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Jangchub Choeling Nunnery

AUTUMNAL REPORT OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER



“So take advantage of this human boat. Free yourself from sorrow’s mighty stream! This vessel will be later hard to find. The time that you have now, you fool, is not for sleep!”

– Śāntideva, the Way of the Bodhisattva

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1. Visit

Jangchub choeling nunnery is so happy to meet our supporters, well-wishers, sponsors, and friends from within the country and out of the borders too. As the covid 19 subsided and traveling in and around the world resumed in many nations, we have had some visitors in the nunnery in the last two months. Long-term sponsor and supporter of the nunnery, Serene!

Serene. W/ Arielle Washburn, her mother Yva Marie , Michael and Mathew from Aspen visited the nunnery on her way to the pilgrim and met nuns of the jangchub choeling nunnery.



November 13th 2022

Two members of the parliament of the central Tibetan administration made an official visit to the nunnery. The two members met the nuns and abbot of the nunnery and gave speeches on the current affairs inside Tibet.



2. Winter Debate

The nuns of jangchub choeling left on the 7th of October to attend the annual winter debate intensive training.

The 26th nonsectarian nuns' annual winter debate (Jang Gunchoe) at Kagyu Monlam started in Bodhgaya, India of almost 500 Tibetan Buddhist nuns from 10 nunneries in India and Nepal.

It is a month-long intensive monastic debate training from 16th October to 17th November. Around 86 nuns from jangchub choling nunnery along with two geshema and a teacher from the nunnery to this training. Nuns debate in the debate courtyard of Kagyu

After every fifteen days, nuns have a massive gathering for the Buddhist Philosophical Debate session on Pramana vartika-Valid Cognition (Logic and Reasoning) at Bodhgaya padoga, twice a month.



Science meets Dharma

Three nuns from Jangchub choeling got the opportunity to attend the leadership workshop organized by the library of Tibetan work and archives in collaboration with science for monks and Nuns (Supported by Sagar Family Foundation and Templeton foundation) at Gangchen Kyishong, Dharamsala from 16th of September to 7th October.

The nuns' three-week science leadership program was successfully completed. Upon completing the three-week nun science leadership program, Geshe Lhakdor la complimented and congratulated the nuns and teachers for their commitment to monastic science studies.



3. Occasions

Geshema Convocation Ceremony

Congratulations to the 10 new Geshemas! There are 10 nuns who received the highest degree in their tradition, roughly equivalent to a Ph.D. in Tibetan Buddhist philosophy in the year 2022.

The 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Geshema of the Jangchub choeling Nunnery are Ven. Samten Choedon, Ven. Jinpa Choetso, Ven. Chattan Dolkar and Ven. Tashi Yangkyi. Ven. samten choedon la, Ven. Jinpa choetso la, and Ven. Tashi Yangkyi la are from Tibet and Ven. Chattan Dolkar la is from Ladakh, India.

There is a total of 10 nuns attaining Geshema Degrees this year; Geden choeling nunnery, Kopan nunnery, and jangchub choeling nunnery. Geshema Damcha or Geshema debate is held at Bodhgaya currently with all nuns from annual the winter debate training and attained geshema this year.





Ven.Chattan Dolakar

Ven. Jinpa Choetso

Ven. Samten Choedon

Ven.Tashi yangkyi



Lhabab Duechen (Happy Buddha's Descending Day) and Disciplinarian enthronement Day

On the 22nd day of the 9th lunar month, Celebrating the day Buddha returned from the god realm after teaching the Dharma to his mother "the great occasion of divine descent.", we also celebrate the day for an enthronement day of the new disciplinarian of Jangchub Choeling Nunnery, Mundgod.

The tenure of the Disciplinarian is one year and the disciplinarian of the nunnery is selected as per the majority votes of nuns. This year new disciplinarian of the nunnery is Venerable Lobsang Choden la aka Sangay Yangtso la.

The discipline head also known as Gegu in Tibetan is responsible for the overall discipline of the nunnery assisted by her assistant nun known as Chapre. Their service tenure is for one year and after every year, the nuns have to elect a new Gegu and Chapre. 2022-2023 Disciplinarian of the nunnery is Lobsang Choden la from Kham Dargye in eastern Tibet and she completed her studies of five canonical texts in the year of 2010. Lobsang Tsokyi la is the chapri or the disciplinarian assistant of the nunnery. She is from Chamdo (eastern) Tibet. She is currently in the last year of the Vinaya course.





4. Health Talk

- 1. DTR Health talk and Sowarigpa Tibetan medical
DTR Hospital the branch of the Central Tibetan Administration department of health and Tibetan sowarigpa and medicine in collaboration organized a health talk on the awareness of diabetes to all nuns.

- 2. Ayurveda Health Talk
Two local people from Mundgod visited the nunnery on Sunday to deliver speech and give awareness on Ayurveda medicine and supplies for various diseases.



5. Thank you Notes and Wishes

I (Ringzen Wangmo), the current secretary of Jangchub choeling nunnery pays my warmest wishes and deep gratitude to all the supporters, well-wishers and sponsors for supporting me for nuns' spiritual journey. I am obliged to ask all of your help again in support with new secretary Mrs. Tenzin Choezom la.

As the season's holiday is here, we wish you all a happy holiday and a relaxing time with your loved ones.

We are forever grateful for all the support we received so far and we always keep you all in our prayers for your good health and mental peace.



Thank you!

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