# REPORT ON SPECIAL LECTURE ON THE THEME "EMBRACING ETHNIC DIVERSITY, HONOURING HERITAGE AND TRADITION"

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Tuesday)

**Venue: College Playground** 

#### Time: 11 AM to 3:30 PM

The Department of Sociology at Holy Cross College, Agartala, organized a special event to celebrate Ethnic Day. The event was divided into three sections, starting with a Special Lecture session on the theme of "Embracing Ethnic Diversity: Honoring Heritage and Traditions." The guest speaker for the lecture was Dr. Sharmila Chhotaray, the Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at Tripura University.

The lecture was followed by a food festival and a fashion show competition, which were attended by a total of 180 students from various departments of the college. During her lecture, Dr. Chhotaray emphasized the importance of reconnecting with traditional and cultural roots, reinventing lost ethnic identities, and reminding people of the true essence of age-old customs that have shaped civilizations worldwide. She encouraged everyone to be united and proud of their own culture, without stereotyping others' cultures.

The lecture was followed by a dance performance that highlighted the importance of national integration and the beauty of coming together with different groups. The food festival featured nine stalls offering an array of delicious foods and unique crafts from various ethnic communities. The final section of the Ethnic Day celebration was a fashion show competition, where participants displayed their exquisite traditional attire from different cultures. Among the judges was Miss. Yalakti Reang, an alumnus from the batch of 2019. The fashion show was made even more lively and vibrant with various performances, including dance and songs.

The event was a huge success, providing an opportunity for students to learn about and celebrate ethnic diversity while honoring their heritage and traditions. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved, and it highlighted the importance of cultural awareness and appreciation in today's society.

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To The Principal Holy Cross College, Agartala West Tripura

Subject- Request to invite a speaker for special lecture

Sir,

With all due respect and humble submission, I am writing to request you for your permission to invite a speaker for a special lecture on the theme "Embracing Ethnic Diversity: Honoring Heritage and Traditions" that is scheduled to be held on 24/01/23 at our college from 11 AM onwards. As a department at Holy Cross College, we believe that this lecture will provide our students with a unique opportunity to learn about ethnic diversity from an expert in the field.

The purpose of this special lecture is to provide our students with an opportunity to gain valuable insights about the ethnic diversity and enhance their understanding of the subject. The lecture will be conducted by Dr. Sharmila Chhotaray, Assistant Professor (HOD) in Department of Sociology, Tripura University who is an expert in the field and has extensive experience in culture and tribes. I believe that this lecture will be highly beneficial for our students and will help them gain a deeper understanding of the subject. Moreover, it will also provide them with an opportunity to interact with an expert and ask questions related to the topic.

Therefore, I would like to request your permission to allow us to invite Dr. Sharmila Chhotaray for the special lecture. We will ensure that all necessary arrangements are made and that the lecture is conducted in a professional and organized manner.

Your Faithfully

Sentienla HOD, Department of Sociology Holy Cross College, Agartala

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To Dr. Sharmila Chhotaray HOD, Department of Sociology

Subject: Invitation to Ethnic Day Program as the Chief Guest and keynote speaker

#### Respected Madam

Tripura University

I am writing this letter on behalf of Holy Cross College to cordially invite you as the Chief Guest and keynote speaker to Ethnic Day program organized by the Department of Sociology on the theme **"Embracing Ethnic Diversity: Honoring Heritage and Traditions"** on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. The event will commence at 11:00 am, with a small inaugural ceremony. Every year, our college organizes ethnic day to celebrate and explore the ethnic diversity that exists throughout our country. As the event's keynote speaker, we would like you to enlighten us with your knowledge and perspectives on the heritage of ethnic diversity in India. We would also like you to inaugurate the food stalls offering a variety of cuisine from across the country after the end of the session.

Your presence and words of knowledge will positively impact all our students. Please grace us with your presence and join us in encouraging the students to understand and embrace ethnic diversity as well as in making the program a grand success.

Thanking You

Regards Principal Holy Cross CollegerINCIPAL HOLY CROSS COLLEGE JUBATARA, LEMBUCHERRA. P.O. Agartala AGARTALA, W. TRIPURA -799 210



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# SPECIAL LECTURE ON "EMBRACING ETHNIC DIVERSITY, HONOURING HERITAGE AND TRADITION" ETHNIC DAY PROGRAMME 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023 (TUESDAY) TIME: 11 AM to 3:30 PM

## SESSION 1: MC – Tobisa Kalai & Sukanya

- 11.00 11.05: Program Begins
- 11.05 11.15: Bengali Prayer Dance by Sashwati Chakraborthy and group + lighting of the lamp
- 11.15 11.20: Special Song by David and Dibokstar group (I have a dream by Abba)
- 11.20 11.25: Welcome Speech by Principal and felicitation of the Chief Guest
- 11.25 11.30: Tiwa tribal Dance
- 11.30 11.35: Rabindra folk Song
- 11.35 11.40: Mamita Dance
- 11.40 11.45: Introduction to Keynote Speaker by Mr. Genesis Debbarma
- 11.45 12.05: SPECIAL LECTURE: Keynote Address by Dr. Sharmila Chhotaray
- 12.05 12.20: Theme Dance
- 12.20 12.25: Vote of thanks by Dr. Sharmistha Chakraborthy
- 12.25 12.30: National Anthem lead by the Student Council President & Vice President

### SESSION 2: MC – Tobisa Kalai & Sukanya

12.30 – 12.35: Announcement & Preparing to inaugurate the food fest (Ribbon cutting)

12.35 – 12.40: Inauguration of the Food Fest by cutting the Ribbon by Chief Guest accompanied by Principal, Vice Principal, Tejas Convenor and Assistant Convenor.

12.40 – 13.00: Food Fest cum simultaneously preparation of Fashion Show set up.

#### SESSION 3: MC- Sangita Neogi & Arman Ali

## JUDGES: Yalakti Reang (Alumni 2019), Ms. Kianguilui Pamei, Ms. Susmita

#### Banerjee, Mr. Sangthanzuala Sailo

- 13.00 13.05: Program begins Introduction of Tejas Theme
- 13.05 13.10: Zolam Mizo Tribal Dance
- 13.10 13.15: Grehchungma Reang Tribe Dance
- 13.15 13.20: Welcome Speech by Mr. Joel Darlong
- 13.20 13.25: Mizo Song by Jacob
- 13.25 13.30: Introduction of Judges
- 13.30 13.35: About the Fashion show and Criteria of judging by Ms. Sentienla
- 13.35 13.50: Round One
- 13.50 13.55: Reang Dance (dance depicting their exuberant youth)
- 13:55 14.00: Bengali Folk Dance
- 14.00 14.15: Round Two
- 14.15 14.20: Bodo Tribal Dance (Assamese)
- 14.20 14:50: Round Three
- 14.50 15.00: Pizo Chakma Dance
- 15.55 15.30: Announcement and coronation of the winners

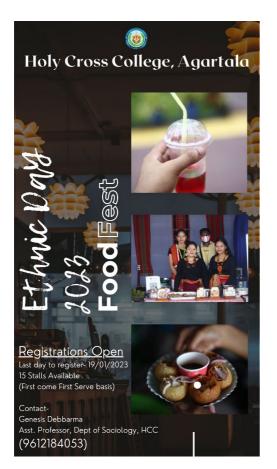
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Students are invited to participate

Fashion Show 24 JANUARY 2023

Ethnic Day

<u>Organised by</u> Department of Sociology