

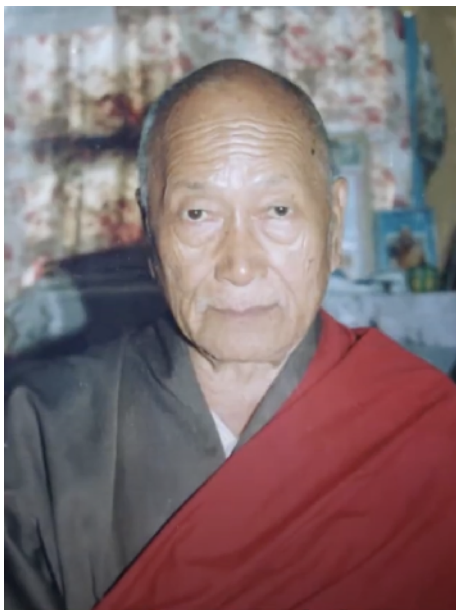
BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF TULKU KUNZANG ZHENPHEN LONGDROL RINPOCHE - the current incarnation of Lama Pema Longdrol

Tulku Kunzang Zhenphen Longdrol Rinpoche

Tulku Kunzang Zhenphen Longdrol Rinpoche was born on November 15th, 1999 corresponding to the female Earth Rabbit Lunar Year to Pema Gyaltsen and Deki Yangzom. At a very young age of three, Rinpoche began recalling vivid memories of his previous life as Lama Pema Longdrol - a revered lama from the Nyo lineage of Gyalwa Lhanangpa, which is one of the six untainted great lineages in Tibet. He began sharing these memories with his older disciples that revealed a deep connection to his past life.



*Tulku Zhenphen Longdrol Rinpoche
during his entronement ceremony*



Lama Pema Longdrol

Training and Activities

Lama Pema Longdrol dedicated his lifetime to being the main attendant and serving under the guidance of Dudjom Rinpoche in Tibet for over 15 years. His service continued even after Dudjom Rinpoche moved to India, and later to France, where Lama Pema Longdrol received the complete teachings and Dzogchen instructions.

Lama Pema Longdrol (Previous Life)

Lama Pema Longdrol was a realized practitioner and a hidden yogi known for his deep meditative realization and spiritual practices. He was born in the Nyo lineage of Gyalwa Lhanangpa - a major siddha of the Drikung Kagyu tradition. Lama Pema Longdrol dedicated his life to meditation and spiritual practice, and was recognized as an extraordinary practitioner of Dzogchen teachings. He received teachings from many illustrious masters such as Dudjom Rinpoche, Jadrel Sangye Dorje Rinpoche, Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, Dodrupchen Rinpoche, and Jamyang Khyentse Chökyi Lodrö.



*Lama Pema Longdrol and the yogis at his
seat of Jangsa Dechencholing monastery*

In Kalimpong, West Bengal, India, Lama Pema Longdrol and his wife became key figures in the community, where he continued his practice and teachings. He was appointed the head of Jangsa Gompa - a monastery in Kalimpong by Dudjom Rinpoche and Her Majesty the Royal Grand Mother of Bhutan, Ashi Kezang Choden Wangchuk.

Lama Pema Longdrol played a pivotal role in organizing and performing significant Vajrakilaya practices and Drubchens, including the Kama Drubchen in Kalimpong under the guidance of masters like Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche and Minling Trichen Rinpoche.

Throughout his life, he remained dedicated to the practice of Dzogchen and the dissemination of the Dudjom Tersar teachings, focusing on both monastic life and the training of future generations of practitioners.



During the enthronement ceremony conducted by H.H Tulku Jigme Choedra - the 70th Je Khenpo of Bhutan

As both uncle and spiritual mentor, he essentially guided the young Tulku supporting the recognition of his past life and ensuring he received the proper education and care.

After his enthronement, Rinpoche returned to Jangsa Dechen Choeling Monastery to begin his monastic education, which included reading, writing, and studying various spiritual teachings.

Lama Pema Longdrol passed away in the mid-1990s in Kalimpong, where he entered the meditative state of tukdam for many days before his death. Upon his cremation, many relics of various colors were discovered that confirmed his realization and spiritual achievements to the widespread awe and rejoicing of the spiritual community.

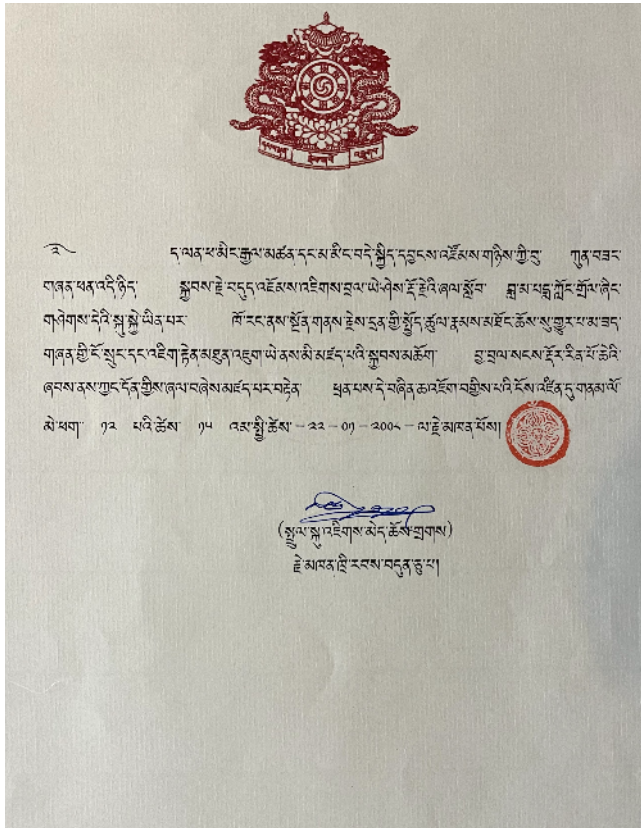
Lama Pema Longdrol's son, Lama Kunzang Dorjee Rinpoche (b. 1974), is the current head of Jangsa Gompa in Kalimpong, India. Lama Kunzang Dorjee continues his father's legacy, overseeing the teachings and administration of the monastery.

