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**The Pivotal Shift in** 

**Apostle Paul's North Star** 

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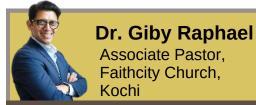
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Paul later articulates this paradox of foolishness in his letter to the Romans (Romans 5:7-8): "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." In Corinth, Paul pivoted to something greater than knowledge, eloquence, or spiritual gifts—the foolishness of the cross, which is nothing less than Agapē love. This divine love became the foundation of his ministry and the heart of his message.

physical and sensual in nature; it's the kind of love that dominates modern movies and novels. Philia is love between friends—built on mutual respect, loyalty, and companionship



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and is often expressed in our relationships with siblings, neighbors, and friends. But Agapē is entirely different.

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### **Rooted in Innovation "Transforming Agriculture for** a Safer, Greener Tomorrow"

In an era when food safety, sustainability, and farmer empowerment are more important than ever, Elevate A Million Private Limited is proud to unveil its missiondriven blueprint to revolutionize India's agri-sector. With a bold vision to empower **one million people**, we are laying the groundwork for a transparent, technology-led, and inclusive farm-to-market ecosystem.

### **Empowering Farmers, Expanding Impact**

At the heart of our mission is the farmer. By building robust, low-waste supply chains and connecting growers directly with profitable markets, we aim to ensure fair returns and dignity for rural producers. Our model leverages advanced agri-tech to aggregate high-quality produce and deliver it to markets across states—ensuring traceability, freshness, and trust every step of the way. Cont... Page:03

The **"Hymn of Love,"** as 1 Corinthians 13 is often called, is believed by some to have been written as a standalone piece, though its placement within the Epistle has never been The Bible speaks of three primary types of love. Eros is disputed. This chapter marks a significant turning point in Paul's ministry. Paul was a masterful debater, unmatched in his ability to confound the Jews with his compelling arguments for Jesus as the Messiah (Acts 9:22). It was his custom to reason with both Jews and Gentiles in synagogues and marketplaces (Acts 17:17). Yet, his visit to Corinth during his second missionary journey signaled a paradigm shift in his approach.

Though Paul was fluent in the tongues of men and angels, gifted in prophecy, and entrusted with the mysteries of God, he chose not to rely on these gifts in Corinth. Instead, he came with fear and trembling, deliberately setting aside eloquence and human wisdom (1 Corinthians 2:1–3). He leaned entirely on the power of God—a power seen as foolishness by those who are perishing.

# Gasa English Medium School Reaches New Heights



### Govt. Approves Higher Secondary Arts Stream

There is yet another jewel in the crown for Gasa English Medium School, Dilma Chiading. The institution has received formal approval from the Department of Education, Government of Meghalaya, to introduce the Higher Secondary (Class XI and XII) Arts stream starting this academic vear.

This recognition is a testament to the school's consistent dedication and hard work over the past several years. It marks a proud moment for the entire school community, as the government acknowledges the progress and commitment demonstrated in delivering quality education.

## **A SWOT Perspective** Opportunities After the Fall

Following Adam and Eve's fall, profound opportunities emerged despite their disobedience. Seen through SWOT analysis:

- **Promise of Redemption** (Genesis 3:15) introduced hope and salvation.
- **Deeper Dependence on God** (Romans 5:20-21) strengthened spiritual connection.
- **Moral Growth** (Hebrews 5:14) allowed greater discernment between good and evil.
- Formation of Virtues (James 1:2-4) like faith, endurance, and repentance.
- **God's Greater Plan** (Romans 8:28) unfolded, showcasing His mercy and ultimate victory.

## In God's hands, failure became the doorway to restoration and deeper relationship.

### 1. Spiritual Opportunities

- **Restoration of Relationship with God:** The Fall created a profound opportunity for God to reveal His grace and mercy. In Genesis 3:15, the promise of a Savior foreshadows Christ's redemptive work, showing that even in disobedience, God seeks to restore humanity.
- **Growth in Faith:** Awareness of sin deepens faith and trust in God's salvation plan. As Romans 5:20 states, where sin increased, grace abounded even more, highlighting the opportunity to depend more fully on divine grace.

