

## Our Publications

### Brochures:

- Silent Prayers and Collective Screams
- State Owned Womb
- Cultivating Genocide

### Books:

- Status of Exiled Tibetan Women in India, September 2005
- Gems from the Heart, September 2005
- NGO Alternative Report on Tibetan Women, August 2005
- Current Prospectives, April 2006
- Compilation of the Speeches of His Holiness Dalai lama to the Tibetan Women's association, March 2000, (in Tibetan) March 2000 (in Tibetan)
- "Dhanchoe Nywaie Donnie": by Geshe Palden Dhakpa, March 2000 (in Tibetan)
- Dolma: TWA Magazine (published once in 18 months)
- Illusions of Stability, 1995
- Our Will Against Their Might: March 1995
- Tears of Silence: March 2000 (3rd edition)
- Tibetan Women and Habitat: June 1996
- The Road to Bejieng:
- The Trek to Freedom: September 1995.

### Videotapes:

- Undying Spirit: 40 years of Tibetan Women in Exile
- Voice in Exile: Tibetan Women's Journeys
- Tibetan Society and Gender Equality- (Tibetan)
- TWA's All India Peace March, 2005

**Educate** yourself and others about the history and struggle of Tibet and its people. Understand the truth about what is happening to this culture.

**Join or Initiate** a Tibetan Support Group in your community and help to increase awareness of the critical situation in Tibet to national and international levels. Get involved in stopping the environmental destruction, human rights abuses and political and cultural murder of a nation.

**Organize** fund-raising, cultural shows and speakers on issues concerning Tibet in your community. Discover and support the rich and diverse culture of Tibet.

**Lobby** your government, the United Nations, and international human rights organizations for decisive political action supporting Tibet. The official recognition of the Chinese government's occupation of Tibet is a major step towards Tibet's freedom.

**Write Letters** to your government officials seeking action to support Tibet. International pressure is greatly needed to change the conditions created and imposed by China. Every voice counts. Stop the silence and demand a free Tibet!



The first Central Executive Members and Advisors of TWA : 1984

# TIBETAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



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## Introduction-

The beginning of Tibetan Women's Association (TWA) traces back to March 12, 1959 in Tibet when thousands of Tibetan women gathered in Lhasa, the capital city of Tibet to protest against the illegal occupation of Tibet by the Communist China. They were arrested, imprisoned, tortured and beaten without trial.



Tibetan Women rising up against the Chinese occupation of Tibet on 12th March 1959

## Organizational structure-

Today, TWA has 14,000 members from 47 regional chapters across the globe. It is a democratic organization and the members of the Central as well as the Regional Working Committees are elected by their members for a fixed term of three years. The headquarter is based at Dharamshala. The guidelines and directives are issued from the head office to its branch offices for the coordination of their activities. TWA is a non-profit and non-government organization registered under the Societies Act XXI of 1860 in India.

## Aims and objectives: its implementation-

TWA's primary responsibility is to call for global vigilance and exert international pressure to the critical Human Rights situation inside Chinese occupied Tibet, particularly Tibetan women. To this end, TWA initiates extensive publicity through literature and vies to make our presence felt in the international platform and to join hands with the women of the world to promote peace and justice for all.

## TWA's global presence-

TWA is becoming increasingly active in international meetings on development, environment, gender and political issues by lobbying government and NGO's of the world. TWA has made its presence in UN conferences like CRC, CEDAW, and International Women's Organizations like APWLD, IWP



61st Session UN Human Rights Commission April 2005



Signature Campaign at World Social Forum January 2004

## Social, political and economic empowerment of Tibetan women in exile-

In order to empower Tibetan women in exile, TWA has launched a number of pioneering and challenging projects such as Tibetan Nuns project, Stitches of Tibet (tailoring training for women), Old People's Home etc.



Nuns preparing sand Mandala for Universal Peace



International Tibetan Women's Leadership Conference

TWA is challenged to ensure Tibetan women have access to adequate educational information about Democracy, Human Rights, Women's Rights, health care, childcare and family planning by organizing Workshops both by the Central Committee as well as its regional chapters.

## Preservation and promotion of Tibetan culture-

In exile, TWA places great priority on the contributions of Tibetan women towards the preservation and promotion of the distinct religion, culture and identity of the Tibetan people. The RTWA's various branches of TWA have been active in organizing and encouraging Tibetan cultural events, including performances of folk and traditional dance, music and theatre.

## Sponsorship Scheme-

TWA has assisted the needy in the community through sponsorship that help to support economically disadvantaged single mothers, nuns, handicapped, the sick and the elderly. TWA also provides increasing number of sponsorships for girl students to pursue higher tertiary studies.

## To Show your support-

Join the TWA: You can join TWA for an annual membership fee of a minimum of Rs. 30 (India) 16 dollars (USA/Canada), 16 marks (Germany), 16 pounds (England), 16 pesos (Mexico), 16 Francs (Switzerland) etc.

FOTWA Membership-Non-Tibetans are encouraged to become a Friend of TWA (FOTWA) for the annual membership fee of \$US30 for overseas friends, \$US10 for students/elderly/friends from other developing nations, and Rs.150.00 for friends residing in India and Nepal. Donations- TWA welcomes donations to either our Central Fund or for specified TWA projects such as Empowerment Projects, Tailoring Projects, Publication/Media Projects, or the Women's Integrated Development Projects. Unspecified financial contributions will be used for operating expenses, general project support, to assist newcomers from Tibet, and needy families and individuals in times of crisis. Receipts are given for all contributions.