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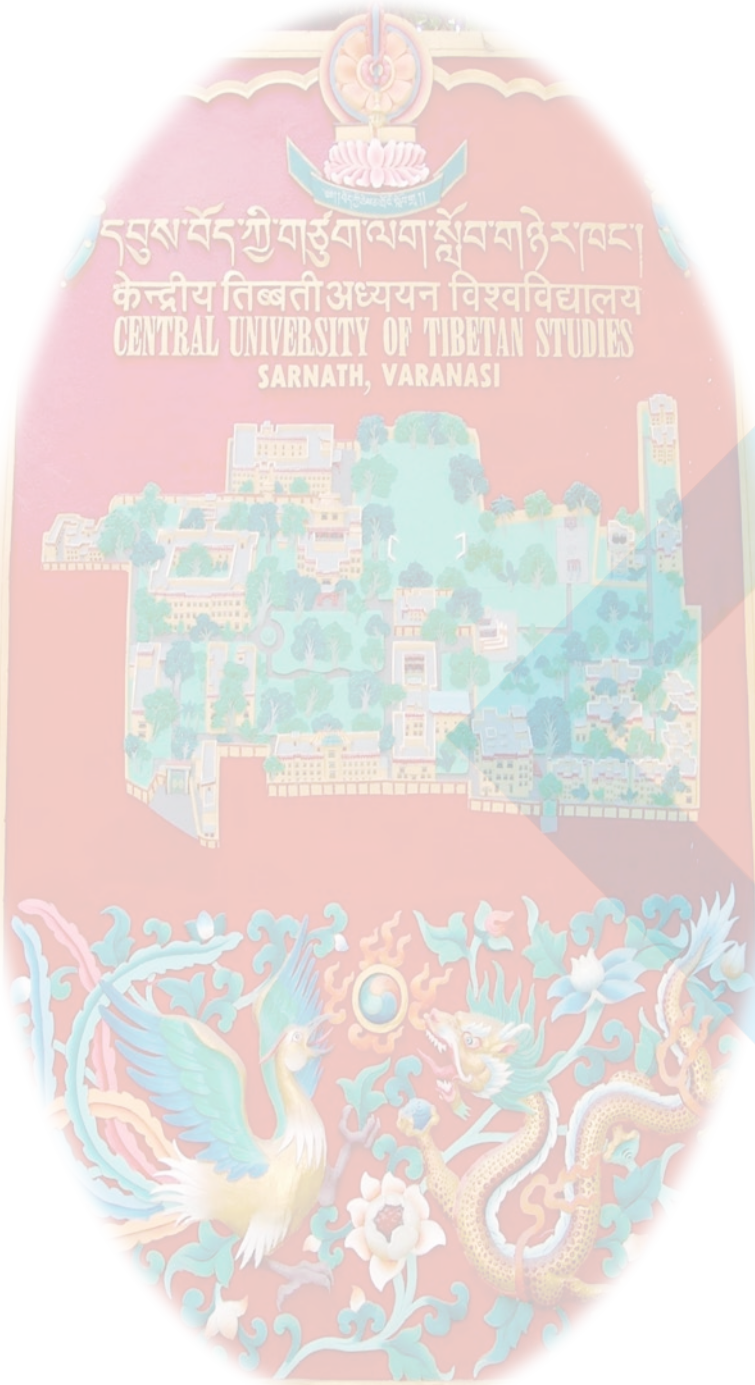
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PREAMBLE

The Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, set up in 1967, was still at an initial stage, without even the minimum infrastructure, when Prof. S. Rinpoche joined as Principal in 1971. Fifteen years of tireless effort by Prof. Rinpoche, with the blessing of The H.H. the Dalai Lama and the consistent support of the concerned authorities, particularly of Dr. (Mrs.) Kapila Vatsyayan, and of the Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, brought CIHTS to its present shape and helped it obtain the “Deemed to be University” status in 1988.

His life-long selfless dedication and service for the preservation and dissemination of Tibet’s rich cultural heritage will be recognised and remembered by the generations to come. Prof. S. Rinpoche is the personification of the experience, vision and wisdom that have concretised the idealism of the late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the vision of His Holiness the Dalai Lama through institutional framework of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS). As admitted by himself and many others, it has not been an easy task. Despite the heavy responsibilities and engagements, he has continued to be a teacher. The Shantarakshita Library of CIHTS holds over 300 audio-cassettes of his teachings and lectures given mostly to the students. These teachings and lectures cover mainly the subject of Buddhism, Education, Tibetan studies and current Tibetan political issues.

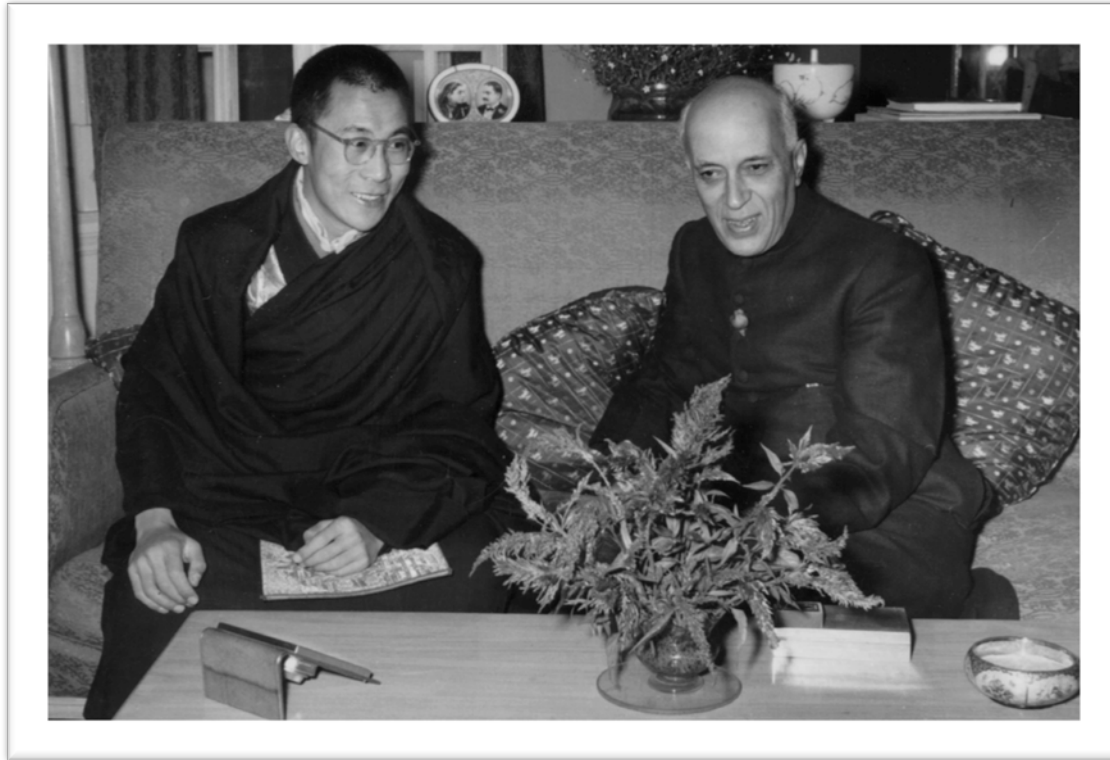
Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche’s accomplishment as an educator, administrator and a leader are well known among the Tibetan community, both inside and outside Tibet as well as among the international community of scholars studying Buddhist philosophy, Tibetan culture and supporters of Tibet.

Dr. (Mrs.) Kapila Vatsyayan, who has had twenty-five years of association with Rinpoche has correctly remarked, “Prof. S. Rinpoche had often bemoaned the lack of time for his own scholarship. However, what has been his personal loss has been the gain of a generation of young scholars from many parts of the world”.

Prof. G.C. Pandey, an eminent scholar who had a longstanding association with Rinpoche remarked, “the whole campus of CIHTS has been growing and functioning for over two decades as a centre of higher education and research in Tibetan learning and Buddhism. Its renown has spread far and wide and its products are welcome all over the world. This singular institute, which has made its mark internationally in the world of scholarship may be said to be the creation of Prof. S. Rinpoche. At the same time he is an administrator of proven ability and now in the wider sphere of governance and politics he has made a mark for himself as statesman and diplomat. He carries the message of Tibet and Buddhism to the face corners of the world”.

Professor Emeritus, late Geshe Lhundup Sopa, University of Wisconsin has precisely stated, “The Institute’s numerous publications in Tibetan, Sanskrit, Hindi and English are indispensable to scholars working on the Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Culture—they are concrete evidence of Rinpoche’s remarkable labors”.

The sole aim of organising the Felicitation ceremony on his 75th Birthday by the alumni is to express our heartfelt respect and gratitude to Prof. S. Rinpoche for this tireless contribution to the growth of CIHTS, and to the preservation, promotion and dissemination of Tibetan and Indian culture and knowledge. We wish him very HAPPY BIRTHDAY. We wish for his healthy and long life.



Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and His Holiness the Dalai Lama discussed to establish Central University of Tibetan Studies, (Originally called Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies) to educate the young Tibetan diaspora and the Himalayan border region of India who have religion, culture and language in common with Tibet.

Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi

Concept and Objectives

The Central University of Tibetan Studies, then called Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, envisioned as a result of discussion between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the then Prime Minister of India Pandit Jawaharlala Nehru, was established in 1967 with the view to educate the youths of Tibet and Himalayan border students of India. A more important reason for the establishment of this university was to resuscitate the past glory which lies ensconced in the precious Buddhist scriptures on religion and philosophy, art and architecture and science and technologies- including astronomy and medicine, a substantial volume of which is preserved by the Tibetan exiles despite their sudden and terrific calamity.

Persons endowed with imagination, particularly in the Government of India, have carefully thought out the objectives of the institute. The objectives are:

1. To preserve the Tibetan culture and traditions;
2. To preserve ancient Indian Sciences and literature preserved in the Tibetan language, but lost in the original;
3. To offer an alternative educational facility to the students of Indian border areas who formerly availed the opportunity of receiving higher education in Tibet; and
4. To accomplish gains of teaching and scope of research in traditional subjects in a framework of modern University system of education with the provision for award of degrees in Tibetan studies.

Brief History

The Institute initially functioned as a special constituent wing of the Sampurnananda Sanskrit University. The Chandramani Review Committee in 1970 and the D.P. Yadava Committee in 1975 reviewed the work of the Institute. In view of the pragmatic sanction and desirability of its avowed growth, the Review Committee recommended that the Institute may be given an independent status and be shifted to Sarnath. Accordingly, the Institute was registered under the Societies Registration Act in the end of 1977 to operate as an autonomous organization under the Department of Culture, Government of India with financial support from the Government. Since then the Institute has steadily progressed with optimal success.

On 28th January, the auspicious occasion of the foundation day was gracefully celebrated in a style, which befitted traditional Tibetan ceremony and was attended by about thousand scholars including Dr. (Mrs.) Kapila Vatasayan, the then Joint Educational Adviser and Chairperson of the Institute. Dr. (Mrs.) Kapila Vatasayan conveyed messages received on the occasion from the President of India Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi, Union Educational Minister Shri. B. Shankarananda and the Governor of Uttar Pradesh Dr. G.D. Tapse.

The foundation of the Institute's building complex of the new campus was laid down by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on 28th January, 1980 at Sarnath on the purchased land, a lime stone of achievement for providing sacred vicinity to relieve a traditional society from effacement, as there have been times in the past when Buddhist scholarship and artistic genres had reached distant places like Ta-Zig or Tajikistan in west along with other important points as Gilgit (Grusha), Khotan and Kashmir and the Tun-huang region in the north of Tibet in Chinese Turkestan, which had once been under Tibetan occupation. Likely on the Himalayan borders, Ladakh, Lahual-Spiti, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan and Arunachal Pradesh invariably drew on an Indo-Tibetan Buddhist tradition, philosophy and Science.

