

# PROSPECTUS 2026



**Two-year Post Graduate Programme  
in Buddhist and Tibetan Studies,  
affiliated with Sikkim Central  
University**

## **NAMGYAL INSTITUTE OF TIBETOLOGY**



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## 1. About the Department of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, NIT

Namgyal Institute of Tibetology (NIT) named after the 11th Chogyal of Sikkim, Sir Tashi Namgyal in the year 1958. It is one of the most important institutes in the world for research in the Tibetan language. It has one of the largest collections of Tibetan artifacts such as precious Texts, Thangkas, Statues, Xylographs, Ritual instruments and other treasures salvaged by the Tibetans after the Chinese occupation of Tibet.

The Institute started a post graduate programme in Buddhist and Tibetan Studies affiliated with Sikkim Central University on 25th of July 2019.

The course has reserved 60% seats for students holding Sikkim Subject based on COI/SSC certificates. If not filled, seats are then given to students from other parts of the country and overseas students.

### Faculty Profile:

Sl.No.	Names	Designation
01.	Dr. Passang D. Phempu	Director
02.	Mrs. Angee Denzongpa	ADM Officer
03.	Dr. Tsewang G. Bhutia	Head of Department
04.	Dr. Jigme Losel	Assistant Professor
05.	Dr. Tashi Pintso Lepcha	Assistant Professor
06.	Mr. Sonam Zawa Bhutia	Assistant Professor
07.	Mr. Anup Gurung	Assistant Professor
08.	Mr. Kunzang Namgyal Shangderpa	Assistant Professor
09.	Mr. Tenzing Longsel Barphungpa	Assistant Professor
10.	Mr. Norbu Gurung	Assistant Professor
11.	Mrs. Tseten Ongmu Shangderpa	Office Assistant
12.	Mrs. Nekt Lepcha	Office Attendant

## 2. COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course provides an introduction to Buddhist Studies, exploring the historical, philosophical, and social dimensions of Buddhism. Students will explore the development of Buddhism, its major schools and traditions and will examine the origins, teachings, practices, and social impact of Buddhism.

### Course Objectives:

- ◆ To understand the foundational principles and key concepts of Buddhism.
- ◆ To explore the historical development of Buddhism and its spread across different regions.
- ◆ To analyze the main branches and schools of Tibetan Buddhism.
- ◆ Investigate the cultural and social dimensions of Buddhism.
- ◆ Engage with primary texts (Sutras) and scholarly literatures in the field of Buddhism.
- ◆ Developing proficiency in the Tibetan language to access original Buddhist texts and Teachings.
- ◆ Enhancing reading, translation, and interpretation skills to engage with Tibetan Buddhist literature more deeply.
- ◆ Understanding the historical and philosophical context of Middle Way philosophy by examining its fundamental principles, including the concept of emptiness (Sunyata), Dependent origination and the Middle Way between extremes.
- ◆ Exploring the origin and evolution of Buddhist art in India and study of different artistic styles and regional variations of Buddhist art, including the Gandhara and Gupta traditions.

## TWO-YEAR M.A. BUDDHIST AND TIBETAN STUDIES

### SEMESTER-WISE COURSE STRUCTURE

SEMESTER-I					
Course	Title of the Course	Credit	IA	EA	Total
BTS-C-501	Madhyamakavatara by Chandrakirti- Part I	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-502	Abhidharmakosa by Vasubandhu- Part I	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-503	Buddhist Pramana	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-504	Life and times of Shakyamuni Buddha	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-505	Tibetan Language- Part I	4	50	50	100
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>
SEMESTER-II					
BTS-C-551	Madhyamakavatara by Chandrakirti- Part II	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-552	Abhidharmakosa by Vasubandhu- Part II	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-553	Pramanavartika by Dharmakirti	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-554	Tibetan Language- Part II	4	50	50	100
	<b>Select any one elective course from the following list</b>				
BTS-E-555	Mahayana Buddhist Traditions	4	50	50	100
BTS-E-556	Theravada Buddhist Traditions				
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>
SEMESTER-III					
BTS-C-601	Research Methodology	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-602	Bodhicharyavatara and Prajnaparamitahridaya Sutra	4	50	50	100
	<b>Select any two elective courses from the following list</b>				
BTS-E-603	History of Buddhism in Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Japan, Korea and China	8	100	100	200
BTS -E-604	History of Buddhist Art				
BTS -E-605	Abhidharmakosa by Vasubandhu				
BTS-E-606	History of Buddhism and Culture of Sikkim				

