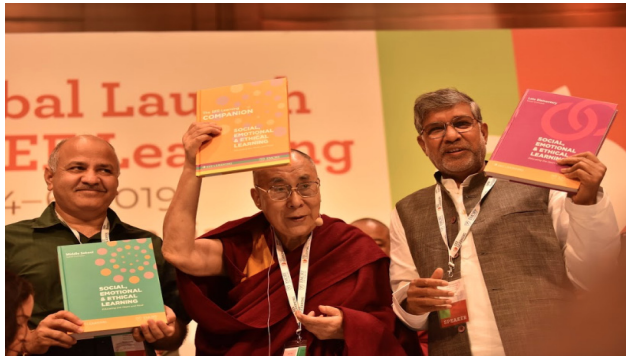


SEE Learning: The Dalai's Lama's Gift to Humanity



His Holiness the Dalai Lama unveils the Social Emotional Ethical Learning curriculum with Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi at its global launch in New Delhi, India on April 5, 2019.

Tibet.net, April 5, New Delhi: The Dalai Lama is among the first thinkers of the 20th century to recognise that the gravest challenge facing humanity was not nuclear weapon or world war but the silent erosion of the core human values that could over time trigger a global emotional crisis. We are already witnessing its flagrant manifestations in political and social spectrums. Envisioning a human society with genuine sense of concern for each other and collective responsibility for global welfare, His Holiness the Dalai Lama proposed an educational transformation grounded in the perspective that the 7 billion human beings are completely equal in wanting to be happy, not wanting to suffer and together in cooperation, we stand to gain for ourselves and our community. Towards this effort, His Holiness minted the idea of universal secular ethics; enshrining the values of compassion, human dignity, empathy, warmheartedness, genuine sense of concern for others in our vision of prosperity and progress.

Through the years, as His Holiness officiated the introduction of Secular Ethics Curriculum in scores of universities and schools in India, North America and Europe, he noted that fostering love and compassion with human intellect held the key to human flourishing. In his latest and most distinguished contribution to the world, His Holiness the Dalai Lama with the Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics at Emory University developed a comprehensive framework for the cultivation of social, emotional and ethical competencies for children in Kindergarten to students in secondary education as well as higher education and professional education: The SEE Learning. A long cherished dream of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the innovative program is based on the universal secular ethics and is driven by his vision for a compassionate and ethical world for all. In his keynote address at the international launch of the SEE Learning program this Friday in the presence of over 900 educational and policy leaders from around the world, His Holiness remarked that the results of the curriculum would not be seen in immediate future, but the next generations will surely see more compassionate human beings, happier individuals and families. Experts and key speakers from Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi and Minister of Education Manish Sisodia, Nobel Peace laureate Kailash Satyarthi, Dr Lobsang Tenzin, Emory University to others including Veer Singh of Vana foundation and Tempa Tsering of the Dalai Lama Trust chimed in admiration as they celebrated the Dalai Lama's enlightened approach to education and his practical vision for the future of humanity. In line with His Holiness' long-echoed message,

the SEE Learning is grounded in the idea that education can and should be expanded to foster the values and competencies that lead to greater happiness for both individuals and society at large. Through the program, future generations can move forward in realizing their tremendous potential for being a force for good: their own good, the good of others, and the good of the wider world. “The intention is for compassion-based ethics to be incorporated into existing curricula, where it will permeate and enhance each school’s pedagogy,” said Dr Lobsang Tenzin Negi, executive director of the new center and professor of practice in the Emory Department of Religion. The SEE Learning framework is organized into three dimensions which broadly encompass the types of knowledge and competencies it seeks to foster in students: (1) Awareness, (2) Compassion, and (3) Engagement. Furthermore, these three dimensions can be approached in three domains: that of (1) the Personal; (2) the Social; and (3) Systems—all of which should take place within an educational context that is based on compassion and with teachers who strive to embody this underlying value. More than 600 educators in various countries have attended SEE Learning workshops. A high school curriculum is planned for 2020. An online platform is available for educator preparation, and the curriculum is currently being

translated into fourteen languages including Hindi, English, French, Russian, German and Chinese. The global launch of the SEE Learning in Delhi was hosted by Emory University, in partnership with The Dalai Lama Trust and the Vana Foundation of India.

