

## MOU Signed Between DLIHE and Tashi Lhunpo Monastery

- Lobzang Yangchan

On February 12, The Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education (DLIHE) and Tashi Lhunpo Monastery formalized their collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This historic agreement aims to enhance academic growth, facilitate student exchange programs, promote resource sharing, and support joint research initiatives. The MoU was officially signed by Dr. Tenzin Pasang, Principal of the Institute, and His Eminence Zeekhup Tulku, the Abbot of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery.

The signing took place in conjunction with the Long Life Prayer Offering for His Holiness the Dalai



Dr. Tenzin Pasang and His Eminence Zeekhup Tulku sign the MoU, marking a new academic partnership.

Lama, making the occasion deeply meaningful. As a special gesture, the signed MoUs were presented to His Holiness for his blessings and endorsement, marking the beginning of an enriching partnership. Additionally, on the same day, a delegation from Bangalore University, led by Registrar Shri Sheik Lathief and Prof. M. Shashidhar, had the honor of an audience with His Holiness. They sought his blessings for their academic initiatives and future collaborations, further strengthening the academic ties between DLIHE and Bangalore University

## College to Industry Workshop in Collaboration with Monlam Charitable Trust

- Namgail

On February 2, the BCA Department of The Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education (DLIHE), in partnership with Monlam Charitable Trust, successfully conducted a transformative College to Industry workshop aimed at bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world industry demands. The workshop provided students with an in-depth understanding of writing clean, readable code, an essential skill for software development. Additionally, participants received hands-on experience with version control tools, preparing them for effective collaboration in real-world software projects.



Students engage in hands-on coding exercises during the College to Industry workshop.

The sessions were structured to be interactive, ensuring that students actively engaged with the material and gained practical insights from industry experts. The enthusiasm and active participation of students made the workshop a resounding success. The collaboration between DLIHE and Monlam Charitable Trust empowered students with essential technical skills, equipping them for successful careers in the tech industry.

## Books & Beyond Concludes 7-Day Reading Challenge at DLIHE

- Rinzin Chusket

Bengaluru, Feb. 11, 2025: The Books & Beyond Club at The Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education (DLIHE) wrapped up its 7-Day Reading Challenge on a vibrant note, drawing students into the enriching world of literature. Held between February 3 and 11 at the serene Academic Centre Lawn, the initiative invited students from varied disciplines to immerse themselves in reading for an hour daily from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. The quiet sessions offered a much-needed pause from routine academic pressures, cultivating a collective culture of mindful reading. The final day of the event featured engaging book reviews, spirited discussions, and an open Q&A session, transforming the lawn into a hub of literary dialogue and intellectual exchange. Participants who completed the challenge were felicitated with Certificates of Achievement in recognition of their commitment. The initiative was led by Ms. Tenzin Tsepak, lecturer in English, whose guidance and enthusiasm were instrumental in sustaining the momentum throughout the week. The closing day saw a joyous celebration, with students expressing gratitude for the opportunity to reconnect with books beyond the classroom. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Tsepak said, "This challenge was not just about reading books, but about creating a community where stories matter. We hope to keep this spirit alive through more such events."



Participants immersed in books at the Academic Centre Lawn during the 7-Day Reading Challenge.

## Knowledge Hunt: A Dynamic Learning Experience

- Kunchok Drema

On February 20, the Commerce and Management Department of DLIHE hosted an exhilarating event, the Knowledge Hunt, aimed at testing students' problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and critical thinking skills in an engaging and competitive environment. The event followed a clue-based challenge format, where student teams raced across the university campus, solving intricate puzzles and deciphering hidden clues. Each stage of the competition required participants to apply their business acumen, strategic planning, and logical reasoning, making it an intellectually stimulating experience. Excitement filled the air as students collaborated, strategized, and explored various campus locations in search of the next clue. With each successfully solved puzzle, teams advanced closer to victory, pushing their limits and sharpening their analytical skills. The challenges were designed to not only test their knowledge but also encourage quick

decision-making and adaptability under pressure.

After an intense and thrilling competition, Team Pink and Team Orange emerged victorious, showcasing outstanding teamwork and problem-solving abilities. Their ability to think critically and communicate effectively set them apart from the rest.

Participants expressed their appreciation for the event, calling it a refreshing break from conventional classroom learning. Many found it to be an invaluable opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge to real-world situations in a dynamic and enjoyable way. The Knowledge Hunt not only strengthened students' academic skills but also fostered camaraderie and a spirit of healthy competition.

As the event concluded, organizers and students alike celebrated its success, looking forward to more such interactive learning experiences in the future.



Excited students work together to solve clues during the Knowledge Hunt challenge.

## A Creative Writing Workshop with Tenzin Tsundue La

- Arjun

On February 12, 2025, the BA Department of DLIHE organized a remarkable Creative Writing Workshop led by renowned Tibetan writer and activist Tenzin Tsundue La. Held at the Aa Ka Ma Seminar Hall, the workshop welcomed first-year Optional English students, Geshes, and a nun from the Geshes English program, fostering an inclusive and diverse learning environment. The session was divided into three engaging parts. Tsundue La began with an introduction to writing and poetry, sharing his insights on the power of words and storytelling. His thought-provoking discussion encouraged students to reflect on their personal experiences and emotions as sources of inspiration.

