

# TABLE OF YEARLONG PROGRAM FOLLOWED IN GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY

## JANUARY 2010

## GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
			<b>1</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>2</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>3</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>4</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings
<b>5</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>6</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>7</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>8</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>9</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>10</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>11</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings
<b>12</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>13</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings	<b>14</b> Vacation for Bodhgaya teachings <i>Posadha day</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Gunchoe I</i>	<b>16</b> Puja for welfare of sangha community	<b>17</b> Puja for welfare of sangha community	<b>18</b> <i>Day for change Torma</i> , annual event.
<b>19</b> Break	<b>20</b> Break	<b>21</b> Break	<b>22</b> Break	<b>23</b> <i>Puja for long life to His Holiness Dalai Lama</i>	<b>24</b> Break	<b>25</b> <i>Tsog day</i>
<b>26</b> <i>Republic day of India.</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Gunchoe II</i> Monthly protector worship day	<b>28</b> <i>Gunchoe II</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Gunchoe II</i> <i>Posadha day</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Gunchoe II</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Gunchoe II</i>	Note : The programme is "subject to change"

*Posadha day* : Fortnightly ceremony day for purification and restoration of vows.

*Day for change Torma* : A day to change tormas kept for whole year.

*Tsog day* : A holy day for tantric practitioners to do tsog offering.

*Puja for long life to His Holiness Dalai Lama* : This is an important event held on eighth day of every Tibetan month.

*Gunchoe I* : First debate semester of winter.

*Gunchoe II* : Second debate semester of winter.

# FEBRUARY 2010

# GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
						<b>1</b> <i>Protector worship ritual day</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Protector worship ritual day</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Khangtsen Losar</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Khangtsen Losar</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Khangtsen Losar</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Khangtsen Losar</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Khangtsen Losar</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Tsog day</i> End of <i>Gunchoe II</i>
<b>9</b> Break	<b>10</b> Break	<b>11</b> Break	<b>12</b> Break	<b>13</b> <i>Posadha day</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Tibetan New Year</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Tibetan New Year</i>
<b>16</b> <i>Tibetan New Year</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Tibetan New Year</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Tibetan New Year</i>	<b>19</b> Break	<b>20</b> Seat allocation for <i>Grand prayer Festival</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Grand Prayer Festival</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Grand Prayer Festival</i> <b>Puja for long life to HH Dalai Lama.</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Grand Prayer Festival</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Grand Prayer Festival.</i> <b>Tsog day</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Grand Prayer Festival. Monthly protector worship day.</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Grand Prayer Festival</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Grand Prayer Festival</i>	<b>28</b> <b>Day celebrated for display of miracle by Buddha.</b> <b>Posadha day</b>	Note : The programme is "subject to change"

**Khangtsen Losar** : The houses celebrate New Year in advance.

**Tibetan New Year** : New Year (LOSAR) according to Tibetan lunar calendar.

**Posadha day** : Fortnightly ceremony day for purification and restoration of vows.

**Tsog day** : A holy day for tantric practitioners to do tsog offering.

**Grand Prayer Festival** : Celebrated to commemorate Buddha's miraculous victory over his rivals.

**Gunchoe II** : Second debate semester of winter.

**Monthly protector worship day** : Ritual offerings to the protectors done on this day of every month.

**Puja for long life to His Holiness Dalai Lama** : This is an important event held on eighth day of every Tibetan month.

**Protector worship ritual day** : A special day reserved in every major debate semester to worship the major Buddhist Protectors.

# MARCH 2010

# GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
						<b>1</b> <i>Torma offering day</i>
<b>2</b> <i>Welcome reception to Metraiya Buddha</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Earth blessing ritual and Mandala creation</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Earth blessing ritual and Mandala creation</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Earth blessing ritual and Mandala creation</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Earth blessing ritual and Mandala creation</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Taktse Dubcho ritual day</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Taktse Dubcho ritual day</i>
<b>9</b> <i>Taktse Dubcho ritual day</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Tsog day, Fire Puja, Tibetan uprising day.</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Offering of blessed sand to Naga</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Break</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Break</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Posadha day</i>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i> <b>Puja for long life to HH Dalai Lama</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i> <b>Tsog day</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>27</b> <i>Inter class debate competition.</i> Monthly protector worship day	<b>28</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>29</b> <i>Posadha day</i>
<b>30</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Inter class debate competition</i>					Note : The programme is "subject to change"

**Welcome reception to Metraiya Buddha** : An important part of the Grand Prayer Festival.

**Torma offering day** : An important part of the Grand Prayer Festival.

**Inter class debate competition** : A program introduced for this year.

**Posadha day** : Fortnightly ceremony day for purification and restoration of vows.

**Earth blessing ritual and Mandala creation** : Preparation for Taktse Drubcho.

**Taktse Dubcho ritual day** : Day long ritual of auto-initiation of 13 deity Yamentaka.

**Tsog day** : A holy day for tantric practitioners to do tsog offering. **Tibetan uprising day** : Commemoration of Tibetan uprising against Chinese invasion on 10/3/1959.

**Fire Puja** : In this puja offered various ingredients to the deity in a special ritual on completion of the Taktse Drubcho.

**Puja for long life to His Holiness Dalai Lama** : This is an important event held on eighth day of every Tibetan month.

