (Mech)
ADDRESS: Singtam, Sikkim

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Glorious 23 Years



DAVID GYAMTSONG LINGDONG
School Batch Details: 1987
CEO-Education, Mangan District
(North Sikkim)



TSHEWANG GYACHHO, IAS
School Batch Details: 1987
Presently posted as Secretary, Higher,
Technical and Medical Education,
Education Department (GoS)



PRAKASH CHETTRI
School Batch Details: 1987-88
Former Treasurer (TAA)
Presently working as Divisional Engineer
(Civil) Rural Development Department



NAGENDRA AGARWAL
DOB: 08-02-1969
School Batch Details: 1986-88
Owns S-Mart Departmental Store
Tadong Gangtok (Sikkim)



PAWAN KUMAR AGARWAL
DOB: 08-03-1969
School Batch Details: 1988
(Class-X Pass-out)
Profession: Businessman



ALOK JAIN
School Batch Details: 1988
PROFESSION: BUSINESS



KRISHNA LAMICHANEY
School Batch Details: 1989
Presently Dy. RTO Motor Vehicle Division
Transport Department, Gangtok
(Government of Sikkim)



DILIP KUMAR CHETTRI
School Batch Details: 1990
Presently Deputy Director
Reshithang, Khel Goan



BHIM THATAL
School Batch Details: 1990
Editor of Nepali Section of SPARK TNSSS
Annual Magazine (1989-90)
All India Topper in Nepali in AISSCE of
CBSE 1988; University Topper in Nepali
Honours 1993; Sikkim State Meritorious
Service Award 2021
PRESENTLY: Director, Higher and
Technical Education (GoS)

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Glorious 23 Years



SANJAY AGARWAL

DOB: 08-10-1972

School Batch Details: 1991

BUSINESSMAN & ASSOCIATED WITH
NUMBER OF SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS



AJIT KUMAR PRASAD

School Batch Details: 1992

Engaged in Service Sector of
Hospitality, Tourism, Transport and
Catering



PREM DHOJ RAI

DOB: 19-01-1973,

School Batch Details: 1992 (Com)

PRESENTLY: Special Secretary Buildings
& Housing Department (GOS)



BINOD KUMAR PANDEY

DOB: 15-01-1973

School Batch Details: 1992

ADDRESS- Stone Age Eco Village Resort,
Sangkhol, East Sikkim 737134



SUMAN KARKI

DOB: 18-01-1972

School Batch Details: 1989 to 1992
(Class IX to XII)



PHIGU BHUTIA

School Batch Details: 1992

PRESENTLY: Principal Director, Mines &
Geology Department (GoS)



NIMA TSHERING BHUTIA

School Batch Details: 1992

Government Employee (GoS)



RAVI PRADHAN

School Batch Details: 1992 (PCM)



HIMMAT RAI

DOB: 01-04-1975

School Batch Details: 1992 (Commerce)

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(TRM) Programme



Glorious 23 Years



RAJESH KUMAR AGARWAL
DOB: 15-12-1973
School Batch Details: 1992
Self Employed (Business)



PRAWIN LAMICHANEY
DOB: 14-03-1973
School Batch Details: 1993
Presently: ASP/TRAFFIC
(Government of Sikkim)



N. RAPGYAL BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1993
School Chief Prefect in the Year 1993



ARJUN KUMAR CHETTRI
School Batch Details: 1994
Education Department
(Government of Sikkim)



HIRA PRADHAN
School Batch Details: 1995
Working as Sr. Accounts Officer in the
State Government



SONAM CHODEN LEPCHA
School Batch Details: 1996 (PCM)
Studied since 1990 to 1996
from Class-VI to XII
Presently: Working as Additional Chief
Engineer PHE Department (GoS)



TENZING ZORDEN BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1997
Proprietor
JODICOS BAKERY
Manufacturing and Supply (East Sikkim)



SANTOSH SINGH
School Batch Details: 1997 (PCB)
Educational Qualification:
MBA (Fin & Mktg.)
Profession: Hotelier, Businessman & Govt.
Contractor



RAMESH (ANNA) BASNETT
School Batch Details: 1997
PROFILE: Programmer/Office
Superintendent
Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Geyzing District
(SIKKIM)

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(TRMI) Programme



Glorious 23 Years



KRISHNA CHETTRI
DOB: 16-07-1977
School Batch Details: 1997 (Com)



NIMA TSHERING SHERPA
School Batch Details: 1997
Advocate High court of Sikkim



JEEMILA BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1996 (Class-X)
Presently working as AE RDD, STORE
(GoS) GANGTOK (SIKKIM)



DEORAJ BAGDAS
DOB: 19-08-1981
School Batch Details: 1998
Presently posted as Assistant Director,
Education Department (GoS)
INTEREST: Teaching, Singing, Lyricist and
composing songs



MANI BHADRA
School Batch Details: 1997-98
(School Chief Prefect: 1997)
Air Veteran, Author, Educationist, Founder
of CONCEPT B&B (EHE) Tutorial (Siliguri)
and served as GS & Editor to 6th Executive
Body of TAA



RAJU TAMANG
DOB: 01-05-1981
School Batch Details: 1998 (Pass out)
PRESENTLY: Superintending Engineer
Social Welfare Department (GoS)



BISHWARAJ RAI
School Batch Details: 1997-98
Qualification: B.Tech
Works as an Accounts Officer in the Health
and Family Welfare Department, Namchi
District (GoS)



NARENDRA SAPKOTA
School Batch Details: 1998-99
Assistant Conservator of Forest (Forest
Department), SIKKIM



MILAN K. SHARMA
School Batch Details: 1997-1999
Government Servant

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PEMPA TSHERING BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1998-99



RAJIV AGARWAL
DOB: 20-04-1982
School Batch Details: 98-99
PROFESSION: Business



GILBERT LEPCHA
DOB: 12-03-1981
School Batch Details: 1998-99
Additional Secretary
Sikkim Public Service Commission (GoS)



PEMPA TSHERING BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1999
Currently Working as Accounts Officer, Rural
Development department (GoS);
Associated with U17 Football Club Singhik
FC & Former Treasurer of Sikkim Boxing
Association



RAJ MOHAN PRADHAN
School Batch Details: 2000
An Entrepreneur & Vice President to 6th
Executive Body of TAA



KUNZANG GYATSO BHUTIA
School Batch Details: 1999-2000
School Chief Prefect & ASSA President:
1999-2000; 2nd Everester from Sikkim,
Professional Mountaineer; Conqueror of
Mount Everest in 2008; Accolades
includes **STATE KHEL SAMMAN AWARD**
and also a Incumbent 6th President (TAA) &
President of Sikkim Mountaineering
Association (SMA)



BHANU KUMAR PRADHAN
DOB: 01-02-1982
School Batch Details: 2000
Qualification: B.Com, MBA
Presently working as Programme Manager,
National Urban Health Mission, Health
Department



SUNIL CHAUDHARY
School Batch Details: 2000
M.Sc (Chemistry)
Chairman & Founder Brilliant Coaching at
Siliguri (W.B) & Gangtok (Sikkim)



DR. SUSHEN PRADHAN
DOB: 21-07-1981
School Batch Details: 2000
PROFILE: Working in Science and
Technology, Department as Assistant
Scientific Officer.

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Members Registered under T'NITE Reunion Meet Initiative
(TRMI) Programme



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BIJAY KUMAR GUPTA

School Batch Details: 2000
Manager-Project Coordinator and
Liaison (Hydro Project)



DIWASH GURUNG

School Batch Details: 2002 (Pass out)
Ex-Indian Navy



CHITIZ CHETTRI

DOB: 18-09- 1984
School Batch Details: 2002
Air force Veteran
Presently a Banker in Central Bank of India
Gangtok Branch
Founder and President of YUVA
SPORTING CLUB, GANGTOK



GAUTAM KANDOI

School Batch Details: 2002
PROFESSION: Businessman



TSEWANG NORBU BHUTIA

DOB: 27-01-1987
School Batch Details: 2003-2004
Discipline Prefect
Working as Assistant Registrar,
Cooperation Department (GoS)



DIVYA NAND

School Batch Details: 2005
Co-founder Eclipse Coaching Institute,
Tadong, Gangtok (East Sikkim)



ELWIN BISWAKARMA

DOB: 02-07-2003
School Batch Details: 2021
Profile: BA IN ECONOMICS
Passion Music (Bassist)



INTRODUCTION TO REGISTERED MEMBERS

LIST: As on 10th Oct 2024 (207 Members)

TAA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER		NAME	BATCH DETAIL
TRMI	104	AJIT KUMAR PRASAD	1992
TRMI	84	Late AJIT RAI	1992
TRMI	273	ALOK JAIN	1988
TRMI	64	AMBER KUMAR PRADHAN	1977
TRMI	183	AMRIT GURUNG	-
TRMI	251	ANIL KUMAR BAGDAS	1987
TRMI	162	ANIL KUMAR GUPTA	1982-83
TRMI	253	ANUP KUMAR CHHETRI	1986
TRMI	116	ARJUN KUMAR CHETTRI	1994
TRMI	46	ASHOK KUMAR AGARWAL	1982
TRMI	199	BAL BAHADUR RAI	1973
TRMI	3	B.C. PERIWAL	-
TRMI	124	BED PRASAD SHARMA	1978
TRMI	57	BHASKER BASNETT	1972
TRMI	248	BHAWAR LALL MUNDRA	1985
TRMI	101	BHIM BDR BARDEWA	1997
TRMI	38	BHIM KUMAR ROKA	1967
TRMI	164	BHIM THATAL	1990
TRMI	159	BIJAY KUMAR GUPTA	2000
TRMI	129	BIKRAM TIWARI	-
TRMI	166	BIMAL PRADHAN	-
TRMI	36	BINDESHWARI PRASAD	1983
TRMI	219	BINOD CINTURY	1966
TRMI	176	BINOD KUMAR PANDEY	1992
TRMI	238	BINOD SHARMA	2000
TRMI	137	BISHAN GURUNG	-
TRMI	290	BISHWARAJ RAI	1997-98
TRMI	154	CHANDRA B. MANGER	-
TRMI	98	CHEWANG ZANGPO BHUTIA	1975
TRMI	134	CHITIZ CHETTRI	2002
TRMI	9	COLONEL KRISHNA BAHADUR TAMANG (RETD.)	1968
TRMI	76	D.D. PRADHAN	1966

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TRMI	34	D.R. NEPAL	1973
TRMI	191	D.R. THAPA	-
TRMI	53	DAVENDRA GAZMER	-
TRMI	247	DAVID GYAMTZO LINGDONG	1987
TRMI	213	DAVID LEPCHA	-
TRMI	100	DAYA RAM KHAREL	-
TRMI	13	D.B. RANA	1977
TRMI	142	D.C. KHATIWARA	1976
TRMI	128	DEBENDRA PRADHAN	1988
TRMI	184	DHANANJOY SHAKYA	1992
TRMI	73	DHIRENDRA LAMA	1979
TRMI	224	DIG BIJAY	-
TRMI	141	DILIP KR CHETTRI	1989
TRMI	75	DIVYA NAND	2005
TRMI	44	DIWASH GURUNG	2001
TRMI	88	DORJEE THINLAY BHUTIA	1984
TRMI	122	DR. ARJUN K PRADHAN	1981
TRMI	117	DR. C.S. RAI	1987
TRMI	182	DR. B.C. BASISTHA	1985
TRMI	24	DR. KESHAV GIRI	1976
TRMI	223	DR. NIMA TSETAN BHUTIA	1979
TRMI	8	DR. RAM KUMAR TAMANG	1979
TRMI	222	DR. SHANKAR DEO DHAKAL, IAS	1979
TRMI	296	DR. TIKA NATH SHARMA	1980
TRMI	40	DUPCHEN BHUTIA	1980
TRMI	281	ELWIN BISWAKARMA	2021
TRMI	262	EZEKIEL A GURUNG	2000
TRMI	206	GANESH C KHANAL	1980
TRMI	51	GANESH CHETTRI	1983
TRMI	269	GAUTAM KANDOI	2002
TRMI	237	GILBERT LEPCHA	1998-99
TRMI	232	GOMBU TSETEN LEPCHA	1981
TRMI	78	GOMPU BHUTIA	-
TRMI	242	GYURMEY TSHERING WANGDI	1984
TRMI	284	HEM KUMAR CHHETRI	1982
TRMI	210	HEM LALL LAMICHANEY	1978
TRMI	174	HIMMAT RAI	1992
TRMI	79	HIRA PRADHAN	1995
TRMI	32	INDRA PRASAD CHHETRI	1976
TRMI	255	JANG BAHADUR BASNETT	1987

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TRMI	42	JEEMILA BHUTIA	1996
TRMI	218	JIGME NORBU LACHUNGPA	2000
TRMI	216	JIGMI DORJEE	-
TRMI	30	JIWAN DABRIWAL	1973
TRMI	93	JOHN SHARMA	-
TRMI	236	KALYAN THAPA	-
TRMI	80	KAMAL TEWARI	-
TRMI	249	KARMA L. TENZIN	1982
TRMI	85	KARMA TSHERING BHUTIA	1976
TRMI	230	KARSANG LAMA	1976
TRMI	19	KAZEEMAN CHHETRI	1978-79
TRMI	5	K.B. GURUNG	1977-79
TRMI	261	K.B. GURUNG	1973
TRMI	7	KHELMAN PRADHAN	-
TRMI	204	KIRAN PRADHAN	1977
TRMI	50	KIRAN RASAILY	1966
TRMI	52	KISHORE GAZMER	-
TRMI	132	KRISHNA CHETTRI	1997
TRMI	136	KRISHNA LAMICHANEY	1989
TRMI	22	KUBER BHANDARI	1982
TRMI	127	KUMAR BHUSAL	1982
TRMI	131	KUMAR RAI	1980
CMT	2	KUNZANG GYATSO BHUTIA	2000
TRMI	48	LAWRENCE BASNET	1982
TRMI	55	L.B. CHETTRI	1979
TRMI	65	LHENDUP DORJEE LEPCHA	1969-70
TRMI	254	M.B. THAPA	1969-1971
CMT	1	MANI BHADRA	1997-98
TRMI	258	MEGHRAJ PRADHAN	-
TRMI	12	MENLA ETHENPA	1975
TRMI	135	MILAN K. SHARMA	1999
TRMI	153	M.N. DHAKAL	1976
TRMI	27	MOHAN P. GURUNG	1976
TRMI	113	N.B. CHHETRI	-
TRMI	268	NAGENDRA AGARWAL	1986-88
TRMI	220	NAKUL DAS RAI	1978
TRMI	221	NAREN PRADHAN	1980
TRMI	140	NARENDRA SAPKOTA	1998-99
TRMI	26	NARESH KUMAR AGARWAL	1981
TRMI	20	NAWIN LAMICHANEY	1988
TRMI	186	NIMA TSHERING BHUTIA	1992

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TRMI	70	NIMA TSHERING SHERPA	1997
TRMI	150	NIRANJAN KUMAR SARDA	1976
TRMI	188	N.T. BHUTIA	-
TRMI	16	OM PRAKASH THIRANI	1966
TRMI	86	P.C. MUNDRA	1966
TRMI	95	PADAM BAHADUR GIRI	-
TRMI	81	PADAM KUMAR CHETTRI	-
TRMI	29	PARMATMA SINGH	1979
TRMI	66	PASONG NAMGYAL LEPCHA	-
TRMI	37	PAWAN KUMAR AGARWAL	1988
TRMI	217	PAWAN KUMAR AGARWAL	1977
TRMI	256	PEMA WANGCHEN	1967
TRMI	45	PEMA WANGDA BHUTIA	1977-79
TRMI	197	PEMPA TSHERING BHUTIA	1998
TRMI	208	PEMPA TSHERING BHUTIA	1998-99
TRMI	285	PHIGU BHUTIA	1992
TRMI	60	PHURBA TSHERING BHUTIA	1975
TRMI	109	PHURBA WANGDI SHERPA	1983
TRMI	39	P.L. SOMANI	1969
TRMI	21	P.M. RAI	1977
TRMI	25	PRAKASH CHETTRI	1987-88
TRMI	178	PRAKASH CHETTRI	1983
TRMI	126	PRAMOD KUMAR RATHI	1977-79
TRMI	257	PRANAY DEWAN	1975
TRMI	289	PRAVAKER BASNETT	1983
TRMI	149	PRAWIN LAMICHANEY	1993
TRMI	110	PREM DHOJ RAI	1992
TRMI	72	PURNA KUMAR LOHAR	1981
TRMI	14	RAJ KUMAR SINGHI	1977-79
TRMI	209	RAJEN GURUNG	1977-79
TRMI	185	RAJESH KUMAR AGARWAL	1992
TRMI	83	RAJIV AGARWAL	1998
TRMI	168	RAJU AGARWAL	-
TRMI	49	RAJU TAMANG (BE)	1997
TRMI	2	RAKESH SOMANI	1983-1985
TRMI	71	RAMESH (ANNAH) BASNETT	1997
TRMI	17	RAMESH PERIWAL	1975
TRMI	68	RAPDEN BHUTIA	1977-79
TRMI	4	RAPDEN PINTSO KAZI	1988
TRMI	10	RAPGAY BHUTIA	1993
TRMI	175	RAVI KIRAN PRADHAN	1992

