

**CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF BUDDHIST STUDIES (CIBS), LEH, UT of
Ladakh
(Deemed to be University)**

Background: The Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Leh, UT of Ladakh formerly known as School of Buddhist Philosophy was established at the behest of late Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru in the year, 1959. In 1962, the Department of Culture, Government of India, took up the task of financing the Institute. It was later on raised to the level of a degree and post graduate Institute with its affiliation to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, U.P. The Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education declared it as a Deemed to be University vide their notification dated 15th January 2016 on the recommendation of the University grant Commission. The Institute is managed by a Board of Management, with the Director of the Institute as its Chairperson.

Objective: The main objective of the Institute is to develop the multifaceted personality of the students through inculcation of the wisdom of Buddhist thoughts and literature as well as to familiarize them with modern subjects, collection, translation, publication of rare manuscripts and research work relevant to Buddhist studies, etc.

Structure: The Institute is registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Secretary (Culture) is the President/Chairperson of the Society. The Institute is managed by a Board of Management, with the Director of the Institute as its Chairperson. However, the Board has broad based representation including representatives of the Ministry of Culture, Buddhist Scholars etc.

Courses of Study:

- i. 6 years Diploma Course in Amchi (Bhot Chikitsa), Tibetan Scroll Painting, Sculpture and Wood Carving
- ii. Poorva Madhyama equivalent to 10th Standard
- iii. Uttar Madhyama equivalent to 12th Standard
- iv. Shastri equivalent to BA
- v. Acharya equivalent to MA
- vi. Vidyavaradi equivalent to PhD