

# *Research on the Working Path of Promoting National Unity and Progress in Ganzi Prefecture from the Perspective of Strengthening the Consciousness of Chinese National Community*

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**Abstract:** The work of national unity and progress is an important starting point for the work of ethnic groups in various regions at present and in the future. It is necessary to prove the correctness and scientificity of China's national theory and national policy through the case study of national unity and progress. In-depth exploration of new ideas for the work of national unity and progress in Ganzi Prefecture is not only related to the high-quality leapfrog development and long-term stability of Ganzi Prefecture, but also provides reference for other Tibetan-related states and counties, which is related to regional security and national unity. Forging a strong sense of community of the Chinese nation is the main line of ethnic work in the new era. As the main starting point for forging a strong sense of community of the Chinese nation, the work of national unity and progress has also attracted much attention. Socialism with Chinese characteristics has entered a new era. How to promote national unity and progress with the times has become an important issue in the new era.

## **1. Research Background**

Foreign academic circles have made relatively profound research on ethnic relations, ethnic development, and communication and exchange among ethnic groups. In addition, the theory of integration among ethnic groups and the theory of social integration among ethnic groups have all played an extremely important reference role in studying how to promote ethnic unity and progress from different aspects, and have provided achievements for reference in the study of ethnic unity in China. There are a large number of domestic academic research on the progress of national unity. As of August 2022, more than 5217 academic achievements have been published through the search of CNKI with the key word 'national unity and progress'. Among them, since the 18<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the CPC, the academic circles have published a total of 3133 academic achievements, accounting for 60 % of the total achievements, showing that the academic circles have paid more attention to national unity and progress. ' [1]. Most of them are based on case studies in a certain place, among which there are few related studies based on Tibetan-related areas, and the related

research based on Ganzi Prefecture is even more lacking. The existing achievements have no strong guiding significance for the goal of further 'strengthening the consciousness of the Chinese nation community and national unity into family practice' proposed by Ganzi Prefecture.

Since the March 14 incident in 2008 and the July 5 incident in 2009, the seriousness of ethnic issues has received great attention in academia. For a time, the discussion on the feasibility and applicability of Chinese ethnic theory and policy has become a hot topic in academic circles at home and abroad. In this context, it is of great significance to enrich relevant cases and objectively and carefully sort out the practice of the CPC in promoting ethnic work in ethnic minority areas. The work of national unity and progress is an important starting point for ethnic work in various regions at present and in the future. Therefore, it is necessary to prove the correctness and scientificity of China's ethnic theory and ethnic policy through the case study of the work of national unity and progress in various regions. In-depth exploration of new ideas for promoting national unity and progress in Ganzi Prefecture is not only related to the high-quality leapfrog development and long-term stability of Ganzi Prefecture, but also provides reference for other Tibetan-related states and counties, which is related to regional security and national unity.

## **2. Realistic Basis for National Unity and Progress in Ganzi Prefecture**

Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture is located in the southwest of the motherland, at the junction of Sichuan, Yunnan, Tibet and Qinghai provinces. It is the largest Tibetan-related prefecture in Sichuan Province. At present, there are 43 ethnic groups in Ganzi Prefecture, which is the most ethnic distribution in the 10 Tibetan Autonomous Prefectures in China. By the end of December 2021, the resident population of Ganzi Prefecture was 1.102 million, of which Tibetans accounted for 78.9 % of the total population. There are 797,000 farmers and herdsmen who mainly speak Tibetan. [2] Ganzi Prefecture is the center of the "ethnic corridor" where ethnic groups migrated frequently in the early history. It is also the transportation hub from the mainland to Tibet, the main distribution center of Tibetan-Han trade and the center of "tea-horse trade." Since ancient times, all ethnic groups have been widely exchanged and blended. Many cultures in this region are cross-ethnic, and multi-ethnic mixing is the norm. One of the biggest characteristics is that in many places, regional identity is greater than national identity. For example, in Ganzi Prefecture, people in many places are distinguished from each other in culture and living customs by region rather than national identity. Kangba culture, with the core of the harmonious unity between man and nature, the harmonious compatibility of multi-cultures and the harmonious coexistence between man and man, is the proximity of Chinese culture and the epitome of Chinese culture.