This tradition shared by the above regions meticulously conserved and reoriented on ethonogenetic and other scientific principles will, it was hoped, greatly add to the enrichment of the Cultural ensemble in India and in all parts of the world where Tibetology was not a taboo. The philosophy of Mahayana conjures up vision of the past, wherein, the wisdom of the Buddha permeated men's lives and inspired striking images in the thoughts, as of Nagarjuna and Maitreyanatha, Aryadeva and Ashvagoshā, Asanga and Vasubandhu, Dignaga and Dharmakirti in India and Milarepa and Kunga Gyaltzen, Longchen Rabjampa and Tsongkhapa in Tibet.

In adherence to a long-standing demand the CPWD completed the construction of the hostel-block and the administrative block, which it handed over to the Institute in the months of January and August of the year 1982. The Institute shifted to the new campus on the 15th August 1982.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi visited the Institute on the 8th April 1983. She was accompanied by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Sri. Sripati Mishra and the Union Education Minister, Smt. Sheela Kaul besides Institute Chairperson Dr. (Mrs.) Kapila Vatsyayana and other higher dignitaries.

Smt. Gandhi planted the sapling of a "Sal" tree in the Institute's foreground, significantly reminiscing two great episodes in the Buddha's life. She also released two publications of the Institute viz. the Dhammapada and the Nyaya Pravesa of Dignaga.

In June 1984, the Library originally accommodated in rented rooms of the Tibetan Monastery was shifted to a newly constructed Library block the Shantarakshita Library in the main premise of the Institute.

After considerable growth of its infrastructure and academic excellence, the Department of Culture initiated a proposal for this Institute during 1983-84 to obtain the Deemed to be University status at the University Grants Commission and Central Govt. levels. Finally, the Institute was declared as a "Deemed to be University" on 5th April 1988.

To comprehend the special feature and basic approach to academic programme of the Institute, the nature and magnitude of Tibetan studies have to be borne in mind, the courses are imparted in Semester System through the following five Faculties:

1. Faculty of Hetu Evam Adyatma Vidya (Logic and Spirituality)
2. Faculty of Shabda Vidya (Language and Literature)
3. Faculty of Chikitsa Vidya (Sowarigpa Medical Science)
4. Faculty of Shilpa Vidya (Arts and Crafts) and
5. Faculty of Adhunik Vidya (Modern Studies)

The Faculty of Hetu and Adhyatma Vidya consist of four departments:

1. Department of Mool Shastra (Indian Buddhist Philosophy)
2. Department of Sampradaya Shastra (Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy)

The Faculty of Shabda Vidya

1. Department of Tibetan Language and Literature
2. Department of Sanskrit
3. Department of Hindi
4. Department of English
5. Department of Pali

The Faculty of Chikitsa Vidya consists of one department

1. Department of Bhot Ayurveda (Sowarigpa)

The Faculty of Shilpa Vidya consist two departments

1. Department of Bhot Jyotish
2. Department of Bhot Kala and Shilpa

The Faculty of Adhunika Vidya consists of one department

3. Department of Samajik Vijnana (Social Sciences) consisting of (a) Ancient Indian History, (b) Tibetan History, (c) Economic, (d) Political Science

Course of Study

Teaching at graduate and postgraduate levels alone does not suffice to educate the youths in such a vast domain. Therefore, a four years course at the pre-university level was found indispensable. An integrated course of nine years duration right from Class IX standard to the post graduate level was, therefore, prepared in the following order.

1. Purva Madhyama	Two years	(Equivalent to Secondary School)
2. Uttar Madhyama	Two Years	(Equivalent to Higher Secondary School)
3. Shastri	Three Years	(Equivalent to B.A.)
4. Acharya	Two Years	(Equivalent to M.A.)
5. Vidyavaridhi	Three Years	(Ph.D.)

Research

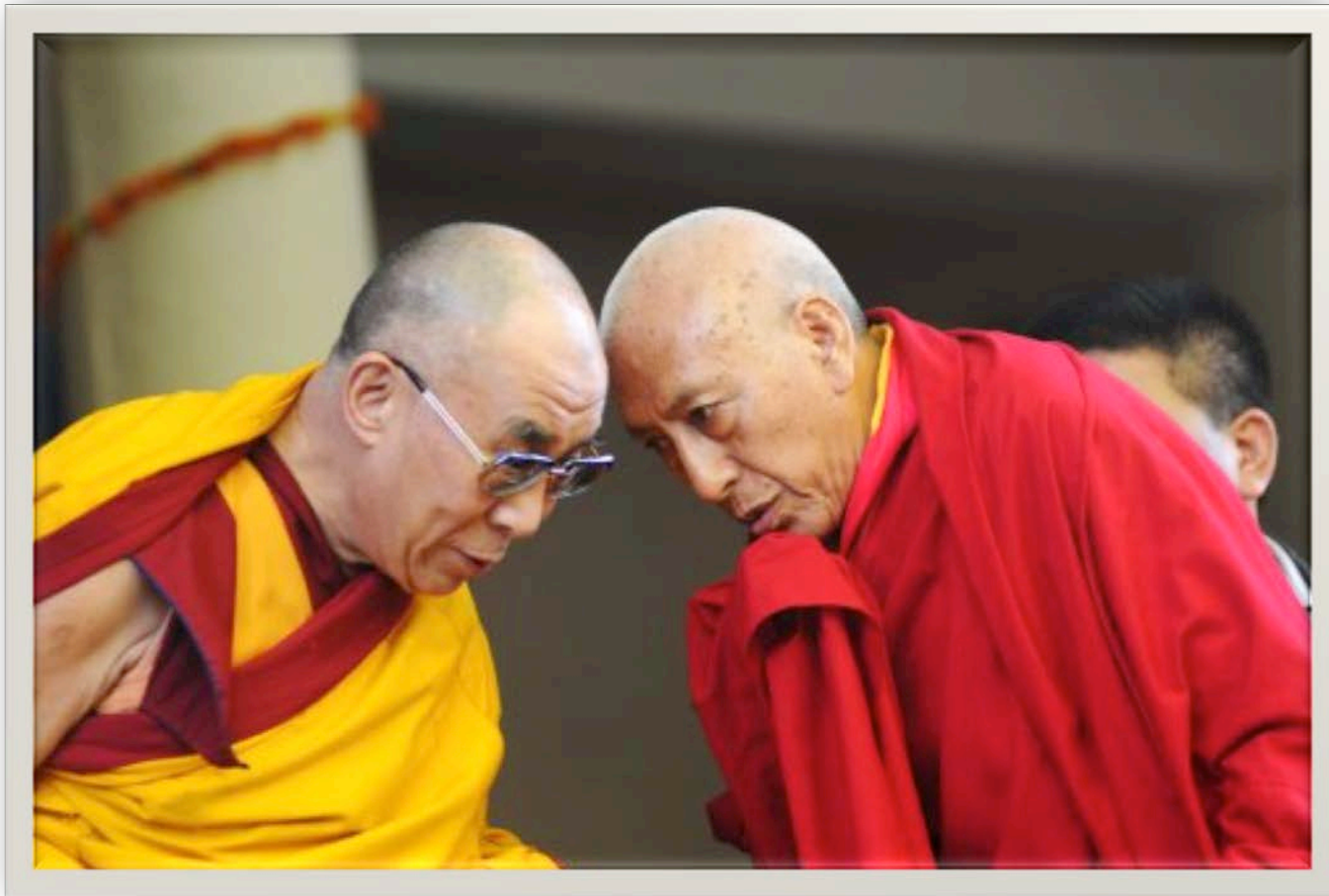
In order to build the human resource to meet the objective of the Institute, Rigorous Training Course of Tibetan-Sanskrit Language and restoration was started in 1980. Eventually, three batches of research scholars were engaged in restoration and translation of important texts from Tibetan into Sanskrit and other languages. To carry out this important task more effectively, the Department of Restoration and Translation were formally setup. Eventually, Rare Buddhist Text Research Department and Dictionary Department added to strengthen the research endeavors of the University. A number of Buddhist texts lost in original Sanskrit were restored into its original form with help of its Tibetan version and translated into other languages. A number of Rare Buddhist Texts are critically edited and published. A comprehensive Sanskrit-Tibetan Dictionary of 16 volumes has been compiled and published. More than 160 titles were published in the form of restoration, translation and critical edition by various research departments of the university under eight various series. Biannual research Journal Dhih is regularly published since 1986.

The Institute's general role in promoting the academic atmosphere in this country and its contribution to the fields of Tibetology and Buddhology has now become well known to the world of scholars.

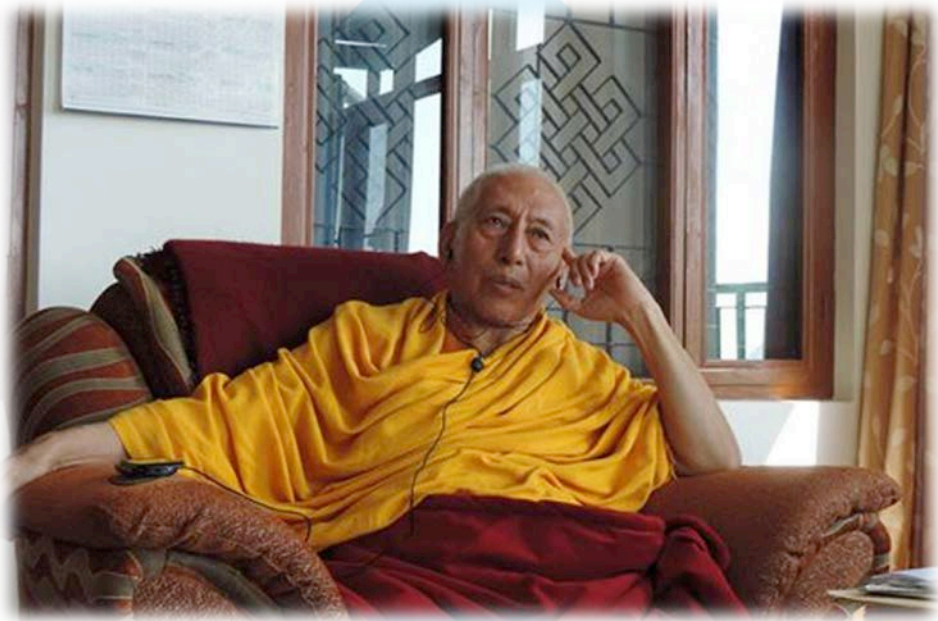
The Institute also organizes local, national and international seminars, symposia and workshops to discuss various subjects pertaining to several disciplines, opening new dimensions for reorienting many archaic conceptions.

Exchange Programme

The Institute is having Educational Exchange Program with Colleges and Universities in USA and Tasmania University, Australia and Digital University, South Korea. Under the program, a group of students from foreign universities visit the Institute for a short-term course in Buddhist Philosophy and Tibetan History and Culture. In exchange, students of the institute are being sent to Hampshire and Tasmania for further studies. The faculties of the institute visit other institutions as visiting professor to teach Buddhist philosophy, Tibetan language and literature.



Prof. S. Rinpoche with His Holiness the Dalai Lama.



