

A Brief Profile
of
Mr. Phurba Tasi Gurung
(Guru Ranag Tulku Rinchen Rinpoche)

INTRODUCTION

Dolpa district, one of the least developed districts of Nepal, is situated in the Karnali Zone; Mid Western Region of Himalayan Kingdom of **Nepal**. It is renowned for its geographical diversities and natural beauty. It is the biggest district of Nepal with full of rugged and majestic mountains having varied natural and cultural differences within it therefore have been divided into Upper Dolpa and Lower Dolpa. People regard it as a heavenly and calm place due to vast meadows dotted with colorful flowers to enchant anyone for their inspiration. Dunai is the districts headquarter, from where it takes about 7 days trek to reach Upper Dolpa. Among various Village Development Committees (VDC) Saldang is one of the bordering VDC of Upper Dolpa to Tibetan Autonomous Region of China. **Mr. Phurba Tasi Gurung** was born as the fourth son of Mr. **Nurbu Gurung** and Mrs. **Bom Chok Gurung** (inherited from earlier Ranag Tulku Rinchen Royal Families) at a small village called Luri, ward No. 2 in 1973 A.D. (2030 B.S.). At the age of 3 he has been recognized as the 5th Reincarnated Lama, titled as Rinpoche by his Guru Thifuk Rinpoche and as per the Buddhist rituals, reincarnated one has to leave the home to study Buddhism staying at the Monastery itself. Which he did at the age of 6 and started to study the primary course on the Buddhist religion in one of the oldest Monastery of Nepal, Yetser Jangchub Ling Monastery (earlier one is 800 years old and newly built one is about 600 years old) situated at Upper Dolpa. In continuum to this, he was involved in the further study on Buddhism and Meditation in the various Monasteries and Centers of Nepal and India and could achieve the title Called “Khenpo”. Since then, he has been fully dedicated to preach on the Buddhist Religion to his followers within and outside Nepal and became famous by the name “**Guru Ranag Tulku Rinchen Rinpoche**”.

EDUCATION/ MEDITATION

1. Studied Primary Buddhism course at Yetser Jangchub Ling Monastery of Upper Dolpa, Nepal for about 3 years and obtained title named “**CHHAM**”.
2. Studied Buddhist Philosophy and practiced Meditation at Nyingmapa Wishfulfilling Center of Sundarrijal, Kathmandu, Nepal for about 9 years and obtained title named “**KHENPO**”.
3. Further Study continued on Buddhist Philosophy at Nyingmapa Monastery of Deharadun, Utter Pradesh, India and obtained title named “**ZOKCHEN**”.
4. Achieved **Master of Divinity** from Nyingmapa Institute for the Study of Sutra & Tantra from Kathmandu, Nepal on April 14th 2006.
5. Felicitated with “**Honorary Life Member**” from Human Rights For All (HURFA) Nepal on 12-09-2006

PREACHES/ SPEECHES

1. Guru Ranag Tulku Rinchen Rinpoche has been preaching and delivering speeches on the Buddhism to his followers in Nepal and also involving in the religious activities to spread peace among the country people. He is also involved in the spiritual activities to confer peace to his followers and other needy one.
2. Guru has also been delivering speeches on the Buddhist Philosophy to his followers in various countries like, Tibet, China, India, Singapore, Taiwan, Hongkong and Thailand and involves in the religious activities in a regular basis.

PLACES TRAVELLED

Guru has travelled various countries like, India, China, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Hongkong, and Tibet.

SOCIAL WORK

1. Guru has been involved as the **President** of Yetser Jangchub Ling Monastery, situated at his birthplace, Saldang VDC of Upper Dolpa and fully dedicated to preach the Buddhism for the peace of the country.
2. Guru has been involved as a **Founder President** of the Dolpa Ranag Foundation Committee - a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) dedicated towards the poverty alleviation and other social activities for the Dolpa people. He is continuously providing religious, economic and social supports to the local people and sharing knowledge on the social reform, anti-poaching activities, providing funds to renovate the important Monasteries and afforestation activates to maintain natural vegetation.
3. Being a religious Guru, Rinpoche has established a formal school named "Snowland Ranag Light of the Education School" at Bishalnagar, Kathmandu, Nepal in order to provide formal education especially to the vulnerable, orphan disable and destitute children of the Himalayan region of the country. Those parents, living in the remotest parts of the country (Himalayan districts) and suffering from the dire poverty can not provide good food and education to their children. So, Guru has decided that education is the only one opportunity these children need to brighten their future, and be able to serve the country.

Since last four years, Guru has been dedicating most of his time to help these children by providing shelter, food, clothing, education and serving as a **Founder President** of the school. Presently, there are about 155 children taken care by the school and Guru is providing financial and other help to the school from the amount he used to collect through his followers and generous people. He is very much dedicated to provide higher education to all the children of the school, therefore are seriously involved in increasing the status of the school up to Higher Secondary in the near future. He is wishing to establish a hospital to the vulnerable,

orphan and disable children of the country if he will be able to get help from the appropriate authority and stakeholders.

APPRECIATIONS

1. Recognition Letter from His Holiness **Thulsi Rinpoche** of Thukten Choling Nyingmapa of Solukhumbu district, presently branch office at Tushal, Baudha, Kathmandu, Nepal on February 25th, 2000. Guru has been recognized as the Reincarnated lama with spiritual power to serve the people.
2. Appreciation letter from Nobel Peace Prizewinner world-renowned, Religious leader **Dalai Lama** during the visit at Darmashala, India on 2002
3. Appreciation letter from the Chairperson, Vijer VDC, Dolpa in 2004.
4. Appreciation Letter from Dolpa District Development Committee, Dunai, Dolpa in 2005.
5. Letter of Thanks from Koying Monastery, Singapore, in delivering speech on Buddhism.
6. Appreciation letter from Association of Industry and Commerce, Dolpa, for dedicated service towards the vulnerable, orphan and destitute children of the Himalayan Region of the Country on March 20th, 2006.
7. Felicitated with “Honorary Life Member” from Human Rights For All (HURFA) Nepal on 12-09-2006

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