

ON RECORD : SILVER JUBILEE YEAR

Nearly 8000 visitors, scholars and dignitaries have been with us from the beginning of January till the end of December. Of this number nearly 6000 have left their impressions, by signature, and many by kind words. Some are culled below :

3.2.1983

A unique collection of Buddhist historical documents and manuscripts beautifully preserved and presented. I am proud of this Institute and its unique work.

(Smt.) Margaret Alva, M. P.

3.2.1983

Very happy to visit such a great Institution. Very educative indeed.

(Smt.) Jayanti Patnaik, M. P.

3.2.1983

This institution has a great semblance of Nalanda. This is my proud privilege that I visited the place of learning.

Vijoy Kumar Yadav, M. P.

23.4.1983

It has been a wonderful experience to visit this Institute. Buddhism was born in India but it has taken deep roots elsewhere in our border states and areas. Here we get glimpses of the rich heritage built up elsewhere brought here and preserved for posterity.

A. M. Thomas
Chairman, All India Khadi &
Village Industries Commission
Bombay—56

9.5.1983

We very much appreciate the guided tour of your excellent collection.

Gary Drobuock
Nina Drobuock
Campie Drobuock
Sandy Bill
Katharine Bill
U. S. A.

17.5.1983

It was a matter of great pleasure for me to visit SRITOBBS at Gangtok to day. This represents one of the richest collections on Buddhism in Tibetan, Sanskrit and other languages. I am happy that under the Chairmanship of H. E. the Governor Taleyarkhan this Institute has undertaken the programme of preparing Bibliography of all its collections and a programme of publishing important books on various aspects of Tibetology and Buddhism. This is a tremendous task and I wish the managing committee and the scholars all success in the years to come. I hope this institute will develop into a leading Research Institute in Tibetology and Buddhism.

A. R. Kidwai
Governor of Bihar

28.5.1983

I am very happy to visit the Sikkim Research Institute of Tibetology at Gangtok. It is really inspiring to see the vast collection of religious manuscripts, books and other materials preserved with great care. I wish the efforts to succeed in the promotion of the ideals for which it was established by the founders nearly 25 years ago.

Narain Chand Parashar, M. P.

16.6.1983

This day we have the great pleasure of visiting this important collection of treasures. The attention of the whole country needs to be drawn to this as it preserves the cream of our Indian culture.

Gaurinath Sastri
Kulapati, Sampurnananda Sanskrit
University, Varanasi
Sri Ramnath Pathak
Sri Radhakrishna Upadhyaya
Sri Lakshimnarayan Tiwari
Sri Indranath Jha
Sri Mohan Lal
Sri Suraj

24.6.1983

We the members of the Parliamentary delegation are pleased to hear the development of art and literature including the original script from Sanskrit to Tibetan language : the philosophy of Jnana. We are highly enlightened by the knowledge of the Director who has explained to us. We therefore express our gratitude for him and his subordinates.

D. K. Naikar, M. P.

29.7.1983

Prime Minister Hon'ble Smt. INDIRA GANDHI (Vide the Leading Article in this issue)

31.7.1983

Highly impressive. A true place of pilgrimage for scholars as for others.

G. S. Sawhney
Chairman, Central Board of
Excise & Customs, New Delhi.

13.8.1983

A visit to the Institute in the company and guidance of the Venerable Director, Shri Sinha, is an experience, taking us centuries back into the history of Buddhism and the close contact between our two countries, India and Tibet. It is our initiation into the realm of enlightenment.

D. Balakrishna
AIR, Gangtok

5.9.1983

Indeed it is unique Library in India on Tibetan and Sanskrit languages. I liked it very much.

T. S. Negi, M.P.

14.9.1983

It is a great work done here which has given the reputation of the Institute. I hope the tradition will be continued in future.

Y. S. Chavan, M.P.
Chairman, Finance Commission.

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এই প্রতিষ্ঠান আমার মতো সাধারণ মানুষের একটি তীর্থ। আমাদের মনে তিব্বত একটি রহস্যের দেশ। ইতিহাসের পাতায় কয়েক লাইন এবং অধ্যাপকের মুখে কিছু শোনা, এই মাত্র আমাদের তিব্বত সম্বন্ধে ধারণা। বহু শতাব্দীর ধর্ম-চিন্তা, সাধনা এবং জীবন ও মৃত্যুর জ্ঞান বিষয়ে যাঁরা নিজেদের ভাবনা লিপিবদ্ধ করে গেছেন তাঁদের স্মরণ করে অভিভূত হয়ে যাই। জীবন ও মৃত্যু, সুখ ও দুঃখ, দেহ ও আত্মা সৃষ্টির রহস্য এইসব প্রশ্নের উত্তর কতজন মানুষ পাবে জানিনা, কিন্তু যুগে যুগে মানুষ প্রশ্ন করে যাবে। এই প্রতিষ্ঠান মানুষের চিরন্তন প্রশ্নের কিছু উত্তর দিতে পারবে এই আমার বিনীত প্রার্থনা।

দিলীপ কুমার গুহ
২২শ সেপ্টেম্বর, ১৯৮৩

2.10.1983

Mahatma Gandhi's birthday could never have been spent in a better manner and atmosphere of knowing what I had not known before and seeing what I would never have seen in my life. Both my wife and I are indeed extremely lucky and favoured. We salute the Institute in reverence.

A. D. Mohoni, Lt. Gen.

6.10.1983

It was highly instructive to be with Dr. Sinha and Dy. Director for more than an hour. Scholarship of the real academic nature must be encouraged to decipher old books and writings and to compile a true and consistent account as to how Buddhism developed through centuries.

