



# LIBRARY OF TIBETAN WORKS & ARCHIVES

CENTRE FOR TIBETAN STUDIES

Courses in

- ☞ Buddhist Philosophy
- ☞ Tibetan Language
- ☞ Hindi Language

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THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRESERVATION, DISSEMINATION AND CONTINUATION OF THE UNIQUE CULTURE OF TIBET HAS DEVOLVED UPON THE SHOULDERS OF THE TIBETAN PEOPLE. THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE FUNCTIONING OF THE LIBRARY OF TIBETAN WORKS AND ARCHIVES ASSUMES THE UTMOST IMPORTANT IN THE PARTIAL FULFILLMENT OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY.

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— HIS HOLINESS THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DALAI LAMA

## INTRODUCTION

The Library of Tibetan Works and Archives (LTWA) was founded by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama on 11 June 1970. It was established with the aim of preserving and propagating the rich culture of Tibet to counter the massive destruction it had suffered after the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1959 and the subsequent campaigns to eliminate the Tibetan culture.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the LTWA are to provide comprehensive Tibetan cultural resources and to promote an environment that encourages research and an exchange of knowledge between scholars and students. These factors are of the utmost importance in a contemporary world shaped by political and spiritual confusion. In trying to fulfill its aims and objectives, the Library's priorities include:

- ✓ Acquiring and conserving Tibetan manuscripts, books, artifacts, and works of art
- ✓ Providing access to books, manuscripts, and reference works (in Tibetan as well as in foreign languages) in study areas within the premises
- ✓ Compiling bibliographies and documentation of the Library holdings and related literature available worldwide
- ✓ Providing copies and prints of the resources and acting as a reference centre for such source materials
- ✓ Publishing books and manuscripts under the LTWA imprint
- ✓ Supporting research scholars
- ✓ Offering Buddhist philosophy, Tibetan language, and culture classes

The LTWA is firmly dedicated to a threefold vision of preservation, protection, and promotion of Tibetan cultural heritage.

## BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY COURSES

The LTWA offers daily Buddhist philosophy classes to help people appreciate and understand "reality" and help them deal with daily life. The classes are taught by qualified geshe in Buddhist philosophy and have dedicated a major part of their lives to study and practice. English translators are provided. Courses focus either on specific Indian or Tibetan texts or on significant topics of Buddhist philosophy and practice. The texts covered in the classes provide the foundation for a lifetime of meditation practice. Every day fifteen minutes of the class is dedicated to meditation practice, and Buddhist logic and debate is taught every Wednesday in the classes.

**Note:** *Dates and times may change due to scheduled or unscheduled public teachings given by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Such changes will be announced in advance. There will be no classes on Saturday, Sunday, and other official holidays. Occasionally a class may need to be cancelled or postponed. Prospective students are therefore requested to call, email,*

or visit [www.tibetanlibrary.org](http://www.tibetanlibrary.org) to confirm the schedule before coming to the LTWA. The summer break is from July 14 to 31 and the winter break begins on December 13.

### Important changes this year:

- ✓ From this year onwards we will have an orientation day. Therefore all students are requested to attend the opening ceremony in the LTWA Conference Hall at 10 am, on March 1.
- ✓ From this year onwards Buddhist philosophy students will also receive the LTWA certificate on completion of a Buddhist topic/s or text/s in a semester provided that the students have at least 80% of attendance.
- ✓ All the LTWA students will celebrate together the closing ceremony after each semester.

## FIRST BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY CLASS

**Time:** 9:00 am to 10:15 am

**Text:** *Great Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment (lam rim chen mo)*

**Teacher:** Geshe Gyaltzen Tsering

Lama Tsongkhapa (1357–1419) was one of the greatest reformers of Tibetan Buddhism and founder of the Gelukpa tradition. He wrote the *Lamrim Chenmo* to give students a reliable guide to the stages of the path, from the very beginning all the way through to the attainment of enlightenment itself. This text is one of Lama Tsongkhapa's greatest works. It is a commentary on Atisha's *Lamp of the Path to Enlightenment (Byang chub lam sgron)*.

