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## Message From The Chairman

The year 2018 was yet another fruitful year for the Jangsa Animal Saving Trust (JAST) and many of our regular projects and activities were successfully carried out.

The JAST managed to touch lives of thousands of animals in Bhutan; saved animals from an imminent slaughter with the practice of tsethar (life liberation), rescued animal in distress and provided free medical treatment and care to the sick and injured animals. And last but not the least in 2018 JAST conceived and carried out a new educative advocacy program called 'Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen' (the path towards immeasurable compassion). Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen is an awareness campaign that talks on issues related to street dogs and it seeks to bring down the dog bite cases by imparting the scientific knowledge on how to avoid a dog bite to the preprimary students. The first Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen was conducted at Etho Meto primary school with stunning results, which provided as an impetus to replicate the same effects in other venues around the Thimphu city and in Gelephu, Sarpang.

Apart from the awareness campaign, the JAST carried out its core activities of rescuing animals involved in motor accidents, running of 22 shelters (19 in Bhutan and 3 in Kalimpong, India), and other animal welfare-related tasks.

All our activities were a success stories thanks to our biggest supporter the Foundation Brigitte Bardot (FBB), who is our primary donor, other donors, stakeholders and friends, members, volunteers (both registered and unregistered), a dedicated team of JAST staffs and our well-wishers. With such level of supports, we are confident that JAST is on the right path toward achieving our ultimate goal of creating a compassionate society in Bhutan and beyond.



Lama Kuenzang Dorjee Rinpoche  
Chairman

## About Jangsa

Jangsa Animal Saving Trust was established by Lama Kunzang Dorjee Rinpoche in 2000 after a personal experience of 'auspicious coincidence' when five bulls appeared to seek refuge from the slaughterhouse at his main seat monastery of Jangsa Dechencholing. This incident of saving of the five bulls heralded the inception of Jangsa blessed by the spiritual patronage of Their H.H Kyabje Chatral Rinpoche and the 70th Je Khenpo -Trulku Jigme Choeda Rinpoche.

Jangsa is now a registered NGO engaged in the spiritual practice of Tsethar- 'saving of animal lives,' and actively involved in all fields of animal welfare-rescuing injured and sick animals, providing medical intervention and care, and maintaining animals in shelters, sanctuaries and pasturelands in Bhutan and India.

The higher purpose of Jangsa is to create the environs of active 'Compassion in Action' in the kingdom through the method of universal love for animals to ultimately inculcate the realization of Bodhicitta in all sentient beings.

By the truth of interdependence and the power of aspirations and dedications, Jangsa's activities are seeds that enhance the collective karma of our world and link all beings to activities of great merits. A key function of Jangsa is to collectively engage our younger generation, communities, private and public organizations, religious and government institutions in the ethos of 'Compassion in Action' and Bodhicitta.

Jangsa routinely engages with all our partners in all areas to uplift the plight of animals and enhance our collective karma, wherever possible. A successful intervention, a case in point, was our humble request granted by to the government for the institution of Anti-Cruelty and Animal Welfare Legislations in our Dharma Kingdom.

### *Vision*

To establish, maintain and advocate the spiritual practice of 'Tsethar,' or saving the lives of animals and involve in all fields of animal welfare to create environs of active 'Compassion in Action,' in the kingdom through the method of universal love for animals.

### ***Mission***

- a)** Collectively engage our younger generation, communities, religious, government institutions, private and public organization in the ethos of 'Compassion in Action.'
- b)** Collaborates with local authorities and policy makers for compassionate and humane interventions to uplift the plight of suffering animals.

### ***Objectives***

- a)** Promote compassionate treatment of all sentient beings, care for rescued animals and conduct Tsethar -the spiritual practice of saving lives.
- b)** Inspire people to treat animals more compassionately.
- c)** To promote education and learning, thereby fostering an enlightened and happy society in Bhutan.
- d)** Work with relevant stakeholder towards a stable dog population, healthy and rabies free Bhutan, and all programs related to providence of comprehensive wellbeing to all animals in the kingdom.