Development of the University

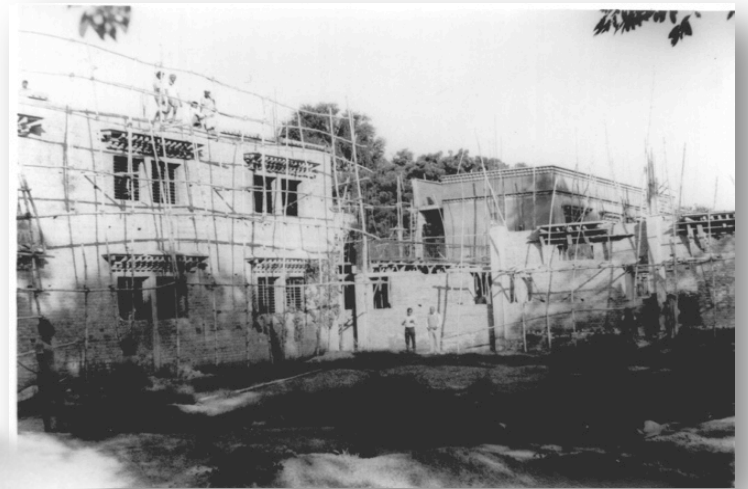
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First Batch of the University
1967
(As a special wing of Sampurnananda Sanskrit University, Varanasi)



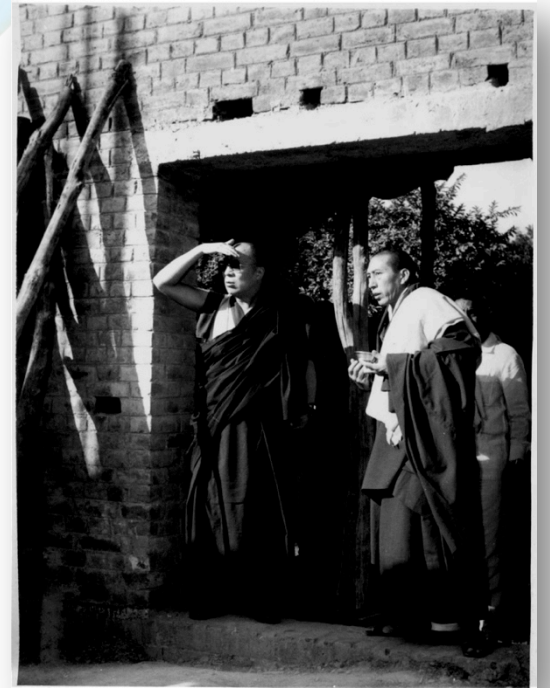
Chairperson Dr. Mrs. Kapila Vatsyayan watching the blueprint of the university



Shantarakshita Library under construction



His Holiness visiting the construction site





Visit of His Holiness



National Seminar at Tourist Bungalow, Sarnath



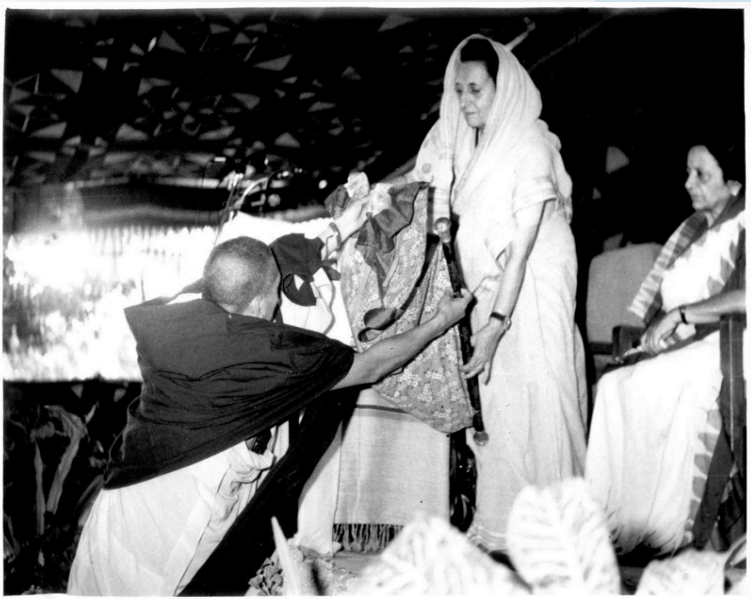
Visit of His Holiness to the Institute at Sarnath



His Holiness Presiding the Seminar in Tibetan Temple at Sarnath



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's visit to the Institute's New Campus on 8th April 1983





Inside the Shantarakshita Library



Releasing Institute's Publication



During the Inauguration of Padmasambhava Boy's Hostel







On the occasion of the inauguration of Padmasambhava Hostel by H.E. Kashi Naresh Dr. Vibhutarayana Singh on 5th February 1983



NAAC Committee handing over the report on 23 Dec. 2000



With H.E. Unu of Myammar



VC Conference at CUTS



Special Convocation





Shantarakhshita Library



Kamalshila Bhavan



Sambhota Bhavan



Padmasambhava Boys Hostel



Trisong Administrative Bhavana



Mayadevi Girls Hostel



Kalacakra Mandap



Anathapindada Guest House



Nehru Guest House



Alumni in Monastic Education

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Although hundreds of our alumni have become successful in different professions throughout the globe, we have featured only those alumni whose profiles could be obtained. Please accept our apology not being able to include all the names here.



His Eminence the 100th Gaden Tripa, most venerable Lobsang Nima Rinpoche joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath in year 1967 and received his Archarya Degree (Equivalent to M.A.) in 1972. He received the Geshe Lharampa degree. In 1974, His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the abbot of Gyudmed Tantric Monastic College. In 1976 he was appointed as the Abbot of Namgyal Monastery (His Holiness's Private Monastery). In 1983, he ascended to the Throne of Jangtse Choeje (The immediate post to Gaden Tripa). In 1994, he deservingly ascended to the Golden Throne of rJe Tsongkhapa the founder of the Gelugpa school of Tibetan Buddhism as the 100th Throne holder. In 2001, he was conferred the Honorary degree of Vakapati by the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi in recognition of his wisdom and contribution to the society.

Sharpa Choeje Khensur Lobsang Nyima joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in 1967 and received Acharya degree in 1969. In 1971 he obtained the Geshe Lharampa degree and joined Gyuto Tantric College. In 1973 he joined the CIHTS to pursue his Ph.D. degree on Two Truths. In 1979 His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the Abbot of Gyuto Tantric College. In 1990, His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him the Abbot of the Gaden Shartse Monastic University. During his tenure in both the Monastic Institutions, he gave teachings in Buddhist philosophy and Tantra to a number of students until his demise in 1995.



Khensur Geshe Jampa Thechog joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in 1967 and received Acharya Degree in 1970. He was appointed Lecturer in Gelug Sampradaya of CIHTS. In 1980 on the invitation of Foundation for the Preservation of Mahayana Tradition (FPMT) he joined Manjusri institute in London as resident teacher. After that he was the resident teacher at several FPMT centers including Instituto Lama Tsongkhap in Italy, Land of Medicine Buddha in California and Nalanda Monastery in France. In 1993 His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as abbot of Sera Jey Monastic University in South India. Khensur Rinpoche has authored several books including "Insight into Emptiness" published from Wisdom Publications.

Achok Rinpoche joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath in 1968 and received Acharya degree in 1971. After completing this study at the institute he became the abbot of Tashikhyil Monastery in Dehradun. From 1988-1989 he served as the director of Tibetan Medical Institute and Astrology in Dharamsala. In 1994 His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the abbot of Gaden Shartse Monastic University in South India. From 1998-2005 he served as the director of Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala, H.P.



Khensur Rinpoche Jampa Yeshe joined the CIHTS in 1968 and received his Acharya degree in 1971. In the same year he was conferred the Lharam Geshe degree (Ph.D equivalent) in the presence of H.H. the 14th Dalai Lama. In 1973 he joined CIHTS for Ph.D. on 'Valid Person' in Buddhist Epistemology. He was one of the first students of the university to pursue research in the modern educational framework. In 1984, His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the Abbot of the Gaden Shartse Monastic University.



Kensur Geshe Konchok Tsering joined the CIHTS in the year 1973. In 1980, Kensur Rinpoche received Geshe Larampa degree. He joined CIHTS to pursue Ph.D. on 'Mind in Buddhism'. In 1985 he joined the Gyuto Tantric College to study tantra. In 1989, he was appointed as one of the official teachers in Gaden Shartse Monastic University. In 1996, Kensur Rinpoche was appointed as the Abbot of Gaden Shartse. He continued to serve as abbot for 5 years.



Geshe Sonam Palsang joined the CIHTS in 1970 and received Shastri and Acharya degree. After graduation he returned to his parent institute the Gaden Monastic University, where he received Geshe degree. After that he joined Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh and served as resident teacher of remote Wakha nunnery. His contribution for the uplifting the nunnery is praise worthy. Later he joined Gyutoe Tantric College and received his degree in Tantra. His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the abbot of Gyutoe Tantric College.



Khensur Geshe Lobsang Palden joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath in 1967 and received Acharya Degree in 1978. After graduation, he became a teacher of Buddhist philosophy at Sera Monastic University. In 2000 His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the abbot of the Sera Je Monastic University in South India.



Khenpo Lodro Donyo Rinpoche, joined the CIHTS in 1968 and received Acharya degree in 1977. After graduation he returned to Sonada Monastery and continued his study and teaching. In Darjeeling monastery, he was conferred the Khenpo Rinpoche title and later assumed the responsibility of the Abbot of Bokar Ngedon Chokhor Ling Monastery, in Mirik, India. Khenpo Rinpoche is renowned as a scholar and author of many books. He visited through out the world to teach Buddhism and its practice.



Geshe Palden Dakpa joined CIHTS in the 1973 and received Acharya degree in 1975. In the same year he was conferred Geshe Lharampa Degree. From 1978 to 1988 he served at Tibet House, New Delhi as a Residence Professor and Researcher. In 1988 he spent three months in USA as a visiting professor at the University of Virginia. As per His Holiness the Dalai Lama's kind guidance and direction, he returned to Drepung Loseling Monastery to continue teaching Buddhist philosophy to thousands of aspirants from all around the globe. He has written three books on Vinaya and daily Buddhist practices.



Khenpo Tsewang Gyatso joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan studies at Sarnath in 1969. He received Acharya degree in 1978, served as a teacher in Palyul Namdroling Monastery at the Tibetan settlement in Bylakuppe, near Mysore in South India. For several years he was engaged in training the young monks and teaching in the monastic college, the Ngagyur Nyingma Institute (Shedra). In 1983 he was enthroned as a Khenpo. Khen Rinpoche has traveled and taught extensively in America, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.



Gomang Kehnsur Lobsang Tenzin joined the CIHTS in 1970, and received Acharya degree in 1973. In 1982, he received the Geshe degree. In 1989, His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the Abbot of Drepung Gomang Monastic University. Khen Rinpoche has traveled to Russia, Mongolia and Europe to teach Buddhism. Khen Rinpoche also holds Drepung Tripa title during his tenure.

Khen Rinpoche Geshe Lobzang Tseten hails from Ladakh. He joined the CIHTS in 1970 and received Shastri Degree. From 1974-1978 Khen Rinpoche taught in the high school in Ladakh. In 1984 he received Geshe Degree from Drepung Monastic University. At present he is teaching and lecturing at a number of schools in USA including Smith, Bowdoin, Amherst, Hampshire, Drew, Maine College of Art, Bangor Theological Seminary, Phillips Exeter Academy, Deerfield Academy, and others. In 1995, Khen Rinpoche founded The Siddhartha School in his home village in Stok, Ladakh for the young and needy children of Ladakh. In 1996, shortly after he founded the school, H.H. the Dalai Lama, appointed as the abbot of the newly reestablished Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in India.



Khenpo Migmar Tsering joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi in 1970. In 1972 he joined Sakya College in Dehradun where he obtained the degree of Lopon. After completing his study at Sakya College, he served at the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives as a translator for a short period. From 1983 to 1989 he taught at Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies as a Lecturer in Sakya Sampradaya. In 1989 he was appointed director of the Sakya College in Dehradun and enthroned as the Abbot of the college. His untimely demise is a great loss not only to the Sakya tradition, but also to the Tibetan Buddhism as a whole.

Ven. Tshultrim Phuntsok joined the CIHTS in 1971 and received his Acharya degree in 1981. After graduation he joined rigorous training course on Restoration of lost Buddhist texts from Tibetan to Sanskrit, and translation in Hindi and other languages. In 1987 he was appointed as Asst. Professor in Tibetan History at CUTS. In 2005 His Holiness the Dalai Lama appointed him as the Abbot of the Ratod Monastery in South India.



