

## **Brief Biography of the 104th Kyabje Gaden Tripa Rinpoche Lobsang Tenzn**

The 104th Kyabje Gaden Tripa Rinpoche Lobsang Tenzn was born in the year 1935 at Lhatse county near Lhasa in Tibet, ordained at the age of 10 from Khenchen Tenzin Gyatso of Gaden Wogmin-ling Monastery at Lhatse county.

Joined Sera Jey Monastery in Tibet at the age of 16. Received the Gelong (Bikshu) ordination at the age of 23 from Kyabje Trijang Rinpoche (the then senior tutor of His Holiness The 14th Dalai Lama).

In 1959, fled Tibet and took refuge in India with fellow monks of Sera Jey. Joined the special Rehabilitation for Tibetan Religion and Language at Buxa, established by His Holiness The Dalai Lama. Where he specialized Dulwa (Vinaya/Monastic Ethics) and Zod (Abhidharma/Perfection of Wisdom) under the tutorship of Khensur Rinpoche Lobsang Wangchuk and Kyabje Zong Rinpoche. Served as teacher at the special Rehabilitation school in Buxa.

In 1970 left for South India, where Sera Monastery was to be set up at Bylakuppe Tibetan settlement in Mysore District, Karnataka. Were among those foremost member monks who toiled to clear the thick forest to set up housing and field land for agriculture. For many years worked in agriculture field for the livelihood of oneself and members alongside tutoring pupil monks and presiding spiritual services, for the restoration of monastery's curriculum.

In 1981, was appointed the post of Lama Ozed (vice abbot) of Gyudmed Tantric, and subsequently the post of abbot in 1984 by His Holiness The Dalai Lama. Was instrumental in laying the monastery's sound curriculum in Buddhist Tantric, Philosophy, Dialectics and Tibetan Language.

Received numerous Initiations, Transmissions and Teachings from His Holiness The Dalai Lama and other eminent lamas during his decades of monastic life.

In 2010, was appointed the Jangtse Choeje; was given a cheerful congratulatory greetings by His Holiness The Dalai Lama during a major teachings event at Bodh Gaya attended by hundreds of thousands devotees.

Presently at the age of 83, continues to devote and render spiritual services – teachings, initiations and transmissions to devotee communities, particularly major and minor sutra and tantra studies to monastic monks.

On 24th June 2017 was appointed the 104th Gaden Tripa of Gelukpa tradition by His Holiness The Dalai Lama.

Sera Jey Monastery, member monks and entire communities associated with Sera Jey, wish his venerable self with all the blessings for good health and success in administering his Gaden Tripa responsibilities and spiritual missions.