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THE TIBET DIGEST

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“TIBET : THE MONTHLY DISPATCH”



1. Tibetan Election Chief Raises Awareness Among Diaspora in Bhandara (1.11.25)

Lobsang Yeshi, Chief Election Commissioner of the Central Tibetan Administration, held a public awareness session on 30 October 2025 at the Norgyeling Tibetan Settlement in Bhandara to inform Tibetans about the upcoming 2025–26 general elections. He urged the community to uphold free, fair and transparent elections, emphasising the importance of active and responsible voter participation.

2. Sikyong Penpa Tsering Meets Former U.S. Special Coordinators for Tibetan Issues in Washington, D.C. (2.11.25)

Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) met on 31 October 2025 with former U.S. Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues holders — including Gregory Craig, Paula Dobriansky, Maria Otero and Uzra Zeya — in Washington, D.C. via an informal breakfast meeting. The gathering, a first-of-its-kind reunion, symbolized enduring bipartisan U.S. support for the Tibetan cause and reinforced ongoing advocacy for Tibet’s rights and welfare.

3. Exiled Tibetan Parliament Issues Resolution on Dire Situation Inside Tibet (4.11.25)

A two-day Tibetan film event took place in Sweden, featuring documentaries, interactive sessions, and cultural discussions. The program aimed to educate European audiences on Tibet’s identity, resilience, and ongoing struggle.



4 . Ambedkarite Delegation Meets Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile’s Leadership in Dharamshala (4.11.25)

China intensified efforts to replace “Tibet” with “Xizang” in official records and platforms. The linguistic shift aims to reshape global perception, reinforcing China’s narrative and eroding Tibetan identity internationally.

5. 11th Panchen Lama Gedhun Choekyi Nyima Honoured with NED 2025 Democracy Service Medal (5.11.25)

National Endowment for Democracy (NED) awarded its 2025 Democracy Service Medal to Gedhun Choekyi Nyima — the abducted 11th Panchen Lama of Tibet — in recognition of the Tibetan people’s right to choose their spiritual leaders freely. The award highlights ongoing international support for Tibet’s religious freedom and human rights.

6. Tibet Occupation at 75 — Interview with Penpa Tsering (6.11.25)

Mewoen Tsuglag Petoen School celebrated its 20th anniversary, showcasing achievements in Tibetan-medium education and cultural preservation. The event underlined the community’s commitment to nurturing Tibetan identity among younger generations.

7. CTA Mourns the Passing of Former Secretary Samdup Lhatse (10.11.25)

At Prague’s Forum 2000, Sikyong spoke on China’s authoritarian expansion and its implications. Tibet was emphasised as a frontline struggle against totalitarianism, urging the international community to resist China’s coercive influence.

8. 16th Administrative Conference of Tibetan Settlement Officers Begins in Dharamshala (11.11.25)

The four-day 16th Administrative Conference of Tibetan Settlement Officers convened in Dharamshala from November 11–14, 2025, bringing together 35 settlement officers from across India and Bhutan along with agriculture and cooperative society representatives under Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). The first two days will review administrative issues within Tibetan settlements, while later sessions will focus on boosting agricultural productivity, strengthening cooperatives, and improving welfare services for Tibetan residents.

9. Chief Election Commissioner Visits Bir Boetsog for Tibetan Election Awareness (13.11.25)

On 12 November 2025, Lobsang Yeshe held a public awareness programme at Bir Boetsog Tibetan Settlement to inform residents about the upcoming general elections of the Central Tibetan Administration.

He underscored the importance of unity despite differences and urged everyone to vote responsibly, ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections.

10. Sikyong Penpa Tsering Urges Global Support for Tibet's Religious Freedom at IRFBA, Prague (13.11.25)

At the International Religious Freedom or Belief Alliance (IRFBA) conference in Prague, Sikyong Penpa Tsering called for global backing to uphold religious and cultural freedom for Tibetans, warning against repression, self-immolations inside Tibet, and external interference in Tibetan reincarnation traditions.





11. 16th Administrative Conference of Tibetan Settlement Officers Concludes in Dharamshala (14.11.25)

The four-day 16th Administrative Conference of Tibetan Settlement Officers ended on 14 November 2025 with former Dongchung Ngodup as chief guest.

He praised the officers' service, urged commitment to duty and financial transparency, and called on them to serve with integrity as a bridge between the Central Tibetan Administration and the Tibetan community.

12 . Kashag Issues Statement on 75th Year of His Holiness The 14th Dalai Lama's Spiritual & Temporal Leadership

(17.11.25)

On 17 November 2025, the Kashag — executive body of the Central Tibetan Administration — expressed deep gratitude to His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama for 75 years of spiritual and political leadership of Tibet. They prayed for his long life and continued guidance, calling him “the apostle of world peace, protector of Tibetan people, and embodiment of compassion.”

