

## **Central School for Tibetans, Dholanji**

A single teacher primary school at Dholanji, near Solan town in the northern Indian State of Himachal Pradesh was started in 1967 with 20 students. In the beginning the classes were conducted under a thatched muddy house. Later on, three rooms were constructed for the school. In the year 1975, this school was renamed as Central School for Tibetans, Dholanji and the management was undertaken by the Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India with the aim to impart education



to the Tibetan children residing at the Tibetan refugee settlement at Dholanji. It began as a primary school with 54 students and two teachers. It was upgraded to middle school in 1989 and thereafter to secondary level in 2003. The present three-storied main school building was built by the Bonpo Tibetan Settlement and handed over to the CTSA on lease basis.

The school is affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi. The school has an examination committee to conduct the examination fairly and smoothly. Promotions are made from classes I to IX on the basis of class assessment, 3 unit tests, half-yearly and annual examinations as per the CTSA rules. The school has performed quite well in the past board examinations. It achieved 100% results in the year 2007 & 2008. In the year 2009, the result was 94%.

The school has a strength of 518 students, 28 teaching staff and 05 non teaching staff. The school is progressing and developing very fast in the field of education. The classrooms are well equipped with teaching aids to facilitate better learning. The students fully participate in various co-curricular activities including inter house competitions in cultural dance, poem recitation, quiz, debate, creative writing, painting and games and sports. Mr. S.P. Sharma is the principal of the school who fully dedicated his service for the education of Tibetan children. He was the recipient of the prestigious National Award for Teachers 2004 presented by the President of India.