

# LUMINA 2025



**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, CHAILENGTA**

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# Message *from the* Editor

**"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."**

*Dear Readers,*

As we turn the pages of yet another remarkable year at Holy Cross High School, Challengta, it brings me immense joy to share this message for our school magazine. The word "Luminous" resonates deeply with us. It is not just a theme—it is a reflection of the inner light each student carries, a light waiting to shine and illuminate the world.

To be luminous is to radiate—not by our own strength—but by allowing God's light to shine through us.

Luminous minds are not only filled with knowledge but also with curiosity, compassion, and courage. As educators, our greatest joy lies in nurturing that light—guiding our students not just to succeed academically, but to grow into thoughtful, responsible, and resilient individuals.

I am proud to witness our students embrace challenges, push boundaries, and support one another like true torchbearers of a brighter tomorrow.

This magazine stands as a testament to the creativity, hard work, and vibrant spirit of our school. Every article, artwork, and achievement showcased here is a glowing spark in our collective light. May every word inspire you to kindle your own lamp of faith—so that together, our shared brightness may lead others toward peace, justice, and joy.

I wish to thank all our special dignitaries and our Principal's past and present, who have penned in the form of messages.

To all our students: continue to learn, to question, and most importantly, to shine. Be luminous—not only in your achievements, but in your character and your kindness.

Warm wishes,  
**Sr. M . Veleena Pereira SRA**  
Assistant teacher



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**Be  
Luminous:  
Let Your  
Light Shine**

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## *From the Principal Desk*

### LUMINA 2025

*“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matthew 5:14)*

With a heart full of gratitude, I pen these lines for our school magazine Lumina 2025. When I first arrived at Chailengta, I carried both joy and uncertainty in my heart. Coming into a place where people from different tribes and backgrounds live together, I was not sure how I would be received. But as I look back on these one and a half years, I can only marvel at the goodness of God and the warmth of the people who have welcomed me so generously.

As your Principal and Parish Priest, I have felt truly understood, supported, and embraced in such a short span of time. I deeply appreciate the people of Chailengta for the trust and affection you have shown me. I cherish the memories we are building together, and I draw my strength each day from the dedication of our teachers, the innocence of our children, and the spirit of our parish community.

Much has been achieved, but I am also aware that much more lies ahead. I remain hopeful that with God’s grace and your continued support, our Holy Cross School, Chailengta, will grow steadily into a beacon of light — a true Lumina — shining with knowledge, discipline, and faith. I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to our Provincial Administration for entrusting me with this great responsibility. Their confidence in me is a constant reminder to work with humility and perseverance. I am also grateful to the teaching staff and the SRA Sisters, both past and present, who have given their best in shaping our students and nurturing our school. Your sacrifices, hard work, and prayers continue to bless us abundantly.

Let us keep in mind the words of St. Paul: *“Let all that you do be done in love.”* (1 Corinthians 16:14). It is love that sustains our mission, unites our diverse cultures, and enables us to walk together as one family in Holy Cross.

With faith in God and confidence in one another, I believe the best is yet to come. May this magazine Lumina 2025 remind us that each of us carries a spark of light, and when we unite our lights, the glow becomes radiant and unending.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

- **Fr. M.P. Jayaseelan CSC**  
**Principal**

*Message from*  
**Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC, D.D.**  
**Bishop of Agartala**



Dear Fr. Jayaseelasn,

I am happy to hear that Holy Cross High School Chailengta, is releasing its School Magazine – LUMINA. Following the dream of its Founder Blessed Basil Moreau, this School, administered by the Holy Cross Fathers, has the same focus as does other reputed educational institutions administered by Holy Cross all around the world. Namely, in addition to providing quality and value-based education, every Holy Cross Institution has as its special focus, the education of mind and heart. We owe this to our Founder Blessed Anthony Moreau, who, over 150 years ago, stressed the importance of such an education.

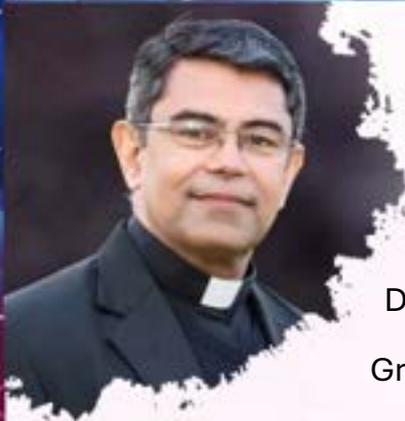
Please accept my sincere appreciation for publishing LUMINA highlighting your milestones, dedicated teachers, and talented students. This is a good way to showcase the various activities of the school. Moreover, an endeavor such as this entails the efforts of many hands and I congratulate you along with the School Magazine Committee for the united work in bringing out this maiden issue.

Holy Cross School Chailengta, was established in *March 2013* with just 32 students. Today you have 647 students in your student enrolment register! This is indeed a great achievement. Moreover, the steady growth in numbers, infrastructure and academics, speak well about the management. I take this opportunity to congratulate the students and the school authorities for the excellent academic results that we hear of, year after year. Besides academic strides, the school came out first in the district football tournament and other co-curricular activities. This is highly commendable.

I wish the Holy Cross Schol community at Chailengta all success in their march towards the education of hearts and minds. I invoke God's abundant blessings on each and every one of you and wish you success at every step of your life. May God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by a circular official seal. The seal contains the text "Bishop of Agartala" and "MOST REV. LUMEN MONTEIRO, CSC, D.D." around the perimeter.

Most Rev. Lumen Monteiro, CSC  
Bishop of Agartala



*Message from*  
**Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CSC**  
**President, HCEF, Agartala**

Dear Editorial Team,

Date: 10.09.25

Greetings!

It is a privilege to address you—management, faculty, and students—through the pages of ***Lumina 2025***, the School Magazine that stands as a living testimony to the creativity, imagination, and dedication of this vibrant community. Each article, poem, story, and artwork reflects the rich spirit of Holy Cross School, Chailengta, and showcases the immense talent that thrives in your classrooms.

Guided by the educational vision of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, we understand that true education goes beyond textbooks and examinations. At Chailengta, learning is a holistic journey that nurtures curiosity, resilience, and gentleness—qualities that will serve as guiding lights throughout your lives. I commend each student, the dedicated faculty, and the entire management team for bringing forth *Lumina 2025*. Through this magazine, you are not only celebrating creative expression but also renewing a culture of excellence.

Blessed Basil Moreau beautifully taught us that “education is the art of helping young people to completeness,” shaping them not only in knowledge but also in character and spirit. Holy Cross School, Chailengta, continues to embody this noble mission—uniting academic rigor with moral and ethical values, so that students may grow in wisdom, integrity, and a commitment to serve others.

May this publication inspire and uplift you, reminding each of us of the beautiful journey of learning that we share together. Let us continue to encourage one another, foster creativity, and strive for ever-greater achievements.

Warm regards,

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Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal CSC  
President, HCEF, Agartala

*Message from*

**Fr. George Jacob, CSC**

**Secretary, HCEF, Agartala**



It gives me great joy to extend my warm greetings to the entire family of Holy Cross School, Chailengta on the publication of Lumina 2025. This magazine is more than a collection of pages—it is a mirror reflecting the hard work, creativity, and dreams of a vibrant school community.

The journey of Holy Cross School, Chailengta—from its humble beginning in March 2013 with just 32 students to today's flourishing family of 647 learners—is a testament to God's providence and the dedication of the management, staff, students, and well-wishers. This growth reminds us of the words of our Founder, Blessed Basile Moreau, who envisioned education as a work of resurrection, bringing new life and hope wherever Holy Cross serves.

In all our educational endeavours, we follow the path of informing, forming, and transforming. We inform by imparting knowledge, nurturing curiosity, and opening young minds to the world of learning. We form by shaping values, character, and discipline, ensuring that education touches not only the mind but also the heart. And finally, we transform by helping students become compassionate, responsible, and faith-filled individuals who can make a difference in society.

As you celebrate this milestone through Lumina 2025, may the light of knowledge and hope continue to shine brightly in every student's life. May this institution always remain faithful to the Holy Cross vision of educating both the heart and the mind, so that each learner grows into a beacon of light for others.

Congratulations to the editorial team, staff, and students for bringing out this inspiring publication. May Lumina 2025 continue to illuminate the journey of Holy Cross School, Chailengta, with faith, dedication, and excellence.

With prayers and best wishes,

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Fr. George Jacob, CSC

Secretary

Holy Cross Educational Foundation





*Message from*  
**Fr. Marbilus Kharakor, CSC**

**Manager - Holy Cross School Chailengta**

It is with great joy that I extend my cordial greetings to the Principal, the staff members, and the students of our dear Holy Cross Higher Secondary School, Chailengta, as you celebrate your remarkable journey of twelve years. From just thirteen students to six hundred and forty-seven, this is truly a great achievement and a testimony of growth, marked on the occasion of the release of *LUMINA 2025*.

The theme you have chosen—“*Shining the Light of Knowledge & Hope*”—is most fitting in the field of education. School is one of the most essential elements that correspond to the nature of a child. It is the first and primary institution that plays a vital role in character formation. School stands at the center of all efforts to illuminate insight and reveal the truth that shapes a child into a human being. The teaching and guidance a child receives at school remain in their heart and mind for the rest of their life.

**Shining the Light of Knowledge:**

The school does not only educate children in academic knowledge or limit them to textbooks and examinations. It also nurtures creativity, values, discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence—qualities that shape the thoughts and behaviors of a child’s life. These values build the foundation for their future role in society.

**Hope:**

“Hope does not disappoint. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring,” says Pope Francis. Parents, therefore, send their children to school with the hope of giving them opportunities for education, knowledge, skills, and confidence that will shape the quality of their lives. With improved knowledge, skills, personality, and attitude, each individual is better prepared to pursue a fulfilling career and contribute meaningfully within the socio-historical context in which they live.

