

# CTRC Update



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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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## Calamities caused by cloudburst at Ladakh



Agriculture land and Irrigation canal destroyed by flood

From 11 to 15 August 2006, Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Additional Secretary to CTRC paid an emergency visit to Sonamling Tibetan Settlement in Ladakh to assess the dimension of damages caused by flood in the settlement area. Continuous torrential rainfall and cloud burst from July 31 to August 6, 2006 has caused extensive damages to roads, bridges and dwelling place in the region. This unusual cloudburst which caused flood particular in Agling Tibetan camp no 8 & 9 damages houses, properties, irrigation canal and destroyed the monastery of the camp. Further many more houses have roof leakage due to continuous rainfall. A total of 21 Karnal (2 acres) of agricultural land has been turned into raven and filled with rocks and sand carried by flood water.

## Cooperative Members Training for all the settlement

On the basis of CTRC's cooperative principles, trainings for the members at grassroots



Cooperative members training at lugsum,

level is most essential for strengthening and development of our cooperative institutions. Hence, under the project budget of Rs. 900,000.00 for the year 2006-07 funded by Belgian Foreign Ministry, through Office of Tibet Switzerland. Trainings were provided in June 2006 for the members at respective settlements with own resource person who were trained from Regional Institute of Cooperative Management, Bangalore last year.

The trainings were held for two days in each camp of the settlements and topic covered mainly on members' participation, importance of cooperative institution, genesis of cooperative, cooperative movement in Tibetan community, members' rights and duties, management of cooperative, its acts, rules and byelaws etc. Feedback received after the training from the participants were encouraging, responses good attendance of members and all the participant members learnt lots on the cooperative institution, hence requested for more of such trainings in the future.

## Activities carried out by CTRC

### Low cost traditional cold storage at Tenzingang

Mr. Chimey Rigzen, Joint Secretary of the Department of Home visited Tenzingang Tibetan settlement from July 25 to August 5, 2006 for the feasibility study of the low cost traditional cold storage facility at the settlement. On 18th September 2006 the tour reports was presented with sketches of the cold storage before Kalon Tripa, Prof. Samdong Rinpoche. Kalon Tripa Prof. Samdong Rinpoche has suggested changes in roof pattern of the cold storage in conical shape and same has been directed to the local project officer. The actual implementation will begin in the month of November 2006. The budget for the construction of traditional cold storage is Rs. 20,00,00.00 and it is supported by Development Cooperation of Ireland through Office of Tibet, London.

### (YES) Training Program

Every year CTRC's Youth Empowement Support Program (YES) conducts two batches of different skill training at the Institute for Small Trade Learning, Neelamanglam, Bangaluroo (Banglore) .



This year's first batch of 51 unemployed youths had completed their six months training (April 2006 to September 2006) and all of these trainees return back to their respective settlements to carry on their work with different trade skills they received from ISTI, Neelamanglam. From October 2006 the second batches of approximately 70 youths will begin their different skill training from ISTI, Neelamanglam. Since from 1997 we have provided training to 640 youths on 31 different trade skills and out of which 328 were female and 312 males. Thus women have taken equal participation in this skill-training program of CTRC.

### CTRC's Loan Program

During the past six months 10 youths were provided revolving loan fund (RLF) to start and run small business enterprises and 18 more were already selected. They are under documentation and the loan will be released as soon as their documentations are completed. So far we have issued loan for 100 youths, out of which 60 have already recovered the loan within the given loan period. 40 loan seekers are on loan and the repayments are also made according to the schedule established. All 60 youths who have recovered the loan have established their own business set ups and now running successfully. In future, loan priority will be given to those who have undergone skill training. The CTRC is planning to expand the YES programs gradually to all the Tibetan settlements.

### Soil and water conservatin projects at Hnsur

Mr. Tsering Dorji, Deputy Secretary visited Hunsur and Bylakuppe Settlement from September 1, to September 24, 2006. Mr. Dorji has



Soil and water conservation, Hunsur



Tibetan Farm Project, Bylakuppe

monitored the ongoing soil and water conservation project at Hunsur. The project is going through its second phase and the contour bunding part is completed. Mr. Dorji also visited the organic farmers in the Hunsur and Bylakuppe being supervised and sponsored by COSPE. While in Bylakuppe he met Mr. Paola Mori of COSPE and discuss discussed about future implementation of the project and visited TIBETAN FARM PROJECT and monitored the ongoing activities.

