



Tibetan SOS Children's Village,
Choglamsar, Leh Ladakh, J & K India



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News Better 2004

WINTER EXCURSION:- From 15th to 18th Jan. '04, we have arranged four days adventurous trip for the homeless, poorest orphan and destitute children who are fully dependent on TCV School to a well-known place called Hanu and Sham. These places are known for its rich cultural heritage and the inhabitant are believed to be pure Aryan race. While passing the high mountains, students enjoyed short tracks and Skating on the river Indus. Children got opportunity to visit some of the Buddhist monasteries like Rizong, Alchi, Lamayuru and Tingmosgang. Children really enjoyed the trip.

SPECIAL TUITION FOR THE JANGHANG CHILDREN:- Normally, children who have passed class V from Jangthang Hanley School are brought to the main TCV School at Choglamsar, in the first week of March. However, this year, we have brought them to Choglsmar on 1st of Feb. '04 and arranged a special coaching in the subject; English, Math & Tibetan for one month with the aim to uplift the standard of these children as par with their counter parts when they join class VI at Choglamsar in the coming academic session. This special class has been found beneficial to the children.

2131 TIBETAN WOOD MONKEY LOSAR (New Year) Tibetan wood monkey Losar (New year) was celebrated with full zest and enthusiasm. The school hall, home & hostels have been decorated in traditional Tibetan style. Losar gifts were distributed among the children who are confined to the village even during holidays. On 19th Feb. '04 children and staff of the village had a traditional gathering and said prayer for the peace, prosperity and well being of every sentient beings. On 22nd Feb. '04, local guests who are friends of Tibet, supporters of Tibet and well-wishers of Tibet were invited for a simple dinner.

SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY 1st March '04:- Since this is the very first day of the academic session of the year 2004, all the members of SOS TCV greeted each other and had a formal gathering. Village Director, welcomed all

the children & staff for the new academic session followed by the speeches of the Principal and Headmasters regarding the duties of respective staff. Later, the new school prefects & new in-charges were introduced to the audience and offered scarves. At the end, the Village Director stressed that all the children and staff of SOS TCV, Ladakh to perform their duties with utmost dedication and sincerity and wished all to have a successful academic and productive year.

NEW ADMISSION:- Besides giving compulsory and free education to the Tibetan refugee students, the number of local Ladakhi children seeking admission is also in the increase every year. The school give preference to accommodate orphan & poor Ladakhi children from the far-flung areas of Changthang, Nubra, Sham, sKargil & Zaskar areas etc. These places are really very remote where there is no proper roads, electricity and modern educational facilities.

WORLD HEALTH DAY 7TH April '04:- For a healthy environment and to give awareness to the students on the importance of health, school health department organized programmes during World Health Day on 7th April 2004. Dr. Tsering Norbu (Physician Specialist) was invited as the resource person. He gave health educational talks to the children & Staff of the Village. He focused his talk on the following 3 points:-

- Introduction of world health day and slogan for the year "Safety Road".
- Prevention and prophylactic management of the impending 3 diseases like B.P, DM, CVS Stroke, Obesity, STD, HIV Aids and CAs etc.
- The future plan of LIPI in different School.

TNSA FOOTBALL Team. Tibetan National Sports Association (TNSA) preliminarily, selected three players (Master Rinzin Dorjee, Master Tenzin Dorjee & Master Tenzin Lobsang) all, 10 years of age for the forth-coming tour to Sweden from this school. This tour is scheduled for the year 2005. Children and Staff felt privileged and honoured.

COMPUTER FACILITY FOR THE CHILDREN:-

Another goods news is that our long cherished dream project of giving computer education to the children of TCV Ladakh has materialized this year. The school has opened a computer lab with 30 Desktop computers. The children from Class VI and above are getting opportunity to learn basic computer skill.

SOS DAY 23RD June '04:- On this very special day, Dr. Hermann Gmeiner memorial football final match was played between the school team and staff team to remember the kind deeds of our great founding father of SOS Dr. Hermann Gmeiner who is known for the motto "Other's Before Self" in true sense. In the evening the games committee of our school has organized the inter house cultural competition. Songtsen House bagged the first position.

29TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY:- On 12TH September, this institution, TCV Ladakh has completed its 29th year of service to the poor and needy children. Chief Guest Shri. Rigzin Spalbar (Chief Executive Councilor, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council) Leh joined the day with other 150 dignitaries. The programme started with the junior section singsong and senior section callisthenic display. The day also coincided with the 23rd Inter House Athletics meet. After the presentation of the brief report on the History of the Village/School by the village Director, the guest of honour declared the meet open. The guest of honour distributed the championship trophies before the closing ceremony.

TIBET OUR COUNTRY DAY:- This is one of the most important projects that the children have to participate every year. All the children and teachers of main as well as the branch schools worked hard through out one month period and final day was observed in their respective schools on 22nd at TCV Ladakh Branch schools and 23rd October 04 at main school. Students decorated the school hall with the children's creative model and writings relating

to Tibetan way of life, culture, religion, history of Tibet. The books on Tibet and different kinds of food of Tibet were displayed. This year's project was very successful one. The entire staff member and the children came to school in traditional Tibetan dress. Three students were selected for the best traditional dress and given prizes. Staff with best dress was also selected. Unlike the previous year, in the afternoon, a panel discussion on topic Identity of future Tibet was organized.

PROJECTS:-

New Hostels:- In order to accommodate more orphan, poor and needy children in the residential school, the school is happy to inform all the well-wishers that two hostels; boys hostel & girls hostel will be completing next year. There are 15 rooms in the boy's hostel, which can house 50 boys, and 100 girls more in 25 rooms in the girl's hostel. We are hopeful of better result next year by taking the 150 Class IX & X days scholars in the hostels.

Solar Water System:- School has a project of installation of solar water heating project in all the homes and hostels so that the residential children in the village will have warm water facilities in bathing, cleaning dishes and washing clothes in the extremely cold winter in which the temperature goes deep down to -30. This project will complete by next year.

WORK SHOPS:- Under the auspices of TCV Head Office, mothers training center organized a training to our home mothers. The TCV mothers trainer accompanied by a senior nurse from TCV Head Office conducted the week-long intensive training. The mothers of this village felt that it is very useful and mothers were able to bring about some good changes in their daily work in caring the children under their charges.

VISITOR'S:- EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S

VISIT: Mr. Ngawang Dorjee, Education Director of TCV's visited SOS TCV Ladakh to see the ongoing

"student centered teaching learning process". He held meeting with the teaching staff and had open discussion to refine the quality of education. He had close interaction with the students & the teaching staff of our village and exchanges the ideas. His visit to our Schools, including Changthang schools was found to be successful and beneficial.

MR. TSEWANG YESHI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S VISIT:-

Mr. Tsewang Yeshe, had paid kind visit to TCV Ladakh from August 18th to Sept. 5th '04. During his sojourn he was able to visit and spend time in all the branches including 3 schools on the remote and inhospitable Indo-Tibetan boarder and boosted the moral of the staff working there. He stressed the need to love and educate the children of Jhangthang in such a way so that they could become good and contributing citizens of future Tibet.

Our Village has been able to make considerable progress in the last many years in all the spheres in many aspects of care for the children. This has been possible because of the kind help and support from all our sponsors and the good work that 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 TCV, Ladakh take this opportunity to extend our most grateful thanks to all of you - Our sponsors and our President.

*Wish You A Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*



Dawa Thondup Nawa
DIRECTOR