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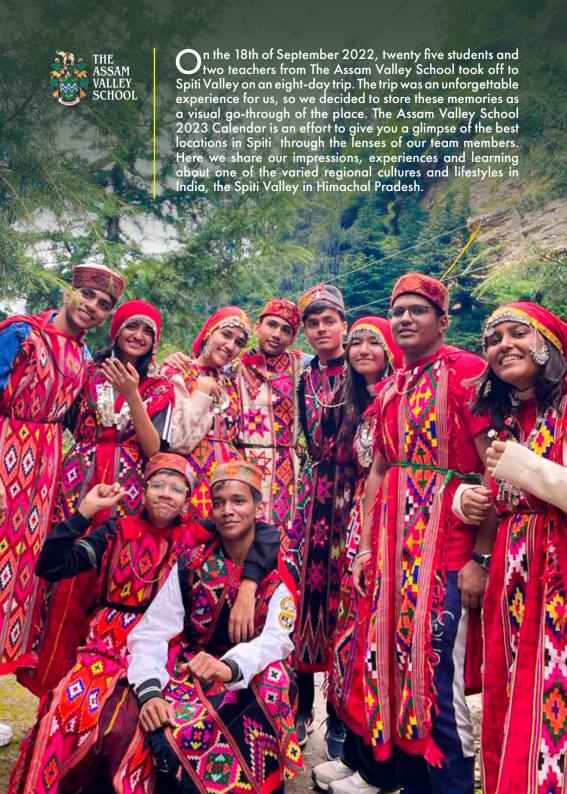




















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On the advice of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tabo Monastery established Serkong School on 29 May 1999, with the aim of helping to preserve the tradition of Spiti Valley and to give local youth a modern education. The school seeks to enable the younger generation of the valley to build their own future, based on the Tibetan culture.

THE ASSAM VALLEY SCHOOL

The Tabo monastery has 9 temples, 23 chortens, a monk's chamber, and a nun's MAY S M S Τ W T F chamber. The meditation caves have been dug by hand into the side of the mountain. These were believed to be the abode of the Buddhist monks during the frigid Himalayan winters. 

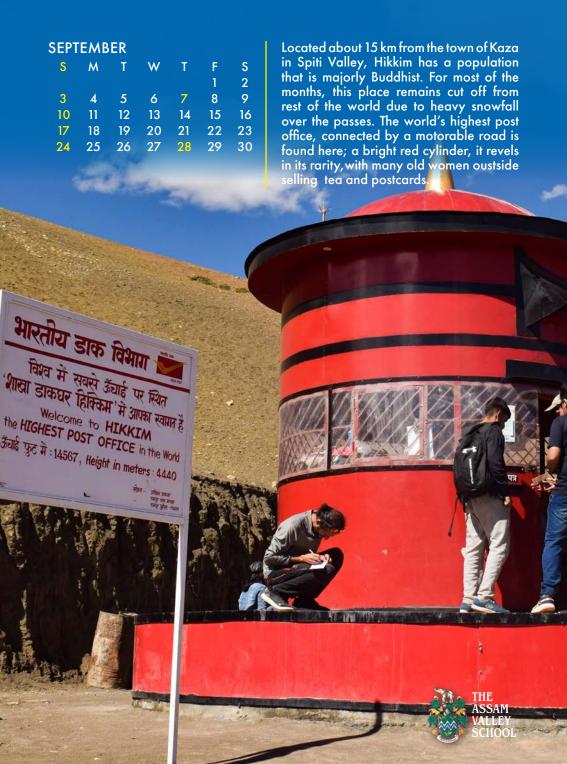
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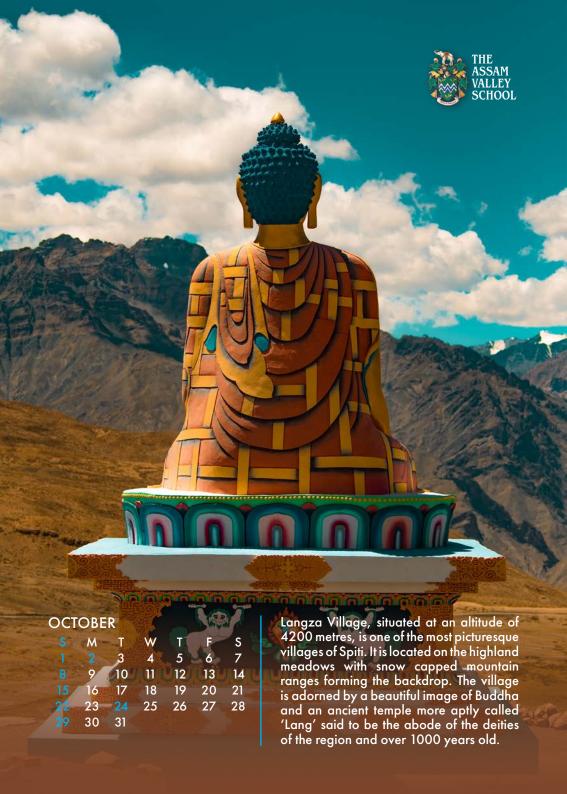
Overlooking the Spiti river, the Kye monastery is said to be the largest and the most visited monastery of Spiti valley. The walls of the temples here are covered with beautiful murals and paintings that best depict the 14th-century monastic architecture.











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Sheep and goat rearing is the major occupation of the Gaddi tribe in Himachal Pradesh. The number of sheep and goats reared per household is about 120 and 50. The sheep and goats are grazed for 7 to 8 hrs a day on common forest/pasture lands during different seasons. Sheep wool is used to make traditional textiles like the Kullu shawls or scarves.