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TRMI	173	RAVI PRADHAN	1992
TRMI	108	RINCHEN DADUL BHUTIA	-
TRMI	31	RINZING CHEWANG BHUTIA, IAS	1984
TRMI	139	RINZING TAMANG	-
TRMI	77	ROSHAN GURUNG	-
TRMI	145	SAMDUP TSHERING BHUTIA	1979
TRMI	63	SANAY AGARWAL	1987
TRMI	147	SANJAY AGARWAL	1991
TRMI	28	SANTOSH KUMAR SHILAL, IAS (RETD.)	1976
TRMI	107	SANTOSH SINGH	1997
TRMI	33	SATBHAGWAN AGARWAL	1977
TRMI	245	SHERAP TSHERING BHUTIA	1980
TRMI	87	SHREE GURUNG	-
TRMI	212	SHYAM SUNDER LAKHOTIA	1979
TRMI	215	S.K. SARDA	1967
TRMI	214	S.L. NEPAL	-
TRMI	6	SOM NATH POU DYAL	1977
TRMI	158	SONAM BHUTIA	
TRMI	196	SONAM CHODEN LEPCHA	1997
TRMI	56	SONAM DAWA LEPCHA	1981
TRMI	35	SONAM DORJEE BHUTIA	1976
TRMI	189	SONAM DORJEE BHUTIA	1974
TRMI	99	SONAM PRADHAN	1974
TRMI	23	SONAM TASHI BHUTIA	1976
TRMI	15	SONAM TOPGEY BHUTIA	1976-1977
TRMI	125	SONAM WANGDI LACHUNGPA	1981
TRMI	102	S.T. BHUTIA	1985
TRMI	62	S.T. GYATSO	1979
TRMI	200	SUBASH GURUNG	1984
TRMI	233	SUMAN KARKI	1989-1992
TRMI	239	SUNIL CHAUDHARY	2000
TRMI	59	SUNIL RAI	1994
TRMI	211	SURENDRA KR PRADHAN	1974
TRMI	250	SURESH CINTURY	-
TRMI	170	SUSEN PRADHAN	2000
TRMI	114	SUSHIL TAMANG	-
TRMI	138	T.P. NEOPANEY	-
TRMI	61	TARZAN SUBBA	1992
TRMI	18	TASHI PINTSO DENZONGPA	1976-77
TRMI	11	TENZIG JORDEN BHUTIA	1997
TRMI	198	TOP DHAN RAI	1973

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TRMI	54	TSEWANG GYALTSEN RINZING	-
TRMI	270	TSEWANG NORBU BHUTIA	2004
TRMI	187	TSSHERING THANDUP BHUTIA	1980
TRMI	43	TSHEWANG GYACHHO, IAS	1987
TRMI	1	TSHEWANG PINTSO BHUTIA	1977
TRMI	92	TULSI PRADHAN	1977
TRMI	82	UTTAMAN SHAKYA	1986
TRMI	90	VICKY AGARWAL	-
TRMI	161	VINOD MUNDRA	-
TRMI	130	WANGDY TSSHERING BHUTIA	-
TRMI	282	WANGYAL BHUTIA	1991
TRMI	151	YOGENDRA PRADHAN	2004

“The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances; if there is any reaction, both are transformed.”

– Carl Jung

Legacy Echoes

“REMEMBRANCE & TRIBUTE”

You will be remembered fondly forever by the entire T'NITE community.



Late Bhupen Lamichaney
1997 Batch
(10-01-1977 to 22-09-2023)



Late Ajit Rai
1992 (PCM) Batch
(10-01-1974 to 30-08-2024)

“Those we love never truly leave us. There are things that death cannot touch.”

— JACK THORNE



Glorious 23 Years

CHRONOLOGY OF TNSS SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS DOWN THE YEAR

1.	SH. B.N. SINGH (In-charge)	1966	1966
2.	CAPT. J. NARAYAN (In-charge)	1966	1967
3.	SH. E.G. MENON (In-charge)	1967	1967
4.	SH. P.S. SUBBA (In-charge)	1968	1968
5.	SH. M.C. MATHUR	1968	1983
6.	SMT. GEETA SHARMA	1983	1985
7.	SH. T.P. DONDIYAL	1985	1988
8.	SH. DINESH SHARMA	1988	1991
9.	SH. B. THOMAS	1991	1993
10.	SH. DINESH SHARMA	1993	1996
11.	SH. S.K. FONING	1996	2003
12.	SH. C.R.K. PANICKER	2004	2005
13.	SH. T.B. CHHETRI	2005	2009
14.	SH. K.B. CHETTRI	2009	2014
15.	SH. BASU D. ADHIKARI	2015	2016
16.	SH. T. GURUNG	2017	2020
17.	DR. SAROJA PRADHAN	Since 2020	



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Flamboyant:

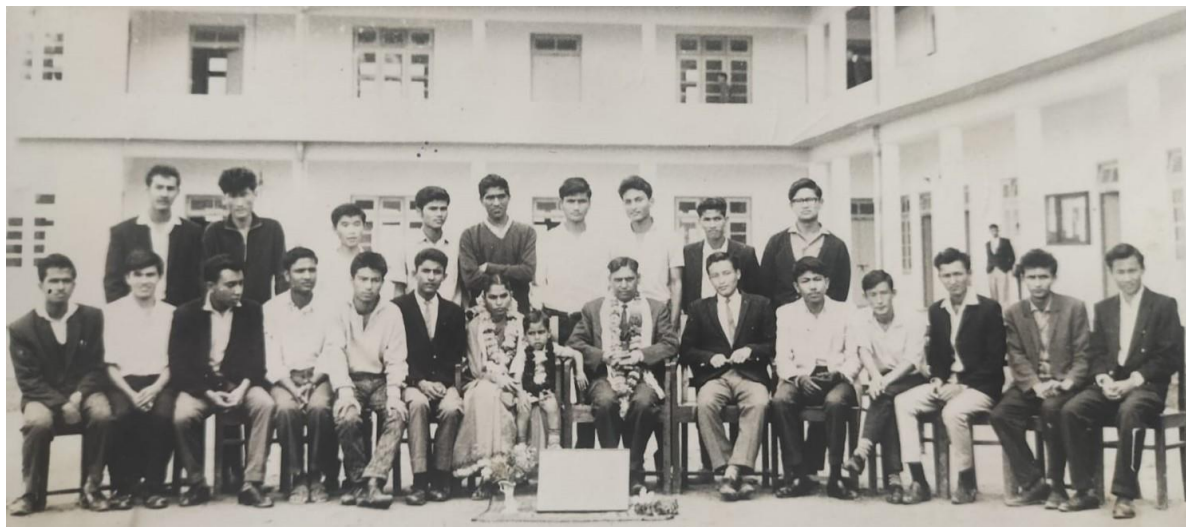
Memories down the Lane of School Days

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INAUGURATION OF TNHS SCHOOL:1966
By 12th Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal
(1963–1975)

1966 BATCH PICNIC



1st Batch at TNHS School Compound: 1966
(Group Photo of 1st Batch along with Choudhary Sir & His Family during his Farewell Party)

IN PHOTO GALLERY



PHOTO: 1966 (With Students & of School Assembly)
Farewell Party of Mr. Tashi Tongden (Teacher) and Sitting on the chair Mr. E.G. Menon, who assumed the role as 1st Principal of TNHS School on March 20th, 1966

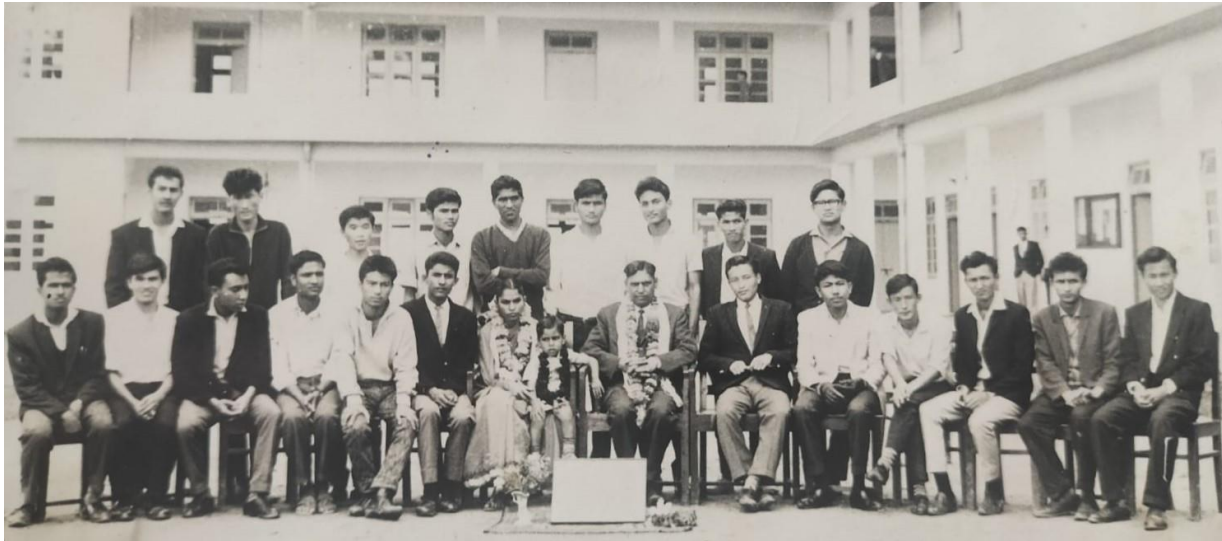


1st SCOUTS BATCH: 1966



1966 BATCH PICNIC

IN PHOTO GALLERY



1st Batch at TNHS School Compound: 1966
(Group Photo of 1st Catch along with Choudhary Sir & His Family during his Farewell Party)



GLIMPSE OF HIMALAYAN HOSTEL



TNHS Scouts Contingent Participating on the
15th August Mass Parade held at old Raj
Bhawan Ground in 1967
(Bhim Kumar Roka Leading the Contingent)



B.N. Singh (MA Sir) in TNHS



1974
ASSEMBLY LINE-UP FOR KING'S BIRTHDAY

IN PHOTO GALLERY



CROWN PRINCE TROPHY WINNER 1973

TNHS School Football Team with 12th Chogyal Palden Thondup Namgyal 1973 in the Palace
(PHOTO SHARED BY- Karma Tshering Bhutia)



HIMALAYAN HOSTEL
Boarding Students of TNHS, 1975

IN PHOTO GALLERY



Himalayan Hostel Football Team: Won Independence Shield in 1975
M.C. Mathur (Principal), B.M. Mishra (Hostel Suptd.) and Tenzing Sir (Team Manager)



Study Tour of Geography Section to Dikchu in 1975 with MC Mathur (Principal)

IN PHOTO GALLERY



School and House Captains 1976 Batch with
Principal M.C. Mathur and Head Lama Sir



Commerce Section 1976 Batch with Ms. Coomi

IN PHOTO GALLERY



1976 Batch- Class XI (Humanities Section)
Last batch of Higher Secondary Education System (TNHS)



Photo 1977: First +2 Science Batch

(FM: HIGHER SECONDARY – SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM)

STANDING FROM THE LEFT: Nima Tsetan, Rinzing **Dorji** and **Naina** Kumar Gurung
SITTING FROM THE LEFT: Krishna Samsher Basnet, Bijay Kr. Agarwal, Raj Kr. Singhi, Rapden
Bhutia, MK Majumar (Physics Teacher), Pema Ongda, Ram Kr. Tamang, Rajendra Gurung and
Jigmi Dorji

IN PHOTO GALLERY



PHOTO 1977: Science Batch



**EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TOUR TO NORTH INDIA:
DECEMBER 1977**

Excursion of Science Students at Gulmarg (J&K)

From Left:

Late Dr. Bijay K Agarwal, Mr. Pema Wangda, Dr Ram
Kr Tamang, Late Rinzing D Bhutia &
Dr. Nima Tsetan Bhutia



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSION TOUR TO NORTH INDIA: 1977
AGRA & RISHIKESH (UTTAR PRADESH)



IN PHOTO GALLERY



EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO AGRA (UTTAR PRADESH): 1978
(Principal Late M.C. Mathur)



T'NITES in Delhi University Compound: 1978



1979: Class-XII Humanities Group

IN PHOTO GALLERY



1979: Class-XII Humanities Group Photo
Bottom Centre: **Sonam Kunzang Fanning** (Teacher)



KASHMIR TRIP 1979

SK Mishra (Chemistry Teacher), B N Mishra
(Hindi Teacher) & Sengupta Sir
(Commerce Section Teacher)



KASHMIR TRIP 1979

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OUTLOOK OF YEAR 1979



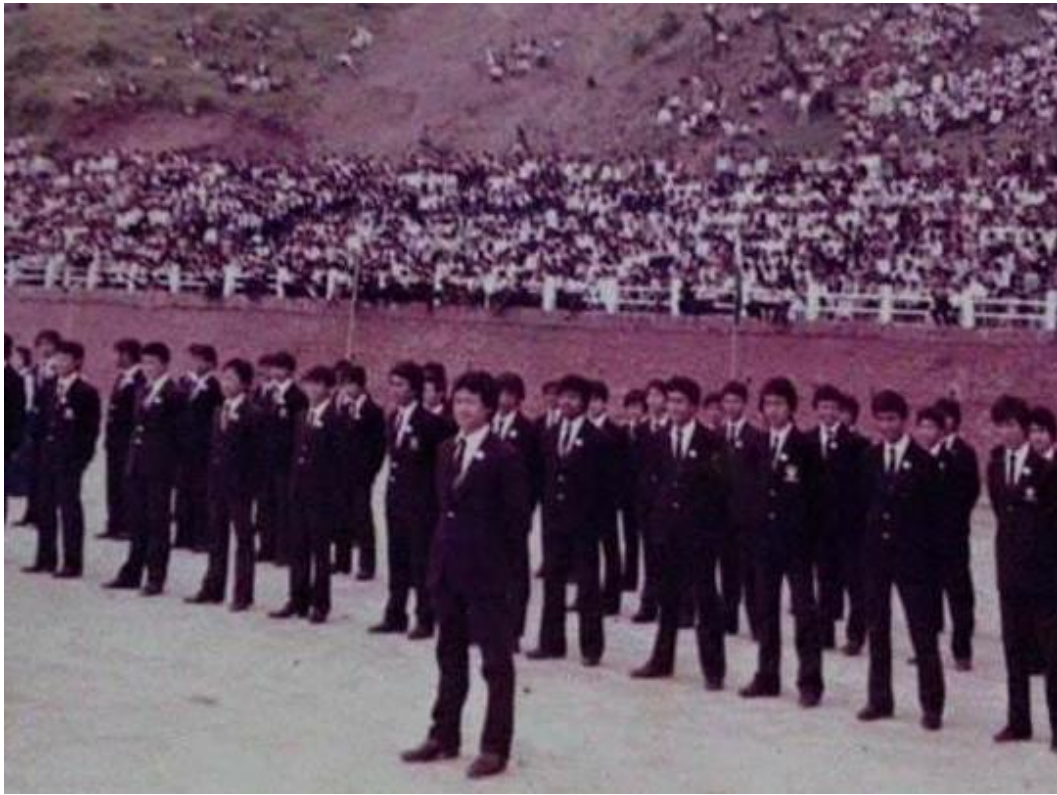
Alma Mater 1979-Batch (Group Picture)

OUTLOOK OF 1980s-1990s



Cutout from School Annual Magazine -"The Spark"
1980 Publication
(SHARED BY- Sh. Hem Kumar Chhetri)

IN PHOTO GALLERY



Independence Day Contingent Parade: 15th Aug 1983

On this day (15th Aug 1983), the contingent comprised of Class XI students from all combined streams – Science (PCM & PCM-B), Humanities, and Commerce became the first batch to wear a newly introduced school tie, which was individually distributed by then TNHS School Principal Sh. M.C. Mathur.