BTS-E-607	Tibetan Language Part-III				
BTS-V-608	Indian Knowledge System	4	50	50	100
BTS-R-609	Dissertation (Preparation and presentation of research proposal)	-	50*	-	-
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>SEMESTER-IV</b>					
BTS-C-651	Sutralankara and Uttarantra	4	50	50	100
BTS-C-652	History of Buddhism in India	4	50	50	100
	<b>Select any one elective course from the following list</b>				
BTS-E-653	Mulamadhyamakarika by Nagarjuna	4	50	50	100
BTS-E-654	Socially Engaged Buddhism				
BTS-E-655	History of Buddhism in Tibet				
BTS-E-656	Abhidharmakosa by Vasubandhu				
BTS-E-657	Tibetan Language Part-IV				
BTS-R-658	Dissertation	8	100	100	200
	<b>SEMESTER TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>500</b>
	<b>AGGREGATE TOTAL</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>2000</b>

**C:** Core;      **V:** Value Added Courses;      **E:** Elective      **R:** Research

### 3. Admission Calendar/ Online Registration

Admission to Post Graduate programme of the University for the academic session 2026-2027 shall be as per the following schedule.

Sl.no.	Particulars	Date
01.	Publication of Admission Notice by the Registrar in National & Regional Newspapers	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
02.	Starting of online application for admission	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
03.	Scrutiny of applications submitted online & verification of uploaded documents	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
04.	Interview/Screening date	3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2026
05.	Declaration of list of selected candidates & uploading of names on website	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2026
06.	Last date of fee payment by selected candidates	7 <sup>th</sup> August 2026
07.	Commencement of Odd Semester & closure of admission	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2026

*(Note: Change of dates, if any, shall be notified later)*

### 4. Admission Notice

Admission notice containing last date for submission of online application, date of Entrance Test etc. will be uploaded on the University website and circulated through print media. All communications to the candidates including list of candidates shortlisted for entrance test and interview will be uploaded on the Institute website [www.namgyalinstitutesikkim.org](http://www.namgyalinstitutesikkim.org) and displayed in departmental notice boards. No personal communication to candidates will be made by post or telephone or e-mail or otherwise. No interim query regarding status of application shall be entertained.

The admission procedure will follow the 60:40 rule, whereby 60% of seats will be reserved for local Sikkimese domicile candidates. The remaining 40% is unreserved, for non-Sikkimese domicile candidates. In the event of vacant seats in the first category, the same may be filled by candidates who are non-Sikkimese domicile.

## 5. FEES STRUCTURE

Fee structure for admission of academic session 2026-2027 batch for MA (Buddhist and Tibetan studies) course offered at Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim in affiliation with Sikkim Central University.

(Duration: 2 years)

One time fees payment to be made at the time of admission:

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount (₹)	Mode
01.	Registration fee	₹300	One time
02.	Admission fee:	Local: ₹500 Non-COI holder ₹1000 SAARC: ₹250 Foreigner: ₹500	One time
03.	Student I.D. Card	₹50	One time
04.	Prospectus fee	₹150	One time
05.	Development fee	₹1,000	One time
06.	Student Welfare Fee	₹150	One time
07.	Library fee	₹550	One Time
08.	Tuition Fee	₹1,000/- COI holder ₹1,500/- non-COI holder	Per semester

- ◆ *Total for COI holder = ₹ 3,700*
- ◆ *Total for Non-COI holder = ₹ 4,200*
- ◆ *Total for SAARC = ₹ 4,200 Plus \$250*
- ◆ *Total for Foreigner = ₹ 4,200 Plus \$500*
- ◆ *Hostel fee: ₹ 6,000/month (Single Room)  
₹ 3,000/month (Dormitory)*

*Mess fee not included*

· Students belonging to BPL category are exempted from payment provided they submit BPL certificate duly certified by DESME, Govt. of Sikkim.