Fr. Marbilus csc  
Manager

*Message from*  
**Fr. Valerian Castelino, CSC**

**Executive Director,  
Father Patrick Peyton Centre, Ireland,**



**Solas na Dóchas – The Light of Hope**

When I look back on the journey of Holy Cross High School, Chailengta, I am filled with awe and gratitude. It feels fitting to name this remarkable journey as Solas na Dóchas, an Irish phrase meaning *“The Light of Hope,”* for that is what our school has been from the very beginning. A light that has guided our path through challenges to place a school where two hills once stood between a deep valley.

Holy Cross is indebted to Lt. Bimal Reang, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, who in an initial meeting pledged full support and said, *“We will support all possible ways to start a Holy Cross School near the district headquarters of Dhalai.”* The seeds of hope took root with the initiative of the faith community headed by Moshiram Reang, and with the faith-filled initiative of the community, that seed began to grow.

In March 2013, under the humble roof of Moshiram’s family home, our dream came alive. Just 32 little children walked into a classroom, unaware that they were the first rays of light in what would become a shining beacon for the hill villages. I still marvel at how God’s providence guided each step, and how the strength of our people gave wings to a vision.

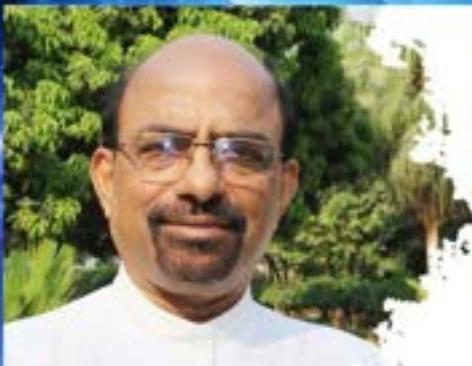
Over these years, the school has blossomed into a vibrant community of 647 students. This growth is not ours alone, it belongs to the countless hands and hearts who made it possible. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated Principals and Headmistresses, who shepherded the school through challenges and opportunities with wisdom and courage, VSDB sisters and presently SRA Sisters, whose quiet sacrifice, prayer, and service have been the backbone of our mission.

We cannot forget Moshiram and his family, whose generosity gave us our very first home. As we touch a milestone, we cannot overlook the unwavering commitment of the lay leaders and the faith community of Cheilengta, who stood firmly behind the school, nurturing it like their own child. Together, we believed in the promise of education as a path to dignity, hope, and transformation for the people.

Education at Holy Cross Cheilengta is about bridging the equity gap for the children from remote villages and help them unravel and discover their potential. It is about young minds growing in knowledge, identity and values, and a community daring to dream of a brighter tomorrow.

As you bring out Lumina 2025 – Solas na Dóchas, my sincere gratitude to you Father Jayaseelan CSC and the entire team, for the past that shaped us, for the present that sustains us, and for the future that calls us onward. Truly, our journey is a testimony that when faith, unity, and dedication come together, miracles unfold. May Holy Cross High School, Chailengta, stand as a living symbol of hope, resilience, and God’s blessings, shining its light for generations to come.

- Valerian Castelino csc.  
Executive Director, Father Patrick Peyton Centre, County Mayo, Ireland,



*Message from*

**Fr. Lancy D'Souza, CSC**

**Manager - Holy Cross School Kumarghat**

It is a great pleasure to hear that Holy Cross School, Chailengta, is publishing its school magazine, LUMINA 2025. This is a proud moment for the school. When it was established in 2013, I was part of the school management team from Kathalcherra. The provincial administration, led by Provincial Rev. Fr. Abraham K.J. CSC, brought the school to life under the guidance of the late Fr. Mathew Ullatil CSC, who purchased the land. The late Fr. Savari Nadan CSC took charge of the school's operations, starting with 32 students and two local teachers in a rented building owned by Mr. Mosiram Reang. In 2014, two VSDB sisters, Sr. Lumlin and Sr. Alphonsa from Shillong, came to assist us. Sr. Alphonsa VSDB became the headmistress, and Fr. Valerian Castiano CSC took on a guiding role for the school from Kathalcherra. That year, the school held its first School Day on the new premises.

Located in the heart of Chailengta, Holy Cross School today has been a beacon of hope and learning for the local community. Since its establishment in 2013, the school has grown from humble beginnings to a reputable institution, providing a nurturing environment for its students to flourish. The school's dedication to academic excellence and character formation is truly commendable, and I am honoured to have been invited to contribute to its magazine.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the students, teachers, and staff of Holy Cross School, Chailengta, on the publication of LUMINA 2025. This achievement highlights the school's commitment to academic excellence and nurturing a love for learning.

To the parents, I urge you to keep supporting your children's education and encourage them to reach their full potential. To the students, I encourage you to stay focused, work hard, and seize the opportunities you have. Your education is a valuable gift that will shape your future and help you make a positive difference in the world.

To teachers, I sincerely thank you for your tireless efforts in shaping the minds and characters of your students. Your dedication, patience, and love for teaching are truly inspiring, and you play a crucial role in moulding the next generation of leaders and citizens. Keep up the excellent work, and may God bless you for your selfless service.

As the school continues to grow and flourish, I extend my prayers and best wishes for its future endeavours. May God bless the school community and guide them on their journey of discovery and growth.

**- Fr. Lancy D'Souza CSC.**

*Message from*

**Fr. Simon Fernandis, CSC**

**Principal - Holy Cross School Koloriang**



My dear friends,

It fills my heart with immense joy and gratitude to share a few thoughts with you as we celebrate the wonderful journey of Holy Cross High School, Challengta, over the past twelve years. What began in March 2013 as a humble endeavour with just 32 young learners—each filled with dreams, hopes, and curiosity—has today blossomed into a vibrant community of 647 students. Truly, this growth is a testimony to God's abundant blessings, the tireless dedication of our teachers, and the constant support of our well-wishers and benefactors.

Over these twelve years, this school has not only grown in number but has also flourished in spirit and character. Academic excellence, steady improvement in infrastructure, cultural celebrations, and opportunities for holistic formation have all played their role in shaping the minds and hearts of our students. Every achievement whether big or small reflects the deep commitment of our educators, the perseverance of our students, and the generous encouragement of all those who walk with us in this mission.

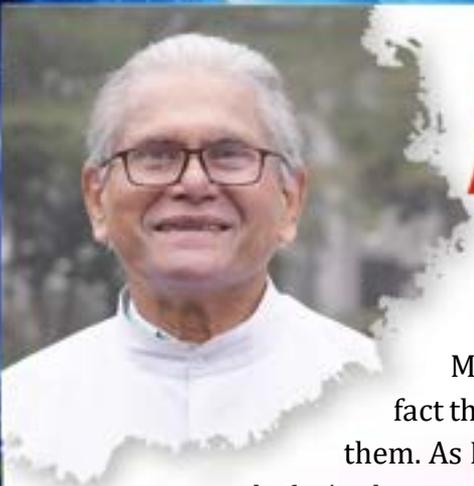
Personally, it is a matter of great joy for me to pen these lines, as I have had the privilege of being associated with this mission from its very inception. To see it grow from a simple dream into a beacon of learning and hope is both humbling and inspiring. This journey reminds us that with faith, dedication, and unity, no milestone is too far.

It delights me even more that this story of growth, faith, and perseverance is being captured through "LUMINA 2025". This publication will not only highlight the achievements of our students and the contributions of our teachers but will also preserve the precious memories and milestones that have shaped Holy Cross High School into what it is today. I believe *LUMINA* will inspire generations to come, reminding them that education is not just about learning lessons but about shaping lives with knowledge, faith, and service.

With heartfelt gratitude to God and to each one of you who has been part of this beautiful journey, I join in your celebrations with pride and joy. May Holy Cross High School continue to shine as a light of knowledge and hope for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Fernandis CSC



*Message from*

**FR. JOACHIM HARRY D'SILVA, CSC**

**FORMER:  
SCHOOL SECRETARY, SUPERIOR & PARISH PRIEST.**

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN! And they continue to occur, despite the fact that we the citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom do not fully reckon them. As I join you all in thanking the Almighty God for his salvific/redemptive work that's going on in this fledgling CHAIENGTA PARISH, in the renowned Agartala Diocese under the able leadership of Most Rev. Lumen CSC I add my vote of thanks to all men and women –religious or lay, who have been and continue to shape this unit. It's significant arm, viz., The HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL, CHAIENGTA has been steadily prospering for the greater glory of God. PRAISE THE LORD...!

- **PARISH GROWTH: MISSION PERSONNEL:** the men religious-- priests (CSC), religious women (SRA):  
Specifically, our parish grew with the entry of the erstwhile “Believers” into Catholic Church and their coming gave a shot in the arm for all of us. Rev. Fr. Cyprian Pinto SVD was instrumental in training them over three to four weeks, back to back. These new-comers are a real boon for the rest of us with their resiliency and enthusiasm with their arranging to get their Village Church and their WEEKLY B.E.C./S.C.C. participation.
- **MY EXTENDED SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY AT SIHON PRAYER CENTRE, MADHABPUR. A SHORT NOTE ON HEALINGS** THE Lord has been effecting us, there and that includes ‘Yours truly’...I mean to say, many of my personal ailments too got the healing touch by my regular visits to the prayer place.
- **THE HOSTELS (FOR BOYS & GIRLS** with their particular wardens): These have been progressing amicably without much ado or bottlenecks.
- **HCHS: THE TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF.** Our cordiality with each and every one them has given us the smooth running of the Academic area.
- **UNITED CHRISTIAN FORUM (U.C.F.):** Under the providential care we have been able to organize THE PEACE RALLY FOR MANIPUR VICTIMS, AND THE MIRACULOUS GIFT OF LAND BY THE BAPTIST CHURCH. REV. NAGENDRA DEBBARMA (Late) AND THEIR LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEE, is no less a miracle to be cherished forever. The proposed short-cut road will minimize the distance to and from our School cum Hostel cum Presbytery Campus.

