

Monsoon Report from Jangchub Choeling Nunnery

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1. June and Covid -19

As everywhere on earth is affected by covid-19, climate crises, natural disasters and terrorism, we still manage to find the light in process and be the light in lighting someone else path.

“As human beings, if we remain peaceful and helpful to one another, not only will we be happy, but we’ll create a happy atmosphere around us. When you have compassion you not only aim to free others from suffering, but also to reduce the causes and conditions that give rise to suffering.”-His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

Jangchub Choeling Nunnery was severely affected in the month of June as there was an implosion of Covid cases. More than 100 nuns were infected by the Corona Virus.

Sudden spike of covid positive cases in the nunnery was a huge challenges as the nunnery already has limited space and being a close knit community of more than 250 nuns. Usually, the main kitchen of nunnery provide meals of nuns. Each floor of the residence has public baths and toilets for nun to use together. Because of this, an infected case occurred, it easily spread like a wild fire and was quite difficult to control. There was an explosion of cases. Because there are many positive confirmed cases of novel corona virus in nunnery, everyone stayed in their own rooms, and volunteers and office staff continued to work in isolation. Nunnery kitchen was closed for the prevention of further spread. All dry foods were distributed to each rooms and nuns had to prepare their own meal in their own room.



In response to the epidemic situation in nunnery, we were under the guidance of settlement office and settlement hospital situated opposite to the nunnery. We received positive response from the supporters of the monastery such as **Dr. phil Carola Roloff**, **Paul Syska**, many **godparents**, the **Tibetan Center** and the **Omnis Religio Foundation**, Tzu Chi, **Estrella de la Mañana** (spanish NGO) in collaboration with **Karma Foundation**, many individuals, Lamas, Tulkus and Monasteries with a great individual donations. We are deeply grateful for their compassion, generosity, and precious kindness. We are grateful to individuals and groups that have provided assistance emotionally and being there with us. Medical supplies, nutritional food, medicines, oxygen concentrators.



Together, we are stronger in facing any challenges.



2. July and Celebration

July has been a month of celebration as the nuns suffering from covid infections, those in hospitals struggling to breathe has all been recovered and a month of healing.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama birthday was celebrated on 6th of July. There were good wishes and sprinkles of joy spread around the faces of nuns everyone rejuvenated. Gratitude in our hearts and hopeful in our prayers.





3. August and Retreat

Jangchub Choeling nuns under the guidance of nunnery abbot decided to give their annual examination as the August reached nearer. Although this whole year has been no physical gathering of classes, nuns had teachings of Buddhist philosophy and other subjects through online by teachers.

Everyone did their best and it went well. Examination break followed retreat of white Tara. Retreat aimed for the prayers and hope of eradication of illness, epidemic, hope of peace, happiness and develop compassionate heart to all sentient beings.

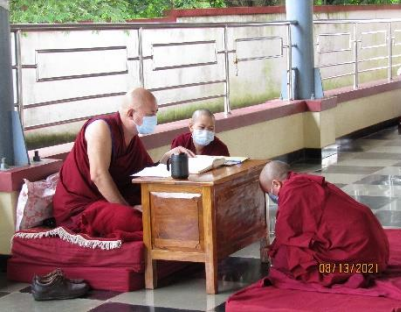
Vinaya class of 2021 has completed their 18th year long course of studying Buddhist nalandic traditions in the nunnery. 17th nuns has completed their course. Celebration lasted a day from the scarf offering and special meal treatment to all nuns.

Nuns gathered in the main temple for the monthly puja followed by reading scriptures of Buddha and recitation of one lakh Tara prayers as to merit of all donors, supporters and sponsors of the nunnery during every thick and thin.

Summer retreat will be always followed by a week holiday called Gayi. As a week of relaxation and recreation.



Written test



Memorization test



Debating Test





Building Progress

Current progress of the building has been better compared to the last state. Left side of the building is in quicker pace of construction as comparing to the right side as the nunnery is preparing for the access of separate room for the stay of infected nuns incase third wave occurs.





**“As long as space abides and
as long as the world abides,
so long may I abide,
destroying the sufferings of
the world”
-Shantideva**