

# APPEAL FOR URGENT ACTION

## CHINA FORCES CLOSURE OF HIGHLY REPUTED TIBETAN SCHOOL

**Famed Tibetan private school in Golog (Ch: Golou) forced to shut down**

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*Students adorned the main gate of Jigme Gyaltsen Nationalities Vocational School aka Gangjong Sherab Norbuling to bid farewell on school's closure.*



Chinese authorities in Tibet's Golog region have forced the closure of the highly reputed Tibetan private school, Jigme Gyaltsen Nationalities Vocational School, amid ongoing CCP campaign to shut down Tibetan schools promoting Tibetan language and culture. The reputed school had enrolled over 3500 students in the last three decades.

### The Last Graduation

On July 8, 2024, the school held its last graduation ceremony, following which a closing ceremony was held. In videos leaked out of Tibet, students and teachers are seen in tears, pained and distressed with the forced closure of the school. In the past, the school has faced numerous harassment and pressures, including lawsuits against the school's head, Jigme Gyaltsen.



### Final Group Photo

*Founder Jigme Gyaltsen (seated, center) with his team of school staff posing for a final group photo.*



### Targeted with False Accusations

The school's founder Jigme Gyaltsen had faced multiple challenges in the past as local officials targeted the school for its strong focus on Tibetan language and culture. The school had won national and provincial awards, such as the "National People's Education Award", the "Golden Award for Educational Hope", and the "Ten Innovative Communal Schools".

### Tibetan Language Preservation



*The school held a book distribution ceremony on 7 July, a few days before it was closed following multiple harrasments.*



*The school marking Tibetan Calligraphy Day in 2023.*



*On 19 October 2010, thousands of Tibetan students in Rebkong marched to protest being forced to study in Chinese language.*

## CHINA: STOP THE CRACKDOWN ON TIBETAN SCHOOLS!

- Stop the sinification and forced closure of Tibetan schools preserving Tibetan language and culture.
- Respect the fundamental human rights of the Tibetan people, including language and cultural rights.
- Uphold as signatory, the International covenants, and ensure the promotion and protection of Rights of the Child and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Tibetans in Tibet.

**TAKE ACTION NOW!**



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