











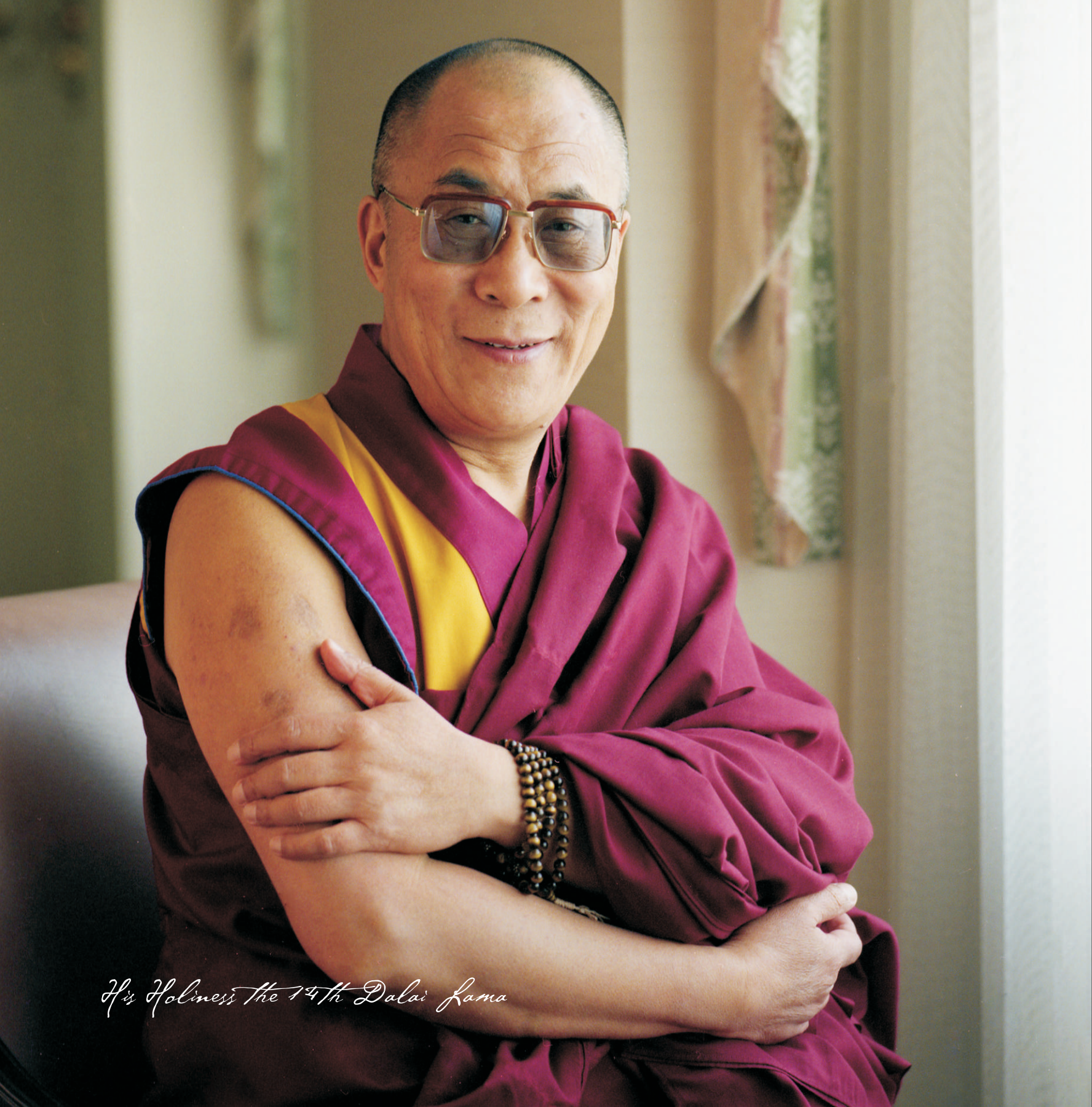
Main statue of Buddha Sakyamuni in the Great Stupa shrine room





Main statue of Guru Padmasambhava in the Great Stupa shrine room





*His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama*



DEDICATED TO THE  
LONG LIFE OF  
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA  
AND THE CELEBRATION OF HIS  
80TH BIRTHDAY.







# FOREWARD





The root of all teachings in the Land of Snow is the Early Translation Nyingma School, and its river source is the renowned Og Min Ogyen Mindrolling established by the Great Dharma King Terdag Lingpa in 1676. The world was ornamented with the resonance of the Three Vehicles by the endeavours of Chögyal Terdag Lingpa and the great translator Lochen Dharmashri. The teachings of the Eight Practice Lineages in general and the Kama, Terma and profound lineages in particular, were rekindled and thrived again through their unsurpassable activities. Thus, great scholars and learned ones proclaimed Og Min Ogyen Mindrolling as the source (chu go) and all praise it unanimously.

