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# CHRONOLOGY OF SELF-IMMOLATION INSIDE TIBET



**TWA** pays tribute to the brave souls who self-immolated to protest against the Chinese occupation and decades of oppression to crackdown the Tibetans. TWA publish the names and brief information about the self-immolators in its every quarterly newsletter 'VOICE' to pay homage. For this newsletter, we have continued the chronology of self-immolation from the last edition (Aug 2015-Nov 2015). The number goes from 143-144.

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Name: Kalsang Wangdu

Date: February 29, 2016

Protest location: Nyarong County in Kardze (Chinese: Ganzi)

Age: 18

Current whereabouts/wellbeing: Deceased

“[While he burned], he called out for Tibet’s complete independence,” a Tibetan source told RFA, adding that witnesses to Wangdu’s protest “intervened,” intending to take him to Sichuan’s provincial capital for treatment. He carried out his self-immolation around 4pm by his monastery, the Retsokha Aryaling monastery.





# STATEMENT ISSUED BY TIBETAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ON THE 57<sup>TH</sup> COMMEMORATION OF THE NATIONAL TIBETAN WOMEN'S UPRISING DAY 12<sup>th</sup> March 1959

March 12, 2016 - Dharamsala



TODAY, on the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Tibetan Women's Uprising Day, TWA recalls that fateful day when the Communist Chinese military forces invaded Tibet and bombed Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet. It was on March 12, 1959, that the peaceful nation called Tibet was shattered by the Communist Chinese Military forces. During this time the women of Tibet faced the Chinese invasion boldly by leading a peaceful but strong protest to resist the Chinese forceful occupation of our country.







As we commemorate the 57<sup>th</sup> National Tibetan Women's Uprising Day, TWA pays tribute to the brave Tibetan Women from the three provinces of Tibet, who sacrificed their lives for the cause of Tibet. We, the present generation of Tibetan women inside and outside Tibet remain indebted to these great women and we shall keep their spirit alive and work towards fulfilling their dreams of a Free Tibet.





Over the last 57 years, there has been no improvement on Human Rights situation in Tibet under the Chinese repressive rule. The continuous implementation of intensive surveillance program in villages across the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) that was due to end in 2014, Human Rights Watch said that this policy of “village – based cadre teams” which was introduced in 2011, may become permanent.

“The Chinese government’s decision to extend its Tibet surveillance program indefinitely is nothing less than a continuous Human Rights violation”, said Sophie Richardson, China Director. “The new normal is one of permanent surveillance of Tibetans”. This was introduced in 2011 to prevent a recurrence of the protests that spread across the Tibetan plateau in 2008. In the name of improving services and material conditions in the villages, the Chinese authorities turned each village into a “fortress”.

However, the spirit and the determination of the Tibetan brothers and sisters inside Tibet under the Chinese brutal repression have not deterred them from taking out peaceful protests against the Chinese authorities. The self immolation was another form of peaceful protest against the Chinese regime and since 2009 over 143 brave Tibetans have sacrificed their lives for their country. They have called for freedom of Tibetan people and return of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Tibet.





Many brave women have written songs and poems from their prisons and inspired the Tibetans who are in exile. The Tibetan Women in Exile, under the leadership of His Holiness the great 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama, have re-established as one of the most strong and popular Women's Organization since its establishment in 1984. During the past three decades, the Tibetan Women's Association, with its 56 regional chapters and 17,000 members has launched various programs to empower Tibetan Women in exile and advocate the rights of women in Tibet.

The Association has contributed much towards preserving and promoting Tibet's rich culture, education, religion and environment through their various planned programs which have resulted in producing empowered Tibetan Women in the exile Tibetan Community.

Meanwhile, the XIth Panchen Lama, Gedun Choekyi Nyima is still a captive in the hands of Chinese government. The TWA's efforts to trace the young Panchen Lama through the United Nation's representatives, leaders of world bodies have not yielded any result so far. It is over 20years since the young Panchen Lama and His family members were kidnapped by the Chinese authorities in 1995 and they have not revealed any information on where about of the young Panchen Lama. The Tibetan Women's Association once more demands the Chinese government to let the world know the position in which the young Panchen Lama is living and his health condition. His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of the Tibetans, stressed the need for more research works on Panchen Lama after Norbu Dunzhub, a member of the Tibet Autonomous Regions United Front Work Department had claimed that Panchen Lama is "living a normal life". TWA also urges international government and human rights bodies to put pressure on China to disclose information about his whereabouts and allow the Panchen Lama to take his rightful place at the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery.







The latest attempt to control the reincarnation system of monks in Tibetan Buddhism, the Chinese government recently launched an online database of legal living Buddha's which they say is to counter fake living Buddha's that were using donations to support pro – independence activities in Tibet. They even brought out 870 governments – certified reincarnations in mainland China by the Buddhist Association of China.

The Tibetan Women's Association strongly opposes the Chinese plan to mislead the world Buddhist population and will not accept the list as it does not feature the name of Tibetan spiritual leader, His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Moreover, the Communist Chinese does not believe in religion and according to them, the religion is poison. Therefore, the Chinese have neither the legitimacy nor credibility in the spiritual matters of Tibet.

Lastly, on the 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tibetan Women's Uprising Day, TWA would like to urge the Chinese President Xi Jinping to enter





into a dialogue with the representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to resolve the long standing political issue on Tibet.

With this affirmation of our full faith in the leadership of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, we pray for His long life and may the people of Tibet be soon united in Tibet under the leadership of His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama.



TWA has 56 regional chapters spread across the globe and over 17,000 members outside Tibet. Today, TWA is the second largest Tibetan NGO in exile and the only women's NGO in exile that advocates human rights for Tibetan women in Tibet and works to empower Tibetan women in exile. TWA's slogan is 'Advocacy for home, Action in exile.'





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# OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Tibetan Women's Association's team in solidarity with Pawo Dorjee Tsering who self immolated on 29 Feb 2016 asking for Freedom in Tibet





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## TWA'S SINCERE MESSAGE TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF TIBET:

Do not to take such drastic step for the cause of Tibet as you all are future seeds of Tibet and we need all of you to build our nation through education.



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**Press Release**

***TWA urges UNHRC Chief to visit Tibet and address the human rights violations in Tibet***

**December 10, 2015, Dharamsala:** Today, December 10 is a day of both joy and sorrow for Tibetans across the globe. It is a matter of great joy that today marks the 26th anniversary of the conferment of Nobel Peace Prize to Tibetan spiritual leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the global icon of peace.

