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Jangchub Choeling Nunnery Autumnal Report 2024



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Jangchub Choeling Nunnery

LAST REPORT 2024 (OCTOBER – DECEMBER)



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INTRODUCTION:-

Dear highly respected sponsors, supporters, and well-wishers,

We are excited to announce the release of The Last Report for 2024. This report comprehensively overviews our achievements, initiatives, and impact over the past three months. It reflects the collective efforts of our dedicated team and supporters like you.

In this quarterly report, we invite you to explore its pages and celebrate the progress we have made together. Your support is crucial in making these accomplishments possible.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our mission of preserving Buddhist spiritual culture and strengthening the nunnery community. Together, we are making a meaningful impact in the lives of many.

The report is available on our website. Please feel free to share it with your network, friends, and family to help spread awareness about the lives of our nuns and our spiritual journey.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Here, goes the REPORT OF JANGCHUB CHOELING NUNNERY!

“Because we all share this planet earth, we have to learn to live in harmony and peace with each other and with nature. This is not just a dream, but a necessity.”

~ His Holiness the Dalai Lama

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1) GESHEMA DHAMCHA:-

On 10th October 2024, Jangchub Choeling Nunnery celebrated its graduation ceremony (**Geshema Dhamcha**) in the presence of the nunnery abbot, teachers, Geshemas, and all the student nuns in the main temple of the nunnery.



SOME PHOTOS THAT ARE CLICKED DURING THE CEREMONY.



2) 28TH WINTER DEBATE SESSION:-

On 18th October, the 28th Winter Debate Session for Nuns in 2024 will be held at the supreme holy site of Bodh Gaya, where Buddha Shakyamuni attained complete enlightenment. Therefore, 74 nuns and teachers from our nunnery are traveling to Bodh Gaya to debate, contemplate, and meditate on the texts of Buddhist logic and epistemology (**PRAMANA**) along with nuns from other nunneries.



A group of nuns are scheduled to attend the annual winter debate training program.



3) RECEIVE AN AUDIENCE & 105TH GADEN TRIPA:-

On this auspicious day of November 4, 2024, our teachers had the fortunate blessing to receive an audience with **AVALOKITESHVARA** in person at the holy place at Dharamshala.



- 105th GADEN TRIPA :-

On behalf of the Jangchub Choeling Nuns, heartfelt congratulations were extended to His Eminence the **SHARTSE CHOEJE JETSUN LOBSANG DORJEE** on his auspicious appointment as the 105th Gaden Tripa by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.



4) JANG- GUN -CHOE:-

The 28th Non-Sectarian Nun's Annual Winter Debate (**Jang Gun Choe**) occurred in Bodhgaya, Bihar, from October 20th to November 20th, 2024. The event was a massive gathering of nuns who participated in a month-long Buddhist Philosophical Debate session focused on Pramana-Vartika (Valid Cognition).



A nun participated in a month-long Buddhist Philosophical Debate session at Bodhgaya.



5) Buddha's Descending & Enthronement Day of our Disciplinarian:-

On November 22nd, which corresponds to the 22nd day of the 9th lunar month, we celebrate the occasion of divine descent known as **LHABAB DUCHEN**. This day commemorates the return of Buddha from the god realm after teaching the Dharma to his mother.



Disciplinary head and Assistant:-

We are celebrating the enthronement day of the new disciplinarian at Jangchub Choeling Nunnery. The head of discipline, also known as Gegu in Tibetan, is responsible for maintaining discipline in the nunnery, aided by an assistant nun called Chapri.

Their term of service lasts for one year, after which new Gegu and Chapri are elected by the nuns. For 2024-2025, the Disciplinarian of the nunnery is **Ven TENZIN CHOEDEN Ia** from Tibet. She completed her studies of the five canonical texts in 2010.

Ven. DOLMA CHOETSO Ia, hailing from Tibet, is the **Chapri** or the assistant disciplinarian of the nunnery. She completed her course of study.



6) GESHEMA CONVOCATION CEREMONY:-

We extend our warmest congratulations to all the Geshemas of 2024 who graduated from different nunneries. This year, four nuns attained Geshema Degrees.

The Geshema Damcha, a two-day debate, took place in Bodhgaya on November 25th and 26th, 2024. The event was attended by all nuns who underwent the annual winter debate training, as well as those who achieved Geshema certification this year.

We proudly announce that the Geshemas of Jangchub Choeling Nunnery are:-



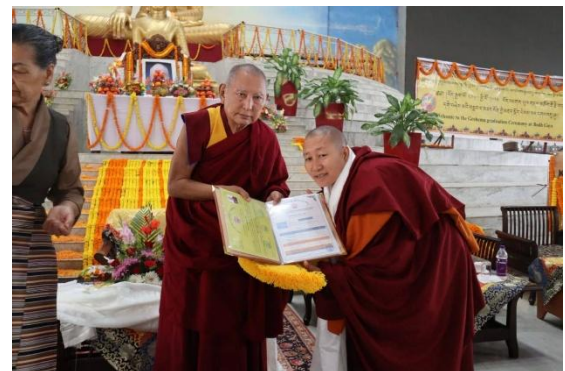
VEN. JANGCHUB PALDON



VEN .TSERING TSOMO



VEN. GYALSTEN CHOEDON



VEN. LOBSANG YAUDON

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

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7) HEALTH TALK & NUNNERY LIFE:-



Ganden Jangtse Monastery Medical Society Doctor **DHONDUP TASHI LA** visited Jangchub Choeling Nunnery to give a health awareness talk.

a) NUNNERY FIELD: - **At** the end of the rainy season, the senior and junior nuns of Jangchub Choeling harvested corn and maize from the nunnery fields.



