

**CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF HIMALAYAN CULTURE STUDIES
(CIHCS) AT DAHUNG IN WEST KAMENG DISTRICT OF
ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

Background: The Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies (CIHCS) has been registered as a Society on 10th Nov. 2010 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The area of operation of the Society shall be all over India. The Institute undertakes Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral Programmes in Buddhist and Himalayan studies and may also establish and maintain feeder schools.

OBJECTIVES : The objectives of the CIHCS are as under :

- i. To provide for instruction for various courses in Indian Culture and for study and research in different branches of Buddhist Philosophical and Cultural Studies,
- ii. To prepare students for higher learning and research in the fields of Buddhist Studies, Bhoti language and literature and Himalayan Studies with pedagogic methods using knowledge of modern research methodology and advanced up-to-date technology,
- iii. To inculcate awareness of the Cultural ethos, ecological balance and preservation of natural resources with special reference to the Himalayan region and North East region of India,
- iv. To teach traditional arts and crafts and modern technical skill sets for facilitating economic self-sufficiency and sustainable development and preservation of ethnic identity within the framework of national unity.

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

Courses of Study:

- i. Poorva Madhyama equivalent to 10th Standard
- ii. Uttar Madhyama equivalent to 12th Standard
- iii. Shastri equivalent to BA
- iv. Acharya equivalent to MA
- v. Vidyavaradi equivalent to PhD