At the same time today is World Human Rights Day. The human rights situation in Tibet is only getting worse every year. Since the People's Republic of China's illegal occupation of Tibet in 1949, the Communist Party has enforced a series of campaigns and policies to systematically stifle Tibetan culture, language, identity, spiritual traditions and destroy Tibet's fragile environment. Tibet today faces a life and death struggle. Over 1.2 million Tibetans have lost their lives and Tibetans in Tibet today continue to be oppressed and discriminated through various policies designed to marginalize the Tibetan people and wipe out our religion and culture.

On August 28, a 55-year-old woman from Nguru Village in Eastern Tibet, Tashi Kyi set herself on fire. She later died that day. This is the seventh self-immolation inside Tibet this year. Since 2009, 142 Tibetans have sacrificed their lives self-immolation for their nation's freedom inside Tibet and in exile. These brave men and women who set themselves on fire have called for the 'Return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet', 'and 'Freedom in Tibet'. However, instead of addressing the demands of these courageous Tibetans, the Chinese government has tightened its control over Tibet and vehemently criticizes the Tibetan spiritual teacher His Holiness the Dalai Lama. It has also stepped up its propaganda around the world by investing billions of dollars into mass media and other machineries. It is unfortunate that the United Nations and the governments of the world have ignored this crisis and the cries of the Tibetan people – but its not too late to act.

Tibetans across the world were devastated by the news of Tenzin Delek Rinpoche's (65, a Buddhist religious leader and a social worker) death in a Chinese prison on July 12 this year. The news opened fresh wounds for Tibetans who called his death a protracted political murder. Tibetans in Tibet braved gunshot wounds to protest against his death. We urge an international investigation into his death.

TWA remain deeply concerned with the forced eviction of 2 million Tibetan nomads from Tibet's grasslands. The status of displaced nomads remain deplorable without any source of livelihood.

China's rule in Tibet clearly constitutes sentiments of fear, suspicion and frustration, clearly reinforced by their policies of discrimination and oppression that dictates to their moral agencies based on fear, resentment and retaliation.

Tibetans living in and outside Tibet urge the United Nations for an immediate intervention in the Tibet crisis and hold China accountable for the rights violations in Tibet. We call on the new UN Human Rights Commissioner Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein to make his visit to Tibet a priority.

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On World Human Rights Day, Tibetan Women's Association urges United Nations Human Rights Commission chief to visit Tibet and address the human rights violation in Tibet.



TWA team with our interns Rebecca Leavell and Hannah Munro, who assisted our research and media officer for a month.







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Tibetan Women's Association's Research and media officer Miss Lhamo Tsering took part in the 7th Round Table Discussion in the series of "Coexisting and Flourishing" organized by TCCR.



Tibetan Women's Association, Gu Chu Sum Movement for Tibet, Students for a Free Tibet-India, International Tibet Network and Former Tibetan Students Association of Madras organized a fundraising campaign in Mcleod Ganj for the aid of those affected by the recent tragic floods in Chennai for two days (17th and 18th Dec, 2015)





Tibetan Women's Association's team is deeply thankful to Seollan Pyeon for being a dedicated intern at Stitches of Tibet (SOT) for six months.



TWA team finally got the time to be together after a very hectic year 2015 and made it more special with a joyful picnic during the weekend. A lovely start to a new year!!!!





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Tibetan Women's Association, Students for a Free Tibet and Jagori Grameen promoting the One Billion Rising special collaborative event.







### ONE BILLION RISING REVOLUTION 2016 (RISING FOR PEACE & CLIMATE JUSTICE)

-30th Jan 2016

Tibetan Women's Association's Environment officer Norzin Dolma la, one of the panelists, gave a presentation on three vital topics- Post -COP21 which mainly focus on Paris agreement, her own experience at COP21 as a representative of Third Pole team/TWA and Impact of COP 21 on India and China. DIIR Kalon Dicki Choyang, who was the chief guest at the event, spoke about the historical bond shared by the two countries of Tibet and India, particularly in relation to script, religion and poetry. The





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event was organised by Jagori Grameen in collaboration with Tibetan Women's Association, Students for a Free Tibet, Tibetan Centre for Conflict Resolution and the Women empowerment Desk of Central Tibetan Administration.



Tibetan Women's Association wishing Mr Sonam Dorjee (ex-welfare officer) and Ms Tsering Lhamo (new welfare officer) a successful year.



Representatives of five major NGOs geared up for our "Unite for Tibet! Rise up for Tibet" 57th National Uprising Day! A year that represents unity in diversity of the Tibetan Freedom struggle!





Farewell tea party to the 14th Batch of Stitiches of Tibet (SOT) on 31st March 2016.





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# 6<sup>th</sup> TIBETAN WOMEN'S ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING

December 20th – 27th, 2015 Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi

## INTRODUCTION

Tibetan Women's Association wishes to extend our sincere gratitude to our financial partner National Endowment for Democracy (NED) for having extended their generous financial support towards TWA's Advanced Leadership Training which is one of the most sought after training in the Tibetan community for Tibetan women, without which the TWA would not have been able to conduct such an important and weeklong training program.

## PRE-TRAINING PREPARATIONS

The 6th Tibetan Women's Advanced Leadership Training was launched on TWA's website on October 23rd, 2015 and had frequent posts on TWA's face book till November 30th, 2015. During this period the TWA's executive members worked extra hard to make this program a great success. The invitation was extended to Tibetan women aspiring to strengthen their Leadership skills and also special invitations were sent to Tibetan women in the work force whom TWA felt that they need encouragement to build their confidence and take up more decision making post in various capacities. We were happy to receive positive response from young women who are in Universities, in professional lines and who are in service.







TWA's coordination team set off to Delhi on the night of 17th December 2015 to make the on ground arrangements for the 6th Tibetan Women's Advanced Leadership Training. The main important jobs for the team was to confirm the accommodation for the participants and the TWA team at Gandhi Peace Foundation and the Conference Hall at the India Habitat Centre where the panel discussion was to be held on the final day of the workshop. Apart from this the team had to confirm the availability of the Guest Speakers, Tibetan Professionals in the Capital and most important is to re-confirm the Panelists who have already been requested by TWA.

The next job for the Sub-Committee was to purchase mementoes for trainers, panelists, guest speakers and setting the final directions with the photographer and videographer. The other miscellaneous purchases were table cloths, floor mats, yoga mats, and electrical set up in the auditorium, stationary kits, water bottles and group prizes.

