



Manik Sarkar: Character more crucial than degree

By Our Correspondent

Agartala, Aug 09, 2013 : Chief Minister Manik Sarkar said, 'character more crucial than degree and the main objective of education is to build character'.

Congratulating the students who have completed graduation courses from Holy Cross College of Agartala during its second 'Graduation Day' programme on Thursday , Sarkar said Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar said that "the main objective of education is to build character".

He emphasized on moral character and holistic education. "Character is more important than a degree. One should be truthful, honest, transparent and courageous". He emphasized on the need of the students to have love for the common man. He thanked Holy Cross College and especially the management and faculty members of the college for their contribution in building up the character of the students and helping them to become graduates. He said "education is not about educating oneself; but when you are educated, you can educate the society in turn. As you are coming out of this wonderful institution, Holy Cross College, it is your duty now to serve the society".

Sarkar further urged the students that they must not forget their mother land and to do their duty towards the society and if such things they cannot keep in their mind then it will not be very much difficult for them to establish themselves in the real of life.

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Costa, Vice Chancellor, Notre Dame University, Dhaka, while addressing the students said that "we as human beings find meaning for our existence in how we live and what we do for our families and for our society". He also added that "transformation of the society depends on each and every one of you who are proud graduates of today". He invited the graduates to "join the workforce in making our society and building our nation. Graduates of Holy Cross are expected to be assets to the society and the society expects much more from them".

Bishop Lumen Monteiro, CSC, DD, Bishop of Agartala had a word of appreciation to the founder Principal, Dr.Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC who has brought this 'infant college' to reach such heights of excellence in such a short time. He invited the graduates to go out to serve and to learn with love which is the theme of the graduation day. He also added, "love calls for sacrifice and forgiveness". Quoting Narayana Murthy, he said that "the real power of money is the power to give it away". So he invited the graduates "not to neglect relationships in the race for bigger and better pursuits".

Rev. Fr. Abraham, KJ, CSC, Provincial Superior, Province of Northeast India who presided over the function, said, that Holy Cross College has the reputation of educating both the mind and the heart. Speaking to the graduates he said that "education is giving you something powerful and that is the power of character. Holy Cross has infused in you a unique sense of purpose, not only for your individual success but for leadership that can change our communities and society". He invited the graduates to face the world with confidence and courage that emerge from the knowledge and truth that they have learned at Holy Cross. He expressed his gratitude to the Principal, Vice-Principal and the Faculty members for inspiring the students to listen and learn.

Dr. Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC, while welcoming the dignitaries and the graduates congratulated them and invited them to be passionate about the motto of the graduation day to "Go out to serve and learn with love". He invited the graduates "to be persons of character and serve the society with love in their hearts".

Shri V.P. Mahawar, Assets Manager, ONGC, Tripura, Brigadier D.A.B. Udaya Kumar, Shri Rajesh Bhattacharjee, Joint Director, Higher Education department of Tripura along with dignitaries were present in the programme.

A total of 56 students have been awarded with the graduation certificate in presence of Chief Minister and other dignitaries.

Later, in the programme a book titled "Emerging trends in English literary world" and college yearbook "Jyotirgamaya-2013" also released by Chief Minister Manik Sarkar on that occasion.

It may be recalled here that the Holy Cross College offers under graduate courses in Arts, Sciences and job oriented professional courses.

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