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Education Kalon(minister) paid a visit to NCERT, Delhi:



Education Kalon Mr. Ngodup Tsering visited NCERT, New Delhi on May 22, 2015 to observe the ongoing in-service training program for Mathematics

Teachers of Tibetan schools. Honorable Kalon briefed the participants about the importance and objectives behind giving in-service trainings to the teachers. At the same time Kalon interacted with the participants and faculty



members of Department of Education in Science and Mathematics (DESM), NCERT. Honorable Kalon was happy to find that all the participants were taking active participation in this training program organized by Department of Education, CTA, Dharamsala. All the participants also felt lucky to get this wonderful opportunity to interact with Honorable Kalon and to receive such effective training from highly qualified resource persons of NCERT. We do hope that after receiving the training, the teachers will make a difference in the teaching learning process in their respective schools.

A Fare well Dinner Party

The Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) has organized a fare well dinner party to Mr. Tsering Phunstok at Nyatri Hall, Dharamsala on 20/4/2015. He has joined the Department of Education on 16/7/1999 as Education Officer on deputation basis and



served for 16 years. Prior to that he has served at CST Paonta as a Principal for many years. He has been deputed to the post of Director, Centre for Teachers Education, Bhuntar (HP). Mr. Tashi Dhondup, former director, has served CTE Bhuntar for three years. The farewell dinner was graced by Honorable Ngodup Tsering, Education Kalon, Mr. Topgyal Tsering, Education Secretary and the staff members of Department of Education

WORKSHOP:

Early Grade Reading workshop for Primary Teachers:



An eleven-day "Early Grade Reading Workshop for Primary Teachers" was organized by the Department of Education at McLeod Ganj, Dharamsala. The workshop was inaugurated on 24 May, 2015 by Dr. Nawang Rabgyal,



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Secretary, Department of Education of the Central Tibetan Administration. It has been held in two batches of over 30 teachers each from May 24 – 29 & May 30 – June 3, 2015. The participants were from the CTSA, STSS, TCV, THF, SLF Nepal and Munsel School, Spiti. The resource persons for the workshop were Prof. Krishna Kumar and Dr. Latika Gupta from Delhi University. This workshop is funded by USAID through The Tibet Fund.

Early Grade Reading Workshop for Ladakh Cluster of Schools:



The Department of Education has organized its 9th Early Grade Workshop for PRTs of Ladakh TCV School at Phodrang (Yeway-Tsel) Choglamsar from June 21-25, 2015. This workshop was attended by 34 teachers from TCV Schools at Choglamsar, Agling and Jangthang. The Department of Education has been organizing “Early Grade Reading Workshops” since 2014 in its efforts to improve early grader’s academic learning, language development and intellectual development. So far it has trained and benefited 276 PRTs from various school in India and Nepal. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Latika Gupta from Delhi University and this workshop was funded by USAID through The Tibet Fund.

In-service Training for Primary Teachers and Middle School Science Teachers at NCERT, Delhi:



The Department of Education (DoE), Central Tibetan Administration has organized two workshops, one for 45 Primary teachers on “Early Childhood Care and Education” and another for 20 Middle School Science Teachers on

“Science-specific Pedagogical Content Knowledge and Emerging Trends” at National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), Delhi. The workshops was held on 8th April and concluded on 28th April 2015. The participants were from the schools of STSS, TCV, THF, SLF Nepal, TNMF School, Sera Je School and Drepung Loseling School. The workshop was funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (Canada).

In-service Training for Maths TGTs at NCERT:



The Department of Education, CTA has organized an in-service training for Maths TGTs at NCERT New Delhi from 5-14 May, 2015. The main objectives of arranging this workshop were: I) To enhance the teachers pedagogical skill in teaching of maths. II) Children should see mathematics as something to talk about, to communicate, to discuss among them, to work together on. III) There should be a shift in focus from mathematics content to mathematical learning environment. IV) To provide a platform to remove doubts and problems faced by teachers in their day to day classroom teaching. This in-service training was attended by 16 teachers. They were from schools under STSS, TCV, THF, SLF Nepal and Seraje School. The workshop was being funded by the DFATD Canada.

