

CTRC Update

Newsletter of HH the Dalai Lama's Central Tibetan Relief Committee

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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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Tsering Dhonden Tibetan Refugee Settlement, Rajpur:

The new Tsering Dhonden Tibetan Refugee Settlement, Mangluwala, Dehradun, was inaugurated and consecrated by His Holiness The Dalai Lama on March 29, 2005. This project was sponsored and implemented by the International Foundation, U.S.A. Mr Douglas Coe and Senator Clairbourn Pell have been instrumental in completing this project. This settlement will rehabilitate 160 families residing in and around Rajpur area. The settlement was handed over to the CTRC on October 20, 2004. 745 Tibetan refugees have moved into their new homes on November 16, 2004. We would like to thank Mr. Douglas Coe, Senator Clairbourn Pell and the International Foundation for their initiative and support.



From left: Mr. Douglas Coe; HH the Dalai Lama; Congressman Don Bonker

Tsering Dhonden Tibetan Refugee Settlement, Rajpur

Settlement Officers' Meet:

41 Tibetan Settlement Officers met with CTRC from 6 to 11 May 2005 at Dharamsala. Thorough discussions were held on policy matters pertaining to agriculture, welfare programs, cooperative initiatives, employment generation, development issues and financial administration. Problems at grassroot settlement level were brought to table and solutions were proposed and resolved.



Kalon visits Norgyaling Tibetan Settlement, Bhandhara:

Home Kalon Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche and Secretary Tsering Dhundup visited Norgyaling Tibetan Settlement, Bhandhara from 10 to 13 April 2005. During his visit meetings were held with Dr. Bhagat, President of Bharat -Tibet Mitri Sang, Nagpur; Mr. Amrut Bansood (Bhandhara), President of Indo-Tibetan Friendship and others dignitaries to promote friendship and goodwill between the two communities.



Activities carried out by CTRC

Higher Diploma in Co-operative Management Training:-

A 9-month training on Higher Diploma in Co-operative Management was provided to 14 locally selected candidates from various settlements at Regional Institute of Co-operative Management (RICM), Bangalore, with a grant funding of Rs. 731,482/- from AET, France.

Co-operative Management Training for Trainers:-

21 days Co-operative Management training was organised for 14 candidates from various co-operatives from 11 April to 1 May 2005 at RICM, Bangalore, with a remaining grant funding of Rs. 2,76,644/- from SOIR-IM. The candidates would further provide such training at their respective areas thus ensuring extensive coverage.

Federation of Tibetan Co-operatives in India Ltd:-

A federal body of all the 15 Tibetan co-operatives in India was duly registered in April 2005, under the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act 2002. Its principal object is to promote the interests of all its members to attain their social and economic betterment through self-help and mutual aid in accordance with the co-operative principles.



CRS Training Program:-

Two days training on CRS program was provided to the 52 operating partners on 2 to 3 May 2005 at Dharamsala and 17 to 18 May, 2005 at Dehradun respectively.

CRS team visits CTRC Dharamsala:-

Ms. Clodaugh Mccumiskey, Deputy Country Representative India; Ms. Shivamkamy Iyer, State Representative Lucknow;

and Ms. Jaya Singh, Partner Support Officer Lucknow visits CTRC Dharamsala from 25 to 27 May 2005. They observed CTRC's CRS program at different OPs and held meeting with CTRC's Executive Secretary and Joint Secretary on its programs and scopes.

NADEP compost preparation, Dharamsala:

In view of the CTA's policy of shifting to organic farming from conventional farming practices in the settlements, CTRC's Agriculture Division organised a demonstration cum training of NADEP compost preparation at Gangchen Kyishong on 11 May 2005 after the Settlement Officers' Meet held at Dharamsala. Home Kalon Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche explained to the participants how to prepare the compost in sequence manner to obtain the best compost. He informed them about required raw materials.



Settlement officers preparing a NADEP compost.

The Charitable Foundation's members visit Dharamsala:

The Charitable Foundation's (Australia) founder Mr. Steve Killelea and his wife Debbie Beale and the Foundation's CEO Mr. Rob Owen paid a visit to Dharamsala from 19 to 26 May 2005. The Foundation is considering funding the Soil and Water Conservation Project at Rabgayling Tibetan Settlement, Hunsur. This Foundation is introduced to CTRC by the Tibetan Information Office in Australia.