### Mr. Lobsang Tsering, Programme Officer, CTRC and Tenzin Sherap, Project Officer of Planning Commission visit to North Eastern settlements

Lobsang Tsering, Programme Officer, CTRC and Tenzin Sherap, Project Officer of Planning Council, jointly monitored the on-going Sustainable Livelihood Programme, northeastern Tibetan settlements from August 28, 2006 to September 5, 2006. Feasibility study of milk processing unit at Tezu was also conducted.

### Mr. Ngodup Dorjee, Additional Secretary visits to Paonta, Herbertpur and Mainpat settlements

Mr. Ngodup Dorjee has visited Paonta Cholsum, Herbertpur and Mainpat settlements from August 31 to September 17, 2006. During the visit, he made presentation on the importance of organic farming and emphasized on soil and water conservation methods, its effects on environment and health of the farmers. He also flagged off the organic food program at Central School for Tibetan, Paonta and during that occasion Mr. Kuldeep Shiva, a resource person from Navdanya, Dehradun was also invited. At Khera camp, Herbertpur Mr. Ngodup also discussed with farmers on their ongoing organic farming and encouraged them for further converting the remaining land into organic farming. In Phendeling Tibetan settlement, Mainpat he hold the meeting with cooperative members and gave training on the management of cooperative society and its account keeping from 4 to 8 August 2006. He also monitored the ongoing agriculture projects at settlements. Mr. Ngodup also met with an officials of Action for Food Production (AFPRO) who have conducted detail geological survey of the settlement on 7 and 8 October 2006.

## Kollegal Model Organic farming settlement

In 2003 the Central Tibetan Administration has adopted policy of organic farming in exile Tibetan community and to implement the policy of organic farming, Agriculture division of Department of Home, CTA has made full study on organic farming, educate the farmers and bring concrete changes in the field pattern in all the settlements in exile. Besides, after the in-depth study and experiment with different settlements, in April 2005 Dhondenling Tibetan settlement, Kollegal was choosed as Model Organic faming settlement and since then the settlement is practicing organic farming.

The organic farms in Kollegal settlement is under guidance of Sahaja Samrudha an Organic Farmers Association of Karnataka states, which imparts constant technical guidance, knowledge and enhances skill required in facilitating participatory agriculutre and natural resouces management. So, within this short period of time the settlements has made very encouraging progress on organic farming.

Organic products produced by the Dhondeling Settlement as well as other Tibetan Agriculture settlements in Inda are marketed by the Federation of Tibetan Co-operatives India Ltd. under the certification of IMO Bangaluroo (Banglore).

### Organic products of Kollegal settlements:-

Sr.no.	Crop	Description
1.	<b>Paddy</b>	Karinellu is a popular dry land variety of south India.
2.	<b>Finger Millet</b>	Belimandura and Pachakaddi ragi are rainfed varieties, very tasty and ideal for ragi balls, rotis and porridge.
3.	<b>Traditional colored maize</b>	Perhaps the only existing traditional variety conserved by the SOLIGA tribe of BR-hills.
4.	<b>Ground nuts</b>	A rare spreading variety
5.	<b>Soya Bean</b>	Contain antioxidants and cholestrol lowering properties.
6.	<b>Traditional pulses</b>	Red Gram-kempu thogari and chukki thogari, Field bean-snigulu, Cow pea sanna halasande, Green gram-gdry land variety, Dals are preared by traditional methods, Balanced nutrition and rich in minerals.
7.	<b>Mustard</b>	Traditional Variety
8.	<b>Banana</b>	Variety Yalakkibale, most popular and tasty variety of Karnataka
9.	<b>Vegetables</b>	Tomato (Madanapalli), Cabbage, Potato, Brinjal, Grain amaranth-Maladda
10.	<b>Wheat</b>	Jave godhi and other 3 varieties contributes to a balanced diet contain higher levels of vitamins, minerals, proteins and amino acids
11.	<b>Minor millets</b>	Rich in protein, phosphorous, iron, calcium, used as a substitute for rice for diabetic patients-little millet, pearl millet and foxtail millet.



