

KHACHODLING

PROJECTS OF KHANDRO THRINLAY CHODON

SANI NUNS NEED YOUR HELP

In the remote sacred land of Zanskar the Khachodling nuns have been living a life of purity and authentic simple practice for over 15 years. Under the guidance of Khandro Thrinlay Chodon their impressive achievements include building a gompa, a simple communal kitchen and individual mud huts. They have even planted over 500 trees and established a greenhouse to provide vegetables during the harsh winter months.

The nuns must now rebuild their kitchen which has caved in due to the impact of global warming. Previously the snow was dry and lightweight on the roofs, it has now become heavy and wet, causing the roof to collapse. We need your assistance to fund the building works which must be completed before the freezing, snowy winter sets in. Will you help?





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The sacred land of Zanskar is renowned for its holy sites and spiritual power. It has attracted great meditators since early Buddhist times. Naropa realised enlightenment in the caves at Dzongkul then flew to Sani where due to the unshakeable devotion of local Zanskaris he left his own hair in a spontaneously emerged statue replica of himself. Guru Rinpoche meditated on the charnel grounds at Sani village then in a remote cave above. Most auspiciously, our very own Khachodling female hermitage is perched on the very site of an 18th century nunnery built by the distinguished yogi, Drupchen Ngawang Tsering. On this site many great beings actualised the ultimate truth and to this day you can feel the power of their blessings.

Our Khachodling nuns have been living a life of purity and authentic simple practice on this site for over 15 years now. They have accomplished a lot since the Nunnery began with the guidance, support and inspiration of Khandro Thrinlay Chodon. They have built the gompa, simple communal kitchen and individual mud huts. They have built a sturdy stone-wall to keep out wandering animals and have planted 500 trees which will eventually create a lush surrounding habitat. A greenhouse has been established to provide vegetables during the long harsh winters when crops can't be grown and heavy snowfalls prevent access to outside food sources (even the path to the local village is snowbound!). During the winters the female spiritual residents are engaged in intense Dharma practice and indoor crafts, leaving the outdoor practical tasks reserved for the summer.

The resourceful and enterprising nuns are developing projects that will help the nunnery become more self-sufficient. They've learnt how to build, market and sell solar lanterns; sell excess produce from the greenhouse to local townspeople and engage in basic carpet weaving.

Donations and practical help come from locals as well as Khandro Rinpoche's global Dharma community. Amongst the challenges they face in this remote location with scant resources, global warming is having a huge impact on the buildings in Zanskar. Basically the winters are becoming warmer and snowfall, which previously was dry and lightweight on the roofs, has now become heavy and wet even though not as much snow falls most years. The wet snow does not suit their traditional roofs, which were simply made of twigs and hay. So now the roofs are collapsing and our Sani hermitage roofs are no exception. The existing meagre kitchen can no longer withstand the impact of snow and rain; it has caved in. So now the entire building needs to be replaced with a properly designed kitchen, storage and communal eating area that all has a newly designed sturdy roof construction that will resist wet and heavy snow.

Cost estimate to rebuild the kitchen is USD$25,000. And we are seeking urgent donations to help fund this vital project. The summer season is the only time to build and it must be commenced in this upcoming summer which is only months away.

Please know that building costs in Zanskar are about double the usual Indian rates due to its remoteness. Many of the materials have to come from at least 20 hours of rugged drive away. There is no wood available to purchase in the Zanskar valley and carpenters are very expensive because there are so few in the area.

Smaller donations are also required as the nuns are desperately short of basic kitchen utensils. So please consider contributing towards the following items so that the nuns can give their battered old pots the flick! A boiler, 2 rice cookers, one very large cooking pot, good thermos flasks and dinner plates are all needed.

Read more about our Sani Khachodling hermitage : http://www.khachodling.org/hermitages.html

Read more about the remote Himalayan region of Zanskar https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zanskar

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* Khandro Rinpoche's younger brother Sey Jigme last year offered a gold and silver stupa in which to sit these precious relics.