

Pettigrew College Freshers Meet 2026 Marks New Beginnings and Emotional Farewell

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Ukhrul, August 31, 2026: Pettigrew College, Ukhrul, hosted its Freshers Meet 2026 with enthusiasm and a strong sense of emotion, as the occasion also marked the retirement day of the college's Vice Principal, Peter Horam. The event brought together students, faculty members and invited dignitaries to welcome the new batch while celebrating the long service of a senior member of the institution.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Peter Horam delivered an emotional farewell message, recalling his long association with Pettigrew College. He observed that the college hall, trees and surrounding environment seemed to convey a sense of farewell on his final day of service. Drawing from his own life journey, he encouraged students to remain steadfast in the face of difficulties.

Quoting the Bible, he reminded the students of God's promise: "I have a plan for you, to prosper you and not to harm you." He recalled his humble beginnings, including the sacrifice of his father, who sold a buffalo to support his education. His career included responsibilities as a boarding-in-charge at Pakai College, Dimapur, and as a mess manager at Jamia University, New Delhi. He also recalled serving under 10 principals of Pettigrew College in different capacities, eventually becoming Vice Principal.

He urged students to pursue education with determination and faith, stressing that challenges are part of life but can be overcome through perseverance, prayer and trust in God.

The Hunphun Katamnao Long President encouraged students to work with sincerity. The TKS President, extending the traditional greeting "*Halalo*", meaning "He is there for you," expressed confidence in the future of Pettigrew College and envisioned its eventual transformation into a university. He also assured his support in pursuing the government for completion of pending college projects. Referring to the theme "Grow, Glow, Graduate," he suggested expanding the concept from 3G to 5G—"Give and Guide."

Principal Dr. Ringkahao Horam, President of the Freshers Meet, described the occasion as an event that would remain in the history of Pettigrew College.

The programme included student introductions, musical and cultural performances and the Mr. and Miss Freshers 2026 competition. Lanlan Ngalung of the Department of Zoology was adjudged Miss Freshers 2026, while Leishimung P.S. was declared Mr. Freshers 2026.

The programme was conducted by S. Kham and Sohon Khapai, with the welcome address delivered by Solonchan Luikham. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Yuimihor Huileng.

The Freshers Meet ultimately became a memorable blend of welcome, celebration, gratitude and farewell, symbolising both a new beginning for students and the closing of a significant chapter in the professional life of Peter Horam.