◆ Students enrolled under Sikkim Central University need to do online registration after their Provisional admission in respective College/Institute as per university guidelines and need to make payment of ₹ 2,040 only towards Sikkim University. Payment details are:

1. Registration Fee:	₹240
2. Marks sheet:	₹240
3. Certificate:	₹ 360
4. Examination:	₹1200
Total:	₹ 2,040

This is applicable to all the students enrolled under Sikkim University. Fee structure to be applicable from next academic session i.e., August, 2026.

## **6. Examination and Evaluation**

The Sikkim University follows the credit system for its Master's Degree Program. The MA programme consists of total 80 credits during the span of four semesters of which 8 credits are allocated for dissertations and viva voce. However, the students will not be allowed to earn more than 20 credits in a semester. Students must attend minimum 75 % classes in each and every course.

The Master's Programme in Buddhist and Tibetan Studies has the following major components: Compulsory courses, Elective courses and one Dissertation.

## **7. Evaluation:**

Each paper is of 100 marks of which 50 marks allocated for mid semester or internal assessment (sessional, term papers, book reviews, articles review, case studies, class tests, research proposal etc.) Conducted by the concerned course teacher and end semester consists of 50 marks.

## **8. Scheme of Study:**

In order to enable the student to complete Master's Program within the minimum period of two years (or four semesters), a student is allowed to take 80 credits worth of courses (or 20 credits each semester). There are compulsory courses in the first semester. In the second semester,

students can opt one elective paper. In the third semester, students must take two core courses, one Value Added Course and choose any 2 elective courses, while in fourth semester, students have to opt for two core courses, choose any two elective courses and submit one dissertation (followed by viva-voice) which is also core course.

### 9. General Library and Tibetan Library

The General Library at the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology holds an important collection of books, in English as well as other languages. The students can also avail of the treasure trove of books on Buddhism at the Tibetan Library.



General Library



Tibetan Library

## 10. INTERNAL COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

The Department is committed to providing a congenial environment for work and study, free of sexual harassment, intimidation, discrimination, or exploitation of any kind. It is expected of every student and employee of the Department to treat others with courtesy and respect. It ensures maintenance of a congenial atmosphere in the campus. In pursuance of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 a three-member Committee called “Internal Complaints Committee” has been constituted on November 2022 to act as Inquiry Authority on a complaint of sexual harassment. Any aggrieved woman may file a complaint of sexual harassment to the ICC.

## 11. ANTI-RAGGING

Higher education institutions in Sikkim are generally free from the menace of ragging. Sikkim University and affiliated institutions have over a period developed a ragging-free environment in the campuses. The Department gives utmost attention to maintain and strengthen this anti-ragging culture by keeping zero tolerance for ragging. Department also creates awareness among the students on ragging and issues related with it through various means. Anyone found involved in any form of ragging as defined by Supreme Court and the Guidelines of Sikkim University or in any case of indiscipline shall be dealt with very seriously and severely.

### *Rules and Regulations*

#### A) Responsibilities of Students

- ◆ All Students are expected to act respectably both within and outside the NIT.
- ◆ Any damage caused to the NIT property will be compensated by fine and disciplinary action.
- ◆ Wearing of ID Card is mandatory within NIT premises
- ◆ Consumption of alcohol, smoking of Cigarettes and indulging in acts of indiscipline within NIT may call for strict disciplinary action
- ◆ Students shall respect each other sentiments and the integrity and dignity of NIT
- ◆ Students shall maintain cleanliness within NIT premises
- ◆ Students shall maintain silence in the Library
- ◆ Indulgence in Ragging may lead to Expulsion/Rustication/ Fine.

## **B) Academic Regulations:**

- Before attempting University Exams, student must attend 75% of the lecture, as per Sikkim University Norms.
- For the purpose of appearing for the University exam, student must also pass the MBTS sessional test.

## **C) Ragging Ordinance Sikkim Central University, DBTS, NIT, Gangtok**

Students may note that any form of ragging is strictly prohibited in accordance with the ordinance of Sikkim University, DBTS, NIT, Gangtok.

