

BRIEF CURRICULUM-VITAE

Name: Professor Samdhong Rinpoche (Losang Tenzin)
Father's name: Late Shri Gompo Sonam
Date of Birth: 5th November 1939
Place of Birth: Nagdug, Kham Province, Eastern Tibet
Nationality: Tibetan
Social Status: Fully Ordained Monk (Bhikkhu Mahathero)

EDUCATION

1943 Entered Gaden Dechenling Monastery, Jol, Eastern Tibet.
1944 Recognized as the reincarnation of 4th Samdhong Rinpoche.
Till 1951 Received basic education in Gaden Dechenling Monastery, Jol, Eastern Tibet.
1952 to 1959 Received higher education at Drepung Monastery, Central Tibet.
March 1959 Took political refugee in India.
1951 to 1959 Received "Rabjampa" Degree in Buddhist Philosophy from the Drepung Monastery, Lhasa, Tibet.
1959 to 1968 Received "Geshe Lharampa" Degree (Equivalent to Doctorate) from the re-established Drepung Monastery in India.
1968 to 1970 Received "Geshe Ngagrampa" Degree from the re-established Gyuto Tantric Monastery, Dalhousie, Chamba, HP, India.

Field of specialization: Abhisamaya and Madhyamika Philosophy.

Occupation: Teaching and Research.

Linguistic skill: Proficiency in Tibetan and working knowledge in Hindi and English.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Oct. 1961 to 1963 Teacher and Head Priest, Central School for Tibetans, Shimla, HP.
1964 Teacher and Head Priest, Central School for Tibetans, Darjeeling, West Bengal.
1965 to 1970 Principal, Central School for Tibetans, Dalhousie, HP.

1971 to 1977	Principal, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Post Graduate Teachings and Research) Sarnath, Varanasi. (Affiliated to Sanskrit University as a special wing)
1977 to 28 th July 1988	Principal/Director, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Post Graduate Teachings and Research) Sarnath, Varanasi. (Autonomous Organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Culture, Govt. of India).
29 th July 1988 to 2 nd Feb. 2001	Director, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University) Sarnath, Varanasi.
1994 to 1995	National Lecturership, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi.

POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

Vice-President	Tibetan Youth Congress (CENTREX) 1970 to 1973
Honorary Secretary	Religious and Cultural Department, CTA, Dharamsala.
Member	Draft Committee, Charter for Tibetans in-exile and future Constitution of Tibet.
Chairman	Assembly of Tibetan Peoples Deputies. (Two term from 1991 to 2001)
Kalon Tripa	Central Tibetan Administration. (Two term from 2001 to 2011)

FEW IMPORTANT ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Former Member	General Body, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi. (Govt. of India Nominee) (Two term)
Former Member	Governing Council, Asiatic Society, Kolkata. (Govt. of India Nominee) (Two term)
Former Member	Governing Body, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Ladakh. (Govt. of India Nominee) (Three term)
Former Member	Governing Body, Sikkim Research Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim. (Govt. of India Nominee)
Former Member	Governing Council, Nav Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, Bihar. (Govt. of India Nominee)

Former Member	National Advisory Committee for Buddhist Studies, Govt. of India.
Former Member	Advisory Board of Buddhist Studies, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.
Former Member	Governing Body, Acharya Narendra Dev Institute of Pali Studies, Lucknow, UP.
Former Member	Board of Studies, Institute of Mahayana Studies, Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.
Former Member	Board of Studies, Dept. of Indo-Tibetan Studies, Shantiniketan University.
Former Member	Board of Studies, Department of Asian Studies, Punjab University, Chandigarh.
Former Member	Board of Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab.
Former Adviser	World Peace University, USA.
Former Adviser	Institute for Asian Democracy, New York, USA.
Former Adviser	Global Education Association, New York, USA.
Former Member	Executive Body of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). (Six term)
Vice-President	Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for the year 1997.
President	Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for the year 1998. (The duration of this presidency is only for one year)
Former Member	Association of Commonwealth Universities.
Visiting Professor	Tasmania University, Australia.
Visiting Professor	Hampshire College, USA.
Member	Governing Body, Krishnamurti Foundation of India, Chennai.
Member	Governing Body, Central Tibetan School Administration (CTSA), New Delhi. (Nominee of His Holiness the Dalai Lama)
Vice-Chairman	Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala, HP.
Trustee Member	Foundation for Universal Responsibility, New Delhi.
Trustee Member	Norbulingka Institute, Sidhpur, Dharamsala, HP.

PUBLICATIONS

General Editorship for the entire publications of the Central University of Tibetan Studies (CUTS) from 1972 to 2001. Several original articles and talks in various academic journals.