

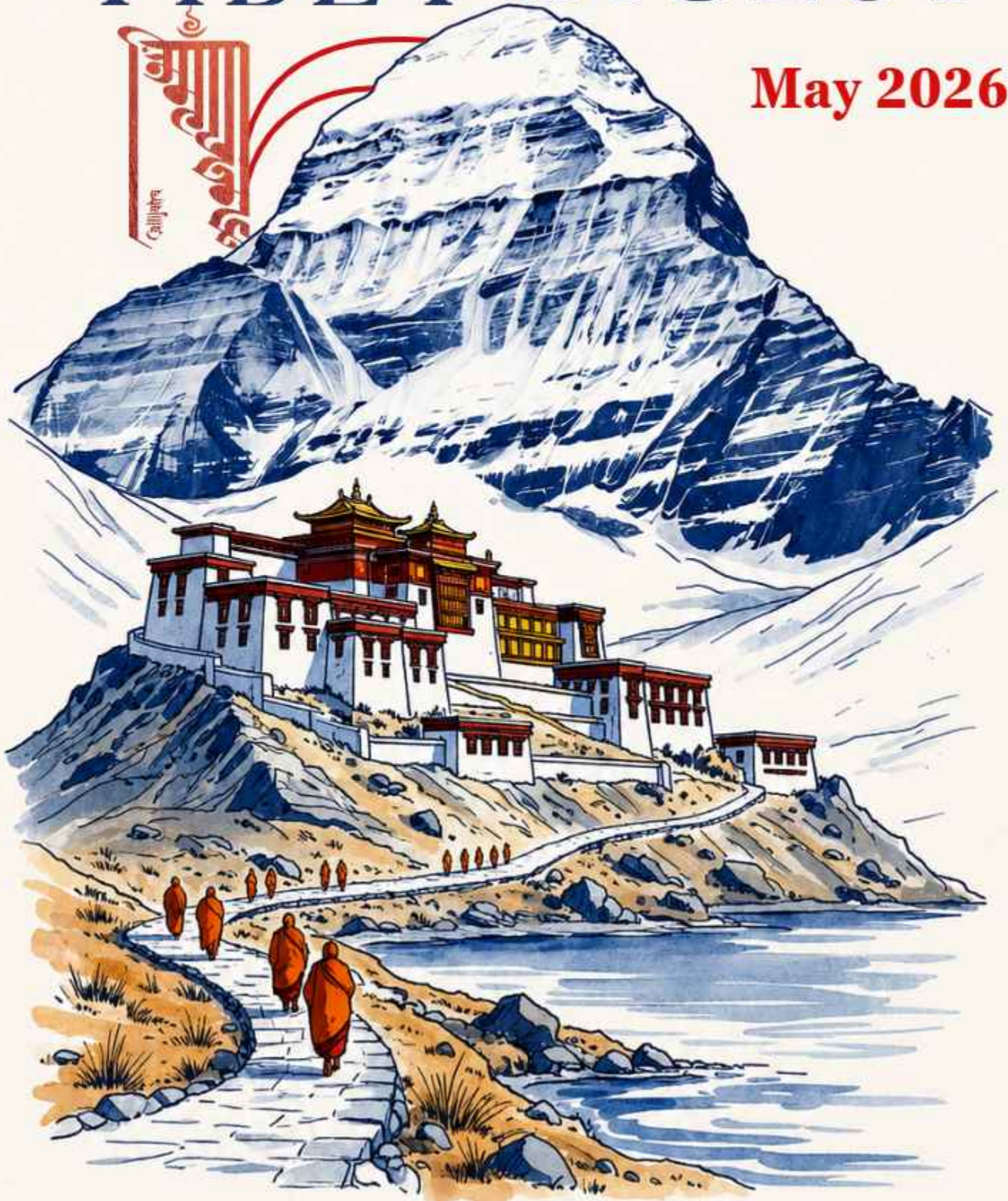


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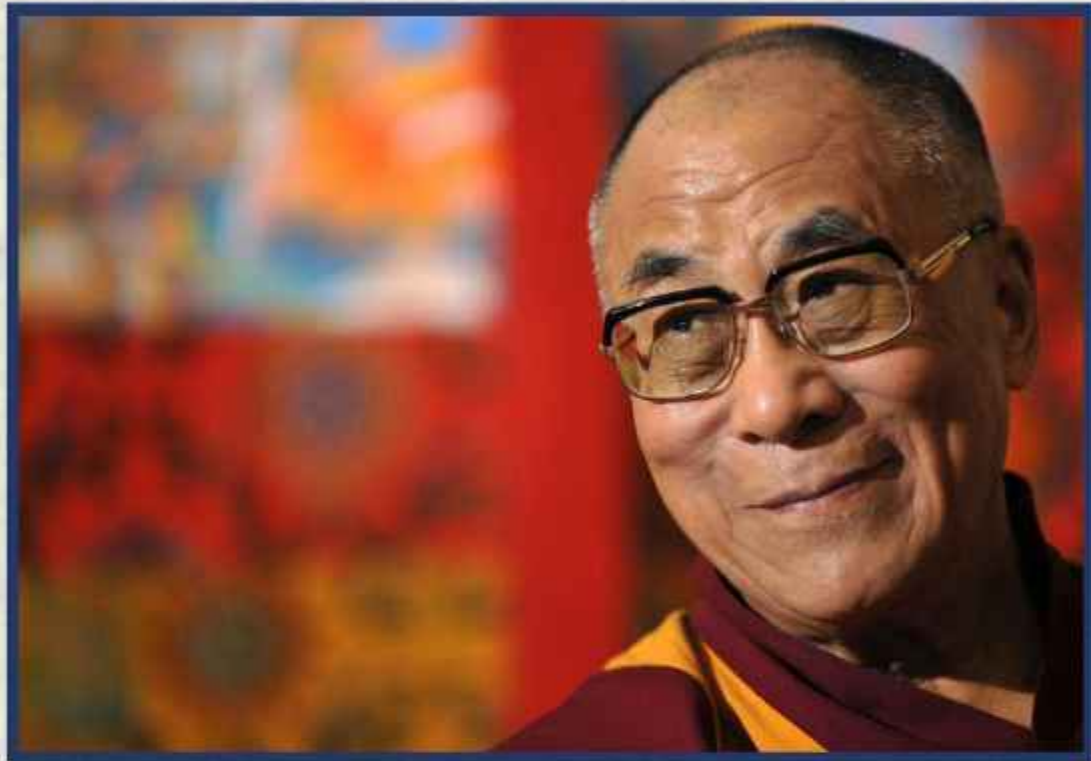
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TIBET DIGEST

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A land occupied. A faith surveilled. A resistance alive.



EU REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR HH DALAI LAMA SUCCESSION FREE FROM CHINA'S INTERFERENCE

The European Union reiterated that the succession of His Holiness the Dalai Lama must remain a religious matter free from political interference. EU representatives expressed concern over attempts to control Tibetan Buddhist institutions and emphasised the importance of protecting religious freedom, cultural identity, and internationally recognised human rights principles concerning Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism.



EU LAWMAKERS EXAMINE CHINA'S ETHNIC UNITY LAW AND ITS IMPACT ON TIBET

European lawmakers convened a hearing scrutinising China's "Ethnic Unity Law" and its implications for Tibetans, Uyghurs, and other minority communities. Discussions focused on cultural assimilation, linguistic suppression, surveillance, and state control over ethnic identities. The hearing reflected growing European concern regarding Beijing's policies towards minority populations and human rights conditions in Tibet.



HH DALAI LAMA ATTENDS LONG-LIFE PRAYER CEREMONY IN DHARAMSHALA

His Holiness the Dalai Lama attended a long-life prayer offering organised by Dokham Chushi Gangdruk and the Himalayan Buddhist Cultural Association in Dharamshala. The ceremony highlighted continued spiritual reverence towards the Tibetan leader and reflected the enduring cultural, religious, and civilisational significance of Tibetan Buddhist traditions among Himalayan and Tibetan communities globally.



CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN TIBETAN BUDDHISM CONCLUDES

A two-day conference on women's empowerment in Tibetan Buddhism concluded with Sikyong Penpa Tsering addressing the closing ceremony. Discussions focused on gender inclusion, leadership roles for women within Buddhist institutions, education, and expanding participation of Tibetan women in religious and community structures while preserving cultural and spiritual traditions within Tibetan society.



CTA DELEGATION PARTICIPATES IN US FREEDOM 250 CELEBRATION IN DELHI

A Central Tibetan Administration delegation led by Sikyong Penpa Tsering attended the United States' Freedom 250 celebration in New Delhi. The participation reflected continued international engagement by the Tibetan exile administration and highlighted interactions between Tibetan representatives, diplomats, and international stakeholders on themes concerning democracy, freedom, and cultural identity preservation.