## Executive Summary

Jangsa Animal Saving Trust is in its 6th year of active engagement as a registered Civil Society Organization working towards the comprehensive well-being of animals. Though in the past, Jangsa has been engaged in saving lives of the animals that are bound for eminent slaughter, with the need of the time -Jangsa's activities has increased exponentially. The trust is now actively involved in all fields of animal welfare such as rescuing of animals in distress, medical intervention and care, awareness and advocacy, maintaining animal sanctuaries across the country, promotion of dog adoption and sterilization. All the aforementioned activities were carried out mainly to ensure efficient delivery of information, to have improved mobilization of resources, better coordination in our activities of animal welfare and promote compassionate treatment of all sentient beings and care for rescued animals.

This year Jangsa reached out to more than a thousand animals and treated 374 patients at our ward. Jangsa saw mark increase in animals involved in vehicle accidents and to create awareness on the issue we plan to erect animal welfare signboards along the highways. When it comes to tsethar (life liberation) 10,000+ animals (pigs, goats, bulls, birds, fishes and yaks) saved from imminent death and tsethar activities were carried out in collaboration with the Royal Monetary Authority (RMA) to commemorate the 2nd Birth Anniversary of Noble Gyalsey and to dedicate the merits for the well-being, good health and happiness of the Noble Gyalsey. This year Jangsa launched new education awareness program called *Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen* (creating a harmonious living environment for all). The program talk on issues related to stray dog and teaches people the scientific techniques to avoid a dog bite. The first *Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen* was conducted at Etho Metho Primary School in Thimphu on October 25. The program reached out to thousands of audiences in seven different venues in Thimphu with pertinent messages and it was well received by the public.



Tshering Dorjee  
Executive Director



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## Comprehensive List Of Jangsa's Activities

The following is a comprehensive list of Jangsa's activity carried each year. The list is intended to offer the readers at a glance the panoramic view of our activities. Please note the list is arranged randomly, without necessarily placing the most important activities at the top. Some of the important activities are described in detail in this Annual Report.

SL#	Activity	Description	
1	<b>Tsethar</b>	<b>a) Tsethar</b>	life liberation of various animals.
		<b>b) Gyalsey Zhiwai Jungney</b>	A yearly mass tsethar solely funded by the Throne for the well beings of Gyalsey (The crowned prince).
2	<b>Animal Rescue &amp; Medical Care</b>	One of the Jangsa's biggest and regular operations is to rescue animals in distress & provide them with pre and post medical care.	
3	<b>Education Awareness programs</b>	<b>a) Zhiwai Lamtoen</b>	The nationwide vegetarian advocacy program on vegetarianism and choice of food.
		<b>b) Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen</b>	The nationwide educative program on stray dog issues.
		<b>c) Saga Dawa</b>	Jangsa carry out vegetarianism program during Saga Dawa (meat ban month) in Thimphu.
4	<b>Running of Animal Shelters &amp; Sanctuaries</b>	Jangsa runs 22 shelters (19 in 11 Dzongkhags of Bhutan and 3 in Kalimpong, India).	
5	<b>Sterilization campaign</b>	Jangsa regularly conduct sterilization of stray dogs to humanely reduce their populations and to resolve issues related to the stray dogs. Jangsa conduct two types of periodic sterilizations in collaboration with the government: <b>a)</b> periodic sterilization from our shelter in Serbithang, Thimphu and <b>b)</b> mass sterilization on adhoc basis in various	

		places within Bhutan.	
7	<b>Volunteer activities</b>	<b>a) Shelter cleanup</b>	Our animal shelter is cleaned up on regularly basis by volunteers to maintain sanitation, for healthier and happier animals.
		<b>b) Food and vegetables collections</b>	Jangsa collects food and vegetables from the vegetable vendors and eateries for the sheltered animals on a regular basis with help of volunteers.
	<b>Volunteer and membership drive</b>	Another biggest endeavor of Jangsa is to raise numbers of volunteers and members.	
	<b>Meeting with the members</b>	This is the bi-yearly meeting with our members, where we give a presentation on how their money is use, in which projects and how their money benefited the animals etc.	

## **Tsethar; Life Liberation**

In observance of the auspicious second birth anniversary of Noble Gyalsey, Jangsa Animal Saving Trust conducted its tsethar kurim program starting 31st of January 2018. Early in the morning before the sun rise, lives of 10,100 fishes were released along with the offering of 1000 butter lamps at Pema Yoedling monastery in Gelephu to make auspicious commencement for the entire program.