In-service Training for Middle School Maths Teachers at NCERT:



The DoE, CTA has organized two batches of In-service trainings for Maths teachers at NCERT New Delhi. The training for the second batch was attended by 13 Math teachers, from 15 May- 4 June 2015. The participants for the second batch were from the schools under STSS, TCV and THF. The workshop was being funded by the DFATD Canada.

Workshop for South Zone Librarians:

The DoE, CTA has organized workshop for south zone librarians from April 23-26 2015 at TCV Bylakuppe. In this



workshop, 11 participants from 10 school were attended. The participants were from the schools under CTSA, STSS, TCV and Sera Je Monastery School. Dr. Usha Mukunda was the main resource person for this Workshop. She was being assisted by Yashodara Kundji and Aparna Swamy. The Workshop was being funded by the USAID through the Tibet fund under the Early Grade Reading Project.

Workshop for Middle School English Language Teachers:



The DoE, CTA has organized a workshop for Middle School English language teachers of Tibetan Schools at NCERT, Delhi from June 8 – 21, 2015. Twenty two school teachers from the schools under STSS, TCV, THF, SLF Nepal, Tibetan Nehru Memorial Foundation and Seraje School attended the workshop. This was the fifth in-service training organized for the school teachers at NCERT in 2015 as a part of DoE's Project "Teacher Professional Development". The workshop was being funded by USAID through The Tibet Fund.

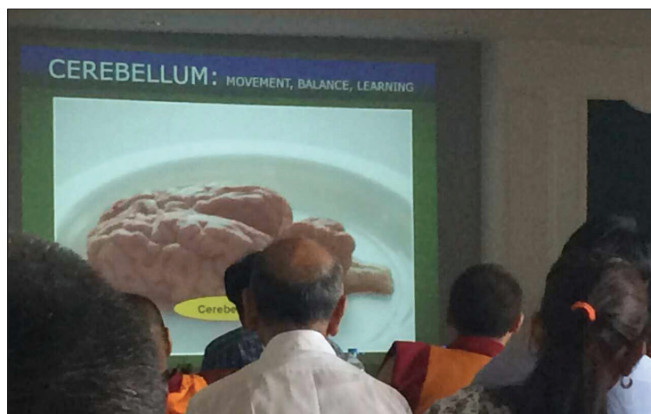
Workshop on Early Grade Reading for Parents:



The Department of Education, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) has organized a one-day workshop on Early Grade Reading (EGR) for Parents at Nyatri Hall, Dharamsala on June 27, 2015. The workshop aimed to create awareness

on the early literacy development and equip parents with basic reading strategies to create a reading culture at home. A total of 90 parents whose children are studying in pre-primary to grade V participated in the workshop. Education Kalon Honorable Ngodup Tsering la addressed the gathering and delivered the key note speech on the important role the parents and caretakers play in planting the seeds of reading among children. He also emphasized the importance of communicating in the Tibetan language to one's children. The event was also graced by Secretary of the Department of Education, Petoen School Principal and Headmistress. The workshop was led by Dr. Tsering Yankey la, Monitoring and Evaluation Director, The Tibet Fund. The workshop included group discussion on how children learn to read, storytelling, virtual library visit, children's book displayed, a short documentary on "Joy of Reading", reading resolution and free book distribution. In addition to that, parents also interacted with the children's book author, school librarian and publishers. Prior to the workshop, needs assessment study was done with a sample size of 55 parents to identify the needs and challenges of early literacy development. Based on the findings and recommendations of the needs assessment study, the workshop content was designed to make the delivery of the workshop as appropriate as to the needs and demands of the parents. The EGR workshop for parents was funded by USAID and The Tibet Fund.