Khenpo Sonam Gyatso joined the CIHTS in 1971. In 1974 he joined Sakya College and studied the five major science of learning till 1984. From 1985 till 1989 he served as the abbot of the Thupten Namgyal Ling Institute, Puruwalla. In 1994 he established Thupten Kunphel Choede Buddhist Centre in Taiwan. From 1999 till 2013 served as the Principal and abbot of Sakya College and was actively involved both in the administration and in teaching. In 2000, he established the Retreat Centre - Tsechen Shed-Dub Samten Phuntsok Ling, which was inaugurated by The His Holiness the Dalai Lama. In 2009, he established Sakya College for Nuns. At present he is serving as the Director of Sakya College for Nuns, Dehradun.

Khenpo Jigme Dorjee joined the CIHTS in 1968 and received Acharya degree in 1977. After graduation he served Druk Sa-ngak Choling Monastery from 1980-2013 as Khenpo.



Khenpo Ngawang Tenzin Gyatso joined the CIHTS in 1969 and received Acharya degree in 1978. After graduation he served in the Druk Thupten Sangak Choling. He is the general secretary of Druk Thupten Sangak Choling Monastery and the President of Manjushree Centre of Tibetan Culture, Darjeeling, W.B.



Khenpo Shedup Tenzin Joined the CIHTS in 1970 and received Acharya degree in 1979. After graduation he served as the Khenpo of Shri Gautam Vihara, Kathmandu, Nepal. His contribution to bringing out the publication of Drugpa Kagyu literature is commendable.



Khenpo Ngawang Woser attended the CIHTS and received Acharya degree. After graduation he moved to Nepal and served as the Chief Lama and the Principal of Samten Choeling Gonpa, Dolkha in Nepal. At present he is residing in New York, USA teaching Buddhism.

Dr. Yula Sherpa joined the CIHTS and received Acharya degree. In 2005 he received Ph.D. degree. At present he is residing in New York, USA teaching Buddhism to the western students.



Acharya Nurbu Sherpa joined the CUTS in 1998. He received Acharya degree from S. Sanskrit University in 2006. After graduation he moved to Nepal serving as the Principal of Manjushree Committee School, General Secretary of Nepal Buddhist Federation and the President of Monastery/Vihar Management Council, Ministry of Education, Govt. of Nepal.



Ven. Ngawang Tharchin attended the CUTS and received Acharya degree in 2006. After graduation he moved to Nepal to work for the development of Buddhism. At present he is Executive member of Nepal Buddhist Federation.

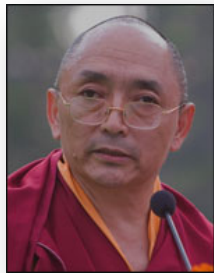


Ven. Acharya Serkyi Sherpa joined the CUTS and received Shastri degree. Later he joined BHU and received M.A. degree. At present he is serving as a member of Monastery/Vihara Management Council Nepal, Ministry of Education, Govt. of Nepal.

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Ven. Doboomb Rinpoche joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies at Sarnath in 1969, and received Acharya degree in 1972. In 1972 he was appointed as the Librarian of Tibet House, New Delhi. In 1973 he joined Library of Tibetan Works and Archive as Librarian. In 1997 Rinpoche joined the Private office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the Secretary dealing with Tibetan correspondence. In 1981 Rinpoche was appointed as the Director of Tibet House, Cultural Centre of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in New Delhi and worked for the promotion of Tibetan Cultural Heritage. Rinpoche has authored several books and articles.



Professor Geshe Ngawang Samten graduated from the CIHTS in 1980. He is one of the pioneer students to join the Rigorous Training Course on Restoration and Translation. After completing the rigorous training course, he was appointed as Research Asst. and then to the post of Associate Prof. Later he was promoted to Professor and had assumed the charge of Director of the Central Institute of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath on January 2001. In July 2008, The Government of India has reappointed Prof. Geshe N. Samten to the post of Vice Chancellor. Prof. Geshe N. Samten is a renowned scholar of Buddhist and Tibetan studies. His contribution to his field of studies is highly recognized in the academic circles within India and beyond. In 2008, he has been decorated with **Padma Shri**, awarded by the Government of India in recognition of his contribution in the field of education and literature.

Prof. Wangchuk Dorjee Negi graduated from Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi in 1986 and received his Ph.D. from the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi in 1990. He was appointed as Asst. Prof. in 1990 and later promoted to Associate Professor in Indian Buddhist Philosophy at CUTS, Sarnath. In 2008 he was promoted to Professor in Indian Buddhist Philosophy at CUTS. Currently he is the Director of Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Choglamsar, Leh, Ladakh. During his career he hold various positions in many reputed institutions. As a visiting professor, he visited USA, Australia and Japan to teach Buddhism. Prof. Negi has authored several books.



Khangkar Tsultrim Kelsang Emeritus Professor, Otani University, Kyoto, Japan, received Acharya degree in 1972. Since 1984, he has been teaching at Otani University in Kyoto, as well as many other universities in Japan, including Tokyo University, Kyoto University, Nagoya University, and Ryukoku University. In recognition of his contribution to Buddhist Studies and Tibetan Studies, he received "The Award for Distinguished Service for the Promotion of Buddhism" from Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (Society for the Promotion of Buddhism) in 2012. He has published many academic books and articles in Tibetan, and he has translated Tibetan classics into Japanese.

Prof. Khenpo Sonam Gyatso obtained the Acharya Degree in Buddhist Philosophy and Doctor of Buddhist Philosophy in 1976 and 2000, respectively. From 1976 to 2014 he served the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in Varanasi, India in the capacity of lecturer, reader and professor in Kagyu Sampradaya. He traveled world wide to teach Buddhist philosophy including USA, Europe and eastern countries. After serving the CUTS for more than 30 years he retired in 2013.



Prof. Lobsang Norbu Shastri joined the CIHTS in 1971 and received Acharya degree in 1980. He is one of the pioneer students to join the Rigorous Training Course on Restoration and Translation. After completing the rigorous training course, he was appointed as Research Asst. and then to the post of Associate Prof. Later he is promoted to Professor. At present he is the head of Translation department. Prof. L. N. Shastri has restored, translated and edited number of texts on Buddhist philosophy and literature. He received awards from U.P. Govt. Sanskrit Academy in 1984 & 1990 respectively in recognition of his works.



Dr. Phuntsok Dhondup joined the CIHTS in 1973 and received Acharya degree in 1982. After graduation he served Tawang Monastery School as a teacher, where he taught Buddhist philosophy. In 1989 he was appointed on the post of Asst. Professor in the department of Mool Shastra (Indian Buddhist Philosophy) at the CIHTS, and subsequently promoted to Associate Professor. During his career as a teacher in the university, he worked on critical edition of several texts related to the university course. After serving for more than 25 years, he was retired in 2010.



Dr. Tashi Tsering joined the CIHTS in 1973 and received Acharya degree in 1982. After graduation he joined Sakya College at Dehradun and Zongsar Institute, Blr H.P. for further studies. In 1989 he was appointed as Asst. Professor, Sakya Sampradaya in CUTS and later promoted to Associate Professor. During his tenure, he visited USA and Austria as visiting professor to teach Buddhist philosophy. At present he is shouldering the responsibility of Dean of Faculty of Hetu and Adhyadtmika, CUTS.



Ven. Gyaltzen Namdol received his Acharya Degree in year 1980. After graduation he joined the Rigorous Training Course on Restoration and Translation. In 1987 he was appointed on the post of Research Assistant and then got appointed as Asst. Prof. in the CUTS. At present he is working in the Restoration department as Associate Professor. He has restored and translated several texts and received Vividha Puraskar and Shankar Puraskar awards in 1983 & 1985 respectively from U.P. Sanskrit Academy.

Dr. Jampa Samten joined CIHTS in 1971 and received Shastri degree in 1978. In 1979 he joined Lucknow University and completed B. Lib science course. In 1980 he joined Library of Tibetan works and Archives Dharamsala as the Librarian of Tibetan section. He compiled the catalogue of historical works preserved in LTWA collection and published in 1983. He received Acharya degree from the CIHTS in 1983 and Ph.D. from Visva Bharti University, Shantiniketan in 2000. In 1987 he was appointed on the post of Asst. Professor in Tibetan History at CUTS. At present he is working as Associate Professor, Dept. of Tibetan History. He has authored several books and articles.



Ven. Lobsang Thogme received his Acharya degree in the year 1983. After graduation he joined Rigorous Training Course on Restoration and Translation at CIHTS. After completing the course, he was appointed as Asst. Prof. in Kagyu Sampradaya Shastra of Tibetan Buddhism. At present he is working on the post of Associate Professor. He is the dean of student at CUTS. He has restored and translated books and published.



Dr. Jamyang Gyaltzen did his early schooling in Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh. He joined the CIHTS, Sarnath and graduated in 1975. After completing his study at the CIHTS, he was appointed as a Lecturer in Tibetan Literature at Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh. Since then he served the Institute for more than three decades. He has authored several books.



Dr. Pema Tenzin joined the CIHTS in 1973 and received Acharya degree in 1982. After graduation he joined Rigorous Training Course. In 1987 he was appointed Research Asst. In 1989 he was appointed on the post of Asst. Professor in the Translation Department of the CUTS and promoted as Associate Prof. At present he is shouldering the responsibility of the head of Publication department. There are several books in his name in the field of restoration and translation. He was awarded Vividha Puraskar from U.P. Sanskrit Academy, Lucknow in the year 1985 & 2001 respectively.



Dr. Ramesh Chandra Negi joined the CIHTS in 1978 and received Acharya degree in 1987. In 1987 he joined the Rigorous Training Course at the CIHTS. In 1989 he was appointed on the post of Research Asst. in the translation department. Meanwhile he obtained Ph.D. degree from the CUTS. In 1996 he was appointed as Asst. Professor in Kagyu Sampradaya. At present he is shouldering the responsibility of both teaching and Chief Editor of Dictionary Dept. at CUTS.



Dr. Tashi Samphel joined the CIHTS and received Acharya degree in 1983. In 1989 he obtained Ph.D. degree from Sampurnananada Sanskrit University. He was awarded Research Fellowship by UGC. From 1989-1996 he served in the Department of RBTR as a Research Asst. In 1996 he was appointed as Asst. Prof. in Kagyu Sampradaya Shastra. In 2002 he was promoted to Asst. Prof. Sr. Scale. He was nominated as a member of academic council for two terms i.e. from 2002-2003 and 2011 to 2014.

Mr. Tsering Dakpa joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in 1971. He received Acharya degree in 1980. After graduation he served at Tibet House, the Cultural Centre of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. In 1987 he was appointed as Asst. Editor in the Department of Translation, CUTS. In 1998 he was appointed as Dy. Registrar and serving on this post till date.



Dr. Chowang Acharya received his Acharya degree in 1978. After completing his Ph.D., he was appointed as Lecturer in the Sikkim Institute of Higher Nyingma Studies financed by HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok. At present he is working as Associate Professor.



Dr. Lobsang Tsewang hails from Ladakh. After his primary schooling in Ladakh, he joined the CIHTS and graduated in 1974. He served in the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh as a Prof. in Comparative Philosophy.



Ven. Sonam Raptan joined CIHTS in 1973 and received Acharya degree in 1982. After graduation he joined Rigorous Training Course. In 1987 he was appointed Asst. Prof. of Nyingma Sampradaya of Tibetan Buddhism. Later he was promoted to Associate Prof. After serving the CUTS for more than 20 years he retired under the VRS scheme.

Dr. Pema Garwang received his Acharya degree in 1986. Later he earned Ph.D. degree. At present he is an Associate Professor in the Sikkim Institute of Higher Nyingma Studies, Gangtok, Sikkim.



Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Das holds Acharya degree and Ph.D. from CUTS in 1998 and 2002 respectively. At present he is working at Vishva Bharti University, Shantiniketan on the post of Associate Professor in the department of Indo-Tibetan Studies. He has restored and translated several books and compiled a comprehensive dictionary.



Dr. Shedup Tenzin joined CUTS in 1980 and received his Shastri degree in 1986. After graduation he joined Delhi University for further study from where he obtained M.A., M. Phil and Ph. D. degree from the Dept. of Buddhist Studies. In 2002 he was appointed as an Asst. Professor in Dept. of Indo-Tibetan Studies, Vishva-Bharti University, Shantiniketan. At present he is working on the post of Senior Asst. Professor.



Dr. Tashi Tsering received Acharya degree in 1991. After graduation he pursued for Ph.D. degree in Poetry from the CUTS and obtained the degree in 1996. He was appointed on the post of Asst. Professor in Tibetan Language and Literature in 1996. At present he is the head of the department of Tibetan Language and Literature. He is a member of various bodies in reputed organisations.

Dr. Penpa Dorjee received Acharya degree in 1979. After graduation he joined Sera Monastic University for further study on Buddhist philosophy, where he served as a teacher in the Sera Mey School. In 1982 he joined CIHTS for two years Rigorous Training Course. After completing the course he served at the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh as a Tibetan translator. In 1989 he joined CUTS on the post of Research Asst., and in 1992 he was appointed as Asst. Professor. At present he is the head of the Restoration Dept. There are several books in his name in the field of restoration and translation.



Dr Sonam Thakchoe attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Varanasi. After nine-intensive years study of Buddhist philosophy and literature he was awarded Shastri and Acharya Degrees. He obtained his Ph.D. in 2002 from the University of Tasmania, Australia. At present he is a senior lecturer in the areas of Buddhist Philosophy in the same university.



Dr. Lhakpa Tsering obtained Acharya degree from the CUTS in 2000. He was appointed on the post of Asst. Professor, Tibetan Language and Literature in 2009. Later he pursued for his Ph.D. from CUTS and completed in 2013.



Dr. Ngawang Tenphel attended the CUTS in 1995 and received Acharya degree in 2004. After graduation he studied at Sera Monastic University and received Geshe degree in 2008. In the meantime he served as a guest faculty at the CUTS. He pursued for Ph.D. and obtained the degree in 2013. In 2014 he was appointed on the post of Asst. Professor in Gelug Sampradaya at the CUTS.



Mr. Jampa Choephel joined CIHTS in 1996 and received Acharya degree in Bhot Jyotish from the CUTS in 2005. From 2005 he served as Guest Faculty in the Department of Bhot Jyotish. In 2011 he was appointed as Asst. Professor of Bhot Jyotish. He prepared the almanac for the university and published. At present he is the head of the Department of Bhot Jyotish at CUTS.



Dr. Kalsang Wangmo joined CUTS in 1988 and received her Shastri degree in 1995. After graduation she shifted to Delhi University for further studies from where she obtained M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. After completing her study she worked in the same department for few years as an Asst. Prof. At present she is working in Jarkhand University, Ranchi on the post of Asst. Professor.

Dr. Konchok Tashi joined the CUTS and obtained his Shastri degree. After that he moved to Pune for further studies at Fergusson College and Deccan College from where he obtained M.A. degree in English Literature and Linguistic respectively. He pursued his Ph.D. degree from Mysore University. At present he is Asst. Prof. in Centre for Far East Languages at Jarkhand University, Ranchi.



Mr. Ugyen joined the CUTS in 1997 and received Acharya degree in 2006. In 2009 he completed the M. Phil. course. After completing M. Phil. he registered for Ph. D. degree in the field of Tibetan History and Culture. He was appointed on the post of Asst. Prof. in Tibetan History in 2014.



Dr. Norbu Gyaltzen Negi joined the CUTS in 1995 and received his Shastri degree in 2002. After completing Shastri he joined Sampurnanand Sanskrit University and received his Acharya degree in 2004. After that he received his Ph.D. degree from the same university. At present he is working as Asst. Professor at Vishva Bharti University, Shantiniketan in the Department of Indo-Tibetan Studies.



Khenpo Lobsang Tsultrim Bhutia joined the CUTS and received Acharya degree in 2006. He served CUTS as a guest faculty. At present he is serving in Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh on the post of Lecturer in Kagyu Sampradaya.

Dr. Samten Chhosphel joined the CIHTS in 1971 and received Acharya degree in 1980. After graduation he served Manjushree Buddhist Centre in England as a translator to the resident teacher. He earned Ph.D. degree from the CUTS and appointed him as Asst. Editor in Publication Department of CUTS. After serving the CUTS for more than 20 years he retired and moved to USA.



Dr. Jigme Migyur joined CUTS and received Acharya degree of Sowarigpa in 2008. He completed MD in Sowarigpa in 2013. At present he is serving in the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh as a Lecturer in Sowa Rigpa.





Ven. Jampa Phuntsok attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath and received Acharya degree. After graduation he served as the Principal of Songtsen Middle School in Nepal. During his tenure as Principal, his tireless effort developed the school with new infrastructures and facilities.



Mr. Jampa Tenzin attended the CIHTS in 1971 and received Acharya degree in 1983. After graduation he joined University of Gorakhpur to pursue B. Ed. In 1979, he started his career as primary teacher in CST Mainpat in Chattisgarh. In 1985 he was promoted to TGT and PGT in 1988. In 1999, he was appointed as the Principal and posted at CST CVP Bylakuppe, Karnataka. Subsequently he served at CST Bylakuppe and CST Shimla. After serving for 33 years he retired in February 2012.

Mr. Tashi Dhondup attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath in 1971. After obtaining Shastri degree he joined University of Gorakhpur to pursue B. Ed. course. In 1978 he worked as one of the editor of Tibetan Text book for primary school. From 1979 to 1987 he served CST Mundgod as a Tibetan Language teacher. From 1987 to 1997 he served as a Rector of various CST schools. And from 1998 to 2012 he served as the Principal of various CST schools.



Ven. Thupten Gonpo joined the CIHTS in 1970 and received his Acharya degree in 1979. After graduation he was appointed as a teacher in the Tawang Monastery School. He served the Tawang Monastery School for last three decades. Considering his contribution for the development of the school, he was appointed the Principal of the School. He is serving as Principal of the School till date.



Mr. Choeying Dhondup joined the CIHTS, Sarnath in 1977. He obtained the Shastri and Acharya degree in 1983 and 1986 respectively. In 1987 he joined B. Ed. course at CIHTS and completed the course in 1988. In 1988 he was appointed as a Tibetan Language teacher in Lower TCV School, Dharamsala, H.P. In 1998 he was transferred to TCV Gopalpur as its Head Master. In 2005 he was appointed as the Principal of Lower TCV School. At present he is the Principal of TCV School Chauntara, H.P.



Ven. Losang Thapkhe joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in 1974. In 1979 he joined Buddhist School of Dialectic at Dharamsala, H.P. for further study in Buddhism. In 1984 he was appointed as the Tibetan Language Teacher cum Religious Teacher of the Namgyal Middle School in Kathmandu, Nepal. In 1990 he was transferred to Lekshed Tsal School Pokhara, Nepal and served as the head master. In 2007, after serving for more than 25 years as a Tibetan Language teacher, he was promoted to the post of Principal of Namgyal Middle School, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Ven. Geshe Thupten Loden joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in 1995 and received Acharya degree in 2006. After graduation he joined Drepung Loseling Monastery for further study and obtained Geshe degree. From 2009 to 2012 he was the Principal of Drepung Losaling Monastery School for young monks.



Ven. Geshe Rinchen Tsering joined the CIHTS and obtained Shastri degree in 1999. After completing Shastri he obtained B.Ed. degree in 2000. In 2002 he received his Acharya degree from CUTS. In 2012 he obtained the Geshe degree from Sera Je Monastic University. From 2001 to 2006 he served as a teacher in CST Darjeeling & CST Dholanji and Sera Je School. In December 2006 he was appointed the Principal of Sera Je School and serving on this post till date.



Dr. Lobsang Dorjee received his Acharya degree in 1987. In the same year he joined the Rigorous Training Course at CIHTS. After completing the course he was appointed as the Research Asst. in the Department of Restoration in 1989. He obtained Ph.D. degree from CUTS in 2007. During his career, he has restored and translated several books. He was awarded Vishesha Puraskar award from the Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Academy, Lucknow in 1999 & 2001 respectively in recognition of his research works.



Mr. Phurden Lepcha joined the CIHTS in 1979 and received Shastri degree in 1985. After graduation he worked in Sikkim. At present he is the Librarian/Curator in State Central Library, Cultural Affairs & Heritage Department, Govt. of Sikkim.



Mr. Rinchen Acharya joined the CIHTS in 1971 and received Acharya degree in 1980. After graduation he served as a teacher at Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School, Gangtok, Sikkim. At present he is the head Lama of the school.



Mr. Pema Gyalpo joined the CIHTS in 1971. He received Shastri and Acharya degree in 1978 and 1982 respectively. After completing Shastri he joined Lucknow University and obtained B. Lib. Science degree. In 1982 he was appointed as Professional Assistant in the Shantarakhita Library of CUTS. At present he is the In-Charge of the Multi-Media Section of the Library.

Mr. Ngawang Thokmey attended the CIHTS and obtained his Acharya degree in 1991. After graduation he moved to USA. At present he is working in University of Virginia as the Librarian in the Department of Tibetan Studies, USA



Dr. Gurucharan Singh Negi joined the CIHTS in 1990 and received Shastri and Acharya degrees in 1996 and 1998 respectively. In 2000 he has passed NET examination. In 2002 he obtained Ph.D. degree from the CUTS. In 2005 he received Acharya in Pali from Sampurnanada Sanskrit University, Varanasi. From 2002 to 2006 he served in CUTS as a guest faculty of Sanskrit language. He earned his third Acharya degree in Literature from Sampurnanada Sanskrit University in 2007. In 2006 he was appointed as an Asst. Prof. of Buddhist Philosophy in Rastriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Lucknow. He has authored and edited several books and published many research papers in various journals.



Dr. Tashi Tobpyal joined the CIHTS in 1983 and received Acharya degree in 1995. After the graduation, he worked as TA in the office of the Director of CUTS. In 2006 he obtained Ph.D. degree from the CUTS and was appointed as a Research Asst. in the department of Dictionary at CUTS. After serving the CUTS for more than 20 years he moved to Canada.



Mr. Phunstok Dorjee joined the CIHTS, Sarnath in 1974. In 1987 he received Shastri degree and served the CIHTS as a Store Keeper. In 1988 he was promoted to the post of SA (Store) and in 2000 he became the Estate Officer of CUTS.





Acharya Sangye Tendar joined the CIHTS and received Acharya degree. After graduation he joined Library of Tibetan Works and Archive Dharamsala in 1991, where he serves as the head of the Cultural Research and Tibetan Publication Department. He is the editor of gTam-tshogs Journal in Tibetan published by LTWA. He also teaches Tibetan language. He has authored several books and articles.



Mr. Jampa Dadak attended the CIHTS in 1970 and obtained Shastri degree in 1976. After completing Shastri he joined Lucknow University to pursue B. Lib. Science. After completing the B.Lib. Science course, he was appointed on the post of Professional Asst. in Shantarakshita Library. Having served CIHTS for more than 30 years he was retired and moved to USA.

Ven. Ngawang Gyaltzen Negi joined the CIHTS in 1996 and received Acharya degree in 2005. In 2007 he joined Sampurnanada Sanskrit University and obtained his second Acharya degree in Buddhist Studies in 2008. He served in the Dictionary Department of the CUTS. In 2013 he was appointed as a Research Asst. in the Restoration Dept. of the CUTS.