In 2016, Ganzi Prefecture promulgated and implemented the first regulations on national unity and progress in Sichuan Province- "Regulations on National Unity and Progress in Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture," which marked the transformation of the work of national unity and progress in Ganzi Prefecture from policy implementation to rule of law. It is the embodiment of the implementation of the "system of regional ethnic autonom" in the autonomous prefecture. Comprehensively carry out the "eight advancement" activities of national unity and progress, carry out the "co-construction" activities of national unity and progress, realize the "co-construction" of national unity and progress between 53,900 public officials and 213,100 farmers and herdsmen in the whole state, and continue to promote the exchanges and integration of all ethnic groups. In 2018, Ganzi created a national national unity and progress demonstration state to meet the national and provincial inspection and acceptance, national unity and progress 'eight into', 'build pair' activities as the main position, the main channel. Up and down together, the participation of the whole people, the establishment of the demonstration state has achieved phased results. It is of great significance to further consolidate the achievements of the national unity and progress in Ganzi Prefecture and

establish a long-term mechanism for establishing and improving the good situation of national unity. It has pointed out the direction for guiding the work of national unity and progress in Ganzi Prefecture since the 18 th National Congress.

On December 9, 2019, according to the announcement of the National Ethnic Affairs Commission, Ganzi Prefecture was successfully created as a ' national demonstration state for national unity and progress'. This marks that the work of national unity and progress in Ganzi Prefecture has entered a new stage of historical development. On July 1, 2022, the Ganzi Prefecture's Practical Action of ' Forging a Strong Consciousness of the Chinese National Community and Uniting the Nation into the Family ' was launched in Daocheng County. More than 65,000 public officials and more than 260,000 farmer and herder families have established friendships, setting a clear direction for Ganzi's work in the new era. The practical action aims to mobilize all sectors of society and people of all ethnic groups to participate extensively in the construction of family civilization, pay attention to the construction of family, family education and family style, make each family an important basis for high-quality economic development, national unity and progress, social harmony and stability in Ganzi Prefecture, form a new trend of socialist family civilization of patriotism, loving each other, upward goodness, co-construction and sharing, and help Ganzi Prefecture to build a national demonstration area of national unity and progress.

Judging from the current situation, Ganzi Prefecture presents a ' national unity, economic development, social harmony and stability, people's happiness ' good situation. At present, in Ganzi Prefecture, 18 poverty-stricken counties (cities) have all been removed, 1360 poverty-stricken villages have been listed, 222986 poor people have been successfully lifted out of poverty, less than 1 % of the remaining poor people have basically reached the standard, and the incidence of poverty has dropped to 0.23 %. Poverty alleviation has entered a new stage of consolidation and promotion and a critical period of overall victory. The economic strength is in a growing development trend, and the national culture has been continuously prosperous. The experience and practice with Ganzi characteristics formed in the long-term practice and exploration have set up a banner of national unity and progress and social harmony and stability in the Tibetan-related areas of the country.

### **3. Ways to Promote National Unity and Progress in Ganzi Prefecture from the Perspective of Strengthening the Consciousness of Chinese National Community**

It is of epoch-making significance to forge a sense of community of the Chinese nation for ethnic work. It is the main line of the state's ethnic work in the new era and a strategic task. It is necessary to unwaveringly apply this main line throughout the whole process of ethnic unity and progress. The core essence of the in-depth development of national unity and progress work, Ganzi Prefecture should always bear this in mind in the process of striving to build a national national unity and progress demonstration area. Specifically, it should start from the following aspects:

#### **3.1 To earnestly strengthen the state's leadership in the work of national unity and progress and consolidate the political foundation**

To realize that in Ganzi, do not seek national work is not enough to seek the overall situation, to the national unity and progress work as a matter of state-wide cause to grasp.

##### **3.1.1. Strengthen Political Construction. At present, Ganzi Prefecture Is Working to Strengthen Top-Level Design**

We will adopt the friendship model to establish a normal mechanism for more than 65457 public officials in the state to fully cover the friendship of 264974 farmers and herdsman's families,

mobilize all sectors of society and the masses in the state to participate in the construction of family civilization, and strive to make each family an important basis for high-quality economic development, national unity and progress, and social harmony and stability in the state. Create a strong atmosphere. In the ' Ganzi Daily ', Ganzi TV Station and Kangba Media and other platforms, a special column of ' Casting the Consciousness of the Chinese National Community and National Unity into the Family ' was set up to publish and publicize the work news and work trends related to practical actions in real time, and make full use of new media such as Tik Tok and WeChat public accounts to publish small videos, work trends and ethnic policies in a timely manner in the form of pictures and texts. As an important starting point to implement the ' two establishments ', it runs through the whole process of national unity and progress. We must focus on cultivating the ' first consciousness ', guide and educate state members and cadres to form the thought of casting a solid Chinese national community. Political and action consciousness ; secondly, we must strictly implement the ' first stability maintenance ' and regard the work of national unity and progress as one of the core tasks of maintaining stability.