Monitoring visit at settlements in Arunachal Pradesh:

CTRC's Agriculture Division Staff Mr. Lobsang Tsering, visited the three North Eastern Tibetan settlements in Arunachal Pradesh in April to monitor the various Projects funded by the Irish Government through Tibet House Trust, UK; NCA and

Ongoing Projects details:

S#	Project Title	TPC (Rs)	TFR (Rs)	Donor	ECD
1	Construction of Staff Quarter, Mainpat & Bir Dege	1,487,340	1,487,340	E.C.H Smulders stitching, Netherlands	Jul-05
2	Crop Protection Project, Kollegal	2,400,000	2,400,000	NCA, Norway	Feb-05
3	Nursery & Demonstration Project, Orissa	1,375,592	1,375,592	SOIR-IM, Sweden	Jan-06
4	Bee-Keeping at Tenzingang	682,684	682,684	SOIR-IM, Sweden	Feb-06
5	Green House & Vegetable Cultivation, Sonada	398,000	398,000	Tibet Fund-USA	Jan-06
6	Organic Farming Project, Herbertpur	335,000	335,000	Tibet Fund-USA	Dec-05
7	Rehabilitation Project, Kharapathar Shimla	13457000	4477133	GOI, E.C. H Smulders Stitching	Dec-05
8	Housing Renovation of 83 Houses, Bonpo	4,604,195	1,963,641	Verein Tibet Freunde & ECH Smulders Stitching	Jan-06
9	Gauva Orchard Project, Khasoda Orissa	2,597,722	2,597,772	SOIR-IM, Sweden	Nov-06
10	Bhutan Housing Renovation	3,203,680	2,908,262	Bozen Govt. South Tyrol	Feb-06
11	Housing Renovation, Maio	6,964,664	870,252	Virtue Generose, Italy	Mar-07
12	Construction of Elder's Home, Chauntra	6,500,000	1,410,148	Help Tibet, UK	Mar-07
13	177acres of Fruit Plantation, Orissa	1,980,000	1,980,000	AET, France	Nov-06
14	Illiteracy Eradication Project, Ladakh	555,483	555,483	Verein Tibet Freunde	Oct-06
15	Sustainable Livelihood Program, Northeastern Settlement	10,260,000	10,260,000	Irish Govt. through THT, U.K.	Jan-08
16	Field Bunding Reconstruction, Hunsur	4,425,115	494,800	SOIR-IM, Sweden	Dec-07
17	Sustainable Agriculture Development Project	20,608,785	20,608,785	Italian Government through COSPE	Dec-08
18	Rehabilitation of 56 families at Dalhousie	15,670,000	11,770,000	Nara Production, Tibet Fund, Verein Tibet Freunde, E.C.H Smulders stitching & GOI	Dec-08

Note: TPC is Total Project Cost; TFR is Total Fund Raised; ECD is Estimated Completion Date

SOIR-IM, Sweden. This is a part of the regular monitoring of the project activities in the settlements. During his visit to Miao, one-day workshop was organised on organic farming for 25 farmers at Yashowati Organic Farm (YOF) at Tinsulkia. The farmers were given first hand information on organic farming, vermi-composting and marketing by Dinesh Pareek, founder of YOF. Our farmers showed much interest by seeing the farm and selling of the vermi-compost.

Organic Agriculture Sammelan and Yatra at Kutch Gujarat:

Akhil Gujarat Sajiv Kheti Samaj at Gujarat, organised a two days Organic Agriculture sammelan and Yatra at Kutch from 2 to 3 May 2005. Mr. Dhundup Tsering COSPE -CTRC Project Coordinator and Mr. Tenzin Damdul, AEO, TRL Settlement, Hunsur participated in the sammelan and Yatra. The offer for our participation was made possible by Shri. Babubai Thakker.

Organic farming workshop at Khera camp, Herbertpur:

Khera Camp of Doegu-yougyaling Tibetan Settlement, Herbertpur was found to be ideal for organic farming since the camp is isolated and surrounded by forest. Funding was sought from the Tibet Fund USA last year and a preliminary 2 day workshop on organic farming was given to the settlers of both Khera Camp and Lakhanwala Camp of the settlement early this year. The farmers of this Camp had decided to cultivate organic crops on a total of 52.5 bigas (10.5 acres). Kalon Tripa Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche visited the camp twice and gave talks on organic farming to the camp people.

Khera Camps farmers were taken for an exposure trip to Navdanya's Diversity Conservation Farm (Beja Vidyapeeth) where they were able to see organically grown cereal and vegetable crops. Dr. Vinod Kumar Bhatt, Deputy Director of NAVDANYA explained to the farmers the concept of organic farming and what crops farmers can grow at Khera Camp. Dr. Bhatt had already visited Khera Camp before and knows the area well.