**A PRAYER:** As our school has been well equipped with the required infrastructure THROUGH THE TIMELY INTERVENTION OF THE PROVINCE ADMINISTRATION AND THE TROUBLE TAKEN BY REV. FR. BINOY CSC AND THE PRESENT PRINCIPAL REV. FR. JAYASEELAN M.P CSC, to step into the PLUS TWO LEVEL with the blessings of the almighty God and the Holy Cross Educational Foundation we hope and pray that our HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL, CHALENGTA will offer the upcoming students the improved facility as well.

As our Congregation of Holy Cross was meant for the work of our Lord's resurrection, may I end with this quote: "The essence of original sin is the split into individuality. The essence of redemption is the mending of the shattered image of God, the union of the human race through the One [Jesus Christ] who stands in for all and in whom all are one.....Union of redemption. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Benedictus: Day by day with Pope Benedict XVI*, ed. Peter John Cameron [San Francisco: Ignatius, 2006 p. 337 ].

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"In the context of the ...Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, Pope Francis invites the Church to be a community of hope in the world through a radical and updated practice of the perspectives of the Second Vatican Council" (*Vidyjyoti Journal of Theological Reflection*, Vol.89/1 January 2025, p.10).

**My farewell:** As the adage goes, 'the taste of the pudding is in the eating' after my smooth tenure of nearly three years (2022 to 2025) enjoying the unseen tears all along the road to my new placement at PEYTON FAMILY MINISTRY CENTRE, ZUANGTUI, AIZAWL, I am so very grateful to all who made my ministry a real RESURRECTION EXPERIENCE FOR ALL IN OUR BELOVED CHALENGTA PARISH. My ardent wish that upscaling the School will take place in the near future. May God bless us all!

- ***Rev. Fr. Joachim Harry D'silva Csc***  
***Former: School Secretary, Superior & Parish Priest.***



*Message from*  
**Fr. Binoy John, CSC**

**Superior - Holy Cross Seminary, Sumer**



**GOD'S UNFATHOMABLE LOVE**

I am happy to jot down a few lines from my memory lane as you celebrate your duodecennial Jubilee of Holy Cross School, Chailengta and its legacy. The nostalgia of my experience was indeed a great joy and delight to reflect on my four-month experience with the mission, where I could both learn and contribute to the mission's growth. It is wonderful to know that Holy Cross School, Chailengta, celebrates its duodecennial year along with the release of its first souvenir magazine, *Lumina 2025*. This occasion invites us to look back with gratitude and thank God for a journey accomplished with faith and dedication.

On this joyful celebration, it is apt to recall how God's unfathomable love and wisdom have been revealed through the humble beginnings of the mission, the tireless service of fathers, sisters, teachers, and lay leaders, and the steady growth in education, faith, and infrastructure. Truly, the mission is a testimony that God's love is at work in the lives of students, parents, and the entire community.

Although my presence at Chailengta was only four months, I experienced how God performs miracles through simple efforts when offered with faith. I am grateful to God and my superiors for entrusting me with this responsibility, which allowed me to make my own unique contribution to the mission, always keeping in mind the school motto: *Educating Heart and Mind*.

I felt deep compassion for the students, which inspired me to use my skills and creative ideas for their growth, as well as that of the faculty and institution. The open-minded questions, cordial nature, and obedient behaviour of the students deeply impressed me. I admired their enthusiasm for sports, seminars, music, dance, art, and cultural activities, which revealed their talents and bright future.

I also experienced wholehearted cooperation from the sisters, headmistress, teachers, staff, and non-teaching members, whose dedication to the students' development was remarkable. The support of parents, guardians, local leaders, and government officials has been another key factor behind the centre's growth. When people work together with faith, the grace of God moves faster, and human efforts bear fruit abundantly.

On this occasion, I especially thank the Missionary Sisters of the Queen of the Apostles for their dedicated contribution to the school, parish, and hostel, particularly in the education and care of girl students. Their commitment to the school's academic and cultural competitions gave me the freedom to focus on infrastructure and other creative initiatives.

On this joyful occasion, I offer **my hearty congratulations and prayerful wishes** to the fathers, sisters, teachers, students, and all stakeholders of the mission. I remain ever grateful to God and to the local community of Chailengta, who always loved and supported the Holy Cross missionaries and sisters. May this duodecennial jubilee be a new beginning that inspires even greater zeal in education and evangelisation.

Fr. Binoy John, C.S.C.  
Superior  
Holy Cross Seminary, Sumer



*Message from*  
**Subrata Das, TCS - I**

**SDM - Longtharai valley sub-division**

## Letter of Appreciation

It gives me immense joy and pride to reflect on the remarkable journey of **Holycross School, Chailengta**. Established in the year 2017 with just 30 young learners, the school has grown with dedication, hard work, and faith into a thriving institution of 665 students within a span of just seven years. This growth is not only a matter of numbers but also a testimony to the trust, love, and goodwill the community has placed in the school.

Behind this success stands a devoted team of **22 teaching staff** who have tirelessly nurtured young minds with knowledge, values and inspiration. Alongside them, the **5 non-teaching staff** have equally contributed to maintaining the smooth functioning and discipline of the school, ensuring that every child receives the best environment to grow and learn.

Holycross School is more than just a centre of learning – it has become a family where values are instilled, dreams are nurtured, and futures are shaped. The journey from humble beginnings to this thriving institution is truly admirable, and it fills us with hope and confidence for an even brighter tomorrow.

As we look forward, may the school continue to rise to greater heights, shaping responsible citizens and compassionate human beings. Let this institution be a guiding light for generations to come, spreading knowledge, wisdom, and harmony.

Wishing **Holycross School, Chailengta** a prosperous and glorious future !

With warm regards and admiration

Subrata Das, TCS-I,  
Sub-Divisional Magistrate,  
Longtharai Valley Sub-Division,  
Dhalai District, Tripura.  
SDM-DIVISIONAL .....  
**Longtharai Valley, Chailengta.**  
Dhalai, Tripura

*Message from*

**M.S. Debbarma**

**DEO - Dhalai District, Jawaharnagar**



*Celebrating a Beacon of Excellence: Holy Cross High School, Chailengta.*

*It is with immense pride and great pleasure that I contribute this article for "LUMINA 2025," a publication that truly embodies its name- shining a light on the remarkable journey of knowledge and hope that is Holy Cross High School, Chailengta.*

It is often said that the mightiest oak grows from a single small acorn. In the educational landscape of Dhalai, Holy Cross High School, Chailengta, stands as a testament to this very truth. Its journey, which we celebrate with immense pride in the pages of "LUMINA 2025," is not just a story of numerical growth, but a profound narrative illuminated by faith, dedication and an unwavering belief in the transformative power of education.

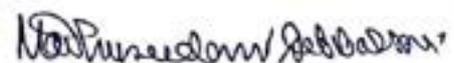
In March 2013, this institution began its humble voyage with a cohort of just 32 students. It was a seed of hope planted in the fertile soil of Chailengta, a promise made to the community to nurture its youngest minds. In those early days, the vision was clear, but the path was uncharted. What has happened since then is truly amazing and impressive. Today, that seed has flourished into a mighty tree, providing shade and sustenance to 647 eager learners. This exponential growth is a figure that commands respect, but the true miracle lies not in the number itself, but in the spirit it represents.

This transformation from a modest beginning to a vibrant, thriving educational community is a multi-layered success story. First, it is a story of academic dedication. The steady upward trajectory in results and the relentless pursuit of excellence by the students, guided by their mentors, have made the school a recognized name in the district. Second, it is a tale of infrastructural growth. From its initial setup, the school has thoughtfully expanded its facilities, ensuring that the environment keeps pace with the aspirations of its learners, providing them with the tools they need to succeed in a modern world.

Most importantly, however, this is a story of human endeavour. The journey from 32 to 647 is a milestone paved by the sheer dedication of the teachers, whose commitment extends far beyond their contractual hours. They are the architects of this achievement, shaping raw potential into refined talent. It is also a journey powered by the trust and support of parents and well-wishers, who placed their faith in the school's mission. And ultimately, it is a journey illuminated by the vibrant energy and incredible talent of the students themselves, who are the true luminaries justifying this celebration.

As the District Education Officer, I view Holy Cross High School not just as an institution, but as a beacon. It exemplifies how a clear vision, coupled with collective effort and divine grace, can overcome initial constraints to become a centre of learning and hope. The school's ethos aligns seamlessly with our district's goal of providing inclusive, equitable and quality education for every child.

"LUMINA 2025: Shining the Light of Knowledge & Hope" is a fitting title for this commemorative edition. For Holy Cross High School has indeed become a Lumina- a light- guiding its students towards a brighter future. My heartfelt congratulations to the entire school community- the management, the principal, the devoted faculty, the supportive parents and the brilliant students. May your light continue to shine ever brighter, illuminating the path of knowledge for many more generations to come.



By- M.S. Debbarma  
District Education Officer  
Dhalai District, Jawaharnagar.



*Message from*  
**Sr. Reena Ekka, SRA**

**Headmistress - Holy Cross School Chailengta**

Respected teachers, students, and parents,

Holy Cross School, Chailengta, celebrates the occasion of our 'DUODECENNIUM' and the release of the first school souvenir magazine named 'Lumina 2025'. It brings me immense joy to present this souvenir, a testament to our school's journey and accomplishments. This publication is the collective efforts and the significant milestones we've reached. It reflects our commitment to academic excellence, holistic development, and values that have guided us for the past twelve years.

I am filled with immense joy as I reflect on our school's achievements and struggles shared, and the vibrant community we have built. This souvenir is a celebration of our shared experiences, a collection of memories, and a testament to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved. I hope you will enjoy flipping through these pages and reminiscing about the wonderful moments shared as part of this great institution. I thank God with a grateful heart for all His blessings and help me to move forward with gratitude and fulfilment. The compelling inner voice at this juncture is "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). It is the providence of God that we have experienced in every width and depth of the growth of this great institution of knowledge and wisdom.