The Institute is an effort in the right direction.

B. N. Deshmukh
Retd. Chief Justice,
Bombay High Court

7.10.1983

It was a very interesting and instructive afternoon we spent with Dr. Sinha, who very kindly took an hour off his precious time to educate us on the teachings of the Buddha and a bit of history of Tibet.

(Smt) Suchandra Banerjee
Calcutta

11.10.1983

It was a rare opportunity for me to visit the Institute. I had heard about it but one has to be here in person to know the value of all with which the Institution is concerned. The message of Buddha is for all human beings and humanity at large. The efforts of this institution through its programmes will undoubtedly be appreciated by all those who are inspired by the teachings of Buddha.

I wish success to the institution in furthering the cause of Buddhist studies and Tibetology.

C. L. Anand
Ministry of Education

17.10.1983

This institute is very important for Buddhism scientific, and we are glad to have the opportunity to visit this place and having an audience by the Director for deeper questions.

Stephen Passon
University of Arts, W. Berlin

19.10.1983

We are fortunate to have visited this Institute and I hope that it grows from strength to strength. We should realize as Indians that Tibet's gain is our greater gain for she has preserved a very important and worthy part of our heritage far better than we have ourselves.

And may we continue to benefit for long from scholarship and sound administration of Prof. Nirmal C. Sinha.

(Smt) Devahuti
Professor of History,
Delhi University

20.10.1983

It was a privilege to be given this conducted tour by the Director of the Institute. We regrettably are very ignorant of Tibet and Tibetology, but feel more enlightened now when we have had the first introduction. It certainly wetted our appetite and we look forward to studying the books we were very kindly given.

Thank you for giving us such an interesting morning.

Vidkun Isaksen
Resident Representative
Norwegian Agency of International
Development
New Delhi

21.10.1983

It is really an honour to be here and be acquainted with the culture.

General Shah
Nepal

22.10.1983

I am happy to visit the Institute which is of course doing a great service under the Directorship of Prof. Nirmal Sinha to scholarship. I wish them all the best.

Damordar Singhal

26.10.1983

Impressed by the unique and the most representative collection of Buddhist religious literature and objects of art.

Rishikesh Shah
Formerly Foreign Minister
Nepal

4.11.1983

This is a marvellous institute and the Director a great scholar. May it flourish and the great Buddha's teachings spread through the world.

M. H. Chenoy
Secunderabad

5.11.1983

A most illuminating and uplifting experience. This Institute fills one with pride, and I extend my best wishes and salutations.

(Smt.) Gulshan Ewing
Eve's Weekly, Bombay

15.11.1983

I have seen these highly valuable manuscripts preserved well. We have to bring out annotated versions in Sanskrit and Indian languages similar to printing being done at Pondichery Aurobindo-Ashram. These are heritage of entire world and priceless documents. May the propagation of intelligence of humanmind be carried further.

Y. M. Chandra Chowdury
Deputy Directors General,
Geological Survey of India

19.11 1983

It was a very interesting and educational visit. It needs to be expanded so that the knowledge available within the four walls can be made available to all which I am sure will be too good to mankind in the present ways of our world. Thank you.

K. S. Malik, Col (Retd.)
Pune

19.11.83

It was a very interesting experience to go round the library and to know all our ancient heritage.

B. S. Sarao
Ministry of Agriculture
New Delhi

An excellent and impressive collection of ancient literature.

H. S. Sachdeva
Ministry of Agriculture
New Delhi

A fantastic collection of Buddhist religious literature.

(Smt.) Daljit Jayee
Ministry of Agriculture
New Delhi

21.11.1983

The Committee on Public Undertakings of Haryana Vidhan Sabha visited the Sikkim Institute of Tibetology today. We are very happy to find that the collections herein are extraordinary. The way the old relics and records are preserved here is remarkable. Cleanliness and orderliness here are praiseworthy.

S. K. Gupta
Chairman, and members of
Haryana Public Undertakings
Committee of Haryana
Legislative Assembly

24.11.1983

Thank you for a glimpse into a great civilization and culture.

To our friends Nirmal Sinha and J. K. Rechung many thanks for the enlightened lecture and wisdom.

Firoz and Elinor Mirza
Bombay

2.12.1983

It was really wonderful experience to go round with Dr. Sinha. I felt joyful.

Swami Chandrananda
Ramakrishna Mission
Deoghar, Bihar

13.12.1983

The Institute has a marvellous collection of rare books on Tibetology and through the efforts of Prof. N. C. Sinha, Director, they are seeing the light and scholars are able to see them. The efforts under the supervision of such able guidance are quite fruitful to the advancement of Indological studies in general and Tibetology in particular. The Govt. of India should encourage this liberally so that the message of the Lord "सर्वे सत्ता भवन्तु सुखितता" may spread all over the world.

L. N. Tiwari
Librarian, Sarsawati Bhavan
Sampurnanand Sanskrit
University

18.12.1983

It is our privilege to visit the Institute. The collection of rare books is bound to inspire our scholars to go through them and rewrite the rare literature in Hindi and Sanskrit. The books have been arranged and preserved very well. The collection recalls that our culture and Tibetan went together. The atmosphere will not only provide peace of mind but would lead to world peace.

M. L. Shrimal
Chief Justice of Sikkim

26.12.1983

One should consider oneself fortunate to get the glimpse of this remarkable and unique Institute which is striving to preserve the message of Buddha with the help of most ancient and rare treasure of original works of the Masters. It seems like a pilgrimage.

**Madhav Sinh
Chief Minister of Gujarat**