### CTRC's Staff updates:-

#### CTRC has made following job announcement:

Sr.no.	Job	No. of seats
1)	Agriculture Extension Staff	1
2)	Agriculture trainer	1
3)	Cooperative Trainer	1
4)	Tailoring Teacher	1
5)	Wood craft Teacher	1
6)	Accountant	1
7)	Regional Program Officer	1
8)	Nurse	1
9)	Health Worker	1
10)	Care Taker	1
11)	Cook	1

- 1. Mr. Ugyen Chaksam, Joint Secretary was transfered to Finance Department, CTA**  
**2. We welcome Mr. Tenzin Lungtok, Joint Secretary to CTRC.**

- The directive principals for the Appointments, Promotions and general rules and regulation for the CTRC's staff were approved under 2nd and 3rd resolution passed during the CTRC's 56th Governing body meeting.
- 15 Departmental staff and 12 Agriculuture Extension Officers were regular ized as CTRC's staff under section 1 & 2 of 6th resolution passed dur ing the CTRC's 57th Governing Body meeting

## Profiles:-

### Milk processing and dairy animal management workshop

Agriculture Division of CTCRC, Dharamsala has organized two different trainings on Dairy Animal Management and Milk Processing, Butter and Paneer Manufacturing at the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).



Training for trainers at NDDDBS, Matigara, WB

The first training for the trainers was conducted at NDDB's Eastern Regional Demonstration and Training Centre at Matigara, West Bengal state from August 21, to August 25, 2006. The training was provided to the 14 participants including Tibetan Settlement Officers and two board members of the Cooperative Society. The training program includes milk composition and production, cattle reproduction, common diseases and preventive measures, cattle feed types and importance.

Apart from classroom sessions, participants have been practically taken to HIMUL dairy plant, which is the biggest dairy plant in the region. Every evening informal feedback session was held and discuss on topics raised by trainees.

After returning to the settlement, these 14 trainees have been providing further awareness talk on dairy animal management to all farmers in their settlement. Some of the trainees have been helpful in giving consultation to farmers. Mr. Namgyal Tsering, who was a trainee, has received answers to many cattle related problems frequently being faced in the settlement and these days he himself visits the chemist shop and bought medicines for daily precaution of common cattle diseases. He shares what he learned during the training with other farmers and dedicated to help farmers in scientific management of cattle.

The second training was held at NDDB's Mansigh Institute of Training (MIT), Mehsana, Gujarat state from 11 to 16 September 2006. The topic was on milk processing, paneer making (cheese) and butter manufacturing. This training was provided to the operator of the processing units if established in the settlement and three of them are also present during the previous training. They were trained in measuring fats and SNF contents in milk during collection, besides the process of milk chilling, pasteurisation, packaging and manufacturing of butter and paneer (cheese) were also taught. Trainees have also seen milk processing machinery equipments like Bulk Milk Cooler (BMC), Cream Separator (CS), and centrifugal machines for fat measurement.



Trainees in front of Amul dairy plant in Anand

During the training programme at Mehsana, trainees have been able to visit large-scale dairy plants like Doodh Sagar (Asia's largest milk dairy), Vidhya Dairy and Amul dairy plant in Anand. In the end of the training session trainees have met with Mr. Ravi Shankar, the senior general manager of NDDB and received excellent response from him. Mr. Ravi also encouraged to go on processing and promise us to help whatever they can in installation and consultation. Tezu settlement cooperative society will begin the milk processing unit program in November 2006. The plan is to purchase a BMC from a nearby town and chilled the milk before selling in the market. The excess milk or the milk, which could not be sold out in the market, will be used to make cheese and butter.

### Mcleodganj building re-construction finished



The structural construction of the shops, restaurants, guest house and residence ablaze in fire accident on the early morning of December 20, 2004 at Mcleodganj were finished and allocated to the individual owners in September 06. This fire accident severely shattered the livelihood of the 16 Tibetan families. Today most of them has already begun with their business and few others are making their own interior design as per their business requirements. The CTCRC has taken responsible for the whole structural construction

## Capacity Building workshop on Solid Waste Management



Wastage of Bylakuppe Tibetan settlement



Capacity building workshop on solid waste management.

As a part of Socio-Economic Development Programme 2006-2008 funded by SOIR-IM, Sweden, the CTRC of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), organised a capacity-building workshop on solid waste management at Lugsam Tibetan settlement, Bylakuppe, on 24 and 25 July 2006.