Recognition of Tulku Kunzang Zhenphen Longdrol

After Rinpoche began recalling his past life, he underwent further investigation and authentication by prominent Tibetan Buddhist figures including Jadrel Sangye Dorji Rinpoche, Drodrupchen, and others. At the age of five, he was officially enthroned by Tulku Jigme Choedra, the 70th Je Khenpo of Bhutan, and Khenpo Karpo, that reinforced his identity as the genuine reincarnation of Lama Pema Longdrol. Lama Kunzang Dorjee groomed Kunzang Zhenphen Longdrol Rinpoche through his early childhoods,



Lama Kunzang Dorjee Rinpoche and Tulku Kunzang Zhenphen Longdrol during Vajrakilaya drubchen



*Official recognition letter
by H.H. 70th Je Khenpo*

Current Responsibilities and Activities

As of now, Rinpoche is deeply involved in both teaching and administration of various spiritual institutions. He oversees the development of monasteries in Bhutan and India, including Jangsa Dechen Choling Monastery, Pema Yoedling Monastery, and Lhundrup Dechenling Monastery accommodating over 113 monks and yogis.

He also travels within and outside the country teaching lay communities and sharing the wisdom of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition.

In addition to his monastic duties, Rinpoche is actively engaged in animal welfare through his management of the Jangsa Animal Saving Trust - a Civil Society Organization based in Bhutan. The trust is dedicated to rescuing and treating animals in distress managing 11 animal sanctuaries across Bhutan with a care network for over 3,000 animals.

Monastic Education and Spiritual Development

In 2008, Rinpoche joined Mindroling Monastery in India, where he undertook advanced studies under the guidance of Kyabje Korchen Rinpoche and Minling Khenchen Rinpoche. He focused particularly on (Gar Thik Yang Sum) ritual dance, mandala creation, and chants for six years, before moving on to study higher classical Buddhist philosophies, including Madhyamika, Pramana, Abhidharma, and Paramita teachings at the Nyagyur Nyingma College in India. Over the course of 8 years, he received teachings from various prominent abbots and scholars of Mindroling Monastery.

Key Lineage and Teachers

Rinpoche received empowerments, initiations and teachings from numerous eminent Tibetan Buddhist masters:

- Kyabje Jadrel Rinpoche
- Kyabje Dodrupchen Rinpoche
- H.H. Taklung Tsetrul Rinpoche
- H.H. 70th Je Khenpo of Bhutan
- Dzongsar Jamyang Khyentse Rinpoche
- Minling Khenchen Rinpoche



*Tulku leads a Vajrayana puja
Pema Yoedling Vajrakilaya monastery*



The lay congregation during a Vajrakilaya Retreat in Pema Yoedling monastery

Pema Yoedling Vajrakilaya Monastery is a key center for Vajrayana practice in Gelephu Bhutan, the vision of Lama Pema Longdrol that was established by Lama Kunzang Dorjee Rinpoche dedicated to the powerful deity Vajrakilaya.



Retreatant monks perform the Vajrakilaya Drupchen

The monastery hosts intensive retreats (Drubchen) of Vajrakilaya, Amitayus and Vajrasattva and many other prayer to foster spiritual transformation and blessings. The monastery plays a vital role in preserving the Nyingma traditions while offering protection and guidance to both monastic and lay communities.



Trulku Kunzang Longdrol Rinpoche blesses the congregation during the Vajrakilaya Drupchen



Monks conduct the Vajrayana rituals during the Vajrakilaya Drupchen



Jangsa Dechen Choling Monastery, among the oldest in the Nyingma tradition, where the first Vajrakilaya Drubchen was presided over by H.H. Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche, H.H. Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, and other great masters.



*Pema Yoedling Vajrakilaya monastery,
Gelephu, Bhutan*



*Lhundrup Dechenling Monastery
Kurtoe, Eastern part of Bhutan,*



Lama Kunzang Dorjee and Tulku with the staff of Jangsa Animal Saving Trust



Tulku Rinpoche with a saved animal in one the 11 shelters in Bhutan run by Jangsa Animal Saving Trust



Rinpoche traveling across Bhutan, teaching and inspiring local communities in saving animals lives and preserving Bodhichitta



Animal Rescue and treatment program for street animals by Jangsa



Animal Rescue shelter and ICU located in Thimphu

Rinpoche continues to uphold the spiritual lineage of his past life, and works tirelessly to uphold the illustrious legacy of his predecessor. Rinpoche also expands on his activities in keeping with the evolving needs of the times to make a significant impact on the lives of those around him.