



2nd International Varsa 2023

Mahayana Bhikshunis

Shravasti, India

With Folded Palms, We Invite: Mahayana Nuns to the 2nd International Varsa (Summer Rains Retreat) in Shravasti, Uttar Pradesh, India from July 28 - September 16, 2023. Detailed information can be found at: www.VajraDakiniNunnery.org.

Auspicious Place: Great Shravasti Buddhist Temple in Shravasti, one kilometer from Jetavana. For the first time in 2000 years, we will gather again where Buddha taught over 800 Sutras and conducted 25 Varsas.

Auspicious Time: The second half of the Varsa (Rains Retreat) 2023. Rituals begin August 1st & conclude September 15th. Bhikshuni Sangha arrives in Shravasti July 28th, departs September 16th.

Auspicious Teachers: Senior bhikshuni teachers from each of the Mahayana countries will lead Vinaya instruction and introduce their lineage's meditation methods.

Auspicious Curriculum: The retreat will incorporate three components: Precepts, Samadhi/Wisdom, Community. Daily practice will include the Anapanasati Sutra, taught by the Buddha in Shravasti, with each lineage offering their perspective as well personal study/practice times.

Auspicious Sangha: Bhikshunis and novice nuns in the Mahayana lineage with English proficiency are invited to apply.

Auspicious Dedication: May this benefit all beings and strengthen the Bhikshuni lineage for future generations.

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Application: Applications open September 1st at www.VajraDakiniNunnery.org

The Varsa in Shravasti is fully sponsored. Attendees are responsible for their own travel costs and hotel expenses in Delhi. While we cannot guarantee help with travel funds, the organizers are currently seeking sponsorships for those in need.