### 2. Relational Opportunities

- Learning and Growth in Relationships: The conflict between Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:12-13) highlights issues of blame and accountability. Their failure offers future generations lessons in fostering forgiveness, empathy, and healthier communication.
- **Strengthening Family Bonds:** Adversity from the Fall can strengthen family resilience. Ephesians 6:1-4 emphasizes family roles and mutual support, encouraging unity through shared challenges.

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### 3. Natural Opportunities

- **Cultivation and Stewardship:** The curse on the ground (Genesis 3:17-19) teaches the value of hard work and responsible care for creation, promoting sustainable farming and environmental stewardship.
- **Dependence on God's Provision:** The struggle for sustenance deepens reliance on God's providence, as reflected in Matthew 6:11, reminding believers to seek and be grateful for daily provision.

### 4. Emotional / Psychological Opportunities

- Understanding of Human Nature: The shame and guilt from the Fall foster self-awareness and emotional growth. Psalm 139:23-24 encourages introspection and inviting God into the journey of healing.
- **Pursuit of Peace:** Trials compel individuals to seek lasting peace through faith. Philippians 4:6-7 reassures believers of God's presence, offering peace amid life's uncertainties.

### 5. Theological Opportunities

- **Deepening Understanding of Redemption:** The Fall highlights God's character as a loving and forgiving Father. Romans 3:23-26 underscores the central role of grace in salvation history, deepening believers' appreciation of His redemptive plan.
- **Development of Moral and Ethical Frameworks:** The Fall prompts reflection on ethics, justice, and mercy, shaping moral understanding and guiding contemporary discussions on righteousness within faith communities.

### Key Takeaway

While the disobedience of Adam and Eve led to significant challenges and separations, it simultaneously opened various avenues for exploration and growth: spiritual renewal, relational development, environmental stewardship, emotional evolution, and theological inquiry. By embracing these opportunities, individuals can experience personal transformation and forge a deeper understanding of God's redemptive plan for humanity, ultimately reflecting His grace and love in their lives.

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### Rooted in Innovation "Transforming Agriculture for a Safer, Greener Tomorrow"

### The Business Model: Trading Farmer Produce

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### Safe, Organic, and Traceable: The New Standard

Food security is not just about quantity—it's about quality and safety. Elevate A Million is committed to making traceable, organic, and chemical-free produce the new norm. Our systems use AI and smart sensors to monitor crops from soil to shelf, detecting and eliminating hazardous residues and ensuring that what reaches consumers is truly safe to eat.

### Partnership with Producers: Technology Meets Tradition

We are working hand-in-hand with Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and agricultural cooperatives to promote sustainable and organic farming practices. Through training, digital traceability tools, and AI-powered advisory systems, we're enabling farmers to produce better yields, command higher market prices, and contribute to a safer food future.

### Driving India's Food Safety and Rural Development Goals

Elevate A Million stands aligned with India's national ambitions for organic agriculture, food safety, and rural upliftment. By combining AI, IoT, and data analytics, our platform actively identifies chemical risks, ensures regulatory compliance, and builds consumer trust—all while generating new income opportunities for smallholder farmers.

### A Scalable Vision for the Future

This is more than a start-up; it's a movement. We envision a future where technology and tradition converge, where consumers know the story behind their food, and where farmers are not left behind in the digital revolution. With transparency, ethics, and sustainability at our core, Elevate A Million is creating a model of growth that's scalable, impactful, and deeply rooted in values.

As we move forward, we invite changemakers, partners, and stakeholders to join us in elevating Indian agriculture — not just for profit, but for people, planet, and purpose.



