



JANGCHUB CHOELING  
NUNNERY



The Ven. Ani Choyang

## LIBRARY & LEARNING CENTER



## ABOUT US

The Nuns STEM Leadership Project is dedicated to partnering with the Jangchub Choeling nunnery represented by Venerable Ani Choyang of the Doeguling Tibetan Settlement, Mundgod, India, and The Tibet Fund in support of establishing a new and critically needed Library and Learning Center at Jangchub Choeling nunnery.

The facility is part of Jangchub Choeling monastery, which is located at Doeguling, Mundgod in South India. This is home to the largest concentration of monastics with over 5000 monks and 285 nuns.

## OUR VISION

The **Library and Learning Center** will be located at Jangchub Choeling nunnery. Significant updates, additions, and expansion to the nun's current facilities are essential for the nuns to preserve traditional knowledge and make its benefits accessible around the world.

New facilities will also provide opportunities for rigorous English, math and science education, so the nuns can complement their traditional studies and communicate their knowledge to a broader, modern audience. The **Library and Learning Center** will include a desperately needed library with a rich collection of books including all sects of Buddhism (and science, math, Chinese, and English) and contemplative topics, classrooms, discussion rooms, computer lab, science lab, and conference hall.

## LEADERSHIP

The Venerable Ani Choyang is the coordinator for the **Library and Learning Center** project. She is a resident nun, one of the nunnery's science teachers and the Director of Science at the Jangchub Choeling nunnery.

## LEADERSHIP CONT.

The Venerable Ani Choyang from Mundgod, India. Ven. Choyang escaped from Tibet as a teenager at the age of 18. She became a nun in 2003 under the guidance of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. Ven. Choyang received the Rapjampa Degree (similar to a Master's degree) in 2022 after completing a 17-year course in Buddhist Studies.

Ven. Choyang is a Tenzin Gyatso Science Scholar and the first nun from Tibet to attend a 2-year science training program at Emory University as part of the Emory Tibet Science Initiative. Last fall, she participated in the pilot year of an in-depth research training internship in the theory and methods of neuroscience at Northwestern University. Currently Ven. Choyang is on the cutting edge of integrating Buddhism and Science (sometimes with reserve), being part of a lucid dream and dream yoga research team with the lab of Dr. Ken Paller of Northwestern University and a team in India, and her future hopes for the education of lay and monastic women.

**Donations** inside the USA can be made to **The Tibet Fund**.

Please indicate "**Library and Learning Center**" as the beneficiary.

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## THE NUNNERY

Jangchub Choeling Nunnery is an educational institution for women who vigorously pursue the study of Buddhist scriptures, in the Nalanda tradition, culminating in the Geshema Degree (Doctoral Degree). It is a place dedicated to women who have taken monastic vows.

With the vision and support of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Jangchub Choeling Nunnery was founded in 1987.

In 1986, a small prayer hall was built with the help of the Tibetan government in exile and the Regional Tibetan Woman Association. Disused houses belonging to neighboring nursing homes were renovated. A year later in 1987, the first 18 nuns from the local Tibetan settlement in Mundgod moved into the nunnery.

Since the establishment of the nunnery in Mundgod, South India, the nuns have taken on various projects in order to further their mission of developing and progressing the (approx.) 285 nuns living at the nunnery. Some past projects include building of a temple and hostel accommodation. Some forthcoming projects include design and building of a classroom, library, office and conference hall.

Today, there are about 285 nuns who call Jangchub Choeling nunnery their home. The nuns range from the age of 7 to 80 years old. Most of the nuns are from Tibet and also different parts of India, and there are nuns from many other parts of the world.

This inaugural phase which provides the key elements of the **Library and Learning Center** will cost \$300,000. *The nunnery itself has agreed to **match any donations** up to a total of \$50,000.* The Tibet Fund and friends of Wisdom Lotus Foundation will **match all donations** at \$2,500 and above, up to a total of \$100,000. **We have two matching challenges** to allow for the fulfillment of the dream of this project.



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