

Central School for Tibetans, Mundgod

CST Mundgod was founded in 1969 by Mysore Resettlement and Development Agency, which had undertaken the responsibility of rehabilitating Tibetan Refugees in South India. It was taken over by CTSA in 1970. Under the farsighted and skilled management by CTSA, in conjunction with DOE Dharamsala, this small middle school at the time of take over has today emerged as one of the biggest Senior Secondary schools in Tibetan Community offering the widest range of course streams. CST Mundgod has the unique distinction of running three streams of Commerce based higher Vocational studies, apart from Arts, Science and Commerce. From the last



academic session, the subject options are further enriched by introducing Informatics Practice. The school has also residential facilities at the Senior Secondary level for the students coming from neighbouring feeder schools and the students coming from far-flung areas. The school functions with the network of two branch Primary Schools and four Pre-Primary Schools run at Camp No. 1,2,3,4 & 9.

Ideally located in the very heart of the Tibetan Settlement covering an area of 8.29 acres, in close proximity with the settlement office, hospitals, shopping complex and taxi stand. Lush green expanse of open paddy fields surround school campus. On both sides of school at close range lies the picturesque view of the sprawling Gaden and Drepung Monastic University Complexes, resplendent in its imposing traditional Tibetan architectural splendor. This gives a serene charm to the school environment. The school is 50 km from Hubli City and 7 km from Mundgod town.

The infrastructure facilities are being upgraded every year and are as good as any reputed school in the community. However, the school building is old and dilapidated necessitating replacement for which the consent and sanction has been accorded. The construction work for the new classroom has already started. The daily conveyance of the students converging to school from the nine Camps is being arranged by the settlement office, which operates two buses.

At present the school has 994 students on the roll. The total strength of staff stands at 71 (16 non-teaching and 55 teaching staff) comprising of both Tibetan and Indian personnel. While imparting education, the school strives towards grooming the children into responsible and good human beings. The school Annual Examination Result at +2 level has been constantly good with pass percentage hovering between 95% to 100%. During the last academic session, the overall school pass percentage with exception to board exam is 84%. Scores of graduating students have competed successfully in the CET and DOE competitive exams and joined MBBS, BDS, BSc. B-Ed and B. Eng. Courses, to name a few. The Vocational streams run by this school had proved useful in meeting the accounting and clerical manpower requirement of the various community establishments. However, the changing job scenario in the Tibetan exile community has necessitated the need for revision of existing vocational programmes. Under the aegis of DOE Dharamsala, Tibetan language is being taught to the vocational students as an additional subject.

At the local level, the school is enjoying warm patronage of the Deputy Commissioner and the Settlement Representative who are the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Local Advisory Committee respectively. Parents' representatives from the 9 Camps help the school administration in various activities, including preparing mid-day meals to the day scholars. Mr. Norbu Tsering is the current Rector and the officiating Principal of the school.