



INTRODUCTION:-

Since its inception and successful opening ceremony initiated by H.H. The Dalai Lama on 12/09/1976, the village could pursue in its path of developmental activities mainly in taking care of destitute children and to give them the best possible education. A considerable number of students of this Village have become the contributing members of society. To code an example, out of 251 staff of this Village, 65% are Ex-students from this village and such are the encouraging examples of our self-less works.

From The Director's Desk

The Tibetan SOS Children's Village, Ladakh could achieve considerable progress during the last several years. Which is mainly due to the kind, grace of H.H. The Dalai Lama and selfless help extended by foreign contributors and the good work that SOS Vienna and Tibetan Children's Village, Head Office in Dharamsala has been doing so ably led by our President, Ms. Jetsun Pema. The Children and the Staff of SOS TCV Ladakh take this opportunity to extend our most grateful thanks to all of you-Our sponsors and our President.

Tsering Palden Mr.
DIRECTOR

Schools

The Tibetan SOS Children's Village (TCV) in India with its Head Office in Dharamsala are an autonomous non governmental organization taking care of thousands of Tibetan Refugee children through its branch villages in India. The organization not only to give food and shelter but also takes academic responsibilities. We give free education according to the ability of the children i.e. most of the children up to graduate level and bright children do up to PG level. Those who are academically not sound are given vocational training so that they can earn their livelihood.

The responsibility of the placement of the orphan and semi-orphan children after completing their education is also taken care by the TCV. Apart from this TCV also take care of many old people who have no one to look after them. Today the TCV all over India is taking care of 15, 000 Tibetan refugee children.



Mr. Ashok Ganguly, CBSE Chairperson at TCV Ladakh

As for the Tibetan Children's Village, Ladakh, we have 7 village schools (4 in around Leh - Choglamsar and 3 in Jhangthang). A total of



Visit of SOS France Delegates

2476 children (1295 boarder, 1145 day scholars & 36 Handicraft Students) are under our roll.

The children are given education up to secondary level and after that they are send for Senior Secondary level to our main schools in Dharamsala, Gopalpur, Bylakuppe and Mundgod (both in

south India) according to the stream they choose. After doing senior secondary (+2) they are send to various colleges through out India for doing graduation and PG. Our school



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are affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) New Delhi.

Staff Members-

Presently, the Village has 251 staff members dedicating their service with full determination, keeping in mind the mission of TCV like giving parental care, love to children, providing the best of both modern and Tibetan education and enabling 2440 children to become constructive citizen of Tibet.

New Admission:-

A total number of 162 children (boarder & dayscholar) received fresh admission during the 2005 academic session.

Examination:-

The School being affiliated under Indian system of education, CBSE, New Delhi our

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School could bring out average results of class X examination every year.

In this year's batch, Out of 102 students 56 got pass and 46 students were placed in compartment and we have no fails this year. This year, 80 students including last years compartment students got admission at different sister schools of Tibetan Children's Village school at Dharamsala, TCV Gopalpur, TCV Bylakuppe & CST Mundgod for class XI & XII studies. Presently we have 355 students studying outside Ladakh i.e. (+2 level & colleges) studies and we take full care of these boys and girls by means of scholarships and sponsorships.

Home

As per guideline of SOS Kinderdorf International, when a child has admitted into homes, he or she must



be brought up in a normal family atmosphere. Therefore, each home mother looks after them like one's own child by providing them with all care and affection. Presently we have 27 homes. We accommodate 25 children in each home due to the over crowding problem. In addition to that we have 4 hostels for senior boys & girls. In all there are 1295 boarding children in SOS family home.

Vocational Training Centre:-

Those children with low academic ability are streamlined into different vocational training center. Various trainings including Computer education, Secretarial practice, Bakery, Hotel trades, dress cutting &

tailoring, beautician, carpentry, Electrician & Motor mechanic etc. at our sister school, TCV Vocational



Center for Tibetans at Deheradun. From our Children's Village too, we have 38 students continuing their trainings for different trade are at that particular school. This is a good opportunity for the slow learners to become independent members of our community even if they could not continue their further studies. They can find job anywhere after the completion of course.

