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CTA President & Education Kalon met CBSE Chairman



Sunday, June 26, 2017: The President of Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala, Honourable Dr. Lobsang Sangay accompanied by Honourable Education Kalon, Mr Ngodup Tsering and Education Secretary, Mr, Karma Singey met Shri. Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi, Chairman, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) during his family tour to Dharamsala.

Honorable Education Kalon, CTA meets Honorable Secretary, MHRD

On May 3, 2017 Honorable Education Kalon, Mr. Ngodup Tsering accompanied by Mr. Karma Singey, Secretary, DoE, Mr. Namgyal Yemphel, Director, STSS, Mr. Dorjee Tsering, Deputy Director, STSS and Mr. Kelsang Gonpo, Deputy Secretary, DoE met with Shri. Anil Swarup, Honorable Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and Mr. Sanjay Kumar, JS & Chairman of CTSA to discuss the issues concerning transfer of remaining 14 schools of CTSA. The meeting was very fruitful. The Secretary, MHRD, Government of India assured that the transfer of remaining 14 schools of CTSA will be expedited at the earliest.

So far 33 Pre-primary schools, 9 Primary schools and 5 Middle schools have been transferred in the first and second

phase of transfer. Prior to execution of the final phase of school transfer, the CTSA in its 82nd Governing Body meeting held on 17.02.2017, made a resolution to review the progress of the CTSA schools so far transferred to STSS.

13th Annual School Heads Meeting of STSS

On the auspicious 15th day of Saka Dawa, Sambhota Tibetan Schools Society (STSS) organised its day-long 13th Annual School Heads Meeting at Sherab Gatsel Lobling on 9 June 2017. The meeting was inaugurated by Honourable Education Kalon, Mr Ngodup Tsering. He was accompanied by Mr Tenzin Dorjee, Head of Traditional and Modern Academic Section, Department of Education, CTA.



Honourable Kalon inaugurated the meeting by lighting of butter lamp and offering scarf to the portrait of H.H. the Dalai Lama. The Director of STSS, Mr Namgyal Yemphel, welcomed the school heads and highlighted the objectives of the meeting. The introductory speech was followed by the speech of Honourable Education Kalon, Mr Ngodup Tsering.

Education Department Releases Its First Ever Tibetan Animated Film for Children

Dharamsala: Promoting language, identity, culture and traditional history through digital storytelling, the Department of Education, CTA released its first ever animated film on all-time favourite fable, དྲན་པ་བརྟེན་སྐྱེ་བའི་ཨ་ཁུ་ཕག་པ། (the Forgetful Agu Phagpa) and a Tibetan dubbed version of

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Buddha's Sutra, Life of Buddha.

The ceremony was attended by Kalon Ngodup Tsering, Department of Education, Secretaries Nangsa Chodon and Karma Singhe, Tsering Samdup, Head of Education Council, staff of Education department and children of class III, Mewoen Tsuglag Petoen School. The project was funded by Global Affairs Canada.

Education Council

The fifth Education Council and Advisory Committee meeting was held on 17th April 2017 at the Kashag secretariat hall. Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay inaugurated the meeting, accompanied by Geshe Lhakdor, Chairperson of the Council.

Review Meeting on Middle school science text book

Two days meeting was held at College of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah to finalize the middle school's science textbook. The committee comprised of Mr. Tsering Samdup, Head of Education council, DOE, Mr. Sonam Sangpo, Head of Tibetan translator, Mrs. Passang Chokpa, Education officer, Mrs. Tenzin Choedon, Headmistress Peteon School, Mr. Nyima Tsering, TCV Suja, Mr. Tenzin Ngodup, Upper TCV, Mr. Lhundup Namgyal, Lower TCV, Ms. Dechen Palmo, THF Rajpur, MS. Pema Tsomo, STS Deckiling, DOE editor Mr. Thinley Wangdue.

Talk on secular ethics by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

On 8th June 2017, The Department of Education organized a special talk on secular ethics by His Holiness the Dalai Lama for over 303 school teachers and administrators from Tibetan school from across India and Nepal.

A total of 303 members from 12 TCV Schools, 25 Sambhota schools, 3 Mussoorie Foundation, 14 schools under CTSA, 8 Nepal Tibetan schools, Sarah College, Dalai Lama Institute in Bangalore and 24 dealing staff of the Department of Education and project sponsors received an audience with the Tibetan spiritual leader.

