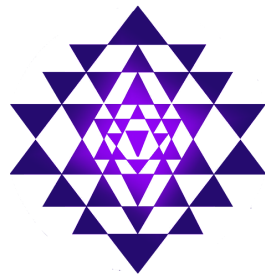




## 2022 WINTER CAMPS



**Lhagsam**

A Changthang Initiative







Most recently, we managed to successfully revive **Himiya government school**. Successfully raising funds worth INR 200000 to improve upon the existing infrastructure, we also managed to convince parents to bring back their children from cities to enroll in the government school. At present, the school has 19 students and 7 teachers and is well on the way to its full recovery.







This coming winter, we are organizing winter camps for 100 children and 35 adults (especially focusing on women) from across the two villages of Himiya and Nyoma in Changthang, Ladakh.

In the ongoing pandemic, we are facing a shortage of funds for organizing our workshops and acquiring the requisite manpower for conducting these classes. Through these camps, we shall be able to impart not only skill development classes but also basic literacy classes for many young children who come from nomadic and indigenous local communities of Changthang valley from some of the remotest villages in the Himalayan region.

Here are a few areas we shall be focusing on:

- Computer literacy workshops for adults
- Local culture and environmental consciousness classes for children
- Basic literacy classes for both children and adults
- Weaving and knitting workshops for women
- Working with the elders and the local amchis (doctors) to teach the children about their native plants, folk tales and songs of the region
- Critical writing and thinking classes for adults

Due to harsh climatic conditions, many of these villages remain cut off from the rest of the world for several months every year. Conducting these classes would allow us to work with children from some of the most neglected communities including the Changpa nomads, who bring immeasurable pride to our valley through their transhumance culture.



We are writing to you to enlist your support in helping our team of local volunteers and staff to cover the expenses incurred for these two winter camps. After the success of these two camps, we plan to provide resources and training to three different villages in the valley for the coming winter months and also work with the local government schools to impart skill training and development for adults.

Your support to the Lhagsam Team will go a long way in making sure our efforts are successful in the coming winters. We will also be providing detailed reports of our successes in different parts of Changthang for all our supporters so that they can see how their contributions are supporting the education of children and livelihoods of adults in these villages.

We have provided a detailed summary of our expenses and our future aims in this project summary report. We only need INR 4,70,000 (USD 6266) to support our teams in two villages (Himiya and Nyoma).

The success of these camps will ensure that children will be equipped with transferable skills and education that is in alignment with their local heritage. In the future, we plan to connect them with avenues for employment so that the young adults can stay and work in villages as opposed to moving to cities and towns in mainland India in search of meagre earnings. The classes and workshops will also help us assess the readiness for the curriculum, which will help us design our content for the upcoming months as well.

The experience in itself will be critical for the Team to gain experience in working under harsh weather conditions and overcoming unimaginable challenges to ensure we can continue providing education that remains accessible to all, no matter where they come from.



## Detailed Summary of Expenses:

<b>Pre-owned laptops for classes</b>	<b>INR 100,000</b>	<b>USD 1333</b>
<b>Homestay for five teachers</b>	<b>INR 120,000</b>	<b>USD 1600</b>
<b>Transportation expenses for faculty and children</b>	<b>INR 20,000</b>	<b>USD 267</b>
<b>Eating expenses for children and teachers</b>	<b>INR 10,000</b>	<b>USD 133</b>
<b>Heating fuel</b>	<b>INR 30,000</b>	<b>USD 400</b>
<b>Basic salary expenses for teachers</b>	<b>INR 120,000</b>	<b>USD 1600</b>
<b>Infrastructure expenses (arranging warm rooms, blankets, rugs for students and teachers)</b>	<b>INR 50,000</b>	<b>USD 666</b>
<b>Stationary expenses</b>	<b>INR 20,000</b>	<b>USD 267</b>
<b>Total Expenses required</b>	<b>INR 470,000</b>	<b>USD 6266</b>

*If you are interested in being a part of our journey, please do get in touch with us.*

*We would love to hear from you!*

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