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## CST Shimla Celebrates Golden Jubilee



Golden Jubilee Celebration of CST Shimla

Central School for Tibetans, Shimla celebrated its Golden Jubilee on May 5-6. The celebration was jointly organized by the school and its Alumni Association. On the opening day, Shri Jai Ram Thakur, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh was the Chief Guest; Professor Samdhong Rinpoche, Former Kalon Tripa of Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Dharamsala was the Guest of Honor and; Shri A.S. Rawat, Educator Officer of Central Tibetan Schools Administration (CTSA), Delhi was the Special Guest.

The closing function was graced by the Chief Guest Kalon Tripa Dr. Lobsang Sangay. Education Secretary Mr. Ngodup Tsering, Department of Education, CTA was the Guest of Honor. A sizeable number of former staff, ex-students and parents joined the celebration.

CST Shimla, formerly known as Tibetan Refugee School, was established in 1961 with 160 students. Today it is a Senior Secondary school with over 500 students.

## ACADEMIC NEWS

### Six Tibetan Schools Achieve 100 % Pass in the 2012 Class XII Board Examination

For the first time since 2000, as many as six Tibetan schools achieved 100% result in class XII CBSE Examination.

Of the 1286 students who appeared in the All India Senior School Certificate Examination conducted by the CBSE, 1177 students passed, 27 students failed and 82 were placed under Compartment (failed in one subject).

The Tibetan schools performed better with pass percentage of 91.52 compared to all India performance of 80.91. TCV School Selakui, TCV School

Gopalpur and CST Mundgod outperformed other schools in Science, Arts and Commerce streams respectively. The toppers in the four streams are (1) Tenzin Dawa, TCV Selakui with 90.4% in Science (2) Yeshi Dawa, THF Mussoorie with 86.8% in Arts (3) Lhakpa Dolma, CST Mundgod with 91.8% in Commerce. (4) Lobsang Chodon, CST Mundgod with 85% in Vocational stream.

## Stream-Wise Performance of the Tibetan Schools 2012

Science				
S.No	School	# of Students	Pass %	Avg %
1	TCV Selakui	60	100	79.61
2	CST Mundgod	37	100	69.48
3	Upper TCV	78	91.02	66.73
4	CST Mussoorie	74	77.02	62.91
5	THF Mussoorie	23	65.21	62.46
Arts				
S.No	School	# of Students	Pass %	Avg %
1	TCV Gopalpur	153	100	71.99
2	CST Dalhousie	15	100	67.53
3	THF Mussoorie	50	100	66.81
4	Upper TCV	26	100	64.39
5	CST Bylakuppe	44	100	60.40
6	CST Mundgod	21	100	58.52
7	CST Herbertpur	27	100	56.13
8	CST Kalimpong	47	97.87	55.53
9	CST Paonta	33	96.97	65.04
10	CST Shimla	9	78	59.64
11	CST Darjeeling	30	77	57.12
12	CST Mussoorie	36	75	48.94
13	TNMF Clement Town	10	70	47.86
Commerce				
S.No	School	# of Students	Pass %	Avg %
1	CST Mundgod	93	100	64.46
2	TCV Bylakuppe	168	95.83	63.8
3	THF Mussoorie	9	88.88	67.29
4	TNMF Clement Town	13	84.61	54.91
5	CST Mussoorie	68	82.35	53.71
6	Upper TCV Dharamshala	92	78.26	57.36
7	CST Darjeeling	31	71	51.81

## DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS

### SUMMARY OF AISSCE (CLASS XII - 2012) RESULTS OF TIBETAN SCHOOLS IN INDIA

S. No.	School	Total Students	Students Appeared	Pass	Compt.	Absent	Fail	Pass %	Average %	School Standing
1	TCV, Selakui	62	60	60	0	2	0	100.00	79.61	1
2	TCV, Gopalpur	153	153	153	0	0	0	100.00	71.99	2
3	CST Dalhousie	16	15	15	0	1	0	100.00	67.53	3
4	CST Mundgod	155	152	152	0	3	0	100.00	64.83	4
5	CST Bylakuppe	44	44	44	0	0	0	100.00	60.40	5
6	CST Herbertpur	27	27	27	0	0	0	100.00	56.13	6
7	CST Kalimpong	47	47	46	1	0	0	97.87	55.53	7
8	CST Paonta	39	33	32	1	6	0	96.97	65.04	8
9	TCV-SOS, Bylakuppe	180	168	161	7	12	0	95.83	63.80	9
10	THF, Mussoorie	83	82	73	9	1	0	89.02	65.64	10
11	CST Shimla	28	26	23	2	2	1	88.46	65.79	11
12	TCV, Upper Dharamsala	198	196	169	16	2	11	86.22	62.02	12
13	CST Mussoorie	180	178	140	27	2	11	78.65	56.57	13
14	TNMF, Clement town	23	23	18	4	0	1	78.26	51.84	14
15	CST Darjeeling	85	82	64	15	3	3	78.05	55.24	15
	Total	1320	1286	1177	82	34	27	91.52		

#### CBSE Class X Board Exam Results Declared

The overall pass percentage of the Tibetan schools in this year's class X board examination is 98.32 which is a slight decrease of 0.93% compared to the last year's performance. 1849 students from 28 Tibetan schools appeared in the examination. While 1818 students obtained qualifying certificates, 31 were under the category of Eligible for Improvement of Performance (EIOP).

#### Tibetan School Heads Meeting



The Tibetan School Heads Meeting was organized by the Department of Education in Dharamshala from April 19-20. Kalon Tripa Dr. Lobsang Sangay inaugurated the meeting. About 60 participants including principals, headmasters and rectors of Tibetan schools in India and Nepal attended the meeting. Education Secretary Ngodup Tsering, the Section Heads and the Education Officers of the Department of Education were also present during the meeting. The participants discussed and shared their best practices to counter the major challenges facing the Tibetan schools. The ideas and suggestions that transpired from the meeting were recorded and copies were sent to schools for follow up. The program was funded by Population Relief Migration (PRM), USA.

#### Annual Rectors Meeting

Annual Rectors Meeting of six CTSA residential schools was held at Kashag's conference hall on April 18. Education Kalon Dr. Lobsang Sangay, Education Secretary, Mr. Ngodup Tsering, Section Heads and the Education Officers of DoE attended the meeting. Issues related to hostel administration, student admission, education and health were discussed during the meeting.

#### Orientation Program for Participants of Summer Science Teaching Program 2012



An orientation program for the participants of Summer Science Teaching Program was held from June 25-26. In this initiative, Tibetan students studying science in the colleges/universities are given opportunity to teach for a month in Tibetan school. Given the dearth of Science and Mathematics teachers in Tibetan schools, the program hopes to inspire the students to take teaching as their career. The program also serves to create a platform for the university students to serve their community while studying. During the two day orientation program, topics such as The Basic Education Policy, Buddhism and Science,

Teaching as a Profession and, Science Teaching in School were covered. The program was funded by SOIR-IM, Sweden.

## COUNSELING NEWS

### Orientation for Class XII Graduates



*Orientation for the Class XII Graduates*

The Department of Education organized 8th Orientation for Class XII Graduates on May 5 in Dharamsala. Mr. Tsering Topgyal, DOE Additional Secretary was the Chief Guest. He urged the students to be a good ambassador of Tibet in Indian colleges/universities and to continue studying Tibetan Language even after leaving school. Ms. D. Wangmo, the Chief Counselor briefed that the purpose of the orientation is to ease the transition from school to college/university. The first two sessions were Interaction with Professionals. Speakers were professionals from Law, Education, Psychology, Computer, Commerce, Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy, Journalism & Tibetan Civil Services. Similar Orientation was held at Mundgod, Bylakuppe, Miao, Tezu, Darjeeling & Gothangaon. A total of 300 students participated in the program funded by SOIR-IM, Sweden & Population Refugee Migration (PRM), USA.