The chief guest Dr. Lobsang Sangay, President, Central Tibetan Administration, along with Mr Ngodup Tsering, Education Kalon, Ms Nangsa Choedon and Mr Karma Singey, Secretaries of DoE presided over the closing function which was attended by 303 participants. Education Kalon emphasized on the importance of making efforts from each and every one thereby paying

gratitude to His Holiness and shouldering universal responsibility. This initiative was funded by Phari Chewang Ngokhang from southern California, USA.

Academic section

Modern Section

Workshop on Basic Education Policy

DOE organized three days' workshop from 24th to 26th May, 2017 on Basic Education Policy at Lhakpa Tsering hall to school administrators, education officers and teachers from various Tibetan schools including Tibetan Children's Village, Mussoorie Homes, Rajpur, and Sambhota branch schools, members of the education council and textbook editorial members. The workshop was inaugurated by prominent Buddhist scholar and Kalon Trisur of the Central Tibetan Administration, Professor Samdong Rinpoche. He enlightened the participants on vision of the Basic Education Policy.



Professor Samdong Rinpoche giving talk on BEP

Kalon Ngodup Tsering was the chief guest for closing ceremony on 26th May. He emphasized the importance and implementation of BEP towards Tibetan schools and all the concerned needs to well aware of the principle laid down and needs to capable of BEP from every angle. This was funded under USAID program.

Early Grade Reading Workshop

The Department of Education, CTA has organized a five day workshop on Early Grade Reading for primary teachers from 23rd to 27th May, 2017 in the Nyatri Hall, Gangchen Kyishong Dharamsala. Around 23 teachers under various administrations namely THF, STS, TCV & CST schools attended the workshop.



Teachers interacting with department officials

The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr Karma Singey, Secretary of the DoE, CTA. Mr Tenzin Dorjee, Section Head of Academic and Modern Section, DoE welcomed everybody and introduced the background of the Early Grade Reading Workshop for Primary Teachers. Dr. Latika Gupta, resource person highlighted the importance of teaching Tibetan in an interesting way so that children read books in their mother-tongue with interest and excitement. Mr Karma Singey emphasized on the importance of giving workshop to the primary teachers to nurture free reading habits among the early graders and explained the significance EGR as one of the most essential projects implemented by DoE.

As part of onsite support process, they visited the Southern, North East & Ladakh Tibetan schools to provide guidance and supervise the implementation of various dimensions of EGR namely establishment of reading corners, distribution of books and so on. This project is being generously funded by USAID through the Tibet Fund.

Early Grade Reading Workshop for Parents

Two days' workshop on early grade reading for parents was organized in three North Eastern Tibetan settlements namely Miao (2nd & 3rd June, 17), Tezu (4th & 5th June, 17) and Tenzin Gang (8th & 9th June, 17). A total number of 150 parents attended the workshop including all three settlements. As part of EGR program one of the key area of intervention is the community support in building strong reading culture and taking ownership of their child education.



Parents and children from community participating in an EGR activity

The workshop focused on building strong parent and community support system for children reading culture and appreciation of Tibetan language. The parents were motivated to read to their child especially in Tibetan. They were also familiarized with various children literature books in Tibetan. This program is funded by US-AID through The Tibet Fund.

Inclusive Education Workshop

The Department of education has organized a workshop on Inclusive Education for 19 primary teachers at Sakya Guest House, Bylakuppe from 19 - 24 June, 2017.

The purpose of the workshop is to understand

diverse background of children in our schools and importance of children learning together regardless of their background (gender, ability etc.). The workshop values diversity and fosters teacher's profession in addressing the diverse learner in their classroom.

The workshop content was prepared based on the Need Identification Survey. The teachers have learned the better way of responding to the diverse learner with the understanding of children's need, especially children who have learning problems and behaviour challenges. Some of the concern problem faces by the teachers were noted and everyone has contributed their ideas and practices on those issues. Respect and understanding grows when children with diverse abilities play, learn and socialize together. It also helps in developing the inclusive society when education is imparted more on inclusion. The quality education is only complete when it meets the needs of every child.

The six days workshop was conducted by resource person Dr. Bharti, Asst. professor, NCERT, Delhi. Funded by Global Affairs, Canada.