(2nd PHOTO SHARED BY- Gyurmey Tshering Wangdi)



1983: School Contingent Parade

IN PHOTO GALLERY



1986 NCC Blood Donation Camp at STNM Hospital, GANGTOK
(PHOTO SHARED BY- *Shri Dhananjoy Shakya*)



INDEPENDENCE PARADE TROUPE: 1986
(PHOTO SHARED BY- *Shri David Gyamtso Lingdong*)

IN PHOTO GALLERY



BLACK & WHITE GROUP PHOTO: TNSS SCHOOL ENTIRE
STAFF: 1996-2003



Photo: STUDENT COUNCIL 1997



Photo: 1999-Commerce Section



Celebrating the Victory
TNSS Won 2000 Football
Inter-School Tournament

IN PHOTO GALLERY

T'NITES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PICNIC-2004 AT SARAMASA GARDEN



SOME SHARED MOMENTS



FELLOWSHIP GATHERING



IN PHOTO GALLERY



T'NITES ALUMNI FOREIGN TRIP



After more than four decades,
the Reunion of classmates on
football Grounds in October
2021

Glimpses of Teacher's Day Function at School Auditorium 2016



“Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than the one where they sprang up.”
— *Oliver Wendell Holmes*



REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES 2023-2024



REPORT ON PROPOSED ACTIVITY PLAN- 2023

Dated: 13th Mar 2023

Prepared By: General Secretary, TAA

Approved in Principle by: President, TAA

It is about the worked-out proposed activity and planner for the current year of TAA. Month-wise activity has been planned after the first visit to the school & meeting with the school principal by core members of TAA on 17th Feb 2023. However, a necessary report or requirement from the school administration is requested.

(i) Main objects on which TAA will work immediately after **March 2023**

(a) To achieve TAA's fundamental aim, GS proposed to approach the school administration for the allocation of area for creating a gallery within the school premises (Museum/gallery will comprise as per the layout plan after the space is earmarked/ allocated)

(b) Model/Statue of 11th Chogyal Tashi Namgyal will be placed in the proposed gallery on his birth anniversary on 26th Oct (**October 2023**)

(ii) Other activities or events must be approved after receipt of the report from the school's principal. However, the main action plan includes events to facilitate the entire school administration for their contribution and dedicated work. It will have a subsequent effect on teaching and career-building for students. (**April-May 2023**)

(iii) The TAA will publish its Annual Newsletter for 2023 after completing the above activities. (**December 2023**)

The following activities will move along without time references.

1. Real-time access is needed to include the maximum number of members and registration programs.
2. Mobilize and link the alumni to separate media platforms (other than existing ones with strong group admin).
3. Members are to be enrolled or registered by the core members.
4. To improve financial position, TAA will incur expenses judiciously.

General Secretary,
T'NITES Alumni Association

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

— Helen Keller



REPORT ON MEETING WITH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dated 17th May 2023 at 14:00 Hrs

Meeting with TNSS School Administration was attended by:
Kunzang Gytso Bhutia (President), Raj Pradhan (V.P) & Mani Bhadra (GS)

School Administration included:

Dr. Saroja Pradhan (Principal) and two Senior Teachers



The T'NITES Alumni Association Team, in their role as ambassadors of the alumni community, visited the school to engage with the current Principal and teaching and non-teaching staff. Their purpose was to introduce TAA, inform about the recent changes in the executive body, and discuss the activities planned for the year. They also aimed to explore potential collaborations for the benefit of the school community.

OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT:

- To reconnect with the school.
- To share experiences with the school administration.
- To discuss potential avenues for collaboration and support between the alumni and the school.
- To provide mentorship and guidance to students.
- To evaluate the school's current needs and challenges.

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

TAA Core Members handed over the letter offering a proposal for assistance and services to the School Principal. They discussed the points in the letter and more about the credibility of TAA. In response to our letter, the school principal has submitted a letter of support and cooperation on the requirement for the maintenance of the school priority-wise. The meeting was more than worthwhile and held for almost two hours, including the site visit, and they appraised our team of their work from the date of initiation till its completion. The point in Para-2 (i) (b) forwarded vide TAA/0001/2023-24 dated 17th May 23 was also broadly discussed. On this, the school administration has advised the TAA to obtain the necessary concurrence for the installation of the statue of 11th Chogyal Tashi Namgyal at school premises from the Education department directly, as the matter of such is outside the capacity of the school administration.

OUTCOMES OF THE VISIT:

- (i) Work on creating a **domain address** for the **webpage** to be postponed temporarily.
- (ii) To obtain concurrence from the Education Department for the above point mentioned in Para-2 (i) (b) forwarded vide TAA/0001/2023-24 dated 17th May 23.
- (iii) **Membership Drive:**
 - To start collecting donations, we encourage alumni to reach out to their contacts first.
 - Prefer the donated amount to be transferred directly to the TAA Bank Account. If someone can't make digital transactions, cash donations are also accepted. Instant receipts will be provided, and contributors need to provide the following minimum mandatory details for future recognition:
 - *Name:
 - *School Pass out Year:
 - *Complete/correct Postal Address:
 - *Contact No./ Alternate contact No.
- (iv) To arrange an architect/contractor for the Basketball Court (for pitch repair and fencing work) or an interior designer for the library, as discussed. Necessary quotations must be obtained prior to evaluating the work cost.
- (v) To urgently initiate the liquidation of 40% of the fixed deposit amount to meet specific requirements.
- (vi) TAA needs to be further organized; therefore, in this direction, the President is requested to obtain the custodian of TAA's inventory certificate from all. This process will start with obtaining the certificate from the person in charge of maintaining bank-related documents and from the person having a master register and other papers.

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ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS:

During the meeting, it was emphasized that in order to reach the goal, TAA needs to focus on a single direction rather than trying to do too many things at once. It was stressed that working in an organized and focused manner is crucial for success. The team was reminded to stick to the plans and commitments that have been made, as this is essential for TAA's team's success.

CONCLUSION:

The visit by the T'NITES Alumni Association Team was a significant event that strengthened the bond between the alumni and the school community. The insights and experiences shared by the team will provide valuable guidance for the growth, and the discussions have laid the foundation for exciting future collaborations. TAA expressed gratitude and optimism about the potential these collaborations hold to enhance the educational experience for all students.

General Secretary
T'NITES Alumni Association

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

– Helen Keller



**CONSOLIDATED REPORT
ON GENERAL BODY MEETING OF TAA**
Dated 17th Jul 2023 at Hotel Tibet, Gangtok (Sikkim)

Attended By:

Kunzang Gytso Bhutia (President), Mani Bhadra (General Secretary), Raj Mohan Pradhan (VP), Susen Pradhan (Treasurer-I), Shri Kiran Rasaily (Advisor to TAA) and three newly inducted executive members.

BRIEF REPORT:

The meeting, chaired by Advisor Kiran Rasaily, was held to plan actions required to meet the goals set for the current year. The meeting began with introductions, a moment of silence for the late Shova Gupta Baraily, a retired teacher of TNSS School, and an overview of the Alumni Association's objectives, planned activities, and targets for the next 6 months. The Chairperson also welcomed new members, bringing the total number of executives to 8+1.

With:-

Advisor to TAA

Shri Kiran Rasaily

Designation

President

Vice President

General Secretary

Treasurer-I

Additional Treasurer

In-charge Public Relation

In-charge Media & Press Release

In-charge Coordinator Publication

Namely

Kunzang Gytso Bhutia

Raj Mohan Pradhan

Mani Bhadra

Susen Pradhan

Nar Bahadur Giri

Deoraj Bagdas (*Has been given addition responsibility of GS on his absence*)

Govind Dhakal

Milan Giri

The agenda for the meeting-

- Facilitation of three newly inducted members to the executive body.
- To discuss road map to accomplish the activity programmes set for 2023.
- To discuss ways to raise funds for the Association.

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Some of the pictorial presentations of the TAA 1st General Body Meeting After taking over on 17th Jan 2023



Thanksgiving by the President, TAA to Chairperson



GS presented a brief on TAA objectives, Progress Report till date and Year Plan

The chairperson is welcoming newly inducted members to the Core Group



Chairperson is welcoming Sh. Deoraj Bagdas in the TAA Team



Chairperson is welcoming Sh. Nar Bahadur Giri in the TAA Team



Chairperson is welcoming Sh. Milan Giri in the TAA Team

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Outlook of 1st General Body Meeting of TAA

Outcome after discussion and deliberations:

1. Decided unanimously as a team to drop the plan to obtain permission to install a Model/Statue of 11th Chogyal Tashi Namgyal in the gallery/library on his birth anniversary on 26 October 2023. Instead, we will focus on upgrading the library and setting up the same space to create a T'NITE Special Gallery. TAA is already in touch with the school principal on this matter and has initially taken up providing an appropriate quantity of chairs. The entire upgradation to be accomplished / fulfilled by first week of October to accomplish our objectives into reality.
2. To achieve the target mentioned in Point 1 above, the role of the Treasurer was felt necessary. Treasurer and Additional Treasurer were advised to take up necessary steps to liquidate a considerable amount from the existing fixed deposit held in the bank on or before 21st September 2023 prior to its maturity. It was recommended that the account be looked at more carefully to determine the feasibility of shifting the account to another bank. (Also, the MoM dated 18th March 2023 was referred to and discussed. Hence, considering certain complications with the 6th Executive Body, the issue mentioned in Point 1 above was consequently postponed until the activities for the year 2023 were completed).
3. Regarding the fundraising issue, it was decided to identify the first 100 members and meet them with a Commemorative tie in a Black-and-White concept made of Satin Fabric with TAA's Logo printed over it to strengthen the funds required to carry out activities planned for the Reunion. **Raj Mohan Pradhan (V.P.)** has voluntarily taken responsibility for this and will provide a general outlook on the Core Group prior to approval and placing the purchase order.
4. IC Coordinator & Publication advised to look for the Preparation of the Dedicated Calendar for 2024.

Suggestions Forwarded:

Treasurer to initiate the necessary fund allocation plan and mark certain %age, of the total amount held with TAA for misc expenditure.

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Advisory issued

Executive Members employed in government services will not attend Press Conferences to avoid any unnecessary confrontation that may mislead the authority on the issue and their intention of participation. Moreover, instructions are given to safeguard their reputation and service.

Meeting on press release/Press conference only the following members were authorized to address:

The President, G.S., and V.P. can address the press release/press conference. The Present Advisor to TAA has been given the additional responsibility of TAA's Spokesperson to convey the correct message to the masses. However, due to non-presence, the opinion of IC Media & Press Release could not be obtained.

It was further advised with the expansion of the team, we all have to work in a way that qualifies us to hold the heads of TAA high. No laid-back approach from one is expected at this point in time, as we have barely two months in hand. Our fundamental objective is to meet the true feeling of the students. This is not just a goal, but a connection we must establish. They are the soul of our work.

Since there is no scope for additional programs at this niche of term and given this, it is strictly advised to follow and fulfill the already decided activities. This is crucial for our success and the achievement of our objectives.

It was also noticed during the meeting that there were differences of opinion on the floor. Hence, it is advised not to indulge in unnecessary matters and complicate the plans already being formulated. It was also reiterated that in no circumstance will the primary core group ever dissolve, leaving aside despondency at a critical time. Moreover, TAA is bound by the motto, "WE STAND TOGETHER." In this view, let the President forward his wish, but we all will unitedly take a decision and communicate his position as he has made the sole effort to bring a new transition to this Association.

Expansion to this particular word, "T'NITE REUNION MEET," was also discussed.

The literal meaning of Reunion is:

- (i) An instance of two or more people coming together again after a period of separation.
- (ii) A social gathering attended by members of a group of people who have not seen each other for some time.
- (iii) The action of being brought together again as a unified whole.

NOTE-TAA Explanation of REUNION is

"A commemorative Tie (As decided) or a personalized game can make a reunion or get-together unique and reminds people of the great time they had on back days. A musical night with a signature drink, a good brunch, etc., can make the event worth organizing. TAA will primarily look for people in the gathering who are willing to donate or contribute to its fund. Members were instructed to be more cautious when recommending the names. A worthwhile event, a worthwhile memory"

Conclusion:

The meeting was peacefully concluded. The report closed with the theme, "United we stand, Divided we fall."

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

— Henry Ford



“1st JOINT MISSION ACCOMPLISHED”
REPORT ON
RELIEF FOR THE VICTIMS OF FLASHFLOOD
(13th Oct 2023)



The T'NITES Alumni Association (TAA), in partnership with the Sikkim Mountaineering Association (SMA), has successfully installed a cable/rope winch, 1000 KG-3HP motors, and related equipment for transporting essential goods to the victims of the recent flash flood in North Sikkim (Phidang & Sangkhanglang in Dzongu).

T'NITE community is proud of their selfless dedication in helping humanity.

BRIEF DETAILS:

Notification Released vide TAA's File Ref. No. TAA/0005/2023-24 on Dated: 09th Oct 2023, the TAA Core Group, demonstrating unity and solidarity, convened Urgent Meetings on the 5th & 8th of Oct 2023 to discuss the steps needed after an unprecedented disaster that the state of Sikkim witnessed on 04th October 2023.

The main point was rescheduling TAA's forthcoming event, "T'NITE Alumni Meet 2023," from 14th October 2023 to another appropriate date. Core Members unanimously decided to postpone the scheduled event from 14th October 2023 to 25th November 2023.

Furthermore, TAA unitedly reiterated the pledge to stand by the side of the victims and sufferers of the disaster, which has taken difficult turns and brought sudden, shocking changes in the lives of the people on mountain terrains. TAA extended its deepest sympathy to the victims of the calamity. To ease the loss and to make life comfortable after primary restoration and settlement, TAA has arrived at an idea to provide a support system post-disaster to the people in the main affected areas. TAA announces that it will dedicate 50% of its additional funds accumulated after the event to our mission to help the badly hit families.

TAA's efforts will be bias-free and meant for the service of humanity, which includes helping people in need with a sense of selflessness, a virtue we all aspire to. This is without any intention of personal gain, reward, or benefit. The main purpose of "TAA's HELP INITIATIVE MISSION" is to work for the welfare, well-being and betterment of all the affected people. TAA makes it apparent that for us, humanity refers to all humans despite their region, religion, caste and creed, community, class and status; moreover, it refers to the thoughtful feelings humans often have for each other.

OUTCOME:

Joint Mission, in collaboration with the Sikkim Mountaineering Association (SMA), was initiated to identify the worst-hit area and provide essential equipment for transporting necessary goods to the victims.

FEW GLIMPSE OF JOINT RELIEF WORK



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“In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.”

- Mother Teresa

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T'NITE Alumni Meet-2023

(Under T'NITE Reunion Meet Initiative Programme)

25th November 2023 (Chintan Bhawan, Gangtok)

Festive of Beautiful Fellowship



TAA expresses sincere gratitude for the presence of fellow members and incredible support that made a significant impact during the 1st ever Ice-breaking event conducted under TRMI Programme. Compliance with the timely conduct of the event has not gone unnoticed, and TAA is truly thankful for having all been genuinely thoughtful and supportive until the event was over.

Moreover, this T'NITE Alumni Meet-2023 is a testament showcasing that the T'NITE family is never short of versatile people. The event witnessed the presence of former MPs, MLAs, Serving and retired High Officials, Teachers, Businessmen, and Alumni from various walks of life, which created a historic page in the TAA's 22 Years of excellence. Since this was TAA's first collective effort to bring all under one umbrella, looking forward to building bigger alumni network in the coming years.