PENPA TSERING SWORN IN FOR SECOND TERM AS SIKYONG

Penpa Tsering officially assumed office for a second term as Sikyong of the Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamshala. The ceremony reflected continuity in Tibetan exile governance and reaffirmed commitment towards preserving Tibetan identity, strengthening international advocacy, supporting democratic institutions, and advancing the Tibetan cause through peaceful and diplomatic engagement globally.



US SENATE BILL SEEKS EXAMINATION OF CHINA'S ACTIONS IN TIBET

New legislation introduced in the United States Senate would require the State Department to examine alleged Chinese atrocities and human rights conditions in Tibet. The proposed bill signals growing American scrutiny regarding Beijing's Tibet policies and highlights increasing international political attention on cultural suppression, religious restrictions, and governance practices in Tibetan regions.



CTA RAISES ALARM OVER CHINA'S LANGUAGE HARMONISATION POLICIES

The Central Tibetan Administration criticised China's reported "harmonisation plan," arguing it accelerates the erosion of Tibetan language and cultural identity. Discussions highlighted concerns over Mandarin-centric education policies, restrictions on Tibetan linguistic expression, and broader assimilation measures. The issue reflects continuing tensions regarding cultural preservation and minority rights within Tibetan regions under Chinese governance.



TIBETANS MARK 31 YEARS SINCE PANCHEN LAMA'S DISAPPEARANCE

Tibetans commemorated the 31st anniversary of the disappearance of the 11th Panchen Lama, Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, recognised by the HH Dalai Lama in 1995. The observance renewed international calls for transparency regarding his whereabouts and highlighted continuing concerns over religious freedom, political interference, and control over Tibetan Buddhist spiritual institutions by Chinese authorities.



US LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR GREATER RECOGNITION OF TIBETAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE

US lawmakers introduced a bill urging greater recognition and engagement with the Tibetan Government-in-Exile. The proposal reflects growing congressional support for Tibetan political and cultural rights and seeks expanded international acknowledgment of the Central Tibetan Administration's role in representing Tibetan democratic aspirations and preserving Tibetan identity within the exile community.



CTA RELEASES REPORTS ON TIBETAN GOVERNANCE AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Central Tibetan Administration published reports outlining developments concerning governance, international outreach, education, cultural preservation, and community welfare initiatives. The reports highlighted ongoing diplomatic engagements, institutional activities, and advocacy efforts undertaken by Tibetan exile institutions while reinforcing commitments towards democratic governance and preservation of Tibetan political and cultural identity.



SWISS TIBETAN COMMUNITY HOSTS ANNUAL MAHA GURU BUMTSOK FESTIVAL

The Tibetan Community of Switzerland and Liechtenstein organised its annual Maha Guru Bumtsok Prayer Festival, bringing together members of the Tibetan diaspora for religious observances and cultural activities. The event reflected the continued preservation of Tibetan Buddhist traditions abroad and highlighted the role of diaspora communities in maintaining Tibetan cultural and spiritual heritage globally.



TIBETAN REPRESENTATIVE MEETS TAIWANESE FOREIGN MINISTER IN GENEVA

Representative Thinlay Chukki met Taiwan's Foreign Minister in Geneva to discuss issues concerning democracy, human rights, and Tibetan affairs. The meeting reflected expanding interactions between Tibetan representatives and Taiwanese officials amid broader geopolitical tensions involving China and highlighted shared concerns regarding authoritarianism, cultural identity, and international advocacy for democratic values.



TIBETAN PERFORMING ARTS DELEGATION CHALLENGES CHINESE NARRATIVE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

The Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts visited the Czech Republic showcasing Tibetan cultural traditions and countering narratives presented by Chinese authorities regarding Tibetan identity. The visit emphasised cultural diplomacy as a tool for preserving Tibetan heritage internationally while highlighting ongoing efforts by Tibetan communities to sustain visibility and awareness regarding Tibet's cultural distinctiveness.



OFFICE OF TIBET PARTICIPATES IN SAGA DAWA CELEBRATIONS IN TAIWAN

The Taipei-based Office of Tibet participated in Saga Dawa celebrations in Taiwan alongside eminent Tibetan Buddhist masters and local communities. The event highlighted spiritual and cultural exchanges between Tibetans and Taiwanese Buddhists while reinforcing the importance of religious traditions, diaspora engagement, and transnational Buddhist networks in preserving Tibetan cultural and spiritual heritage.



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