### **3.1.2. Strengthen the Construction of Grassroots Organizations. Efforts Should Be Made to Build Grassroots State Organizations into a Vanguard of Anti-Secession Struggle and National Unity**

First, carry out in-depth rectification of weak and lax grassroots state organizations, and improve the level of state building to lead the governance of ethnic areas ; second, each village state branch should have a member in charge of ethnic and religious work, and constantly extend the state 's leadership over ethnic and religious work ; third, we should strengthen the development of state members of all ethnic groups, develop the strength of state members in various social groups, and optimize the structure of state members.

### **3.1.3. Strengthening the Training of Ethnic Minority Cadres**

First, it is necessary to strengthen the construction of cadres of ethnic minorities and ethnic religions in ethnic minority areas, build a cadre team in ethnic minority areas that is loyal to the state, has a firm stand in the anti-secession struggle, has a strong style of work, is honest and upright, is familiar with ethnic and religious policies, and is good at controlling complex situations, and let go of cadres of ethnic minorities ; second, we should strengthen the education and training of cadres, unblock the channels for cadres to exercise and multi-post exercise. In addition to paying attention to the outstanding cadres at the grass-roots level, we should also actively connect and dispatch outstanding cadres and cadres familiar with the laws of ethnic work to communicate and exercise outside the state and outside the province.

### **3.1.4. Enhance the Capacity of Ethnic and Religious Work Departments**

First, we should promote the relevant departments of ethnic and religious departments to deepen their functional responsibilities, scientifically reform the internal institutions, greatly improve work efficiency, break industry barriers, and form a joint force; second, to enrich the strength of ethnic and religious work to absorb professionals, but also with strong grassroots ethnic and religious work force. Promote more comprehensive coverage of personnel and the effectiveness of policy implementation.

## **3.2 Focus on Preventing and Resolving Major Risks in the Ethnic Field**

At present, the most important hidden danger in the ethnic field in Ganzi Prefecture comes from

the sharp and complex situation of anti-secession struggle. It is necessary to maintain social stability and national security in a prominent position in ethnic work.

### **3.2.1. Firmly Establish the Overall National Security Concept**

We must always adhere to the working mechanism of maintaining stability in Ganzi Prefecture in the new era of "January 1 scheduling, January 1 theme, January 1 arrangement," firmly safeguard the security of politics, economy, system, people, ecology, biology and other aspects, and unswervingly carry out anti-secession, anti-osmosis and anti-subversion struggle; second, we must focus on preventing and resolving various major risks. Such as refining the service management of special groups, accelerating the emergency plan exercise, and preparing for risks.

### **3.2.2. Consolidate the Ideological Foundation of Long-Term Stability**

We must carry out various forms of ideological education activities in the whole society through authoritative media, and strengthen the confidence and determination of the masses of all ethnic groups to feel the state's kindness, listen to the state's words, and follow the state's path; secondly, we should encourage the creation of excellent cultural products related to national unity and progress, and form a good atmosphere for safeguarding national unity in the whole society. Third, we must clearly and continuously publicly expose and criticize the reactionary nature of the separatist forces and properly handle issues involving ethnic factors.

### **3.2.3. Strengthening and Innovating Social Governance**

We must crack down on all kinds of crimes according to law, and crack down on criminals who deliberately provoke ethnic relations and undermine national unity according to law; second, we should encourage the exploration of the idea of local settlement of social contradictions and disputes, and fully mobilize the power of grass-roots autonomous organizations and people of all ethnic groups. For example, the experience of the "red-sleeve" team composed of policemen, masses and monks explored by the police station of Jiaji Town, Zhiduo County Public Security Bureau in the prevention and treatment of grass-roots contradictions and disputes is worth promoting. Third, improve the coordination mechanism with neighboring regions. Many villages and towns in Ganzi are bordered with other Tibetan-related areas. We will deepen the mechanism of joint conferences on maintaining stability and cooperation in adjacent areas on the existing basis and the mechanism of joint agreements on regional linkages for national unity and progress, and actively build a pattern of 'great linkage, great cooperation and great creation' for national unity and progress, so as to promote harmony and harmony in border areas.