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Key Highlights of the Program Schedules:

- Welcome Address by the Alumni Association (Commencement Speech by General Secretary, followed by Vice President's Speech and Welcome Speech by the President)
- Ice-breaking Activities (Felicitation and documentary presentation, speeches by distinguished guests, followed by a presentation on TAA operations, and a panel discussion by members on Alumni Insights)
- T'NITE Unplugged Musical Programme & Felicitation to Former Presidents and Executives followed by Alumni Success Stories.
- Motivational Speeches by Achievers, Story Sharing Session, and Keynote Address by a Distinguished Alumnus, Musical Unplugged Performance, and Breakout Sessions.
- Group Photos and Dinner: A sumptuous dinner is organized, allowing alumni to relax and socialize and to fill the atmosphere with laughter and nostalgia as old friends reconnect and new friendships are forged.

**Considering the size of the T'NITE Alumni community and the diverse nature of our activities, TAA will maintain flexibility in its tentative timelines and program schedules to accommodate everyone.*

Overview of the Reunion Event:

The long-awaited T'NITE Alumni Reunion Meet 2023 aimed to reconnect alumni with their alma mater, foster relationships, and reminisce about their cherished moments at TNSS School. The reunion began at 10:45 AM with a warm welcome from all core members and the President of the T'NITES Alumni Association. A tea and refreshments reception was held to facilitate familiarity and provide a taste of the food enjoyed during the school days.

The event was not just a walk down memory lane, but also a platform for the alumni to engage and interact. Attendees included alumni from the 1966 to 2000 batches, media partners, and current students from the school. The event showcased memorabilia that highlighted the strong connections among the alumni. This time provided an interactive session where alumni shared their experiences and journeys since their time at school, fostering a sense of community and shared history.

Attendance Noted:

Contribution Received From	:	164 Members as on 25 th Nov 2023
Alumni/ Fellow Members	:	Actual attendance recorded in the Register by 101 Members
Fellow Members attended without prior information	:	06

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Media Persons/ Partner	:	05
Cultural Programme Assisting Team	:	11
Sir TNSS School Students (Guests)	:	School Batch 2023 Total Record available of 09 Students. Actual attendance 11

Shimon Chettri
Sonam Kinga Bhutia
Ayush Chettri
Anmol Karki
Tsultim Tashi
Binay Subba
Arjun Subba
Pem Tsho Lepcha
Sonam Ongchuk Lepcha

*Tentative attendance in total noted for 160 members

The Cultural Presentation Team (T'NITE Musical Unplugged):

The Festive Hour commenced with an air of excitement and anticipation.



The Incredible Performance by the Cultural Presentation Team significantly impacted the initial hour of the T'NITE Alumni Meet 2023 event. Their dedication to the timely conduct of the event was genuinely thoughtful and supportive until the event ended. Without the heart of music, it wouldn't have been possible for TAA to achieve the primary aim of Festive Eve.

PHOTO: Shri Deoraj Bagdas (Coordinator Musical Event), Shri Ramesh Periwal, Shri Sonam D Lepcha, Shri Karma L Tenzin, Shri Suman Karki, Shri Raju Tamang, Shri Chitiz Chettri, and Sir TNSS School Students

Awards and Recognitions:

Several alumni were honored for their achievements in various fields.

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All available former Presidents were felicitated for their guidance, support, and leadership provided to The T'NITE Alumni Association.

Sh. Lhendup D Lepcha

President of 2nd Executive Body (TAA)

Sh. Bhim Kumar Roka

President of 3rd Executive Body (TAA)

*Dr. Ram Kumar Tamang

President of 4th Executive Body (TAA)

Sh. S.T Gyatso

President of 5th Executive Body (TAA)

** Dr. Ram Kumar Tamang could not attend the event due to rituals on Anthyesti Kriya of his beloved mother. However, the award was later personally handed over to him at his residence by the President, GS, and additional Treasurer (TAA).*

The 5th executive body of the TAA was felicitated for managing association affairs and for their unwavering support and guidance in taking the TAA to another level.

Sh. Pema Ongda Bhutia

Vice President-I

Sh. Rapden Bhutia

Vice President-II

Sh. Samdup Tshering Bhutia

General Secretary-I

Sh. Raj Kumar Singhi

General Secretary -II

Sh. Pramod Kumar Rathi

Treasurer-I

Sh. K.B. Gurung

Treasurer-II

The Chief Guest and chairperson of the event (the senior most alumni from the 1966 Batch and advisor to TAA), Sh. Kiran Rasaily, was honoured later after the event at The Elgin Nor-Khill Hotel, Gangtok, on 26th Nov 2023 by the President and GS (TAA) for gracing the event with his esteemed presence and for his unwavering support, wisdom, and guidance that made this Reunion Event exceptional and memorable.



Thanksgiving moments to Chairperson (Sh. Kiran Rasaily) of the T'NITE Alumni Meet-2023
After the Event at "The Elgin Nor-Khill Hotel," Gangtok on 26th Nov 2023 (Sunday)

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Hon'ble Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly **Sh. Arun Kumar Upreti** was invited for the award for his exceptional leadership and the immeasurable impact he had made on our Alumni community and the State. Unfortunately, he expressed sincere regrets for being unable to attend the T'NITE Alumni Meet & felicitation ceremony vide Letter Ref No. 751/0045/SLA Dated 23rd Nov 2023, as he has to travel to pay condolence to the Late Kamala Devi, wife of former Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad. However, later the award was handed over to him by the President (TAA) at his office personally.

Notable three fellow members were selected as "Accomplishers of the Year" who were promoted to Decorated IAS and were awarded for their extraordinary accomplishments, which established a benchmark of leadership for everyone.

Sh. Tshewang Gyachho	(Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim)
Sh. S.D. Dhakal	(Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim)
Sh. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia	(Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim)

The event was enlivened by a nostalgic video montage (Documentary) showcasing memorable moments from past events and cultural performances from current students and alumni, including musical band members.

GS to TAA presented the details of its vision and operations on the following:

- Formal Introduction of each present executive member to the audience.
- Updated on the defined function of TAA
- Vision for the years 2023-2026
- Year plan 2023-2024
- On Fundamental Aims of TAA
- What TAA envisions in the coming three years
- Briefed on the critical component of Ice-Breaking that the 6th Executive Body of TAA achieved was mainly
 - (i) Endeavour to bring all 3-Generations of the T'NITE Family under one banner.
 - (ii) TAA provided a Commemorative Tie to all the members to signify oneness through identity.
 - (iii) The Reunion Meet, a historic event celebrating 22 years of TAA's excellence, was a testament to our strength and a source of pride for all T'NITE Family members.
- Presented details on the creation of a unique Logo/Batch

SHIELD: Represents & communicates Stability, Protection, Longevity, School Tradition, and Boldness.
COLOUR OF SHIELD: Black & White symbolically represents our unity, affinity & strong values.
GOLDEN LEAF: The golden leaf encircling the main logo was later added literally to represent the Growth and rebirth of the Association, along with its many spiritual meanings, such as Extraordinary Resistance.

The TAA logo, as a whole, depicts Stability, Sustainability, Traditional Values associated with our Institution, Unity, Harmony, and Strong Fellow Feelings.

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Feedback and Conclusion:

The reunion was a resounding success, with positive feedback from attendees. Alumni expressed their appreciation for the efforts put into organizing the event and conveyed their eagerness to participate in future gatherings. In conclusion, the Alumni Reunion Meet was not just an event but a celebration of the enduring spirit and camaraderie of the T'NITE community. The organizing committee extends heartfelt thanks to all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors who made this event a memorable experience.

Looking Forward:

Plans are already underway for the next reunion, and we encourage all alumni to stay connected and be a part of the ever-growing T'NITE elite family.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE: MOMENTS FROM OUR REUNION













FACES OF FRIENDSHIP & AFFINITY
Unforgettable Moments from Our Reunion's Initial Hour



The students Council of Sir TNSS School have been invited as guests to the Reunion Event



PRIOR TO COMMENCING THE EVENT:

Expressed sincerest condolences, Observed a moment of Silence, and offered prayer to the departed souls of the Late Shova Baraily Gupta Ma'am, Jarmit Ma'am, & Late Bhupen Lamichenay (Fellow Member) and also those who lost their loved ones (families) in the unfortunate disaster on 04th Oct 2023





A lamp-lighting ceremony to mark the beginning of a T'NITE Alumni Reunion Meet-2023



The Incredible Performance (Group Song) by the Cultural Presentation Team
State song of Sikkim- "Jahan Bagcha Teesta Rangeel"

COMMENCEMENT OF THE EVENT



Welcome Speech by Vice President to TAA Sh. Raj Mohan Pradhan



President to TAA Sh. Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia Addressing the Reunion Meet

FELICITATION CEREMONY



Former 2nd President to TAA Sh. Lhendup D Lepcha



Former 3rd President to TAA Sh. Bhim Kumar Roka



Former 5th President to TAA Sh. S.T. Gyatso



Sh. Pema Ongda Bhutia
Former Vice President-I of 5th Executive Body of TAA



Sh. Rapden Bhutia
Former Vice President-II of 5th Executive Body of TAA



Sh. Samdup Tshering Bhutia
Former General Secretary-I of 5th Executive Body of TAA



Sh. Raj Kumar Singhi
Former General Secretary-II of 5th Executive Body of TAA



Sh. Pramod Kumar Rathi
Former Treasurer-I of 5th Executive Body of TAA



Sh. K.B. Gurung
Former Treasurer-II of 5th Executive Body of TAA



Group Photo of 5th Executive Body of TAA



Accomplisher of the Year Sh. S.D. Dhakal, IAS (Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim)





Accomplisher of the Year Sh. Rinzing Chewang Bhutia, IAS (Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim)



Accomplisher of the Year Sh. Tshewang Gyachho, IAS (Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim)



Presentation on General Operation on TAA by General Secretary (Mani Bhadra)



Sh. Menla Ethenpa Founding General Secretary-I of TAA Addressing the Reunion Meet

EMBRACING THE CONCLUDING MOMENTS



“Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.”

– Woodrow Wilson



Event: T'NITES Alumni Picnic 2024

Date: 24th Feb 2024

Location: Next to SMIT, Near Sunder Resort, Majitar (Rangpoo), Gangtok (SIKKIM)

This event was the second of its kind after 2004 (the first Picnic organized by TAA). The Alumni Picnic brought together a diverse group of alumni from various batches for a day of reconnecting, networking, and relaxation. The event was organized by the T'NITES Alumni Association and attended by over 76 alumni and their guests, including guests from TNSS School.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE	NUMBER	REMARKS
T'NITE Members	46	
Member's Guest	10	
Guest from School	20	
TOTAL	76	(Paid/Hired Staff excluded)
No. of Registered Members who intimated their inability to attend the Picnic Event	16	

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T'NITES ALUMNI PICNIC-2024

Details of Member's Guest Attended the Picnic

L.N. Sharma	Raj Lama
Keshav Bhattarai	Suren Gurung
Ravi Gurung	Prabhat Pradhan
Krishna Chettri	Bishwash Ghataney
Dup Tsh. Sherpa	K.B. Chettri (Ex-TNSS School Principal)

Details of Guests (Teaching & Non-teaching Staff) from Sir TNSS School Attended the Picnic

Jenny Lepcha	Deo Kumari Chettri
Bandana Rai	Kalzang Bhutia
Baichung Lepcha	Prerna Rai
Diki Doma Bhutia	Leela Karki
Karma Yeshey	Tara Sharma
Puja Basnet	Passang Sherpa
Renu H. Limboo	Sundar Subba
Sunita Rai	Kessang Bhutia
Yasodha Giri	Upesh Chettri
Keepa Bhutia	Bhim Chettri

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome Remarks: The event kicked off with a warm welcome from the Alumni Association General Secretary, who expressed gratitude for the alumni community's continued support and participation, especially guests from Sir TNSS School.

Games and Activities: The picnic was a hub of fun and inclusivity, featuring a diverse range of activities for all ages, from classic picnic games like Musical Chair, a Three-Legged Race and Tug-of-war to a dedicated area for card games, there was something for everyone.

Food and Refreshments: Hired Caterers managed food service during the event, with buffet-style... plated meals with waitstaff for serving to the guests. A delicious barbecue lunch was served, featuring a variety of grilled meats, vegetarian options, salads, and desserts for initial refreshment.

Beverage Service: The Alumni Team offered beverage facilities, such as alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, with a movable Deep fridge system to complement the food menu and suit the event.

Networking Opportunities: The event was not just about fun and games, but also about professional connections. It provided a great platform for alumni to reconnect with old classmates and network with others in their fields. Several alumni shared stories and updates about their professional journeys, making the event a valuable networking opportunity.

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T'NITES ALUMNI PICNIC-2024

Raffle and Prizes: A highlight of the day was the raffle, where attendees could win prizes.

Felicitation Programme: Felicitations for the school guests and selected Fellow Members for their active role was another charm that boosted the festive moment.

OVERVIEW:

Working as a team at the picnic and making the event truly remarkable was a joyous experience. The TAA organizing committee is grateful for the valuable contributions of our Fellow Members and the guests. As it is evident, all of our fellow members had a fantastic time, and we are eagerly looking forward to creating more memorable moments together in the future.

The advance team who worked relentlessly day and night to ensure the seamless conduct of the picnic, especially Karma L Tenzin, Sonam Dawa Lepch, and Karsang Lama, who were part of our team in soil and dust till previous night, was a testament to T'NITE Fellowship. TAA's President Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia, TAA's V.P. Raj Mohan Pradhan, and Fellow Friends Jeemila Bhutia & Bhanu Kumar Pradhan; despite the gust, they all silently worked to make the hour a memorable one. A night stay post-event in a tent alongside the river Teesta till the morning of 25th Feb 2024 was an incredible experience.

Not least, TAA's team managed and arranged the entire spot by Pitching Tents on all sides, Samyana to demark the periphery of the Picnic Area, Installing Mobile Toilets, providing Transportation (Bus) facilities for the guests, and advising All Members to opt for the carpool.

FEEDBACK & CONCLUSION

The event received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees, who appreciated the relaxed atmosphere and the opportunity to reconnect with friends. Many expressed interest in participating in similar events in the future. Additionally, Teachers and staff from the School communicated that this was their most beautiful moment ever celebrated with alumni. Moreover, seniors who missed the picnic due to health issues and other genuine reasons extended their support and congratulated us on this successful conduct of the event.

The Alumni Picnic was a resounding success, fostering a sense of community and pride among the alumni. The event not only allowed for nostalgic reminiscing but also strengthened the bonds within the alumni network. The Alumni Association is excited about hosting more events that bring the alumni community together and looks forward to excellent participation.

IN PHOTOS
T'NITES ALUMNI PICNIC-2024

Day 1 on 23rd Feb 2024 (Friday)
Advance Preparation Team from T'NITE Alumni Picnic Committee



Glimpses of Event Day on 24th Feb 2024 (Saturday)











Enjoying a great time with the school staff!

MUSICAL HOUR



FELLOW MEMBERS SHARING THEIR VIEWS



DIVERSE RANGE OF GAMES & ACTIVITIES



Musical Chair



A Three-Legged Race (50 Mtr)





Cheer Groups



Tug-of-war

FOOD TIME



FELICITATION CEREMONY AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



Sh. Ramesh Periwal



Sh. Chewang Zangpo Bhutia



Sh. Sonam Topgey Bhutia



Sh. Sonam Dawa Lepcha



Formal Announcement
Sh. David Gyamtso Lingdong
ALMA MATER MAGAZINE NAME CONTEST
2023-24 (WINNER)



Formal Announcement
Sh. Tulsi Pradhan
ALMA MATER MAGAZINE NAME CONTEST
2023-24
2nd RUNNER-UP (Most Appealing Name)

WINNERS OF FUN GAMES



2nd Prize- Sh. Ajit K Prasad & Purna Rai
A Three-Legged Race (50 Mtr)



3rd Prize- Puja Basnett & Bhim Chettri
A Three-Legged Race (50 Mtr)



2nd Prize- Tara Sharma
Musical Chair



The school representative won the Tug-of-War trophy held between School Rep & Alumni

Winners of Fun Games at Picnic:

Musical Chair

1st Prize- Sh. Menla Ethenpa

2nd Prize- Tara Sharma

3^r Prize- Diki Doma Bhutia

A Three-Legged Race (50 Mtr)

1st Prize- Sh. Ramesh Periwal & Karma Yeshey Bhutia

2nd Prize- Sh. Ajit K Prasad & Prema Rai

3rd Prize- Puja Basnett & Bhim Chettri

TUG OF WAR

(Between School Rep & Alumni)

Winner:

The school representative won the most coveted trophy at the picnic event.

