

Mevon Tsuglag Peton School, Dharamsala



One of the immediate action plans after adoption of the new Basic Education Policy is the establishment of a model school as envisioned by the new policy. For starting the school, the Kashag (Tibetan Cabinet) provided three buildings and premises of the defunct handicraft training and production unit under the Finance Department, located near Gamroo Village opposite Lower Tibetan Children Village in Dharamsala town. The Department of Education set up a four-member team preparatory committee to execute the preliminary work of renovating and furnishing the whole complex. Major renovation work was done to classrooms, dining hall, kitchen, hostels, staff quarters, toilet & bathrooms, storerooms, children's park and assembly ground.

The school was named Mevon Tsuglag Peton School by His Holiness The Dalai Lama and was inaugurated by Kalon Tripa Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche on 10th October 2005. The first batch of 85 children were admitted into Montessori to Grade II classes with boarding facility for out-station children attending class I and II. The school is managed by the Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society.

Currently, there are 117 students enrolled with 11 faculty and 13 non-faculty members and classes from Montessori Stage I to Grade III. The school has a hostel capacity for 100 boarders, though at present there are 84 boarders belonging to different Tibetan settlements and scattered communities. In the next academic session the school will have added Grade IV. The school facilities consist of 6 classrooms, a dining hall, 4 hostels (boys and girls), a common kitchen, 8 staff quarters, storerooms, common toilets and bathrooms. The school follows a curriculum based on the guidelines delineated in the Basic Education Policy. The experience gained from the implementation of programmes under the basic education policy in the school would be used as a model for replication in other Tibetan schools in the future.

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