Choosing the right school and its environment for holistic growth is immensely important for students and parents in their academic journey. As a flagship schools in this region, Holy Cross High School, Chailengta, Dhali district has already made a mark of educational excellence based on firmly embedded values, passion for learning and an environment which inspires through its sheer hard work and diversity. In keeping with our school vision, "Educating Heart and Mind," and equipping students to face the ever-changing world while staying true to our moral values. "To serve with love". We foster outstanding relationships among students, parents, teachers and staff, which bring about lasting contributions to one self, the institution and the society at large.

I feel a real sense of privilege in having the opportunity to be an integral part of the educational fraternity. It is an exciting place to be. High Performance, dynamic Learning, a pedagogy that requires teachers to instil in our students thinking skills and a creative mindset to knowledge and truth. I highly wondered and appreciate the ability and interest the students have shown for music, dance, singing, arts and indigenous culture. We help the children to develop their innate curiosity about the world around them. Children are encouraged to cultivate their imagination and knowledge in order to be in charge of their own learning. Children are motivated to move from known to unknown, concrete to abstr

act and local to global. Every lesson learned is a step toward a brighter future, where knowledge, values, and ambition create boundless opportunities.

The school has always been committed to providing holistic education, rooted in values, discipline, and compassion. Together, we nurture young minds to excel academically, while fostering the spirit of kindness and service. I feel immensely proud to announce that our Holy Cross High School, Chailengta began with just 32 students in the year 2013 and at present, 647 students with all the facilities like – Smart classroom, Computer lab, Science lab, playground, hostels and library. We strive to create an environment where every child can shine and thrive to bring out the best in him/her.

As we reflect on our achievements, let us also look towards the future with hope and determination. On this grace-filled occasion, we remain ever grateful to God and special persons who contributed to the growth of this institution in different stages of its growth, beginning its foundation with late Fr. Savari Nathan and Fr. Thomas Pereira.

I fondly remember the persons with whom I worked and received strong support for the development of this institution in different stages of its growth and in my personal life too: Fr. Simon Fernandes CSC Fr. K.J. Abraham CSC Fr. George Jacob CSC, Fr. Alfred CSC, Fr. Friny Peter CSC, Fr. C.V. Jose CSC, Fr. Binoy John CSC and at present Fr. M.P.Jayaseelan CSC. I remain ever grateful to all our teaching staff, non-teaching staff, office staff, parents and my loving students for your love, support, help, understanding, and teamwork, which keep me moving on.

May God bless our onward journey, and may this souvenir and celebrations serve as a reminder of the values we share and the bright future that is ahead of us."

With Prayers and regards,

Sr. Reena Ekka SRA,  
Headmistress  
Holy Cross High School, Chailengta



# EDUCATION IN THE AGE OF VIRTUAL COMPETITION:

*A Blessing and a Challenge for Modern Students*



In today's rapidly changing world, education is no longer confined to the four walls of a classroom. The rise of advanced technology, online learning platforms, and artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionized how we learn, communicate, and access knowledge. For modern students, this is both an extraordinary opportunity and a growing challenge.

We live in an era where the world's best libraries, universities, and mentors are just a click away. With AI-powered tools, students can solve complex problems, learn new skills faster, and even explore subjects that were once beyond their reach. Technology has democratized learning — giving a village student the same access to information as someone studying in a world-class city.

Yet, behind these blessings lies a hidden struggle. The same tools that can build knowledge can also weaken discipline. The internet offers endless information, but it also presents distractions that consume precious time and focus. Virtual competition is

fierce: students are no longer just competing with their classmates but with peers across the globe, each armed with advanced learning tools. This can create pressure, stress, and even a sense of inadequacy.

AI, while helpful, can also tempt students to bypass genuine learning. Assignments can be completed instantly, answers generated in seconds — but without true understanding, knowledge becomes shallow. Moreover, over-reliance on technology risks weakening critical thinking, creativity, and human connection, which are still the most valuable skills in the real world.

The way forward is not to reject technology, but to use it wisely. Students must learn to make technology their servant, not their master. This means:

- Balancing screen time with real-life experiences.
- Using AI and online tools as guides, not crutches.

- Focusing on understanding, not just completing tasks.
- Building resilience and personal discipline to thrive in competition.

Education today demands more than intelligence — it requires wisdom. In this digital age, wisdom knows when to switch on the computer and when to switch it off.

Modern students have been given the greatest tools in history; whether these tools will shape them into stronger, wiser individuals or leave them over-dependent will depend on how they choose to use them. The challenge is real, but so is the opportunity.

Let us remember: the future will not be shaped by technology alone, but by the hearts and minds that know how to master it.

**Sr. M . Veleena Pereira SRA**  
**Assistant teacher**



# FRONTLINERS



**FR. M.P JAYASEELAN CSC**

**PRINCIPAL**



**SR. REENA EKKA**

**HEADMISTRESS**



**FR. MARBILUS, CSC**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

# EDUCATORS



SR. REENA  
EKKA



BANA PRIYA  
TRIPURA



BHORAT  
REANG



KALYAN JOY  
REANG



KOHELI  
CHAKMA



LALLIANMAWIA  
DARLONG



LALNUNFELA  
DARLONG



NAINA  
CHAKMA



NITTAM  
SARKAR



SUKANTOO  
DAS



KUSUM  
REANG



RANJITA  
RUPINI



RIA  
DEBBARMA



SANJIB  
NANDI



SHEARI  
DEBBARMA



SIAMLIANA  
DARLONG

# EDUCATORS



SIMA  
DEBBARMA



SUJATA  
DEB



SUMAN  
CHETRI



VANHMUNMAWII  
DARLONG



SR. VELEENA  
PEREIRA, SRA

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HALAM



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REANG

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DEBBARMA



RATNA  
DEBBARMA



# HOUSE GROUPS

## BLUE HOUSE



## RED HOUSE

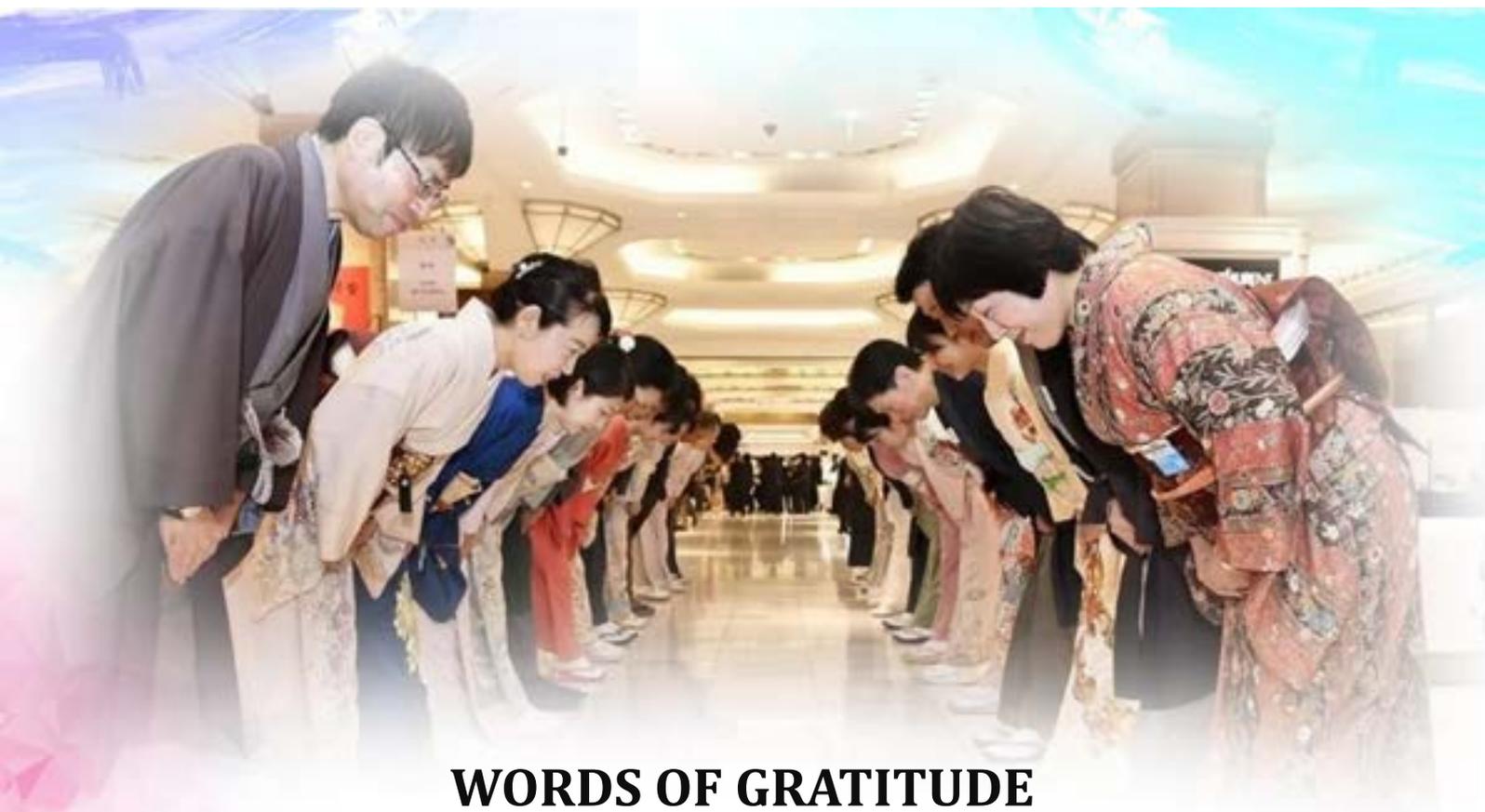


## YELLOW HOUSE



## GREEN HOUSE





## **WORDS OF GRATITUDE**

My experience as a teacher at Holy Cross High School, Chailengta has been truly enriching and rewarding. The school provides a positive and disciplined atmosphere where both teachers and students grow together.

I have always felt supported by the school management and respected by my colleagues. The students here are eager to learn, disciplined, and show great enthusiasm in academics as well as in extracurricular activities. Teaching them has been a fulfilling journey, as I could see their gradual progress not only in studies but also in their values and character.