It was the first of a series of capacity building workshops to be carried out in five Tibetan settlements in South India by the Planning and Development section of the CTRC.

Mr. Ugen Chaksam and Mr. Pema Tenzin, Planning & Development section, CTRC in co-ordination with the Development Alternatives – consultant non-governmental organization in Bangalore, conducted the two-day workshop at Bylakuppe, Karnataka State of India. Representatives and respective project officers of the five Southern settlements and school students attended the workshop.

Following the workshop, project site visits and the project officers accompanied by the team from the consultant NGO paid a site visit and carried out site-assessments in each of the five settlements.



## Settlement Profile.

### Dickey Larsoe Tibetan Settlement, Bylakuppe, India

Under the Government of India's Tibetan refugee rehabilitation program, Dickyi Larsoe Tibetan settlement was established in the year 1969-70. Mysore Rehabilitation and Development Agency (MYRADA) took up the responsibility of building shelters. The settlement was provided with total of 1800 acres of land for construction of housing and for cultivation.

### Location

It is located at Bylakuppe village in Periyapatna Taluk of Karnataka State, south of India at about 87 km southwest of Mysore City.

### Altitude, Temperature and Rainfall

It lies at the height of 2,600ft. above sea level. Average temperatures at Bylakuppe ranges between 80° to 95° Fahrenheit with average rainfall around 30-34 inches annually.

### Conveyance/Communication

**Nearest railway station:** Mysore, 87 Km from settlement

**Nearest airport :** Bangalore, 240 Km from settlement

**Bus and taxi services:** available

### Settlement Population

**Initial population :** 2401, **Present Population:** 4096

### Livelihood

Most of the original families have agricultural land for their living. Due to lack of irrigation facilities, the rain fed crop agriculture is practice, which is not sufficient to sustain the families on farming alone. So, besides agriculture, the settlers are engaged in small bussiness, restaurants, own shops and seasonal sweater selling etc.

### Administration setup

The settlement officer who is the Representative of the Department of Home appointed by Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), Dharamsala is the principal post for overall wellbeing of settlers.

### Facilities

**School:** Central School for Tibetans.

**Health:** One modern allopathic hospital & Tibetan Medical and Astro institute

**Monastery:** There are two monastery

**Coopeative Society:** The settlement has registered Co-operative Society and this society facilitates the farmers with seeds, fertilizers and tractors for farming. It also helps the members to find markets for their product. The Co-operative Society also run shops, a dairy farm and a mechanical workshop, low cost Building Center and Handicraft center.

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## Projects needing Fund

### Construction of flood protection bund for the Agling camp , Ladakh

The Agling camp, ladakh experianced unprecendented flood in year 2005 and most recently in August 2, 2006. This project aim to construct concrete flood protection bund to protect the damages of live, properpties and livelihood of settlers from unprecendent flood of Leh Ganga river. The total cost of project budget Rs. 6,755, 209.00

### Staff Quarter Construction, Miao. Arunachal Pradesh

The project proposes to construct staff quarter for Representative and Office Secretary of Choepheling Tibetan settlement. The total project budget is Rs. 1,299,523 (USD 30,220)

### Ladakh Housing Renovation

The project aims to renovate 337 residential houses of Sonamling Tibetan refugee settlement in Ladakh. Most of the beneficiaries are living below the poverty line and hence could not renovate the houses of their own since its inception in 1969. The total cost of the project is 4,369,672 (USD 300 per house)

### Construction of community hall &Library, Bir Dege Settlement.

This project of constructing Library and community hall aims to channelize the youthful energy into constructive and useful self-enhancing activities. It also prevents youth from indulging in anti-social activities such as gambling, alcohol and drugs. The total cost of the project is Rs. 2,710,821/-.

### Staff quarter renovation , Dhogu-Yugyaling Settlement, Herbertpur

The project aims to renovate the old staff quarter building of Dhogu-Yughaling Tibetan Settlement. This staff quarter was built way back in 1982 and it present condition is in the dilapidated condition. The total budget for this project is Rs. 500,000/-.

### Construction of Retaining Wall, Kalimpong

The project aims to construct retaining wall to prevent risk of landsliding and soil erosion in the nearby area. The total cost of the project is Rs. 259.200/

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