

# Tibetan Uprising March

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**More Tibetans join the March to Tibet as the March gets closer to Tibet: 48 new Tibetan marchers joined the March at Nainital**

Nainital - 313 Marchers left today on the March to Tibet at 7 am from Nainital in Uttarkhand State after receiving more orientation on Non-Violent action for two days. The March will make its first day halt at Kainchi and will head towards Almora.

"As we get closer to the Tibet border, the Marchers are reinvigorated and more determined than ever to cross into Tibet and join our brothers and sisters to unitedly protest China's brutal Occupation of Tibet" said Tsewang Rigzin, President of Tibetan Youth Congress.

Before leaving Nainital, on 7th and 8th May, the Marchers participated in Candle Light Vigil and Prayer for two evenings organized by the Nainital Tibetan Community. The community also provided accommodation and hosted meals for the 2 day stop at Nainital for the Marchers.

"Throughout our journey passing through North Indian states, we received encouraging support from Indian public, especially by mountain people living in the Kumaon" said Chime Youngdung, President of National Democratic Party of Tibet.

The March to Tibet started on March 10th from Dharamshala (Himachal Pradesh) and reached Nainital after passing through many states in the span of 60 days. Earlier on, the first group of 100 core Marchers were arrested and put under judicial custody for 14 days on the fourth day of the March. However, a second group of 48 Tibetan exiles resumed the March 2 days after the arrest on 15th March and were later joined by the first group soon after their release.

Tibetans living in Exile in India launched the March to Tibet as part of the Tibetan People's Uprising Movement. This historic movement aims to revive the spirit of the Tibetan National Uprising of 1959, and by engaging in Non-Violent Direct Action to bring about an end to China's illegal Occupation of Tibet.

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