Investing in the Nuns to be the «Agents of Social Change» in Bhutan

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Dr. Tashi Zangmo – a life dedicated to underprivileged women

Tashi Zangmo’s childhood experience inspired her to champion the cause of underprivileged women and girls through educating Buddhist Nuns in Bhutan. As a student in the United States, she also raised funds to start the Bhutan Nuns Foundation, an organization that will facilitate to elevate the education for the young nuns in Bhutan.

Thus, right after she received her PhD Degree in 2009, Tashi returned to her home country and started the Bhutan Nuns Foundation (BNF) under the patronage of Her Majesty, the Queen Mother, Ashi Tshering Yangdon Wangchuck. The Foundation’s mission is to provide adequate learning opportunities and improve the basic living conditions of every Nunnery in Bhutan. So that the nuns of Bhutan will in turn benefit the women and young girls in the larger Bhutanese society as role models. The Bhutan Nuns Foundation also plans to create a Higher Buddhist Learning Center (equivalent to University) that will be open to all Bhutanese nuns seeking higher education in Buddhist studies, as well as to provide a space for the general women in Bhutan who are in thirst of learning Buddhism.

Tashi Zangmo has a Bachelor’s Degree in Buddhist Higher Studies from the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies in Sarnath, Varanasi, India. In 1999 Tashi earned her second Bachelor’s degree as a student at Mount Holyoke College, in Development Studies in the United States. She then earned a Master’s and PhD degree in International Education from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

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