

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF TIBETAN STUDIES (CUTS),
SARNATH
(Deemed to be University)**

Background : The Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi was established in the year 1967 with a view to educating the youths of Tibet and Indian students of Himalayan border areas. Formerly the Institute functioned as a special wing of the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, on an experimental basis. Thereafter, in 1977, the Govt. of India decided to accord the institute status of an autonomous body under the Department of Culture, Govt. of India with 100% financial support. With its autonomous structure, the Institute shifted to Sarnath. On 5th April 1988, the Government of India declared the Institute as a “Deemed to be University”. The Institute is accredited with 5 stars with the highest grade of standard by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council.

2. Aims & Objectives: (1) To preserve the Tibetan culture and tradition. (2) To preserve ancient Indian sciences and literature preserved in the Tibetan language, but lost in original. (3) To offer an alternate educational facility to students of Indian border areas who formerly availed the opportunity of receiving higher education in Tibet. (4) To accomplish gains of teaching and scope of research in traditional subjects in a framework of the modern university system of education with the provision for award of degrees in Tibetan studies.

3. Courses of study:

- i. Poorva Madhyama equivalent to 10th Standard
- ii. Uttar Madhyama equivalent to 12th Standard
- iii. Shastri equivalent to BA
- iv. Acharya equivalent to MA
- v. Vishisht Acharya equivalent to M.Phil
- vi. Vidyavaradi equivalent to PhD

4. Activities of the Institute: The Institute has been established with the ethos of imparting education in Tibetan studies with a predilection for traditional Tibetan method of teaching. The Institute is mainly research-oriented and seeks to mould students into qualified persons capable of undertaking work of research and restitution in concurrence with the fundamental objectives of the organization.
