



**His Holiness Kyabje Domang Yangthang Rinpoche.
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The Buddhist community in general including followers in Sikkim has suffered a great loss with the passing away of His Holiness Kyabje Domang Yangthang Rinpoche who left this mundane world on the 15th of October, 2016 at Hyderabad following a brief illness.

His Holiness Kyabje Domang Yangthang Rinpoche was born in Yangthang in West Sikkim. He was born to parents Yap Pema Drodul and Yum Tenzing Choden on the 10th day of the eleventh month of the earth-snake year in 1929. At an early age, following miraculous indications, he was recognized as one of the two incarnations of Terton Dorje Dechen Lingpa of Domang Monastery in east Tibet, and as an incarnation of Lhatsun Namkha Jigmed.

His Holiness lived a vivid life giving spiritual guidance and teachings through empowerments and oral transmissions and practical instructions to many, not only in Sikkim but to a wide range of followers all over the world. His Holiness had achieved a spiritual attainment of the highest level and as prophesied, by the virtue of being a true Terton (Treasure Discoverer), he had revealed the treasured dharma texts of '*Guru Trakpo Drupthap*' and '*Ngaksungmai Solchoed*' prayers through his visionary powers for the benefit of all sentient beings. With the passing away of His Holiness, the State of Sikkim in general and the Buddhist Community in particular has suffered a significant loss which shall even reverberate in the hearts and minds of the future generations.

After His Holiness's peaceful transition to the heavenly realm and attainment of Parinirvana at the Hyderabad Hospital, his mortal remains were flown back to Bagdogra on the 16th of October, 2016 and thereafter to Sikkim. Various government delegates and a vast number of devotees had gathered at Rangpo to receive the Kudung (Mortal Remains) which was then brought to Deorali Chorten Gonpa where it presently rests.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Pawan Chamling, after receiving blessings for His Holiness Kyabje Dodrubchen Rinpoche, paid homage to the Kudung of His Holiness Domang Yangthang Rinpoche at Deorali Chorten on the 17th of October, 2016 and offered his condolences to the revered spiritual master. Upon the directives of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Government, as a mark of respect, has offered to provide all requisite arrangements for performing the rituals and final rites of the Kudung till the time it remains at the Deorali Chorten Gonpa.

The Hon'ble Chairman, Acharya Tshering Lama and Secretary, Shri T. T. Sherpa of the Ecclesiastical Affairs Department also paid their respects to the Kudung and has offered their heartfelt condolences to the late Kyabje Yangthang Rinpoche.

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