The face of the auditorium got a transformation after displaying the attractive standees reflecting the pictures, graphics and theme of the training with the TWA's logos helped create and establish TWA's presence in the auditorium, and it was welcoming to the Tibetan women participants.

#### TRAINING OUTLINE:

TWA's week long training was held from 20th to 27th December 2015 at Gandhi Peace Foundation in New Delhi with 26 young Tibetan educated women (20 working women and 6 Universities students) from Delhi, Chennai, Dharamsala, Nepal, Chauntra, Ladakh and one from UK and one from US who were on holidays in India. 26 trainees comprising of teachers, nurses, executive member of RTWA Nepal and Ladakh, TWA's Environment Desk Officer and University students.





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The training pattern was divided into three phases as ‘identifying, inculcating and implementing leadership training. The professional trainers hired for the training were Ms. Lynda O Lepcha (Director of Holistic Training Solutions) one of the top most professional trainers, Ms. Dharon Sharling (Member of Tibetan Parliament in Exile and Co-Chair, International Tibet Network) and Ms. Paramita Das. The week long training covered areas such as Building Personal Leadership, Communication Skills; Strategy and Tactics, Documentary Film-making and Citizen Journalism.

The Outbound training included field visit to ‘Khoj International Artists’ Association to witness the ongoing exhibition cum installation on Tibetan Self Immolations titled ‘Burning Against The Dying of The Light’ curated by the power-couple Ritu Sarin and Tenzin Sonam, Practical Outbound training Citizen Journalism on a Humanitarian Project and meeting the Members of Indian Parliament of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

## 20TH DECEMBER, 2015

The coordination team was joined by TWA’s President, General Secretary and two staffs on 19th December, 2015. The final finishing touch for the week long program was carried out and it was so satisfying to see the auditorium look so grand and welcoming to our young trainees. This was followed by the trainees registering themselves, collecting trainee’s kits and accommodated to their allotted rooms.

During the dinner TWA’s President Mrs. Dolma Yangchen welcomed the trainees for the week long 6th Advanced Leadership Training.





## DAY 1, MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2015

### Opening Function/Introductory/Orientation and Lobby Training



The day started at 7AM sharp with our yoga teacher Mr. Choedar. Although, it was very cold and foggy morning yet our participants





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reported on time with lots of excitement and enthusiasm. The one hour yoga session on the terrace with colorful mats spread all over and everyone trying to catch up with the yoga master is a delightful scene. There was lots of fun because many of us were not able to catch up the fast movements of the yoga master. It was refreshing and relaxing for everyone. This was followed by vegetarian breakfast and by 9AM sharp the Organizers received the trainees with a warm welcome for the first day of the workshop.

TWA's President Mrs. Dolma Yangchen started the session with a brief introduction on Tibetan Women's Association's background, aims and objectives, its missions and activities in the Tibetan community. She also introduced the week long program and the ground rules.







Ms. Dhardon Sharling la took over the charge to introduce the participants through an ice breaking game where participants had to introduce themselves by choosing an adjective which starts with the first letter of their name. Each participant and TWA's team were given a written name chit which was supposed to be kept as secret friend to be disclosed at the end of the training. The trainees were then guided through the importance of the Advanced Leadership Training, its objectives and expectations through the week. The participants were divided into four groups with the team leader and the time manager. They were briefed with the weeklong schedule at the orientation ground informing them of their participation as teams, small studies, media reporting, meeting influential personalities, design and presentation of task, lobbying with the politicians, reporting on Citizen Journalism on Humanitarian Project. As the trainees listened with their full attention on the rules for the next one week, they had mixed feelings of excitement and anxiety thus many questions came forward for clarity.





The teams left for Khoj International Artist Association to witness the exhibition on self immolation in Tibet titled “Burning against the Dying of the Fight” which was organized by Ritu Sarin and Tenzin Sonam at Malviya Nagar, Delhi. This program was an unexpected one and the organizers felt it very necessary for the trainees to visit and carry out their own observations individually and submit reports.



The afternoon session was taken up by Rev. Yeshe Phuntsok, Member of Tibetan Parliament in Exile. Rev. Yeshe Phuntsok, with his long experience of having very good relation with the Indian politicians, Tibet’s supporters and bureaucrats guided the trainees as to how they should approach these dignitaries. As the teams had a very important task in hand in the next few days, they all paid good attention to Rev. Yeshe Phuntsok in the guidelines and they also came up with a few questions on the same subject.

The evening session was taken up by six Tibetan Professionals in different fields in the Indian Capital. Out of the five professionals three were film makers, one from media and one from business line. Each of them related their career, how they started and tackled various ob-





stacles and their achievement. During the session we found that some of the participants had special interest in film making and they had raised few questions on how and from where the resources came from. They even put questions on whether these professionals had received any financial support from the Tibetan Government in exile. Overall, it was a very useful session.

## DAY 2, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

Building Personal Leadership – Trainer, Ms. Lynda O Lepcha



Ms. Lynda O Lepcha, Senior trainer, Director, Holistic Training Solutions has been with TWA since the inception of this training. As she is a highly qualified Professional trainer and her training was very effective and appreciated by the trainees in the past. Hence, TWA tried best to avail her service for this training too. As Ms. Lynda Lepcha walked in the training hall there was a pin drop silence and simultaneously there were excitement among the trainees. The entire appearance of the hall changed to a training centre. The theme of the day workshop was on “Building Personal Leadership”, which was further elabo-





rated on 1) Planning and Goal Setting, 2) Planning for Success with the Priority Grid, 3) Realistic Goal Setting, 4) Cultural Competency, 5) Assertive Leadership and Problem Solving.



The day's session started with the introduction of participants in very simple questions such as what is your name, what are your likes and in which field you are working with and with whom?

Ms. Lynda Lepcha began her session with the planning and goal setting with the explanation on need to understand existing personal priorities, relationship, financial, health, personal or professional development with the social community values. One needs to set a realistic goal with the planning for success with a priority grid. Therefore, if one wants to achieve a particular goal it is necessary to focus along indicators like specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound.







The afternoon session was on Leadership Style and to make the participants understand better Ms. Lynda Lepcha gave an individual activity with the questions that had to be completed within 15 minutes. After going through the forms that were filled up by the participants, she explained the four categories of Leadership style and where each individual could fit into the various categories: -1) Analytical, 2) Driver, 3) Amiable and 4) Expressive. This was further explained more in detail with examples as to how each leadership style will work. This type of exercise was very useful for the participants as they came to know their own Leadership quality and the participants were really connected to their own leadership style. There were lot of curiosity to learn their own leadership trait and also the eagerness to know their teammates leadership style.