Remembering the Life & Legacy of George Fernandes and Lodi Gyari Rinpoche - Heroes of Freedom, Democracy & Equality



Tibetan and non-Tibetan dignitaries at the memorial event, “Remembering the life & legacy of George Fernandes and Lodi Gyari Rinpoche – Hero of Freedom, Democracy & Equality” in New Delhi. *ITCO, April 8, New Delhi:* A memorial program “Remembering the Life & Legacy of George Fernandes and Lodi Gyari Rinpoche – Hero of Freedom, Democracy & Equality” was held at Speaker Hall Annexe, Constitution Club, New Delhi in the evening of 6 April. The program was graced by host of dignitaries namely Honourable T. N. Chaturvedi, Former Governor of Karnataka, His Eminence Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche, Former Kalon Tripa, CTA, Choekyong Wangchuk, Health Kalon, CTA, Acharya Yeshe Phuntsok, Deputy Speaker, TPiE, Shri Indresh Kumar,

RSS Pracharak, Mr. Matteo Mecacci, ICT President, Smt. Jaya Jaitley, Indian politician, Lama Lobsang Yeshe of Ashoka Mission and others. Honourable T.N. Chaturvedi, the chief guest during the event in his address said “George Fernandes and Gyari Lodi Rinpoche were champions of people. They had lived by one mission – humanity, democracy and freedom cause.” He said that he had known Gyari Rinpoche as knowledge person, good diplomat and expert in dealing with people. Remembering George Fernandes, he mentioned that George saab was a leader of people. Mr. Chaturvedi paid his regards to the great souls and asked their friends and supporters to abide by their good deeds and keep their legacy alive. His Eminence Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche in his tribute to the great souls mentioned “George saab and Gyari Rinpoche were my close friends. It is difficult and too less for me to speak about them. It is tough to light on their life. They were the heroes who dreamed and show what they said”. His Eminence stressed that George saab was the first Indian leader who initiated the formation of All Party Indian Parliamentarians Forum for Tibet (APIPFT). He said that there are and will be many leaders in India but he don’t think any can match the stature of George saab who was a genuine friend of Tibet and Tibetans. His Eminence recalled “Be Minister or not, George saab had always supported Tibet at various platforms.”

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Forum for People’s Initiative, Centre for Social Research, Ashoka Mission, Institute of Social Science, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, India Tibet Coordination Office, Foundation for Non-Violence Alternative, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Trust, Acharya Kriplani Trust and International Maitreya Foundation.

Governor of Chhattisgarh visits Mainpat Tibetan Settlement



Governor of Chhattisgarh Shrimati Anandiben Patel visits Phendeling Tibetan Settlement, Mainpat amid rapturous welcome, 7 April 2019.

Tibet.net, April 9, Mainpat: The Hon’ble Governor of Chhattisgarh State, Shrimati Anandiben Patel visited Mainpat on Sunday on an official tour. Though her official program was to visit the Tibetan Monastery in camp 1, Hon Governor explored the Tibetan community in Mainpat and visited the Dhakpo monastery where all the local Tibetans offered her a rapturous welcome. Hon Smt Patel toured around the monastery; offered Tibetan white scarf at the throne of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and butter lamp. Lhamo Association of the settlement performed snow lion dance and students performed traditional

dance to celebrate her visit. Governor Shrimati Anandiben Patel distributed sweets and fruits to all the children and delivered a speech. She mentioned the significance of Buddhism and its contribution to mankind. She also expressed her happiness at meeting the Tibetans in Mainpat. She said she visited Tibet once and today’s visit to Mainpat Tibetan settlement was like a second visit to Tibet. On behalf of the Tibetan community, Settlement Officer and Local Assembly chairman presented a Tibetan Buddhist painting (Thangka) to the Governor. She later visited one Tibetan family to see Tibetan lifestyle and spent a considerable amount of time with the family. She also visited Tibetan old-age people’s home and greeted each one of them. Finally, she thanked for the hospitality.

US Congress Will ‘Never’ Recognize Chinese-appointed Dalai Lama



Senator Cory Gardner at the hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific and International Cybersecurity Policy, 9 April 2019.

Tibet.net, April 10, Dharamshala: Debunking China’s latest claims over the reincarnation

