

From the secretary Geshe Ngawang Rigdol at Sera Jey Monastic University for Advanced Buddhist Studies and Practice

Sunday, April 16, 2023

We are deeply saddened to learn of the unexpected departure of our benevolent Venerable Lama Zopa Rinpoche on 13th April 2023 at Nepal.

On behalf of our Abbot, ex-abbot and entire monks' community, we deeply mourn the loss of our most beloved & compassionate Venerable Lama Zopa Rinpoche and we offer our prayer as follows for a swift rebirth and that his legacy continue to flourish.

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Commemorating Prayers

On hearing the sudden peace departure of our beloved guru Lama Thupten Zoepa Rinpoche on 13th April at 2pm, sangha members of Sera Jey monastery led by Khen Rinpoche Geshe Tashi Tsethar, Khensur Rinpoche Jetsun Lobsang Delek, and entire sangha members gathered in the main prayer hall and paid their solidarity and prayers with lots of heavy hearts.

- In the evening session from 6pm, we held a recitation of Abhisamayālaṅkāra by Maitreya and Madhyamakāvātāra text in accomplishing Rinpoche's wisdom mind. It was presided by His Eminence 104th Gaden Tri Rinpoche Jetsun Lobsang Tenzin, Khensur Rinpoche Jetsun Lobsang Delek, Tulkus & Geshe las with the whole sanga members of Sera Jey Monastery.
- On 15th, we performed an extensive Hayagriva self-initiation prayer in commemoration of our beloved Lama Thupten Zoepa Rinpoche. The prayer which was carried on by more than 200 Rinpoche and Geshe las, from 9am and concluded at 5pm.
- For the evening session, Sangha members of Sera Jey recited the text "Essence of True Eloquence" on debating grounds while SJSS students recited aspirational prayers in the school premise. This evening session will continue until Wednesday.
- On 16th April, as part of 4th day commemoration prayers, Rinpoche and Geshe las from Sera Jey Monastery performed Yamantak Ekavira self-initiation prayer for Rinpoche's swift return to benefit all sentient beings.
- On 17th April, as part of 5th day commemoration prayers, we will be performing Rituals of 35 Confession Buddhas in the presence of Rinpoche and Geshe las of Sera Jey Monastery.
- On 18th April, as part of 6th day commemoration prayers, we will be arranging Medicine Buddha Sutra Rituals attended by Lama, Tulku and Geshe las of Sera Jey Monastery.

- On 19th April, as part of 7th day commemoration prayers, we will be arranging Guru Puja in presence of all Sangha members of Sera Jey Monastery.
- At Sera Jey Secondary School, over 700 students will participate in reciting aspirational prayers every evening until Wednesday.

We are updating all the prayer sessions through our Facebook page and kindly contact us for any further information

Yours faithfully

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