Since its establishment by the two brothers, the lineage of Mindrolling has been held and preserved flawlessly by successive generations of the Nyörig vajraholders. Their efforts through the centuries not only caused the teachings of the Nyingma School to flourish but also contributed to the splendour of other lineages and schools in an unbiased manner. Thus, Og Min Ogyen Mindrolling became famed as the great central place throughout the Tibetan Buddhist world.

Yet due to the violent forces in 1959, the Land of Snow suffered great damage and degeneration. At that time, our Root Guru and Lord of the Family, Trichen Gyurme Kunzang Wangyal, arrived in the Noble Land of India along with Kyabje Khochhen Rinpoche and a few attendants.

It is said that the activities of the victorious ones are unhindered and so, through the enlightened intention and timely activities of Trichen Gyurme Kunzang Wangyal, together with the expressions of his sublime activity—Kyabje Dzongnang Rinpoche and Kyabje Khochhen Rinpoche—and a small sangha of dedicated monks, Og Min Ogyen Mindrolling was re-established in the northern part of the Noble Land of India in Dehra Dun on the 4th day of the 11th month of the Tibetan Wood Dragon Year 2091 [6th January 1965]. Gradually through continued teachings and practice, Dharma was firmly established at the Mindrolling Monastery in India and in accordance with the traditions laid down by the Minling lineage holders of the past, the pure and undiluted methods of ritual music, chants, dances, mandala drawing, melodies and so forth were restored with no divergence from the way the rituals were practiced in Mindrolling in Tibet. Thus, Og Min Ogyen Mindrolling in India is now a beautiful, sacred adornment of the Buddhадharma.

The 6th of January 2015 marks the passing of 50 years since the establishment of this sacred spiritual centre. To mark this auspicious Golden Jubilee, Dharamashri Publications of Mindrolling International presents this commemorative collection of some photographs of Mindrolling's 50 years in India.

*Sarva Mangalam*







# MINDROLLING











## TER DAG LINGPA 1646-1714

Rigzin Terdag Lingpa was the speech emanation of the great translator Vairocana. At the request of the dakinis, the body of his pristine cognition assumed the form of Heruka and Terdag Lingpa, accompanied by rainbows and various wondrous omens, was born on Monday, March 26, 1646 (tenth day, second month, Fire Dog Year).

Known as one of the greatest Tertons of Tibet, this great treasure finder discovered numerous profound termas and worked tirelessly to preserve and spread the dharma throughout Tibet. Many precious teachings, on the brink of being lost, were compiled and restored under his guidance. He authored a magnificent treatise, the Terchen Kabum (collected works), containing expositions on the various branches of studies of Tibetan Buddhism in sixteen volumes and also compiled texts such as the bdud 'joms bum bzang, a collection of various empowerments on which the Great Terdzod was later based.

Terdag Lingpa transmitted the precious teachings to numerous fortunate students who gathered before the great master, drinking the nectar of his speech. Foremost amongst his personal disciples was the supreme conqueror, the precious Fifth Dalai Lama with whom he shared a patron-priest relationship. Of the great famous masters in that period, there seem to have been none who did not supplicate him.

This great treasure finder worked tirelessly to preserve and spread the dharma throughout Tibet. He established Og Min Ogyen Mindrolling Monastery in 1676, ensuring the continuation and preservation of the profound Nyingma teachings.





# LOCHEN DHARMASHRI

## 1654-1717

Lochen Dharmashri was born into a family (the Nyö lineage) in which there was a long tradition of great Buddhist teachers. His father was Sangdag Trinley Lhundrup, and he received the Refuge and Bodhicitta Vows from Terdag Lingpa, his elder brother and principle guru.

When Dharmashri was fifteen, he received novice monastic vows from the Fifth Dalai Lama and full ordination when he reached the age of twenty. Fulfilling the instruction of the Dalai Lama, he later received the pure lineage of the Lower Tibetan Vinaya of the Nyingma and became a great preserver of this tradition, widely propagating its explanation and practice.

Lochen Dharmashri authored one of the most famous treatises of the Nyingma School, the Lochen Kabum. These 24 volumes of his collected works begin with his unprecedented writings on the intentional meaning of The Sutra Which Gathers All Intentions ('dus pa mdo) and the Magical Net (sgyur 'phrul drwa ba), in the form of great commentarial expositions. His commentaries on the Guhyagarbha Tantra - The Adornment of the Enlightened Intent of the Lord of Secrets (gsang bdag dgongs rgyan) and The Oral Instructions of the Lord of Secrets (gsang bdag zhal lung) are famous for their clarity and eloquence.







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The 8th Minling Khenchen Rinpoche  
Ngawang Khyentse Norbu (1904-1968)  
and Kyabje Minling Chung Rinpoche  
Ngawang Choedrag (1908-1980)



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Kyabje Mindrolling Trichen  
Gyurme Kunzang Wangyal



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Kyabje Minling Zhabdrung  
Rinpoche, the younger brother  
of Kyabje Mindrolling Trichen







THE THREE FOUNDERS OF MINDROLLING IN INDIA







# KYABJE MINDROLLING TRICHEN GYURME KUNZANG WANGYAL

THE 11TH MINDROLLING THRONE HOLDER, TRICHEN DORJE CHANG

Kyabje Mindrolling Trichen, the 11th throne holder of Mindrolling was born to the 10th Mindrolling Trichen, Gyurme Dondup Wangyal and Yum Dawa Drolma on the seventeenth day of the first lunar month of the year of the Iron Sheep 1931.