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## THE CALL TO AGAPE

It is not born of human impulse or emotion, but of divine origin. Agapē is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional. It is the love with which God loves us, and it is the most frequently used word for love in the New Testament. It is the love God calls Christians to imitate.

Agapē love is the foundation of the two greatest commandments: to love God and to love our neighbor. The radical distinction of Agapē is that it has nothing to do with the worthiness of the one being loved—but everything to do with the nature of the one who loves. It gives without expecting anything in return. Jesus didn't just teach Agapē love—He became Agapē love at the cross. According to Paul, Agapē is the defining measure—the binary multiple on which everything else is evaluated. If Agapē equals zero, then all else, no matter how impressive—spiritual gifts, profound knowledge, extraordinary charity, even the most selfless martyrdom—amounts to zero. Love, divine love, is the only enduring validation.

Paul is quick to clarify that his intention is not to condemn the gifts of the Spirit, but to relativize them. He remains a champion of spiritual gifts, yet he calls them temporary and partial because they belong to this age only. Even when comparing them to childishness or to looking into a dim mirror, Paul's focus is not on their flaws, but on their transitory nature.

Ironically, the very gifts given to us as evidence of our future are, in essence, for the present. Paul concludes that only three endure: faith, hope, and love. To simplify the analogy:

- Faith is the assurance that my Father is waiting for me across the bridge, ready to give me what I've asked for.
- Hope is the trust that, though I don't know what He will give, it will be perfect.
- Love, however, has nothing to do with give or take—it is the joy of simply being able to meet the Father. And of these, love is the greatest.

Paul admonished the Corinthians on many issues, but ultimately he brings it down to the root: their lack of Agapē love. May the Lord give us opportunities—and the grace—to grow in His divine love.

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Agape is the highest form of love, reflecting the unconditional, selfless, and sacrificial love of God for humanity. It is not based on merit or feelings but flows from God's very nature—constant, unwavering, and eternal. Agape love seeks the well-being of others without expecting anything in return, embodying grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

### Every Child Deserves a Start



## Taking Early Education to the Isolated Villages of South Garo Hills

Early childhood education is crucial for cognitive, emotional, and social development. However, in the Garo Hills of Meghalaya, many children lack access to quality preschool education due to geographical barriers, economic constraints, and low literacy rates. The region faces multiple challenges steep terrain limits school accessibility, parental awareness about education is minimal, dropout rates are high, and government schools often provide substandard education. Establishing rural kindergarten schools tailored to the needs of Garo Hills can help bridge these gaps, ensuring children receive a strong educational foundation while preserving their cultural identity.



### Low Literacy Rates and the Need for Early Intervention

Meghalaya's literacy rate (75.5%) is below the national average (77.7%), and rural Garo Hills fares even worse with 40%. Introducing kindergartens can help break the cycle of illiteracy by preparing children for formal schooling with foundational skills in language, numeracy, and social interaction.

### **Difficult Terrain Limits School Access**

The hilly and forested landscape makes it difficult for children to travel long distances to schools. Many remote villages lack proper roads, forcing young children to walk for hours or drop out early. Rural kindergartens within or near villages can ensure that early education is accessible.

### Parental Ignorance About Education's Importance

Many parents, especially in farming communities, do not see the value of education and prefer children to help with household or agricultural work. Community awareness programs, along with kindergartens, can educate parents on how early learning improves future opportunities.

### High Dropout Rates in Primary Schools

Due to poor foundational learning, many children struggle in primary school and eventually drop out. Kindergarten education can improve retention by ensuring children are school-ready, reducing the likelihood of early exits.

While many government schools in Garo Hills face challenges in delivering quality education due to infrastructure gaps and teacher shortages, the lack of early childhood learning opportunities has perpetuated cycles of poverty and illiteracy in the region. Recognizing this critical gap, P R Baby Foundation took a pioneering step by establishing early education schools in Moradam and Rongringpal—two of the most isolated villages in South Garo Hills.