In the second segment, students participated in a phrase composition exercise, where they experimented with language and explored different styles of expression. The activity challenged them to think creatively and develop their unique writing voices. The final part of the workshop was the one-sentence poetry activity, where participants crafted meaningful and evocative poems using minimal words. This exercise highlighted the

beauty of brevity in writing and allowed students to experiment with powerful imagery and emotions.

Tsundue La's engaging and interactive approach made the session both educational and enjoyable. Students found the workshop to be an inspiring experience that deepened their appreciation for literature and creative expression. The event

concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Tenzin Norbu from the Commerce Department, expressing gratitude to Tenzin Tsundue La for his time and wisdom. The workshop left a lasting impact on participants, who walked away with newfound confidence in their writing abilities and a deeper understanding of the art of storytelling.



Tenzin Tsundue la guiding students through a creative writing exercise at Aa Ka Ma Seminar Hall.

## LFCS Workshop Equips Students with Linux Administration Skills

- Kalsang Phunchung

February 2 to 6, the BCA Department of DLIHE, in collaboration with the Tibetan Computer Resource Centre (TCRC), CTA, conducted an intensive four-day LFCS Workshop. The workshop was led by cybersecurity expert Mr. Samdup Choephel La, who provided students with hands-on training in Linux system administration. The workshop was designed to equip students with essential skills in Linux, a critical operating system in the fields of IT and cybersecurity. Throughout the four days, participants actively engaged in sessions covering Linux fundamentals, shell scripting, networking, security, storage management, and containerization. Mr.

Samdup Choephel La's expertise and practical approach made learning both engaging and effective.

One of the key highlights of the workshop was the emphasis on real-world problem-solving. Students tackled challenges related to system configuration, security hardening, and network troubleshooting, gaining invaluable practical experience. The hands-on exercises ensured they could apply theoretical concepts in real-time scenarios, boosting their confidence in managing Linux-based systems. Beyond technical skills, the workshop also fostered collaboration and teamwork, as students worked in groups to complete complex tasks. The interactive nature of the sessions en-

couraged discussions and knowledge-sharing, further enriching the learning experience. By the end of the workshop, students had significantly enhanced their technical expertise, making them better prepared for industry challenges in IT and cybersecurity. Many participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn from an expert and gain skills that are highly relevant in today's tech-driven world.

The success of the LFCS Workshop reinforced the importance of such hands-on training programs, and both students and faculty looked forward to future collaborations with TCRC to continue advancing their technical education.



## AI and Innovation: BCA Students Shine at 7th Tibetan Science Conclave

- Tsultrim

From January 29 to February 1, 2025, DLI-HE hosted the Seventh Tibetan Science Conclave, focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in STEM. Organized in collaboration with the Tibetan Scientific Society and the CTA's Department of Education, the event provided BCA students with an immersive learning experience in the evolving field of AI.

The conclave featured an engaging AI workshop led by experts from IIT-Madras, where students gained hands-on experience in machine learning, neural networks, and AI-driven automation. Additionally, they explored high-performance computing and cloud technologies through an insightful session conducted by IISc Bengaluru, broadening their understanding of AI's infrastructure.

Participants also engaged in thought-provoking discussions on AI applications in healthcare, ethics, and entrepreneurship, highlighting both the potential and challenges of AI-driven innovations. A unique and highly anticipated session was the presentation by monastic researchers, who explored the fascinating intersection of meditation and AI, discussing how contemplative practices could influence AI development and cognitive sciences.

Beyond the technical aspects, the conclave fostered interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together students, researchers, and pro-



BCA students engaging in an AI workshop conducted by IIT-Madras during the Tibetan Science Conclave.

fessionals from diverse fields. The interactive format allowed participants to exchange ideas, ask critical questions, and reflect on AI's role in shaping the future of science and society.

The event concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, recognizing the contributions and enthusiasm of 94 participants. The conclave

not only deepened students' knowledge of AI but also inspired them to explore its transformative potential in technology, research, and ethical decision-making. With its success, the event reinforced the importance of integrating AI education into the Tibetan academic landscape, encouraging further engagement in this rapidly advancing field.



## Tibetan New Year (Losar) Celebrations



**Tibetan New Year, Losar, is the most significant festival in Tibetan culture, marking the start of the lunar calendar. This year, Losar falls on February 28 and will be celebrated with traditional customs, prayers, and community gatherings. The first day of Losar begins with prayers, incense offerings, and house cleaning to welcome good fortune. Families enjoy special barley beer, Changkol, and visit monasteries for blessings. The second day focuses on community bonding, with visits, Tashi Delek greetings, and Cham dance performances. On the third day, people take part in public celebrations, including prayer flag hoisting on rooftops and hills.**

**Losar is a time for joy, renewal, and togetherness, reinforcing the spiritual and cultural essence of Tibetan heritage.**



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