Kalsang Norbu 'Gurung' joined the CIHTS in 1990 to study in the department of Bon. He received Shastri degree in 1997 and Acharya degree in 1999. In 2001 he was awarded grant to pursue master programme at CNWS at Leiden University, Netherland. After completing his master programme he worked in the Leiden University Library to catalog Tibetan manuscripts and block prints preserved in their Library. Since 2005 he was working as a junior researcher at Leiden University. He completed his Ph. D. in 2011. At present he is teaching at University of Bon in the department of Mongolian and Tibetan Studies.



Mr. Tenzin Samphel left CIHTS in 1982 when he was reading in Shastri II year. At present he is working as General Librarian (Selection Grade) in Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim.



Dr. Tsering Dolkar joined the CIHTS in 1987 and received her Acharya degree in 1996. After graduation she pursued Ph. D. and obtained the degree in 1999. At present she is working in the Dept. of Rare Buddhist Text Research as Research Asst. She is co-editor of several books published by the CUTS.

Mr. Tseten Tashi attended the CIHTS in 1969 and received Acharya degree in 1978. After graduation from the CIHTS, he served in Central Tibetan Schools as a Tibetan Language Teacher. He obtained the B. Ed. degree and served in many CST Schools including Mussoorie. He served the CST for more than three decades and at present posted in CST, Bylakuppe as PGT.



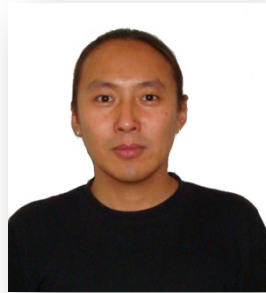
Dr. Karma Sonam Palmo joined CUTS and received Shastri degree in 2003. In 2008 she received Acharya degree. From 2003 to 2006 she served as a teacher in Tara Abbey, Kathamandu, Nepal. In 2013 she obtained Ph. D. degree from the University of Tasmania, Australia. In the same year she was appointed as Research Asst. in the Dictionary Department of CUTS. She has translated two books from Tibetan to English and published.



Mr. Sonam Tsewang obtained Shastri and Acharya degree from the CUTS in 1980 and 1991 respectively. After graduation he earned Diploma in Lib. Science from Purvanchal University and B. Lib. Science from Guru Ghasidas University. At present he is serving in the Shantarakshita Library at CUTS as a Professional Asst. He is the co-author of Handbook of Tibetan Cataloguing & Classification System in Tibetan.



Mr. Ngawang Tsepak attended the CIHTS and earned the Shastri degree in 1991. After graduation he joined B.H.U. Varanasi to study Library Science. In 1993 he obtained the B.Lib. Science degree from B.H.U. Varanasi. In 2000 he earned the M. Lib. Science degree from the same University. At present he is serving in the Shantarakshita Library as a Professional Asst. He is the co-author of Handbook of Tibetan Cataloguing & Classification System in Tibetan.



Mr. Bembya Mitrujev joined the CIHTS in 1996 and received Acharya degree in 2005. After graduation he returned to Russia where he worked as translators to Buddhist masters. At present he is pursuing for second Master degree from Saint Petersburg State University, Russia. He serves as a translator to His Holiness's teaching for the Russian devotees.



Geshe Orgyen Tsering joined the CIHTS, Sarnath in 1970. He received Acharya degree in 1980. After graduation he served Sera Mey School at Sera Monastic University. Later he moved to Tawang Monastery where he served the Tawang Monastery School for more than two decade as PGT in Tibetan language.

Dr. Tashi Tsering obtained Acharya degree from the CUTS. He earned Ph.D. degree in 2005. In 2013 he was appointed on the post of Research Assistant in the Department of Dictionary, CUTS. Prior to present assignment, he worked in the same department compiling Tibetan-Sanskrit dictionary.



Mr. Yishey Wangdu joined the CUTS in 2001. He received Shastri degree in 2007 and Acharya degree in 2009. After graduation he served CUTS as TA in the Department of Sowa Rigpa. In 2011 he completed M. Phil. In 2013 he was appointed as a Research Asst. in the Department of Translation at CUTS.



Mr. Pema Lhundup earned Acharya degree in 1995. After graduation he served TCV Schools as Tibetan Language teacher. At present he is posted in SOS, TCV School on the post of Post Graduate Teacher in Tibetan Language.



Mr. Tenzin Sidon joined CIHTS in 1990 and received Acharya degree in 2000. After graduation he served in the Director's office of CUTS as TA. In 2013 he was appointed as Research Asst. in the Department of Dictionary.

Mr. Norbu Nyima earned Acharya degree from CUTS in 2011. After graduation he served TCV Schools as Tibetan Language teacher. At present he is posted in SOS, TCV School, Bylakyppe, Karnataka on the post of Post Graduate Teacher in Tibetan Language.



Ms. Tenzin Yankey earned Acharya degree from CUTS in 2011. After graduation she served TCV Schools as a Tibetan Language teacher. At present she is posted in SOS, TCV School, Bylakyppe, Karnataka on the post of Post Graduate Teacher in Tibetan Language.



Mr. Lobsang Wangdue attended the CIHTS and earned Shastri and Acharya degree in 1992 and 1994 respectively. After graduation he obtained Diploma in Lib. Science from Purvanchal University. At present he is serving in the Shantarakshita Library at CUTS as a Semi Professional Asst.



Ms. Tenzin Rigzang attended the CIHTS and earned her Shastri and Acharya degree in 1994 and 1996 respectively. After graduation she obtained diploma in Lib. Science from Purvanchal University. At present she is working as a Semi Professional Asst. in the Shantarakshita Library at CUTS, Sarnath, Varanasi. She is In-charge of acquisition section.

Ms. Chemi Tsomo joined the CIHTS and received Acharya degree in 1997. After graduation she earned B. Ed. from the CUTS. At present she is serving the CUTS as the Publication Asst. in the Publication Department.



Mr. Pema Choden joined the CIHTS in 1984 and received Acharya degree in 1992. Since 1993 he is serving as the Publication Asst. in the Publication Department of CUTS.



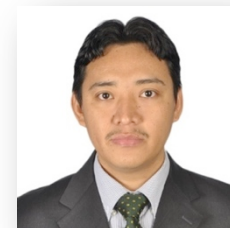
Mr. Kunsang Namgyal joined the CIHTS and obtained Shastri degree in 1995. At present he is serving in the CUTS as the Mess Manager.



Ms. Lobsang Choedon joined the CIHTS in 1996 and received Acharya degree in Bhot Jyotish in 2005. At present she is working on compilation of dictionary of Astro-Science in the Dictionary Department of CUTS.



Mr. Tenzin Norbu joined the CIHTS in 1990 and received Acharya degree in 1999. At present he is working on 'Concordance of Five Edition of Tibetan Canon' in the Dictionary Department of CUTS.



Dr. Kalsang Choedhan joined the CIHTS in 1994 and received BTMS degree in 2000. After graduation he is serving as a resident doctor of Sowa-Rigpa in different cities in India.



Dr. Ngawang Thupten joined the CIHTS in 1996 and received BTMS degree in 2004. After graduation he founded Mon Sowa-Rigpa Centre at Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh. He is serving the people of Bomdila as a doctor and a social worker.



Dr. Tashi Dawa joined CUTS in 1996 and obtained his BSMS degree in 2004 and MD (Invasive Therapies) in 2012. He served CUTS as a Guest Lecturer at the Department of Sowa-Rigpa from 2006-2009. Simultaneously, he was Consultant and Coordinator for Department's Units and Projects funded by National Medicinal Plant Board, Government of India. Presently, he is in Emory University as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at laboratory of Biochemical Pharmacology, Department of Pediatrics, doing research on "Potentials of Tibetan Medicine" under Prof. Dr. Raymond F. Schinazi.

Tsering Tsamchoe joined CIHTS in 1992, and graduated as a Menpa Kachupa (BTMS) in 2001. After her graduation, she served CUTS as a Research associate in the Dictionary Unit. From 2007 to 2012 she served as a Research officer at Central Council of Tibetan Medicine (CCTM) and recently she was elected as the executive members of CCTM and currently serving as a General Secretary of CCTM.



Dr. Dawa Tsering joined the CIHTS in 1997 and received the BTMS degree in 2008 and MD (Sowa Rigpa Pharmacology) in 2012. Since then, he has been serving in CUTS as the In-charge of the Pharmaceutical Unit of the Department of Sowa Rigpa.



Dr. Passang Dolma joined CIHTS in 1994 and received BTMS degree in 2000. After graduation she is serving as a resident doctor of Sowa-Rigpa in different cities in India.



Dr. Passang Dolma joined CIHTS in 1994. She obtained her BTMS degree in 2000 and MD (Obs. & Gynec) in 2012. Since then she has been serving as a Guest Faculty and consultant physician in the Sowa Rigpa department.

Dr. Chime Dolkar joined the CIHTS in 1997 and received BSMS degree in 2006 and MD (Obs. & Gynec) in 2012. At present she is serving as a Guest Faculty cum clinic in-charge and consultant doctor in CUTS.



Dr. Ngawang Thardoe joined CIHTS in 1992 and received Acharya degree in Sowa Rigpa in 2001. After graduation he worked at Maternity Consultation Hospital in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. From 2006-2009 he served at Sera Je Monastery Health Center as an Amchi. At present he is the Medical Officer at District Hospital, Mangan, North Sikkim under the Department of Ayush, Govt. of India.



Dr. Tenzin Thutop joined the CIHTS in 1999 and received BSMS degree in 2008. At present he is serving in CUTS as a compiler/editor of series of books on pharmacopeia of Sowa Rigpa.



Dr. Sonam Palmo joined the CUTS in 2001 and received BSMS degree in 2010. At present she is serving as a doctor in Tibetan Medicine at Shechen Clinic and Hospice, Shechen Dargye Ling Monastery, Kathmandu, Nepal.



Mr. Tenzin Kunsal joined the CIHS in 1994 and received Acharya degree in 2003. After graduation he is serving at the CUTS as Public Relation Officer in Vice Chancellor's office.



Ven. Meher Singh Negi graduated from the CUTS in 2003. In 2013 obtained Ph.D. degree from Sampurnanada Sanskrit University. At present he is serving in the CUTS as a guest faculty in Kagyu Sampradaya.

Ms. Dechen Dorjee joined the CIHTS in 2000 and received Acharya degree in 2010. After graduation he has registered for Ph.D. degree. At present he is serving in the CUTS as a guest faculty.



Dr. Penpa Tsering joined the CUTS in 2001 and received BSMS degree in 2010. At present he is serving as a Guest Faculty and In-charge of Library of the Department of Sowa-Rigpa at CUTS.



Mr. Tenzin Donyoe joined the CIHTS in 1992 and received Acharya degree in 2002. After graduation he joined Orientation Course in Computer. He earned B. Lib & Info. Science from the Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur in 2003. In 2014 he obtained M. Lib Science from MKDD University, Madurai. At present he is serving in the Multimedia Section of the Shantarakshita Library of the CUTS.



Dr. Tenzin Thupten joined the CIHTS in 1993 and received Acharya degree in 2003. In 2013 he obtained Ph.D. degree from Sampurnanada Sanskrit University. At present he is serving in the Examination Department of the CUTS.

Mr. Tenzin Yeshe joined the CIHTS in 1995 and received Shastri degree in 2002. In 2013 he earned B. Lib. Science degree. At present he is serving in the Multimedia Section of the Shantarakshita Library of the CUTS.



Ms. Khado Yangzom joined the CIHTS in 1998 and received Acharya degree in 2010. She attended Tankaung University, Taipei to study Chinese from 2007-2008. At present she is serving in the Examination Department of the CUTS.





Ms. Tenzin Desar joined the CUTS in 2002 and received Shastri degree in 2009. In 2008 she obtained diploma in computer science. In 2012 she earned B. Ed. degree. At present she is serving in the Multimedia Section of the Shantarakshita Library of CUTS.



