



# Rainbow School Nerok Zanskar Annual Report 2023

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## Key Highlights

- ❖ Beginnings of academic year
- ❖ Visiting of TCEF USA members
- ❖ Celebration of school foundation day.
- ❖ School Bus
- ❖ Wining the Award of Best School In Zanskar.
- ❖ Celebration of 2<sup>nd</sup> annual foundation day

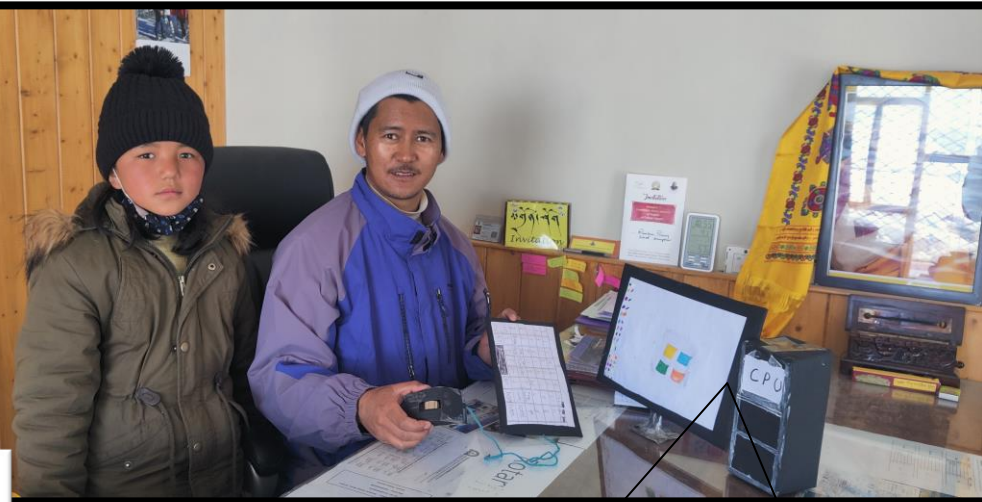


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## Reopening of School and Exhibition of assignment model and Charts 1.



A 3rd-grade student gifted me a miniature old-style computer as part of her winter assignment

**Schools in Ladakh have three months of winter holidays due to extreme cold and snowfall. During the holiday, children must prepare and complete winter home assignments. Once schools reopen in March, a small display of their art and models is exhibited, with students providing brief explanations**



## Reopening of School and Exhibition of assignment model and Charts 2.



Teachers and students are enjoying various models, charts, and explanations from the students. The inspecting committee noted this, assigning marks between 0 to 5, which will be added to final exam scores



## Welcoming for the Kindergarten level 1.



**Every academic year, we receive new applications from various villages for only 27 seats. To ensure fairness and transparency, we advertise well in advance, fix a day, and conduct the admission process through a draw-of-lots system. A first day will begin with some tears and lots of laughs at the end.**



## Welcoming Kindergarten 2.



The kindergarten students are welcomed on their first day of school with children's songs and fun activities to familiarize them with the school and new friends.



## Inter-House Spelling Bee & Reading Competition.



**As part of academic activities, inter-house competitions are organized where houses compete during various events. Winning teams are honoured during the annual School Foundation Day.**



## Start of the construction of the first floor 1.



**The construction of the first floor began in May with 12 skilled and semi-skilled laborers. Raising the walls, especially the front facades amidst children, posed a challenge. However, our team successfully completed it without any accidents.**



## Start of the construction of the first floor 2.

By the end of 2023, we completed the main structure of the first floor. Two classrooms and a computer lab are ready for the academic year 2024. Remaining finishing touches and other details will be completed in 2024, subjected to the fund approval by the committee in Geneva.





## Transportation System.



. Before the school bus facility, parents arranged privately daily commutes for students. As seen in the picture, a pickup filled with children, which isn't always safe. Many small vehicles were used, contributing to both air and noise pollution.



# Parents/Guardians representation request for the school bus.



**Parents/Guardians approached to the School office with the request to provide bus facilities.**

To,  
Director  
RainBow School  
Nerok, Zambo

Subject:- Registration for School Bus regarding.

Sir,

With humble request we the parents of RainBow School would like to bring your kind notice that due to unavailability of school bus, it is difficult to reach school as your school is situated far from our villages. Therefore, kindly arrange a school bus, so that parents and student will not suffer in future.

Thank you Sir.

Yours faithfully,  
Parents.

