

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN CULTURE STUDIES (CIHCS) AT DAHUNG IN WEST KAMENG DISTRICT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

The Cabinet approved the proposal for establishment of Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies (CIHCS) on 19th May 2010 as Society under Societies Registration Act. The CIHCS has accordingly been registered on 10th Nov. 2010 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The area of operation of the Society shall be all over India.

2. **OBJECTIVES** : The objectives of the CIHCS are as under :
 - i. To provide for instruction for various courses in Indian Culture and for study and research in different branches of Buddhist Philosophical and Cultural Studies,
 - ii. To prepare students for higher learning and research in the fields of Buddhist Studies, Bhoti language and literature and Himalayan Studies with pedagogic methods using knowledge of modern research methodology and advanced up-to-date technology,
 - iii. To inculcate awareness of the Cultural ethos, ecological balance and preservation of natural resources with special reference to the Himalayan region and North East region of India,
 - iv. To teach traditional arts and crafts and modern technical skill sets for facilitating economic self-sufficiency and sustainable development and preservation of ethnic identity within the framework of national unity.

3. **MANDATE**: The Society shall undertake Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral Programmes in Buddhist and Himalayan studies and may also establish and maintain feeder schools.

4. **STRUCTURE**: The Society will function through the Board of Governors (BoG) which will have broad based representation including representatives of the Central Government, State Government, Buddhist Scholars, etc.
 - 4.1 The Secretary (Culture) shall be the President (ex-officio) of the Society and the Joint Secretary dealing with Buddhist Teaching Institutions in the Ministry of Culture will be the Chairperson of the Board of Governors.
 - 4.2 The Society shall guide, supervise and oversee the overall functioning of the Institute. The general superintendence, direction and control of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in the Board of Governors. The Director, being the head of the Institute shall be the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the Institute.

5. **COURSES** : The institute is presently conducting courses for Purva Madhyama (equivalent to class IX-X), Uttar Madhyama (equivalent to class XI-XII) and Shastri (1st year) with 117 students on roll.