The day was auspicious as it coincided with most auspicious day (sok-za) of the noble Gyalsey. Lama Kunzang Dorjee Rinpoche and his monks performed Tsethar Choga and Moenlam for the good health, happiness and long life of noble Gyalsey.

The vision of Jangsa is to establish, maintain and advocate the Buddhist practice of Tsethar in keeping with the highest ethos of the Dharma kingdom of Bhutan.

Jangsa fully realizes that it is impractical to buy every animal headed for the slaughter house. This is beyond the means of even the richest man, king, association or institution in the world. However, Jangsa believes that it is indeed expedient and necessary to practice



and advocate ‘Tsethar’ - the saving of animal lives in the Dharma kingdom of Bhutan, towards the fostering of much greater, vast and immeasurable ends.

This vast view of Tsethar is inscribed in the defining philosophy of Jangsa as Lama Kunzang Dorjee Rinpoche, the founder of Jangsa, instructs –“Animals are the means and Bodhicitta is the aim. Tsethar, as a skillful method of the Dharma, is the most meritorious act of creating a supreme Tendrel or karmic links between the saved animals, sponsors, volunteers and well-wishers.



*Tsethar of cattle in Tsirang*

**Life liberation of animals in commemoration of Birth anniversary of Gyalsey and butterlamps offering in 2018**

SL#	Animals	Tsethar place	Date
1	8 pigs	Lhuentse	January 31, 2018
2	30 goats, 5 bulls and 108 pigeons	Kalimpong, India	February 1, 2018
3	13 bulls and 10 goats	Tsirang	February 2, 2018
4	6 yaks	Chamgang, Thimphu	February 2, 2018
5	30,000 fishes (1000 kg)	Gandhi Ghat, Kolkata, India	February 4, 2018

**February 3:** 1000 butterlamps offering at Chamgang Tempa Kundra.

**February 5:** 1000 butter lamps offering and serving porridge at Memorial Chorten, Thimphu.



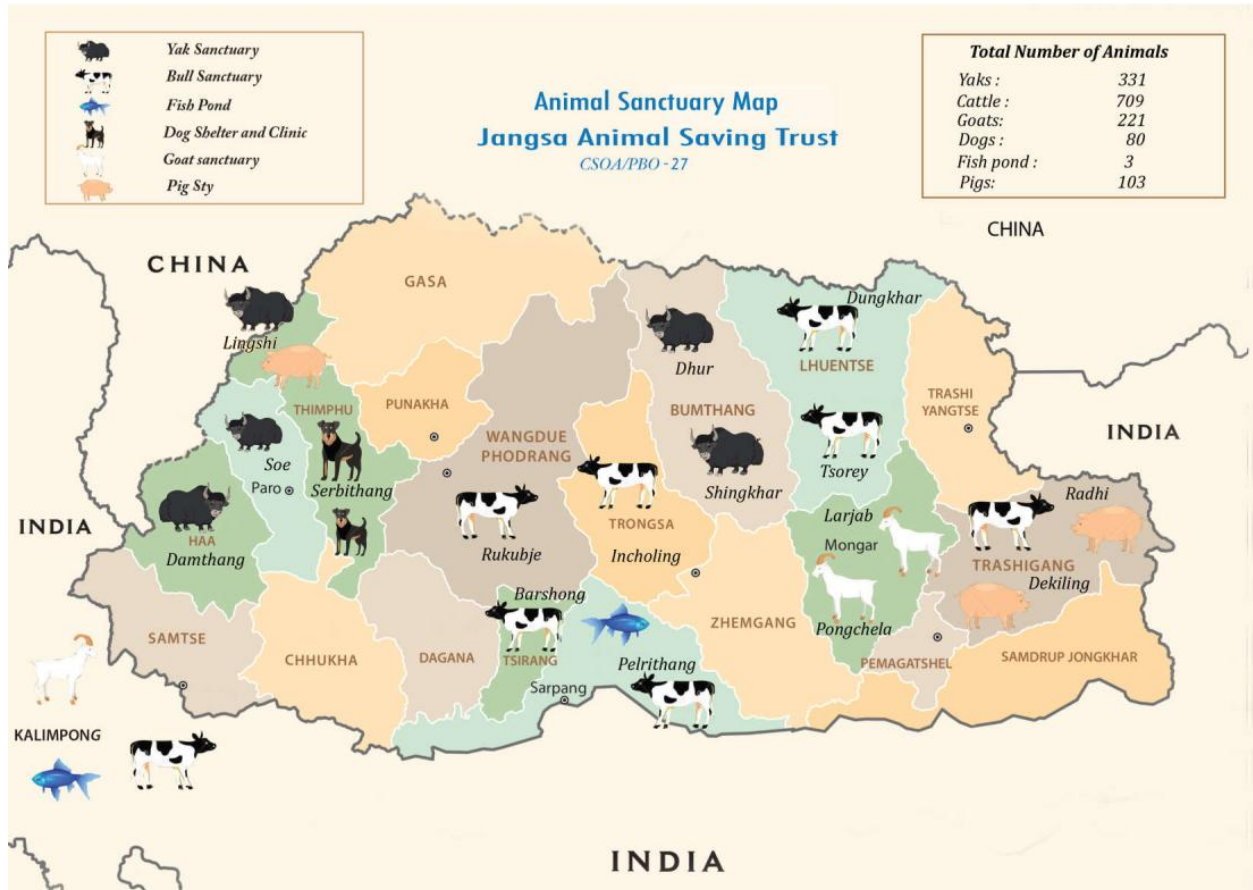
*Tsethar of some animals carried out in 2018*

