

Sambhota Tibetan School, Shillong (Meghalaya)

Sambhota Tibetan School at Shillong is a primary boarding school located in the beautiful city of Shillong in Meghalaya State. The school was first established in Jhalupara on 14th June 1981 as a day school by the Tibetan people living in Shillong who felt the need to educate their children on Tibetan culture, tradition and language, besides providing modern education. A year later, the school was handed over to DOE due to financial constraints. In 1983 it was shifted to the present location at 3rd Mile, Upper Shillong, 5 km away from the city. In 1990, boarding facilities were provided to cater to the educational needs of Tibetan children who come from Dimapur, Kohima, Itanagar, Dirbrugarh and Laidumbai.

In 1999, it was placed under the administration of the newly created Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS). At present there are 65 students with 9 teaching and 6 non-teaching staff. In the year 2006, like all other STSS schools, it implemented the Basic Education Policy (BEP). Accordingly, English is being taught from Class IV onwards. Since a new approach to teach English language is very essential in increasing the students' pace of learning, it introduced Sound Way Programme to improve the spelling, writing and reading. The school is well equipped with facilities like computers, projector, photocopy machine, teaching aids, PA System etc. The school has not only a main library but also classroom libraries to inculcate reading habits among the students thereby providing easy access to books. The students regularly participate in the cultural dance in state sponsored programmes like Autumn Festival, Cultural parade, Bihu festival etc. Academically, the students are doing well as it speaks of from the performance in the schools they join after Class V. The children regularly win prizes in the Annual Tibetan Calligraphy contest being organised by DOE. The school stress on holistic education and the overall development of child's personality and hence organises various co-curricular activities like quiz, debate, dance and drama, games and sports, spelling bee, community service, care for environment, nature walk, yoga, swimming, handicraft, etc. Mr. Namgyal Yemphel is the Headmaster since September 2006.