



**Tise** – The Tibetan term for Mount Kailash, an essential feature of Himalayan culture

**Himalayan** – Supporting families from remote areas and preservation of Himalayan culture.

**International** – The international background of the students coming from different countries of the Himalaya meets international support

**School** – Comprehensive education in a homely environment with traditional and modern aspects seeing the individual child in the centre of the pedagogic approach.



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Tise Himalayan International School (THIS) has been established to give children of a cultural Tibetan background scattered in many Himalayan regions, a school that would enable them to have access to quality education while preserving their cultural, linguistic and spiritual traditions.

The school is built near Siliguri, an emerging industrial city in northeastern India, easily accessible from all countries in the Himalayan region where a large number of families having a culturally Tibetan background live.



# THIS

## TISE HIMALAYAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Siliguri, India

MODERN EDUCATION &  
PRESERVATION  
OF HIMALAYAN CULTURE



## The beginning

In December 2017, the newly constructed building of Tise Himalayan International School in Siliguri/West-Bengal (India) opened its doors.

On 29 March 2018, the official school year 2018/2019 started with 74 children (40 girls and 34 boys) living at THIS-boarding school.

The children coming from regions in Nepal met in Kathmandu for a medical checkup and started the journey to their new school together.

There, they were heartily welcomed by their new teachers and educators.

Since then, they have become friends and a school-family, living and learning together, supporting each other.



## The current situation

Having arrived in March 2018, the children, educators, and teachers got familiar with the new surroundings as well as with their regular daily routine – and the children started to learn eagerly! All presently admitted pupils are in the age of 6 to 13 years.

With THIS as a new home, they do not only learn at school but also develop in social aspects of living together and living with self-responsibility.

As individuals, they also find calmness through meditation and express themselves through arts, music, and physical exercises. They get support every day by experienced educators and are making great progress.



## The children's background

The children come from remote Himalayan regions of Nepal and India where access to quality education and medical care remains a challenge.

Primarily living at THIS are orphans, children from economically marginalised families and the most remote communities.

The parents and relatives wish their children to have a good education, medical care, safe lodging and nutritious food so that the children can develop well – but they cannot afford the education at a boarding school.

They consider it as important but difficult for the children to keep the cultural tradition and move on in a modern, international world at the same time.

## The aim

At THIS, the children receive both a modern and traditional education. English language and science classes, as well as computer training, are parts of the modern content which is complemented by traditional values and Tibetan language classes as well as spiritual culture.

By the combination of modern and traditional knowledge, the children are empowered to lead a self-determined life and stay connected to their Himalayan traditions.

THIS wants to provide a comprehensive school education to the children from first grade to optional vocational training after the final exams.

The number of the children at THIS is expected to increase by 25 new admissions per year.

## Our support

In a close collaboration among small international, voluntarily working organisations, we work on sustainable development.

This includes various means of fundraising, long-term planning and intensive exchange of information and ideas with the community and responsables living at THIS.



## Your contribution

Long-term sponsorships or one-time donations – any kind of your support is appreciated as a precious contribution!

To cover some of the basic needs and provide the children with the school education including food and stationeries, 31 euros per month are needed for a child.

With a sponsorship, you support not only the basic needs of the children but also the future development of Tise Himalayan International School.

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LONG-TERM SPONSORSHIPS  
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