

About Gaden Jangtse Monastery

Gaden was founded by Je-Rinpoche (Lama Tsong-kha Pa) in 1409. Je-Rinpoche is the founder of Ge-luk-pa tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, situated near Lhasa-the Capital of Tibet.

Gaden Jangtse Monastery 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 be 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 nearly 2000, which now includes all different age groups. The youngest novice is 6 and the oldest monk is 96 or so. 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 became too small and therefore, after a long discussion of the heads of the monastery like Ven.Khen Ripoche 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 by 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 outside world for the time being.

Every day, almost hundreds of people from different nationality and religion have been visiting Gaden Jangtse Monastic College and they are deeply impressed by 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:

Name of the class: Years to be continue:

- 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 Gyudmed Monastery or Gyuto Monastery for their Tantric courses after finishing Tantric course he will be title as Geshe (equivalent to PhD in Philosophy).

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