The school emphasizes holistic education, and being a part of various school events, cultural programs, and competitions has given me opportunities to guide and mentor students beyond the classroom.

Overall, my time at Holy Cross High School, Chailengta has been a wonderful chapter of my life. It has helped me grow both professionally and personally, and I will always cherish the experiences and memories I gained here.

**— Sir, Sumen Chhetri  
Head Teacher**



## Teacher is Our Second Parent

Teachers are our second parents because, like our parents, they guide and protect us. And when we are in trouble, they always help us. They nurture, guide, and support our growth, instilling values and knowledge. When we make mistakes, they always correct us. All teachers are precious gifts from God.

Impacting our character and future, we owe our success to their selfless efforts. They enlighten us with their knowledge, wisdom, and care. They teach us to grow with good moral values and a generous nature. They nurture us like gardeners who help plants blossom into beautiful flowers.

Truly, teachers are our second parents, deserving respect, gratitude, and admiration. Thanks to our respected teachers, the secret of our success is their hard work. Once again, thank you so much to our dear teachers.

**Aradhya Saha**  
**Class: VII (A)**

# MY JOURNEY WITH THE SCHOOL

## *A Bond Beyond Books”*



### **A Journey of Love, Learning, and Lasting Bonds**

As I sit down to pen these words, a wave of emotions sweeps over me—memories of corridors that echoed with laughter, classrooms that held countless lessons, and hearts that touched mine in ways words often fail to capture. Being a senior teacher in this institution has never been just a profession; it has been a journey of transformation, of relationships, and above all, of love—both given and received.

### **The Beginning of a Lifelong Bond**

When I joined this school on 17th January 2017, I was a young teacher with a passion for education and a heart full of dreams. I still remember my first day—nervous yet excited—as I stood before my first class, a group of bright-eyed students who looked at me with curiosity and trust. That day, I knew this place would be more than just a workplace. It would become my second home.

The school building, the staff room, the playground—every corner has a story to tell. Over the years, I have grown not only as a teacher but also as a person. I have laughed in the joy of student achievements, shed tears in moments of goodbye, and smiled

through countless small moments that filled my heart with pride.

### **A Special Bond with Students**

My relationship with students has always gone beyond textbooks. I believe a teacher is not just someone who imparts knowledge but also one who shapes character. I have always strived to be a mentor, a guide, and sometimes, even a friend. The trust and affection I have received from my students remain my greatest reward.

### **Colleagues: A Family of Educators**

Working with my colleagues has been another cherished part of this journey. We are not just co-workers—we are a family. We have stood by each other through professional challenges and personal hardships. From sharing lesson plans to celebrating birthdays in the staff room, these moments have created bonds that are hard to describe but easy to feel.

I have learned so much from my fellow teachers—some were my mentors, others my peers, and many have become dear friends. Our discussions, debates, and shared vision for our students have kept my passion for teaching alive.

## **Guiding Lights of My Life**

I consider myself blessed to have been guided by such inspiring mentors. Rev. Fr. Thomas Pareira, CSC, Rev. Fr. Ruwnglal Friny Peter, CSC, Fr. Binoy John, CSC, Rev. Fr. M. P. Jayaseelan, Headmistress Sister Katie, VSDB, Sister Charan, VSDB, Sister Rosita Kinny, SRA, and Sister Reena Ekka, SRA, have been much more than administrators and educators to me.

They have been like family—always ready with encouragement, wise counsel, and unconditional support. They not only guided me in academics but also in shaping my values, discipline, and vision for life. Their dedication, inspiration, and example continue to remind me that true education is not just about books, but about becoming a better human being.

## **My Heart Belongs to My School Family**

This school is not just made of bricks and walls—it is built on relationships, memories, and love. I have watched students grow from timid children into confident young adults. I have seen them shine on stage, stumble and rise on sports days, cry after exams, and smile during farewells. Every corner of this campus holds a piece of my life—the blackboard that has seen thousands of lessons, the staff room chair where I have shared

tea and laughter, the school bus that honks at 8 AM sharp.

## **A Heartfelt Message**

To my students, past and present—you are not just names in attendance registers. You are part of my journey, my memory, and my heart. Every success of yours, every small achievement, fills me with pride. Even after you have graduated, you remain part of this school's soul—and mine.

To my fellow teachers—thank you for walking with me on this path. Together, we have not only taught lessons but also shaped futures. May we continue to inspire, support, and learn from one another.

## **A Note from the Heart**

As I near the twilight of my teaching career, I do so with no regrets—only gratitude. Gratitude for the countless smiles, the lessons shared, the bonds built, and the love received. This school has been more than just a workplace—it has been the canvas on which I have painted the best years of my life.

With love and humility,

**Sir Kalyan Joy Reang**  
**Senior Teacher**

# *Privilege to pen my 1st day of teaching experience*



Teaching is a dynamic and ever-evolving profession, demanding constant adaptation and providing a rich environment for personal and professional growth. It is a journey filled with unique challenges and deeply rewarding moments, where educators learn as much from their experiences as their students learn from them.

I am a permanent resident of Longtharai Valley and it has several private schools. However, I prefer to work with Holy Cross School Chailengta, because it offers larger opportunities for the teachers in terms of teaching the students and enhancing own teaching skills.

It is my privilege and honor to pen a few lines of my teaching experiences of this school. I have joined Holy Cross High School, Chailengta in the year of 2021. When I first came to this school, I was extremely uncertain of the teaching experience. In fact, this was my first teaching practice as a primary teacher, and it was one of the best experiences of my life. I always had the passion to teach the children and build their future. As a new teacher, I was incredibly nervous on my first day of teaching. Nonetheless, my first day in the classroom was better than I expected. After first class I joined my colleagues in the staffroom, where we exchanged stories and strategies. Sharing experiences with fellow teachers not only helped me feel supported but also provided new ideas to enhance my teaching methods.

Ultimately, the life of a teacher is more than just delivering lessons; it's about fostering relationships, igniting curiosity and nurturing a supportive learning environment. Each day is a unique opportunity to make a difference and inspired for what tomorrow may bring. Working with Holy Cross School, Chailengta has been a wonderful experience. It's almost like a therapy for me that help me discovered myself more and leave me very happy and contented soul.

**Madam Koheli Chakma**  
**Assistant Teacher**



# *The Role of Parenting*

**Dear Parents, Alumni, Well-wishers, and Stakeholders of the School,**

I am extremely pleased to share with you, with my heartfelt wishes and blessings, this article titled “**The Role of Parenting.**”

I believe it will help you understand the vital importance of proper parenting in today’s world. Parenting has always been a topic of concern. Every parent seeks the best way to raise their child. I hope this article sheds light on various aspects of effective and meaningful parenting.

## **The Role of Parenting**

A child is the most beautiful creation of God, and every child is born divine. When a newborn arrives in the family, wrapped in a tiny bundle of clothes and cradled in the mother’s arms, you’ll notice how the child keeps their head close to the mother’s chest and eyes shut tight—as if afraid of this new, unknown world.

From the very moment of birth, the mother becomes the child’s primary source of security. Even when she steps

away for just a moment, the baby begins to cry, feeling as though the absence of the mother is the end of the world. “Where am I? What am I supposed to do?” the child wonders. Unable to express these fears with words, the child uses gestures and sounds to beckon their mother.

It is the mother who reassures the child, “Don’t worry, I am here,” and slowly the child begins to trust, believing that their parents are perfect. This trust brings smiles and contentment, and parents, in turn, do everything in their power to keep those smiles intact.

You may have noticed how a father comes home from work with toys, clothes, and gifts, thinking that these material items will bring joy to his child. While providing these things is part of a parent’s responsibility, to a small child, the parents truly appear

as God—because they are the ones who provide everything the child needs.

### Beyond Material Happiness



But can parents always keep their child happy and content through material things alone?

Does a child retain the same God-like admiration for their parents as they grow up?

The answer, unfortunately, is **no**. As children grow, their emotions and expectations change. If their demands are fulfilled, they show respect and affection. If not, resentment often follows.

So, how do we truly influence our children? This is one of the biggest challenges for any parent.

Children need more than material comforts—they need **knowledge, discipline, values, and emotional support**. And more importantly, they need **examples** to follow.

### "Caught" vs "Taught"



Parents must understand that children learn more by observation than by instruction. Childhood learning is more about what is "**caught**" than what is "**taught**."

While "taught" refers to structured teaching, "caught" is about absorbing values and behavior through observation. Children are naturally observant, and they learn best by watching their parents.

Thus, **parents must act as role models**. A child first becomes familiar with the behaviors and attitudes of their parents before anyone else in the family or society. If we want to influence our children positively, we must present ourselves as examples of good character and conduct.

The Three Pillars of Parenting:  
Enlightenment, Guidance,  
Encouragement

Every child is born with immense potential and innate goodness, but often they are unaware of their own abilities. It is the **responsibility of the parents** to help their child discover and develop these qualities.

Parents must teach their children the meaning of "**should**" and "**should not**." In simpler terms, they must instill values and guide their child towards the right path. This is where **discipline** plays a crucial role.

At the same time, children should be encouraged with affirmations like "**You can do it.**" These three elements—**enlightenment, guidance, and encouragement**—



form the foundation of successful parenting.

### Four Types of Parents

Based on these principles, parents can broadly be categorized into four types:

1. **Parents who offer both love and discipline.**

Balanced parenting that combines care with clear boundaries.

2. **Parents who offer neither love nor discipline.**

– The child lives in their own world, and so do the parents, leading to emotional detachment.

3. **Parents who offer love but no discipline**

– Overly indulgent or possessive, they may overlook their child's mistakes and fail to correct them.

4. **Parents who offer discipline but no love**

– Authoritarian and demanding, they dominate their children and behave like dictators.

If given a choice, I would advocate for the **first category**—parenting that offers both **love and discipline**. This balanced approach fosters the child's **enlightenment, achievement, and success**.