The day ended with a session on problem solving; the participants were instructed the importance to realize the problem, one should have clarity on the cause of the problem and then use creative mind to solve the problem and thereby make decisions accordingly.





## DAY 3, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2015

### Building Professional Leadership



On the second day of Ms. Lynda Lepcha's training, the theme of the day was on Building Professional Expertise through emotional resilience and Influence. She described what emotional resilience is and how it influences a person in his or her decision making. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from difficult, challenging experiences. For example Mr. Thomas Edison an inventor who had failed thousands of times while inventing bulb, despite his failures he did not lose his resilience which at the end brought him success in his invention.

It's hard to imagine what our world would be like if Edison had given up after his first few failures. His inspiring story forces us to look at our own lives – do we have the resilience that we need to overcome our challenges? Or do we let our failures derail our dreams? And what could we accomplish if we had the strength not to give up?





Ms. Lepcha then went on to explain the characteristics of a leadership style. Example on People's style; Drivers are of authoritative character with a drive to perform and succeed. They are fast-paced and goal oriented in their action. The analytical leadership style is the stable, data driven person who often keeps the other styles rooted in reality.

While the Expressive are fast decision makers and casual in approach whereas the Amiable leadership style is a slower paced but focus on relationship, avoids risks and changes, look for calmness and peace.



Evening session was led by Ms. Tenzin Nyima, Coordinator and Outreach Officer at Tibet Corps. She gave a talk on the importance and individual benefits of working as volunteers at Central Tibetan Administration and its Institutions. She further explained that while working as volunteers as stated, one gains the necessary experience which will further help a person when looking for a suitable job in future. Moreover, One will have a sense of gratification while serving your own Government in Exile.





## DAY 4, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015

Communication Skills: Strategy and Tactics – Dhardon Sharling Documentary Filmmaking and Citizen Journalism: Paramita Das



Ms. Dhardon Sharling started the session with ten minutes of mind exercise by using command words which the trainees had to respond immediately through their action. This is to check how a person's immediate response to the command which thereby reflects the person's alertness. All the trainees gave their full participation and everyone enjoyed it.







The topic of the day was ‘Communication Skills, Strategy and Tactics by Dhardon Sharling, building Interpersonal Communication Skills which consists of seven main areas of communication.



To build good interpersonal communication skills one must have listening power either through verbal or non-verbal communications. It is necessary that one must have skills to be able to disclose oneself and negotiate and make decision to solve the problems that arises in the cause of making decisions with the assertiveness.





Citizen journalism is a vogue in collecting and disseminating information to the general public. It enables one to access to the information more easily, as it is a Non-Organized Sector.

Ms. Dhardon Sharling concluded her session on Gender issues and critical review of Indian Advertisements. Through this session it is clearly shown that most of the advertisements focus on women which shows there is Gender bias in the society.



The afternoon session led by Ms. Paramita Das was focused on Documentary Filmmaking and Citizen Journalism. She elaborated the subject to the young trainees in journalism and documentary filmmaking, often some of the topics carrying great significance are sense of timing





for shooting, ethical issues, safety measures, audience-engagement and interviewing. So these were the important modes of the talk and mentoring session.

She also explained that the mentoring session was designed to explore the digital media/video format (through 4 interlinked sessions on a) Storytelling/Direction, b) Cinematography, c) Sound, d) Editing to articulate ones' own intense internal travel of emotions, the anxiety as well as transforming a space and time for the benefit of a collective. Giving voice to ones' own reality and how young women of the community respond to it.

Her mentoring sessions in the workshop were focused for sensitizing aspiring documentary filmmakers about empathy and compassion while being expressive about women's empowerment.

This was followed by screening of some of the award winning documentary filmmakers from Europe such as (Himalayan Sisters, Maria's Way and Agnes and Nancy) by Anne Milne and Red Dust by Iлона Kacieza.

#### BUDDHISM COURSE: -Geshe Dorji Damdul





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This session led by Geshe Dorji Damdul, Director of the Tibet House, Delhi. He gave an inspiring talk to the young Tibetan women participants on the importance of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's achievement.

As Buddhism is a part and parcel of Tibetan culture, he explained how important it is to understand the basic Buddhism and only then one can practice Buddhism. Only by knowing the true meaning of the Buddhism one learns to develop tolerance, kindness, love and compassion for other beings.

TWA would like to sincerely thank Geshe Dorji Damdul for sparing his precious time and supporting this leadership training with his session on Buddhism.

## DAY 5, FRIDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015

Practical Outbound Training – Citizen Journalism on Humanitarian Project “Video Presentation”.

The theme of the 5th day of 6th Tibetan Women's Advanced Leadership Training was on “Citizen Journalism on Humanitarian Project”. The participants were guided on the day's Outbound Training with strict guidelines on their budget.

All the four groups were accompanied by videographer who took video throughout the outbound training. The groups left the training centre at 9.30 AM with lots of excitement and they were instructed to get back at the venue by 5PM. The project areas were selected by themselves.







## GROUP NO. 1 “Seven Stars” Greatness in Gratitude



This group called Seven Stars consists of seven participants. They selected “Aassraa Senior Home” as their project area where there were about 10 old people. The group spent the whole day with these elderly people, cooking and serving food for them. They especially prepared vegetarian momos and also bought a cake to celebrate the birthday of one male inmates of the Old People’s Home.

As there were no younger people with whom they could talk and share their thoughts, once the girls start conversing with them they felt very happy and also gave blessings and good wishes to the girls in their life.





At the end, both the sides became very emotional and the elders thanked them for the most beautiful day that they spent together.

GROUP NO. 2 “Peace Warriors” Leading Them to the Power of Reading





This group has six participants and they chose to visit The International Maitreya Children Home which was founded in 1997 by Ven. VIII Dakpa Rinpoche to support differently abled and disadvantaged Tibetan refugees and Himalayan region children. It is also a non-profit charitable Organization.

This group with their limited budget discussed and figured out what would be the best to give these children of Maitreya Children Home. Finally they made up their mind to purchase different varieties of books, some colorful cartoons books and maps. Equipped with these books the team went to the home with lots of excitement to make these children happy for the day.