This year Geshe la will continue guiding us through the following subjects from the section on Training in the Path of a Person of Great Capacity in Je Tsongkhapa's masterpiece work:

### March 1 – July 13

- ☞ Preparing for calm abiding (*shamatha; zhi gnas*)
- ☞ Focusing your mind
- ☞ Dealing with laxity and excitement
- ☞ Attaining calm abiding
- ☞ Calm abiding as part of the path
- ☞ Why special insight (*vipashyana; lhag mthong*) is necessary.

### August 1 – December 12

- ☞ Identifying the object of negation
- ☞ Dependent arising and emptiness
- ☞ The concept of validity at the conventional level
- ☞ The distinction between the Svatantrika and Prasangika schools
- ☞ The selflessness of phenomena and persons and the reasons establishing it
- ☞ How to train in the unification of calm abiding and special insight

**Recommended Text:**

Tsongkhapa's *Great Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment, Vol. I–III*, translated by the Lamrim Chenmo Translation Committee, Snow Lion

**Additional Reading:**

Atisha's *Lamp for the Path to Enlightenment*, commentary by Geshe Sonam Rinchen, translated by Ruth Sonam, Snow Lion.

*Liberation in the Palm of Your Hand*, Pabongka Rinpoche, translated by Michael Richards, Wisdom Publications.  
*Life and Teachings of Tsongkhapa*, edited by Professor Robert Thurman, LTWA.

*The Essence of Superfine Gold*, His Holiness the Third Dalai Lama, translated by Dr Chok, LTWA.

*The Jewel Ornament of Liberation*, Gampopa, translated by Khenpo Konchog Gyaltsen, Snow Lion.

*The Three Principal Aspects of the Path*, Je Tsongkhapa with commentary by His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, translated by Geshe Lhakdor and Jeremy Russell, LTWA.

*Words of My Perfect Teacher*, Patrul Rinpoche, translated by the Padmakara Translation Group, Shambhala.

*Opening the Mind and Generating a Good Heart*, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, translated by Jeremy Russell, LTWA.

## SECOND BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY CLASS

**Time:** 10:30 am to 11:45 am

**Teacher:** Geshe Lobsang Tsondu

### March 1 – July 13

**Text:** Dzatrul Ngawang Tenzin Norbu's *The Excellent Vessel of Ambrosia: A Commentary on the Thirty-Seven Practices of Bodhisattvas*

Geshe la will begin teaching Dzatrul Ngawang Tenzin Norbu's commentary on Thokmé Sangpo's much loved Tibetan Buddhist classic which lays out the salient points of the bodhisattva path in thirty-seven verses set in the framework of the three levels of practitioners. In his commentary Dzatrul Ngawang Tenzin Norbu provides us practical guidelines to cultivate Mahayana path—starting from the fundamental contemplations to advanced mind training exercises and meditation. The guidelines are derived from the author's personal experience with reference to the sutras and tantras as well as Indian commentaries, and following in the spirit of ecumenism, those of Tibetan Buddhist masters of all major traditions.

Instruction is given on how to recognize the great potential of our ephemeral human life, how to identify and rely on an authentic teacher, how to cultivate disenchantment with cyclic existence, how to rouse the altruistic mind of enlightenment and develop insight into the nature of reality. He also offers profound advice on how to effectively deal with destructive states of mind—such as attachment, hatred, envy, and miserliness—and how to transform adverse conditions into the spiritual path:

**Prelude:** Relating the title of the root text, the homage verses, and the author's promise to compose the text.

### Main Body:

#### Part I: The Way of Engaging in the Preliminary Practices

Verses 1–7: The difficulty of obtaining a life of leisure and endowment, leaving one's homeland, relying on seclusion, recollection of impermanence, giving up bad companions, relying on good companions, and taking refuge.

## **Part II: The Paths of the Three Types of Individuals**

Verses 8–24: The path of the individual of the small scope, the path of the individual of the middle scope, and the path of the individual of the great scope.

**Conclusion:**

### **Part I: Training in the Precepts of the Mind of Enlightenment**

Verses 25–37: Training in the six transcendent perfections, training in the four dharmas taught in the sutras, training in the way of eliminating the afflictive emotions, training in benefiting others endowed with mindfulness and introspection, and the dedication of virtue to perfect enlightenment.