of Tibet's foremost spiritual leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the United States Congress affirmed upon the sole, legitimate and indisputable authority of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to determine his succession and said the US would only follow the instructions laid out by the Dalai Lama with regard to his reincarnation. "Let me be very clear: The United States Congress will never recognize a Dalai Lama that is selected by the Chinese," Senator Cory Gardner addressed a hearing of the US Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy. The subcommittee is a key Congressional body that oversees US policy in Asia. Sen Gardner is the subcommittee chairman. In a further snub to Chinese spurious claims, the US Congress declared that it will only follow the instructions laid out by His Holiness the Dalai Lama in regard to the future of his reincarnation. "His Holiness [The Dalai Lama] has laid out [his] succession. Only then will the US follow that succession." Bhuchung K. Tsering, vice president of International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) who testified at the hearing on the situation in Tibet and its impact on the Indo-Pacific region said China's plans to control the Dalai Lama's reincarnation will not be accepted by Tibetan Buddhists inside or outside Tibet. In 2011, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama issued an edict on the future of his reincarnation as well as the history of the tulku tradition in Tibetan Buddhism. In the statement, His Holiness said, "in the absence of clear guidelines, should the concerned public express a strong wish for the Dalai Lamas to continue, there is an obvious risk of vested political interests misusing the reincarnation system to fulfil their own political agenda. Therefore, while I remain physically and mentally fit, it seems important to me that we draw up clear guidelines to recognise the next Dalai Lama, so that there is no room for doubt or deception." "If it is decided that the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama should continue and there is a need for the Fifteenth Dalai Lama to be recognized, responsibility for doing so will primarily rest on the concerned officers of the Dalai Lama's Gaden Phodrang Trust."

India Expresses concern over His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Health



His Holiness the Dalai Lama/File photo

Tibet.net, April 15, Dharamshala: The recent event involving His Holiness the Dalai Lama's health issue had caused widespread concern among his followers and well-wishers around the world. His Holiness was recently admitted to a hospital in Delhi due to a chest infection from which he has recovered brilliantly. The government of India too expressed its deep concern over the health of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and apparently assured to render any necessary service and assistance needed for His Holiness wellbeing. According to Kasur Dongchung Ngodup, Representative of Bureau of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, on Sunday 14 April, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda visited His Holiness at his hotel room to enquire his health condition. Expressing his concern, Jagat Prakash Nadda assured that the government of India would provide all the necessary help and support to His Holiness in the best way possible.

200 Members of Parliament wants Bharat Ratna for Dalai Lama



Members of Parliament in Parliament/File photo

Tribune, April 15, Dharamshala: The Parliamentary Forum for Tibet has demanded that the Centre confer Bharat Ratna on the Dalai Lama. A member of the forum and former Chief Minister Shanta Kumar, in a press release issued here on Monday, said 200 MPs from across the party lines had signed a memorandum demanding Bharat Ratna for the Dalai Lama. The memorandum had been submitted to Home Minister Rajnath Singh, he said. Shanta Kumar said the Dalai Lama had been carrying out a peaceful struggle for the Tibetan people for the past more than six decades. “His contribution has been acknowledged across the globe. He was also awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. The parliamentarians have made a conscious decision to demand Bharat Ratna for him,” said the former CM. The Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet in 1959, has been staying in McLeodganj in exile since. Before retiring from active political life, the Dalai Lama sought independence for Tibet and its meaningful autonomy under the sovereignty of China. In 2011, he retired from active political life and handed over the reins of the Tibetan government-in-exile to the elected leadership. Since then, he has been desisting from making any political statement even on the Tibet issue.

“Look at my face, I am totally fine now. You do not need to worry,” assures His Holiness the Dalai Lama



His Holiness the Dalai Lama looking hale and hearty graced a visit at Tibetan Youth Hostel, Delhi.

Tibet.net, April 23, Delhi: His Holiness the Dalai Lama moved to the Tibetan Youth Hostel located in Delhi yesterday. The Tibetan Spiritual leader, who has completed treatment, will recuperate in Delhi for a few days before leaving for his official residence in Dharamshala.

His Holiness walked down the hostel compound, greeted by a few hundred Tibetans, he said, “Look at my face, I am totally fine now. You do not need to worry.” After inquiring the secretary of the Bureau of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Mr. Tsering Dhondup said, “His Holiness the Dalai Lama arrived at Tibetan Youth Hostel at 9: am. His health is perfect now. He greeted the well-wishers gathered to receive him from the main gate up to the lift. Around a hundred students and representatives of different NGOs and Samyeling Tibetan Settlement were among the well-wishers.” The representative of Bureau of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Mr. Dongchung Ngodup, in an interview assured that His Holiness’ health is recuperated as per doctors at the Max Hospital, and His Holiness will return back to Dharamshala after taking a few days to rest in Delhi. His Holiness the Dalai Lama had to leave for Delhi on the 9 April from Dharamshala due to a chest infection. The symptoms of the infection became present at his teaching in Bodh Gaya last December. His Holiness the Dalai Lama has recovered brilliantly.