They met Dakpa Rinpoche who is the founder of the home and explained to him why they have chosen to come there. The participants first distributed the books among the children based on their age groups and tried to help them to read through the book. The younger children were so happy and excited when they saw the colorful cartoon books. The children shared their life experience in the home and showed their appreciation to Dakpa Rinpoche of his kindness.





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At the end they thanked the team for making this day special by sharing their love and affection and giving them so many books to read.

GROUP NO. 3 “Famous Seven” Debunking The Taboo, Breaking The Ice:



As there are numerous slums around Delhi city, the group no. 4 Famous Seven chose to visit “Jahangirpuri Slum”. There were approximately 100 women and 150 children. When the team interviewed one of the man who could speak English, he informed that although members of different Non Governmental Organizations do visit this slum area they do not give attention to women health and hygiene. Hence the team first gathered the women folk and tries to speak to them about their health and hygiene related issues. Most of the women were very shy and not coming forward to answer any of the questions. Slowly some of the younger girls started conversing and that is how the team







explained to the women how important it is to keep their body clean and use sanitary towels during their monthly period.



The team bought materials such as sanitary towel, panties, cleaning soaps and even condoms. They were explained how to use them. Women and children were very happy especially the young girls who promised to follow the advice given to them.

#### GROUP NO. 4 “Talented Wi-6” A Realistic Dream





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The last team visited slum area near Tibetan Colony Majnu-ka-Tilla. Besides the Tibetans who live in Majnu-ka-Tilla colony, many Tibetans from outside also do business in and around Majnu-ka-Tilla, but nobody really felt it important to look around in the slum areas.

This time the team no.4 chose to visit this slum and find out how people live there. The team first visited the slum and saw there were lots of small children playing and some are even doing rag picking. After judging the children half of the team went back to the market area to purchase toiletry items and clothes. They returned within no time with the big parcels. They started making the children brush their teeth, gave bath and then changed their dirty clothes. The children were so happy to wear the new clothes and shoes.



The children look so different after the nice bath and new clothes. The happiness on their faces could give joy to all those who were around them, especially the team members. This was not enough; the team took the children to one of the Tibetan Restaurant in Majnu-ka-Tilla and served them momo and chowmein which the children enjoyed thoroughly. The team then took the children back to their families. It was time to say good bye to each other and the children showed lots of affection and thanked the team.





DAY 6, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2015

### Outbound Training -Lobby Day -Dhardon Sharling



The theme of the day was “Tibetan Women greet the newly elected MPs of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha”.

The day started with all the four trainee groups assemble in the auditorium at 9AM. After receiving briefings from the Trainer, the groups left for lobbying. This time the groups were not given neither any names nor addresses of the MPs as they had to make their own arrangements for the appointments and visit to the respective MPs.

The groups were provided a limited budget to cover their transport, lunch and other miscellaneous expenses for the day. During this training the trainees were not asked to submit any appeal letters or special request for the Tibet cause but, they were told to greet these MPs with our good luck scarf and a small wall hanging with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama’s message to express our gratitude to the Indian people and its Government.





The participants were able to meet 13 MPs and few of their Secretaries who helped them to meet the MPs. They were received with the warm feelings and in some offices they were even offered tea and cookies while waiting for the MP to meet them. They were very happy to see our young Tibetan women from different educational backgrounds who are trying to utilize this training opportunity to make their life more purposeful and be able to contribute to their community more effectively.

However, the participants were not able to meet the targeted MPs because of Christmas and New Year holidays many had gone out of Delhi with their families. Few had problem in finding the routes and areas where the MPs live.

The names of the MPs whom the groups have met are as follows:

1. Shri. Mohammad Asrarul Haque (MP – Lok Sabha, Anti Corruption)
2. Shri. Krishan Patel ( Ex. MP, Congress Party Speaker)
3. Shri. Bhola Pandey (MP of Bihar, Bhartiya Janta Party)
4. Shri. Manoj Tiwari (MP of Bhartiya Janta Party)







5. Shri. Radheshyam Biswas (MP of Assam, AIUDF – All India United Democratic Front)
6. Shri. Muthu Karuppan (MP of Rajya Sabha)
7. Ch. Mehboob Ali Kaiser (MP of Lok Sabha)
8. Shri. Om Prakash Madhur (Vice – President of Bhartiya Janta Party)
9. Shri. Vecent H. Pala (Ex. MP of Meghalaya, Congress Party) 10. Shri. K.C. Pandey (Ex. MP of Congress Party)
11. Shri. Janardan Dwidevi (MP General Secretary, Congress Party)
12. Shri. Moti Lal Vora (MP and Treasurer, Congress Party)
13. Shri. Harish Kashyap (PS of Honorable Lok Sabha Speaker)

## DAY 7 – SUNDAY, 27TH DECEMBER 2015

Panel Discussion/Closing Ceremony/Feedback session/Talent Night



The final day of 6th Tibetan Women's Advanced Leadership Training 2015 concluded at India Habitat Centre with a Panel Discussion titled 'Beijing plus 20: Women's Leadership Status in Asia': Speakers in-





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cluded Mani Shankar Aiyar, Member of Indian Parliament and Author, Dr. Ananya Vajpeyi, Historian and Professor, Lynda Lepcha, Author and Trainer, Dr. Renuka Singh, Author and Professor. The discussion was moderated by Dhardon Sharling, Member of Tibetan Parliament in exile and PhD Candidate.



The Panel Discussion was attended by more than 70 people. Tibetan Women's Association's President Ms. Dolma Yangchen read out the concept note:

#### PANEL DISCUSSION:

##### Beijing plus 20: Women's Leadership Status in Asia

20 years have passed since the UN Conference on women held in Beijing. 'The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action' adopted resolutions on 12 areas affecting women. Among them 'Women in Power and Decision Making' and 'Institutional Development for Advancement of Women,' make for core components.

Since then, much has been achieved in the field of women's leadership status in Asia. It is debatable as to whether such positive develop-





ments attest more to women's own conviction and less to institutional support in facilitating one. The panel discussion will be a long culmination of women's pioneering works in establishing leadership position in Asia.

We hope that this dialogue will not only affirm a women's leadership role but also effectuate the securing of a women's voice as an equitable voice within her country's political, social and economic struggle. With this panel discussion we hope to address some of the socio-cultural narratives and beliefs that define social constructs of women and the discursive strategy used by activists and advocates to address these cultural myths and deconstruct the gender stereotypes affecting women.