Tibetan Children's Village has also opened training centre in preparing complete Tibetan Thanka painting in TCV Patlikul. This school is solely aimed for thanka painters. We have 20 students pursuing the said course. Their main aim is not to make the students just a thanka painter, but also to keep & preserve the Tibetan tradition and culture alive for which we have a long history to be proud of.

We have also 36 students who are in our own handicraft center for tailoring & patch work training.



These children are also getting good education to become self-support.

Health:-

All children have to undergo physical checkup once in a year and those with serious cases are consulted and treated at Leh Civil Hospital. The doctors and medical staff have remained very helpful in this regard. Once the patients are not curable at Leh hospital, we refer it to PGI hospital, Chandigarh or AIIMS hospital Delhi.

Our health workers & dental therapist are visiting our Changthang schools for a general checkup twice a year. This will be very helpful as there is very poor medical facility at those remote locations.

Old People:-

411 (353+58) Old and infirm people having no one to look after them are under our care. Out of these, 58 (16+42) old people are at the Old Peoples home Choglamsar & Nyoma Changthang. These old peoples are receiving the three times meal, clothing & shelter.

CHANGE OF DIRECTORSHIP

During the Executive Director-Mr. Tsewang Yeshe's visit to Ladakh from 17-19 March 2005 he oversaw the handover of the Village Directorship from Mr. Dawa T. Nawa to Mr. Tsering Palden on March 18th,

2005 with a simple ceremony at the main office in Choglamsar. Unlike Directors of other TCV School the Director at Ladakh has to oversee various other branch schools at Jangthang Hanley, Nyoma & Sumdo that they

visited together and Mr. Dawa personally acquainted with the set-up. The out going Village Director was given a warm farewell party by the co-workers for his six long years of dedicated service in Ladakh and wished him further success in his tenure at the Head Office, TCV Dharamsala.

DR. HERMANN GMEINER

BIRTHDAY: On 23rd June 2005, Dr. Hermann Gmeiner Memorial Football final match was played between the school team and staff team representing Tsongtsen House. School team won Gmeiner cake. In the afternoon, a cultural competition show by school children was staged in the Dr. Gmeiner Community hall between the four Houses. Trisong House bagged the overall trophy.

VISIT OF DELEGATES FROM SOS France

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gacon, Managing Director, SOS France



& team visited the Village on 6th July 2005 for three days.

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This year Tibetan National Democracy day is very special one. H.H. The 14th Dalai Lama visited the village and it is great privilege of Tibetan staying at Ladakh to have audience with him. His Holiness spend for one hour with the Tibetan Students, staff of the TCV and public of Tibetan

Settlement. His Holiness advised the masses to have good heart, to use the Democratic form of Govt. in a proper manner, understanding of practical religion in day to day life through discussion, debate and social service to the mankind specially the weaker section.

VISIT OF CBSE DELEGATES Mr. Ashok Ganguly

On 11th September 2005, Mr. Ashok Ganguly, Charman Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) visited the village and met the Village Director & Principal. Meeting of around 30 minutes is also held at the village director's office with the Class Xth teachers. He gave his opinion on the subject Science, Social Science & Mathematics and had close interaction with the teachers. He also visited the facilities that enjoyed by the children of this village.

VISIT OF KALON TRIPA (Prime minister of Govt. In Exile)

Chief Kalon, Samdong Rinpoche visited the village on 25th July 2005 and gave a long speech for about an hour on the "New education policy to be introduced in all the Tibetan Schools". At the end, the staff and students of TCV school were given chance to ask questions related to Tibet and Tibetan issue, modern and traditional system of education. In connection with the New Education Policy, our school village Director, Mr. Tsering Palden attended the Tibetan Heads of School's Conference Held at Dharamsala from May 14-17-05. This is organized by the Department of Education Dharamsala. Seventy two participants' viz. Directors, Principals, Rectors, Headmasters, Headmistresses and teacher representatives of Tibetan Schools in India, Nepal and Bhutan attended the conference. The meeting deliberated on three agenda items, namely

implementation of Basic Education Policy for Tibetan in exile; importance and need for specialised studies; and identifying problems and solution to improve general standard of education. The meeting was inaugurated by Kalon Tripa Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche. Kalon for Education Mr. Thupten Lungrig presided over the meeting which was also attended by the Education Director of our TCV Schools, Mr. Ngawang Dorjee & Head of TCV Schools. Sixteen resolutions were unanimously passed on the above agendas.

