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Education Kalon Visits Phende Ling Tibetan settlement, Mainpat



Mr. Ngodup Tsering, Kalon for Education, CTA arrived at Phende Ling Tibetan settlement, Mainpat on August 18th. After a brief interaction with the camp leaders and local heads, Honorable Kalon accompanied by the settlement officer and chairman of the local assembly visited CST school Mainpat. Honorable Kalon addressed the teachers and the students of CST Mainpat in which he stressed the importance of education, moral values and roles of parents. At the school assembly, he thanked and expressed gratitude to Indian teachers and the Government India for their continuous support. Following the morning assembly, he visited every class and interacted with the teachers and students. He also observed the teaching learning activity of every class including the pre-primary section run by STSS. He later inspected the hostels and interacted with hostel warden and matron. In the afternoon, he visited monasteries and all the seven camps of the settlement.

Education Kalon Visits Norgyeling Tibetan settlement in Bhandara



Mr. Ngodup Tsering, the Education Kalon of the Central Tibetan Administration, paid an official visit at Norgyeling Tibetan settlement in Bhandara from 21-24 August. On 22 August, Kalon Ngodup Tsering attended a dialectic and cultural

show by the students from a Tibetan school. He urged the children and teachers to make greater efforts in the education. He expressed his gratitude for the Indian teachers' unwavering commitment in educating the Tibetan children. Following his talk, the education Kalon held an exclusive discussion with teachers and staff. He also paid a visit to offices, several monasteries, hospitals, old age home, school and all the various camps in the settlement.

On the next day, Kalon held a meeting with the presidents and members of various Tibetan organisations. Settlement officer Dorjee Rigzin presented the annual report of the settlement. Education Kalon informed the public about the policies of the present Kashag, particularly its priority on education. He also mentioned about the policies formulated by the DoE and the past, existing and future programs carried out to achieve the goals. He further expressed his satisfaction over vast improvement in the Class XII CBSE results.

Education Kalon Visits Odisha Tibetan Settlement



Education Kalon, Mr. Ngodup was on official visit to Phuntsokling Tibetan Settlement, Odisha from 26-27 August. He visited CST schools and 5 camps in the settlement. On 26 August, Kalon Ngodup Tsering visited CST Chandragiri and witnessed the various academic activities performed by the students in the morning assembly. In his speech, he urged the students and the teachers to give importance to education and make efforts to provide and acquire quality education. Education Kalon visited other pre-primary and primary schools located in the settlement

On 27 August, Education Kalon addressed the gathering of Tibetan settlement people where he spoke about the various scholarship schemes of DoE and middle way approach of CTA followed by

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questions and answers session with the settlement people. A separate meeting was held with camp leaders and members of various organizations such as local assembly, cooperative society, health center, Men-Tsee-Khang and other Tibetan organizations followed by questions and answers. In the afternoon, he paid a visit to settlement camps, offices, monasteries, hospitals, and old age home in the settlement. On 29 August, on his way back to Delhi, Education Kalon visited KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social Science) and KIIT University Bhubaneswar. He met with four of the Tibetan students who are studying in KISS. On August 30, 2015, he returned Dharamshala.

Education Department Expresses Appreciation to Scholarship Programs

The Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration expressed its profound appreciation to a group of 61 former CTA staff, currently living in Canada, for providing scholarships for three Tibetan students to pursue Ph.D in India for five years.

Expressing gratitude especially to Mr. Thupten Wangyal for the initiative, it said that such scholarships help strengthen its effort in producing more students in various fields of specialisation as envisioned by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Kashag.

The department is also thankful to Ven. Geshe Tsedup Dorjee from Gaden Shartse, Lho Ba Khangtsen, Mundgod, who has donated Rs. 5 lakh towards the CTA's program of helping Tibetan families having more than three children. Under the directives from the Kashag, the department has already collected details of the family members from all the Tibetan Settlement Officers. The program has started to implement from the beginning of September 2015.

EDUCATION COUNCIL NEWS

North America Weekend Tibetan School



Education Council, Department of Education, had organised a three-day Tibetan textbook review meeting from pre-primary to class II for North America weekend Tibetan School for Tibetan Children from 18th to 20th September 2015 at Nyatri Hall, Gangchen Kyishong.