A thrilling tug-of-war match took place between the school representatives and its alumni. The atmosphere was electric as both teams were determined to win, with the school teachers wanting to prove themselves and the alumni keen to show they still had what it takes. The rope creaked under the strain as sides dug in, muscles straining and cheers erupting from the crowd. After a fierce and intense battle of three rounds, filled with moments of near-victory for both teams, the School Rep finally pulled through, winning in the final round. The event was a perfect blend of competition and camaraderie, leaving everyone buzzing with excitement.

FELICITATION CEREMONY FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, FORMER PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS, AND NON-TEACHING STAFF





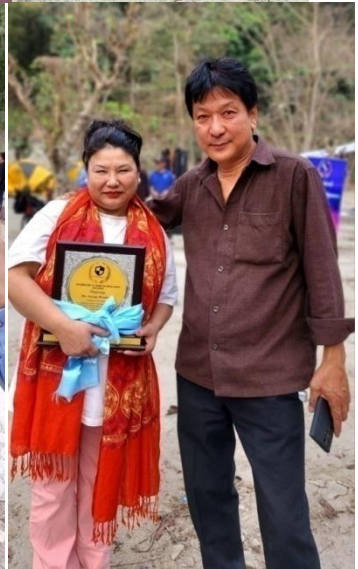


Ms. Jenny Lepcha received the felicitation award on behalf of the school principal



Former Principal Sh. K.B. Chettri (2009-2014)

CELEBRATION TIME



GROUP PHOTO SESSION





Post Picnic Night at Picnic Spot on 24th Feb 2024 (Saturday)



After winding-up Next Day Morning at the Spot on 25th Feb 2024 (Sunday)

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.”

– Walt Disney



CAREER COUNSELLING SESSION 2024-25

Organised by
T'NITES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

VENUE : SIR TASHI NAMGYAL SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Date : 04.05.2024

On 04th May 2024, the T'NITES Alumni Association conducted a career counseling session, which aimed to provide guidance, advice, and insights to final-year students regarding various career paths. The session included a panel discussion on the importance of networking and advice on navigating the early years of a career, with a faculty member serving as the moderator and representatives from universities in Sikkim sharing their expertise.

Additionally, there was a networking session where students had the opportunity to interact with representatives from different universities, exchange contact information, and discuss potential mentorship or internship opportunities.

The session also featured a diverse range of career paths, including non-traditional options, to provide a comprehensive understanding of the professional landscape. It was ensured that all students, regardless of their career certainty, felt welcomed and encouraged to participate in the session.

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.”

– Franklin D. Roosevelt

“ A LEAF THAT FALLS ”

Back from young days

Man's most tremendous boon is to have been born to live the stage of childhood and the greatest sin to suffer at the rest of the phases in life. The youth is laughter, and it revives all the pain. But, on the other hand, men suffer from their possession of compulsions and reinforce to commit the biggest crime of being pretentious about what they are not but the only reflection of external life conditions.

Here I will tell all that composed in the back days story of a fall and inclination. It's all about-

A bonfire and stalks, either broken or have fallen off impulsively. Trumps of brilliant broods. The entire feat of short stories, a few fantastic rational designs of talk, buzz and laughter—sharing the orders, well or bad. And that darkest hour, immense joy and teasing the moon. Swindling thick boughs of Peachtree and retreat of the team of five fleet. And the noise that breaks the salience of curious minds, as we believe that wisdom rises at night in a deep meditative sleep. And those quick flying leaps towards the steps to our dens on the left side of the town.

Three and half decades have passed, but none seemed like those few evenings at bypass. Joy in merry, mirth & gait, the playful and happiness of that age- I and all those who lived the life of the fleet will one day certainly look for it as I look to these barren streets of Melange Book House. It's barren with no merrier and plays. I have lost my boyhood. I have no fleet, and I hardly enjoy any feast. It's just barren, probably for only me.

IN PIECE OF PAGE

"A LEAF THAT FALLS"

But, one thing is for sure; indeed, when we grow –

So when we unfold thirty-plus, it's all about conflicting grown-up brains. Most will behave in an estranged way, and there are only illusory, wise-framed words. Remember, there was no scope for such affairs throughout our young days. Shucks! this very age and time, inclination and fall. The tragedy of adult nerds, the valued things had gradually been lost.

Loved My Diary Page,

Let me strike my stockpile first; the outline of that upside terrain was a fruitless longing city, then. The tiny hill that lives with me is the most thoughtful tale. The hop of Peach and Rose-scent and impending fall in the loop. "Boo!" we cried time of year and we barely planned the flare.

But, honestly, there lies the secret.

Fleet of five eyes held above straight without a wink to catch hold of falling leaves. The leaf never falls the way we expect. It sways like cotton, sometimes still and sways even in the lenient wind, and goes beyond the sharp wire or after. Some fall, twirling right at your head, taking sharp turns when you are supposed to hold them straight. In Indian summer, particularly at the lane, by virtue, there grew plenty of wild cherry blossoms, and we called pink flowering boughs a *Prunus serasoides*. Hundreds or more are separated from their spring bloom foliage.

Crazy brood, being we, threw sharp edge stones to split. Thus, we played our inherent instinct; the number of a leaf we catch must be more than the present sittings. The connotation I learned, the more you see, whether fresh or dry, green, pale, or deep brown, either out of decay, shall always be preserved between the book leaves.

So looking back on one particular day of the matured vine and of that bided time. Consequently, yet again, I brace some blunted stones to pelt high to catch hold of the most miniature dreams passing by. I stood right below the tree; I knew not the botanical name. The tree had an autumn act in its play and hence rained hundreds of leaves with the gust of wind in the summer of Nevada City at the plains. As with these, within me advanced scenes of days, hundreds came from high above of low sky then at Dale. Then "Me" in "I" danced like the same old child, leapt all around merrily to get hold of one or more, whether fresh or dry. So today, not many, but I must retain some to save between book folds to remind me of this playfulness forever in me for my few more life.

IN PIECE OF PAGE

“A LEAF THAT FALLS”

But all these lineage streets, narrow curves, pleasant life and plays of melody folk in my dreams have gone at the command of prime. So now, these things never bloom in a few farm terraces at this time. When I moved to Melange Roads in Nevada town with mountains attached at the edges had significant numbers of canopies that offered shades and a particular fall. But now, from life to city has turned to drastic peace. I could hardly see any absolute joy on the road, and it is not because it didn't have, it is because I could not feel. On the contrary, I could sense these faintly.

Loved Page,

It's a gratitude-to-back day life.

And I remember my extended hidden smirk at downs or on the feat of win. But the genuine sense of triumph was earned only after laying lots of soil and dust of great pains and catching the falls with a gust of contrary winds. The parting leaves from straight vertical boughs with the stroke of sharp edge stone; that classic decayed scent blown through the slow-moving wind of spring still infuses me.

- Mani Bhadra
Editor-Legacy Echoes

“In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.”

– Albert Camus

IN ECHOES

An individual's distinct encounters and contemplations

A Journey of Unseen Paths: Hitchhiking Through the Middle East and Europe (O.P. THIRANI)

The highs and lows of my hitchhiking journey to the Middle East and Europe 52 years ago, which is currently unthinkable, are something I'd like to share on this platform. During my final year of engineering, I had this idea and motivated my batchmates. A few of them expressed their willingness, and finally, four of us left Amritsar by flight to Kabul via Lahore as we couldn't obtain a Pakistan visa. During the stopover at Lahore, we witnessed the hijacking of an Indian plane in 1971 at the airport.

The First Leg: From Afghanistan to Yugoslavia

I remember the journey vividly. Compared to present-day Afghanistan, it was peaceful, welcoming, and affordable, with no signs of violence. Since hitchhiking wasn't an option in that region, we had to take a 48-hour bus ride from Kabul to Iran, followed by an 82-hour train journey from Tehran to Istanbul. We spent long hours on highways in Turkey and Bulgaria, often travelling by bus and train at odd hours and walking for kilometers with our backpacks. The experiences at the youth hostels were unforgettable, from staying in an under-construction building to spending a night in a youth hostel dining hall before reaching Yugoslavia.



Youth Hostel, Graz, Austria



The Colosseum



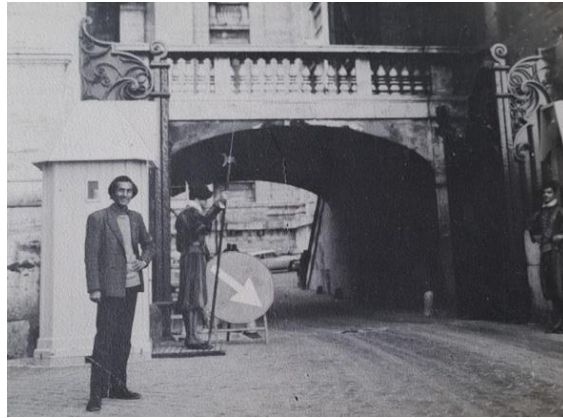
Rome

The Road to Europe: Yugoslavia onwards

Once we reached Belgrade, our fortunes began to change. Hitchhiking became a mix of short and long rides, punctuated by kind offers of coffee and snacks from strangers. In Austria, the real hitchhiking adventure began. After walking ten kilometers to the youth hostel in Vienna, an unexpected call from an Austrian gentleman turned our luck around. He recognized me from India, having stayed with the relatives of a fellow traveller. He hosted us for three days, treating us to brunches, dinners, and sightseeing, making Vienna a highlight of our journey.



Waiting for a hitch, Austria



Entrance to the Vatican City

Crossing into Germany: A Night under the Stars

One evening, we were dropped at the border. We walked in and got our passports stamped, and to our utter surprise, we found ourselves in Germany. During those days, a visa was not required for Germany. Some travellers had told us that it might be difficult to enter Germany due to the brutal killing of eleven Israeli athletes in the Munich Olympic Village. It was late in the evening, and we didn't find a suitable place to stay, so we decided to camp under the sky. We found a suitable spot near a stall, and four of us spread out our sleeping bags. While we were sound asleep, we were woken up by a few policemen along with ferocious-looking dogs. One can well imagine our state of mind - we were all shivering and sweating. Thankfully, they only checked our passports and left. We prayed and thanked the almighty for his magnanimity.

The next morning, we all got a ride in a delivery van to Munich, the venue of the XX Olympic Games. We were filled with excitement as we freshened up at the railway station and started to look for a place to stay. Luckily, we found accommodation in a hostel, where we got free breakfast, making it all the more enjoyable. We ventured to the Olympic arena, which was bustling with life. A brilliant idea struck us, and we decided to put up a stall selling handicrafts, dragon rings, and sandalwood items. The stall was a success, and we made some good money. We decided to put up a stall the next day as well, but the weather turned bad in the afternoon, and it started raining.



Munich Olympics, selling the souvenirs from India

An American couple gave away two tickets for the football finals, which my friends managed to grab instantly. After some time, my other friend also managed to get a ticket. I was left out and feeling very sad, but luckily someone offered me a ticket for sale at a substantial discount. Finally, the deal was closed, and I was able to purchase the ticket in exchange for a sandalwood ballpoint pen. Despite the heavy rain during the gold medal match between Hungary and Poland, the feeling and thrill of watching the finals in an Olympic stadium is still fresh in my memory. My friends stayed back in Germany, and I proceeded alone thereafter.

Getting the entry certificate for the UK in Munich was quite challenging. I had to go through two lengthy interviews with the embassy staff. After that experience, I faced a setback at the Danish border, where I was denied entry because I didn't have enough money to stay in Denmark. Even the letters from my Danish penfriend couldn't persuade the officials. I was eager to meet my penfriend, whom I had known since 1964. I then had to return to Hamburg and from there to Amsterdam; after spending a night at the Amsterdam airport, I finally took a flight to London.

Trials and Triumphs: From Munich to the UK

Upon arrival at Gatwick Airport, I experienced a lengthy and thorough process of questioning and cross-questioning by immigration officials. They scrutinized all my possessions, including my diary and letters, and counted every bit of currency I had, including traveller's checks, postal orders, a bearer cheque, coins, and a few one-rupee notes. After several hours, I was taken to a detention center at the airport, where I was promised lunch that never materialized, leaving me to resort to eating a leftover orange. Eventually, after seven hours of interrogation and detention, I was allowed to enter the UK. I later learned that the officials had contacted my hosts in London, my friend's sister, and her husband, both doctors, who assured them they would provide financial assistance if needed.

In London, I met Mr. Apa B. Pant, the Indian High Commissioner to the UK. He was the Political Officer in Sikkim in the 1960s. I presented him with a memento from Sikkim, for which he wrote a thank-you letter on the High Commissioner's official letterhead. This letter is a prized possession for me. My hitchhiking experiences were published in the weekly

newsletter of India House. Following this, Crown Prince Tenzing Namgyal hosted me at Trinity College Hostel, Cambridge, for two nights. He showed me around, took photographs, and we played games. He was very friendly, but I always had a small hesitation at the back of my mind as a commoner moving around with the Crown Prince. He presented me with a very warm pullover, which became my favourite possession for many years. He also wrote me a personal letter regarding my safety and wished me a happy 1973.



PHOTOS: With the Crown Prince Tenzing Namgyal in Trinity College Hostel, Cambridge

The Final Stretch: Europe to Home

From the UK to France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, and finally back home after three months.

“Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.”

– Hans Christian Andersen

IN ECHOES

An individual's distinct encounters and contemplations

"REMINISCE" "Recollecting an Image from the Past" (Prayag Chand Mundra)

I, Son of Late Surajmull Mundra of Gangtok, Sikkim, am an integral part of one of the oldest business families in Sikkim. My late father came here in 1911. Between 1967 and 68, he built a Hanuman Mandir in Old Thakurbari, Gangtok. Regarding my schooling, I was part of the first batch of Tashi Namgyal Higher Secondary School students in 1966, which was considered a transition phase from TNA to the new premises of TNHS, with four students in the Arts Section. I particularly liked sports then and excelled in football, athletics, and badminton. During the Chogyal's (Monarch, the Righteous King) birthday, athletic games were open to all sections of the people of Sikkim, in which I was the winner and scored 1st position in 100 meters and 200 meters and 3rd—position in the Long Jump in the years 1965 and 1966. I was also a member of the relay-winning team.



PHOTO: 1965

Apart from sports, I was also one of the founder members of the Youths Library, which was located in a small room in the house of Late Santosh Bardewa. I was then Secretary cum Treasurer of the Library. I am a founding member of the Sikkim Football Association (SFA) and was its Treasurer for 22 years. After that, I have been an Executive Member under the

dynamic Presidency of Shri P.K. Pradhan until today. We even played a football tournament for the Water Babies Team at Paljor Stadium from 1971 to 1973.



Also, after the Chinese aggression in 1962, I was one of the few bazaar people who received rifle training organized by the Sikkim government.

Later in the journey, I graduated from St. Joseph's College (North Point), Darjeeling. During the 1968 flood, we played dramas in St. Alfans School Hall, Kurseong. The entire fund collection was used to uplift the Khariya Busty Project. Similarly, we played dramas for two days at Tindhariya Railway Hall for the needy families affected by the flood, along with leading actor R.C. Poudyal and others. I was very active in theater and played several roles in diverse plays performed at Community Hall when I was associated with Denzong Musical Society under the leadership of Shri Kiran Rasaily. We also performed multiple plays during the Youths Library days, including fellow R.C. Poudyal, Late Santosh Bardewa, and N.K. Pradhan.



College Days

I have one more feat that often revolves around my good pages of memory. A Nepali periodical of Youth's Library titled "Nava Jyoti" was published annually, featuring my article "Dandifor, Ek Anubhav." (डण्डीफोर एक अनुभव). Concurrently, during my collegiate tenure at St. Joseph's College, an article of mine titled "Aano Ek Anubhav" (आनो एक अनुभव) appeared in another publication. Both pieces of writing garnered acclaim from the local readers.

“Beyond the Needle
is how Blood
Donation
Transformed Lives.”



Governor's Gold Cup

Beyond the Needle is how Blood Donation Transformed Lives. I have donated blood many times at STNM Hospital, especially when I saved the life of Aruni Chakraborty twice when he was in the last stage. He was the Senior Account Officer and son of our P.B. Chakraborty Sir. Then he used to call me Blood Brother.

“The moments that make life worth living are when things are at their worst and you find a way to laugh.”

