

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS 2008
28th Freshers' Day of the NSUP

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is indeed an honour to deliver the Presidential Address on this 28th Freshers' Day of the Naga Students' Union, Pune. I am proud to remind you that the Naga Students' Union, Pune is the only Students' body outside Nagaland that is unified under a single umbrella ie., "**The Naga Students' Union, Pune.**" And, it is in tune with our motto; "**Unite for Greater Heights.**"



I personally would like to welcome you again, dear Freshers. As begin your stay here, I wish you all luck and good wishes in your endeavors. No one of us will be staying here forever, we all will leave for good someday or the other. So, while we are still here, let us make our stay a memorable one with no regrets whatsoever.

The NSUP is in its 27th year since its formation in the year 1981. It has grown over the years and is still in the growing stage. As such, the NSUP is at times faced with lots of problems and other complications. Hence your kind cooperation and active participation is very much sought for and needed. Sometimes we come across with people pointing fingers to the Union with little knowledge of what the ground realities are. It is my earnest request to you today to come forward and give your valuable suggestions and opinions and be a part of the change for good. We are always open to criticisms that are constructive and not destructive.

Here, we are indeed lucky to have the two bodies – The NSUP and the NCF. These two bodies have been playing vital role in shaping us Socially, Morally, Spiritually and Politically.

We have a clear Constitution of our own. And it is in accordance with the laid down rules and regulations that we exercise our powers. When it comes to the word, 'respect', if we are Human enough, I think it right that you respect us the Executives and our Advisors for we are doing our best serving you. Or at least respect the Office body, because it is in affiliation with the Naga Students' Federation, which is the apex body.

I would like to highlight some of the disciplinary problems that we Nagas here in Pune come face to face with. One alarming problem is in regard to the 'Live in relationships.' Many of us will be aware that the Union has already expelled a student a couple of years back, in regard to this. In our Constitution, Article 8, loudly disallow the 'live in relationship.' However, with a resolution passed sometime back, this relationship can be allowed if a letter of approval is forwarded to the Union by the parents of the concerned students, and we give due respect to the said resolution till date. Those that are in violation of this, will first be served with a letter of caution, and is followed by letting the parents known, ie, the second warning, and finally expulsion from the Union and Pune. And once you are expelled, it is a two years term. And the report will ultimately be publicized in all local dailies and local vernaculars back home in Nagaland. And in no

case, we are going to compromise on this, whatsoever. Another point of concern that will be dealt with stern action is in regard to those who create havoc in Societies, Flats, PG s and Hostels. This really affects the other fellow Nagas who are in search of finding a place to stay.

The Naga Students' Union, Pune, is a single unified body, and as such it is strictly opposed to any form of 'Tribalism' or trends of it. Any tribal gatherings without due approval of the Union will have to face disciplinary actions. Coming to registration; it is a must that those of us who consider ourselves to be a Naga get registered at the earliest. It is a one time collection for the whole academic year. The amount that is generated from the registrations will go a long way to meeting the annual programmes; the Freshers' Day, Sports Week and Annual Conference cum Parting Social. Besides, meeting accidental cases, sickness and even deaths, if any. The working people just need to get registered, but are most welcome to give free will donations, which is expected of them and is very much needed. We will be creating a profile of all the registered ones, so that in any time of emergencies, we will have a better excess to you.

At this time, I once again request all of you especially the Freshers to be very active and cooperative towards the Union. And another important thing is, be regular in the NCF Services and its various activities. This is one institution where we really grow as a person.

Dear Freshers, as you begin your stay here, it is my prayer that you finish your stay achieving the purpose of your coming here. I on behalf of my colleagues assure you all possible help and assistance. I am also very much confident that your fellow seniors will be showering your way with good examples and guidance.

Let us all cooperate and "**Unite For Greater Heights**" as our motto suggest, and build a greater union.

Thank You.

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Dated 2nd Aug.'08

28th NSUP Freshers' Day

Mission Conference Hall

UBS, Bibewadi, Pune.