### Conference cum Workshop for Tibetan School Counselors



*The participants and the resource persons of the workshop cum conference with the chief guest, Mr. Topgyal-Tsering (C).*

Guidance & Counseling Section, Department of Education organized the 3rd Conference cum Workshop for Tibetan School Counselors from June 11 – 15. Ms. D. Wangmo, Chief Counselor, addressed the gathering on the objective of the Conference cum Workshop. The presenters at the Workshop were experts in the field of Counseling & Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy. To name a few, Dr. Sachin Jain, Head of Counseling Department, Oakland University, USA spoke on Ethics in Counseling; Geshe Ven. Lhakdor touched on "Cultivating Peace & Compassion in Students & Tibetan Buddhist Technique of Mindfulness in Increasing Concentration"; Dr. Rita Sommers-Flanagan, Head of Counselor Education, University of Montana, USA presented "Counseling Difficult Youths: Ten Techniques & Using the Holland Concepts to Guide Career

Self - Awareness"; Dr. Susan Stuntzner, Assistant Professor, Idaho University, USA, spoke on "Use of Assessments in Counseling"; Dr. Analpe Paranjpe, Private Consultant, Psychoeducational Consultancy, Pune, presented "Indian Child Intelligence Test: Its Efficacy in Guidance and Counseling of School Children". The methods employed during the workshop were presentation, discussion, role-play, group work and interactive session. There were 16 participants of whom 5 were from the Department of Education, 8 from Tibetan Children's Village, one each from Tibetan Homes Foundation, Snow Lion Foundation (Nepal) and the Department of Health, CTA, Dharamsala. Dr. Lobsang Sangye, Kalon Tripa cum Education Kalon was the Chief Guest at the closing function. He gave away the certificates and mementos to the participants and the presenters. The program was funded by SOIR-IM, Sweden.

### Parental Counseling

Guidance & Counseling section, Department of Education conducted counseling session for parents of students (class IX to XII) on May 23, 2012 at Community Hall, McLeod Ganj. Ms. D. Wangmo, Chief Counselor, spoke on the Developmental Characteristics of Early & Middle Adolescents, Scholarships, College Admission Requirements, Use and Misuse of Mobile, Cyber Safety etc. Similar session was held for parents of students (age 3 – 6 years old) on April 9 at Yongling Day School. Ms. Wangmo educated the parents of preschoolers on developmental characteristics of kids between age 3 – 6 and raising the children with love & compassion. This was followed by interactive session.

South Zone Resident Counselor, Mr. J. Wangyal conducted similar sessions for parents at Tibetan Settlements in Mundgod, Bylakuppe, Kollegal & Gothangaon while Ms. Sonam Pelmo (Assistant Counselor) did it at Tibetan Settlement at Miao & Tezu. A total of 302 parents benefited from this activity. SOIR-IM, Sweden & PRM, USA funded the program.

## EDUCATION COUNCIL NEWS

### Buddhist Philosophy and Dialectics Curriculum Framework and Textbook Review

Two day meeting for the formulation of curriculum framework on Buddhist Philosophy and Dialectics was held in Dharamshala on May 18 & 19. The meeting was organized by the office of the Education Council for Tibetans in Exile.

Additional Secretary, DoE Mr. Tashi Dhondup and Geshe Rongpo Lobsang Nyendak, the member of the Tibetan Parliament chaired the meeting. The textbook editors and 5 teachers from different Tibetan schools attended the meeting. The meeting was focused on academic performance including study of Buddhist Dialectics and Philosophy, quality of teachers, teaching methods and exam patterns.

### Pre-primary and Primary Tibetan Textbook Review

Under the supervision of Education Council, the 1st meeting of Pre-primary and Primary Tibetan textbooks review was held in Dharamshala on May 25-27. Thirteen members comprising of the textbook editors of the Department of Education and selected teachers attended the meeting.

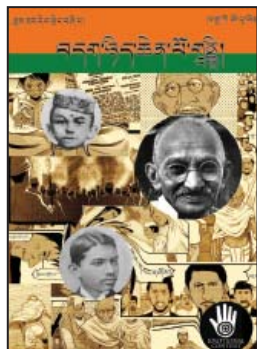
### Textbook Editors Visit Tibetan schools

Textbook editors Mr. Choephel and Mr. Buddha Kyab of the

## DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS

Department of Education visited TCV Suja, TCV Chauntra and STS Chauntra from June 17 to 22. They gave demonstration lessons in each school on newly published class IX Science textbook and class VI Social Science textbook. These two textbooks were published in accordance with the Basic Education Policy.