# APRIL 2010

# GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		1 Inter class debate competition	2 Inter class debate competition	3 Self study time to prepare for Annual Exam	4 Self study time to prepare for Annual Exam	5
6 Self study time to prepare for Annual Exam	7 Self study time to prepare for Annual Exam	8 <i>Annual Examination</i>	9 <i>Annual Examination</i> <i>Tsog day</i>	10 <i>Annual Examination</i>	11 <i>Annual Examination</i>	12
13 <i>Posadha day</i>	14 <i>Annual Examination</i>	15 <i>Annual Examination</i>	16 <i>Annual Examination</i>	17 <i>Annual Examination</i>	18 <i>Annual Examination</i>	19
20 <i>Annual Examination</i>	21 Break	22 <i>Puja for long life to HH Dalia Lama</i> <i>Entertainment</i>	23 <i>Entertainment</i>	24 <i>Entertainment</i>	25 <i>Entertainment</i> Monthly protector worship day	26
27 <i>Thepo Chora</i>	28 <i>Posadha day</i> <i>Choechod day</i>	29 <i>Geshe Chothi Dhamcha</i>	30 <i>Geshe Tsogsok Dhamcha</i>			Note : The programme is "subject to change"

**Annual Examination :** Most important examination for the junior students till they join University.

**Entertainment :** On completion of exam students are given few days off with entertainment.

**Geshe Chothi Dhamcha :** Traditional exam in the debate courtyard for chosen candidates only.

**Thepo Chora :** First debate semester in every Tibetan lunar calendar year.

**Choechod Day :** Special prayer chanting day in every major debate semester.

**Tsog day :** A holy day for tantric practitioners to do tsog offering.

**Posadha day :** Fortnightly ceremony day for purification and restoration of vows.

**Puja for long life to His Holiness Dalai Lama :** This is an important event held on eighth day of every Tibetan month.

# MAY 2010

# GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Note : The programme is "subject to change"				1 Protector worship ritual day	2 Protector worship ritual day	3
4 <i>Lingse Dhamcha</i>	5 <i>Lingse Dhamcha</i>	6 Selection of candidates for debate in Prayer gathering	7 Selection of candidates for debate in Prayer gathering	8 <i>Thepo Chora Tsog day</i>	9 <i>Kagyur recitation day</i>	10 <i>Kagyur recitation day</i>
11 Break	12 <i>Posadha day</i>	13 Break	14 Break	15 Break	16 Break	17
18 Break	19 Break	20 Break	21 First day of <i>Sangphu Yarchoe Puja for long life to HH Dalai Lama</i>	22 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	23 <i>Tsog day</i>	24
25 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i> Monthly protector worship	26 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	27 <i>Tibetan version of Wesak Day.</i> <i>Posadha day.</i> <i>Choechod day</i>	28 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	29 Music examination	30 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	31

**Lingse Dhamcha** : Traditional exam in the debate courtyard for chosen candidates.

**Kagyur recitation day** : On this day the holy gathering of Sangha recites whole Buddhist Cannon.

**Sangphu Yarchoe** : An important debate semester of the year. This falls in the holy month of Saga Dawa.

**Tibetan version of Wesak Day** : 15/4 of Tibetan Calendar is commemorated for Buddha's birth, enlightenment and parinirvana.

**Posadha day** : Fortnightly ceremony day for purification and restoration of vows. **Thepo Chora** : First debate semester in every Tibetan lunar calendar year.

**Choechod Day** : Special prayer chanting day in every major debate semester.

**Tsog day** : A holy day for tantric practitioners to do tsog offering.

**Puja for long life to His Holiness Dalai Lama** : This is an important event held on eighth day of every Tibetan month.

# JUNE 2010

# GADEN SHARTSE MONASTERY

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
1 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	2 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	3 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	4 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	5 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	6 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i> <i>Recitation of Gyen/Jug text</i>	7 <i>Tsog day</i>
8 Rehearsal of vocals for Protector worship chanting	9 Rehearsal of vocals for Protector worship chanting	10 <i>Protector worship ritual day.</i>	11 <i>Protector worship ritual day.</i> <i>Posadha day</i>	12 Lhasang offerings in Dratsang	13 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	14
15 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	16 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	17 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	18 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	19 <i>Puja for long life to HH Dalai Lama</i> <i>Shensel Dhamcha</i>	20 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	21 <i>Tsog day</i>
22 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	23 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i> Monthly protector worship day	24 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	25 <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	26 <i>Posadha day</i> <i>Zamling Chisang</i> End of <i>Sangphu Yarchoe</i>	27 Break	28
29 Break	30 Break					Note : The programme is "subject to change"

*Recitation of Gyen / Jug text* : A special day reserved in every major debate semester for recitation of two important texts.

*Protector worship ritual day* : A special day reserved in every major debate semester to worship the major Protectors.

*Shensel Dhamcha* : First ever traditional exam for the selected candidates in the course of monastic training.

*Zamling Chisang* : Day to worship the deities according to Tibetan Astrological calculations.

*Posadha day* : Fortnightly ceremony day for purification and restoration of vows.

*Tsog day* : A holy day for tantric practitioners to do tsog offering.

*Sangphu Yarchoe* : An important debate semester of the year. This falls in the holy month of Saga Dawa.

*Puja for long life to His Holiness Dalai Lama* : This is an important event held on eighth day of every Tibetan month.