

Sambhota Tibetan School, Puruwala



Sambhota Tibetan School, Puruwala is a primary school located in Sakya Tibetan Settlement-at a distance of about 12 km from Paonta Sahib in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh state. The school was inaugurated on 2nd September 1969 with the blessings from His Holiness the Sakya Trizin, Head of Sakya Sect of Tibetan Buddhist tradition. The school was started with 10 students and two teachers with financial aid from Mrs. Munoth through the Swiss Aid to Tibetans (SAT), and the school was then named Sakya Munoth School, Puruwala under the management of Tibetan Industrial Rehabilitation Society (TIRS), Delhi. It receives grant in aid from the Central Tibetan Schools Administration in the form of monthly running expenses, mid-day meal, salaries of two teachers and cost of textbooks.

In 1981, the school was directly managed by the Department of Education. With the establishment of Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS) in June 1999, all the schools run by the Department of Education (DOE) came directly under the new Administration. In 2009, the name of the school has been changed to Sambhota Tibetan School, Puruwala.

The school implements Basic Education Policy for Tibetans in Exile since 2006 under the guidance of DOE and STSS Dharamsala. The school follows the National Curriculum Framework for Pre-Primary and Primary Schools developed by DOE in the year 2007. The school today has all the basic facilities like classrooms, main library as well as classroom library, computer lab, playground, etc. The school provides scholastic education which includes Tibetan, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Environment Studies, Computer Education, English (from Class IV) and Arts & Crafts. In the Co-scholastic areas, the children takes part in various co-curricular activities like Games & Sports, Music & Dance, Calligraphy writing, Literary activities, monthly environment cleanliness, etc.

Academically, the school had been achieving good results. With the termination of pass-fail system since 2005, the school follows CCE for the evaluation of students' performance. The school produces good result in both the scholastic and co-scholastic areas which is evident from the fact that students achieve good grades in the common annual examination conducted by CTSA every year. Moreover, the children graduating from the school maintains good record in the schools they have joined so far.

The school today has 69 students from Stage I Pre-primary section to Class V. It has 10 teaching and 3 non-teaching staff. Mr. Tenzin Dorjee is the Headmaster of school since January 2011.