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## Capacity building and skills enhancement initiatives taken by the Institution

## **Session 2022-23**

- 1. Conducting training in collaboration with Nandi Foundation Mahindra Pride classroom towards employability skills training programme for the female students of Darjeeling Govt. College. A total of 39 students enrolled for the programme out of which 36 finally attended the course and were eligible for certificates.
- 2. Certificate Course on Tibetan Language and Culture under Career Oriented Program (COP) approved By University of North Bengal executed by the Department of Tibetan, Darjeeling Government College.

Prof. In charge: Dr. Lhundup Tsomo Bhutia

A meeting was held on 11.04.2022 regarding Certificate Course on Tibetan Language and Culture under COP, in the chambers of Principal Secretary of the council for UG Studies, University of North Bengal attended by faculties of Darjeeling Government College, and faculty of Center for Himalayan Studies, University of North Bengal which discussed the Syllabus, committee, Admission process, criteria etc. for Certificate Course on Tibetan Language and Culture under COP. As a result an expert committee was formed for Certificate Course on Tibetan Language and Culture under C.O.P where in the Principal Secretary of the council for UG Studies, University of North Bengal vide Ref. No. 43/UG-2(4) dated 21.04.2022 informed Dr. Lhundup Tsomo Bhutia, Department of Tibetan, Darjeeling Government College of her nomination as Member of the Expert Committee on Tibetan Language and Culture under the Career Oriented Programme (C.O.P). Consequently the Syllabus was framed by the committee and all necessary initiative undertaken to commence the certificate course. With the large number of students enrolling for the Certificate Course on Tibetan Language and Culture the officer in charge of Darjeeling Government College in consultation with the department of Tibetan Darjeeling Government College wrote another letter (dated 28.05.2022) to the Inspector of Colleges University of North Bengal requesting to reconsider increasing the seating capacity as a result with the Ref.

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No. 25/01/Insp-22 dated 08/07/22 the respected Inspector of Colleges, University of North Bengal has increased the maximum intake of students from 30 to 50 as of today for which the faculty and students of Darjeeling Government College will remain ever grateful. The total Number of Students who qualified to register after selection process of interview for the academic session 2022-23 was forty nine. After the elections for the GTA where the College premises was under the control of election commission on the request of the District Magistrate Darjeeling 7th of July saw the commencement of regular classes for the Certificate Course on Tibetan Language and Culture. Mode of teaching was multilingual as English, Nepali, Bengali and Tibetan are frequently used for the students to easily understand the course and the syllabus .The successful completion of Certificate Course on Tibetan Language for the academic session 2022-23 and the continued participation of interested students numbering around forty for the new academic session 2023-24, has further enhanced the importance of Tibetan Studies and lifted the moral of students and faculty alike who strive to provide due diligence to their studies and over all wellbeing. Activities like Field Study/ Educational excursion undertaken by the Department of Tibetan on 30.08.2022 with the prior approval of Officer in Charge Darjeeling Government College vide request letter dated 27th August 2022. Total Number of Students undertaking the field study was twenty two and one faculty member from the Department of Tibetan Darjeeling Government College. The students started from Darjeeling Government College and covered the four main schools of Tibetan Buddhist Studies in Darjeeling one at Jorbonglow, two at Ghoom, and one at Dali.

3. Second batch of Certificate course on Tibetan Language and Culture has been started on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 and the total number of students enrolled in the program is 10.

## Link to Institutional website:

http://www.darjeelinggovernmentcollege.com/userfiles/file/Tibetan-Certificate-Course-Admission-2023.pdf

- 4. Collaboration via MOU with Eastern Himalayan Foundation (EHF), Darjeeling towards providing Trailblazer Fellowship for improving capacities and skills of selected fellows, thereby improving the potential of youth in Darjeeling District. The program includes imparting life and career skills, information technology and media skills (July, 2022).
- 5. A workshop cum seminar on Data Science for Beginners was organised in collaboration with Department of Computer Application, Siliguri Institute of Technology on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 in Darjeeling Govt. College. Through the seminar students learnt about data analysis, machine learning, data visualization techniques.

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- 6. Collaboration via MOU with Youth Computer Training Institute for Skill Development, a unit of *Sukanya Samriddhi* for the course Certificate in English Communication and Digital Literacy, Certificate in English Communication and IT. Through this collaboration YCTISD aims to impart market aligned skill and career development training program for the unemployed youth and women towards successful placement of the trained students.
- 7. The Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India in collaboration with The Art of Living Foundation had organised one day programme on Meditation and Mental Health on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in Darjeeling Govt. College.





Link to relevant documents:

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All supporting documents have been uploaded here.

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