Neuro-Educational Transformation:



The DoE, CTA has organized a talk on Neuro-Based Education for about 60 key persons including school directors, principals, headmasters, teachers, DoE staff and other invitees on May 23, 2015 at Nyatri Hall, Gangchen Kyishong. Mr. John Joseph, Director of Focus Education Australia Pvt. Ltd. has presented the talk. The main feature of the talk was intensively about Neuro-educational transformation for teachers and students. Through power point presentation and collections of data he explained how the human brain learns. It presents an unprecedented opportunity to reflect on the vast array of practices that make up teaching and learning, and to determine what actually benefits students in classroom, as well as what needs to change in order to improve learning and make the schooling experience more enjoyable, satisfying and above all productive for all. In short, the talk was mainly for "how to make our kids more efficient

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learners, smart learners, critical thinkers and creative thinkers.”

Summer Science Teaching Program-2015:



A day long orientation Program for participants under the ‘Summer Science Teaching Program-2015’ was conducted by Education Department at the Nyatri Hall Gangchen Kyishong Dharamsala on 26th June. It was a preparatory phase for them before their actual entry into practice teaching at various Tibetan Schools. 15 students from different colleges / universities attended the orientation program. The main objective of this program was to inspire the students to take-up teaching as their career. Science under graduates volunteered to teach one month in July and were assigned in different categories of school viz, CTSA, TCV, STSS, THF. This was the 4th year of the program being funded by SOIR-IM, Sweden.

Internship Program For Science Graduates at National Science Institutes:

The Department of Education has organized a month long internship program for college graduates in Science Stream from June 15 to July 15, 2015. This year nine students have been given opportunities to undergo internship at two renowned National Institutes of Science namely National Centre For Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Science Education and Reserach (IISER), Pune. The program was targeted to enhance Science Education in the real sense of its context where the interns were exposed the atmosphere of research centres and gain first hand experiential learning under the direct guidance of scientists.

TRADITIONAL SECTION NEWS:

1. Mr. Paljor Tsering Jophel, the former Kalon for Health, CTA undertook a feasibility study of an on-going project to improve the standard of Tibetan Studies among the teachers of other subjects. The schools he visited were Sambhota School, Pokhara (Nepal), CST Darjeling, CST Sonada, CST Ravangla and CST Kalimpong. He has also done an analysis on the pros and cons of the on-going project. On the side line of the activity, he also gave talks on importance of up holding Tibetan language and culture, and moral values to the students and teachers of the five schools.

2. About 215 primary teachers from Sambhota schools, CTSA



schools, Upper and Lower TCV Schools, and Nepal-based Ganchen Charity took part in a workshop conducted by DoE at Upper TCV. During the workshop the participants were taught about the importance of primary education and they were introduced about Tibetan Buddhism by His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama. Special emphasis was laid on producing scholars and professionals in the field of education during the above workshop and discussion about different teaching skills were also held.

3. Inter-School dialectic meet was organized at Upper TCV school from June 23 to 29, 2015. A total of 220 students including religious teachers from 30 different schools took part in the inter-school dialectic meet. The main objective of the dialectic meet was to improve the skills of logical reasoning and analysis. It is hoped that other subjects will be taught through Dialectic approach when this practice is deeply rooted in our schools.

3rd Leadership Workshop for Tibetan School Prefects:



The leadership workshop was held at the reception center, Dharamsala and was inaugurated by Mr. Nawang Rabgyal, Secretary, Department of Education. The purpose of this workshop was to hone the leadership skills of the school prefects. The resource person for this workshop was Mr. Sanjay Upendrum, CEO Amathi Consulting Ltd. During the four days of the workshop, he has delivered various topics on leadership such as what is leadership?, leadership style, qualities of a leader, communication skills, project planning, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, decision making, team work, conflict management and problem solving.

On the fifth day, the participants visited various Departments