

**Report on Seminar “India and Tibet: Historical Legacies and Cultural Connections”
organized jointly by Department of Political Science, St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling
on 25th August, 2023**

A parliamentary delegation consisting of parliamentarians Youdon Aukatsang, Geshe Monlam Tharchin, and Tashi Dhondup, after concluding their programs in Odisha, visited St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling, West Bengal.

As the delegation reached Darjeeling on 24th August 2023, they were received by the Tibetan Settlement Officer led by local Tibetan leaders and were hosted at a dinner in their honor by the TSO.

On the next day, the MPs spoke at a one day national seminar titled ‘India and Tibet: Historical Legacies and Cultural Connections’ at Darjeeling’s St. Joseph’s College. Fr. Dr. Donatus Kujur, S. J. Principal, was presented with an appeal letter from the TPiE, biography of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and other Tibet related documents by the MPs. The program was conducted by Dr. Samir Sharma, Head of Department of Political Science. Dr. Pathik Roy, Moderator, gave the welcome address and introduced each of the Tibetan lawmakers, while Mr Vikram Rai of MC&J Department also spoke in the program.

MP Geshe Monlam Tharchin spoke on the four commitments of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, establishment of modern and traditional educational institutions in exile, and the bond shared by the college with many generations of Tibetans. He emphasized doing research studies on the repression happening inside of Tibet under Chinese rule and doing cultural exchange programs with the Sambhota Tibetan School and the Manjushree Center of Tibet Culture there.

MP Youdon Aukatsang briefed the seminar on their recent official trip to Kolkata and Bhubaneswar while emphasizing that special relation between Darjeeling and Tibet with shared cultural heritage motivated the delegation to advocate the case of Tibet in the city. She also spoke on the Indo-Tibetan relation and on the current alarming situation inside of Tibet. MP Tashi Dhondup delved into the details of the state advocacy programs of the TPiE all across India.

Dr. Shristi Kala Chettri, Asst. Prof., Dept, of Sociology, underscored the significance of extending support to the resolution of Sino-Tibetan conflict while citing examples of its external interferences in many neighboring countries. Prof. Chettri expressed her concern over the issue of Tibet in case of His Holiness the Dalai Lama absence in future and shared how China’s each new move should be analyzed. While, Jigme – the Vice-Chair of the Manjushree Center of Tibet Culture- invited students to the center’s museum for Tibet and Himalaya to know more about the cause.

Dr. Pathik Roy, Moderator, appreciated the MPs visiting the college especially the MP from Bon religion which is ancient pre-Buddhist religion of Tibet and recalled the great accomplishments of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Calling for support from his fellow colleagues and students for Tibet, he also spoke on China’s repressive and brutal policies in

Tibet and extended his solidarity with the Tibetans living inside of Tibet. The seminar was attended by faculty and 54 students.



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St. Joseph's College holds national seminar on India and Tibet

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GANGTOK, August 25: St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, organised a national seminar on the topic 'India and Tibet: Historical Legacies and Cultural Connections' at its MR auditorium today.

The seminar was attended by 120 students, informs a press release.

St. Joseph's College principal, Fr. Donatus Kujur, welcomed the three resource persons, viz. Geshe Monlam Tharchin, Youdon Aukatsang, and Tashi Dhondup.

Assistant professor Shardha Shah spoke on the religious and philosophical exchanges between India and Tibet.

In their talk, the three speakers focused on the various aspects of the historical and cultural relations between India and Tibet, such as the Nalanda traditions, the Silk Route in Kalimpong, and commercial exchanges.

The resource persons



called for solidarity with the cause of the Tibetans among the younger generation.

The speakers also expressed their gratitude to the people and the Government of India for their support of the Tibetans.

The speakers were part of the campaign to visit different universities and colleges in Orissa, West Bengal, and Sikkim to discuss and debate critical issues related to Tibet. The

discussion on the theme of the seminar was conducted by Dr. Samir Sharma, head of the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Shristi Kala Chhetri, assistant professor of the Department of Sociology.

The speakers focused on the larger contours of India-Tibet-China relations from the point of view of global politics and the issues of the Tibetan refugees.

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1.	Shrishi Rai	2 4	77
2.	Meghanjali Pradhan	2	14
3.	Marlin Rudum	2.	9
4.	Kashif Jamal	2.	31
5.	Diya Rai	2	24
6.	Yanki Jopcha	2	5
7.	Prajyoti Subba	2	80
8.	Prkeet Rai	2	81
9.	Grichant Rai	2	33
10.	Alish Thakur	2	99
11.	Sulanjali Subba	2	49
12.	Ankita Chettri	2	51
13.	Tina Tamang	2	6
14.	Nim Tamal	2	96
15.	Jsha Kerketta	2	19
16.	Acha Debbasna	2	43
17.	Sijal Rai	2	3
18.	Lickey Doma Tamang	2	12
19.	Anthees Tuti	2	13
20.	Pratik Toppo	2	1.
21.	Seina Tamang	2	37
22.	Jessica Lama	2	59
23.	Pema Nonku Shupa	2	10
24.	Prabhakar Chettri	2	44
25.	Saurav Tamang	2	90
26.	Unong Lohagan	2	11
27.	Noel Thapa	2	36
28.	Ayush Rai	2	57
29.	Priyanka Gurung	2	21
30.	Sandeep Gurung	2	17



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25	Elmit Lepcha	2	62
26	Sabaliya Gureng	2	26
27	Sakshi Chettri	2	42
28	Riya Pariyart	2	25
29	Digash Pariyash	2	23
30.	Gayatri Chhoti	2	47
31.	Pratima Rai	2	79 97
32.	Laxman Rai	2	79
33.	Prashana Rana	2	71
34.	Yamina Lepcha	2	70
35	Sinson Rai	2	52 2
36	Rufina Lepcha	2	64
37	Pratishtha Tamang	2	48
38	Mephna Bhujel	2	60
39	Deeksha Tamang	2	52
40.	Kushi Hang Limbu	2	76
41	Srenika Gureng	2	81
42.	Lata Deeksha Farga	2	74
43.	Brigit Lepcha	2	02
44.	Nitisha Pradhan	2	35
45.	Nabin Mukhia	2	46
46.	Chokay Sherpa	2	87
47	Yakub Biswa	2	56
48	Rajesh Tamang	2	39
49	Dipson Hang	2	64
50	Renukh Sherpa	2	53
51	Abhishek Tamang	2	65
52	Mingma Rana	2	61
53	Sandesh Rai	2	63
54	Pigjen Tamang	2	55

