

CTRC Update

“Newsletter of H. H. the Dalai Lama’s Central Tibetan Relief Committee”

About CTRC

His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s Central Tibetan Relief Committee, the relief wing of the Department of Home, Central Tibetan Administration is a legally registered Charitable and Development organisation working mainly for the welfare and sustainable socio-economic development of the Tibetan exile community particularly those living in India, Nepal and Bhutan.

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IXth Annual Cooperative Development Conference of 15 Tibetan Cooperatives

The IXth annual cooperative development conference of 15 Tibetan cooperatives in India was organized by the Department of Home under coordination with Federation of Tibetan Cooperatives in India Ltd (FTCI) Bangalore from 1 - 3 August 2009 at Rabgayling Tibetan Settlement, Hunsur. On the opening ceremony of the conference, Hon’ble shri Putta Raju, Additional Registrar of Karnataka State Cooperative Societies has invited as Chief Guest of the day along with Joint Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Mysore and Assistant Registrar, Hunsur. Hon’ble Mrs. Tsering Youdon, Member of Tibetan Parliament in-Exile of Hunsur constituency was also being invited for the guest of honor of the day. Mr. Pema Delek, Chairman of FTCI welcome chief guest and all the dignitaries to grace the conference and simultaneously offered a letter of requisition address to the State Minister for Agriculture and Cooperative Department through Chief Guest for consideration. Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Secretary, Department of Home, Central Tibetan Administration has delivered a key note address and highlighted the over all vision of His Holiness the Dalai Lama towards formerly registration of Tibetan cooperatives under various state cooperative act & rules and their present working status in general. With this he also highlighted on a policy framed by the Central Tibetan Administration towards revitalization of Tibetan cooperatives since 2002 and steps being undertaken to create autonomous body corporate governed by share members.



Inauguration of IXth Annual Cooperative Development Conference at Hunsur



Glance of the conference

Chief Guest of the day shri Putta Raju, Additional Registrar has extended his gratitude for inviting him in this conference and he wishes for the success of this conference by and large he also delivered a brief speech about the observation of Tibetan cooperatives specially located within Karnataka State. He appreciated the working status of these Tibetan cooperatives and assured for any possible assistance from the State Cooperative Department such as approval of subsidies, agriculture credit loan from District Central Cooperative Bank and Loan Interest subsidies etc. On the other hand he also assured for possible recommendation of all the content in the letter of appeal for consideration by the State Government. After departure of all the dignitaries, conference started with presentation of annual report and account statement from all the cooperatives similarly questionair and discussion. Unlike the past conference, this time it is found that except Sonada and Ravangla all other cooperatives are under Net Profit in the year ended 31/3/2009. The conference was successfully wrapped up with drafting of 6 point resolutions to be implemented in the years to come and finalization of Xth annual cooperative conference to be hosted by Dickyi Larsoe Tibetan Settlement in the year 2010.



Activities carried out by Agriculture Division

Completion of ORTC Training Hall

The Secretary of Home Department, Mr. Ngodup Dorjee has inaugurated the new building of Organic Research and Training Centre on 31st July 2009 followed by traditional prayer, offering scarf and distribute sweet rice and butter tea. During the inauguration ceremony, Settlement Officer of Delar & lugsam, head of Sera monastery, Local camp leaders were invited. Coincidentally all the Agricultural Extension Officers were also present because of organic workshop on the following days. The Project was funded by Belgium Government through Tibet House Trust London. With this 6 days training cum refresher course to all 12 different Settlement AEOs were conducted and the topics covered such as 1) Land measurement & Water Shed Management; 2) Dairy farm management; 3) Horticulture; 4) Orientation on certification of farmer groups; 5) Project report writing and documentation.



Inauguration of ORTC by Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Secretary

Food Processing Unit Completed at Kollegal Settlement

With the help of Belgium government grant (DGDC), machineries for food processing unit at Kollegal is properly installed in the month of July 2009. Within five months, the unit is able to process Millets flour & Destoning, Cow pea grading, Millets polishing. and appointed one separate staff as in charge of the processing unit. Till now they procured paddy, Soya bean, mustard, buck wheat, cow pea and Niger from farmers and it is running smoothly.



Pongamia Nursery

Pongamia energy farming funded by Himalayan Institution, Pennsylvania

This project is an initiative of the Himalayan Institute under coordination with Department of Home CTA and consider as pilot project on 50 acres of land at Rabgayling Settlement where it is estimated 200 pongamia pinnata trees will be planted on each acre of Land. The project has also created nursery before actual plantation take place in the target area. The objective of this pilot project is to convert for pongamia cake which ultimately utilise for soil nutrients and bio Vedic farming techniques which support for community development and environment regeneration. This project aim to expand gradually within other Tibetan settlement and encourage farmers to undertake same methods to minimise waste land in the settlement.



Land Preparing for Organic Farming at Hunsur

Water pump installed at AEO Demonstration Farm

As per grant received from the Belgium government (DGDC), an irrigation pump has installed to drill water from near by pond for AEO demo farm at Bhandara. The main objective is to cultivate maximum crops in a year with the help of irrigation facility from the pond. A pump, pipe and ground digging pipe has provided from this project.

Organic Farming Project for the Year 2009-2010

This year organic Farming project is implementing in six different Tibetan Settlement such as Kollegal, Orissa, Mainpat, Hunsur, Purang camp & Miao with help of Belgium Government (DGDC) and Verien Tibet, Switzerland. Through this project farmers were provided Farmacyard manure, Vermi compost, Neemcake etc. according to crop pattern submitted by individual Farmers through Settlement Office.



Organic Farming at Mundgod

Crop Diversification

Crop diversification is practicing in Tezu Settlement due to excessive waste land located around 2-3 Kms. across the village river. The main aim of this project is to convert green land by cultivating cash crop which grows easily and consume less water. Therefore Areca nut plant has found most suitable cash crop in the area and planted in about 3 acres of Land (750 Saplings) surrounded & intercropped by Bamboo which is also famous plant. This project is supported by Belgium Government grant (DGDC) and supervised by Tibetan Multi-purpose Co-operative society.



Arecanut Cultivation at Tezu



Staff Updates: We cordially welcome the new comers and bid farewell to the outgoing staffs

A. New Comers

1. Mr. Karma Damdul, Dy. Sec. of Finance Department was transferred to Mainpat as Settlement Officer w.e.f. 26/6/2009
2. Mr. Tsering Wangyal, was newly appointed as office secretary of Boudha & Jorpati on contractual basis w.e.f. 15/6/2009
3. Ms. Tsering Chonzom, Deputy Secretary was newly appointed to Department of Home, Dharamsala w.e.f. 13/8/2009
4. Mr. Tenzin Yeshe, Under Secy. was newly appointed as PRO of Settlement Office, Dharamsala w.e.f. 5/8/2009
5. Mr. Tenzi Jigdak, Asst. Office Secy. was newly appointed as Office Secy. cum Accountant of S.O, Kalimpong w.e.f. 17/8/2009
6. Mr. Tenzin Gedun, Assistant Office Secretary was newly appointed to Department of Home, Dharamsala w.e.f. 18/08/2009
7. Ms. Sithar Mingyur, Junior Clerk was newly appointed to Department of Home, Dharamsala w.e.f. 14/08/2009
8. Mr. Tenzin Tseten, Asst. Office Secy. of Finance Department was transferred to Bhandara as Office Secy. w.e.f. 5/8/2009
9. Mr. Bhu Rinchen, Office Suprtd. of Health Department was transferred to Miao as Office Secretary w.e.f. 5/8/2009
10. Mr. Tenzin Ngodup, Deputy Secretary was returned from fulbright studies and appointed as S. Officer of Simla w.e.f. 6/8/09

B. Outgoing Staffs

1. Mrs. Dolkar, Peon of Department of Home has been transferred to Department of Security w.e.f. 15/05/2009
2. Mr. Sonam Tsering, Under Secy. of Settlement Office, Dharamsala has resigned from the service w.e.f. 1/5/2009
3. Ms. Pema Lhazom, Sect. Officer and Settlement Officer of Mandi has resigned from the service w.e.f. 15/5/2009
4. Mr. Lobsang Choejor, Deputy. Secy. and Settlement Officer of Mainpat has taken one year leave w.e.f. 1/8/2009
5. Mr. Kalsang Tsering, Jt. Secy. and S. O. of Darjeeling has taken volunteer retirement from the service w.e.f. 15/7/2009
6. Mr. Tenzin Legdup, Dy. Secy. & Chief Accountant of Home Department has taken two years leave w.e.f. 26/8/2009
7. Mr. Ngawang Yonten, Deputy Secretary & Settlement Officer of Simla has taken one year leave w.e.f. 15/9/2009
8. Mr. Tsering Wangdue, Assistant. Office Secy. of Bhandara has transferred to Finance Department w.e.f. 5/8/2009
9. Mr. Tamdin Choephel, Under Secy. & Settlement Officer of Delhi has been transferred to DIIR w.e.f. 1/9/2009

C. Internal Transfer

1. Mr. Thupten Tsering, Sect. Officer & Secretary of Coop. Society Tezu has been transferred Home Department w.e.f. 10/9/2009
2. Mr. Tenzin Dhonden, Office Suptd. & Office Secy. cum Acct. of Kalimpong has been transferred to Darjeeling w.e.f. 20/8/2009
3. Mr. Lekyi Dorjee, Dy. Secretary & Settlement Officer of Tengang has been transferred to Majnu ka Tilla, Delhi w.e.f. 21/8/9

CTRC's Visitor Update:

S/N	Name	Organisation	Date
1.	Mr. Pradeep Upadhyay Finanvial Officer	CRS, Lucknow	15/June/2009
2.	Mr. Martin Girandon	AET, France	5/August/2009



3.	Ms. Debbie Carrani (President) & Ms. Serica Ganito (Assistant)	Vimala Association Italy	27/August/2009
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Profile of Dhondenling Old People's Home, Kollegal:

Background:

With the kind initiative of Venerable Dzogchen Rinpoche and generous support of Chindak E.V. a charitable organization in Germany, Dhondenling Old People's Home was established in July 2000 and later handed over to Office of the Representative, Dhondenling Tibetan Settlement, Kollegal.

At present there are 30 elders (14 males and 16 females) staying in this home. The Home has 16 rooms, one Office, one kitchen and one prayer hall cum dining hall. It has also a small pond in the middle of compound, one prayer wheel temple and a small kitchen garden which supplements green and fresh vegetables.

General routines of elder at the Old People's Home:

Except sick and bed ridden elders, all rise up at 5 a.m in the morning and recite prayers and go to circumambulate the prayer wheel temple. They have a mass prayer from 9.00 am to 10.30 in the morning and 5.00p.m to 6.00pm in the evening. During leisure many lend their helping hand in the kitchen garden and cleaning the surrounding areas. Special prayers are hold on the occasion of H.H the Dalai Lama's birth day, Lord Buddha's birth day and Zamling Chisang (Universal Prayer day).

Facilities at the Old People's Home:

All the elders in the home were provided with free medical care, clothing and food. There are 5 staff members looking after them. A Tibetan Doctor from branch clinic of Men-tse-khang is visiting the OPH twice a month. Allopathic hospital of the settlement is just a walking distance from the OPH. In case of emergency they are referred to hospital in kollegal town and Mysore city.

Yearly Budget:

The home runs on an approximately budget of Rs. 8 lakhs per year and main source of recurring expenditures are money received from elders's individual sponsors and generous financial assistance from Chindak e.v.-a charitable organization in Germany.

Current need and Problems:

- Funds needed for one Solar water Heater.
- Funds needed for one Solar Street Light.
- Funds needed for water filter.
- Funds needed for renovation of OPH roof.

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Inner View of OPH



Fish Pond inside OPH



Prayer Hall

Workshop on Sustainable Development of Tibetan Settlement by Strengthening Cooperative Societies, Auroville

The workshop on sustainable development of Tibetan settlement by strengthening Cooperative Societies is organized by Tibetan Parliamentary and Policy Research Centre, New Delhi, under coordination with Department of Home, CTA and Federation of Tibetan Co-operatives in India Ltd. Bangalore from 10 - 16 May 2009. This workshop is organized at Auroville which is located about 10 Kms north of Pondicherry town and 150 Kms south of Madras. President, Secretary, Accountant and 1 Board of Director each from 15 Tibetan cooperatives in India has participated in this program. On 11th morning, Mr. Choekyong Wangchuk, Executive Director, TPPRC and Member of Tibetan Parliament in-exile has highlighted aim & objective of this workshop and reason behind to conduct this workshop at Auroville. Thereafter Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Secretary of Department of Home has also highlighted on important of this workshop and requested for cooperation from participants and finally extended heartfelt thanks to TPPRC and FNF, Germany for funding. Due to extreme temperature in the area experts were invited for presentation in the morning session and in the afternoon participants were taken to field visit and in the evening after dinner, movies on Auroville & visit of His Holiness were shown to participants. The topic covered during this workshop are a) Sustainable technologies and small scale industries; b) Solid waste management and land management; c) Creativity in crafts and Organic farming; d) Waste water recycling and afforestation etc.

On 13th afternoon session, Dr. Kunchok Tsundu of Planning Commission has provided refreshment course on Project Cycle Management and Proposal writing. On 15th afternoon, Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Secretary, Department of Home and dealing staff has provided refreshing course on budget control and importance behind the mandatory of budget preparation. On 16th early morning participants were departed to Chennai (Madras) for short presentation on TFSC (TANSTIA - FNF SERVICE CENTRE) followed by visit to successful small and medium enterprises and exposure to different product profiles of TFSC for fresh business ideas. This workshop enriched and enhanced the knowledge of participants and found high scope to undertake new enterprise and to diversify their present mode of business in the years to come, specially to those cooperatives who has well equipped infrastructures.



Participant of Workshop in Auroville



Inaugural speech by Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Secretary, DoH

“90th Birthday Anniversary of Ama Wager”

Ama Wager la, as it is dearly and fondly called by Tibetans in exile, is celebrating her 90th birthday this year. On this momentous event, His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Central Tibetan Relief Committee wishes her the warmest birthday ever. We would like to take this opportunity to convey our deep heartfelt gratitude for the amount of sacrifice and selfless services she dedicated to our community.

Ama la had long and special enduring relation with CTRC. She has worked for nearly 30 years. During that long stint she remain totally committed to her work in uplifting the basic living standard of poor and downtrodden people of our society. Broadly, she has played an instrumental role in the development of our core sectors like education and health by sponsoring children's education and providing necessary support and stipend for the poor and needy elders. It is however very sad to learn that she is retiring from the office this year. We would therefore immensely miss the opportunity to contact her personally and revere and relish her undying love and affection. But we are also equally gratified by the services of Mr. Manfred Ochudlo and his colleague who are working in the Ama la's office for their unrelenting support and dedication for the cause of very poor and downtrodden people of our society. At the same time we would like to convey our heartfelt good wishes to Mrs. Hedei Meyer as a newly appointed Chairwoman of the German Aid to Tibetans. Finally, we wish Ama la all the very best and pray for her long and prosperous life ahead.



Mrs. Irmtraut Wager



YES Activity Report from May to August 2009

1. Selection of Skill Trainees for the Year 2009-10: We have received a total of 199 training applications for 12 different disciplines of training courses at ISTL, Bangalore & Dharamsala from 25 different Tibetan settlements of India. Due to huge number of applicants this year, we have selected 55 for the Ist batch, 33 for the IInd & 18 as wait listed candidates, which adds up to a total of 106 trainees as selected for the year 2009-10. The first batch started in the month of June & the next will start in Dec. 2009

2. Counseling by DoE Counselor: The Counseling session was conducted by Mr. Jamyang Wangyal, South Zone Counselor of DoE from 10th to 12th June 2009 for 3 days & the topics covered were Self Understanding, Attitude, Goal Setting, Interview skills, Motivation, Understanding their chosen trade, Peer Pressure, Self Esteem, Group discussion and Presentation. After discussing on above topics, different groups were formed & were assigned to make presentation by each group. Through this method, they were able to get better understanding & knowledge of the subject matter discussed. This was followed by group interaction game participated by all the 45 participants Three days session went smoothly with active participation of the trainees & still few did counseled individually.

3. Beauty care Product demonstration: For the benefit of our Beautician and Hairdressing trainees, we provide them with the proper knowledge/usage of different Beauty care products and its content to get first hand knowledge of the products by inviting technical personnel from various Beauty care products manufacturing companies from time to time. On 29th June 2009 a technician from ALA Natural (A Skin and Hair care products) conducted a Beauty care product information seminar & they also taught them how to treat a pimply skin, relaxing Pedicure & Manicure, Hair fall and Dandruff treatments with practical demonstrations.

4. Youth Empowerment Workshop: As request made to Tibetan Centre for Conflict Resolution (TCCR). The Youth Empowerment workshop was conducted by TCCR at ISTL Neelamangala for the Ist batch trainees of the year 2009-10 from 16th to 19th of Aug. 2009. This Workshop has been one of our endeavor to achieve the mission of bringing forth a more understanding and co-operative breed of youngsters who would know the basics of Conflict Understanding, Active listening, Conflict escalation, Opening & blocking language, Handling conflict situations and also to realize the importance of good communication. Besides, an introduction on the structure & functioning of Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) or Tibetan Government in Exile (TGIE) was also included in the same. Two teams were formed with a pair of two trainers for each group. There is an almost equal ratio of boys and girls with a total of fifty-three trainees participating in the workshop. 'Fun with learning' has been the main method of training and this has been very helpful in successful running of the workshops and in not making them monotonous and boring. We believe in active participation and so apart from the teaching, games were played to refresh their minds and also to energize them. These games also gave them a reason to think. The purpose was to make the participants know each other better and learn in the process. This workshop has not only proved helpful in many ways, but also interesting & entertaining to the young minds.

5. Introductory teaching on Tibetan Buddhism: Our trainees had a special spiritual journey to the Tibetan settlement of Bylakuppe, when His Eminence Sakya Trizin (Head of the Sakya lineage of Tibetan Buddhism) was on a visit to the settlement. During which, Tibetan community of Bangalore city made a special teaching request on the basic tenets of Buddhism, which was held at TCV school auditorium on Aug. 2, 2009. The Institute made a special arrangement of vehicles for all the trainees to attend this important teaching at Bylakuppe. The teaching touched on fundamentals of Buddhist concepts of Taking Refuge in Buddha Dharma, Cause & Effect, Ability to differentiate consciously between the dos & don'ts of these concepts. Present status of Tibetan Buddhism.



Career Counselling to Youth by Mr. Jamyang Wangyal



Beauty Care Product Demonstration by ALA Natural



Youth Empowerment Workshop provided by Tibetan Centre for Conflict Resolution



His Eminence Sakya Trizin Rinpoche

Staff Quarter Construction Project Completed:

Existing staff quarter of Kamrao and Lakhanwala Tibetan settlements were several decades old and staff staying in the quarter have been feeling insecurity and feel uncomfortable and homely with their family members. During extreme seasons of rainy and winter, staff faced various problems of cold winter wind and rain water getting into the rooms; hearing of chirping sound of night birds and insects and disturbing sound of barking dogs make staff almost impossible to stay in. As the settlement officer and office secretary were Central Tibetan Administration staff who are transferred, assigned and deputed to look after the welfare of the people of settlement; they come with their family members and stay in the settlement through out their term. So, having a safe and secure staff quarters for the settlement office staffs were felt very much needed and lineage of settlement officers have been insistently proposing to have a new staff quarter built to give them a normal living arrangement to help them give necessary living facilities to rest after office hours and give their family a homely comfort.

Both the projects on construction of new staff quarters at Lakhanwala and kamrao are now completed and the staff and families are already shifted to the newly constructed quarter. Now the staff and their families have more safe and comfortable to stay in. The new staff quarter is located just within the safe boundaries of Settlement Office. This will not just enhance staff to easy access to the main office but also enable them to perform services needing emergency attention to the local people on time. The project also helps in safeguard from entering any outsiders into the premises. Both the new staff quarter construction are funded by **E.C.H. Eversdijk Smulders Stichting, The Netherlands and The Tibet Fund, USA**. On behalf of both the settlements, Central Tibetan Relief Committee (CTRC) would like to thank generous donors for the financial assistance and for their continued help and support.



Lakhanwala Staff Quarter



Kamrao Staff Quarter

Financial Statement

Particulars	Receipt	Particulars	Payment
ECH Eversdijk Smulders Stichting The Netherlands	635,593	Construction materials and supplies	1,050,861
Tibet Fund, New York	310,413	Transportation	14,251
CTRC, Department of Home(Advance)	669,450	Labour charge	351,569
Office contribution	34,563	Conveyance	3,259
		Door & Windows	53,542
		Plumping & Electrical	124,058
		Supervisor wages	22,000
		Engineer fees	10,400
		Travelling expenses	7,247
		Miscellaneous Expenses	10,367
		CTA administration charge	2,361
		Balance fund	104
Total	1,650,019	Total	1,650,019



HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Make donation to CTRC's General Fund.
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3. Sponsor needy and old person.
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Project Needing Fund

Purchase of Maize Sheling Machine, Tezu

Dhargayling Tibetan Settlement has a huge product of maize during summer crop season but it is time consumption for farmer to shell their maize for own consumption and for marketing through Cooperative Society, which provide good price for the product and safeguard from middlemen. To overcome from this problem it is very much needed a maize shelling machine in the area which could be under supervision of Cooperative Society and the machine could be hired on minimum charges for maintenance. The machine could encourage farmers to undertake cultivation of more crops in the future by saving their time. The project would cost 84,689.00 INR for a machine with equipments.

Purchase of Tractor, Tezu

The project aims to meet the requirement of farm equipment shortage in Dhargayling Tibetan Settlement, Tezu. The settlement has 5 camps and cultivating two crops in a year. But due to shortage of farm equipments farmers are compelled to quit one crop season. Farm equipments presently having with Cooperative society is almost 6-8 years old and due to non-availability of well known mechanic in the area facing difficult to repair to meet the demand of farmers during peak season. The project proposes to buy a tractor which would cost Rs. 550,000 including farm accessories.

Note: All the above projects are in need of funding for early implemetation. Those who are interested to contribute for any of above project may please contact us for further submission of project proposal and its budget details. Your kind contribution would be highly appreciated.

CTRC take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude & appreciation for your continuous support & well wishes. We wish you all the best and hope to retain your patronage. THANK YOU.

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