The parent-child relationship should be modeled after the bond between **God and His only Son, Jesus Christ**—a relationship rooted in **unconditional love, trust, and guidance**.

### Parenting During Adolescence



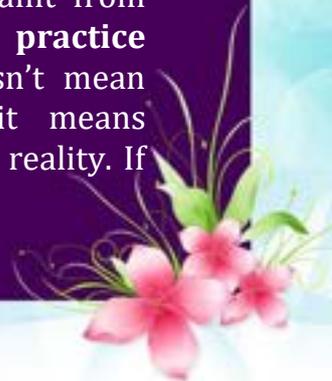
Adolescence is one of the most critical—and turbulent—stages of a child's life. Emotions and passions often overpower logic and reason. During this time, children may neither understand their parents nor themselves.

They may ask, “**Why do my parents always blame me?**” And parents may wonder, “**Where did our sweet, innocent child go?**”

These are difficult questions from both sides.

Studies show that during adolescence, the emotional intensity often breaks down a child's rational thinking. Here, **the role of parents becomes even more important**.

Instead of expecting restraint from the child, **parents must practice tolerance**. Tolerance doesn't mean silently enduring pain—it means preparing the mind to face reality. If



we can help children strengthen their minds, they will be better equipped to handle emotional storms without letting them destroy their inner peace.

### Spending Time: The Value of Togetherness



Another essential part of parenting is **spending quality time** with children. With the decline of traditional joint families, most children today grow up in nuclear families. In many cases, both parents are working, and in the race toward success, what gets compromised is **togetherness** and **family values**.

Parents must dedicate **specific, quality time** to their children, despite their busy schedules. During this time, they should share **value-based stories, experiences from their own childhood**, and even

teachings from **ancient scriptures**, which are rich in moral lessons.

### A Final Thought

All parents dream of a bright future for their children. This dream can only be realized when parents:

- Set the right example,
- Enlighten their children with truth and knowledge,
- Guide them along the right path, and
- Encourage them to be the best they can be.

**“You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.”**

**— Kahlil Gibran**

Let us all strive to be better parents—for the sake of our children, our families, and our society.

- Sir. Lalliamawia Darlong  
Assistant Teacher



## Learning beyond the classroom walls

Dear students

When we think of school, the image that often comes to mind is rows of desks, a blackboard, and textbooks. But learning is not confined within the four walls of a classroom. In fact some of the most valuable lessons our students acquire come from experiences beyond those boundaries. Every field trip, every inter- house competition, and every school assembly is a classroom in its own right- teaching teamwork, discipline, respect, and creativity. A science experiment in the laboratory sparks curiosity, a debate on stage builds confidence, a moment of sportsmanship on the playground teaches humility in victory and grace in defeat.

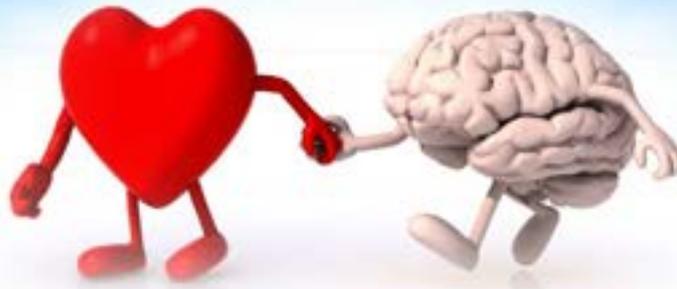
As a teacher, I have witnessed how students blossom when they are encouraged to explore, questions, and create. They learn that success is not just about Mark's on a report card but also about character, resilience, and kindness. Learning is not just about solving equations or memorising dates in history; it is about unlocking doors to world you have never seen.

Working at Holy Cross High School Chailengta had given me valuable experiences as a teacher. I deeply appreciate how our principal Fr. M.P Jayaseelan CSC promotes teamwork and provides opportunities for professional development. At the same time, I believe that creating more structured time for teacher collaboration would help us manage workloads and share best practices more effectively. Overall, I am grateful to be part of a school that values growth while also open to improvement.

As a teacher, we not only impart knowledge but also inspire values, nurture dreams, and shape character. I believe the true essence of education lies in igniting curiosity and instilling confidence in every child. Looking back at my journey so far, I am filled with gratitude. The love and respect, I received from my students motivate me to keep giving my best every day. Our school is not just an institution- it is a home of knowledge, care and endless possibilities.

**With gratitude and best wishes**  
Sanjib Nandi (Assistant Teacher.)





## **Holy Cross High School, Chailengtla**

*“Educating Hearts and Minds”*

Nestled in the serene hills of Chailengtla, Holy Cross High School stands as a beacon of hope, knowledge, and discipline. Since its inception, the school has remained steadfast in its mission to provide holistic education rooted in Christian values, while embracing the rich cultural diversity of the region.

Run by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the school upholds a tradition of academic excellence, moral integrity, and social responsibility. With a dedicated team of educators and staff, Holy Cross High School creates a nurturing environment where students are encouraged to grow intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally.

The school offers a well-balanced curriculum that not only emphasizes academic achievement but also fosters creativity, critical thinking, and leadership skills. Regular participation in sports, cultural events, social outreach, and spiritual activities ensures that every student receives a truly well-rounded education.

Discipline, respect, and compassion are the cornerstones of the Holy Cross ethos. The school instills these values in every student, preparing them not just for examinations, but for life itself.

As Holy Cross High School, Chailengtla continues to shine year after year, it remains committed to its vision: **“Educating hearts and minds for a better tomorrow.”** More than a place of learning, it is a home where young minds are inspired, guided, and empowered to reach their full potential.

*— By Barendra Reang*



# *Embracing the Journey of School*

## **Dear Students,**

As you walk through the halls of your school, remember that you are not just attending classes—you are embarking on a journey. A journey filled with growth, challenges, learning, and discovery. It's easy to see school as a series of tasks to complete, but what if you viewed it as an adventure? An adventure that equips you not only for your next exam, but for life itself.

Here's the truth: the road may not always be smooth. Some days will feel tough, and you may even feel like you've hit a wall. But that's perfectly okay. These are the very moments that shape you—moments that make you stronger, more resilient, and better prepared for the future. The difficult subjects, the late nights of studying, the doubts—all of these are part of the process. They mold you into someone who doesn't just aim for the finish line, but who values the growth that happens along the way.

School is more than academics. It's a place where you discover your passions, learn how to collaborate, and begin to understand who you want to become. Every interaction, every lesson, and every challenge is an opportunity to discover something new about yourself.

And remember—you don't need to have everything figured out right now. The most important thing is to keep moving forward, even when the path seems unclear. Celebrate every little victory—whether it's mastering a concept, making a new friend, or simply having the courage to ask for help when you need it. Every step forward counts, even the small ones.

So, embrace this journey—the highs, the lows, and everything in between. These experiences are shaping the person you will become. Stay curious, stay kind, and most importantly, stay true to yourself.

## **You've got this.**

With encouragement and support,  
- **Mr. James Halam**



# My Journey in This School

“From a small building to a three-storey building, the school has grown up along with us.” These words truly capture my journey in Holy Cross High School, Chailengta. I am Utkarshi Majumder of Class XI, and I feel grateful for this opportunity to share how my school has shaped my life since childhood.

## My growth with school.

It was in 2013 when education in our locality was still underdeveloped. Many families had to send their children to faraway towns for better schooling. My parents too thought of sending me to Agartala for studies. However, by God’s grace, we heard that a new branch of the reputed Holy Cross School (Kathalcherra) would soon open at Chailengta. With hope and excitement, my parents decided to admit me to Holy Cross School, Chailengta, once I turned four. Thus, my journey began on 28th January 2014. At that time, the school was set up at the residence of Shri Mosiram Reang with fewer than 50 students. My admission number was 5/2014. Gradually, as the school gained reputation, it shifted to the campus near St. Joseph Parish Church and finally, in 2019, to the present three-storey building. Witnessing the growth of the school has been like watching my own growth, side by side.

In the beginning, I was a shy and introverted child, an average student until Class III. But as I progressed, I slowly learned to improve my way of studying and build confidence. When I

reached Class V in 2021, I was elected as Assistant Class Leader for the first time. The following year, in Class VI, I became the Vice-Captain of Yellow House, and under my leadership, our house won the championship.

The most memorable moment of my journey came during the school elections of 2024–25, when I was elected as the Assistant School Pupil Leader (ASPL). This was a dream come true, as I had always aspired to take up leadership roles. Today, under the dedicated guidance of our principal, Fr. Jayseelan CSC, and our headmistress, Sr. Reena Ekka SRA, we enjoy excellent facilities, opportunities for extracurricular activities, and a nurturing learning environment. Their hard work and vision have enabled us to grow not just academically but also in discipline, confidence, and values.

As I look back, I cannot forget the times when we studied in a small hut at Shri Mosiram Reang’s house. The memory fills me with gratitude for how far we have come. Truly, the journey of this school is also my own journey of growth, transformation, and achievement.

“From a small hut to a three-storey building, we have grown up along with the school.”

- **Utkarshi Majumder**  
**Class - IX**  
**(ASPL 2024–25)**

## MY SCHOOL – *A Place of Learning and Memories*

Holy Cross H.S. School, Chaillengta, is a treasure chest of memories. It is not just a place of learning but also a space where I discovered myself, my talents, and my dreams. Looking back, I feel blessed to have been part of this institution and to have had such unforgettable experiences.

The school was a vibrant hub of activities. From academics to extracurricular, from sports to cultural events, everything contributed to shaping my personality. The school gave me confidence, nurtured my creativity, and encouraged me to explore my abilities.

But what made my school truly special were my friends. They brought joy to every day, filling it with laughter, fun, and unforgettable memories. Whether we were preparing for exams, celebrating festivals, or simply sharing our lunch boxes, those moments built bonds that will last a lifetime. Some of my closest and best friendships were formed within those classrooms and playgrounds.

