

**March 8, 2018**

On 8th March Tibetan Women's Association both Regional and Central celebrated International Women's Day by setting up an activity which involves everyone who was around McLeod Ganj. International Women's Day is a global celebration observed since a century ago and it is a day of a unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action.



**March 10, 2018**

On the 10th March 2018, Tibetan Women's Association collaborated with four other Tibetan NGOs in Dharamshala – Tibetan Youth Congress, Students for a Tibet-India, Gu-Chu-Sum Movement for Tibet and National Democratic Party to mark the 59th Tibetan National Uprising Day by organizing a Peace March from Dalai Lama's Temple to Kachari police ground.



Tibetan Uprising Day, observed on March 10, commemorates the 1959 Tibetan uprising against the presence of the People's Republic of China in Tibet. The failure of the armed rebellion ultimately resulted in a violent crackdown on Tibetan independence movements, and the flight of the Dalai Lama into exile. Chinese started their invasion from 1949 in the name of liberating Tibetan masses and this so-called liberation of masses resulted in taking away our country completely with the series of mass killings, detentions, destructions of Tibetan monasteries and restrictions of basic rights for Tibetans.



**March 12, 2018**

Tibetan Women's Association both Central and Regional commemorated the 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tibetan Women's Uprising Day by arranging an official function at Tibetan Martyrs Pillar, McLeod Ganj with the presence of special guest Mrs. Rinchen Khando Choegyal, Director of Tibetan Nun's Project, Mrs. Ngawang Lhamo, Director Nyingtop Ling, chief guest Mrs. Sonam Dolkar, Ex Education Director of TCV, and a few hundred women including school children and nuns. The function was followed by a peaceful procession from the temple to Kachari, lower Dharamshala to spread awareness about what happened on 12th March 1959.



The Tibetan Women's Uprising Day remembers the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1959 women's event in front of the Potala Palace in Lhasa, where thousands of women demanded the Chinese invaders to leave Tibet. The protest was violently suppressed, and many Tibetan women lost their lives that day. Unable to bear the brutal occupation of their land by military forces, women in Tibet bravely

formed their resistant group called Tibetan Women's Association at Tibet's capital to peacefully resist the Chinese annexation of Tibet; thousands of brave Tibetan women gave up their precious lives for the just cause of Tibet and its people. With their sacrifice as the inspiration to look up to, we are determined to strive to fulfil their cherished dream of freedom for the people of Tibet.

**March 14, 2018**

On 14th March, 2018 the five major Tibetan Non-governmental Organizations (Tibetan Women's Association, Tibetan Youth Congress, Gu-Chu-Sum Movement for Tibet, Students for a Free Tibet-India and National Democratic Party of Tibet) from Dharamshala organized a major program to commemorate the Mass Uprising by the Tibetan people against Chinese regime in 2008 at Parliament Street in New Delhi. The Speakers for the occasion were Shri Vijay Kranti Ji who is a Journalist and Director of Doordarshan and Smt. Madhu Kishwar, Professor and Indian Feminist. Over 150 to 200 people participated in the event.





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On International Day of Action for Rivers a team from Tibetan Women's Association Central along with Waste Warriors group organized a clean-up drive in and around the Bhagsu waterfall area. International Day of Action for Rivers is a day to lift our voices to Celebrate the world's rivers and those who struggle to protect them. It is also a day to educate one another about the threats facing our rivers and learn about better water and energy solutions. On this day our aim is to raise our voice against destructive water development project, reclaim the health of our watersheds and demand equitable and sustainable management of our rivers.