– Amy Schumer

IN ECHOES

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NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION

FROM TASHI NAMGYAL ACADEMY TO TASHI NAMGYAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

(D.D. Pradhan, Ex-Secretary to the GoS)

As I reflect on my time at TNHS, it's astonishing how swiftly so many years have flown by, arousing a deep sense of nostalgia for those cherished days. Some memories from my school days at Sir Tashi Namgyal Higher Secondary School (TNHS) remain vivid. In our final year, we were relocated to TNHS, which meant we had just one busy and confusing year as senior students. It's worth noting that our transition from Sir Tashi Namgyal Academy (TNA) to TNHS was hasty, and the school infrastructure was still incomplete. It's worth mentioning my experiences at TNA here to understand and compare the challenges that all students had to face—a reality that went largely unnoticed at the time.

Back in TNA, I recall with gratitude the dedicated teachers like E.G. Menon, A.K. Pradhan, C.B. Chakravorty, Garg Sir, MA Sir, Gautam Sir, PT Sir, Issac Sir, Bhaichand Sir, Chowdhary Sir, Kurious Sir, Pandit Sir, Badola Sir, and especially V.N. Langar, the Principal, who profoundly influenced numerous lives. Their commitment and expertise in their fields will forever be etched in every student's memory of that time.

Upon our arrival at our new educational home, Sir Tashi Namgyal Higher Secondary School, we found ourselves with only a handful of teachers meant for junior classes and very few for the senior classes. The infrastructure that matched the quality of our previous space was sorely lacking. As final-year students, our primary concern was coping with the syllabus to prepare for the Board Exams, leaving little room for worries about extracurricular facilities. In the Science branch, all the premium teachers remained at TNA, while we were introduced to freshly inducted teachers, mostly from Bihar. Despite our disappointment, we persevered with unwavering determination.

Back in 1961, when I first stepped into my previous school, TNA, direct from my hometown, Singtam, I found my new life in the TNA hostel quite busy and challenging. It was my first experience to be in a boarding house. It was nice to eat in the company of a lot of new friends together. The hostel had separate Nepali and Bhutia sections housed half each stretched in a long open corridor opposite to each other. The boarding house featured a common room, which was outfitted with an array of indoor games such as table tennis and carrom, along with amenities like a radio and a chessboard, etc.

I vividly recall a special occasion: donning traditional cultural attire, we had the honor of greeting King Sir Tashi Namgyal on his birthday. The palace-front buzzed with vibrant colors, a fitting backdrop for our memorable audience with the King. Those were the days—where leadership, music, and companionship wove together to create a tapestry of cherished memories.

Our daily routine commenced with a call to prayer at 6:00 AM, followed by tea at 6:15 AM, then Study Class at 6:30 AM, and the morning meal at 8:30 AM. The two-hour Study Class often felt monotonous to many. Yet, no one ever voiced any complaints; everyone appeared happy and content, as life in school was expected to be this way. We were all bound by the principles of discipline and order. The seniors, hailing from Class IX and above, wielded complete authority. They maintained discipline and order among the boarders, even if it meant meting out punishment to the juniors.

The annual sports events of TNA and the state were consistently hosted at the TNA campus, drawing dignitaries like H.H.the King himself, members of the royal family, the Political Officer, the Dewan, government officials, diplomats, the general public, and students. It was a grand gathering, showcasing a diverse array of attendees in striking attire within a festive atmosphere. Athletes and sports enthusiasts from all corners of Sikkim participated in these events. The day typically culminated in the Tug-of-War competition, a highly entertaining and spectacular event. The matchups included Police versus Civilians, Old students versus School students, Teachers versus Students, and Businessmen versus Local gentries, among others, adding to the excitement of the occasion.

During my time at TNA, our school was enriched by various cultural groups, including Nepali, Lepcha, and Bhutia dance teams — a kaleidoscope of cherished memories. Our Nepali team, brimming with enthusiasm, danced to the rhythms set by the late Khagendra Pradhan, Late Lai Prasad Basnett, Bhim Roka, Mani Kamal Rai, and myself. We were skillfully guided by the late Benjamin Rai — fondly remembered as Ranka Sir — along with Miss Domala and Late Bishnu Maya Guruma. During significant events like the King's birthday, visits from dignitaries, and royal weddings, our boys' team performed with grace and unity, complementing the Bhutia and Lepcha teams.

The magic was heightened when we from all three ethnic teams were joined by the girls from Palzor Namgyal Girls' School for duet performances. These young women, many destined for influential roles in society and government, brought their own sparkle to our ensemble. In our Nepalese team dancers like Sarita, Subhadra, Rehana, Munna, and Gloria — each shining brightly — enhanced our performances with their presence.



GIRLS FROM PALZOR NAMGYAL GIRLS' SCHOOL JOINED ETHNIC TEAMS
FOR DUET DANCE PERFORMANCE

The carpentry instructor, Bidurla Sir, possessed a distinct and memorable personality. He stood tall, with a robust build and eyes akin to those of a bull. Known for his strict demeanor and pursuit of perfection, Bidurla Sir could switch to a lighter mood, engaging with students like a friend. His words commanded attention, even if one had heard his stories before. Any attempt to disrupt him was met with a quick retort, silencing the offender with, 'Shut up! You silly tadpole! You weren't even in your father's pocket when this occurred.' Laughter was swiftly quelled as those who dared faced his stern displeasure for days.

Mr. P.B. Chakravorty, affectionately known as Chakravorty Sir, epitomized a deeply knowledgeable and charismatic science teacher. Resembling an Einstein-like figure, his teaching style transcended the conventional, infused with a dramatic flair that made his classes riveting. Each session with him was engrossing, effortlessly captivating every student's attention.

As we prepared to bid farewell to our school in late 1965 for winter holidays, we were informed through words that our next academic year would be commenced at a new campus in the Development Area. Initially unaware of the school's relocation, I was surprised to learn that the entire institution would be moving to a different location, with the existing premises set to transform into a public-school catering to affluent students. My disbelief turned to reality upon receiving a letter from Menon Sir during the winter break informing me of his appointment as the principal of the upcoming school. He requested my presence at the old school a week before the move to assist in transitioning to the new bungalow. This unexpected turn of events left me bewildered, realizing that I would be leaving TNA in my final year.

In response to Mr. Menon's summons, I arrived at his residence in the TNA campus on February 22, 1966. Together, we packed his belongings and secured a truck for the relocation to the new premises, embarking on a journey to an unfamiliar environment.

With the generous assistance of my classmate Om Prakash Thirani, now a successful businessman, who provided his truck for a single trip, we managed to transport everything to the new bungalow towards the end of February 1966.

Upon my initial visit to the new campus, I was taken aback to find that the principal's residence was devoid of electricity and running water. The new furniture required polishing. The next day, I procured sandpaper and wood polish from the local market and diligently worked to restore the luster of the new furniture, which had lost its sheen in the stark, bare house.

Unlike TNA, it was nice to see that the new hostel building at TNHS did not have separate sections for Nepali and Bhutia boarders; instead, it featured large dormitories on both the ground and upper floors. The upper floor housed a kitchen room along with a modest adjacent space. Since the kitchen was too small to cater to the needs of over fifty boarders, these rooms were allocated to final-year boarders. Meanwhile, kitchen and dining activities were managed in an old temporary shed outside the hostel building.

I was assigned accommodation in a bright, airy room on the upper floor, sharing it with Ram Chandra, who was both school and hostel captain. Other occupants in this special room included Lerap and the late Karma Peda. The final-year boarders who joined the hostel after us were given the room that had previously meant for kitchen. I vividly remember Kamal Prasad Adhikari, who later served the Government of Sikkim in IAS cadre as Secretary, elevating his bed atop a cemented stove block, relishing the title of the top-seat occupant in the hostel. Subsequently, other friends namely, Mahendra Pradhan, late K.B. Rai, Binod and late Khagendra also joined Kamal in the same or adjacent rooms. During that time, Mr. Kurius, a teacher from South India, assumed the role of hostel superintendent.

The school officially reopened on 14th March 1966, although uncertainties persisted regarding the commencement of regular classes due to a shortage of teachers. Among our day-scholar classmates were Om Prakash Thirani, Prayag Chand Mundra, Karna Bahadur Basnett, Karuna Pradhan, late Bhishma Pratap Alley, Bir Bahadur Singh, late Om Prakash Sarada, T.N. Pradhan, Tashi Tsering and many others. I feel fortunate to have remained in contact with many of my schoolmates, and it fills me with pride to mention that they have all excelled in their respective fields, surpassing everyone's expectations.

On March 20, 1966, Mr. E.G. Menon, assuming the role of Principal at Sir Tashi Namgyal Higher Secondary School, transitioned to his new bungalow and commenced overseeing the administration. His authority fell under the Directorate of Education now instead of the direct governance of the King. I stayed with him for a week, providing hands-on assistance as he adjusted to the new environment, contending with ongoing challenges related to the electricity and water supply. The use of candlelight and water from nearby springs proved to be practical solutions until these utilities were permanently restored later on.

Initially, entering the new TNHS campus was a scary experience. The lack of weekly cinema shows in the absence school auditorium, the absence of a common room for indoor activities, no playground, and the compounded issues of hissing dry water taps, unhygienic toilets without running water, along with unreliable electricity, intensified our sense of dismay.

Previously at TNA, the King or the Prince would frequently give talks on civic duties and our responsibilities. However, this role was now assumed by the Director of Education. Fetching spring water from half a mile downhill for our basic hygiene became a daily chore. With most senior teachers remaining at TNA, we, the final-year students, felt the absence of proper guidance acutely. The lack of an adequate playground, except for a small and uneven field, deepened our dejection. Instead of receiving extra coaching in our critical final year, we were occupied with drafting appeals to remedy the lack of essential school resources. Coming from modest backgrounds, it seemed as though we were being steered back to where we supposedly belonged to, which only heightened our feelings of alienation and disappointment. However, our disappointment was short-lived. The Chogyal personally addressed the deficiencies during his subsequent visit, which occurred two months later during the formal opening.

In our new hostel, we had beds but lacked tables. Resolute in addressing this, Kamal and I set out to construct our own desks. On the next holiday, we borrowed the necessary tools from the carpentry shop and spent the day crafting our makeshift study areas. These desks were ingeniously designed to straddle our beds, enabling us to read and write in comfort. Kamal, a dear friend and fellow high achiever, was always in contention for the highest marks in our class.

Upon showcasing our handmade desks to our friends that evening, their surprise was evident. Ram Chandra, the school and hostel captain, made a cryptic remark implying that Kamal and I would not receive a larger table that he had anticipated being delivered to senior borders shortly. Aware of his authority, I remained unfazed, content with the desk I had crafted with my own hands. To my surprise, the following morning, I saw a truck arrive laden with closets, each equipped with a locking system and perfectly sized for our needs. Ram Chandra distributed a cabinet each to the final year boarders, with the exception of Kamal and me. Perplexed by the surplus cabinets, he kept it with him for a few more days until one evening, I returned from school to find it placed beside my bed, a gesture of unexpected kindness from our hostel captain.

The formal inauguration of the new school by the Chogyal on May 19, 1966, filled us with joy and anticipation as we hoped for significant changes to unfold. His involvement brought about remarkable improvements, including the restoration of water supply and electricity, the utilization of TNA facilities for a playground, and the recruitment of additional teachers.

As a follow-up to the Chogyal's assurance, our captain Ram Chandra, had called for a small gathering of senior boys in our hostel room to discuss its timely implementation. It was evening time. Suddenly, a commotion erupted among some boys who noticed a lungi-clad man peering through the window. To our surprise, it was Mr. Kurius, the Hostel Superintendent, who had positioned himself at the window's edge. Realizing the potential risk of discovery, he swiftly withdrew and vanished from sight. Ram Chandra and several other boys confronted him in his residential accommodation just below our room. They questioned his clandestine monitoring of his own students. Displeased by his behavior, the boys collectively appealed to the Principal for a replacement of the Hostel Superintendent.

Despite this outcry, I held Mr. Kurius in high esteem due to his amiable and unassuming nature. His dark complexion, curly hair, and pleasant behavior endeared him to many. I chose not to join the group of disgruntled students in confronting the Principal. The matter was swiftly resolved the following morning when Mr. Kurius humbly apologized to the students during the hostel assembly, restoring harmony within the student body.

The audacious actions of the senior boarders against Mr. Kurius did not last long. Our own stupid escapade nearly led to unexpected consequences after our daring pranks. We often engaged in playful antics with the local residents during our time there. In close proximity to our hostel, there was a burial ground where we found amusement in orchestrating pranks.

Under the cover of night, we would venture to the burial ground carrying a white bed sheet held tightly at the corners, entering the area and emitting eerie sounds reminiscent of those heard in movies. In response, we could discern the sound of whistles being blown from a distance on the hillside. It became our custom to swiftly retreat before anyone approached too closely. Encouraged by our growing audacity, we introduced new tactics such as simulating wails and cries in a female voice. Little did we know, a curious neighbor watched—a silent witness to our moonlit theatrics. Perhaps, he had become aware of the peculiar sight of a white strange figure moving horizontally under the moonlight at the burial ground, adding an unexpected twist to our mischievous escapades. Maybe he was waiting for this sight whenever there was a moonlit night.

During one more eventful night, we embarked on a similar misadventure. This time, Ram Chandra carried his quilt to the burial ground, each of us grasping sides and corners. As we took a few steps forward, a sudden barrage of stones came raining down upon us. The relentless pelting of stones drew closer, instilling panic within us as a group of individuals appeared to be advancing toward our location. With no means of escape along the same path, we were compelled to leap down to the lower terraces, where thick bushes and fencing awaited us. Acting swiftly, we jumped and sprinted downhill, colliding with obstacles in our frantic escape.

After a tense period of evasion, the sound of whistles echoed in the distance, but the stone-throwing ceased. Waiting for a while, we cautiously began to make our way back to the hostel, navigating a narrow pathway adjacent to Mr. Kurius's backyard. However, our relief was short-lived as a chilling sight greeted us at the entrance to the narrow passage – Mr. Kurius, standing in his Lungi with a triumphant smile illuminated by the moonlight. Caught off guard and unsure of how to proceed, we were surprised when Mr. Kurius took the initiative to break the tension.

With a gentle voice, Mr. Kurius invited us to join him inside, offering us tea and inquiring about our escapade. Overwhelmed by the unexpected turn of events, we found ourselves at a loss for words. His gaze fell upon me, noticing the bruises on my face, prompting me to touch the wound, revealing traces of blood. Displaying a caring demeanor, Mr. Kurius retrieved his First Aid Kit, meticulously cleaning the wound with spirit before applying tincture iodine. Engaging us in a conversation about morality, the concept of God and Satan, as well as the notions of punishment and reward, he imparted valuable insights. Assuring him that we would refrain from repeating such reckless behavior in the future, we returned to our room, reflecting on the gravity of our actions.

The lingering sense of humiliation from the earlier incident weighed heavily on Mr. Kurius, underscoring the depth of his emotional distress. He candidly shared with us his intention to depart from the school, citing an anticipated call letter from abroad. Given the recent departure of our mathematics teacher, Mr. Chowdhary, to Ethiopia, we trusted Mr. Kurius's words, recognizing the likelihood of his impending departure.

The following morning, Mr. Menon called me into his office. My heart raced, anticipating a stern reprimand, and the floor seemed to give way beneath my feet. He brought up our night-time escapade, cautioning me about the repercussions of our actions. He emphasized that Mr. Kurius had refrained from lodging an official complaint. Mr. Menon sternly conveyed that even without a formal complaint, he could have initiated disciplinary measures as he could not tolerate such disruptive behavior occurring in close proximity. In a somber tone, he issued a stern warning, warning me to take the matter seriously and exercise caution in the future.

Following the conclusion of the Sent-up exams on December 3, 1966, all the final year boys from TNHS and girls from PNG School were invited to the Palace for a dinner gathering. The warm event consisted of approximately 40 students, with both the Chogyal and the Gyalmo present to host the memorable evening. The proceedings commenced with a documentary showcasing the beauty and heritage of Sikkim, setting a reflective tone for the evening. The Chogyal spoke passionately about the greatness of our homeland, emphasizing the collective responsibility of all Sikkimese individuals to safeguard it. He underscored the crucial role of Sikkim's youth in shaping the future of the region, expressing his desire for every child in Sikkim to receive a quality education to foster a literate nation.