The teachers at my school were exceptional. They went beyond textbooks to provide a holistic education. Patient, dedicated, and caring, they shaped us into responsible individuals. I especially remember my favourite teachers, who stood out not only for their knowledge but also for their kindness and encouragement. They believed in us when we doubted ourselves and motivated us to always give our best.

Our school principal, Rev. Fr. M.P. Jayaseelan CSC, was a true guide and role model. His discipline, humility, and leadership inspired all of us. His words of wisdom and encouragement pushed us to aim higher, dream bigger, and never give up. His appreciation gave us the confidence to work harder and achieve our goals.

As I look back on my time at Holy Cross H.S. School, my heart fills with gratitude. The memories, the lessons, the friendships, and the values I gained here are treasures that I will carry with me forever. My school was more than just an institution of learning—it was the foundation of the person I am today.

Holy Cross H.S. School will always remain a part of me.

- **Barna Debbarma (1<sup>st</sup> Batch.)**



## A Walk Down Memory Lane

Hearty greetings to the Respected Principal, Headmistress, all the esteemed teachers, and my beloved juniors.

I am **Pisar Anand**, a proud alumnus and former three-time SPL of this honorable institution—**Holy Cross**—which I consider not just my school, but my second home. Having spent nearly a decade here, I can say with certainty that this place has played a pivotal role in shaping the person I am today.

Holy Cross has never been just about textbooks and examinations. It is a place that has nurtured talents, built character, and instilled values in generations of students. For me, it offered a family beyond blood—a second family filled with friends, mentors, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Even though over two years have passed since I graduated, the memories are still vivid: from playing and laughing with friends to facing challenges and working late into the night preparing for school events. Every moment, every experience, and every lesson remains close to my heart.

Today, I look back not just with nostalgia but with deep gratitude. I feel immensely proud and comforted knowing that my second home continues to inspire and

develop new generations of students—my younger brothers and sisters—helping them grow into thoughtful, capable individuals.

Life, as we all learn, is full of changes. Our aspirations may evolve, just as mine have over time. But what remains constant is the foundation laid by our school. I must also express my deep appreciation for the teachers who molded me—**Sir Kalyan, Sir Suman, Sir Nittam, Sir Sanjib**, and many more. While I now live in a city with institutions full of highly qualified educators, I can confidently say that the teachers of Holy Cross were, and always will be, *the best*. Their passion, commitment, and ability to connect with students made all the difference.

To my juniors—both those I know and those I don't—I offer this message: cherish your time here. Embrace every lesson, every friendship, and every challenge. These days will shape who you become and will stay with you forever.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to **Headmistress Sr. Reena** for giving me the opportunity to reconnect with my beloved school through this message. It means the world to me.

With love and gratitude,

**Pisar Anand Debbarma**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Batch)  
Alumnus, Holy Cross



# *My Journey to this School*

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My self Haslika Tripura from 3rd batch (2024-25).I have started my journey in this school from class 3 in the year 2017. First of all I would I like to thank the school authority for giving me the opportunity to share my experience that I had in this school . It was a great privilege for me to study in this school with great education facilities and also other extra skill developing activities. For about 8 years it had been a place of learning and a second home for me . I will always cherish the moments I have spent here throughout my life. I would like to thank the excellent hardworking teacher for being there with me and also guiding me throughout my journey there . Teacher are the heros . Teachers have imparted knowledge and instilled the value of hardwork, integrity and perseverance. I thank all the teachers once again for the sacrifice and the hardships they had gone through for all of us .From the first step as a student of 3rd grade to till now they has been teaching me and guiding me in my life . The principal and the entire administrative team are thanked for

exceptional leadership and tireless efforts in creating a nurturing supportive environment that encourages academic excellence and personal growth . I would also like to thank all my juniors for their support and love . We had faced challenges , laughter , happiness, sandness together. The bonds forged within these walls are a testament to the spirit of the school. As everyone moves forward, the spirit of this institution is carried, continuing to learn, grow, and contribute positively to society. The lessons learned here will serve as a strong foundation for future endeavors. Once again, thank you to everyone for being a part of this incredible journey and for making Holy Cross High school Chailengta a place where dreams are nurtured and futures are shaped. We are forever grateful. I miss you all !!!! I will be always greatful to you all and love you all from the bottom of my heart !!

- **Haslika Tripura**  
**( 3<sup>rd</sup> Batch)**



## The Role of Students in Building a Better Tomorrow

By Priyantar Sarkar, School Pupil Leader

Education is not just about learning from textbooks – it is about preparing ourselves for life. As students, we are not only the learners of today but also the leaders of tomorrow. The habits we develop, the values we follow, and the responsibilities we accept will shape the kind of society we build in the future.

Being chosen as the School Pupil Leader is not just an honour for me but also a responsibility. I believe leadership is not about giving instructions; it is about setting an example. A true leader inspires others through discipline, honesty, respect, and kindness. Every student has the ability to lead in their own way – whether by excelling in studies, helping others, maintaining discipline, or showing creativity.

In our school, unity and cooperation are the foundations of growth. When we work together – teachers guiding us with wisdom, students supporting one another with friendship – we create an environment where learning becomes joyful. As the School Pupil Leader, I see my role as a bridge between teachers and students, ensuring harmony and mutual respect.

Discipline is the key to success. It helps us manage our time, complete our duties, and stay focused on our goals. At the same time, compassion and kindness make our journey more meaningful. Let us not forget that a simple act of help, a word of encouragement, or a smile shared can brighten someone's day.

Our school is our second home. It is here that we learn to respect differences, to celebrate diversity, and to grow into responsible citizens. Let us use every opportunity – be it academics, sports, arts, or social service – to bring out the best in ourselves. Together, we can make our school a shining example of excellence and character.

In conclusion, I would like to remind my fellow students that the future of our nation depends on us. Let us dream big but also work hard to achieve these dreams. Let us be disciplined but also compassionate. Let us be ambitious but also humble. Together, we can build not only our own future but also a brighter tomorrow for all.

**- Priyantar Sarkar**  
**School Pupils' Leader (2025-26)**  
**Class-IX**





# LEADING TOGETHER

## *Growing Together*

As I sit down to write this article, I am filled with pride and gratitude—pride in our school community and gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Pupils' Leader. This role is not just about wearing a badge or making announcements; it's about listening, learning, and leading with heart.

This school year has been a journey of discovery, challenges, and remarkable achievements. From academic competitions to community outreach, we have shown what teamwork and determination can accomplish. I have seen students lift one another up during moments of celebration and stand together in tough times. That is the true spirit of our school.

Many people think leadership means being in charge. But real leadership is about service—serving the people you represent and working for their well-being. Whether it's voicing concerns at student council meetings, helping to organize events, or simply being a friend to someone who needs one, my goal has always been to make your voices heard and your school life better.

We have achieved many things together. We proved that when we take pride in our school, we all benefit. Helping each other succeed academically has created bonds beyond the classroom. None of these achievements would have been possible without your participation and support. You have made leading a joy, not a duty.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I encourage everyone to reflect on your journey. What are you proud of? What can you improve? Most importantly, how can you be a leader in your own way? Leadership doesn't always mean standing on a stage. Sometimes, it is helping a friend study, being kind to someone new, or standing up for what is right.

Thank you for trusting me, guiding me, and walking alongside me. I may have worn the title of Pupils' Leader, but each one of you has been a leader in your own right. Let's continue to support each other, celebrate each other, and work together for an even better school community.

- **Ishita Das,**  
**Asst. School Pupils' Leader**





## How I Spent My Days in School

My school days were some of the most memorable moments of my life. Each morning began with the sound of the school bell and the cheerful laughter of friends waiting in the playground. I spent most of my time in classrooms, listening to teachers, completing homework, and preparing for exams. Though studies were sometimes difficult, they taught me discipline and responsibility.

Outside academics, I enjoyed playing with friends during recess and participating in cultural programmes and sports. Those small competitions and celebrations gave me confidence and joy. The friendships I made during those years were truly special, and many of them remain close even today.

Looking back, I realize how deeply my school days shaped my character. They were filled with both hard work and fun, and they instilled values that I will carry throughout my life. Truly, my school days were a golden period I will always cherish.

Thank you to all who made those years unforgettable!

- Bipin Roy  
Class-X  
Session - 2025-2026



## The Old Woman's Kindness

One evening, Rita was returning home from school. It was getting dark, so she hurried along the street. Suddenly, she heard a faint sound. Curious, she went closer and saw an old woman lying unconscious. The woman whispered that she was dying.

Rita immediately took pity on her and rushed her to the hospital. On the way, the old woman asked Rita her name. Rita gently replied with her name. It took them nearly two hours to reach the hospital. The doctors tried their best to save the woman's life, but unfortunately, they failed.

Before passing away, the old woman had written a letter stating that all her property should be given to the girl who brought her to the hospital. The next day, when Rita visited, the doctor informed her that the woman's property was now in her name. Rita was surprised but also grateful. She lived happily and used the property wisely thereafter.

Moral: If you help others, they will help you in return.

— Binayak Saha  
Class IV, Sec-B  
Roll No. 10

# Educating the heart and mind



"Educating the heart and mind" is the motto of Holy Cross School. Its main aim is to develop well-rounded individuals. It promotes learning and helps us gain knowledge and wisdom. As the famous philosopher Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is not education at all."

Education is important, and we must educate both the heart and the mind. It helps us to understand ourselves and others, and to build emotional connections.

Good morning everyone.

I'm Riya Debbarma of Class X, and today I would like to share my experience with this school.

Not so long ago, when I first came to this school, I saw the motto: "Educating the Heart and Mind."

When I attended school for the first time, the campus was still under construction. As I spent more time here, I experienced many kinds of occasions and participated in different programs.

As time went on, I got to know more about the school and slowly became familiar with the teachers. The teachers not only taught us academic subjects but also helped me understand the moral values of life.

Not just the teachers, but my friends and juniors also supported me — in studies, extracurricular activities, and many other areas.

At last, I would like to thank my teachers and friends who gave me the opportunity to share some of my experiences at this school.

I am truly grateful to be a part of Holy Cross High School Chailengta.

