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Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche News

In early March 2013, Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche began an extended meditation retreat. Rinpoche is in good health and we rejoice that he has this opportunity to enter retreat.

Dilgo Khyentse Yangsi Rinpoche has suggested that students and friends join the Shechen Sangha in reciting long life prayers and making aspirations for the fulfillment of Rabjam Rinpoche's Dharma activities for the benefit of all beings. Activities at Shechen Monasteries and Nunnery will, of course, continue as usual.

[Click this link to download a copy of Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche's Long Life Prayer](#)

Dilgo Khyentse Yangsi Rinpoche's Activities



This has been a busy year for Dilgo Khyentse Yangsi Rinpoche. He suspended his private studies in Bhutan with Khenpo Yeshe Gyaltzen in order to attend a three-month series of empowerments of the Damngak Dzo given by Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche in Bir, India. When they were finished, he went straight to Bodhgaya for the annual Nyingma Monlam, which was followed by the oral transmissions of the entire collection of teachings and practices by Lama Mipham Rinpoche. This precious transmission was bestowed by Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche, details of which you can read in a separate

article below ... [\(read more\)](#)

Annual Drupchen Ceremonies and Tsechu Cham



Annually in the “Miracle Month” Shechen Monastery in Nepal welcomes the Tibetan New Year with drupchens and other ceremonies to purify obstacles and invoke blessings, harmony, and auspiciousness.

The Minling Dorsem Drupchen and the Tsokchen Dupa Drupchens have been performed every year at Shechen Tennyi Dargyeling in Nepal since its main temple was built in the early 1980’s. In 2010, the year of the centenary of the birth of Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche introduced four more drupchens. These are conducted at the same time as the Tsokchen Dupa in different temples in the monastery. The five ceremonies, known as the “Five Ka’ma

Drupchens”, are performed according to Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche’s original vision... [\(read more\)](#)

Graduation & exam results

The exam results and graduation ceremonies took place after Tibetan New Year. This year there were two graduates from shedra, earning the title ‘lopon’. To earn this title the student must pass 9 years of Shedra Studies (Philosophical College) and have been assistant teacher (chorpon) in their final 4 years of study. After graduation as lopon, a further 5 years of service as a teacher needs to be performed before they are conferred the title “Khenpo”.

Since the shedra studies were introduced at Shechen in 1988 there have been more than 42 graduate Lopons, and around 20 attaining the title of Khenpo.

Sixty Children Join the Monastery



This year Shechen Monastery in Nepal admitted 60 young monks to the Elementary School division of the monastery. This brings the number of children under 14 years old being cared for by the monastery to 115!

A majority of the new students come from remote regions of Nepal: Dolpo, Tamang, Sherpa and Mugum. They range in age from seven to thirteen. Their parents brought them to the monastery to receive an education that is lacking in remote areas. A few of the children came because they had their own wish to become monks. There are also three Bhutanese and one Tibetan child. [\(read more here, and on how you can sponsor a young monk\)](#)

Shechen Nuns Install Solar Panels



In 2012, under the auspices of Karuna-Shechen, four nuns from Shechen Orgyen Chodzong Nunnery in Bhutan trained to become solar engineers at the Barefoot College in India. They joined an international group of women training at the college.

In March the nuns installed 100 sets of solar home lighting systems—40 sets at the Shechen retreat center in Namu Buddha, Nepal, and 60 sets in two nearby villages in the Banepa Valley. The nuns will be collaborating with a Nepali woman from one of the villages to set up a solar repair workshop and maintain the solar systems after the nuns leave ... [\(read more\)](#)

Mipham Transmission in Bodhgaya



In February, at the request of the Ngagyur Kama Tradition Preservation Association (NKTPA) and others, Shechen Rabjam Rinpoche bestowed the entire transmission of the writings of Mipham Rinpoche at the Nyingma Monlam Temple complex in Bodhgaya. Mipham Rinpoche (1846-1912), a key figure in the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, was one of the most influential thinkers, writers, philosophers, and expounders of the Dharma of the last century. His writings cover a wide range of topics, including Buddhist philosophy, sutra, tantra, vinaya, astrology, and divination. They also include biographies, prayers, meditation instruction, and advice on the spiritual path. He was also one of the most famous expounders of the Rime (non-sectarian) movement in Tibet. ... ([read more](#))

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