13. Tibet marks 75 years of His Holiness The Dalai Lama's leadership (17.11.25)

The Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) held a ceremony on 17 November 2025 in Dharamshala to commemorate the 75th anniversary of His Holiness The Dalai Lama assuming spiritual and temporal leadership of Tibet in 1950. At the event, Tibetan leaders offered symbolic mandala offerings and felicitations, celebrated His Holiness the Dalai Lama's contributions to Tibetan culture, education and exile-community welfare, and reaffirmed gratitude and prayers for his long life.

14. Tibetan Buddhists Reject Beijing-Chosen Dalai Lama (18.11.25)

Experts at a forum condemned China's claim to control the Dalai Lama's reincarnation, stating any “Beijing-appointed” successor would be rejected as illegitimate by Tibetan Buddhists worldwide. They emphasized that only Tibetans and Buddhist traditions can determine the next Dalai Lama.





15. His Holiness The Dalai Lama Joins Prayer Programme with Taiwanese Monks Reciting “Essence of Eloquence” (19.11.25)

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama met over 180 Chinese monks and nuns from Taiwan on November 19, 2025, for a prayer session in Dharamsala — during which the group recited Tsongkhapa’s “Essence of Eloquence” in Tibetan. He welcomed the gathering, expressed joy at their memorised recitation, and noted the hope that these profound Tibetan Buddhist teachings might spread more widely, including in China.

16 . Richard Gere Delivers His Holiness The Dalai Lama’s Compassion Message in Ottawa (21.11.25)

Hollywood actor and International Campaign for Tibet chair Richard Gere visited Ottawa’s Parliament Hill on November 17, 2025 for “Tibet Day on the Hill,” meeting with Canadian MPs, officials and the Tibetan-Canadian community to promote peace, human rights and a “Year of Compassion” in honour of His Holiness The Dalai Lama. He urged Canadian support for a peaceful resolution of the Sino-Tibetan conflict and greater protection for Tibetan rights.

17. European Parliament Hosts Exclusive Screening of “Wisdom of Happiness” (21.11.25)

The European Parliament screened the film “Wisdom of Happiness” — a documentary on the teachings of His Holiness the Dalai Lama — to raise awareness about Tibetan culture and human rights. The event, attended by MEPs and diplomats, aimed to spotlight Tibet’s plight and promote compassion and global solidarity.

18. Lawmakers, Advocates Push for Stronger U.S. Support for Tibet (24.11.25)

At a CECC hearing on November 20, 2025, U.S. lawmakers and rights advocates urged tougher action on China’s repression in Tibet, denounced cultural persecution, and called for stronger U.S. measures — including challenging Beijing’s control over the Dalai Lama’s succession.



19. Estonian Delegation Visits Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile (25.11.25)

An Estonian parliamentary delegation led by MP Juku-Kalle Raid visited the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile in Dharamshala on 24 November 2025, meeting with its leadership to discuss Tibet's cause.

During the visit, Estonian MPs reiterated support for Tibetan cultural and political rights, and the Exile Parliament highlighted the urgent need for international backing to address human-rights abuses and environmental degradation inside Tibet.

20 . Switzerland Silences Tibet — Activists Protest Censorship in Bern (27.11.25)

During the Rendez-vous Bundesplatz light show in Bern, Swiss authorities dropped a planned segment on Tibet after deeming it "too political." In response, youth activists from Tibetan Youth Association in Europe (TYAE) staged an independent light projection declaring "STOPP ZENSUR" to condemn what they called undue Chinese influence and suppression of Tibetan identity.

21. Prague Declaration Affirms Tibetan Right to Choose Next Dalai Lama (27.11.25)

At the IRFBA conference in Prague on 12–13 November 2025, the Prague Declaration on Freedom of Religion or Belief 2025 reaffirmed that the Tibetan Buddhist community alone has the right to select the successor of 14th Dalai Lama — free from any state interference. The declaration echoed earlier appeals by Penpa Tsering of the Central Tibetan Administration, warning against external attempts to control the reincarnation process.

22. Tibet Bureau Geneva Holds Diplomatic Engagements (24.11.25)

A delegation from the Office of Tibet in Geneva, led by Thinlay Chukki, held high-level meetings in Geneva with officials from Taiwan's mission, the International Service for Human Rights, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the UK Mission. The talks aimed to deepen international cooperation on human rights, Tibetan education and cultural advocacy worldwide.



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