- **Riya Debbarma**  
**Class- X**





Education is not only about filling our minds with knowledge but also about shaping our hearts with values. True education lies in nurturing both the intellect and character of a person. The theme *“Educating Heart and Mind”* reflects the holistic development of individuals so that they can grow into responsible, compassionate, and wise human beings. Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, emphasized this noble mission of educating the heart along with the mind, believing that only then can we truly spread peace, love, and goodness in the world.

### **My journey in Holy Cross High School, Chailengta**

Blessed Basil Moreau, born in France in 1837, faced many struggles while spreading his mission, yet he never gave up. His vision was simple but profound: when the heart is educated, the mind naturally follows, and one’s actions reflect values such as forgiveness, kindness, and selflessness. The motto *“Educating Heart and Mind”* has since inspired countless students and teachers across the world.

Reflecting on my own journey, I realize how deeply this mission has influenced my life. I joined Holy Cross High School, Chailengta, in 2015, when only a few sisters guided us. I was eight years old, staying in the hostel and facing many challenges. Yet, I gradually learned to

cultivate not just knowledge but also the values of discipline, leadership, and compassion. This school has truly enlightened me. I came to understand that education is not only about reading and writing but also about living meaningfully. Father Moreau rightly said, *“How we educate the mind will change with time, but how we cultivate the heart is and will remain timeless.”* These words inspired me to balance my studies with kindness, respect, and service to others.

I have tried to live this mission through small acts—by cooperating with peers, helping others, and sharing my abilities selflessly. Educating the heart has taught me humility, empathy, and the strength to face challenges with courage. Truly, this motto has guided me, shaping my character and giving purpose to my education.

In conclusion, educating both the heart and mind is the true essence of learning. Knowledge without values is incomplete; when combined with compassion, it becomes transformative. As students, we must balance intelligence with kindness, success with humility, and knowledge with service. Let us carry forward the mission of Blessed Basil Moreau by nurturing not only our minds but also our hearts, so we may become leaders of goodness and builders of a better **world**.

**“Be a giver, not a taker.”**

- *Niman Joy Reang, Class X*

# Navigating My Educational Journey

I am Nilakshi Das of Class IX. Today, I am going to share my experience in this school, *Holy Cross High School, Chailengta*.

I came to Chailengta after the transfer of my father. He came to know about this school from one of his colleagues, and then I was admitted here in Class III.

When I first joined, the school had only a one-storey building and the number of students was not so many. At that time, my academic performance in Class III was not very good, and my parents were not satisfied. But gradually, with the constant help and guidance of my teachers and parents, my performance improved in Class IV and Class V. Day by day, my studies became better.

When I reached Class VI, I was elected for the first time in my life as the Vice-Captain of Blue House. It was a proud moment for me. Later, the school authority set up a separate computer lab, science lab, library & a transformer for a better electricity supply. It has been my pleasure to witness the growth and development of the school from a one-storey building to a three-storey building.

Now, I am in Class IX. This year too, I have been elected as the Vice-Captain of Red House. Another exciting development is that a new stadium is under construction for the enjoyment and benefit of the students.

Lastly, I would like to say that may this school continue to grow more and more, and one day become a famous school in the whole of Tripura State.

— **Nilakshi Das**  
**Class IX**  
**Roll No. 24**





## *The strongest bonding*

Every summer, little Maya visited her grandmother's village. At first, she missed her gadgets and city life. "There's no Wi-Fi here, Nani," she'd grumble. But her grandmother just smiled and handed her a basket, saying, "Let's pick mangoes instead."

Days passed, filled with laughter, mango juice, and bedtime stories under the stars. Nani taught Maya how to cook chapatis, stitch buttons, and tell when rain was coming just by the smell of the air.

One evening, Maya asked, "Nani, how do you know so much without Google?" Her grandmother chuckled, "I had life before Wi-Fi."

By the end of summer, Maya no longer missed her screen. She'd found a better connection — the one with her grandmother.

When it was time to leave, Maya hugged her tightly. "Next summer, no gadgets again," she whispered. Nani smiled, "Good. Because I've saved the best stories for then." Their bond, rooted in simple joys, grew stronger with each visit.

- Aradhya Chakma  
Class:-IV

# A Child of Many Colours

## - Our Young Achiever

*"From Classroom  
to World Stage"*



We take immense pride in celebrating **Utkarshi Majumudar**, a Class IX student of **Holy Cross High School, Chailengta**, whose journey of excellence has brought glory not only to our school but also to the state, the nation, and the world. With creativity flowing through every stroke of the brush, this young artist has carved a unique place in the field of art and talent.

### MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- ☞ National Winner of the prestigious Painting Competition on the theme *"New India, Empowered India"* organized by the Ministry of Defence, with the rare honour of being invited to the **Red Fort for Independence Day Celebrations 2025**.
- ☞ Recipient of the **C.C.R.T. National Scholarship 2024-25** from the Ministry of Arts and Culture.
- ☞ Felicitated by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Tripura (2023)** as a recognized *Wood Dust Artist*.
- ☞ Holder of **multiple World and National Records**, including *India Book of Records, Genius Book of World Records, Phoenix Book of World Records, Rising Star Book of Records, Radiant Book of World Records*, and many more.
- ☞ Winner of the **National Art Olympiad 2023** and several **State and District Level Competitions**, consistently securing the **1st position** in painting, poster-making, drawing, and debate contests.
- ☞ Honoured with **over 40 National Awards**, including *National Mahatma Gandhi Ratna Award, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Ratna Award, Rashtriya Danveer Samman, Mother Teresa Memorial Award*, and *Nation's Pride Award*.
- ☞ Recipient of **International Awards** such as *Diamond Award (Picasso Art Contest), International Youth Icon Award, Global Pride Icon Award, Global Women Icon Award (2025)*, and recognitions from **Egypt, Germany, Greece, Brazil, and UNESCO forums**.

## A RECORD-BREAKING TRAIL

- ☞ Holder of **more than 10 World Record Titles** and **30+ National Record Titles**.
- ☞ Awarded **Gold Medals** from *Maruti Art Academy, Gujarat* and *Young Envoys International, Hyderabad*.

## A LEGACY OF CREATIVITY

Utkarshi has brought home **over 150 awards, recognitions, and medals**, ranging from school-level victories to international honours, making him a **shining icon of creativity, discipline, and perseverance**.

## AN INSPIRATION FOR ALL

Our school is blessed to nurture such a rare gem, whose achievements remind us that *talent knows no boundaries*. **Utkarshi Majumdar** stands as an inspiration to peers and the younger generation, proving that **dedication, passion, and hard work can turn dreams into reality**.





**CLASSWISE**  
**GROUP PHOTOS**  
**2025-26**





**CLASS - NURSERY, Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - KG-I, Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - KG- II, Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - I, Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - II, Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - III (A), Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - III(B), Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - IV (A), Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - IV(B), Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - V (A), Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - V(B), Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - VI (A), Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - VI (B), Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - VII (A), Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - VII (B), Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - VIII, Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS - IX, Academic Year - 2025-26**



**CLASS - X, Academic Year - 2025-26**





**CLASS LEADERS - 2025 - 26**



**STAFF - 2025-26**

# ACTIVITIES





**STUDENTS OUTDOOR PICTURES**



# Blood Donation

"Your blood can give someone another chance."



# Fancy Dress Competition





# Bulletin Boards Competition



## BLUE HOUSE



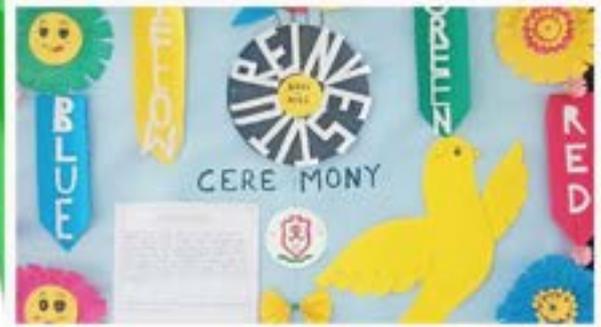
## RED HOUSE



# Bulletin Boards Competition



## GREEN HOUSE



## YELLOW HOUSE

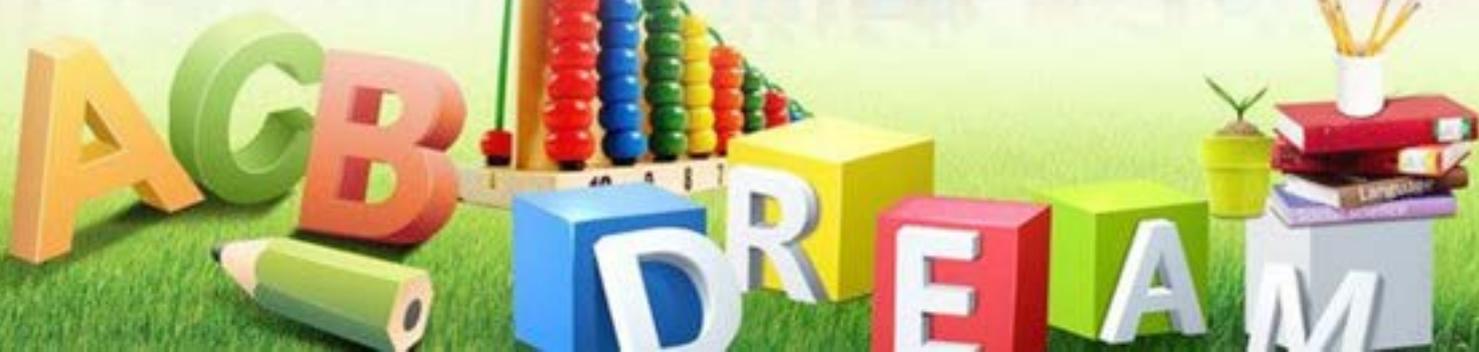


# HAPPY Independence DAY





# Pre-Primary Inauguration





# Singing Competition





# INVESTITURE CEREMONY



# SPES UNICA 2025





# LUMINA 2025

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Mr. Chaman Chakma



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