The draft textbook was edited by Mr. Nangsel and Tenzin Norbu with assistance from Mr. Lobsang Tsering, Ms. Kelsang Choedon and Ms. Sangye Dolma under the supervision of the Office of Tibet, North America.

To review the draft textbook, Mr. Karma Monlam, Mr. Tsering Samdup, Mr. Sonam Sangpo and the textbook editors from Department of Education, Dr. Chok Tenzin Monlam from LTWA, Mr. Samdup a Tibetan language teacher from Peteon School attended the review meeting.

The weekend Tibetan language school targets at the Tibetan

children born and brought up in West with an aim to instill in them a sense of Tibetan roots and identity by introducing its rich language, culture, and tradition.

Math Textbook Review Meeting

Math Textbook Review meeting for class II was held on 15th and 16th September at Lhakpa Tsering Hall, Gangchen Kyishong.

The meeting was chaired by Education Officer Mr. Tsering Samdup, Petoen school Principal Mr. Tenzin Dorjee, TCV Dharamshala Math Advisors Mr. Sonam Gyalpo and Ms. Palmo, Upper TCV Math teacher Ms. Sonam Choedon, CST Shimla Math teacher Mr. Pema Gyaltzen, Former TCV teacher Mr. Ngawang Dorjee, Petoen school Math teacher Ms. Tsewang Lhamo, Deputy Secretary and Math textbook editors of DoE.

The two-day review meeting was successfully concluded with the intensive discussion on standardizing Math textbook for Tibetan schools in accordance with the curriculum based on Basic Education Policy.

Social Science Workshop

DoE organized a six-day Social Science workshop for teachers from 20th to 25th July 2015 at CHTS, Sarah.

In accordance with resolution passed during the special meeting on the Basic Education Policy for Tibetan schools in exile on 27th and 28th August, 2014 at Nyatri Hall, Petoen school and CST Chauntra School will introduce teaching Social Science textbook to class VI in Tibetan medium from 2015 onwards; STS Deckyiling and Chauntra will introduce teaching the same from 2016. Accordingly, Mr. Sonam Sangpo (DoE Deputy Secretary) and DoE Social Science textbook editor Mr. Buddha Kyab gave a workshop to the Social Science teachers from STS Schools to enhance their teaching approach.

ACADEMIC SECTION (MODERN)

DoE Organizes the First Parents' Conference



The first parents' conference was organised by DoE between August 11-13 at the Lower TCV School. More than 240 parents from Tibetan settlements in India and Nepal attended the session.

The main purpose of the workshop is to educate the Tibetan parents about their responsibilities in children's academics and character building, thereby promoting the holistic growth of their children. The session intended to counsel the parents in parenting and supporting their children in their educational effort. Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay briefed on the Basic Education Policy, highlighting the significance of Tibetan linguistic tradition.

Education Kalon Mr. Ngodup Tsering, in his closing remarks,

thanked the participants for their active involvement. Kalon also stressed on the critical plight of Tibetan language. He pleaded the attendees to focus on the Tibetan language in order to teach their children better. He further added on the Tibetan population crises and urged the parents to at least produce three children per family. He also requested the participants to share their knowledge and information gained from this workshop to fellow Tibetans in their respective settlements.

The three-day workshop and the conference were funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada (CIDA).

Education Department Holds Leadership Workshop cum Meeting for School Heads

The Department of Education in collaboration with Lovely Professional University (LPU), Jalandhar, organised a Leadership Workshop for Tibetan School Heads from 11-12 September at the University. A total number of 34 School Heads attended the workshop. The program aims to bring focus on the changing paradigm and perspectives of learning, the critical issues for academic excellence, effective leadership, classroom management, and instructional supervision.

On 13 September, a conference was held to determine measures to improve the standard of education and administration of Tibetan schools. Kalon Ngodup Tsering, Secretary Nawang Rabgyal, Joint Secretary Ms. Chemi Tseyang, and STSS Director Mr. Karma Chungdak presided over the conference. The significance of Teacher Professional Development and the improvement of teacher quality among primary and pre-primary Tibetan schools were placed high on the agenda during the session.

Kalon Ngodup Tsering reiterated the importance of education and emphasized that irrespective of various designations and positions that the participants hold in their respective schools, the ultimate goal is for the benefit of the Tibetan students. He urged the participants to imbibe what they had learned from the workshop and self-assess its use and modify accordingly for their school’s context.