Date  
26/05/2023

	Name of Parents	village	villages, Remarks
01.	Zahida Akhtar	Radum	At
02.	Tsering Namgyal	skidstgrak	At
03.	Stanzin Sangay	Radum	Sangay
04.	Lobzang Mentok	stongdey	At
05.	Stanzin Deachen	Tungri	At
06.	Parveen Akhtar	Radum	Parveen Achit
07.	Kulson Baroo	Radum	At
08.	Stanzin Lameth.	Phey	At
09.	Lobzang Stanzin	Sani	At
10.	Lobzang Palden	skidstgrak	At
11.	Stanzin Lamo	Radum	At
12.	Lobzang Palmo.	Radum.	At
13.	Deachen Angmo	Radum.	D. Angmo
14.	Thukigay yongchen	Radum	At
15.	Halima Baroo	Radum.	At
16.	Saira Baroo	Radum	At

	Name of Parents	village	Remarks
	Rajya Baroo	Radum	At
18.	Lobzang Chosdon	Radum	Chosdon
19.	Ladika Bistri	Radum	ladika lelli
20.	Rigzin yamphel	Youlung	Rigzin yamphel
21.	Pachma youdal	skidstgrak	At
22.	Stanzin Angmo	Karsha	At
23.	Lobzang Norbu	P.lobzang.	At
24.	Stanzin Lamath	Phey	At
25.	Lobzang Tselar	Radum	At
26.	Sonu Zang	Radum	At
27.	Stanzin Eichen	Radum	At
28.	Stanzin Zangsal	Radum	At
29.	Stanzin Langes	Remala.	At
30.	Stanzin Palden	Karsha	At
31.	Lobzang Jigched	Radum	At
32.	Stanzin Palkid	Radum	At
33.	Tsering Lamo	Tungri	At
34.	Stanzin Tsering	skidstgrak	At



# Major security problem for the children with the stray dogs around the school and the villages.



The Population of Stray dogs in Ladakh is alarmingly increasing, which often conflicts with humans especially in the winter due to heavy snowfall and no food to eat. Many cases have been reported at Various places in Ladakh where Packs of Dogs bite and in worse cases killed. In March 2023 Such unfortunate cases happened in Zanskar not far from School an elderly lady was mauled by a Pack of Stray dogs. since then Parents have been scared to send their Children on Foot to School and Request to Provide Bus Facilities.

With this Unprecedented situation for high Expenses, we have forwarded to The President of APECIH. Our Donor Association. Mr Pierre Odier. He is kind enough to Personally Give a Donation to Purchase a 32-seater bus, the entire team of Rainbow School, Parents and Children are very thankful to Mr Pierre Odier. The present Bus has a Maximum Capacity to accommodate 40 Students and 110 Students are Still managing on their own. I Appeal and invite People/organizations to please do Support and collaborate with us to purchase of additional buses.

Local residents have demanded immediate action after a pack of stray dogs mauled an elderly woman in Zanskar region of Kargil in Ladakh on Saturday.

Tsering Kunzess (79) was killed near her residence where she had been living alone. She was cremated by the district administration as she had no family member.

**News article Copied from The Tribune**



## A school bus service started with a blessing ceremony.



**A prayer was performed for the new school bus, seeking divine blessings. The school bus facility was officially inaugurated by the founding president, Mr. Pierre Odier**



## Unprecedented 3 days snowfall in July with some damages for the construction.



**The effects of global warming are evident in the High Himalayan Region. Continuous snowfall for three days in July caused damage to numerous properties in Ladakh, where most residential houses are constructed with mud bricks and roofs. Due to ongoing construction and being unprepared for such weather, portions of the walls became soaked and eroded, leading to their collapse.**



# Entire School Cultural & Modern Dance Competition 1.



## Entire School Cultural & Modern Dance Competitions between different schools.



Cultural troops enjoying the fest after their grand performance

Every year, the schools in Zanskar have the opportunity to showcase their talent in modern and cultural dances. Rainbow School Zanskar was honoured with the prestigious Best School in Zanskar Award 2023. We here feel proud and express our gratitude to the cultural groups and all the wonderful well-wishers and supporters.



## Volunteers, Selflessness , Innovation and inspirational.



**Miss Ash from Australia volunteered as an English subject teacher at the school for two months, providing financial support to several students. She is actively seeking potential sponsors for more students.**

**We visited another school run by a National Teacher awardee, who creatively inspires students to join mainstream educational programs. Many of their innovative methods are now adopted at the Rainbow School.**





# Visit of Govt. School Neyrak Leh as an exchange programmed for ideas and methodologies.



**Founding President Mr. Pierre Odier addressing the staff and Students of Govt. Neyrak School Leh.**



**Principal Govt. School Neyrak Leh appreciating the program and looking forward to work together on exchanges of idea, methodology between the school.**



