

TIBETAN NUNS PROJECT A New Truck for Shugsep Nunnery and Institute

There is a wonderful opportunity to help the nuns of Shugsep Nunnery and Institute by helping them purchase a new multi-purpose truck.

The nunnery's old pick-up truck which was donated by a Tibetan supporter has now broken down. It is so old that there are no longer parts readily available for it and there are major problems with the brakes.

The nuns need a new, four-seat pick-up truck with plenty of space so that they can transport groceries, vegetables from the market, and heavy materials. It will also be

used to take nuns to hospital in cases of medical emergency.



The total estimated cost of the multipurpose pickup is US \$10,700 (Indian rupees 671,000).

There are 3 ways you can help the nuns purchase the vehicle:

- 1. By making a gift online at www.tnp.org
- 2. Calling the office at 1-206-652-8901
- 3. Mailing a check to:
 The Tibetan Nuns Project
 815 Seattle Boulevard South #216
 Seattle, WA 98134 USA

About Shugsep Nunnery and Institute

<u>Shugsep Nunnery and Institute</u>, re-established in northern India, is a Nyingma nunnery and is home to about 80 nuns. Last century the original Shugsep Nunnery in Tibet was home to one of the most illustrious female practitioners of her time, <u>Shugsep Jetsunma</u>.

After the Cultural Revolution in 1959, the Chinese authorities forced the nuns to leave Shugsep and the nunnery in Tibet was completely destroyed. Although the nunnery was rebuilt in 1980s by the nuns themselves, they faced frequent harassment.

So to preserve their tradition, Shugsep Nunnery was constructed in Dharamsala and was graciously inaugurated by His Holiness the Dalai Lama on 7th December 2010. The majority of the nuns studying come from the original Shugsep in Tibet. They have the opportunity to participate in a nine-year academic program of Buddhist philosophy, debate, Tibetan language and English.