## **3.3 Promote the Implementation of 'Casting the Consciousness of the Chinese Nation Community' and Lay a Good Ideological Foundation**

As the main line of ethnic work in the new era, there are many specific grasps to build up the consciousness of the Chinese nation community. It can be precise through project, socialization and base. Specifically, we can start from the following aspects:

### **3.3.1. To Establish a Normalized Mechanism for the Publicity and Education of 'Building a Strong Sense of Community for the Chinese Nation'**

First, expand the education coverage of community awareness to ensure the effectiveness of education. In the next step of the promotion process, we should incorporate the multi-channel awareness of the Chinese nation community into the whole process of cadre education, school

education, family education and social education, and promote the long-term, normalization and full coverage of educational activities; second, we should expand the publicity and education channels of 'building a strong sense of community of the Chinese nation'. With the help of important commemorative days and ethnic festivals and other forms of education in various fields, should also make full use of new technologies, new media to create publicity carrier, through in-depth publicity and education on related topics, to maximize publicity effect ; third, we should strive to build a common spiritual home for all ethnic groups by actively promoting and publicizing the inheritance and protection of Chinese excellent traditional culture and the excellent traditional culture of all ethnic groups. By increasing the protection and construction of intangible cultural heritage, we will promote the whole society to form a good social atmosphere to protect the excellent traditional culture of all ethnic groups, and promote the exchanges and exchanges between the cultures of all ethnic groups.

### **3.3.2. Strengthening State History Education and Promoting the Popularization of the National Common Language**

At present, the Ganzi Prefecture state History Learning and Education Office and the Minzong authorities jointly organized the 'Learning state History, Abiding by Laws and Regulations, Increasing Identity' state history education into the temple to focus on publicity activities. Through this activity, the state history learning and education has been continuously deepened, further enhancing the awareness of the 'five identities' of the majority of temple monks and nuns. Activities selected national religion and state history knowledge solid bilingual state cadres as members of the seminar. In simple and easy-to-understand language and real cases, we tell stories about the history of the state in our state and religious people who support the state's leadership, patriotism, and integrity. Up to now, it has penetrated more than 30 temples and carried out 50 activities, covering 1000 temple monks and nuns [3]. It has issued a three-year plan for the promotion and use of the national common language in the religious field, and is exploring the normalization of the national common language speech competition and the common text calligraphy competition in the religious community. In the field of school education, we strive to achieve the goal of basically eliminating the obstacles of national common language communication and writing by actively building demonstration schools for language standardization at all levels.

### **3.3.3. Vigorously Promote the Construction of the Visual Image of the Chinese Nation. Highlight the Requirements of the Chinese Cultural Symbols and the Image of the Chinese Nation Shared by all Ethnic Groups**

It is necessary to build cultural venues such as theme venues, cultural squares and education bases for casting the consciousness of the Chinese nation community, and strengthen the education of patriotism and national unity and progress. Second, we should encourage the creation of a large number of films and books that highlight Chinese culture. Through performances, exhibitions, competitions, and new media display activities, we can combine the artistic value of excellent traditional culture with the needs of the times in a variety of artistic forms.

### **3.4 To Promote the Formation of a Pattern of Extensive Exchanges, all-round Exchanges and Deep Integration among all Ethnic Groups**

At the Central Ethnic Work Conference held in 2021, it was proposed to promote the exchanges and integration of all ethnic groups. On the basis of fully considering the actual situation of different ethnic groups and regions, on the basis of coordinating the planning layout of urban and

rural construction and the allocation of public service resources, on the basis of improving the policy grasp and creating a community awareness environment atmosphere, we will gradually realize the all-round embedding of all ethnic groups in space, culture, economy, society and psychology.

### **3.4.1 Construct the Social Environment of Each Nation Embedded**

At present, the communication and integration among the ethnic groups in Ganzi should not only be reflected in the level of living distribution pattern and economic communication, but also in the level of social communication and psychological identity in various fields. Multi-ethnic inter-embedded symbiosis is the precious historical inheritance and realistic expression of Ganzi. In the process of long-term communication and integration, there are not only frequent personal interactions, but also frequent interactions between different regions and ethnic groups. Various contacts have shown in-depth and extensive characteristics. We should encourage the people of all ethnic groups in the state to achieve two-way flow between ethnic areas and non-ethnic areas, cities and villages through economic exchanges, complementarity of livelihood methods, inter-ethnic marriage, cultural interaction, tourism and other ways; second, do a good job in the management and service of minority floating population. Sign the "cross-regional linkage cooperation agreement for the service and management of ethnic minority floating population, " build a cooperative working mechanism between the inflow and outflow areas, so that the city can better accept the minority people, so that the minority people can better integrate into the urban community, and actively create pilot and demonstration cities.