# The Tibetan Children's Education Foundation (TCEF) USA Visit to School.



**TCEF is a non profit corporation founded in 1995, dedicated to the preservation of Tibetan culture by educating and assisting raising awareness of its culture, and by empowering Tibetans to manifest these goals.**

**TCEF began in the State of Montana, USA.**

**And extending their charity work to the last settlement on earth Zanskar.**



## The Tibetan Children's Education Foundation (TCEF) USA Visit to School.

**Gyen Karma La Executive Director, Ama La Jennifer Prugh President, Mr Roy Secretary TCEF USA visited our school.**

**This happened because Mrs. Tsering Youdon was an alumni of the TNMF School, funded by the Tibetan Children's Education Foundation (TCEF) USA. Having completed her education, Mrs. Tsering Youdon felt a strong sense of responsibility towards her community. She returned to her village to join her husband with a vision to contribute to the improvement of education quality in Zanskar and to bring positive changes to the lives of the local children.**

**Gyen Karma La, the founding President of TCEF USA, closely followed the endeavours of Mrs. Tsering Youdon. Witnessing the tangible positive impact made by TCEF USA on her life and the community, decided to visit Mrs. Tsering Youdon and the Rainbow School. The journey was not merely about inspection but a heartfelt desire to celebrate the success stories that had unfolded in Zanskar, fuelled by education and empowerment.**

**TCEF members were, deeply moved by the aspirations and achievements, pledged TCEF USA's will support for the Rainbow School project.**



## Introduction Of Yoga and Meditation 1.

**Principal Mrs  
Tsering  
Youdon  
interacting  
with Geshe  
La Norsang**



**Embarking on a transformative journey, Rainbow School introduces the foundational Five Elements Yoga under the guidance of Geshe La Norsang, a venerable Tibetan Chant Master of HH The Dalai Lama and Yoga Instructor. Rooted in ancient wisdom, the program emphasizes mindfulness, nurturing compassion, and enhancing concentration among students. Geshe La Norsang's expertise brings a harmonious blend of physical postures, breathwork, and meditation, fostering a holistic approach to well-being. As Rainbow School embraces the elemental essence of yoga, students embark on a path of self-discovery, building resilience and fostering a balanced connection between mind, body and spirit under the esteemed guidance of Geshe La Norsang.**



## Introduction Of Yoga and Meditation 2.



# Annual Inter-Schools Sports Meets 2023 1.



**In September 2023, our Annual Inter-School Sports meet saw houses compete with sportsmanship, unity, and strength. Together, we celebrated the spirit of brotherhood, forging bonds while striving for victory.**



## Annual Inter-Schools Sports Meets 2.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> annual school foundation day celebration 1.



**Annual Foundation Day celebrated with zest at school, featuring a vibrant cultural fest. Distinguished guests, including zonal education officers, zonal education planning officer and college principal, graced the occasion. Parents and students immersed in a festive spirit.**





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual School Foundation day Celebration 2.



## Cleanliness drive in and around the School 2.



**Monthly, the Rainbow School conducts a campus cleanliness drive involving all the staff and the students.**



## Cleanliness Drive in and around the School 2.



## Status of the main school building before the campaign of 2024 and the new academic year.

These days the Main School Building's first floor is fully constructed, including walling and roofing. In 2024, some new tasks will include glazing windows, Glazing installing wooden flooring and side paneling, furnishing classrooms, adding railing and hand railing along stairs, and painting both interior and exterior surfaces.



## Welcoming Academic year 2024.

**Dear friends and well wisher of the Rainbow School**

**Wishing each and every one of our wonderful students a happy academic year 2024! As we reflect on the words of the great Nehru ji, "Children are the future of this country," it fills us with pride to share the journey of the rainbowschool. Our commitment to instilling this pragmatic thought in the minds of our students has led us to a momentous achievement. From a humble beginning with 20 students several years ago, we are thrilled to announce that Rainbow has now grown to embrace 150 bright minds. Soon 200. This accomplishment is a testament to the collective efforts of our sponsors. Especially APECIH in Switzerland, dedicated team, supportive parents, and everyone who has been a part of our journey, directly or indirectly. We express our deepest gratitude to all the sponsors, parents and individuals who have contributed to making the Rainbow School a learning and studies center for humble students. Your support has been instrumental in creating an environment where education thrives and young minds flourish. We want to assure you that our commitment to providing the best learning experience knows no bound. We are dedicated to going to any extent necessary to continue evolving and becoming an even better learning center.**

**Thank you for being an integral part of the Rainbow School.**

**Together, let's continue nurturing and shaping the future of these children. Soon in March a new academic year will start. All the best for the teachers and the children.**