What began as a humble initiative has now blossomed into a beacon of hope, thanks to the Foundation's unwavering commitment and the overwhelming support of the local community. By providing accessible, quality early education in these remote areas, P R Baby Foundation has not only opened doors to learning but has also ignited a collective belief in the power of education. Parents who once had limited options are now witnessing their children thrive in a nurturing environment, gaining the foundational skills needed for lifelong success.

Non-formal education includes organized learning outside the formal school system. It is flexible, practical, and often community-based—covering areas like literacy, vocational skills, and health awareness. It helps bridge educational gaps and supports lifelong learning, especially in underserved areas.

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### Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society (MMCS) "Empowering Meghalaya's Farmers Through Innovation and Sustainability"

In the verdant landscapes of Meghalaya's North Garo Hills, the Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society (MMCS) stands as a beacon of community-driven agricultural transformation. Established in 1998 under the **visionary leadership of Sister Rose Kayathinkara**, MMCS has been instrumental in uplifting marginal farmers by providing education, skill development, and direct market access, thereby reducing reliance on exploitative intermediaries.

### MENDIPATHAR MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY (MMCS)

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### Key Milestones and Initiatives

#### **Diversified Agricultural Marketing**

MMCS has successfully facilitated the marketing of various farm products, including rubber, black pepper, turmeric, and vanilla. By ensuring fair pricing and eliminating middlemen, the cooperative has significantly improved the livelihoods of local farmers.

### **Empowering Women and SHGs**

With the formation of 135 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), MMCS has empowered over 1,700 families, fostering discipline and selfconfidence among members. Training programs conducted in collaboration with agencies like the Rubber Board and the Departments of Veterinary and Horticulture have enhanced the skills and knowledge of SHG members.

#### **Oyster Mushroom Cluster Initiative**

In August 2024, MMCS launched a ₹10 crore Oyster Mushroom Cluster in Mendipathar, benefiting nearly 1,000 farmers. Funded under the SFURTI scheme by the Ministry of MSME and supported by the state government, this project includes a stateof-the-art processing unit powered by solar energy, promoting sustainable practices and value addition in mushroom cultivation.

#### **Comprehensive Community Services**

Beyond agriculture, MMCS offers a range of services to the community, including a utility store providing goods at prices below MRP, and facilities like photocopying, lamination, and a rice mill. These initiatives not only meet the daily needs of the community but also generate employment opportunities.

#### Looking Ahead

As MMCS continues its journey, the focus remains on sustainable development, economic empowerment, and community wellbeing. Future plans include expanding the reach of SHGs, introducing more value-added agricultural products, and enhancing training programs to equip farmers with modern agricultural practices.

### Sister Rose Kayathinkara



The visionary founder of Mendipathar Multipurpose Cooperative Society (MMCS), is a beacon of compassion, resilience, and transformative leadership in Meghalaya's North Garo Hills. A member of the Holy Cross congregation, Sister Rose dedicated herself to grassroots development with a focus on empowering tribal communities through education, sustainable agriculture, and women-led self-help initiatives. Under her guidance, MMCS evolved from a small cooperative into a dynamic platform supporting thousands of farmers, especially women, with access to fair markets, training, and income-generating opportunities. Her unwavering commitment to justice and rural upliftment has earned her wide respect and made MMCS a model for cooperative-driven change in Northeast India.



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### **Robotics & AI Revolution** NEHU TURA STUDENTS EXPLORE THE FUTURE OF INTELLIGENT MACHINES



The North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tura Campus, hosted an electrifying session on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics by distinguished expert **Dr. Giby Raphael, CEO, Revobots LLC, USA** on 11th April 2025. Organized by **Dr. C.P. Suresh (Professor, Horticulture, NEHU Tura).** 

Dr. Raphael's dynamic presentation went beyond conventional AI discussions, highlighting the synergy between AI and robotics. He demonstrated how machine learning algorithms enhance robotic decision-making, enabling innovations like smart farming bots, surgical robots, and disaster-response drones — critical for sustainable development in regions like Meghalaya. Dr. Suresh emphasized that integrating robotics into agriculture and rural development could be a breakthrough for Northeast India, urging students to lead this technological transformation. The overwhelming response reaffirmed the need for more hands - on workshops in robotics and AI at NEHU Tura.

