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GADEN JANGTSE NORLING COLLEGE

OF BUDDHIST CULTURAL AND WELFARE ASSOCIATION

A BRIEF HISTROY OF GADEN JANGTSE MONASTIC COLLEGE;

Background:

Doeguling, which is popularly known as Mundgod Tibetan Settlement is situated in South India. The population of the settlement is about 16,000 and the total acres of land is about 4,000 and same was divided into 9 villages ,2 Lama Camps i.e. Gaden and Drepung Monastery and a Nunnery

Gaden was founded by Je-Rinpoche also known as Lama Tsong-kha Pa in 1409. Je-Rinpoche is the founder of Ge-luk-pa tradition or the yellow hat sect of the Tibetan Buddhism, situated near Lhasa-the Capital of Tibet

Gaden Jangtse Thoesam Norling Monastery, which is popularly known as Gaden Jangtse Dratsang/College, was founded by Horton Namkha Palsang,

But in the year 1959, the Communist Chinese forcefully occupied Tibet with unimaginable brute force, brought destructions and untold miseries within Tibet, killing hundreds and thousands of innocent Tibetan and causing His Holiness the Dalai Lama and many thousands of Tibetan to seek political asylum in India.

At the special request of His Holiness the Dalai Lama of Tibet to the Government of India ,all the monasteries were initially relocated at Buxa. Later on they were shifted to South of India (many to Karnataka). One of the most important educational centers to re-established in South India is Gaden Jangtse Monastic College .when the monastery was first re-established in 1969, in a settlement named Mundgod, it housed only 169 monks whom had originally came from Tibet. .

Over the years, population of the monks had increased steadily to 1700, which now includes all different age groups. The youngest novice is 6 and the oldest monk is 96 or so, about 500 are below the age group of 20 years. This younger group are for one reason or another escaped from Tibet, they escaped for various reasons, some due to inhuman treatment, and some there are no proper human rights and others without having proper education in occupied Tibet by the Chinese Government.



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A good number of monks are from Remote Himalayan Regions of the Indian origin. Also many monks are from Tibetan Settlements.

Due to increased number of monks the original prayer hall has become too small and therefore, after a long discussion of the heads of the monastery like Ven.Khen Ripoché and Administrators of the monastery and came to the conclusion that we must have a bigger prayer hall.

Hence, the present prayer hall was built and was inaugurated by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama on 19th December 2001. Inside the prayer hall, all around the walls, there are many holy statues of scholars of the past clearly identified their names.

Once you enter the main prayer hall of the Gaden Jangtse Monastery you will feel peace of mind, body and soul, you will forget all the out side world for the time being.

Every day, almost hundreds of people from different nationality and religion have been visiting at Gaden Jangtse Monastic College and they are deeply impressed the maintenance and simple way of life of the Buddhist monks.

The following departments are under the administration of the monastery:

- 1) Gaden Jangtse Monastic School. 2) Gajang Medical Society.
- 3) Gaden Jangtse Library. 4) Gaden Jangtse Tibetan Herbal Medicals.
- And 5) 12 Khangtsens (Houses).

The Monastic syllabus and years to be continue:

When the novice is admitted in the monastery, he has to go to monastic school. Once he passes 8th class, he begins to study the main monastic syllabus (The Five Great Treatise of the Buddhist Philosophy) as shown below:

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Name of the class:

Years to be continue:

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| 1) Logic or Parmana: Buddhist Logical philosophy and Epistemology. | : | Three years course |
| 2) Parjanaparami :Extensive Deeds | : | Six Years course |
| 3) Madhyamika: Philosophy of Reflection of wisdom.: | : | Two years course |
| 4) Abhidharma: Buddhist Phenomenology, Metaphysics, And Cosmology. | : | Three years course |
| 5) Vinaya: Law of Morality and monastic Discipline: | : | Four years course. |
| 6) Tantra: The Utmost or Secret Philosophy: | : | One year course |

Once the student completes Abhidharma class, he has to attend Geluk-Pa Examination continuously for seven years, After passing the Geluk-Pa examination, he will be given title as Geshe Lharampa degree. Then he will go either Gyume or Gyutoe Tantric courses after finishing Tantric course he will be title as Geshe Ngarampa.

And then, finally one has to wait for **Gaden Tri -Pa, The highest seat or the throne holder of Gyelukpa Sect of the Tibetan Buddhism .**

Every year around 17 to 20 monks are passing Geshe Lharampa degree. Some of them they remain here in the monastery to teach Buddha Dharma to the fellow monks and some of them are appointed as a religious instructor/teachers at different schools in India and abroad.

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