Where is the 11th Panchen Lama? BBC Broadcasts a forensic impression of what the 11th Panchen Lama may look like today



A comparison image showing Tibet’s 11th Panchen Lama, Gendun Choekyi Nyima as a young child in the left and how he may look like at the age of 30 in the right after his abduction by the Chinese Government. Image created by Tim Widden, UK Specialist forensic artist.

Tibet.net, April 24: The International Tibet Network’s Political Prisoners Campaign Working group commissioned a specialist forensic artist Tim Widden to create an image showing what the 11th Panchen Lama of Tibet may look like today as 25th April 2019 marks the 30th birth anniversary of the 11th Panchen Lama Gendhun Choekyi Nyima. His Holiness the 11th Panchen Lama along with his

family was forcibly taken into custody by the Chinese government after he was recognised as the incarnation of the previous Panchen Lama at the age of 6 by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. Tibetans refer His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Panchen Lama of Tibet as the sun and moon of Tibet. Panchen Lama is considered and revered as the second highest religious figure in Tibetan Buddhism after His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the fact that he plays an essential role in the recognition and education of Dalai Lamas, and vice-versa apparently makes his disappearance politically crucial for the Chinese Government which goes on to show anti-religion communist government efforts to use religion to serve its political ends. Since the arbitrary arrest of Panchen Lama in 1995, the Chinese authorities also arrested, detained and sentenced a number of Tibetans who were involved in the search of Panchen Lama. Despite numerous calls from the international community to release him and his family, the Chinese government turns a deaf ear. The Chinese government has admitted him taken away, but no one has been allowed to verify his existence. “He is attending school and leading a normal life like any other ordinary children” is the only response that had been airing by China in response to whereabouts of the 11th Panchen Lama. The Chinese government didn’t just end in taking away the 11th Panchen Lama but they managed to install another six-year-old Tibetan boy as the 11th Panchen Lama. Today, there are two Panchen Lamas, one recognised by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and respected by all Tibetans and another six-year-old picked and installed by the Chinese government, known as Panchen “Zuma” Fake Panchen. Given Chinese statement of Gendun Choekyi Nyima, the 11th Panchen Lama, leading a “normal life as an ordinary Child”, there are some pressing questions that the Chinese authority must address to the international community. Firstly, what makes China keep on declining the request of the international community, including UN human rights mandate holders, to see Gendun Choekyi Nyima? Secondly, If Gendun Choekyi Nyima is leading a normal life as China claims, why

has he been not seen in a public place? The forcible disappearance of Gendun Choekyi Nyima has violated not only the rights of Gendun Choekyi Nyima but also violated the collective rights of all Tibetans.

Five Fifty Agenda explained by CTA President Dr. Lobsang Sangay



CTA President Dr. Lobsang Sangay addressing the Press Conference on upcoming Five Fifty Forum in August 2019. Photo/Tenzin Jigme/CTA

Tibet.net, April 24, Dharamshala: The Department of Information and International Relations of Central Tibetan Administration is convening the Second Five-Fifty Youth Forum: Shaping Tibet’s Future from 16-19 August this year. The forum invites a select group of 100 young Tibetans from across the globe to converge at the headquarters of the Central Tibetan Administration, Dharamshala to deliberate on CTA’s Five-Fifty Vision in shaping Tibet’s political future and strengthening the Tibetan freedom movement. President Dr Lobsang Sangay formally announced the launch of the second Five Fifty Youth Forum at a press conference earlier today. President Dr. Sangay gave a brief introduction to the themes of the Five Fifty Political Forum, Youth Forum and the Resilience Forum. Reflecting upon the successful Five-Fifty Forums held in the preceding years, Dr Sangay emphasised the significance of the upcoming Youth Forum. He remained confident that the major outcomes of the preceding Five Fifty Forums will further inform the deliberations of the Special General Meeting of Tibetans scheduled in October this year in Dharamshala. “Hence the outcomes of the Five Fifty

Forum are very visible and palpable” said President Dr. Lobsang Sangay. The Five-Fifty Vision calls for resolving the issue of Tibet and Tibet’s political future in the next five years. The vision is premised on His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s advice to “Hope for the Best and Prepare for the Worst. The vision calls for maximizing efforts to resolve the Tibet issue in five years based on the Middle Way Approach while ensuring CTA’s resilience to sustain the Tibetan freedom struggle and preserve Tibetan culture for the next fifty years if needed.

