

Cultural, and Nomadic Events: From traditional horse riding and Tibetan costume shows to student performances and athletic competitions, the celebration beautifully blended heritage and youth spirit.



Achievements Under Vision 2025

The Jubilee marked not only a celebration of the past but also the beginning of a new chapter of self-reliance and educational excellence.

Self-Support Initiative : A major milestone was reached with 130 sponsors identified from within the Tibetan community, surpassing the original goal of 113, reflecting the spirit of ibetans helping Tibetans.



Infrastructure Development : Renovation of playgrounds, boarding homes, and the entire campus. The Junior Hall was transformed into the **TCV Ladakh Heritage Archive** preserving five decades of legacy.



Alumni Network and Reconnection : The Jubilee year witnessed an extraordinary gathering of hundreds of former students, rekindling bonds and building a strong alumni network. Their participation reaffirmed that our alumni remain the living pillars and proud ambassadors of TCV Ladakh' values.



Documentation and History : Publication of the first-ever **TCV Ladakh History Book** our School—Weaving Memories and Milestones of Five Decades (1975–025) along with three documentary films capturing the school' journey in words and visuals for future generations. **The village' documentary and the 50th Founding Anniversary celebration can be viewed on our official YouTube channel, TCV Ladakh**

Honouring Our Sponsoring Organisations

Our 50th Founding Anniversary celebration became even more meaningful with the gracious presence of our sponsoring organisations—our trusted partners who have stood beside TCV Ladakh through every stage of its journey.



We were deeply honoured to welcome **Mr. Gilbert Leroy**, the former President of Aide à l'Enfance Tibétaine (AET), France, and **Mr. Karma Thinley**, the newly appointed President. From German Aid to Tibet (GAT), we were equally delighted to host **Mrs. Heidi Mayer**, the outgoing President, and **Mr. Achim Stelljes**, the current President. Their presence, along with several board members and long-time sponsors from various organisations, added a truly international spirit to our celebration.

During their visit, AET held a board meeting on our campus and jointly inaugurated the newly established **TCV Ladakh Heritage Archive**—a milestone project preserving and celebrating five decades of our history. GAT, continuing its generous support, funded essential projects for our children, including new plates, cups, and utensils for the dining hall. Meanwhile, our friends from **Italian Amala** funded towards the maintenance of the school and the boarding hostel and homes and provided funds for new sports equipment for the Games Committee.



Each act of support reflects genuine care, friendship, and faith in the work we do. We remain deeply grateful to all our sponsoring organisations and individual sponsors for their enduring partnership and love, which continue to sustain and inspire the TCV Ladakh family as we step into the next fifty years.



**Inter-School Cultural Competition
Gratitude and Future Commitment**

During the celebration, TCV Ladakh extended heartfelt thanks to His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Government and people of India, the Central Tibetan Administration, Ama Jetsun Pema la, the first Director, Ven. Tenzin la (late) former directors, staff, sponsors, and alumni. Their unwavering support has been the foundation of our success.



As TCV Ladakh steps into the next fifty years, it remains firmly committed to nurturing academic excellence, self-reliance, and cultural preservation in the true spirit of “Others Before Self.”

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Honoring 50 Golden Years of TCV Ladakh (1975–2025)

Message from the Director's Desk

As we look back on more than fifty glorious years of Tibetan Children's Village (TCV) Ladakh, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for how far we have come, and the bright path that lies ahead. From humble beginnings, our school has nurtured generations of young Tibetans who have excelled academically while carrying forward our rich cultural heritage with dignity and pride.

Over the past five decades, TCV Ladakh has produced more than 9,000 graduates. Many of them now serve in diverse professions across India

and abroad. Their enduring connection to their alma mater, seen vividly during our Golden Jubilee Celebration when hundreds returned with joy and nostalgia, reaffirms that they are the true ambassadors of our school's mission and values. The year 2025 marks a renewed commitment to the vision of our founders: to provide holistic education rooted in compassion, resilience, and Tibetan identity. In the years ahead, we will strengthen both English and Tibetan language development, ensuring that our students remain deeply grounded in their roots while confidently engaging with the wider world. Our students' achievements continue to inspire us. Whether in academics, leadership, or service, they have consistently demonstrated excellence. From securing top positions in national examinations to achieving a 96.1% success rate in the CBSE Class X results; their accomplishments reflect the dedication of our teachers and the determination of our learners. Beyond academics, we take equal pride in caring for every member of our community. Today, 1,464 students are being nurtured and educated across our main and branch campuses in Ladakh. Our Old Age Home provides compassionate care for 46 elderly residents, while 12 differently abled children receive the love, attention, and opportunities they deserve. These initiatives reflect the very essence of TCV's mission to serve, educate, and empower all under our care. None of these achievements would have been possible without the steadfast support of our individual sponsors and sponsoring organisations. Their generosity and trust remain the backbone of our success. We were especially fortunate to acknowledge and thank many of them in person during our 50th Founding Anniversary Celebration, a moment filled with deep gratitude and renewed commitment to our shared cause.