As the documentary unfolded, highlighting the bountiful apple orchards in the North, the citrus-filled trees in the East and South, the majestic Himalayas, lush landscapes, and meandering streams and rivers, it became evident how deeply the Chogyal cherished his land. He encouraged the students to pursue higher education, urging us to return with knowledge in diverse fields such as health, agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, engineering, and more. His particular enthusiasm for developing hydro-electric power as a means of socio-economical sustenance of our land to elevate Sikkim's prosperity and provide electricity to every household left a lasting impact on me, inspiring my pursuit of studying electrical engineering.

When the results were announced, the unexpected top scorer was Prem Kumar Pradhan. His achievement surprised everyone because he had never ranked before. It was a historic moment for Sikkim, as he became the first student from the region to achieve a first-class result in the HS Board exam. Following closely was Kamal and myself, missing the first class by just two and eighteen marks, respectively. Binod, OP Thirani, and several others were also close, narrowly missing the first-class cutoff. If we had been permitted to remain at Tashi Namgyal Academy as final-year students, enjoying hassle-free schooling and receiving specialized coaching from premium teachers as in previous years, the Class of '66 would undoubtedly have achieved all-time records.

In 1972, I graduated with a B.E. in Electrical Engineering. Full of determination and enthusiasm, I returned home and decided to serve my land. As a fresh graduate, I had the honor of meeting His Highness the Chogyal of Sikkim at the Tashiling Secretariat, which was colloquially referred to as the Chief Court in those times. With a bow, I presented him with a Khada as a gesture of respect and gratitude. He had been apprised of my background by his Personal Assistant, Mr. Gupta, who would later serve the Government of Sikkim in various capacities before retiring as the Head of Department.

I took the opportunity to remind His Highness of a vision he had shared with us five years prior: his aspiration to use streams and rivers of Sikkim to produce power and illuminate every home in Sikkim with electricity. What surprised me was his extensive knowledge of hydro-electric power development, not only in India but also in Canada and Europe. He spoke passionately about cascade development for hydro-electric projects in the Teesta and Rangit rivers. He even mentioned the Lower Lagyap Hydro-electric Project, soon to be undertaken by the Government of India. He encouraged me to work on that project for gaining valuable exposure and experience.

My professional journey began in the State Public Works Department as an Assistant Engineer within the Electrical & Mechanical Division. Subsequently, I was assigned to the LLHP project under the then CW&PC (Government of India), following a directive from His Highness noting in my personal file.

Unaware to all, the Chogyal's destiny took an unexpected turn, leading him to relinquish his throne in favor of democracy due to the rising demands of the Sikkimese people.

It's also noteworthy to mention here my classmate Ram Chandra, an alumnus of TNHS, who later rose to prominence as the esteemed politician R.C. Paudyal. He played a crucial role in Sikkim's transition from monarchy to democracy. After his graduation, he joined forces with LD Kazi in the movement to free Sikkim from monarchical rule and establish a democratic government. In a bold display of protest, he embarked on a hunger strike to demand the dissolution of the institution of Chogyal and founding of democracy in Sikkim. This act of rampant civil disobedience throughout its protectorate, the kingdom of Sikkim, drew the attention of the Government of India, culminating in a referendum that led to Sikkim's accession as a state of Indian Union in 1975. In the subsequent democratic elections held in accordance with Indian constitution, LD Kazi was elected Chief Minister. My former classmate won in the assembly elections and was appointed as a minister in LD Kazi's cabinet. These developments marked the beginning of what would be a significant chapter in history to follow.

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched; they must be felt with the heart.”

- *Helen Keller*

IN ECHOES

An individual's distinct encounters and contemplations

Armistice Anecdotes (KRISHNA TAMANG)

I am Colonel Krishna Bahadur Tamang a resident of Lower Syari, Gangtok. My academic career in Secondary education began in 1958 as a student of class IV grade at the erstwhile TASHI NAMGYAL ACADEMY SCHOOL Gangtok and continued until 1966 when we moved log stock and barrel to Sicchey, wherein our school was renamed TN Higher Secondary School.

We, thus, entered the womb of the newly born present TNSS School, Gangtok, and finally passed out in March 1968 as the second batch of TNSS.



Life after the school was never a bed of roses. Due to many economic compulsions, I had to search for a job and eventually got enlisted in the Central Group of Military Intelligence.

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The job enabled me to seek an opportunity to appear in competitive exams and get admission into the reputed and prestigious Army Cadet College Pune (Earlier known as the famous "Kitchener College" during British rule), wherein I was honed, chiseled, and trained to be a capable cadet imbued with essence of Military Leadership and be prepared to appear in yet another competitive exam (Presently CDSE) to seek an entry into 59 REGULAR COURSE of Indian Military Academy, Deheradun.

Eventually, after rigorous physical and tactical training for two years in IMA, I passed out as a Commissioned Officer of the Indian Army in Artillery in 1974. That's how my journey as a commissioned Officer in the Armed forces began.

Having served about 35 years, including the training stint, I finally hung my uniform in Feb 2004.



PHOTO: Colonel K.B. Tamang with former Chief Minister of Sikkim Dr. Pawan Kumar Chamling 2007 in the occasion of *Tamang Losar*



My achievement has been very satisfactory. After getting through many obligatory and career exams, I was promoted to the selection grade Full COLONEL in the Army. Thereafter, I commanded two Regiments consecutively, comprising approximately 500 troops in each unit. I was selected to serve as Colonel General Staff at Corps HQ (which is a coveted appointment and blessed for only upcoming officers) and later served in the capacity of the Administrative Commandant in one of the biggest Military Stations. During my active service, I also had the privilege of participating in the 1971 Bangladesh War and the Kargil operation.

Well!! My next promotion was due in 2004, albeit it was a near miss due to my age factor. Notwithstanding the vagary, I have no regret in life for missing out on my next promotion. Being the progeny of a moderate agriculturist family background, what I could achieve in my service tenure is very enchanting and unprecedented, considering our era, as it spoke volumes to be the first Selection grade Full Colonel from among indigenous Sikkimese. Therefore, with all intents and purposes, I feel that I did excel, and I am always proud of my achievements.

A word of advice for young students of our school, "Remember!! No one gives us the opportunity; we need to seek it, grab it, focus on it, home on it, and translate the effort into positive and pragmatic outcomes for our utmost satisfaction!!"

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall"

- Nelson Mandela

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“A Journey of Innovation and Creativity” (RAKESH SOMANI)

Being an alumnus of TNSS School is a point of pride for many. I am grateful for its solid educational foundation, equipping me with the knowledge and skills necessary for future endeavors. My school years are filled with unforgettable experiences, from academics to future achievements. Moreover, TAA, the Alumni group, is currently not only a Supportive Community but also fosters a sense of brotherhood, providing beautiful affinity from all fellow friends and cherishing lifelong comradeship. Being part of the alumni network offered a valuable connection.

Further, the challenges and opportunities presented at TNSS helped shape my personal and professional growth. I would like to highlight my specific experiences and a journey of achievements after school.

Throughout the years, starting from my time at TNSS School in 1983, I have been on a remarkable journey that has gone beyond traditional business ventures. In 2000, I delved into Nepali music, founding a pioneering Nepali music company, the only one in India dedicated to creating and promoting audio albums for Nepali-speaking communities. In 2001, I made a groundbreaking move in the Nepali music industry by introducing the first Nepali Remix Audio Album. This not only revolutionized the industry but also left a significant impact on the global music scene. This marked the beginning of a series of successful remix albums that continue to resonate with global audiences even today.

Under SK Audio Vision in Gangtok, I led several innovative initiatives, introducing videography and computerized video editing systems for the first time in Sikkim. Additionally, I expanded into television entertainment, producing the first tele-series for local cable TV networks in Sikkim. The impact of SK Audio Vision stretches beyond music and television, as I ventured into directing and producing groundbreaking films. One notable film is "KHOTO SIKKO," the world's first film in the common Marwari language. I also delved into documentary filmmaking, showcasing the beauty and cultural richness of Sikkim and Darjeeling through projects like "Discover Himalayas" and "Adventure Tourism of Sikkim and Darjeeling."

In 2008, we unveiled an engaging documentary titled "Sikkim Paryatan Hi Nahin, Tirth Bhi," depicting Sikkim as a sacred land deeply rooted in its religious heritage. In 2007, I organized the pioneering reality show "Himalayan Idol," a Nepali singing talent search that garnered widespread acclaim and unearthed exceptional talent across North Bengal and Sikkim.

To continue my pursuit of innovation and excellence, in 2018, I launched a 24-hour television news channel, the first of its kind in the region, providing comprehensive news coverage of North Bengal and Sikkim. Today, it stands as the sole provider of round-the-clock news coverage, reaching audiences through various platforms and meeting their diverse information needs. Beyond these milestones, my journey is characterized by a relentless pursuit of excellence and a commitment to pushing boundaries in every endeavor I undertake. With each project, I strive to not only achieve success but also to leave a lasting impact on the industries I am involved in, both nationwide and worldwide.

"The secret of success is to do the common thing uncommonly well."

- *John D. Rockefeller Jr.*

IN ECHOES

An individual's distinct encounters and contemplations

“From School to Public Service: My Journey” (BHASKER BASNETT)

I attended Sir TNHS School from 1966 to 1972, completing my education up to Class VII before moving to Shillong for higher studies. After graduating from NEHU in 1982, I began my career as a government contractor/supplier in the Power department and SPWD.

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separate from the urban region in 1986.”

My active involvement in social activities led to public support for my candidacy in the panchayat election. Consequently, I became the first panchayat member and president from Tadong after the rural area was declared separate from the urban region in 1986. I served as a panchayat president until 1992, after which I focused on my chosen career to support my family.

In 2010, the Gangtok Municipal Corporation was established, and I was elected unopposed, serving until 2015. Additionally, my associated political party fielded me as a candidate for the Assembly election from the 25-Upper Tadong constituency in 2014. Although I narrowly lost the election, I have continued to contribute to the political & government objectives until today.

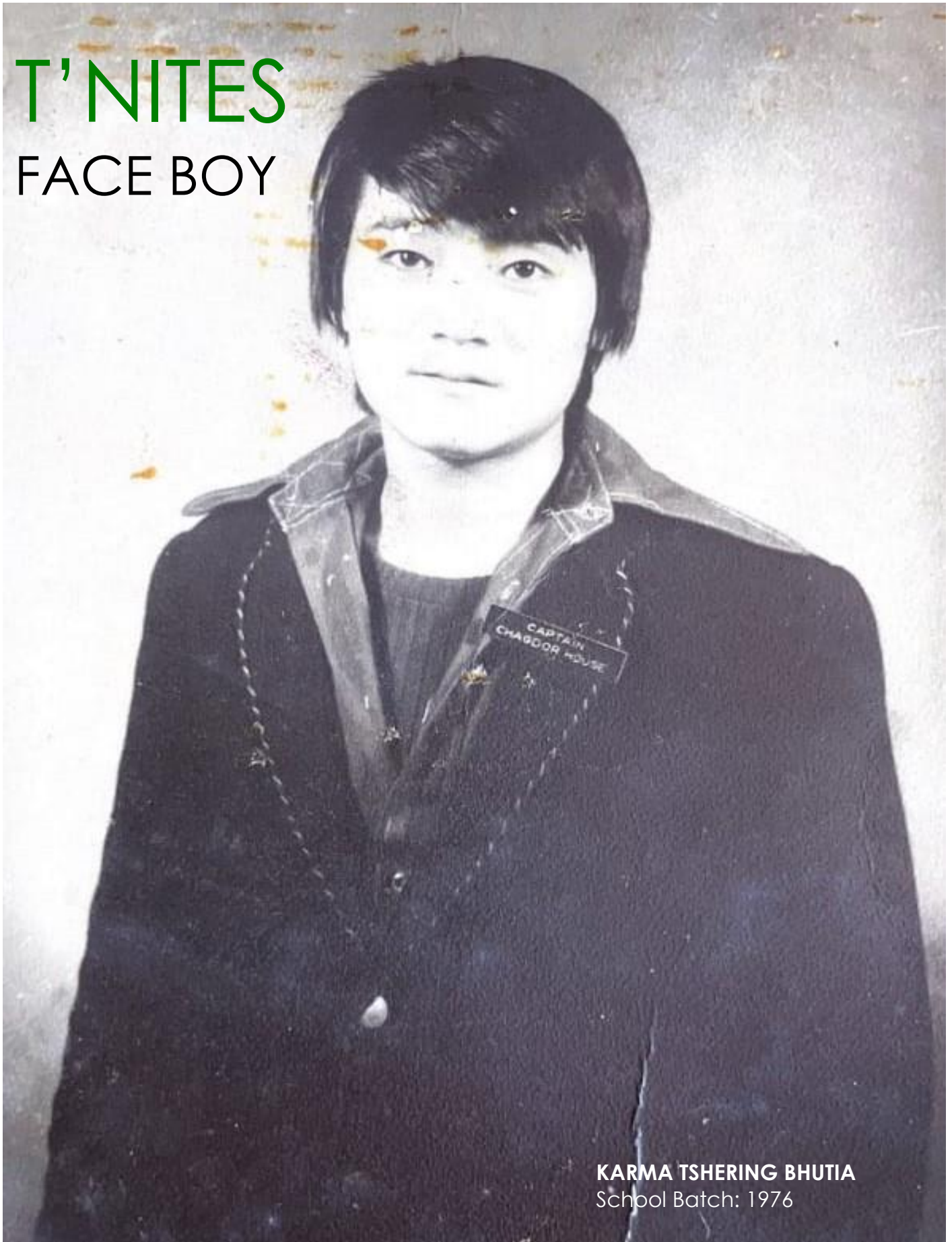
“Success is not final; failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.”

- *Winston S. Churchill*

IN ALUMNI PHOTOGRAPHY GALA

T'NITES

FACE BOY



KARMA TSHERING BHUTIA
School Batch: 1976



“Most Enchanting Picture”

Shared By- Bandana Rai

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“CONTEMPORARY & DIVERSITY”



Composed Stanzas

Poetry Section

O! MY TNSSS

When the world was wild
And I was still a child
You pulled me up and held me high
You brought me up O! My TNSSS!

There was a gap
Between dark and the light
And day was far while close was night
You salvaged me O! My TNSSS!

Like a seed I have shed myself
For all I wanted was to grow up
Had to be through the ordeal
You edify me up O! My TNSSS!

All alone across the grass
Debilitated when I was laid
You took me in your stride
And I shine today, O! My TNSSS!

- BHIM THATAL

“Life and Deripherals”

A few good friends around
A good square meal to eat
A strong shoulder to lean on
Some good old memories to cherish
Some bad recent incidents to regret
A few packets of provisions
A pair of good books
An old torch with dry cell
A few good people to call up
An old painting dangling down the wall
A window kept ajar from where
The whole mountain looks like trying to enter
An old unsent letter with almost erased address
Some remarks in the progression chart to ponder
A pair of gumboots to set out on a rainy summer noon
Some social connections with
Never being social kind of unknown friends
Along unending sentence of experience in life
With not enough idea where to punctuate
A relatively lesser known person to flirt within moral limits
An old transistor with some stickers playing
Mukesh and Kenney Rogers on same wavelengths
A news of a village girl winning a sprint in Western Hemisphere
A few meters long stretch to walk without shoes on
A cable connection to see more of yellow flowers
And less of screaming anchors with political colours
A soft pillow to rest on
A good night to sleep
A good morning to wake up
These are all the peripherals
My life really needs.

- BHIM THATAL

“It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.”