TWA believes that the status of women in a community determines the health of the community. Therefore it is crucial that we keep mapping the status of women in our society and use collective action, meanings and symbols, that is, social and political mobilization and culture, to contest and combat the dominant threats deterring women's rise in leadership positions and thereby construct a gender-equal leadership arena that will contribute significantly to strengthening the social foundations of political leadership.





Through this 90-minute discussion, we hope to establish a substantive dialogue to identify the impediments and opportunities, consider lessons learned and build on best practices and ways forward for bolstering women's leadership role in securing peace, reconciliation and accountability in Asia.

Moderator Dhardon Sharling introduced the speakers and gave her opening remarks.

In 1995, leaders from 189 nations came together in Beijing and adopted the most thorough platform for action on women's rights and gender equality ever produced. 189 governments hammered out commitments that were historic in scope. This policy agenda, known as the [HYPERLINK "http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/"](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/)Beijing Platform for Action, remains a cornerstone of the global women's movement and set in motion policies and programs that forever changed the lives of millions of women and girls around the world.

As a defining framework for change, the Platform for Action made comprehensive commitments under 12 critical areas of concern that include 'Women in Power and Decision Making' and 'Institutional Mechanism for the Advancement of Women,' Even 20 years later, it remains a powerful source of guidance and inspiration.

Yet, the full promise of Beijing remains out of reach for far too many women and girls. The 20th anniversary of Beijing opens new opportunities for governments and civil societies and the public to reconnect, regenerate commitment, charge up political will and mobilize the public.

20 years on from the Beijing Conference on women. Let us reflect on its successes and setbacks, in theory and in practice, from the global to the local. We hope that this dialogue will affirm women's active







participation in all spheres of public and private life through a full and equal share in economic, social, cultural and political decision-making.

The Panel Discussion concluded after a good round of question and answer session and TWA's President and Vice-President honored the panelists and the moderator with the mementos as TWA's General Secretary delivered the vote of thanks.

The Panel Discussion was followed by sumptuous lunch, giving the participants some more time to interact and exchange ideas with each other. Many had the opportunity to speak with the panelists and interact personally during lunch.

It was followed by a brief ceremony on presentation of certificates to the trainees by the TWA's President. The trainees gave their own feedbacks in writing as well as oral. To many of the trainees it was an emotional session as they expressed their feelings and the experiences of this workshop.





## WOMEN'S TALENT NIGHT



All the trainees looked forward to enjoy this women's talent night on the final day of the workshop. All the four groups prepared their own presentations for the night. The teams had to perform a solo song, solo dance, group song, group dance and a fashion show with a theme and social message. This was enjoyed by all the trainees and the Organizers.





## CONCLUSION

Tibetan Women's Association remains forever thankful to our Financial partner National Endowment for Democracy based in United States for extending their full support of the most needed finance to carry out this important project.

We thank our Trainers for this wonderful training for the young and talented women participants who participated in the 6th Tibetan Women's Advanced Leadership Training. TWA would like to thank to our 26 young women leaders for taking part in the 6th Tibetan Women's Advanced Leadership Training. TWA remains thankful to the heads of all the Institutions for availing the opportunity offered to the young Tibetan women in the community.

We also thank the Sambhota Tibetan Schools Administration for availing the service of their yoga master Mr. Choedar throughout the week long training program.

TWA remains determined and committed to create more such opportunities to bring out more women leaders in the community.





# MEETINGS AND INTERACTION WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS



Representatives of Tibetan Women's Association and Tibetan Youth Congress had an interactive session with the High Commissioners of Canada.







Tibetan Women's Association's President Mrs Dolma Yangchen la had an interactive session with the group from Denver University coordinated by Tibet World.



Mrs Dolma Yangchen, President of Tibetan Women's Association and other representatives from Tibetan NGOs had an interactive discussion on "Gender issue in the Tibetan community" with US Under Secretary and Special Coordinator for Tibet, Sarah Sewall and her US delegation in Dharamsala coordinated by International Tibet Network on 15th Jan 2016.





Tibetan Women's Association's President with "Internship Japanese students" from Rainbow Children Japan.



TWA team had an interactive session with Mr. Norman Baker (Former member of parliament, London) and Mr Andre' Gattolin ( France Senator, Vice chair of the Finance committee and the European Af-fairs committee)



The president of Tibetan Women's Association with 4 major Tibetan NGO representatives had an interactive discussion with the Tibetan Election Observation Mission delegates from International Network of Parliamentarians on Tibet on 21 March 2016.



TWA's president and vice-president with two members of Reko Germany group





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TWA's President Mrs Dolma Yangchen la having an interactive session with Shambala group





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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UN FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE ( COP21)

### 2015 UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE:

The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP21 or CMP11 is being held in Le Bourget, France, near Paris from November 30 to December 11, 2015. It is the 21<sup>st</sup> yearly session of the conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the meeting of the Parties to the 1997 Kyoto protocol.

**Paris, 12 December 2015** - A historic agreement to combat climate change and unleash actions and investment towards a low carbon, resilient and sustainable future was agreed by 195 nations in Paris today. The Paris Agreement for the first time brings all nations into a common cause based on their historic, current and future responsibilities. The universal agreement's main aim is to keep a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius and to drive efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

The 1.5 degree Celsius limit is a significantly safer defense line against the worst impacts of a changing climate. Additionally, the agreement aims to strengthen the ability to deal with the impacts of climate change. To reach these ambitious and important goals, appropriate financial flows will be put in place, thus making stronger action by developing countries and the most vulnerable possible, in line with their own national objectives.





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*“The Paris Agreement allows each delegation and group of countries to go back home with their heads held high. Our collective effort is worth more than the sum of our individual effort. Our responsibility to history is immense”* said Laurent Fabius, President of the COP 21 UN Climate change conference and French Foreign Minister.

Signing the Paris Agreement Following the adoption of the Paris Agreement by the COP (Conference of the Parties), it will be deposited at the UN in New York and be opened for one year for signature on 22 April 2016--Mother Earth Day. The agreement will enter into force after 55 countries that account for at least 55% of global emissions have deposited their instruments of ratification.

This time, I (Miss Norzin Dolma, Environment and Development desk officer of Tibetan Women's Association) was able to participate as a representative of Tibetan Women's Association at COP 21 and I was deeply grateful for getting such a wonderful chance at the early stage of her career life.