Following the speech by Kalon, Mr. Karma Chungdak gave a presentation on Basic Education Policy. Mr. Dhargyal, an English teacher from TCV Suja, also gave a presentation on Teacher Professional Development (TPD) and Dr. Mati’s research work on “Tibetan Education System Assessment”.

Kalon Ngodup Tsering also had an interaction with Tibetan students at LPU. He reminded the students of their primary purpose of coming at the university. He also suggested the students to form a Tibetan student association so as to help one another especially during the admission process, to create a sense of oneness among the Tibetan students, and to engage in cultural shows and events at the university to spread the awareness of Tibetan culture. Ms. Chemi Tseyang explained in detail about the DoE scholarship to the students.

The two-day workshop and the conference were funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (Canada).

ACADEMIC SECTION (TRADITIONAL)

Gaden Phodrang Merit Award

On every Tibetan Democracy day on 2nd September, DoE provides the Prestigious Gaden Phodrang Student’s Merit

Award to three Tibetan toppers in All India Senior School Certificate Examination from the three major streams: Sciences, Humanities, and Commerce. Likewise, DoE awarded the total of nine candidates listed below from the three aforementioned streams.

SCIENCE STREAM

Rank	Name	School	%	College	Course
1	Michiko Yamasaki	TCV, Selakui	93	Gap Year	Preparing for Medical Examination
2	Tenzin Kunsang	TCV, Selakui	92.6	Gap Year	Preparing for Medical Examination
3	Tenzin Dolma	TCV, SOS Bylakuppe	91.8	Gap Year	Preparing for Medical Examination

ARTS STREAM

Rank	Name	School	%	College	Course
1	Tenzin Dechen	TCV, Upper	91.2	Sri Ram College, Delhi	B.Com Honors
2	Tenzin Thinley	TCV Lower	88.2	Lovely Professional University	BBA
3	Tenzin Wangmo	CST Mussoorie	88	Institute of Management Studies, Noida	BBA

COMMERCE STREAM

Rank	Name	School	%	College	Course
1	Shawo Choeten	TCV, SOS Suja	93.2	Hindu University, Delhi	Political Science Honors
2	Rinchen Youdon	TCV, SOS Suja	92	Miranda House College, Delhi	Political Science Honors
3	Gongyal	TCV, SOS Suja	91.2	CMR Law School, Bangalore	BA LLB

Tibetan Handwriting and Essay Competition

DoE organizes a Tibetan Handwriting Competition from Class I to XII and an Essay Competition from Class VI to XII every year with the goal of improving the standard of Tibetan language and enhancing the awareness of the importance of preservation of Tibetan language among the Tibetan schools in India and Nepal. Thus, Tibetan Handwriting competition was held on 6th August, and an Essay competition was held on 20th August. The final selection of the students is still in the process and to be decided in the month between the end of October and November 2015.

COUNSELING CELL

DoE Conducts Counseling Program to the CST Students

DoE South Zone Resident Counselor, Mr. Jamyang Wangyal visited CST Mundgod and conducted counseling program from 13th to 18th July 2015.

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Assistant Counselor, Mr. Tenzin Chondhen visited CST Dalhousie, CST Shimla and CST Dholanji from 12th July to 3rd August. On the following days, the counselor also visited CST Mussoorie, TNMF and CST Herbertpur from 17th August to 3rd September to provide career guidance and counseling to the students from class VI - XII.

The Counselors also gave an individual counseling and conducted psychological tests (MIT, CII and VARK learning Style Test) to the students. The students, on the other hand, organized career exhibition.

The sum of 1710 students received the services.

Counseling Workshop for Parents

The Counseling workshops on topics related to Stages of Child Development, Positive Disciplining, Understanding Child Sexual Abuse, Investment for Child's Education, Peer Pressure and DoE scholarships were held for the parents on 18th July at Dalhousie, 26th July at Dholanji, 2nd August at Shimla, 31st August Dickyiling Settlement, and 5th September at Poanta Sahib Tibetan Settlement and Puruwala Tibetan Settlement. The total number of 288 parents including 117 males and 171 females attended the workshop.