b) NUN'S THOUGHT:-

I am **LOBSANG DOLKAR**. I spent 12 years in Jangchub choeling nunnery to learn Buddhist philosophy,



1. Here's what I experienced:-

Daily Life

- ✓ Woke up at 5 o'clock for prayer
- ✓ memorize scriptures in the morning
- ✓ Having a debate on philosophy every day
- ✓ Cleaning our environment

2. What I Learned:-

- ✓ The way to enlightenment
- ✓ How to meditate and be mindful
- ✓ The importance of compassion for all beings

3. Challenges:-

- ✓ Sitting still for long periods was hard at first
- ✓ Adjusting to the strict lifestyle took time
- ✓ Sometimes missed my school life

4. How I Changed:-

- ✓ Became more patient and calm
- ✓ Learned to live in the present moment
- ✓ Developed a new perspective on life's problems

Overall, it was a challenging but rewarding experience that taught me much about Buddhism and myself.

c) LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER PROJECT:-

- Our New BUILDING construction is gradually progressing and we are witnessing the change in our eyes of collaboration and cooperation in teamwork impact.
- We would like to extend our gratitude and thankfulness to all the Donors and supporters for making this happen and for your generosity without which this could have been less than a daydream.
- Nunnery's new library and learning center construction is slowly progressing through time and all thanks to all the supporters and donors. The basement floor construction is completed and we are slowly seeing the result.



Chick for more update: - <https://www.jangchubchoeling.org/library-learning-center>



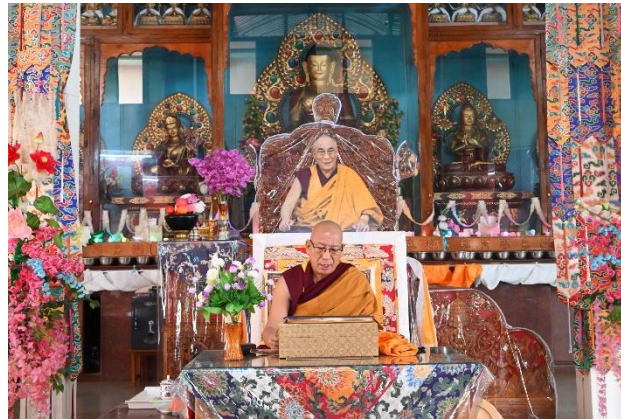
PROJECT MISSION: - In today's world, modern education plays a vital role in preserving Tibetan culture and language. Encouraging young nuns to study subjects like science, English, and mathematics enables them to share their insights and teachings with a broader audience while contributing meaningfully to the modern world.

8. Gaden Ngachoe (LAMA TSONG- KHAPA DAY):-



Gaden Ngamchoe, literally means "**Gaden Offering of the Twenty-Fifth Day,**" or Lama Tsongkhapa Day, is a celebration of the anniversary of Lama Tsongkhapa's parinirvana.

Jangchub choeling nuns recited the (Lekshe Nyingpo) "The Essence of Eloquence," by Tsong Khapa, performed guru puja, and lighted the whole nunnery in lamps while chanting **MIKTSEMA** in the evening.



9. NOBLE PEACE LAUREATE:-

We are marking the 35th anniversary of the conferment of the Nobel Peace Prize to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.



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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE 1989
WAS AWARDED TO HIS HOLINESS
THE GREAT 14TH DALAI LAMA
(GYALWA TENZIN GYATSO) FOR
ADVOCATING PEACEFUL SOLUTION
BASED UPON TOLERANCE AND
MUTUAL RESPECT.

- **Science workshop**

1. **Translation Workshop: Dec 1-7**

- ✓ From December 1st TO 7TH 2024 our two nuns got a great opportunity to participate in the TRANSLATION WORKSHOP.



2. **Research Methodology Training Workshop: Dec 7-20st**

- ✓ Our two nuns attended the year 4 research Methodology Training workshop at the ETSI organized by Drepung Loseling Science and Meditation Centre.

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10. VISITORS:-

Jangchub Choeling Nunnery is so happy to meet our supporters, sponsors, and well-wishers who visited our nunnery and had a great discussion with nuns.

We felt delighted to know our sponsor personally. Our nuns shared personal life experiences and exchanged culture among our visitors.



We have had our sponsor coordinator to the nunnery.



MRS. GISA STUPLE and her friend visited the Nunnery!

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MRS. GRETA JESEN FROM ENLAND AND MISS SINJA FROM GERMANY!



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MISS PARK KRUSEAN FROM USA.



Shri Tashi Gyalsen, Hon'ble Chief Executive Councillor from Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh, visited the nunnery.

It's our pleasure to extend a cheerful welcome to you all!
Your presence will be highly appreciated.

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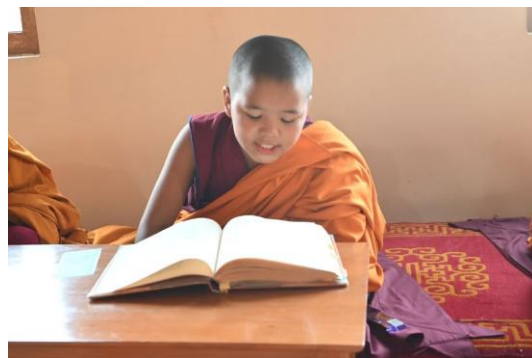


11) HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS:-

- ❖ The Nuns of Jangchub Choeling send you warmest wishes for you and your loved ones this holiday season. May the upcoming year bring immense peace, progress, and prosperity to our sponsors, well-wishers, supporters, and friends from Western countries.
- ❖ We are forever grateful for the kindness, concern, and support of our well-wishers worldwide, and we will always be indebted to you.

The Nuns of Jangchub Choeling wish you a

Happy New Year 2025!



THANK YOU 2024

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