As we move forward, the next fifty years will demand even greater dedication, creativity, and compassion from each one of us. Let us continue to work together—staff, students, alumni, and supporters—to keep the flame of TCV Ladakh burning brightly, fulfilling our mission to serve the Tibetan community and humanity at large.

On behalf of the entire TCV Ladakh family, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, well-wishers, and friends whose unwavering support continues to make everything we do possible. May we all continue to walk together on this noble journey of education, service, and cultural preservation.

With warm regards,

Tenzin Rabten

Director, TCV Village Ladakh

A Heartfelt Reunion: Shelter 108 Sponsors Visit TCV Ladakh

This summer, TCV Ladakh had the joy of welcoming thirty-two sponsors from Shelter 108, Germany, led by founder **Ms. Maria Bloomonkon** and Chairwoman **Ms. Silvana**. Their visit, from 4th to 17th July 2025, was more than a trip—it was a reunion of hearts between sponsors and children who had long shared bonds through letters and care.



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On 5th July, sponsors took their godchildren to Leh Market for a joyful day of shopping and shared meals. Many children experienced, for the first time, the simple happiness of choosing small gifts, eating together in restaurants, and sharing unhurried moments of friendship.

The following day, as the school celebrated the 90th Birth Anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the group visited **Hemis Monastery** to witness the sacred mask dance festival and experience the spiritual richness of Ladakh.

After the celebration, the sponsors began their journey to the Changthang plateau, visiting branch schools nestled among the high mountains. They were welcomed with songs, dances, and heartfelt smiles from students and staff. That evening, the group camped on the meadows of **Nyoma Village**, where laughter and stories continued under the starry Ladakhi sky. Their journey to **Tso-mo-ri-ri Lake** offered rare moments of peace and beauty beside its turquoise waters.



Among many touching moments was the reflection of ninth-grader **Tenzin Nobu**, who shared, *"I really enjoyed this trip with my sponsor. I have never been to*

such places, as my parents cannot afford such luxury. I am so grateful to my sponsor for taking me there."

When the time came to say goodbye on 17th July, smiles and tears mingled as sponsors and children parted with hope and affection, carrying memories that will last a lifetime.

Upon their return to Germany, Shelter 108 continued their generous support. They funded **smart televisions and a washing machine** for Sumdo Nyoma and Hanley branch School, located far from the city, along with **iron storage boxes** to protect rations from insects and rodents. They also pledged to support TCV Leh by funding the construction of a **study-cum-dining hall** for boarding children—a long-awaited facility that will greatly enhance both comfort and learning.

Their generosity reflects a deep understanding and sincere wish to improve the lives of our children. It strengthens our shared mission to nurture, educate, and preserve Tibetan culture and tradition—a mission TCV has carried forward with dedication for over five decades.

TCV Ladakh Celebrates 50 Years of Service and Education Vision 2025: A Golden Milestone of Growth, Gratitude, and Renewal



The year 2025 holds profound significance as the world celebrates the 90th birthday of His Holiness the 14th **Dalai Lama**, globally dedicated as the Year of Compassion. In harmony with this spirit, TCV Ladakh joyfully marked its **50th Founding Anniversary (Golden Jubilee)** under the theme **Vision 2025**.

Held in September 2025, the celebration was the culmination of two years of preparation by the Village Management Committee, staff, and students. The weeklong event brought together former staff, alumni, sponsors, friends of TCV, members of the Sonamling Tibetan Settlement, and local Ladakhi well-wishers. It was a historic and emotional reunion that honoured five decades of TCV Ladakh's service in education, culture, and community welfare.



The grand occasion was graced by Mr. Sonam Sicho, President of TCV, and Mr. Kalsang Phuntsok, General Secretary (External) of TCV Head Office, along with representatives from our sister schools. Their presence, encouragement, and guidance made the celebration even more meaningful.

Golden Jubilee Highlights

Katrin Jaydran –Gratitude to Contributors: A special session dedicated to honouring those who have served and supported TCV Ladakh over the past 50 years.



Thank You India and Thank You Ladakh week (May 2025): A cultural and educational exchange that brought together 90 students from nine local schools to share Tibetan language, philosophy, SEE Learning, and Riglam.

TED-style Talks: Inspiring reflections on the contributions of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Ama Jetsun Pema la, and past TCV leaders, reinforcing the values of gratitude and service.

Guthon Activities: Daily assemblies, performances, and the creation of Guthon Khang— dedicated space displaying Dalai Lama lineage portraits, books, international awards, and inspirational quotes.Sports,