# Maintaining Animal Shelters & Sanctuaries

## Detail of Animal Sanctuaries In 2018

SL#	Dzongkhag	Place name	Animals	In-charge
1	Thimphu	Serbithang (Rescue clinic attached)	40 dogs, 12 pigs and 1 cattle	3 Caretakers
		Lingshi	25 yaks	Lingshi Lama
2	Paro	Soee	39 Yaks	Soe Gup
3	Trongsa	Rukupji	30 cattle	1 Caretaker
		Indacholing	20 Bulls	Local volunteers
		Sepchu	18 Yaks	1 Caretaker
4	Haa	Damthang	40 yaks	Government
5	Sarpang	Gelephu	1 fish pond, 1 bull, 2 goats, 1 horse and 2 pigs	1 Caretaker
6	Bumthang	Dhur	29 yaks	1 Caretaker
		Shingkhari	180 yaks	Villagers
7	Mongar	Larjab	38 goats	Mongar Drupon
		Tsangphu	26 goats	NA
8	Trashigang	Auzorong	350 cattle	2 Caretakers
		Dekiling	48 pigs	1 Caretaker
		Bongman	38 pigs	1 Caretaker
		Tsorey	150 cattle	1 Caretaker
9	Lhuntse	Dungkhar	65 bulls	1 Caretaker
10	Tsirang	Barshong	77 cattle	1 Caretaker
11	Kalimpong, India	Jangsa Dechencholing monastery	1 fish pond and 5 goats	1 Caretaker
		Lepcha Mani Goenpa	150 goats	1 Caretaker
		Pedong	40 bulls	1 Caretaker

# Animal Sanctuaries & Shelters Map



## **Presentation To Venerable Master Hai Tao**

On 20 December, 2018, Jangsa gave a presentation to venerable Master Hai Tao. Master is the second biggest donor to Jangsa after the FBB. Master Hai Tao has generously supported Jangsa with the salaries of our caretakers for many years. During the presentation Jangsa explained our various activities and gave concise reports to the master. On the sideline of the presentation Jangsa explored the possibility of conducting Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen in Taiwan where the master resides and the venerable master gave us a favourable response.

## **FBB Supported Projects In 2018**

Thanks to the Foundation Brigitte Bardott (FBB) Jangsa could enrich our shelter with few of the dire needed things. A purchase of a washing machine reduced the work burden of was the caretakers and now they have to manually wash massive amount of dirty clothes with hands. A water pump was installed at the shelter to address the water shortage issue. These two items drastically improved sanitation at the shelter. Seven electric wall heaters were installed at the ICU to keep the patients warm during the winter. A 5000L Sintex brand water tank was purchased to be installed soon to ensure a continuous flow of water. The FBB funded education program called Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen was conducted with great success in Thimphu and Sarpang dzongkhags. Four field staffs of Jangsa are selected to be sent to India in January 2019 on training on the funding support of the FBB.