**Part II: The Summary:** The author's purpose for composing the text, the author's demonstration of the authenticity of the practices, the author's expression of humility and apology, the author's dedication of the virtue of composing this work to great enlightenment, and the author pens his name associated with the four complete attributes.

## **August 1 – December 12**

**Text:** Nagarjuna's *Letter to a Friend* and Jetsun Chokyi Gyaltsen's *Necklace of Learned Explanations: Presentation of Grounds and Paths*

Geshe la will begin teaching Nagarjuna's *Letter to a Friend*. Existing in the form of an epistle to his friend, variously known as Gautamiputra or Surabhibhadra, who was an Indian monarch of the Satavahana dynasty that ruled over an area encompassing modern day Pune in Maharashtra to coastal Andhra Pradesh between the first century BC and the second century AD, this text explains the means of integrating spiritual teaching into our daily life. Although Nagarjuna specifically taught how to skillfully conduct kingly affairs in one hundred and twenty-three of the verses, the text serves as general advice to all lay practitioners. In simple and succinct language, the text inspires lay practitioners, even those at the initial stage of practice, to assimilate the profound views and transcendental practices of the buddhas and bodhisattvas.

After this he will teach Jetsun Chokyi Gyaltsen's text on paths and grounds. In the study of the paths and grounds, you will be introduced to the four paths and ten grounds of bodhisattvas and the various qualities, practices, and realizations that the bodhisattvas must develop on each level. You will also learn how one enters a path and how the bodhisattvas eliminate the obscurations as they progress along the path to enlightenment.

### **Recommended Texts:**

*The Excellent Vessel of Ambrosia: A Commentary on the Thirty-Seven Practices of Bodhisattvas*, Dzatrul Ngawang Tenzin Norbu, translated by Julia Wilson.

*The Precious Garland: Buddhist Approach to Life, Polity and Liberation*, edited and translated by Sonam Tsering Ngulphu, LTWA.

*Necklace of Learned Explanations: Presentation of Grounds and Paths*, Jetsun Chokyi Gyaltsen, translated by William Magee, Ph.D. and Venerable Lozang Zopa.

### **Additional Reading:**

*Treasury of Precious Qualities*, Longchen Yeshe Dorge, translated by the Padmakara Translation Group, Shambhala.

*Buddhist Advice for Living & Liberation: Nagarjuna's Precious Garland*, analyzed, translated, and edited by Jeffery Hopkins, Snow Lion.

*Presentation of Tenets*, Jetsun Chokyi Gyaltzen, translated by Glen Svensson.

*Cutting Through Appearances: Practice and Theory of Tibetan Buddhism*, translated by Geshe Lhundup Sopa and Jeffery Hopkins, Snow Lion.

*Buddhist Philosophy*, Daniel Cozort and Craig Preston, Snow Lion.

### THIRD BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY CLASS

This class is taught in Tibetan and no translation is provided. A course that looks at Buddhist science and philosophy, including topics such as General Presentation of Buddhist Science; External World; Time; Particles; How the World Came into Beings; Human Body/Gestation; Consciousness/Psychology; Gross and Subtle Mind; Engagement of Consciousness; Methods of Engagement; Mind Training. These two texts are available in English and Chinese translations.

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**Text:** His Holiness the Dalai Lama's *Buddhist Science and Philosophy*, Vol. 1

**Teacher:** Geshe Lobsang Tsondu

**Date:** March 1 – July 13

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**Text:** His Holiness the Dalai Lama's *Buddhist Science and Philosophy*, Vol. 2

**Teacher:** Geshe Gyaltzen Tsering

**Date:** August 1 – December 12

### SPECIAL BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY CLASS

This is the third year of the LTWA's monthly three-day evening Buddhist philosophy class. The program is especially aimed at the CTA staff members and other Tibetans living in and around Gangchen Kyishong. However, anyone who is interested may attend the classes. The Director, Geshe Lhakdor, and two other geshees will teach in turn. Our focus will be not only on passive listening, but also on participation in lively discussion. Actual class announcement will be made one week before each teaching.

### TIBETAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The LTWA also offers daily Tibetan language classes taught by experienced teachers to help people better understand Tibetan culture. Tibetan language courses are taught in two semesters: **March 1 to July 13**, and **August 1 to December 12**. There are three regular Tibetan language classes: basic, intermediate, and higher intermediate; and two regular speaking classes: basic and intermediate. There are two other classes: one basic casual Tibetan language class and one early morning advanced Tibetan language class. The classes are held five days a week from Monday to Friday.

**Note:**

1. *Serious students who wish to receive the LTWA certificate on completion of a semester must sit for monthly tests.*
2. *New students who wish to study basic Tibetan language will be admitted to the Casual Tibetan Language Course at any time during a semester. For other Tibetan language and speaking classes, new students will not be admitted after the third week of a semester.*

## REGULAR TIBETAN LANGUAGE COURSES

### 1. Basic Tibetan Language Course:

Beginning with the alphabet, vowels, and combinations of letters, students learn the fundamental structure of the language, how to make simple sentences, and so forth. The aim at this level is to train students in reading and simple conversation.

**Time:** 9:00 am to 10:00 am

**Teacher:** Acharya Pema Khando

**Substitute:** Dr Chok and Ani Norzom

**Textbooks:**

1. Tsetan Chonjore's *Colloquial Tibetan: A Textbook of the Lhasa Dialect* (LTWA publication)
2. Dr Chok's *A Standard Tibetan Pronunciation* (not published yet)
3. Franziska Oertle's *The Heart of Tibetan Language* (LTWA publication)

### 2. Intermediate Tibetan Language Course:

The intermediate course is a stepping-stone to the upper intermediate course. Students in this course reinforce and extend their command of Tibetan grammar and idioms. The main aim of this class is to help students become confident in Tibetan.

**Time:** 9:00 am to 10:00 am

**Teacher:** Nyima Dekyi

**Substitute:** Thupten Gyaltzen and Dhadon

**Textbooks:**

1. Lobsang Thonden's *Modern Tibetan Language*, Vol. 1 (LTWA publication)
2. His Holiness Dalai Lama's biography *Freedom in Exile* (LTWA publication)
3. Folklore: Tibetan stories (not yet published)
4. Yangchen Drupe Dorjee's *Lags bshad ljon dbang*

### 3. Higher Intermediate Tibetan Language Course:

In this course, Tibetan grammar and honorific words are taught. The class also touches on aspects of Tibetan culture and religion to provide students with a basis for discussing Buddhism in Tibetan.

**Time:** 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

**Teacher:** Acharya Pema Khando

**Substitute:** Nyima Dekyi and Phurbu Dolma

**Textbooks:**

1. Geshe Thupten Sopa's *Lectures on Tibetan Religion and Culture* (LTWA publication)
2. His Holiness the Dalai Lama's biography *Freedom in Exile*
3. Thupten Chokdrup's *Bod kyi sgra rig pa'i gnas la dpyod pa bsal ba'i me long* (LTWA publication)
4. Nagdon Gyatso's *bsTon pa'i mdzad rnam gsal ba'i me long* (LTWA publication)

## REGULAR TIBETAN SPEAKING COURSES

### 1. Basic Tibetan Speaking Course:

This course is aimed at assisting our students to communicate in Tibetan, thereby enriching their knowledge of the feelings and basic way of life of Tibetans. The main aim of this class is to help students become more confident in spoken Tibetan.

**Time:** 10:30 am to 11:30 am

**Teacher:** Nyima Dekyi

**Substitute:** Dr Chok and Phurbu Dolma

**Textbook:** Dr Chok's *Speak Fluent Tibetan* (LTWA publication)

### 2. Intermediate Tibetan Speaking Course:

Students will reinforce and extend their command of spoken Tibetan, thereby enriching their knowledge of the feelings and basic way of life of Tibetans. The main aim of this class is to help students become more confident in speaking Tibetan.

**Time:** 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

**Teacher:** Nyima Dekyi

**Substitute:** Acharya Pema Khando and Tsering Norbu

**Textbook:** Nyima Dekyi's *Speak Tibetan the Tibetan Way* (LTWA publication)

## CASUAL TIBETAN LANGUAGE COURSE

### Casual Tibetan Language Class:

Beginning with the alphabet, vowels, and combinations of letters, students learn the fundamental structure of the language, how to make simple sentences, and so forth. The aim at this level is to train students in reading and simple conversation. Students may enroll anytime during the academic year.