This event marks a major leap forward in the university's mission to nurture tech-savvy innovators, ensuring that students from Meghalaya are not just consumers but creators of tomorrow's intelligent machines.

### Laying Foundations of Hope Sixth Village Knowledge Centre Inaugurated in Mengotchigre



On April 9, 2025, a significant step toward community empowerment and inclusive development was taken in Mengotchigre, North Garo Hills, with the laying of the foundation stone for the sixth Village Knowledge Centre (VKC). The ceremony was led by **Pastor Benny John, Regional Overseer of the Church of God (Full Gospel), Central Eastern Region, Kolkata**, whose presence and blessings marked a new beginning for the people of the region.



### "Where Darkness Dwells, We Bring Light" KING'S CARAVAN 2.0 CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES!

The drug menace in Meghalaya and its neighboring states has reached alarming proportions over the past several years. Official data reveals that between 2020 and April 21, 2025, a total of 564 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act were registered in Meghalaya alone. These cases led to the arrest of 1,005 individuals — including 112 women — reflecting the widespread and deeply entrenched nature of the problem.

Amid this growing crisis, two organizations — Faithcity A·chik Foundation and the P R Baby Foundation — have come together to launch a bold and determined campaign against drug abuse across the Northeastern region of India. Their collaboration symbolizes a powerful, community-driven response to a problem that has devastated countless families and communities.



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The Village Knowledge Centre is envisioned as a community hub — a space where development meets dialogue. It will serve as a meeting place for villagers to come together, share ideas, and collaborate on initiatives that improve life in their area. Beyond being a space for conversations, the VKC will actively work to bridge the educational divide, particularly for school dropouts, children without access to formal education, and adults seeking basic literacy.

The centre is also designed to support the spiritual and moral growth of the community. Every Sunday, it will host spiritual enrichment programs focused on nurturing values, strengthening community bonds, and inspiring responsible, compassionate citizenship. These sessions aim to build not only informed individuals but also ethical and engaged community members who can contribute meaningfully to society.

With this initiative, the VKC in Mengotchigre becomes more than just a building—it becomes a symbol of hope, inclusion, and transformation. It is part of a broader mission to create spaces where knowledge, faith, and action come together to uplift lives and shape brighter futures.

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At the heart of this campaign is the King's Caravan — a mobile stage mounted on a truck — one of the dream projects envisioned by the late Pastor P. R. Baby. This innovative platform will travel across towns, villages, and weekly markets — places where large gatherings naturally occur — bringing a message of hope, healing, and restoration.

The King's Caravan will serve as a dynamic and flexible stage for anti-drug awareness programs, testimonies of recovery, inspirational music performances, street plays, and counseling sessions. By meeting people where they are, especially in rural and underserved areas, the campaign hopes to spark conversations, educate young people, offer pathways to rehabilitation, and build a community of resilience against addiction.

Through this grassroots effort, Faithcity A·chik Foundation and P R Baby Foundation aim not just to fight drug abuse, but to reignite faith in change and transformation — restoring broken lives and empowering communities to rise above the crisis.

As we move forward with this campaign, we invite prayers, support, and partnerships to amplify this work across the region. Together, we can turn the tide.



P R Baby Foundation is incorporated as section 8 (1) company under companies act 2013 and governed by the family, friends and well-wishers of the late Pastor P.R. Baby Faithcity A.chick Foundation, TNT Complex, P Sector, Nirjuli, Papum Pare, Arunachal Pradesh - 791109.