

# GONPA GAZETTE

Such fun being in Sydney with the perfect combination of social and alone time: doing as little as possible, so I could relax and rest as much as possible. I more than met my goals!

I ended my time in Australia watching 'Seven Years in Tibet'. As of Losar (Tibetan New Year), 24 February, I will be 'Nine Years in India'! Sometimes it seems like nine days, and other times like nine lifetimes! Most of all, I feel extremely fortunate to be doing what I want, where I want; and much of the time, how I want.



*Ordination at the monastery, a year before I moved here.*



*New monks with new pillows!*

I was 'welcomed' back to the monastery with 35 new monks and three abandoned pups! I am re-framing the annual arrival of monks as 'the immaculate conception that keeps on giving'!

New monks usually arrive with bad cases of tinea capitis (head ringworm), skin infections and coughs. This year, many old and new monks have quickly succumbed to 'big head dukha' (head ache), full garam (high fever) and cough'. I do not ever remember so many being so sick at the same time!

For once, my health is unaffected, which makes being 'mother to all the monks' so much easier!

# FEBRUARY 2020 IN PHOTOS