## **Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen**

An education program titled Jamtse Tsemep Lamtoen (the path to immeasurable compassion) which seeks to create harmony between street dogs and humans was a grand success. The program started on 25th October at Etho Metho Primary school in Thimphu concluded successfully at Pema Yoedling monastery in Gelephu on November 9. The education project was fully funded by the FBB.

The primary objectives of the education program are;

1. Educate public on the types of stray dogs to avoid.
2. Identification of danger signs in stray dogs.
3. Waste management in connection with stray dog population.

4. Significance of public cooperation during the mass sterilization campaigns.
5. Steps to take in case of confrontation with stray dogs.
6. Impart safety measures tips to avoid dog bites.
7. Teach people what measures to take after being bitten.
8. Understand dog's behaviors through theatres, songs, distribution of postcards and brochures thus, promoting harmonious living for all.

The venues, date and time of the programs are in given in the table below.

SL#	Date	Time	Venue
1	25/10/18	8.30am	Etho Metho Primary School and Clock Tower (2.30pm)
2	29/10/18	8.30am	Little Dragon Primary School
3	30/10/18	8.30am	Sunshine Primary School
4	4/11/18	4.00pm	Lugar theatre
5	5/11/18	2.45pm	Changijji colony
6	6/11/18	8.30am	Early Learning Center
7	9/11/18	1.00pm	Pema Yoedling monastery, Gelephu, Sarpan g

As for the outreached, the team Jamtse Tsemed Lamtoen was able to reach out to thousands of students and general public with pertinent messages.





*Jamtse Tsemed Lamtoen at Little Dragon Primary School and Chanjiji colony*

## **Volunteer Engagement**

Jangsa places great importance in engaging volunteers in our activities. As in most non-profit organizations, volunteers perform vital tasks often at free of cost at Jangsa. As of now Jangsa have about 200+ volunteers at our disposal mainly comprising of youths and the volunteers are an indispensable part of our organization. Jangsa mobilizes volunteers, mostly students, for the tasks like shelter clean up, food and vegetable collections, rescue missions to name a few.

During an education advocacy program and nationwide shelter visits, some volunteers are recruited to assist the Jangsa officials. Volunteers come handy as NGOs suffer shortages of human resources. Some of our most motivated and dedicated volunteers come from RTC (Royal Thimphu College), CIA (compassion In Action) group and from various sections of society. Jangsa is always in need of volunteers and appreciates their help immensely.



*Volunteers engaged in shelter clean up works*



## **Jangsa Membership Drive**

In 2018 Jangsa carried out a membership drive. During the drive about hundreds of people registered as paying members in one week. Motivated by the success of the membership drive Jangsa decided to give higher priority in raising our memberships in order to make our organization financially secure in a long run. Currently Jangsa have 216 paying members and we want to meet our target of 5000 paying members by the end of the year 2020.

## **Shelter Infrastructure Developments**

With the support of the FBB Jangsa could develop infrastructures of our shelter further. We installed a much needed water tank and water pump to solve water shortage crisis. A washing machine was placed there to eliminate the manual tasks of washing the dirty blankets. Electric wall heaters were installed to keep in-patients warm during the winter.

# Animal Rescue & Mobile Care

## Operation Of Jangsa Dog Shelter

Maintaining the dog shelter located in Serbithang, Thimphu is one of our biggest and daily operations in Thimphu dzongkhag. We have 40 sheltered dogs, all old, crippled and paralyzed, who wouldn't survive on their own in the streets on their own. The sheltered dogs are fed thrice a day by Caretakers and sometimes people visit our shelter bearing to feed the dogs.