### **3.4.2. Extensively Carry Out the "Chinese Nation Family" Activities**

Carry out distinctive cultural exchange activities. Through ethnic festival activities, such as Tibetan New Year, April 8, National Unity and Progress Day, Litang Horse Racing Festival and other festival activities, through the holding of essays, recitation, singing competitions, knowledge competitions, reunions, preaching and other popular cultural and sports activities to promote the strengthening of the community awareness of the whole society.

### **3.4.3 Continue to Implement the National Unity and Progress of the whole Region to Create Action**

The overall creation of national unity and progress is the main starting point for consolidating and expanding the achievements of the establishment of national unity and progress demonstration states. Specifically: First, we must firmly promote the practice of "building a strong sense of community of the Chinese nation, national unity into the family," and actively promote the construction of ethnic minority villages in combination with the construction of beautiful villages and characteristic towns; second, tell the story of national unity and progress. We should dig deep into the typical examples of national unity and progress, commend the collectives and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of national unity and progress on various fronts, and promote the creation of an atmosphere of national unity and progress in the whole society.

## **3.5 To Modernize the System and Capacity of Ethnic Affairs Governance**

Actively promoting the institutionalization and legalization of ethnic work is an important guarantee for Ganzi to forge a strong sense of community of the Chinese nation. Specifically, it should start from the following aspects:

### **3.5.1. Raising the Level of Legalization of Ethnic and Religious Affairs**

We must adhere to the equality of citizens of all ethnic groups before the law, and constantly strengthen the legal publicity of ethnic and religious affairs, but we must pay attention to the change of publicity orientation. At present, the economic investment in various regions and ethnic groups should be given to the concept of upholding unity, national unity and maintaining stability, and at the same time produce economic and ideological educational effects [4]. It should be noted that in the propaganda work, attention should be paid to getting rid of the one-way indoctrination thinking, trying to use the content and form in line with the habits of ethnic minorities to promote and expand the effect; second, we must improve the system of laws and regulations on ethnic affairs, actively promote the incorporation of ethnic work into relevant laws, regulations and normative documents, and revise laws and regulations on ethnic affairs in due course. A series of normative documents related to national unity and progress have also been issued. The next step should be to explore the successful experience in the work of national unity and progress to the deployment of local regulations, which has laid a solid foundation for further promoting the construction of national unity and progress demonstration areas.

### **3.5.2. Strengthen the Proper Handling of Disputes Involving Ethnic Factors According to Law**

General social work involving the masses of ethnic minorities cannot be simply attributed to ethnic work. Civil and criminal issues involving the masses of ethnic minorities cannot be simply attributed to ethnic issues. All conflicts and disputes that occur cannot be simply attributed to ethnic conflicts. First, we must safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of the people of all ethnic groups in accordance with law, properly handle cases involving ethnic factors in accordance with law, crack down on all kinds of illegal and criminal acts in accordance with law, establish and improve a comprehensive mechanism for multi-prevention, mediation and resolution of social contradictions and disputes, and increase the intensity of risk assessment and resolution. Second, we must thoroughly implement the ' Eighth Five-Year ' law popularization, strengthen legal publicity and education, through multi-channel drip irrigation education, adhere to the ' one day one broadcast, one day one statement, one week interview ' normalization as the carrier, and guide the masses of all ethnic groups to respect the law and law-abiding usage.

Actively building a new system of ethnic affairs governance socialization. Mainly with the help of the information construction project of ethnic and religious system, the application of mobile Internet, big data and other information technology, the construction of ' one foundation, two platforms, three applications '(A foundation: network foundation; two platforms: public support platform, big data platform; three applications: integrated management, ethnic affairs management, religious affairs management.) [5] as the core of the information system, and strive to achieve the digital and intelligent management of ethnic and religious affairs, to cope with the new characteristics of ethnic and religious work in the new media era.

## **4. Conclusion**

'Building a strong sense of community of the Chinese nation ' is a requirement put forward to us in the new era and a new stage, and it is also our common responsibility and mission. In order to face the world and the future, the Chinese nation needs to be more inclusive and cohesive. It needs the participation of the whole society and every citizen. This should be reflected in all fields and work. Solidifying the consciousness of the Chinese nation community is the core of the construction of the national unity and progress demonstration zone, and the cause of national unity and progress is the main starting point for solidifying the consciousness of the Chinese nation community. As the



country enters the ' 14th Five-Year Plan ' period and stands at a new stage of historical development, Ganzi can only build a new era of unity, prosperity, civilization, harmony, beauty and peace in Ganzi by taking advantage of the situation, steadily advancing the cause of national unity and progress, and promoting continuous innovation in the carriers and mechanisms of national unity and progress.

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