Mr. Tenzin Chungdak joined the CUTS in 2004 and received Shastri degree in 2012. After completing Shastri course he pursued for B. Lib Science, which is expected to complete in 2014. At present he is serving in the Acquisition Section of Shantarakshita Library of CUTS.

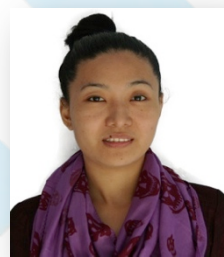


Ms. Kalsang Yangzom joined the CIHTS in 1996 and received Shastri and Acharya degrees in 2003 and 2005 respectively. She holds B. Ed. degree from the CUTS. After graduation she served in Tibetan Homes Foundation School, Mussoorie as a teacher. At present she is serving in the Tibetan Section of Shantarakshita Library against post of SPA .

Mr. Tenzin Ghegay joined the CUTS in 2001 and received Acharya degree in 2011. He earned B. Ed. degree in 2011. He served the office of the Dean of Student as a secretary in 2007. At present he is serving in the Tibetan Section of Shantarakshita Library against the post of SPA.



Ms. Dickey Dolma joined the CUTS in 2004 and received Shastri degree in 2011. After completing Shastri course she pursued for B. Lib Science, which is expected to complete in 2014. At present he is serving in the Acquisition Section of Shantarakshita Library of CUTS.



Ms. Dawa Tsamchoe joined the CUTS in 2003 and received Acharya degree in 2012. During her school years she has been members of various student welfare committees. At present she is serving in the Multimedia Section of the Shantarakshita Library of CUTS.



Ms. Pema Payang joined the CUTS in 2004 and received Acharya degree in 2013. After her graduation she is serving in the Multimedia Section of the Shantarakshita Library of CUTS.



Ms. Migmar Youdon joined the CUTS in 2005 and received Acharya degree in 2014. After graduation she is serving in the office of the Sowa Rigpa Department dealing the administrative works.



Ms. Tsomo graduated from the CUTS in 2014. At present she is working for the Asian Classic Input Project at Varanasi Branch.



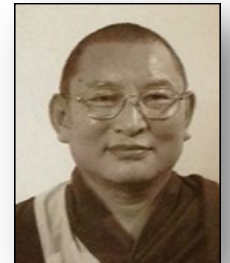
Alumni in Public Services

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Kasur Kalsang Yeshi studied in Derpong monastery. In 1961 he joined Teachers Training School at Mussoorie. After completing the training he served as a teacher in Mussoorie and Mainpat (in present Chattisgarh). In 1969 he attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi and obtained Acharya degree in 1972. In 1979, he moved to New York and taught Tibetan language at University of Pennsylvania. In 1977 he taught Tibetan and Buddhist Dialectics in the Department of Religion at the University of Virginia. In 1979 he returned to India and got elected as a member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputy. In 1989, HH the Dalai Lama appointed Mr. Yeshi as Kalon, (Minister) for Religion and Culture Department. He continued to work on the improvement of monastic life and education, developed the Norbulingka Institute and forged ties with many Institutions around the world, raising awareness on the importance of preserving Tibetan culture.

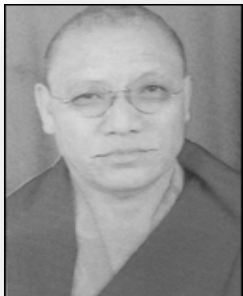
Ven. Kirti Rinpoche earned Acharya degree from CIHTS in 1977. From 1978, Rinpoche worked as a Research Scholar at the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala for a decade. He was appointed as the Representative of H.H. Dalai Lama in the Governing Body of the Institute of Tibetology at Gangtok, Sikkim. From 1987 Rinpoche served in various important offices of Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala. In 1992 Rinpoche reestablished the Kirti Jopa Dratsang at Dharamsala, which is his parent Monastery in Tibet. In 1997, Rinpoche was elected as Kalon (Minister) and took the oath of office of Minister of Religious and Cultural Affairs. At present Rinpoche is the Head of the Kirti Jopa Dratsang in Dharamsala, H.P. India.



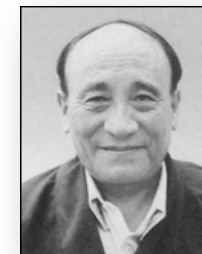
Mr. Thupten Lungrig attended the Central School for Tibetans in Dalhousie. In 1971 he attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi and obtained his Acharya degree in 1981. Mr. Lungrig served as a teacher at Tibetan Children's Village School (TCV) in Dharamsala. In 1991 he was promoted as Principal of TCV School, Suja, H.P. and in 1993 he became the Director of the School. In 1996 he was nominated as a member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies and later unanimously elected him as Deputy Speaker of the House. In 2001 he was elected to the 13th ATPD and unanimously elected as the Speaker of the House. During that tenure Mr. Lungrig was elected as the Kalon (Minister). He held the joint portfolios of, first, the Department of Religion & Culture and the Department of Education, and later, the joint portfolios of the Departments of Health and Education.

Mr. Pema Jungne attended the Central School for Tibetan Kalimpong and Shimla for his primary education. He then joined CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi and earned Shastri and Acharya degree. After graduation he served as a teacher at School at Sakya Center for three years. He earned B. Ed. degree from the CUTS and was appointed as a teacher in Tibetan School at Suja, Bir, H.P. After serving as a teacher for two years, in 1988 he was elected as a member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies representing Sakya School of Tibetan Buddhism. He was elected as a member of Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputy consecutively for five terms. During the 13th TPD, he was unanimously elected as the speaker of the house.

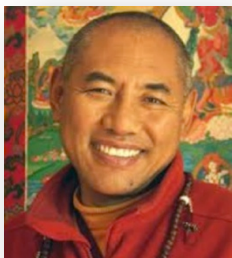




Ven. Tsering Phunstok attended the CIHTS. After graduation, he has served in many social welfare projects. Later he was elected as the member of the 11th, 12th and 13th Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies as a representative of Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. During the 12th TPD he was elected Kalon (Minister) and entrusted the portfolio of the Department of Religious Affairs from 2006-2011.



Kasur Lobsang Nyima joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in Varanasi 1969. In 1972, the Tibetan Administration appointed him Settlement Officer in Bandhara, Maharashtra. From then till his retirement in 1997, Mr. Nyima served the Tibetan community in various capacities: Welfare Officer in Dalhousie, Settlement Officer in Orissa, Manager of Tibetan Handicrafts Centre in Jawalakhel, Nepal, and Secretary of the Tibetan Public Service Commission in Dharamsala. During the 11th TPD, he was elected Kalon (Minister) and entrusted the portfolio of the Department of Home Affairs from 2001-2005 and Religious Affairs from 2005-2006.



Ven. Chodak Gyatso attended CIHTS and earned Acharya degree. He spent two years in Delhi University, studying Eastern and Western philosophy. In 1979, he was elected as a member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies representing Nyingma school of Tibetan Buddhism. Subsequently he served both as the Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Tibetan People's Deputy. In 1992 he moved to USA as resident teacher of the Chagdud Gonpa Thondup Ling in Los Angeles from 1997 until his last breath in 2009.



Ven. Yeshi Phuntsok joined the CIHTS in 1979 and received Acharya degree in 1988. In 1988 he attended the international conference of Tibet Support Group, which was participated by delegates from 25 countries. From 1989 to 1996 he served in the CIHTS and TCV Suja in administration and teaching respectively. He is the Vice President of the Bharat-Tibbat Sahyog Manch. He has been serving as the Head of the Tibetan Parliamentary Planning Research Center since 2004. In 2006 he was elected as a member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies in Exile representing U-Tsang province. He has participated in number of conferences on Tibetan cause. In 2010 he attended the UN meeting on Human Rights as a representative of Tibetan people.



Mr. Tsering Tashi hails from Zanskar, Ladakh. He joined the CIHTS in 1977 and received Shastri degree in 1983. In 1984, he returned to Zanskar to work for the education of the local children and opened 'Duzin Photang School' on the contribution of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. In 1989 he started another school in Pibithang, Zanskar, a branch of Lamdon School, Leh, Ladakh. From 1995 to 2009 he was the Chairperson of the school. He did commendable job in the field of education in remote areas of Ladakh. At present he is working as Deputy Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museum, Govt. of J&K.



Mr. Lobsang Shastri joined CIHTS and earned Shastri degree. After graduation he joined Library of Tibetan Works and Archives (LTWA), Dharamsala as a translator in 1985. From 1988 to 2009 he was the chief Librarian of the Tibetan Manuscript Department (LTWA). In 1994 he served Oslo University, Norway as a Tibetan language instructor at Department of History of Religion. In 2001 he was elected as a member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies representing U-Tsang province. In 2006 he was the visiting scholar at Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA. He compiled and published three departmental catalog books of Tibetan Manuscript preserved in the Library of LTWA. At present he is working in Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center in New York, USA.

Mr. Choegyal Tenzin joined the CIHTS in 1987 and received Acharya degree in 2000. In 2001 he was elected as the member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies representing Kagyu School of Tibetan Buddhism. From 2002 to 2011 he taught Tibetan language and Buddhist philosophy in the University of Hungary. He has written and published four small books.



Ven. Guru Gyaltzen attended the CIHTS in 1971 and received his Acharya degree in 1980. After graduation he served in the Sakya Tsechen Dongag Choeling Monastery School as a teacher. He served the monastery for 17 long years as a teacher and administrator. In 1995 he served Pema Tshel an organisation helping the needy Tibetan children in Mundgod Tibetan settlement, Karnataka. In 1996 he was elected as member of the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies. At present he is the head of Sakya Tsechenling monastery and the director of Pema Tsel School.

Mr. Kithar Sherpa joined the CIHTS in 1980 and received his Acharya degree in 1989. After graduation he joined Sikkim govt. At present he is the Joint Director, Ecclesiastical Affairs Department, Govt of Sikkim, Gangtok.



Mr. Genden Norbu joined CIHTS in 1998 and received Shastri degree in 2004. In 2006 he obtained Acharya degree. From 2005-2007 he served as a teacher under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. In 2007 he served Tawang Monastery School as a teacher. Since 2011 he is serving as Assistant Director in the office of the Department of Karmik & Adhyatmik (CHOS-RIG) Affairs, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.



Mr. Karma Monlam joined the CIHTS in 1970 and received Acharya degree in 1979. He served in the Publication Section of Education Department of Central Tibetan Administration. He has translated few books into Hindi and compiled an English Tibetan Dictionary. At present he is Joint Secretary of Education Department.



Mr. Palden Dhondup joined the CIHTS and received Acharya degree. After graduation he joined Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala. He served many Tibetan settlements as the head. Later he was transferred to Bureau of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, New Delhi as the Secretary. At present he is Additional Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs, Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamsala.



Mr. Namgyal Shastri attended the CIHTS in 1973 and received his Shastri degree in 1978. After graduation he served in the Tibetan Children Village School, Dharamsala as a Tibetan language teacher. From 1986-1993 he served in the department of Information and International Affairs, CTA Dharamsala. In 1993 he moved to USA and joined as a reporter in Tibetan language in Voice of America. At present he is the head of the Kunleng Programme of VOA Tibetan and Assistant Editor.



Mr. Tsering Samdup graduated from the CUTS. At present he is serving the Education Department of CTA, Dharamsala as a Joint Secretary, Academic.

Mr. Ngawang Namgyal graduated from the CIHTS in 1992. At present he is serving as a Additional Secretary in the Assembly of Tibetan People's Deputies, CTA, Dharamsala.



Mr. Kunga Gyaltzen graduated from the CUTS. At present he is serving as Deputy Secretary of Publication Section of the Education Department of CTA, Dharamsala.



Mr. Sonam Topgyal graduated from the CUTS and served Lower TCV as a teacher. Later he joined Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala, where he is serving as the Librarian in-charge of the Tibetan Section.