*Young volunteers at the shelter*



*A visitor feeding the dogs*

## Emergency Ward At NAH

To ensure successful operation of mobile clinic, JAST have been operating a temporary kennel inside the National Animal Hospital (NAH) for years. The ward is use to keep the rescued dogs who are in critical conditions or severely sick till the completion of necessary treatments. Having such facility helped JAST to avail expert's assistance from the NAH for the patient on timely manner. On an average 12 to 13 dogs with major and minor injuries are treated daily on daily basis. The dogs are provided with follow-up treatments. The cages are cleaned regularly and de-worming of the cages and surrounding areas are carried out. Moreover, the patients are provided with nutritious food thrice a day.



Emergency ward at NVH



Mobile clinic operation

## Summary Of Clinic Record

Month	Mot or accident	Tumor	Parvo virus	Distemper	TVT	Paralyzed	Mange	Malnutrition and other sickness	Wounded	Total case	Death	Released
Jan	7	1	0	0	2	3	2	5	3	23	3	30
Feb	5	1	0	0	0	2	6	4	6	24	2	18
Mar	11	3	0	0	1	1	5	5	7	33	5	25
April	10	2	0	0	3	2	2	7	4	30	3	27
May	9	3	0	0	5	5	3	9	5	39	3	28
June	13	2	1	0	0	3	1	5	3	28	2	25
July	9	1	2	0	0	1	5	6	4	28	2	27
Aug	8	2	0	0	2	2	3	8	6	31	1	25
Sept	11	3	0	0	3	0	4	11	7	39	3	23
Oct	7	2	0	0	2	1	5	9	5	31	3	23
Nov	15	1	1	3	1	3	2	5	3	34	1	25
Dec	10	2	1	4	0	2	2	8	5	34	5	28
<b>G.Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>304</b>

## Promotion Of Dog Adoption

Jangsa begin promoting dog adoption from our shelter years ago, informing and encouraging the general public and requesting the visitors of our shelter in Serbithang to adopt a shelter dog. In order to fast-track works on adoption we have successfully implemented adoption system with proper adoption form which is expected to help in keeping proper track record of the adopted dogs. In 2018, 20 dogs have been adopted by animal lovers from our shelter. Though promotion of dog adoption is one of our priority activities, we are faced with challenges such as less people turn out and lack of interest from the people to adopt stray dogs. However, through our consistent effort in promotion of dog adoption we expect more numbers of people coming forward for the adoption.

## Conclusion

Jangsa Animal Saving Trust has had a very satisfying and productive year. The aforementioned activities of JAST were aimed to establish, maintain and advocate the Buddhist practice of “Tsethar” or saving lives of animals and maintaining them in humane shelter and for the animal welfare in general.

Through the universal love for animals that all humans feel -beyond age, caste, creed, race or religion, and by providing the necessary support structure, it is possible to inculcate the values of compassion and Bodhicitta, directly and indirectly, in the consciousness of all individuals and wider communities. This is the sole higher purpose of Jangsa - to inculcate and expand the culture of precious Bodhicitta in our Dharma Kingdom. In doing so, Jangsa collaborates with local authorities and policy makers for humane interventions to uplift the plight of suffering animals and foster a humane condition such as food, water and medical facilities for all the animals in the Kingdom.

JAST has implemented the activities in accordance to its annual work plan and has achieved the expected outcome. However, in doing so JAST was also not without challenges such as inadequate human resources and budget constraints. Despite numerous challenges JAST had strategically managed to show consistent progress in the entire program initiated till date. This wouldn't have been possible without the support of all our well-wishers, supporters, and member volunteers. Jangsa thank you for the enormous supports and we look forward to receiving the similar supports from you in 2019.

## Acknowledgment

Jangsa Animal Saving Trust is extremely grateful to the Foundation Brigitte Bardot (FBB) an international animal welfare organization for their generous financial support and to all the supporters who helped us in taking forward our activities.

We express our humble gratitude to:

1. The office of His Majesty.
2. Master Hai Tao of Taiwan.
3. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Livestock and National Animal Hospital (NAH).
4. Principal, students and local government officials from 20 Dzongkhags.
5. Members and volunteers.
6. Our friends, supporters and well wishers.

Trustees of Jangsa Animal Saving Trust:

1. Lama Kunzang Dorjee Rinpoche, Chairperson
2. Phuntshok Rabten, Secretary
3. Aum Yeshe Wangmo
4. Aum Tshering Dolma
5. Aum Leki Wangmo

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