

# COMING BACK TO HOME

## Gurukul Programme 2010: Dharamsala

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Today, after the sojourn of one month here in Dharamsala, molding in the harmonious atmosphere of Tibetan culture and traditional fragrance, there is the intense feeling of a new flower of spirit and motivation implanted and bloomed on the fertile soul of my memory. The short duration of dealing with Tibetan society rekindled the imperiled insight values and cultural traditions of our community. Personally, I felt from deep within that the Tibetan students are being isolated from every Tibetanity of language and culture, while mingling with the Indian students in our post school life.

I felt strongly indebted to the Foundation For Universal Responsibility Of His Holiness The Dalai Lama for staging us the platform through which we can open our eyes to visualize and experience the rich traditional values of Tibetans and cultures in India. The incorporative group of students of different educational and cultural backgrounds triggered me more excitement for not only reviving our cultures but also waxing the mind with newer kind of education and awareness through interaction and association with them.

The first two days of visit to the different centre and their introductory sessions had been the most resourceful for us to have a glimpse on the all round image of the Tibetan community. Through the information regarding the Tibetan Nuns' Project, I felt that our society is advanced in the empowerment of women's traditional spiritual enlightenment and modern education in order to medicate and better the mainstream of the societal life in the future through their services. A sense of solidarity triggered through my nerves to perceive the unvarnished first hand memories of the traumatic circumstances that the Tibetan people underwent from the commencement of their life in the asylum state in India after the eruption of Chinese manipulative subjugation in 1959.

As a Tibetan, I felt proud among my Indian friends to inform the gradual development of the Tibetan exile community from the very grass root of rehabilitation and children's educational scheme to the present transparent holistic image of the democratic institution of Central Tibetan Administration, under the impeccable leadership of His Holiness The Dalai Lama.

Tibetan people's persistent approach of endurance and management of the social catastrophe resulted to such complete reestablishment of the whole dimension of the left behind Tibet in exile. Norling institution of Tibetan Research centre as the storehouse of Tibetan cultural heritages filled our minds with the mosaic values of Tibet from the early civilization.

One of the most memorable events was our visit to Tibetan Children's Village. My emotional bank was disclosed to feel the touch of the warm atmosphere of our Home Away Home in which I was nurtured intellectually and physically. It has been a kind of coming back to home with complete realization of the special environment and bestowment after a couple of years of my association with Indian students.



Our audiences with His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Gyalwa Karmapa Rinpoche and Prime Minister Samdhong Rinpoche have been a lifelong gift of blessing for us. Many times tears welled through my eyelids to see the restlessness of His Holiness for the sake whole sentient being in general and Tibetan people's wellbeing in particular. His simple and intimate guidance to all the people irrespective of their background cultures and his complete sense of humor illuminated our obscured minds. Especially he stressed on the Indo Tibetan linkage as historical facts of Guru Chella connectivity and reliability for the flourishing of Buddhist philosophy in the land of snow through Indian pundits. I

believed that his emphasis on the peace of mind as the real happiness and not material gains has rendered an illuminating path for all the students while walking on the modern life.

Through the face to face interaction with ministers and freedom activists educated me the clear understanding of the Tibet crisis being a global issue and the middle path approach of integration with the People's Republic Of China with total internal freedom for the whole traditional provinces of Tibet.

Accordingly, knowledge is power only when it is applied in a proper purpose. After a couple of nights pondering for an appropriate way to channelize the gems of the educational journey, my mind bloomed with the idea to deliver the messages to our fellow students after my workshop. The onset of my social life in the mainstream of diverse community made me to realize the value of each click of time and better understanding of the deplorable condition of the Tibetan people in India. Today I feel motherly intimacy with every Tibetan in any walk of my life. I m happier to spend even ten Rupees of my maintenance pocket money in the purse of a Tibetan restaurant and a Lyphin seller, in the struggle of livelihood in the corner of Dharamsala area. I truly feel the trials and tribulations that these people bear for upbringing their children and future establishment.

As a student, while looking from the lens of the positive angle, I also realized the realistic good impact of our national catastrophe and its repercussion of exile life. This storm of obstinacy charted out us the territory for reformation in the field of political as well as religious set up of the then orthodox Tibetan feudalism and liberated for an opened window to see the outside world and disseminate the message of Buddhist cultures in the world.

One month of quest for Tibetan culture and society has elapsed by, notwithstanding, I am enthralled with its flashback, I had the most meaningful holiday in my life hitherto with something valuable in my store, which weighed me a self responsibility to distribute them to others. I cherish the precious moment which opened many gates in front of me and polished my stained mindset to keep abreast with the opportunities and bestowments in life for better texture of life after all!!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



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