Inter-house Career Quiz Competition

Inter-house Career Quiz competition was held at 11 Schools viz CST Mundgod, CST Mussoorie, CST Kalimpong, CST Darjeeling, CST Dholanji, CST Dalhousie, CST Shimla, TNMF School Clementown, STS Poanta, STS Chauntra and Mewoen Petoen Tsuklag Model School respectively in the month between August and September 2015. The aim of this competition is to create more awareness on career development. The topics covered for the quiz were acronyms and abbreviations for various careers, the definitions of careers, college admission procedure, famous career personalities, eligibility criteria for scholarship and entrance examination. A cash award of Rs. 2000/-, Rs.1500/- & Rs. 1000/- were awarded to the first, second and third winning house of each school. Each House was represented by four students and a total of 176 students took part while the rest of the Senior Students were spectators cheering their houses.

Career and Motivational Talk

Professionals from different works of life were invited at STS Poanta Sahib on 27th August and TNMF School Clementown on 1st August to speak about their distinguished careers. About 3 to 5 Speakers spoke to each school, and the students had live interaction with the Speakers followed by question and answer sessions. In the previous quarter, the total number of eight Schools invited different speakers to their schools.

Counseling College Students

Ms. Donkar Wangmo, Chief Counselor and Mr. Tenzin Chondhen (Assistant Counselor) visited Chandigarh and held a workshop on General Counseling and Scholarship to about 35 College students studying in different colleges across Chandigarh on 12th September 2015 at Banquet Hall, Chandigarh. The topics covered were Resume Writing, Effective Interview Strategies, Induction to Tibetan Civil Services, and Scholarships after Graduations, VARK Learning Style etc. Methods used were Power Point Presentation, Lecture, and discussion as well as one on one counseling was done with few students. Of the 35 students, 11 rated the workshop as "Excellent" and 15 students felt it was "Good" and 3 students found it "Satisfactory". Nevertheless, the remaining 3 were

incomplete and 3 were left blank. As far as the relevance of the topics were concerned, 23 students rated it as "Very Relevant", 6 students found it "So..So" and 6 didn't mark it.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

- The Department of Education announced Berea Scholarship for 2016 Entry.
- The DOE organized one-year full scholarship for Librarian course at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar which was funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, Canada (CIDA). So far, five applicants have participated.
- Mr. Kalsang Rinchen, Deputy Secretary, Scholarship Section visited Central Tibetan Schools Administration, New Delhi (CTSA) for the Selection of meritorious Tibetan students for the reserved seats in Degree level technical courses for 2015.
- Mr. Kalsang Rinchen, Deputy Secretary, Scholarship Section also visited Kalinga Institute of Social Studies (KISS), Bhubaneswar from 22-25, August 2015 to see the sight of KISS and KIIT. He also visited Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhubaneswar.
- Ms. Fay Fellow, the Student Programme Manager from Pestalozzi International Village Trust, the UK in collaboration with the DoE screened 18 top nominated students for the Pestalozzi scholarship for 2016 Entry at Dharamshala from 19-22 July 2015
- Ms. Samten Lhamo from TCV Suja and Ms. Sangay Dorjee from TCV Selakui were selected last year for the aforementioned scholarship and left India on August 2015.
- The DoE Scholarship Committee meeting was held on 10th September 2015, and disbursed 126 scholarships for the post graduate studies under DoE, out of 158 applicants. Recipients include 6 Ph.D., 9 M.Phil. and 111 Masters Courses.
- Scholarship committee also disbursed 5 post-graduate scholarships under Dalai Lama Trust Category.
- The Scholarship Section, DoE undertook the New Horizon Scholarship selection process on August 24-25, 2015 at Dharamshala and nominated 9 students. These students will be further screened through Skype interview from its Sponsor agency for the final entry. The selected students are supposed to study IB course abroad.
- The 2015 batch of 9 students including 1 from Nepal left for the United States under the Tibetan Scholarship Program (TSP) for Degree on August 2015.
- Ms. Younten Tsomo, gap year student of TCV Selakui nominated for MBBS reserved seats under Himachal Pradesh category. Two reserved seats were unable to utilize.

DoE Scholarship Recipient Scored 97.9% in B.Tech Aero Space

The Department of Education congratulates Mr. Jigme Tsering (ex CST Mussoorie, 2014 batch), DoE scholarship recipient, on scoring 97.9% in the university examination. He is now studying in the second year B. Tech Aerospace at Hindustan University of Technology & Science, Chennai. He is considered one of the toppers of the aforementioned university. The scholarship amount will be increased to one lakh as per the new scheme.