His Holiness received extensive teachings and empowerments from many exceptional Tibetan masters. Dzongsar Khyentse Chökyi Lodrö, Shechen Kongtrul the Great, Minling Chung Rinpoche, Minling Khen Rinpoche, Sheshen Rabjam Rinpoche, Dordzin Namdrol Gyatso, Dordzin Dechen Choedzin and Gelong Kunzangla are some of the renowned masters with whom he studied.

His Holiness' root guru was Dzongsar Khyentse Chökyi Lodrö from whom he also received the precious instructions on the Guhyagarbha Tantra and its various commentaries. Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche proclaimed His Holiness as having greatly excelled in the understanding and practice of these precious teachings and instructed him to teach it eleven times to fortunate and worthy students in future. Having received numerous teachings, transmissions and empowerments within the Kama and Terma lineages, Kyabje Rinpoche went into extensive retreats for many years.

Although the enthronement of Kyabje Rinpoche as the 11th Mindrolling Trichen was set to take place after his retreat, the Communist Chinese invasion and the subsequent Tibetan uprising shattered those plans. His Holiness went into exile in India, leaving behind everything including the monastery established in 1676 in the Drachi Valley by his predecessor the first Mindrolling Trichen, Terdag Lingpa and his brother, the great Lochen Dharmashri.

After several years of tireless effort helping to establish Tibetan Buddhism in exile, Kyabje Dudjom Rinpoche and Kyabje Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche performed the formal enthronement ceremony of the 11th Mindrolling Trichen at the Zangdog Palri Monastery in Kalimpong in 1962. His Holiness was finally able to create the official monastic seat of Mindrolling in exile in Dehra Dun in 1976.

Renowned within the Tibetan community as an emanation of Padmasambhava, Trichen Dorje Chang, as he is known to many, lived with his family Sangyum Kushog, Jetsün Khandro Rinpoche, Jetsün Dechen Paldrön and the Mindrolling Sangha in Dehra Dun until his parinirvana in 2008.









## —◆ KYABJE DZONGNANG RINPOCHE ◆—

His Eminence Patrul Jampal Lodroe Rinpoche (1931-1987) was born in the year of the Iron Sheep and recognized as the incarnation of the great Dzongnang Jewon Kunzang Gyurme and enthroned at the Palyul Namgyal Jangchub Choling Monastery.

From a very young age, he received numerous profound teachings, transmissions and empowerments of the Kater lineages and excelled in all the various forms of Buddhist philosophy and meditation. In particular, from the age of sixteen he received various profound transmissions such as the Namchoe Tsalung, Dzogchen Sangye Lagchang, Thugchen Martri, Chagchen Zabtri and so forth, from the great Kyabgon Choekyi Dawa.

After fleeing from Tibet upon the invasion, he undertook numerous responsibilities of reviving the Tibetan Buddhist teachings, building many temples and creating leadership positions within the newly established Tibetan settlements. Beyond the many activities, Rinpoche in particular came together with Kyabje Khochhen Rinpoche to work in establishing the Mindrolling Monastery in Dhondup Ling Tibetan colony in Dehra Dun.

Kyabje Patrul Jampal Lodroe Rinpoche's enlightened activities also included establishing many Dharma centres in Nepal, Taiwan and other parts of the world.









## KYABJE KHOCHHEN RINPOCHE

His Eminence Khotrul Gyurme Dogyud Gyatso Rinpoche, renowned as His Eminence Khochhen Rinpoche, was born in 1936, the year of the Iron Ox in Gonjo Dodrup in Eastern Tibet. His Eminence the 8th Mindrolling Khenchen recognized him as the reincarnation of Namdrol Zangpo Rinpoche of Khokhyim Monastery at an early age. Tersay Chime Rinpoche, who was the elder brother of Dzongsar Khyentse Chökyi Lodrö, formally enthroned Rinpoche at Khokhyim Monastery.

Rinpoche undertook his studies at Mindrolling in Tibet where he studied and mastered Buddhist philosophy, psychology, tantras, astrology, poetry, literature, calligraphy and rituals. He received profound teachings and instructions from eminent masters such as Dzongsar Khyentse Chökyi Lodrö, Minling Chung Rinpoche and Minling Khen Rinpoche. Rinpoche was at Mindrolling for well over ten years until he escaped from Tibet into exile with Kyabje Mindrolling Trichen following the Chinese invasion.

Following this, HE Khochhen Rinpoche began working towards the establishment of Mindrolling in India and over the past 50 years, Rinpoche has worked tirelessly for the construction and maintenance of the monastery. His efforts and perseverance have played a major role in every stage of development of Mindrolling. Rinpoche has served as President of the Tibetan community of Clement Town since 1987 and has established the monasteries in Lava, Kalimpong and Sikkim.