**Time:** 10:00 am to 11:00 am

**Teacher:** Acharya Ani Norzom

**Substitute:** Dr Chok and Dhadon

**Textbooks:**

1. Tashi's *A Basic Grammar of Modern Spoken Tibetan* (LTWA publication)
2. Dr Chok's *A Standard Tibetan Pronunciation* (not published yet)

## EARLY MORNING ADVANCED TIBETAN LANGUAGE COURSE

The course is specially meant for students who have either completed their elementary education in the Tibetan language or who have strong background knowledge of Tibetan language and culture. The class is taught in Tibetan and covers a wide range of topics including Tibetan language, literature, culture, history, and religion. Students, mostly Tibetan graduates from colleges and universities, are introduced to a higher level of Tibetan studies.

**Time:** 8:00 am to 9:00 am

**Teacher:** Acharya Sangye Tandar Naga

Availability of this course and textbooks will be announced in advance.

## INTENSIVE LEARNING PROGRAMS

The LTWA organizes two yearly intensive learning programs. A three-month Intensive Translation Program was started in 2006 and a two-month Intensive Tibetan Studies Program was started in 2011. This year, the **Intensive Tibetan Studies Program** is tentatively scheduled from **April 2 to May 31**, and the **Intensive Translation Program** is from **July 2 to September 29**. A minimum of fifteen students are required to run the program and a maximum of forty students are admitted to each program. The programs are open to Tibetans and others from the Himalayan regions and foreigners who have a good command of the Tibetan language.

In the Intensive Tibetan Studies Program, students are taught Tibetan language and literature, Buddhist philosophy and practice, and Tibetan history. In the Intensive Translation Program, students are taught Tibetan language and literature, Buddhist philosophy and practice, English language and literature, and translation methodology.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE FACULTY MEMBERS

### BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY TEACHERS

**Geshe Lhakdor** is director of the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives. He worked in the Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama as a religious assistant and translator for sixteen years and has accompanied His Holiness on visits to over thirty countries. In 1982 he received his master's degree in English from Punjab University, Chandigarh and MPhil from Delhi University. He received his geshe degree from Drepung Loseling Monastic University in 1995. He travels extensively around the globe sharing his insights on Buddhism and Tibetan culture. He also oversees the teaching of modern science in Tibetan monastic institutions and also the Secular Ethics Education Program in various institutions all over the world. He has co-translated and co-produced a number of books including *The Joy of Living and Dying in Peace*, *Stages of Meditation*, *Awakening the Mind*, and *Lightening the Heart* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

**Geshe Lobsang Tsondu** was born in Reting, Ü-Tsang, Tibet. He began his religious studies at the age of twelve at Sera Monastery in Tibet where he continued to study Buddhist philosophy until he was forced to flee Tibet in 1985. He received his geshe degree from Sera Monastic University in south India in 2003. After that he studied tantra at Gyutoe Tantric University for one year. He taught Buddhist philosophy to the nuns of Kopan Monastery in Nepal for three years before joining the LTWA in 2005.

**Geshe Gyaltzen Tsering** was born in Kham Draggo, Tibet. He began his religious studies at the age of eighteen with his uncle at Rasang mountain retreat in Tibet. He then continued to study Buddhist philosophy in Draggo Monastery for five years. He fled Tibet in 1988 and studied Buddhism for the next 25 years in Drepung Monastic University in south India. He received his geshe lharampa degree from the same university in 2013. After that he studied tantra at Gyume Tantric University for one year. He was invited to teach at the LTWA in 2014.

## TRANSLATORS

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**Tsering Norbu** holds an uma rabjampa degree (MA equivalent) in Tibetan studies and Buddhist philosophy from the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics, Dharamsala. He has been translating at the LTWA since 2010.

**Phurbu Dolma** holds a bachelor's degree in Tibetan studies from the College for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah and a bachelor's degree from Delhi University. She has been translating at the LTWA since 2012.

**Julia Wilson** holds a bachelor's degree from California State University, San Francisco in comparative cultural studies. She studied Tibetan language and culture at the College for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah from 2006–2008. She has been studying and translating at the LTWA since 2008.

