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Introduction

May this August and September report find you in good socks and warm soup. Let's welcome this fall as we read below Jangchub choeling Nunnery reports.

Jangchub choeling nunnery pays our greetings for this new seasonal report sharing. We share nunnery reports in every two to three months to our readers and supporters.

Chokor duehen & 35th anniversary of nunnery since the establishment

On the 1st of August, the Buddhist calendar marks the celebration of "The first turning of the Dharma Wheel (Chokor Duechen)". The first sermon has taken place in the Sarnath near Varanasi. The four noble truths were taught during the first sermon. Tibetan Buddhists celebrate Chokor Duechen by reading Sutras, meditating, visiting temples and monasteries, making offerings, taking pilgrimages to holy places, and hanging prayer flags.



Namo Buddhaya 🙏

35th-year anniversary since the establishment of the nunnery

The same day is also the 35th anniversary of Mundgod Jangchub choeling nunnery since the year of establishment. Jangchub choeling has come an education center for Buddhists across the world who are aspired to pursue the wisdom of Buddha since 1987.

The nunnery exists today as a result of the Guidance of his Holiness the 14th Dalai lama, the kindness of its benefactors, Supporters, Well-wishers, teachers, and Geshes from Garden and Drepung.

We pray that may His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and all the living Buddha live a long healthy life. And may the Jangchub choeling nunnery flourish in the Dharma practice and studies.

Examination

Mundgod Jangchub Choeling Nunnery 2022 annual examination began on August 3rd and continued until the 12^{ve} of August. The examination is held in three different methods as such of written, scriptures memorization, and debating. Nuns from Logic class to Vinaya class participate in giving examinations led by the nunnery examination committee. A new semester begins after the annual examination is finished.

Jangchub choeling Nunnery offers courses of 18 years in Buddhist studies along with Science, English, Tibetan grammar, calligraphy, Maths, and Chinese. Nuns then continue 4 more years of studies for Geshema Degree and a year for the Tantra course at Gyutoe monastery in Dharamsala. Nuns again study Tantra in the nunnery for 3 more years.

The examination started with the written conduct of philosophy in the morning and calligraphy in the afternoon. Then followed by English and Science in the next morning and Grammar and poetry in the afternoon. A memorization examination is taken after finishing of written examination.

Debating or dialectic examination is taken for a better analysis of the scripture and an in-depth study of Buddha's text. The annual examination concluded on the 12^{ve} of August in the nunnery's main temple.





Long live puja of Dalai Lama

For the happiness and peace of all sentient beings and for the long life of His Holiness the great 14th Dalai lama, Nuns dedicated long life puja, Tara rituals, Deity puja, etc on the 14th of August.

Annual Result announcement

On the 16th of August, the effort of annul year examination result was announced. Although Buddhism isn't just a course to study and give examinations, it is a lifelong practice as well. Nuns still made their best effort and without proper study of the philosophy, there isn't anything to think/analyze and practice. Nuns from logic class to Vinaya has given good result and the nunnery abbot and teachers have shared their words of wisdom during the result announcement for the daily practice.



Graduation Day of Vinaya Class

Congratulations and lots of greetings to four nuns of 2022 who completed their 18th-year course in the nunnery. Among all four, one of them is serving the nunnery as a science teacher and the other as a disciplinarian assistant.

The graduation ceremony started on the 17th of August early morning at 5:30 am in the nunnery main in the presence of the nunnery abbot, teachers, gesehmas, and all the nuns. The celebration started with prayers and gratitude to all teachers from beginningless till today. Followed by long life puja to His Holiness the Dalai lama and scarf offering from Abbot and teachers to the class of 2022.



Teacher's Day

A teacher in the life of a student in Buddhism is like a guru and the light bearer in the path of DHARMA. Jangchub choeling Nunnery is forever grateful for the Ganden and Drepung for all the wisdom earned teachers for nunnery and nunnery teachers within the nunnery. India celebrates teachers' day on the 5th of September to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was a renowned scholar, and teacher, the first vice president, and the second president of independent India. The particular day is Dr. Radhakrishnan's birthday. Although a disciple and student must fulfill one's own duty of studies and practice that would be the best gift of all to the teacher. But still, we take this particular day to appreciate and feel gratitude for the spiritual journey without which we would be walking in the dark unguided.





Puja

Although nuns are staying inside the four walls of the nunnery, we still feel and hear the chaos of the world and the earth we live on. And we could hope for peace and pray to dispel miseries. Nuns assembled in the main temple and debate the courtyard in prayers of prevailing peace within all sentient beings and the long life of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, and all living Bodhisattvas. The prayers are also dedicated to the nunnery sponsors and in the hope of dispelling sufferings, miseries of all sentient beings from illness, wars, natural disasters like floods, earthquakes, droughts, and to attain realization of truth and follow the path of truth of all beings. In great hope for the long life of living bodhisattvas, nuns dedicated pujas and prayers for a few days from the 18th of September to the 23rd of September.

The sequence of Puja for five days is as follows:

1. Recitation of (yum- ge – ding – duwi – sum) intensive, middling & condensed Sutras of Perfection of wisdom, prayers of the goddess of terrific aspects (Palden Lhamo), and White umbrella puja (dug – kaar).
2. Pujas of White Umbrella, Heart Sutra, Singhamukha, and Deity Puja.
3. Tara Rituals or Dolchok.
4. One lakh Tara prayers dedication.
5. Heart Sutra Ritual
6. Gyashi Rituals
7. Lenchaktorma

Nuns' leadership program

The Nuns' Leadership Program was initiated by the Science learning and leadership for Tibetan nuns and monks, and in partnership with the Library of Tibetan Work and archives Dharmasala Gangchen Kyishong started on September 16th and will continue till October 7th. Over the course of three weeks, 26 nuns from various nunneries will participate in the intensive science study program. Three nuns from Jangchub choeling nunnery participated in the program.



Thank you



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