As Tibetans mark 30th Birthday of Panchen Lama in absentia, China is urged to release the 2nd highest Tibetan spiritual leader held captive for 24 years



President Dr Lobsang Sangay addressing the celebration of the 30th birth anniversary of the 11th Panchen Lama and gratitude to the 10th Panchen Lama at Tsuglagkhang, 25 April 2019. Photo/Tenzin Phende/CTA

Tibet.net, April 25, Dharamshala: The rightful 11th Panchen Lama of Tibet, Kunzik Gedhun Choekyi Nyima must be released and enthroned at his seat at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Tibet, President Dr Lobsang Sangay said today. In a solemn ceremony at the headquarters of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, hundreds of Tibetans and supporters marked the 30th birth-anniversary of the 11th Panchen Lama in absentia. The second highest spiritual leader of the Tibetans after the Dalai Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima was abducted by the Chinese authorities on 17 May 1995, just three days after His Holiness the Dalai Lama declared him to be the reincarnated Panchen Lama. He has not been heard from since.

Gedhun Choekyi Nyima was six years old then and remains today the youngest political prisoner in the world. The ceremony organised by the Central Tibetan Administration also honoured the legacy of the 10th Panchen Lama, Lobsang Trinley Lhundrup Choekyi Gyaltzen. President Dr Sangay remembered the great 10th Panchen Lama as a true martyr of Tibet who till his last breath committed to serving the aspirations of the six million Tibetans and the noble wishes of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. “The 10th Kunsik Panchen Lama fought for the freedom and welfare of Tibetans until his last breath. At the tender age of 24, he showed courage and submitted the 70,000-Character Petition to Zhou Enlai and other top Chinese leaders. The petition recorded the atrocities suffered by Tibetans and the destruction unleashed on the Land of Snows since its invasion by the Peoples’ Liberation Army,” he said. Appreciating the 10th Kunsik Panchen Lama’s legacy, Chief guest Ajay Singh Mankotia, President of Indo-Tibetan Friendship Association confirmed his solidarity with the Tibetan people in their pursuit for the immediate release of the 11th Panchen Lama Gedhun Choekyi Nyima. He reiterated that the Chinese government’s demand for respect, love, and admiration will only be reciprocated when they take a sensible step of releasing the 11th Panchen Lama who was arbitrarily arrested by the Chinese authority along with his family. “It is the lack of compassion that the Chinese government is so unaware of which makes them commit horrendous atrocities against Tibetans,” asserted Ajay Singh. He was hopeful that Tibetan people led by His Holiness the Dalai Lama will return to Tibet in honour. Special guest Kasur Kirti Rinpoche called for unity among Tibetans, to solidarily strengthen the support for the immediate release of 11th Panchen Lama by launching campaigns that are more efficacious than any previous campaigns. He reminded the great legacy of 10th Panchen Lama who dedicated his entire life for the welfare of Tibetan people and who till his last breath fought for the rights of Tibetan people.

Tibet Support Groups participated in “Panchen Lama Peace March” organized by Tibetan Women’s Association in Five Regions of India



Tibet Support Groups members with marchers

ITCO, April 27, New Delhi: Tibetan Women’s Association (Central) in coordination with the regional chapters organized “PanchenLama PeaceMarch” commemorating the 30th Birthday of 11th Panchen Lama, Gendhun Choekyi Nyima in 5 different regions of India on 25th March, 2019. The selected regions are Dharamshala to Chandigarh; Dehradun to Delhi; Gangtok to Salugara; Nagpur to Raipur; and Mysore to Bangalore. Tibet Support Groups in respective regions participated in the peace march program. In Nagpur, Shri Sandesh Meshram, Regional Convener, Core Group for Tibetan Cause with others Tibet Supporters fully participated with the marchers. In Salugara, Shri Sonam Lhundup, Regional Convener, Core Group for Tibetan Cause coordinated with Regional Tibetan Women’s Association Chapter for the Peace March. There was evening candle light rally also held in Salugara. In Mysore, Shri J. P. Urs, Regional Convener, Core Group for Tibetan Cause participated with other Tibet Supporters in the Panchen Lama Peace March Program. During the inaugural program held in Mysore, MLA Shri Ramdas Ji and Mysore Mayor Smt. Pushpalatha attended the program. The Panchen Lama Peace March is held to create awareness among Indian masses about the 11th Panchen Lama, Gendhun Choekyi Nyima who had been kidnapped by the Chinese Government and is held captive since May 17, 1995 along with his family members till date. “Since the day of his formal recognition as the 11th Panchen Lama by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama in 1995 and his abduction by the Chinese Government within a few days after the formal recognition. TWA has been relentlessly organizing multiple awareness camapigns and programmes on both these days,” stated by a TWA member. Gendun Choekyi Nyima, born on April 25, 1993 in Lhari County in Nagchu Region of eastern Tibet was recognised as the 11th Panchen Lama by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

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