Terminology Section

Terminology Awareness Talk Series

This year the High Level Tibetan Terminology Standardization Committee visited various schools and educational institutions and conducted various workshop and awareness talk series on Tibetan Terminology. They also emphasized on importance of terminology in the times of globalization. This year 8 events were organized they are as follow:

S.NO.	Date	Place and event	Participant
1	14-04-17	The 5th leadership workshop for Tibetan school captains	18 students and 9 escort
2	20-04-17	Peteon (model) school	class 4 to 8
3	25-04-17	Workshop on Tibetan Language and culture, (LTWA)	30 students
4	5-05-17	Tibetan reception centre	24 staff
5	30-05-17	Upper TCV, Dharamsala	class 10 & 11
6	9-06-17	College Leadership workshop, Gangkyi, Dharamsala	50 college students
7	28-6-17	TCV Chauntra	class 6 to 10

Counselling Section

Orientation Program for Class XII Passed Out Students

The Department of Education organized the 12th Orientation on College Admission and Scholarship to the

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Class XII passed out students on May 4, 2017 at Nyatri Hall, Gangchen Kyishong Dharamsala. Mrs Donkar Wangmo, Head of the Counselling section gave the welcome address and stated the purpose of organizing the event for the graduating class XII students.



Pass out students with Education Secretary Nangsa la and counsellor Donkar la.

Mrs Nangsa Chodon, Secretary, Department of Education was the Chief Guest and delivered the inaugural speech and spoke on the importance of upholding one's cultural heritage and continue to study one's own other tongue as well as be a responsible Tibetan ambassador at College. She urged them to feel the gratitude of HH the Dalai Lama and be thankful to HH the Dalai Lama and motivated them to come back and serve the community. She concluded her speech by wishing them healthy and happy life and good luck in their academic endeavour.

Similar Orientation program for Class XII students were conducted by Mr Jamyang Wangyal at southern Tibetan Settlements from April 22 to April 29, 2017.

Department of Education has so far organized 11 Orientation program for Class XII graduates and this is the 12th Orientation Program. This program is funded by SOIR-IM (Swedish Organization for Individual Relief).

Play on Importance of Tibetan Traditional Arts and Vocational Studies

The DOE has organized a Play on Importance of vocation studies at 11 schools to strengthen the understanding and importance of vocational studies and Tibetan traditional arts among teacher and student. The objectives of the session were to impart the information on diverse Tibetan arts, to enhance traditional crafts, understanding the scopes of vocational studies and to develop a nuance understanding and value every professional careers. This initiative is being funded by SOIR-IM.

Leadership Workshop for School Prefects

The 5th Leadership Workshop for School Prefects of Tibetan schools was held at Tibetan Reception Centre, Dharamsala. The six - day workshop commenced from April 10 to 15, 2017 was inaugurated by Education Minister Mr. Ngodup Tsering.

The workshop focused on identifying and developing leadership skills & leadership styles. The workshop provided participants the opportunities for

individual assessment of leadership skills, as well as group work to discuss issues such as building a viable team. The workshop build students skills on how to get organized with time allotted. In the course of the workshop, the participants also explored methods of successful goal setting for personal and organizational goals. They also explored some of the basics involved in leadership communication and learned ways to enhance interpersonal skills, develop listening strategies.

35 school prefects and 17 teachers from 18 Tibetan Senior Secondary Schools from Central Tibetan School Administration (CTSA), Tibetan Children's Village (TCV), Snow Lion Foundation (SLF), Nepal, Tibetan Homes Foundation (THF) & Sambhota Tibetan School Society (STSS) attended the leadership program. This workshop is funded by SOIR-IM.

Leadership Workshop for Tibetan Youths

Leadership workshop for youths was held at MIT SOG in two phases. The first phase was attended by 52 students from May 29 to June 3, 2017. The students reported on May 28, 2017 at Madhav International Hotel, Pune while the second batch consist of 68 students attended the workshop from June 4 - 10, 2017 and reported at the same hotel on June 3, 2017.

Scholarship Section

Four students selected for 2017 United World College Scholarship holder with their parent/guardian visited Dharamsala to sign UWC Declaration form, and met with Mr. Karma Singey, Secretary of the Department of Education, CTA. Mr. Karma advised them that the scholarship is very prestigious and all must utilize to the best interest of oneself and for the community as a whole. He also praised them to be a role model for other Tibetan students who will continue to apply for this scholarship. The Department of Education is thankful for Horizon Foundation and UWC Thailand for sponsoring the students.

