

Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies Institutional Development Plan (IDP)

The Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS) is committed to contribute for the Nation building activities like Skill india Program, Viksit Bharat Abhiyan, etc.

The Institute has framed its vision documents in reference to Viksit Bharat Abhiyan which are summarized as:

1. Revival of the old system of education by taking forward the Nalanda tradition

After 12th Century, Literature as well as living tradition of Ancient Indian Nalanda Buddhist Tradition disappeared from the mainland India. However, the entire literature is preserved in Tibetan language in the form of Tibetan Buddhist Canon – Kangyur and Tengyur. Likewise the living tradition of Ancient Indian Nalanda Buddhist Tradition is vibrantly alive today in the form of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Philosophical Tradition, also known as Nalanda Buddhist Tradition.

Tibetan Buddhist Canon – Kangyur and Tengyur consists of over 4000 works of Indian Buddhist Panditas and Siddhas and the subject of those works range from Philosophy, Logic, Epistemology, Arts, Grammar, Medicine, Astrology and so on in Tibetan language. As of today, not more than 10% are available in their original Sanskrit, while the entire collection is well preserved in their Tibetan Translation.

At CIHTS, Sarnath, Indian Sanskrit Panditas and Tibetan Buddhist Scholars sit and work together to restore the Buddhist Shastras back to original Sanskrit from their Tibetan translations. So far, about 200 titles, restoration into Sanskrit and as well translation into Hindi, have been published. In order to further expand and expedite this important work of national importance of restoring Indian legacy and heritage, CIHTS has planned to initiate intensive rigorous training programs for young and talented students to train them in the field of restoration of Sanskrit Buddhist Treatises and translation of Buddhist Texts into Hindi – both from their existing Tibetan Translations preserved in Tibetan Buddhist canon - Kangyur and Tengyur. By 2047, we aim to have about 50% of restoration and translation works done.

The library of CIHTS houses a massive collection of academic resources in various forms of xylographs, manuscripts, audio, video recordings etc. Since it contains very important data and not easily accessible information, CIHTS wants to provide its services to the public domain via massive digitalization process. It has a vision to make the entire audio-video collection available to make the entire audio-video collection possessed by the Institute in its Library, available to researchers and common public on its website in the coming future. It will bolster India's position as the deep data science demands globally and will add up to the Government's initiatives to add to the digitalization process.

2. Establishment of Centre for Universal Ethics

The Central Institute of higher Tibetan studies envisages to create a centre on mindfulness and Ethics that will not only offer courses on mind training, Vipassana and other mind healing areas but also would take initiatives in the domain of basic human rights through the study on the core values as preached in Buddhism .

3. Introduction of various vocational certificates and diploma programmes on Skill development.

Since inception, the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies is offering courses on Thangka Painting and Tibetan Woodcrafts under the Dept. Fine Arts. In order to contribute to the Skill India Program, the Institute has decided to launch vocational certificates and diploma programmes on Thangka Painting and Tibetan Woodcrafts. The above courses not only enrich the tradition knowledge system but also provide employment opportunity to the youth.

4. Establishment of Cell for promotion of entrepreneurship skills of the students.

The Institute has established a separate cell to promote the entrepreneurship skills of the students via start-ups and exhibitions, namely Student Placement and Incubation Cell. Since the student community is deeply rooted in various indigenous knowledge of its art and cultural forms, the Institute visions to expand it further and provide start-ups to students of Fine Arts, Thangka Paintings, Sowa-rigpa and other allied departments. Under Ministry of Culture, this brave move will heighten and effect of its vision and mission. It will promote the hitherto hidden Himalayan Culture to the main stream and provide more job opportunities.

5. Making the traditional Medical Science (Sowa-Rigpa) global

Establishment of off-campus set-ups/medical clinics

CIHTS for the past 50 years has been dedicated to serve the OPD patients of Varanasi through the practice of Sowa rigpa uninterruptedly with specialization in Liver tonics, nervous system related diseases, herbal massages etc.

With the establishment of a Sowa-Rigpa Teaching College and Hospital has widened it's horizon the impact on the local public has recently got enhanced. The next 25 years the Institute aims to establish various other fully functional off-campus sowa-rigpa clinics for better service and wider approach. The vision of the institute for this medicine system which has no side-effects at all is to have its visibility on global map by inculcating healthy ways of living at every home through its knowledge.