Mr. Ngodup Tenphel graduated from the CUTS and joined CTA Dharamsala. He is serving in the Academic Section of the Education Department. At present he is Under Secretary of the Section.

Alumni in Buddhist Centres Around the World

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Kenpo Konchog Gyaltzen attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi from 1967 to 1976. He obtained his Acharya degree in 1976. After graduation, he was on retreat for Three-years, three months at Lamayuru monastery in Ladakh. Considering his scholarship, he was awarded the Khenpo title in Drikung Kagyu monasteries. He started teaching Buddhist philosophy and meditation to the students from both east and west. In 1985 he taught at the Tibetan Meditation Centre at Washington D.C. He established several centres in Chile, South America and the USA. He regularly visits South Asia, Europe, South America and the USA to teach Buddhist philosophy and meditation.



Geshe Wangdak, joined CIHTS in 1974 and received his Acharya degree in 1977. After graduating from the CIHTS he returned to Drepung to take his Geshe exams, and earned the Geshe Lharampa degree. After completing his Geshe exams he was appointed as the senior teacher at Namgyal monastery in Dharamsala. He served for 14 years, teaching both sutra and tantra. In 1991, he was appointed Abbot of the monastery by H.H. the Dalai Lama, a position he held until 1994. In 1995, His Holiness appointed Khensur Rinpoche Abbot and Senior Resident Teacher at Namgyal Monastery in Ithaca, NY. At present, he is the resident teacher at the Chenrezig Tibetan Buddhist Center in Middletown, Connecticut USA.



Geshe Tashi Namgyal attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi in 1967, where he obtained Acharya degree. In 1972 he moved to Canada. In 1974 he founded Sakya Thubten Kunga Choling in Victoria, Canada and in 1988 Tashi Choling in Anchorage, Alaska respectively. He gave teaching in these centres in regular basis to the students attending from Canada and USA until his demise.



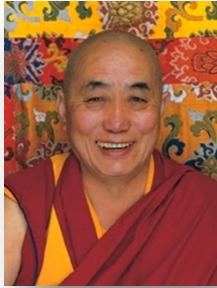
Geshe Sonam Rinchen attended Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi in 1967. After studying for nine long years, he obtained his Acharya degree in 1976. After graduation he joined Library of Tibetan Works and Archives as resident scholar, where he taught Buddhist Philosophy and meditation. In 1982 he visited Japan as a guest lecturer at Nagoya University and Kyoto University respectively.

Traleq Kyabgon Rinpoche attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in 1971. After spending several years at the Institute, he went to Rumtek monastery in Sikkim where he received complete teachings of Karma Kagyu tradition. In 1980, he moved to Kagyu Evam Buddhist Institute at Malbourne, Australia, where he taught theory and practice of Buddhism until his last breath.



Zasep Tulku began his study at Sera Je monastery. In 1972 he attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi and received his Acharya degree in 1975. After graduation he spent eighteen months in Thailand where he studied Theravadi Buddhism. In 1976 he moved to Australia as a translator to Geshe Loden. Later in 1979 he established Buddhist centres called Ganden Choling and Zuru Ling in Canada where he teaches Buddhism.





Geshe Thupten Loden did his early studies in Sera Je monastery. He joined the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies and received his Acharya degree. After graduation he moved to Australia as the principal teacher of the Chenrezig Institute of Buddhist teaching centre in Queensland in 1976. In 1980 he founded his own centre for Buddhist learning in Melbourne, the Tibetan Buddhist Society.

Geshe Jampa Gyatso joined the CIHTS in 1967 and received Acharya degree in 1970. He holds both Geshe Lharampa from Sera Je monastic University and Geshe Ngagrampa degree from Gyume Tantric College. He was enrolled to Ph.D. on 'Omniscience in Four Tenets of Buddhism in 1972. Geshe la taught many courses on Buddhist philosophy in Italy, Spain and England. He was the Abbot of Nalanda Monastery in France, Takden Shedrup Targye Ling monastery and Shenphen Samten Ling Nunnery. He was the resident teacher at Lama Tzong Khapa Institute in Italy from 1980 until his demise in 2007.



Geshe Doga is the Resident teacher of Tara Institute in Australia. He joined the CIHTS in 1967 and received Acharya degree in 1976. In 1982 he was conferred the Geshe Lharampa degree. He was invited to teach young monks at Kopan monastery in Nepal. On the request of FPMT, he moved to Australia where he gave teachings at Atisha Centre. In 1984 he accepted to be the resident teacher of Tara Institute in Australia where he teach till today.

Lama Pema Wangdak attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi in 1970 and received Acharya degree in 1980. In 1982 His Holiness Sakya Trizin sent Lama to America from the Sakya School to teach Buddhism to the Western students. Lama Pema created "Bur Yig"-Tibetan Braille. He is the director of Palden Sakya Center and Vikramasila Foundation in New York where he teaches Tibetan Buddhism and Meditation. He founded the The Pema Tsal Monastic Institute in Nepal and in India to nurture and educate students in the Tibetan refugee community. On 9 May 2009, the Venerable Lama Pema Wangdak became the first Tibetan to be awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organization (NECO) Foundations at Ellis Island in New York.



Geshe Sonam Gyaltzen attended the CIHTS, Sarnath, in 1972 and received his Acharya degree in 1975. In 1977, he obtained Geshe Lharampa degree. H was the chanting-master (umdze) of the Ganden Jangtse College for five years from 1976, and head of the school for young monks. In 1984 he served at the 'Central Institute for Buddhist Studies' in Leh as a lecturer of Buddhist Philosophy. In 1987 he published a book on the history and the rituals of the Ganden Jangtse College of the Ganden monastic university. He visited Germany several times to give lectures at the Goethe Institute of the Frankfurt University. In 1992, Geshe la became the resident teacher of Maitreya Instituut in Emst. In 2001, Geshela founded Dhonden Foundation in order to help Tibetans in need.



Lama Migmar Tseten attended the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in 1970 and received his Acharya degree in 1979. In 1980 he was appointed the Director of the Sakya Centre and Sakya Institute in 1981. In 1989, he moved to USA as the resident teacher of the Sakya Chokhor Yangtse in Massachusetts, USA.

Geshe Lhabu Dhondup attended the CIHTS and received his Acharya degree. From 1981-2002 he taught at the Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh. He continued his spiritual training and received his Geshe Lharam degree, from Drepung Loseling Monastery in 1989. Geshe la joined M. Phil. in Sampurnanada Sanskrit University and worked on the critical edition of first four chapters of Abhidharma Kosha. Geshe la has taught at Drepung Loseling Monastery, Atlanta, USA.



Geshe Ngawang Sherap joined the CIHTS and received Acharya degree. Later he joined Delhi University and earned the degree of M. Lib. Sc. From 1976 to 1979 he served CST, Shimla as its Rector. From 1981 to 1996 he served the Shantarakshita Library of CIHTS as the Librarian. He earned Geshe degree from Sera Mey Monastic University, South India. At present he travels to Europe, USA, Canada, Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia and South Asian countries to teach Buddhist philosophy and practice.

Dr. Tashi Zangmo joined the CIHTS and obtained the Shastri degree. She joined Mt. Holyoke College under the exchange program with the University and received her second Bachelor's degree in 1999. She then earned her master's and Ph.D. degree in International Education from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, USA in 2009. She then returned to Bhutan and started Bhutan Nun Foundation under the patronage of Her Majesty, the Queen Mother. The mission of the foundation is to provide learning opportunity to the nuns and to set up a Higher Buddhist Learning Center for the Bhutanese nuns.



Mr. Dawa Dhondup is a professional translator. He joined CIHTS and received Acharya degree. After graduation he worked in Kopan Monastery to train young monks in translation from Tibetan to English. In 1987 he moved to Australia and served as a translator in the Dharma Centres. He translated the teachings of the His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Australia for the audience. In 2014 he translated the teaching of Ven. Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche at Gyuto Tantric College. He has translated several books into English including three volumes of Khejo Rinpoche's teachings.

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བདག་ནི་སེམས་ཅན་ཐམས་ཅད་ལ།
དོན་མཚོག་སྐྱབ་པའི་བསམ་པ་ཡིས།

ཡིད་བཞིན་ནོར་བུ་ལས་ལྷག་པའི།།
ཉུག་ཏུ་གཅེས་པར་འདྲིན་པར་ཤོག ། ༡

གང་དུ་སྲུ་དང་འགྲོགས་པའི་ཚོ།
གཞན་ལ་བསམ་པ་ཐག་པ་ཡིས།

བདག་ཉིད་ཀྱན་ལས་དམན་བལྟ་ཞིང་།།
མཚོག་ཏུ་གཅེས་པར་འདྲིན་པར་ཤོག ༢

སྣོད་ལམ་ཀུན་ཏུ་རང་རྒྱད་ལ།
བདག་གཞན་མ་རུངས་བྱེད་པས་ན།

ཉོག་ཅིང་ཉོན་མོངས་སྐྱེས་མ་ཐག
བཅོན་ཐབས་གདོང་ནས་ལྡོག་པར་ཤོག ༣

རང་བཞིན་ངན་པའི་སེམས་ཅན་རྣམས།
རིན་ཚེན་གཉེར་དང་སྤྲད་པ་ལྟར།

ཐྱིག་སྐྱབ་དྲག་པོས་ནོན་མཐོང་ཚོ།།
ཉེན་ལྟ་བུ་བསམ་པའི་ལོ་ལོ་ལོ།

བདག་ལ་གཞན་གྱིས་ཕྲག་དོག་གིས།
སྣོང་ཁ་རང་གིས་ལེན་པ་དང་།

གཤེ་བསྐྱར་ལ་སོགས་མི་རིགས་པའི།།
རྒྱལ་ཁ་གཞན་ལ་འབྲུལ་བར་ཤོག ༤

གང་ལ་བདག་གིས་ཕན་བཏགས་པའི།
ཤིན་ཏུ་མི་རིགས་གཞོན་བྱེད་ནའང་།

རྩི་བ་ཚེ་བ་འགའ་ཞིག་གིས།།
བཤེས་གཉེན་དམ་པར་བལྟ་བར་ཤོག ༥

མདོར་ན་དངོས་སམ་བརྒྱད་པ་ཡིས།
མ་ཡི་གཞོན་དང་སྐྱབ་བསྐྱེད་ཀུན།

ཤམ་བདེ་མ་རྣམས་ཀུན་ལ་འབྲུལ།།
གསང་བས་བདག་ལ་ལེན་པར་ཤོག ༦

དེ་དག་ཀུན་གྱང་ཚོས་བརྒྱད་གྱི།
ཚོས་རྣམས་སྐྱུ་མར་ཤེས་པའི་སྣོས།

ཉོག་པའི་བྱི་མས་མ་སྐྱགས་ཤིང་།།
ཞེན་པའི་འཚིང་བ་ལས་གྲོལ་ཤོག ༧



Felicitation Programme of
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Wednesday, the 5th November 2014
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Time	Programme
10.00 a.m.	Teaching on Eight Verses of Mind Training at Kalacakra Mandap
12.00 noon	Lunch

Felicitation Programme

3.00 p.m.	Lighting of Offering-Lamp
3.05 p.m.	Recitation of Mangalacaran in Tibetan and Sanskrit
3.15 p.m.	Prayer: Offering of three symbolic objects (of body, speech and mind) Offering of Robe
3.25 p.m.	Recitation of Felicitation Citation
3.35 p.m.	Release of Souvenir
3.40 p.m.	Speeches by Eminent scholars
4.40 p.m.	Address by Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche
5.10 p.m.	Vote of Thanks by Organising Committee
5.20 p.m.	Refreshment to all the guests and Alumni
6. 30 p.m.	Cultural Show

Thursday the 6th November 2014

10.00 a.m.	Group Photo session of Alumni with Ven. Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche
10.10 a.m.	Address to Alumni by Ven. Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche