

CTRC Update

Newsletter of HH 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 particular those living in India, Nepal and Butan.

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6th annual Agriculture and Cooperative meeting, Leh, Ladakh:-

Central Tibetan Relief Committee organized its 6th annual Agriculture and Cooperative meeting at Sonamling Tibetan Settlement in Leh, Ladakh from 26th July to 1st August 2005. All the settlement officers and cooperative secretaries of 12 major agricultural settlements in India attended the meeting.

During the meeting Kalon Tripa and Home Secretary also participated and spoke about the need of action in the implementation of Kashag's policy on the sustainable development of the settlement. Each settlement officers and cooperative secretaries presented their report during the meeting. This meeting is sponsored by Italian NGO, Cooperazione Per Lo Sviluppo Dei Paesi Emergenti (COSPE).



Settlement officers and cooperative secretaries at Agriculture & Cooperative meetings

Mainpat & BTS Staff Quarter completion.

Mainpat & Bir Tibetan Society Staff quarter construction project was completed with grant of Rs. 1,933,389.00 from ECH Eversdijk Smulders Stichting, Belgium, Tibet Charity, Denmark & German Aid to Tibetans.

Crop Protection and Field Bunding Reconstruction Project completion:

Crop Protection Project at Kollegal of Rs. 2400,000/- and Field Bunding Reconstruction at Hunsur of Rs. 494800/- were completed. The projects were funded by NCA, Norway and SOIR-IM of Sweden.



Activities carried out by CTRC

Seminar on Organic Food For Public Food:-

On 17 October 2005, Agriculture Division of the Central Tibetan Relief Committee in collaboration with Health Department and Planning Commission have organized a seminar on “Organic Food for Public Health” at staff mess hall. Around 500 CTA staff attended the seminar.

During the seminar, Kalon Tripa, Professor Samdhong Rinpoche, presented a comprehensive talk on introduction of Kashag’s policy of organic and natural farming in the all the Tibetan agro-settlements. Dr. Vinod Bhatt, Deputy Director of Navdanya, Dehradun presented a talk on organic food for public health. Other speakers were Mr. Tenpa Samkhar, Secretary of the Department of Health and Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Head of the Agriculture Division, CTRC. After the meeting an organic lunch was served to all the staff.

Dhondenling Tibetan settlement, kollegal the model agriculture settlement:-



Kalon tripa blessing the land at Kollegal settlement

Dhondenling Tibetan model agriculture Settlement, Kollegal has began practicing total organic farming from April 2005 under the guidance of Bangalore based organic foundation - Sahaja Samrudha at Village no. C, of the settlement.

Every family of the village has constructed Nadep and Vermi compost in their backyards. Farmers have already started using compost in their farms. So far one family has installed rainwater harvesting and three biogas as an example for others and it has proven success. Several trainings and workshops on various organic practices like diverse cropping, soil and water conservation were conducted by inviting speakers from Green Foundation and Sahaja Samrudha from Bangalore.

Winter gift for the elders in Jampaling Old people’s home, Dharamsala.



elders of Jampaling Old People’s Home, Dhramsala

The special gift of sweater, towel and buckets were distributed to the each elders in Jampaling Old Peoples Home at Dharamsala. The gift were sponsored by German Aids To Tibetans, Munchen, Germany.

The sustainable Livelihood Program(SLP) in Tibetan settlements at Arunachal Pradesh:

The Sustainable Livelihood Programme (SLP) is being carried out in three Northeastern Tibetan settlement based in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The farmers of Miao Choephelling, Tezu Dhargyeling and Tenzingang are directly benefiting from this programme.

During the past six months farmers have received number of hands on training and workshop on compost making and diverse cropping pattern systems. Miao and Tezu settlements have developed the infrastructure of the settlement, which is aimed for the sustainable development of the cooperative societies. Whereas Tenzingang settlement has experimented different apple and kiwi trees in their nursery.



Dr. Dinesh Parek with farmers of Miao settlement at Yashowati Organic Farm, Tinsukia

The SLP of the three northeastern settlement is being funded by the Irish Development Cooperation (IDC) through Tibet House Trust, London and the programme was started in September 2004. The programme is successfully running through its second phase and the activities are continuing. Moreover, Mr. Lobsang Tsering, Programme Officer is visiting three Northeastern settlement from 1 January to 26 January 2006 for planning and development of the next phase of the project including solar energy building at Miao and milk processing unit at Tezu.

Youth Empowerment Support:

79 youths have successfully finished training on the following trades on 30.09.2005.

Sl.no.	Course Name	Male	Female	Total
1	Tailoring	2	16	18
2	Carpentry	9	0	9
3	Photography	2	0	2
4	Beautician	0	10	10
5	Auto Mechanic cum Driving	12	0	12
6	Multimedia	3	1	4
7	M.C.S.E 2003	1	0	1
8	Hardware and Networking	4	1	5
9	Computer Software	4	3	7
10	Organic Farming	2	0	2
11	Plumbing	2	0	2
12	Bakery	7	0	7
		48	31	79

Ongoing Skill Training:

60 youths are undergoing skill-training at ISTL, Bangalore, VTC, Dehradun and Tibetan Homes Foundation, Mussorie on 14 different trades/courses.