- Aristotle

Composed Stanzas

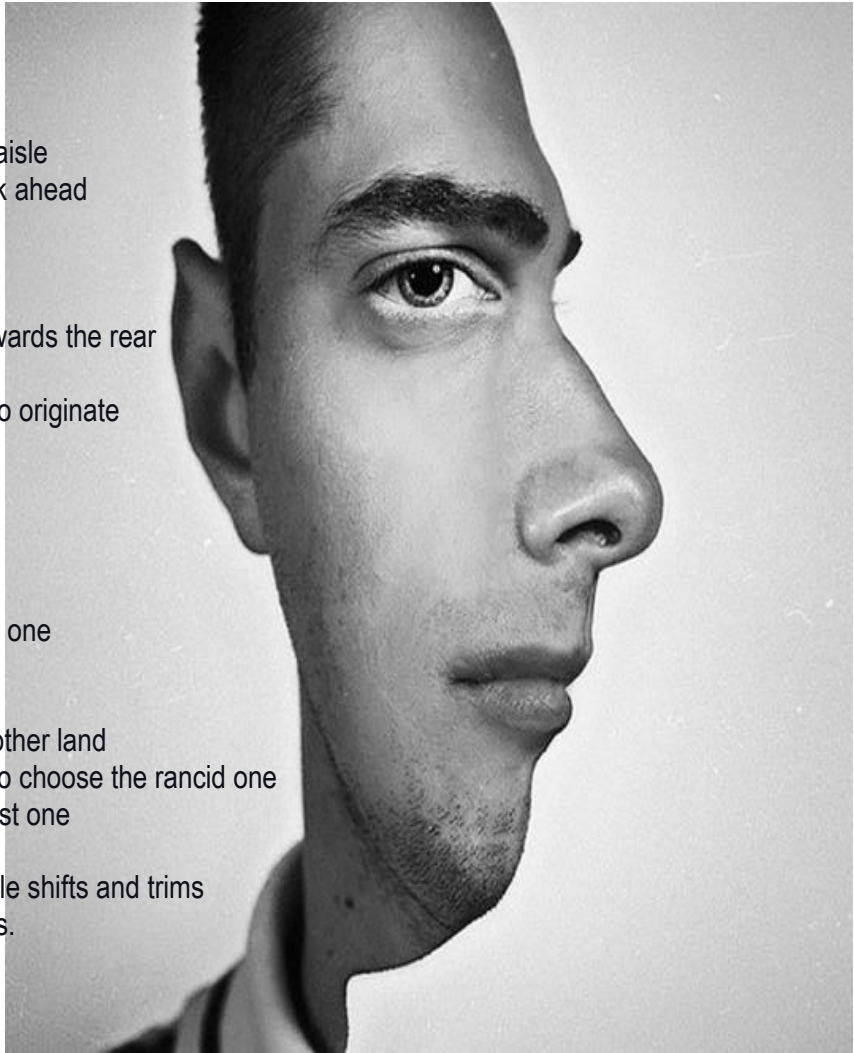
Poetry Section

“SHIFTS AND TRIMS”

Smoky was the evening at the corridor
A dense cloud of traffic was just below the aisle
The man on the wheel moved the gear stick ahead
But the auto took rearward to give a pass
I know the reverse gear in my car
It is denoted by an 'R'
I must shift the gear to the right slot and towards the rear
To put the car in the setback
Upgrade is a definite break for new things to originate
Hence, ages interlude and recess!

Dancing Road near to my home
Newly anointed for its potholes too solemn
On one such usual Sunday morn
A bystander picked a mango-shaped rotten one
As it were, the season and a true podcast
Blissfully secured it to his labour hand
Soon, he drove away with his bike; on the other land
I have my orchard and was never allowed to choose the rancid one
We ate the freshest, bright, and the sweetest one
The grief in him, with a grin
Hence, I see urban lives having considerable shifts and trims
It'll lead to only some of the final good brims.

Disgrace is nowadays a classy style
It got tainted on one usual night
It was full of ridiculous flings of notes
Was then the first ray of the day appeared gloomy without proper glow
Venomous was then taken entire matter at 45 miles
Hence, one compulsion is more toxic than any courtship in the chapters of gloomy files.



- MANI BHADRA

“Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.”

– Confucius

नेपाली खण्ड
विरासतको प्रतिध्वनि
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Glorious 23 Years

रचना गरिएको श्लोक...!

कविता खण्ड

रचना :-भीम ठटाल

रचना:-रमेश पेड़ीवाल

आस्था, जङ्गल र मणि

लोभका हरिया चौउर, मोहका तरण ताल
जिम्मेदारीका चोसिला काँडा
होश गर्छु ।
होस्! गर्दिनै!!

मेरो खोजाइमा जो प्राप्ति हुनु छ
त्यो छ कि छैन
थाहा मलाई छैन ।

जङ्गल छ एउटा जन्मदैं देखि
फाँडेर कैले नसक्छु मैले
रोपेर कति विवेक विजन
फुलाई फलाउनु अटव्य वाग छ ।

मेरो यो यात्रा अनकन्टार जङ्गलमा
बजाउँदै वीना खोज्दछु सर्प
आस्थाको रथमा पुग्नको यात्रा
भित्रको मान्छे बाहिरकोसँग नमिल्दै मिल्छ ।

आस्थाको जङ्गल
मणिको रहर
सपेरा म त
खोजाइ निरन्तर
म एक सपेरा, मणिको लम्पट,
बेला बेला भुल्दछु पनि
कि कतै पनि
हुँदैन यस्तो कुनै मणि ।

भगवान र उनको संसार

हिज राती सपनामा.. मैले भगवान भेटें ,
उनले भने संसार जान्छु... एस्तै कुरा राखे,
म पनि कहाँ मात्रै... हाथ, खुट्टा पक्रें,
संसारको हालतबारे... अर्जी एउटा राखें,
अर्जी एस्तै राखें...

हेर्न नआउनु भगवान, तिम्रो बदलियो संसार,
बदलियो संसार, तिम्रो आउनु नै बेकार...
हेर्न नआउनु भगवान...

सभ्य समाजको रचना गरी, जग सुन्दर बनायौ,
पानी, माटो, वन, जङ्गल र मानिसलाई पठायौ,
ईश्वर तिम्रो सृष्टिको अब... भइगो बंटाधार,
हेर्न नआउनु भगवान तिम्रो बदलियो संसार...

आधुनिकताको होड लाग्यो... वन, जङ्गल सब काट्यो,
उन्नतिको आवरणले, पहाड पर्वत फाट्यो,
धरती तिम्रो आंसू झर्छ... हेर्दै अत्याचार
हेर्न नआउनु भगवान तिम्रो बदलियो संसार...

लाज शरम छैन आज, अश्लीलता देखिन्छ,
सानो उमेरमा घर छाडेर, परिवार भुलिन्छ,
नयाँ पीढीको नयाँ रङ्गले... घर-बाबु लाचार,
हेर्न नआउनु भगवान तिम्रो बदलियो संसार...

परंपरा अनि संस्कारको बलात्कार गरिन्छ,
जुर्म, पाप, घृणा-ईर्ष्याले... जुलुम नै भएछ,
संस्कृतिको हत्या भएको... देख्छौ बारम्बार..
हेर्न नआउनु भगवान, तिम्रो बदलियो संसार...

बदलियो संसार तिम्रो आउनु नै बेकार...
हेर्न नआउनु भगवान...

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“हमारी माटी”

स्मृति जगतमे रहगई,
माटी, माटीमे बहगई,
कुछ मन, कुछ तनभी रोया था,
खोया वो जो पुरखोने बोया था,
हम खोदना पाए उस माटी को,
हम बचाना पाए उस जांटी को,
जिसे सींचा था उस खून ने,
क्या किया हमारे जूनून ने,
देकर जमीं हम अमीर बने,
पर सत्यपट लके फ़क़ीर बने,
हम क्या से क्या कर सकते थे,
वहाँ, जहाँ वो बसते थे,
घर घर से चर्चाआई है,
हर घरमे लक्ष्मी आई है,
पर छोटी एक टिश बची,
ओर कुछ उदासी छाई है,
हम छोड़ चले उस माटी को,
जन्मों से आंसू जो बहाती थी,
अब बस जाएगी यादों मे,
जो हमें वहाँ बुलाती थी,
धरा गाँवकी शान थी,
वो परिवारकी जान थी,
वहाँ सुबहकी धुप खिलती थी,
माटीकी खुशबु मिलती थी।
कुछ मज़बूरी तो रही होंगी,
परिवार बिछड़ते चले गए,
एक लस मूहफिर बनने को,
धरती जमीं भुलाते गए।
अब खुश करें इस परमात्मा को,
ताकि शकुं मिले उन आत्मा को,
कुछ मन, कुछ तनभी रोया था,
खोया वो जो पुरखोने बोया था...
खोया वो जो पुरखोने बोया था...

“क्रोध”

क्रोधकी एक मायावी दुनिया है... छलकी नगरी हैं... जहरकी गगरी हैं...
मनुष्यको अपने जालमे समेटता है...

क्योंकि...
क्रोध अहम है... बहम है...
क्रोध पाप हैं... क्रोध श्राप है...
क्रोध रावण है... क्रोध कंश हैं...
क्रोध दुशाशन हैं... क्रोध राक्षस है...
क्रोध आतंक हैं... क्रोध विनाशक है...
क्रोध मिटाता है... क्रोध जलाता है...
क्रोध रुलाता है... क्रोध तोड़ता है...
क्रोध मोड़ता हैं... क्रोध बिगड़ता हैं...
क्रोध झाड़ता हैं...
क्रोध विनाशकारी हैं...
क्रोध बिधवंशकारी हैं...
क्रोध बीमारी हैं... क्रोध महामारी हैं...

मुझे क्रोध आता हैं...
मैं घर तोड़ता हूँ... आपको क्रोध आता हैं आप मन तोड़ते हैं...
उसे क्रोध आता हैं...
वो समाज तोड़ता है... कोई रिस्ता तोड़ता हैं...
कोई माँ बाप छोड़ता है... कोई मुँह मोड़ता हैं...
कोई जलता हैं...
कोई जलाता है...
कोई तड़पाता है...
तो कोई अपने आपमे तड़पता हैं... पलपल मरता हैं... तिलतिल घुटता...
फिर हर पल मरता हैं...
जो क्रोध करता है।



Roll-over Vibes on Reunion Meet-2023

Appreciate the amount of hard work and innovative reach out achieved by this well-informed, energetic core group of the present executive body of the T'NITES Alumni Association in organizing such a broad-based "Breaking The Ice" reunion meet 2023. We owe you a debt of gratitude for keeping us in your thoughts. Thank you all for everything. We look forward to meeting you again and working for the upliftment of our alma mater. Until then, keep up the spirit and lead the way forward.

LHENDUP DORJEE LEPCHA
2nd President of TAA

Thanks to Kunzang and the entire team of TAA office bearers. It brought back some old memories of school days. I was glad to meet our seniors, batch mates, and juniors as well. I hope to see more associations.

PEMPA TSHERING BHUTIA

The event has been path-breaking, innovative, and in keeping with the times—my only regret is that I couldn't make it because I was unwell. I wish the organizers great times ahead.

LB CHETTRI

Many thanks to the executive body of T'NITES Alumni Association for the wonderful evening we had on 25th Nov 2023.

BINOD CINTURY

These graceful moments seldom arrives... Great efforts, T'NITE UNPLUGGED TEAM

ST GYATSO
5th President of TAA

**“TRULY
TIME
TRAVEL”**

HIMMAT RAI

Congratulations on the great job you did organizing such an important event.

CHEWANG ZANGPO BHUTIA

We all highly enjoyed fabulous and beautiful songs from good TNITE singers.

RAPDEN BHUTIA

Really wonderful event. Thanks to all the Executive Committee.

ANIL KUMAR BAGDAS

Thanks to the organizers, the new batch of T'NITES Alumni Association. We know how difficult it is to arrange such a unique program, but you arranged it well, and it was nice to see and meet our seniors, batch mates, and juniors. It was a grand success. Hats off to all.

SAMDUP TSHERING BHUTIA

Revived the memories of a bygone era. Kudos to Executive body for doing a splendid job.

D.C. KHATIWARA

Very well organized, eventful, memorable program. Thanks to the organizers. Looking in the future for further more programmes.

RAJESH KUMAR AGARWAL

Thanks for organizing Such an awesome ice-breaking event, which united the seniors of the 1966 batch to the 2023 batch. Congratulations to the organizing batch; expecting more such events in the future. ये दिल मांगे MORE!

AJIT K PRASAD

Kudos for arranging the Great reunion of old & new on such short notice. Really appreciate the dexterity in managing such a mega event in a most subtle way. Enjoyed the moment in an all-out way. Thanx to all the T'NITES Bros. (committee & managers).

KARMA L TENZIN

The Executive Body deserves very high appreciation for organising this wonderful function taking the Alumni to a great height. It shows that the forthcoming event will be more exciting and interesting. Our support is always with you.

We had a nice get-together with seniors/ friends and juniors on 25th November.

Congratulations to all the executive committee members.

KAZEE MAN CHHETRI

D.R. NEPAL

Proud to be T'NITES

Thanks to the organizing committee for having such a wonderful platform to witness the strength of our family.

Honestly, today, I learned a lot more than I knew about our school.

Let's keep the JOSH in high spirits and continue to grow, as brought up by the new batch of the TAA executive body.

CHITIZ CHETTRI

"I believe that telling our stories, first to ourselves and then to one another and the world, is a revolutionary act."

– Janet Mock



Roll-over Vibes on T’NITES Alumni Picnic-2024

Thank you very much to the organizers of today's picnic. It was very enjoyable and will be memorable too. Thank you once again.

SONAM TOPGEY BHUTIA

A BIG THANK YOU brother for the wonderful time. A memory to linger for many -many years to come....

TSEWANG GYALTSEN RINZING

Well organised picnic. I have thoroughly enjoyed the picnic including all the interesting games. Snacks and food was also wonderful. Congratulations to all the executive members. Once again thank you so much for this memorable and wonderful picnic.

ST GYATSO
5th President of TAA

Superb... &... kudos to all our seniors & junior T’NITES for being responsive enough to be a part of such an event of epic proportions. We look forward for such unity & support in the days to come.

KARMA L TENZIN

Thank you

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for organizing such a delightful and entertaining picnic today. It was truly a fantastic event that brought so much joy and laughter to all who attended.

From the moment we arrived at the picturesque location, we were greeted with warm smiles and a well-organized setup with a breakfast. The attention to detail and thoughtfulness that went into planning every aspect of the picnic was truly commendable.

We must applaud the Organisers for the variety of entertainment options available throughout the day, from live music performances to engaging games and even surprising with appreciation. It was evident that a lot of effort went into selecting these activities, as they catered to everyone's interests and created a vibrant and lively atmosphere.

The delectable food and drinks provided were another highlight of the picnic. The scrumptious spread of food truly satisfied our taste buds and kept us energized throughout the day.

The presence of School teaching and non-teaching staff with beautiful smiles added spice to our efforts.

Overall, the entire experience was nothing short of remarkable. It was evident that every member of your organizing team was dedicated to making this picnic an unforgettable one. The commitment to create a warm and friendly environment where everyone felt comfortable and included was truly admirable. The laughter, conversations, and memories made during the picnic will be cherished for years to come.

Your team efforts have truly brought our Association together and provided us with a much-needed escape from our busy lives, during which we enjoyed such an unforgettable moment of togetherness.

Once again, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for a truly wonderful and entertaining picnic.

Thank you all.

RAMESH PERIWAL

We came, celebrated, and left—yes, leaving behind only the memories to cherish. The task of arranging to wrap up, burdened by a selected few, is really praiseworthy.

It was a manifold program wrapped in one... Picnic, get-together, senior citizen meet, gala show, and many more. Once again, big-big kudos and long clapping. Hats Off. Bravo, T'NITES Black & White.

SAMDUP TSHERING BHUTIA

Thank you to all the organizing members. It was a great success and Yeh! दिलमांगे MORE! next year or late this year. There are no words to express my happiness and thanks to all of you, especially the 1997 dynamic batch along with our beloved IG Agya and our brother of Kishor Kumar Agya Sonam Dawa.

Big Thank-you to our evergreen *Agya Bhaji* for posting beautiful memories that can be kept lifelong.

AJIT K PRASAD

Super सेभीऊपर. Respected President Sir, General Secretary Sir, and all team, big congratulations. I can't attend the function, but seeing videos and photos राम्रो arrangement गरनुभयछतपाइहरुले.
SHYAM SUNDER LAKHOTIA

I presume that the overnight stay was splendid.

Thank you, Mani Bhadra bhai & your team, for organizing a memorable event . The only uninvited guest was the gust of swirling wind.

Thank you again

DAVID GYAMTSON LINGDONG

Thank you so much for a well-organized picnic. We really enjoyed it. All the staff members were very grateful to you for such a warm welcome. They were very happy to receive a gift with- love and respect (mementos). Thank you once again from our T'NITES family.

Mrs. Jenny Lepcha
Librarian
Sir TNSS School

“A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.”

– Oliver Wendall Holmes