Before COP 21, under the coordination of International Tibet network, Tibetan Women's Association and Student for Free Tibet- India, we did lobbying at New Delhi as a build up action for the preparation of COP 21 to make awareness about the importance and critical environmental condition of Tibetan Plateau for one week and which turned out to be very successful as it become the first ever Tibet's environmental campaign in India (which was featured in our previous newsletter).

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, I took flight from New Delhi International Airport to the Charles De Gaulle Airport, Paris, France and reached the destination around 11 pm (Paris Time).

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 we Tibet Third Pole team gathered at Palace d'italia for gathering dinner where we all discussed about two week long events at COP venue. We have around seven members of Ti-





bet Third Pole team, namely Alison Reynold (Executive Director of International Tibet Network), Mandie Mckeown (Campaign director of ITN), John Isom (Tibet Justice Center), Michelle Maree Sheather (Australia Tibet Council), Lobsang Yangtso (PhD student of Jawaharlal Nehru University) Dhundup Phuntsok (President of Student for Free Tibet- Paris), Norzin Dolma (Environment and Development Desk officer of Tibetan Women's Association).

On 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 we all gathered at Republic metro station, Though Global Climate March in Paris was called off due to the terrorists attacks and consequent state of emergency yet the Tibet Third Pole team participated in the human chain formed on the route to march. The people in the chain carried the banners and visuals developed for the march. As seen in the picture, the team raised the Tibetan flag high and shouted out slogans to draw public attention to the climate crisis happening in Tibet.





From 3 to 6.30 pm, we assembled at Tibetan Bureau de office of Paris for the training session, where Alison and Mandie took the lead and trained us on how to communicate with delegates, Non Governmental Organization and public about how to address our key objectives and messages to them. It was a great experience for me.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 we met at St Christopher's Inn, Gare Du Nord at 11:00 am where we discussed and make plan for COP 21 journey and distributed tasks among ourselves to have a successful event. Under the guidance of experienced leader, I felt fortunate as they guided and trained us to face interview and I succeeded in giving three interviews, two from Radio Free Asia and one from Voice of America. Later in the evening, we browsed through materials to be distributed to the audience of COP 21 venue. Gladly, we have the materials of His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama on Environment (Tibet Policy Institute), purging the Treasure House (Tibetan Women's Association), TIBET: The Environmental Challenge (Australia Tibet's Council) and some documents from International Tibet Network.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015, since I don't have accreditation to go inside the main COP venue, we went into UNFCCC civil society and NGO's side events where we are freely to do our campaign as compared to the main COP venue as there were strict rules and regulations. When we were at civil society venue (Climate generation space), it was well organized and open to everyone, where delegates, NGO's, public, Academician, businessmen all gathered at one place, that time we were immensely pleased and felt fortunate that we Tibetan Delegates, got such a wonderful chance as it is the international platform where we can raise the critical issues of Tibet and how Tibetan are facing difficulties in the regime of Chinese rule especially on Tibet's environment.

We distributed our materials at Information booth, we succeeded in giving the report "TIBET the Environmental Challenge" to Francois







Hollande, the President of France during the First day of civil society and NGO event of UNFCCC, we met environmentalist from China, Nepal, Thailand, Australia and we met Simon (Australia Tibet Council), a core Tibet supporter and shared plans for the upcoming days. We wrapped up day one by giving interview to Radio Free Asia where we discussed about what's happening at COP 21.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, we had a very interactive session with women's Major Group, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, law and development where I was able to discuss about the effects of resettlement of nomads on women and children and succeeded in doing environmental campaign (#COP21#ClimateActionfor#Roofoftheworld#Tibet3rd pole) with them.



Tibet third pole team added the [UnrepresentedNation](#) of [Tibet](#) between the Thailand & Timor country pillars, [ClimateAction COP21](#) as if Tibet is independent country then in the alphabetical sequences of country name.





We met indigenous people and shared with each other the common causes we are suffering. We met Mmaulik Sisodia, Executive Director of Tann Bharat Sangh, NGO based in Rajasthan, India, he is speaker and promised us that he will speak about Tibet at his seminar at COP Venue.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015, we got wonderful chance to attend the opening speeches of Segolene Royal ( French Minister of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy) on Ocean and Climate Forum.

On 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, we had a very interactive discussion with Leo Hom- Phanthanothai, Director of World Resources institute on critical condition of Tibet's Environment. Visit Indigenous People's Pavilion and attend their seminars. And met Paola Aadriazola, project manager at ADELPH, where they focus on Asian women with climate change and discussed with American Chinese and British Chinese on current environmental condition of Tibet.





On 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, I uploaded a video message on COP 21 in facebook where we focused on why we Tibetan delegates are here, our objectives and mission and got very positive response from the viewers..

<https://www.facebook.com/dolma.nortendhargyal/videos/878699898864795/>

Few Tibetan residing in France had shown up at the venue, so we took a picture with Tibetan Flag with them to make awareness on Tibet to the audience and we got chance to have interaction with few NGOs.





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On 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, we met Kalon Dickyi Choeyang( Minister of International relation of Central Tibetan Administration) and discussed about our campaign and plans for remaining days.

On 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 we arrived at the [COP21](#) venue early today and we took the opportunity to explain on the Environmental issues of Tibet to more than 1000 delegates, scientists, NGOs, civil society members, academicians of UN climate negotiations delegates. They participated in the [TibetanPlateau](#) Photo Challenge enthusiastically. They were really nice, cooperative and supportive for the Climate action for Tibet.



Tuhi Martukaw, a journalist from Taiwan interviewed me on relocation of nomads and water security of Tibet.







9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, is the most successful day for us as we presented Yak and nomads to the public and got attention from media and masses.



On 11, December 2015, I uploaded a video message on face book on the importance of women's role in UNFCCC and requested Tibetan women to get involved in it as these day women play a major role and as a saying goes- women are the backbone of men and family.





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<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=691731037593955>

We also participated in the rally of mountainous Ngo's to make awareness about the melting glaciers in Tibet and its causes and impact on the climate change.





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## INTERNATION DAY OF ACTION FOR RIVERS



March 14 is the annual International Day of Action for Rivers and Against Dams.

Every year, thousands of people around the world lift their voices to celebrate the world's rivers and those who struggle to protect them. The International Day of Action for Rivers is a day to celebrate victories such as dam removal and river restoration. It is a day to take to the streets, demonstrate and demand improvements in the policies and practices of decision makers. It is a day to educate one another about the threats facing our rivers, and learn about better water and energy solutions. Above all, it is a day to unite – by acting together; we demonstrate that these issues are not merely local, but global in scope.