List of Trade of training are: Tailoring, Carpentry, Computer software, Hardware & Networking, Multimedia, Auto-mechanic cum Driving, Cookery, Beautician, Electronic, Bakery, Wireman/Electrician, Plumber, Modern Oil Painting and Thangka painting.

Catholic Relief Service program:

Month	Issues (kgs/Ltrs)		Actual Beneficiary
	Bulgur (kgs)	Oil (ltrs)	
June 2005	34087	3176	7085
July	73502	6916.40	16205
August	63706	7060.10	14612
September	52653	6107.90	11467
Total	223948	23257	49369

Staff Update:

- 1) Mr. Ngawang Dhondup Joint Secretary is appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Federation of Tibetan cooperatives in India.
- 2) Mr. Ngodup Gyaltzen Under Secretary is promoted as the Deputy Secretary.
- 3) Mr. Tsering Choephel is appointed as the Under Secretary to the CTRC.
- 4) Mr. Kunsang Dorji is appointed as the Under Secretary to the Youth Employment Scheme of Welfare Section.
- 5) Miss. Tseten Kalsang is appointed as the Under Secretary to the Administration Section.
- 6) Driver Lobsang Sherap is transferred to the Tibetan People's Deputies secretariat office.
- 7) Driver Migmar Tashi is transferred to Department of Home from Tibetan People's Deputies secretariat office.

Settlement Profile: Kunpheling Tibetan settlement was established in 1978. The Ministry of Home and Rehabilitation of the Government of India provided the necessary assistance to rehabilitate 1000 Tibetan refugees in the developing area in south Sikkim. A total of 600 acre of land has been sanctioned for the settlement, of which 300 acres were initially given to the settlement Officer.

Location: This settlement is situated at Ravangla 66 Kms from Namchi dzong, South Sikkim.

Conveyance/Communication.

Nearest railway station: NJP Around 167 km

Nearest airport : NJP (Around 167 km)

Communication: Telephone:+91-03595-260839

Settlement Population:

Initial population :814

Present Population:1089

Altitude, Temperature and Rainfall.

The altitude of place is about 2134 meter above sea level with an average temperature of 20.43 degrees Centigrade .

Livelihood.

Most of the original families have a small piece of agricultural land for their living. Besides agricultural, the settlers are engaged in carpet weaving at Settlement carpet weaving center.

Setup.

The settlement office is the principle post and only representative of the Department of Home, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Dharamsala. The settlement officer is the charge with overall control of running affairs and the welfare of the settlement people. This settlement diversified into seven village with average of 45 family in each village.

Facilities.

School: 1 primary school up to class 8th std.& 1 crèches

Health: Branch of modern allopathic dispensary & Tibetan traditional medical center.

Monastery: One monastery.

Co-operative Society: The settlement has a Multipurpose Co-operative Society Registered under the Indian Co-operative Societies Act 1970. The Co-operative Society provide necessary services under the following different section to meet the need of the settlers.

Fair Price shop

Carpet Center

Workshop

Restaurant

Guest house

Contact Address:

Representative

Kunpheling Tibetan Settlement

P.O. Ravangla, Distt. Namchi

South Sikkim-737134



HOW YOU CAN HELP.

1. Make donatiion to CTRC's General Fund.
2. Give project-specific donations.
3. Sponsor needy and old person.
4. Volunteer for transfer of technology and expertise.
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Projects needing Fund

Model organic settlement, Kollegal

Under the revitalization program of agriculture practices through organic farming, which is more "sustainable and environmental friendly", Kollegal settlement has been selected to be converted as a model organic settlement. The total fund required for this initial program (2005-2006) is Rs. 4700664/- and sum of Rs. 2473158/- is still needed to cover the program.

Rehabilitation of Retired CTA staff

This project is to provide residential quarter for the retired staff of Central Tibetan Administration who have been never given any rehabilitation facilities in the four decades of their life in exile in India. The total cost of the project is Rs. 11,100,000/- and as for the 1st phase of project we need Rs. 4147915/- (USD 96463/-).

Rehabilitation of 114 families at Dehradun, Uttaranchal

To provide modest shelter of one room, kitchen and bathroom cum toilet for 114 families. The total cost of the project is 30,000,000 and we have secured fund of 5,600,000 but still 24,400,000 to implement the project. (US\$ 3,000 per home)

Construction of Community hall, Ladakh

The project proposes to construct a Community hall for the settlers at Ladakh. An absence of community hall is strongly felt by the settlers and the representative in effect, whenever the Ladakh nomads have to assemble for any kind of meetings, public functions and cultural events. The total fund requested for this project is Rs.. 900,000/-.

Ladakh Housing Renovation

The project proposes to renovate 236 houses of the resident of Tibetan refugee settlement in Ladakh. The total cost of the project is Rs. 3,540,000/-. If anyone is interested in sponsoring one or more homes, it will cost USD 355 per home.

River Bank Gabion Wall Construction, Lo-Tserog – Mustang

Tibetan settlement at Lo-Tserong in Mustang, Nepal, has been under the threat of the river for the last many years. The total budget for this project is Rs. 319,150/- and it is highly felt by the settlement officer and the settlers the need to build gabion wall along the bank of the river so that the threat of river encroach on the settlement could be prevented in the years ahead.

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

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