

Tibetan movement to continue: Dalai Lama



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His Holiness 14th Dalai Lama today met the Tibet Support Group, Assam and said that the non-violent movement for freedom of Tibet will set an example for hundreds of other nations who are struggling for freedom across the globe.

The 14th Dalai Lama was in Guwahati to take part in the ongoing Tibetan Art Festival, which is underway at the Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwhati. He appreciated the efforts of the Tibet Support Group, Assam for its continued support for the movement of millions of Tibetans in the northeastern part of India.

"We must continue the freedom struggle through the way of non-violence, which is the Buddhist way. It is important for us to win the struggle. If the struggle or the movement fails, the world will feel that the non-violence and Buddhism has failed," said the 14th Dalai Lama while interacting with the Group.

"The victory of the non-violence movement or the Buddhist way of struggle is important for China also as there are many Buddhist in China. The Chinese government must understand this," he said. The Tibetan spiritual leader also took up the issue of environment and said that the Tibetan movement for freedom is also important for the ecology and environmental aspects. "The mighty Brahmaputra river which flows through many parts of India and South East Asia has its origin in Tibet. The success of the Tibetan movement is an imperative for saving the environment and ecology of the entire world," said Dalai Lama while referring to the Chinese government's move to build major hydro power projects on Brahmaputra river in the Tibet region.

"We must continue the freedom struggle with non-violence and Buddhist spirit. The Chinese government is systematically destroying Buddhism and Buddhist culture in Tibet, which must be resisted," he said. It may be mentioned here that the Tibet Support Group, Assam was created in 2012 with the representative of Tibetan government in exile in Guwahati. The Home Minister of Tibetan Government in Exile Gyari Dolma participated in the first meeting that was held in Guwahati in 2012.

Among the members of the Tibet Support Group Assam, who met the 14th Dalai Lama today included former minister and Lok Sabha member from Arunachal Pradesh and Convener of the Tibet Support Group in the northeast R.K. Khrimy, Rupam Baruah, Jawaharlal Saha, Soumyadeep Datta, Nava Thakuria, Pramod Kalita, Anup Sharma and Manoj Deka.

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