

Tibetan children's Village School, Lower Dharamsala



Popularly called Lower TCV, the school is situated on the lap of the majestic Dhauladhar mountain range in Lower Dharamsala town. It was established in 1984. The construction work of this new school was started with the initial sum of rupees 100,000 donated by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and subsequently with assistance from Herman Gmeiner Funds, Deutschland. It was formally inaugurated by His Holiness on October 10, 1992.

Initially, it started with 100 newly arrived children from Tibet, then after a month 250 full fee paying children from the Tibetan Diaspora were admitted. At that time, the school was from kindergarten to class III. Within a few years, the school was converted into a residential school primarily for providing education to the children whose parents can afford to pay the school fees. It is now a secondary school (Class X) affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi. The results of the first batch of Class X in 1990 were 100%. Compared to other Tibetan schools, it has consistently brought good results in all the Board Examinations for the last 14 years. In the year 2003, the school was honoured with a merit certificate from the TCV Head Office for achieving the target percentage in the All India Secondary School Examination (AISSE). So far, out of 1009 students who appeared in AISSE, 90.59% passed, 9.12% were placed in compartment and only 3 students had failed.

The school is affiliated and has adapted well to the new system of education in accordance with the Central Board of Secondary Education. Its 1st Class X batch with 78 students appeared in CBSE Board Examination in March 2005 of which 63 students passed (80.76%).

At present, the school has 718 students, out of which 587 are boarders, 87 day scholars and 44 staff children. It has 74 staff members including 41 teaching staff. The school has two hostels, separately for senior boys and girls; 3 dormitories, 7 homes and a spacious dining hall. The school warden is the in-charge of the homes and each home has a trained mother. To provide health facilities, the school has a small well-equipped dispensary with in-patients wards. The school also has well equipped science and language laboratories, an auditorium, library, music room, sports room, football and basketball ground, a wet canteen and a tuck shop. It also has a Chapel.

Mr. Wangdu is the school principal since August 17, 2002. The present headmaster is Mr. Namdol Tashi. The school strives to provide quality education with special emphasis on the preservation of Tibetan culture and in developing good social and moral values among the children.