

Continuation of the letter from Tsering Dolma

*Sometimes we even had been refused to have some food in highway restaurants.*

*So I am quite happy to be back to Jammu Hostel, a very secure place for all of us. I will always study well and work hard so that all effort of Shambhala members and our parents may not go waste. I am very grateful for all of them for giving us so much help on our education. You all have decorated our face and our parent's face with a smile. At last I pray that God bless all of you with long life.*

*Many Julay, Tsering Dolma*

**We would like to join Tsering Dolma at this point and thank from the bottom of our hearts all those who have supported the school project so far! At the same time we ask again for your help so that we can continue to accompany the children in Jamyang Ling in these times of crisis!**

## How You can support our school Jamyang Ling

- **Membership of Shambhala e.V.**  
(yearly fees € 60,-)
- **Sponsoring 1 Zanskari child monthly 20,-**
- **One time donations**

**Due to the non-profit status of Shambhala e.V., tax-deductible donation receipts can be issued for all donations.**

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**Thank You for Your further support!**



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## Shambhala e.V.



**Zanskar Connection 2021**

## Thank You for Your help!

In the last issue of our Zanskar Connection, we reported on the plight that our school project Jamyang Ling in Zanskar had come into due to the pandemic. We were not sure if we could continue to pay the salaries of the teachers and the maintenance of the school. Thanks to the great willingness to donate, we were finally able to pay the outstanding winter salaries and to keep the school running - as far as this was possible within the legal framework. Many thanks for this! We hope that we can continue to count on your generous support!

It was a very turbulent school year, which was mostly due to the events surrounding Coronavirus: hopes and fears flared up again and again in the Spring and Summer, following several complete school closures. Then came tentative openings, but these were always short-lived. For the entire teaching staff and all students, it was a huge challenge to deal with these ever-changing situations and regulations. Especially the very small ones have suffered. They are still not allowed to stay in the hostel. This is reserved for the older students from the fourth grade.



## Homeschooling in a different way - Teachers on the road in Zanskar

The school had opened as usual at the beginning of March. Only to be closed again after ten days at the height of the Coronavirus wave in India. Since the teachers of Jamyang Ling come from very different and distant parts of the country, everyone stayed on site and waited for things to happen. In view of this unsatisfactory stagnation, it was then a great and creative initiative to bring the lessons during the lockdown, which began in April, to the sometimes widely and scattered villages and houses. So the teachers went out, brought new homework and corrected the old ones. On the one hand, this meant that some lessons could be held.



At the same time, social contacts with the students and their parents were maintained. Butter tea and cookies were of course always part of it! It was not until the first week of September that classes in Raru resumed. And that only for classes 4 upwards. Weeks later younger students joined.

Very helpful in this homeschooling action was the support of Tundup Dorjay, a former student of Jamyang Ling, who made his well-equipped office available as Agriculture Extension Officer in Padum.

Once again we became aware of the great development we can look back on over the last 25 years: a former 98% illiteracy rate has now been replaced by hundreds of school graduates. Among them are doctors at university, several nurses, many teachers and also the first female engineer in road construction in Ladakh!



This year, Stanzin Tsenla from Testa was able to celebrate a very special school graduation from 12th class of Kotwal National Teaching Institute in Jammu: With a 96% pass rate in all her exams, she was the 7th best in the entire administrative district of Jammu. We showed her our appreciation with a certificate and

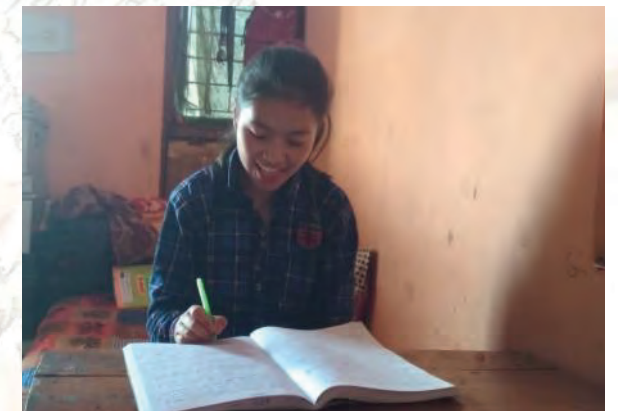


a scholarship for the ever best result given by a JLMS student.

Consequently, she has just received her admission to Delhi University. Of course, we congratulated her especially on this. Just as we appreciate the success of all school leavers.

Recently we received a touching letter from Tsering Dolma from Shila village. She is in 10th grade and lives in our hostel in Jammu. She stands for many of our students and so we would like to let her speak for herself:

*My name is Tsering Dolma and I am from Shila village in Zanskar. I have 5 brothers and 3 sisters. My father died five years back so my mother had to take care of*



*As you all know we had been suffering a lot during this pandemic last 2 years. Coming back from my home in Zanskar to Jammu we had to pass a lot of check points along the road side where they checked temperature.*

**Shambhala member meeting 2022  
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