

Central School for Tibetans, Sonada

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Majority of the students reside in a hostel run by the Tibetan Settlement Office having modern amenities and caters to the needs of Tibetan children coming from neighboring states and remote border areas. The children in the hostel are provided a nutritious diet and under overall control by the settlement officer.

The school takes pride in having teachers like Mr. N.K Singh, PRT (English) has been awarded the prestigious National Award for Teachers for 2005 by the President of India and this year, Mrs. Yolu Dolma, PRT (General) has been nominated for the national award for 2007. In a state level painting competition on energy conservation conducted by the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India on 14th November 2007, Ms. Tenzin Chokyi of Class V got consolation prize worth Rs.2000 plus certificate. In the CBSE Athletics meets cluster I & II conducted at Bakaro Steel DAV senior secondary school, the participants had bagged 1 Bronze and 4 Silver medals on 2-4 November 2007.

The current school principal Shri. Raj Kumar Srivastava has held the post since 2nd August 2004.