For the event of International Day of Action for Rivers, in the afternoon of March 14, Miss Norzin Dolma, Environment and Development Desk Officer of Tibetan Women's Association with the team initiated a Messages on board from the public and advocated the importance of Rivers and risks of mega dam construction projects in Tibet by China through photo challenges at the nearest river, Bhagsu.







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## WORLD WATER DAY



World Water's Day is an annual event celebrated on March 22. The day focuses attention on the importance of freshwater and advocates the sustainable management of fresh water resources.

This day was initially proposed in the Agenda 21 of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro. In 1993, the first World Water's Day was designated by the United Nations General Assembly and since then, each year focuses on different issue.

This year, environment and development desk of Tibetan Women's Association had organized two events on the World Water Day.

1. TWA had organized an interactive session with class XII students of Upper TCV School.





2. The Tibetan Women's Association collaborated the signature campaign with the Students for a Free Tibet-India coordinated by International Tibet Network. This signature Campaign is solely to focus on creating awareness about the importance of the rivers of Tibet and how important it is, especially for the ten downstream nations and their livelihoods.



For the first event, the talk by Miss Norzin Dolma, Environment and Development Desk officer of Tibetan Women's Association received a tremendous and a positive response from the audience, the class XII student's of TCV, Upper. She focused on the rivers of Tibet and the mega dam projects by Chinese government in Tibet and how it is affecting the livelihoods of 1.4 billion people in the ten downstream nations. She used half an hour for her main presentation related to the topics above and then continued the resource talk with participation from the students. We collected messages from the student's and allowed 5-10 students to read out their messages among the mass.





The success of the event can be determined by the high participation from the student's part in the question-answer session. They strongly considered the issues of mega dam construction in Tibet and questioned the resource person- Miss Norzin with regard to the vitality of our voice to be heard by the world.

She has focused on following topics:

- ❖ INTRODUCTION OF TIBET'S RIVERS
- ❖ CHINA'S DAMMING PROJECTS
- ❖ LOBBY DONE BY TIBET SUPPORT GROUPS
- ❖ ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS (15 MINUTES)
- ❖ QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION( 15 MINUTES)





We have collected around 200 messages from students. Here are some of the messages:

Messages from the students of class 12 at Upper TCV School:

1. Keep Tibet clean, Tibet is the heart of world.- Tenzin.
2. It's true that Tibet dries, Asia dies. We really appreciate Tibetan Women's Association for organizing such program and making awareness about Tibet's environment. Thank you so much. (No Name)
3. If Tibet dries, the Asia will become the biggest desert. (No Name)
4. Tibet dry, Asia bye. Tibet dry, Asia Sahara desert. (No Name)
5. Asians are corpse without Tibet River.-Tenzin Norzom
6. Saving Tibet does not mean to save a country, rather saving a continent. (Asia) –Tsering Deckyi.







7. Snowy peaks of Tibet, provider of water to Asia. If globe increase the heat, million would suffer badly. –Tashi.
8. Tibet is the mother of six million people, why don't we protect her when she is suffering. (No Name).
9. To save the life of people, we need to take care of Third pole. (No Name)
10. The other before self should be must at this time. The Chinese Mega Dam project in Tibet can make people die, in those ten countries; the flow of river is all from the Tibet. As the government of all those ten countries has to think carefully about it. Think about Asia. –Tenzin Choeying.
11. No one will be able to survive when there is absence of water. Each individual in this world is responsible for global warming. It's our obligation to fight against those who pollute environment. Change in environment, change in feelings. –Rinzin Dorjee.
12. In the whole world 75% of water is salty which mean we can't drink. So if China still continues with mining project than after 40 years, ten downstream nations can't survive. Due to mining operation, methane arouse into atmosphere, lead to the global warming. (no name)
13. We should save Tibet, save Tibet environment, save Tibet= save 10 countries= 4 billions of people. (no name)
14. When Tibet thirst, Asia thirst. So save third pole and drink butter tea, save water. (no name)
15. Tibet, we salute you for make Asia a colorful and challenge to the world. –Dorjee Chosphal.
16. Rivers of Tibet is not only important for Tibetans but for everyone. Tibet river is a life giver, if it shrink, it may turn into life taker. –Tenzin Khetsun.
17. People's behavior keeps on changing, so does environment. In





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order to save Tibet's environment, people should change their attitude. Say no to global warming and stop polluting Tibet's river. –Tsering Galpo.

18. Happiness of family depends on mother. Tibet is mother of South Asia and if something happen to Tibet, how will 10 countries survive.

19. The day won't be far when people around the world will be fighting over a drop of water. Lets stand with Tibet climate action before it's too late. –Stanzin Shayan.

20. Save our great Tsangpo. (No Name).



For the second event, the sole purpose of signature campaign is a follow up of the COP 21, which will be continue till World Environment Day, 2016.





At the conclusion, both the events turned out to be very successful and effective. We were able to succeed in reaching masses.





# RECORD OF ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY REGIONAL CHAPTERS OF TIBETAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

All the Regional Tibetan Women's Association Chapters commemorated the 57th Tibetan Women's Uprising Day in their respective places on 12th March 2016.







## RTWA DHONDUPLING



## RTWA MUSSOORIE





## RTWA TSERING DHONDEN



## RTWA BHANDRA







## RTWA DELHI



## RTWA ITALY





## RTWA KALIMPONG



## RTWA BHANDRA







## RTWA ONTARIO



## RTWA SHILLONG





## RTWA POANTA SAHIB





Regional Tibetan Women's Association chapters organized prayer service, candle light vigil and lighted butter lamps for our two young martyrs (Pawo Dorjee Tsering and Pawo Kalsang Wangdu) in their respective settlements.

#### RTWA BYLAKUPPE/HUNSUR/KOLLEGAL







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## RTWA BYLAKUPPE



## RTWA DHARAMSALA





## RTWA KALIMPONG



## RTWA MUSSOORIE





## RTWA GANGTOK



## RTWA RAJPUR







## RTWA CLEMENTOWN



## RTWA LADAKH

On 4th march, RTWA Ladakh had organised a prayer ceremony and candle light march at Ruthok Choding Lhundup Monastery for the tribute to the supreme sacrifices made by pawo Dorjee Tsering and pawo Kalsang Wangdue. They had organised this event with Tibetan Youth Congress Leh. Many public along with TCV Senior students had participated in this prayer service.