The ordinance defines ragging as any act, conduct, or practice whereby senior students' status or power is used against new students who are in any way viewed as junior or inferior by other students. This includes both individual and collective acts or practices that:

- ◆ Involve physical assault or the threat of using physical force
- ◆ Violate the status, dignity, and honour of female students
- ◆ Disrespect students who are members of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe
- ◆ Subject pupils to mockery and scorn, which lowers their self-esteem
- ◆ Involve aggressive verbal behaviour, indecent gesture and obscene behaviour

The Anti-Ragging Committee headed by the Director, Head of the Department and other members of committee has the authority to make final decision about ragging

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>COMMITTEES</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
01.	Committee of Finance, Infrastructure and Educational Tours	1. Mr Kunzang Namgyal Shangderpa (Faculty) 2. Mr Anup Gurung (Faculty)
02.	Committee of General Administration	1. Dr Jigme Losel (Faculty) 2. Dr Tashi Pintso Lepcha (Faculty)
03.	Committee of Sessional Test	1. Mr Tenzing Longsel Barphungpa (Faculty) 2. Mr Sonam Zawa Bhutia (Faculty)
04.	Committee of Seminar, Internet, Networking, etc.	1. Mr Tenzing Longsel Barphungpa 2. Mr Anup Gurung
05.	Internal Complaint / Discipline	1. Mr Sonam Zawa Bhutia 2. Dr Jigme Losel
06.	Committee of social media	1. Mr Kunzang Namgyal Shangderpa

07.	Committee of Examination	1. Dr Jigme Losel 2. Dr Tashi Pintso Lepcha 3. Mr Sonam Zawa Bhutia 4. Mr Anup Gurung 5. Mr Tenzing Longsel Barphungpa 6. Mr Kunzang Namgyal Shangderpa
08.	Nodal Officer (Sikkim University)	1. Mr Anup Gurung
09.	Nodal Officer (AISHE)	1. Dr Tashi Pintso Lepcha
10.	Nodal Officer (Swayam)	1. Mr Tenzing Longsel Barphungpa
11.	Anti-Ragging Committee	1. Dr Passang D. Phempu (Director) 2. Mrs Angee Denzongpa (ADM Officer) 3. Dr Tsewang. G. Bhutia (HoD) 4. Dr Jigme Losel 5. Mr Sonam Zawa Bhutia 6. Dr Tashi Pintso Lepcha
12.	Nodal Officer (Scholarships: both Centre & State)	1. Mr Karma Sherap Bhutia

## 12. Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Sl. No.	Academic Activities	Odd Semester	Even Semester
01.	Commencement of Semester	16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2027
02.	First Sessional Test	Second week of Sept.	Second week of April
03.	Second Sessional Test	Second week of Oct.	Second week of May
04.	Third Sessional Test/ Practical*	Second week of Nov.	Second week of June
05.	End of Classes	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2026	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
06.	Filling of Examination Form**	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. 2026	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2027
07.	End Semester Examination begins	1 <sup>st</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2026	1 <sup>st</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2027
08.	Central Evaluation begins	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2026	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2027
09.	Winter Vacation / Summer Vacation	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec- 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2027	16 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2027
10.	Publication of Results	Last week of Jan. 2027	Last week of Aug. 2027

*\*Not applicable for colleges \*\* Not Applicable for University.*

*Note: If the first day and examinations is a holiday, classes will start on the next working day.*

### 13. CHECK LIST FOR STUDENT ADMISSION

Self-Attested Copies of: -

1. CLASS 'X' / 'XII' MARK SHEET AND PASS CERTIFICATE
2. BA DEGREE IN ANY DISCIPLINE / SHASTRI CERTIFICATE FROM RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY
3. GRADUATION MARK SHEET (ALL SEMESTERS)
4. AADHAR / PASSPORT
5. COI/ ST/ SSC CERTIFICATE FOR LOCALS

Original: -

1. MIGRATION CERTIFICATE
2. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE / CHARACTER CERTIFICATE

*Note: In case of Private Institute / College, candidates need to produce affiliation letter if necessary.*

*Candidates are given Provisional Admission in the BTS programme initially. Once University registration gets over with the submission of original migration and other relevant documents, then only admission is confirmed for Two Years PG Course under Sikkim University.*



**Department of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies,  
Faculty and Director, NIT**



**H.E Palga Rinpoche during the workshop on meditation  
organized by the Department on 7-8th March 2026**



**Department of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies, NIT**



**Staff & students during the Educational Tour to West Sikkim**