**Dhadon** holds a bachelor's degree in Tibetan studies from the College for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah and a bachelor's degree from Delhi University. She has been translating at the LTWA since 2014.

**Thupten Gyaltzen** was born in Tibet and came into exile in 2000. He did his primary studies at Sera Jey Secondary School and then studied Buddhist philosophy for eight years at Sera Jey Monastic University. He also completed a four-year extensive translation course before joining the LTWA in 2017.

## TIBETAN LANGUAGE TEACHERS

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**Acharya Sangye Tandar Naga** is the head of the Tibetan Cultural Research Department and the editor of gTam-tshogs, a journal in Tibetan. He has over twenty years of Tibetan teaching experience. He taught Tibetan language and literature in the National Institute of Oriental Language and Civilizations (INALCO), Paris for the academic session 2014–2015. He teaches the morning special Tibetan language class and other academic workshops at the LTWA. He joined the LTWA in 1991.

**Dr Chok Tenzin Monlam** is the head of the Research and Translation Department. He has been doing research on teaching-learning methods for Tibetan as a foreign language since 2001 and has been using his findings to teach students since he joined the LTWA in 2007. In 2012, he taught Tibetan language at the Summer Language Program at the University of Virginia. *Speak Fluent Tibetan* and *Standard Tibetan Pronunciation* (unpublished) are his Tibetan language works.

**Acharya Ani Norzom** holds an acharya degree in Tibetan Studies and Buddhist philosophy from the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Varanasi. She joined the LTWA in 1999 and has been teaching Tibetan since then.

**Nyima Dekyi** studied Tibetan and Buddhist philosophy in Tibet until she escaped to India in 1997. She continued to study Tibetan and Buddhist philosophy in Dolmaling Nunnery and the College for Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarah. She taught Tibetan as a foreign

language at Thosamling Nunnery for more than three years before joining the LTWA in 2009.

**Acharya Pema Khando** holds an acharya degree in Tibetan studies and Buddhist philosophy from the Central University of Tibetan Studies, Varanasi. She also did her B Ed from the same university. She taught Tibetan language in the Central Schools for Tibetans, Mundgod for three years before joining the LTWA in 2015.

## REGISTRATION

Students are required to register and obtain a registration slip from the Library office before attending any course. Fees are nominal and they are only meant to defray the running cost of the courses. Therefore, course fees should be paid at the time of registration, either for a whole course or on a monthly basis.

## FEES

<b>Registration:</b>	₹100 (one time)
<b>Buddhist Philosophy:</b>	₹400 per month for one class
<b>Language Course:</b>	₹600 per month for one class

## ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of semi-furnished rooms with attached kitchen and either attached or common bathrooms with hot water are available for research scholars and students enrolled in two or more courses. No advance bookings are accepted. Rooms are rented to students only on arrival and after registration. If no rooms are available at the time of arrival, the student's name will be placed on a waiting list.

Research scholars are those scholars who come with a letter of recommendation from their university or institution and who need to use the books, manuscripts, and other facilities available at the LTWA during their research period. Research scholars are required to subscribe to the library membership. The individual membership fee is ₹300 per month, the annual membership fee for institutions is ₹1,500 and ₹100 per month for general readers.

## OTHER FACILITIES

- ✓ **Tibetan Books & Manuscripts Library:** This library holds more than 126,000 Tibetan titles (manuscripts and books) dealing with Tibetan culture, history, Buddhist philosophy, psychology, medicine, astrology, Tibetan language, folklores, and so forth.
- ✓ **Foreign Language Library:** This library contains about 16,000 books concerning Buddhism and Tibet related subjects, as well as reference materials in English and other languages.
- ✓ **Chinese Library:** This library holds about 6,000 publications in Chinese concerning Buddhist philosophy and Tibet related subjects.
- ✓ **Public Library:** Unlike the two libraries located in the institute's main building, which exclusively hold reference resources on Tibet, Buddhism, and relevant subjects, this newly opened public library houses general reading materials on a variety of subjects like any other public library to cater to the wider needs of the general public. It has over 2,250 books.
- ✓ **Hindi Library:** This library holds about 750 publications in Hindi concerning Buddhist philosophy and Tibet related subjects.
- ✓ **Multimedia Library:** With the setting up of a new multimedia library, one can listen to, watch, read, or even study any of the resources available, which include Tibetan documentary films, movies, oral histories, songs and dances, speeches, spiritual discourses, e-books, etc.
- ✓ **Museum:** The museum exhibits more than a thousand sacred objects from Tibet.
- ✓ **Publication Sales:** A bookstall located at the library reception area sells books and journals published by the LTWA in Tibetan, English, and Hindi.
- ✓ **Recording Studio:** A state-of-the-art recording studio provides full audio support.
- ✓ **Translation:** Written and oral translation services are available.
- ✓ **Special Classes:** Special Buddhist philosophy and Tibetan language classes are provided upon request.
- ✓ **Photocopy:** Photocopying and binding services are available.
- ✓ **Conference Halls and Classrooms:** Multipurpose conference halls and classrooms are available.
- ✓ **Canteen:** In between classes, relax over a cup of tea and chat with your classmates at our canteen. Here you may also order a variety of simple vegetarian dishes at reasonable prices.