Youth Empowerment Support (YES):

Total no. of youths trained in the year 2004-2005:-

Sl.no.	Course Name	Male	Female	Total
1.	Carpentry	4		4
2.	Tailoring	1	8	9
3	Multimedia	9	10	19
4	Hardware & networking	4	5	9
5	Software	6	4	10
6	M.C.S.E	3	2	5
7	Photographer	2		2
8	Auto Mechanic cum Driving	21		21
9	Electronic	5		5
10	Electrician	5		5
11	Beautician		51	51
12	Organic farming	4		4
13	Bakery	8		8
14	Hairdressing	8		8
15	Thangka Painting	5		5
	Total	85 (52 %)	80 (48%)	165

YES would like to thank NCA, AET, Tibet Charity, Verien Tibet Freunde for their support on this program.

Motivational Workshop, YES:

A motivational workshop was given to 30 youths from six different settlements at Dekyilarsoe Bylakuppe from 8 to 10 September 2004. ■

Staff Update:

We welcome Mrs. Karma Dolma La who joined in our Administration Division and wish her very fulfilling tenure with us.

Settlement Profile: Tenzingang Tibetan settlement in Arunachal Pradesh was established in 1972 mainly as an agricultural settlement.

Location: Tenzingang Tibetan settlement is situated in sub Himalayan range in west Kemang district of Arunachal Pradesh near the border of Assam and Bhutan. It is about 200 Km from Tezpur town of Assam.

Conveyance/Communication.

Nearest railway station: Gowahati, 200 km

Nearest airport : Gowahati, 200 km

Communication: Telephone: 03782-268205

E-mail: twobomdila@sancharnet.in

Settlement Population:

Initial population : 1124

Present Population: 1339

Altitude, Temperature and Rainfall.

The altitude of place is about 6000ft. above sea level with an average temperature of 20.43 degrees Celsius. The average rainfall of the place is around 765 MM per year.

Livelihood.

Most of the families have a small piece of agricultural land for their living. Due to lack of irrigation facilities, the rainfed crop agriculture is practiced, which is not sufficient to sustain the families on farming alone. Besides agricultural, the settlers are engaged in carpet weaving at Settlement carpet weaving center and small seasonal petty bussiness.

Setup.

This settlement consists of 4 villages or refugees camps with average of 45 families in each village.

Facilities.

School: One primary school upto class 8th std., pre-primary school, 4 creches

Health: One modern allopathic dispensary, Branch of 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 of 1970. The Co-operative Society provide necessary services to the settlement people. This society runs different section to meet the need of the settlement. Fair Price shop, Carpet Center Wrokshop.

Elder People Home: One elderly people home with 10 elders

Problems.

The settlement being located at remote area the transportation and mode of conveyance is the major problem. The lack of irrigation facilities is also a major problem.



Contact Address:

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Arunachal Pradesh-790001



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2. Give project-specific donations.
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Projects needing Fund

Renovation of weaver's quarter roof, SHIMLA

This project is to renovate the quarter of 20 weaver families of the Tibetan Refugee Self Help Handicraft Society. The total cost of the project is Rs. 783,500.00 The existing roofs are damaged and in deteriorated condition due to seasonal rain splash and being many years old. The CGI sheets of the weaver's quarters will be replaced with RCC slabs.

Renovation of community centre, TEZU

Each of the 5 camps of the Dhargyeling Tibetan settlement has its own community hall and this provide the settlers not only an avenue for holding public functions, meetings and gatherings but they can also be of multipurpose uses. The community hall were built at the time of settlement inception and no major renovation were done since then. An urgent renovation is needed. the cost of the project is Rs. 250,000.00

Rehabilitation of 114 families at Dehradun, UTTANCHAL

To provide modest shelter of one room, kitchen and bathroom cum toilet for 114 families. The total cost of the project is Rs. 30,000,000.00 (US\$ 3,000 per home)

Rehabilitation of 56 families at Dalhousie, H.P.:-

This project is to rehabilitate 56 families of Tibetan refugees living in and around Dalhousie. This is an ongoing project. The total cost of the project is Rs. 15,670,000 and we still need Rs.2,096,000 for completion of the project.(US\$5000 per home)

Office and Staff Quarter Construction, Kalimpong:-

To construct a two-storey building, which will provide space for office, quarters for the staffs and a multi-purpose room. A partial funding of 1,000,000 is needed.

Housing Renovation Project, Miao:-

To renovate 392 houses of the residents of Miao settlement. The total cost of the project is 6,964,664 (If anyone is interested in sponsoring renovation of one or more homes, it will cost US\$ 415 per home.)

Youth Empowerment Support (YES):-

YES aims to eradicate unemployment and sustain self-reliance in the Tibetan community. YES provides relevant skill training to youths and provides soft start-up loans to set up business enterprises. To impart relevant skill training in various fields cost Rs 30,000/youth. Sponsoring limited number of youths is recommended.

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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