### PUBLICATION NEWS



Translation and layout work on publication of a complete comic book on the life of Mahatma Gandhi is in progress. This comic book will soon be published and distributed to all the Tibetan schools in India and Nepal. In view of the Tibetan people's nonviolent struggle, it is a must read book for Tibetan Children. The Department is thankful to Emotional Content for granting permission to use their work and the Charitable Trust of His Holiness the Dalai Lama for its financial support in publishing this comic book.

### SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

1. The Department of Education CTA conducted MBBS & Engineering Entrance Tests 2012 for the final selection of candidates for the reserved seats in MBBS (3 seats) and Engineering (7 seats). The tests were simultaneously conducted on April 4 at two centers viz. New Delhi and Bangalore.
2. The Department of Education organized a month long coaching class for 20 science students at Vidya Peeth Coaching Centre, Shimla from April 15 to May 24. The participants were selected from the merit list of the preliminary entrance test conducted by the Department of Education in April. The coaching class was organized to prepare the students for the medical and nonmedical competitive examinations.
3. On April 4, the Department of Education organized a briefing session for the Pestalozzi scholarship awardees leaving for UK in September. The parents of the students also attended the session.
4. The Department of Education's Scholarship Committee Meeting was held on June 6. Shri.A.S. Rawat, Education Officer, CTSA, attended the meeting to nominate candidates for the reserved seats (MBBS, Engineering, Diploma courses, Regional Institute of Education & Bachelor of Pharmacy) allotted by the Government of India for Tibetan students. CTSA Scholarships for 15 Degree and 5 Diploma/Vocational courses for the year 2012-2013 were also allocated for the deserving students. The Committee disbursed a total of 185 DoE scholarships to the Tibetan students for undergraduate courses.
5. The Songsen Scholarship Committee appointed by the DoE Scholarship Committee held its annual meeting on June 5 and disbursed a total 50 scholarships to the needy & orphan candidates.
6. Mr. Tenzin Yeshe of TCV Selakui and Ms. Rinzin Choedon of Upper TCV School have been selected for the Himachal Pradesh MBBS Reserved Seats.
7. Mr. Tenzin Tharchin and Ms. Tenzin Lhaze were selected for

London Metropolitan University Scholarship for Tibetans-2012. They will be pursuing B.Sc Computer Science and M.A Education respectively. The two students will leave for London in September, 2012.

8. Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) 2013 selection process took place from June 3-8. There were 24 applicants out of which 7 applicants were selected; Another 7 applicants were kept as alternates and the rest were waitlisted. Orientation session for the selected candidates and alternates was held on June 8. Ms. Lisa Kraus, Program Officer, Department of State, US and Mr. Tenzing Choephel (TSP Program Coordinator, The Tibet Fund, NY) spoke during the orientation on preparation of application materials for their admission in the US universities.

9. The Department of Education organized a pre-departure orientation program for the TSP 2012 batch leaving for the US in August, 2012. The orientation was held in Dharamshala on June 11&12. The topics such as Human Rights Violation, Present Condition of Tibet in International Scenario, Present Environmental Conditions, How to interact with Chinese Students, Introduction of TSP Alumni Association (TSPAA) and American Education System were covered during the two day program.

### SCHOOL FEATURE

#### Tibetan Children's Village Day School Mcleod Ganj

Tibetan Children's Village Day School, Mcleod Ganj was started in 1966 by Mr. Chokteng Kalsang, a retired Tibetan government civil service staff. It was started on a small plot of land owned by Tibetan Children's Village at Mcleod Ganj to cater to the educational needs of younger children who find it difficult to walk the distance to Upper TCV School. Later in 1972, TCV took over the responsibility of running the school.

Today, it is a primary school with 155 children. After the V grade, the children attend Upper TCV School. Ms. Tsering Yangkyi (Yangla) is the Headmistress and there are 13 staff members in the school.

Besides providing quality education, the school organizes various co-scholastic activities to ensure all-round development of the children. After-class sports training for the young children are conducted by Tibetan sportsmen who excel in sports such as soccer, basketball and table tennis. Every Wednesday, school celebrates Lhakar (White Wednesday). All the students wear Chupa (Tibetan national dress) on Wednesdays and attend Sangsol (Tibetan traditional incense burning ceremony) in the morning. The teachers give presentation on various aspects of Tibetan culture. The school also encourages mass participation of the students in cultural activities.