**2018 DAILY CLASS SCHEDULES**  
**March 1 to December 12**

**OFFICIAL HOLIDAY LIST 2018**

January 1	New Year
January 26	Republic Day of India
February 16–18	Tibetan New Year
March 2	Great Miracles Day ( <i>Choetrul Duechen</i> )
March 10	Tibetan Uprising
May 29	Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment, and Passing Away
June 28	Universal Prayer and Purification Day ( <i>Zamling Chisang</i> )
July 6	Birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama
July 16	Buddha's First Teaching ( <i>Choekhor Duechen</i> )
August 15	Independence Day of India
September 2	Tibetan Democracy Day
October 2	Gandhi Jayanti (Birthday)
October 31	Buddha's Descent from Heaven ( <i>Lhabab Duechen</i> )
December 10	Commemoration of Nobel Peace Prize to His Holiness
December 13	<i>Ngenpa Guzom</i>
December 12	<i>Sangpo Chuzom</i>

Time	Buddhist Philosophy	Language	Textbooks
9:00 am – 10:00 am	—	Basic Tibetan Acharya Pema Khando	Colloquial Tibetan A Standard Tibetan Pronunciation (photocopy) The Heart of Tibetan Language, Vol. 1
9:00 am – 10:00 am	—	Intermediate Tibetan Nyima Dekyi	Modern Tibetan Language, Vol. 1 Freedom in Exile Folklore: Tibetan stories (photocopy) Legs bshad ljon dbang
10:00 am – 11:00 am	—	Casual Tibetan Acharya Ani Norzom	A Basic Grammar of Modern Spoken Tibetan A Standard Tibetan Pronunciation (photocopy)
9:00 am – 10:15 am	First Buddhist Philosophy Geshe Gyaltzen Tsering	March 1 to Dec 12: Lama Tsongkhapa's Great Treatise on the Stages of the Path to Enlightenment (to continue from Preparing for calm abiding (shamatha; zhi gnas))	
10:30 am – 11:30 am	—	Basic Tibetan Speaking Nyima Dekyi	Dr Chok's Speak Fluent Tibetan
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Second Buddhist Philosophy Geshe Lobsang Tsondu	March 1 to July 13: Dzatrul Ngawang Tenzin Norbu's The Excellent Vessel of Ambrosia: A Commentary on the Thirty-Seven Practices of Bodhisattvas August 1 to Dec 12: Nagarjuna's Letter to a Friend, and Jetsun Chokyi Gyaltsen's Necklace of Learned Explanations: Presentation of Grounds and Paths	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	—	Intermediate Tibetan Speaking Nyima Dekyi	Nyima Dekyi's Speak Tibetan the Tibetan Way
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm		L U N C H B R E A K	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Third Buddhist Philosophy Geshe Lobsang Tsondu & Geshe Gyaltzen Tsering	March 1 to July 13: His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Buddhist Science and Philosophy, Vol. 1 August 1 to Dec 12: His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Buddhist Science and Philosophy, Vol. 2	
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	—	Higher Intermediate Tibetan Acharya Pema Khando	Lectures on Tibetan Religion and Culture Freedom in Exile Bod kyi sgra rig pa'i gnas la dpyod pa bsal ba'i me long bsTon pa'i mdzad rnam gsal ba'i me long

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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