SILVER JUBILEE AT JHANGTHANG SCHOOLS

One significant event of this year is the Silver Jubilee celebration of our Jangthang branch schools. It was on 9th June 1980 that the then Officiating Director, Mr. Thupten Dorjee (present general secretary, TCV head office) formally inaugurated the village.

Unlike the one-day celebration previous year, this year we have



spent 2 days for celebration. i.e. June 9th & 10th 2005. Village managing committee members are specially invited to represent the TCV Ladakh on the occasion and the presidential speech from TCV Head Office is read out. Headmaster Hanley School has also organized literary contest between the TCV Ladakh branch schools (Class I to V). The contestant from all the branch schools was invited to mark the day. This was very successful and attended by all the branch schools. This is a big advantage and shows a good example to the children's of TCV Hanley. Cultural show by the staff & students, Dance, March passes & athletic meet played by the students of Hanley School is a main attraction of the 2 days. Finally, village Director, Mr. Tsering Palden thanked the students & staff for their hardwork and making this silver jubilee very memorable one.

Looking back through the years we have come a long way in the service of childcare and education not only to Tibetan children but also to local children. With the blessings of His Holiness the Dalai lama, unconditional support of our friends and of course the co-workers who have all played a very important part in the growth and development of the needy children.

30th Founding Anniversary TCV, Ladakh.

12th September 2005 is a special day for the children and co-workers at TCV School, Ladakh. This year the 30th Founding Anniversary was celebrated in the presence of Mr. Bansi Lal Kaul, Zonal Education Officer, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council as the chief



Ms. E.Gaul inaugurating 2 New Hostels

guest for the occasion. The Chief representative of the Sonamling settlement and many other local dignitaries including school principals and headmasters also attended the function. A special event of the day is inaugural of two new hostels. In this connection, Ms. E.Gaul, sponsor accompanied by Mr. Dawa T. Dawa,



purchasing & PRO Head Office inaugurated the hostel. This is one of the biggest projects of the village for the year 2003 to 04 and dreams of 150 students' accommodations became success this year. Children really felt it meaningful. Now the village management committee hoped for a better result next year.

SCIENCE DAY:-

As per resolution passed in 20th EDCM, Senior Section Science Department observed 12th October 2005 as science day. On this very day children were given chance to exhibit their hidden talent by preparing Science working models, beautiful charts and presented talk on different topics related to Science, teachers and administrator extended their helping hand to make the day

meaningful.

Tibet Our Country Day:-

Unlike the year before, this year Tibet our Country Day project is very special one. *The main Topic of the Project is focus on the Autobiography of His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, His great contribution to make world a better place to live in His efforts to make people of the world peaceful, kind and helpful to others.* His

great teachings & books written by him, lineage of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and most importantly, awards conferred to His Holiness the Dalai Lama by different countries of the world. School spends one full month to know about the great leader of Tibet. Students took keen interest and participated in traditional dress computation, Sing-song competition, speech competition and Village has arranged typical traditional Tibetan food for all the students of the village. Finally, the prizes were given to the best speaker, the best group song, and the best-dressed boy & girl.

VISITOR'S NOTE:-

We are now get in our heart and our mind the children of TCV and do everything to give them a future.

Gacon Micheal, Managing Director SOS KDI France.

Very impressed by this biggest SOS Children's Village of the world. Tibetan education and culture is really present everywhere. Congratulations for this team effort and works.

Frederique Lecuyer, SOS France.

One of the biggest SOS Village we have ever visited, well organised, very impressive! We wish you all the best for your important task.

Dr. Jutta Stefan-Bastl, Ambassador of Austria.

It was a pleasure to visit the project & know how they function. Thanks to everyone who helped us and visiting the camps gave a good understanding of the refugees arriving. Thanks in keeping us doing well.

Shubha Murthi, SOS-KDI, Asia Office