

The 75th Birthday of His Holiness Dalia Lama

The Sun in the sky, the Jewel of the world, the Light in our heart may you live a long life was the prayer on everyone's lips, old and young alike, gathered for celebrating the 75th birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama here today at Thubchog Gatseling Monastery (Lower Gompa) Bomdila.

The Deputy Abbot - Geshe Lopon of the Gaden Rabgyeling Monastery (Upper Gompa) welcoming the people dealt on the moral values and virtues which a man should incorporate into oneself based on the teachings of Lord Buddha ; the enlightened one. Highlighting the path of non-violence, compassion and righteousness, Geshe Lopon urged the followers to abstain from taking non-veg food including eggs on 8th , 10th , 15th & 30th day of every Buddhist Lunar calendar as these are pious and sacred days and as the local organizing committee members' had unanimously agreed to abstain from the same. It was also resolved to organize an interactive discourse on Buddhist philosophy and its teachings on monthly basis at Sera village Gompa, Pedung Gompa, Gaden Rabgyeling Monastery and at Thubchog Gatseling Monastery; all located at Bomdila and in its peripheral areas. As a novel initiative and in order to encourage the students to excel in their studies, the committee finalized a list of 35 students who had topped in their respective classes from the 16 schools located under Bomdila township.

Gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest, DC Rinchin Tashi, dealt at length on the life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and his endeavours for world peace, harmony and brotherhood and the subsequent recognition by the various national and international bodies for his yeomen service. Underscoring the importance of preserving and promoting the rich cultural and traditional values of the Buddhist community while praying for the long life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, DC Tashi reiterated and called upon the people to make one's life meaningful and purposeful living by the teachings of Lord Buddha.

Earlier in the morning, the monks of the Gaden Rabgyeling Monastery & Thubchog Gatseling Monastery performed special prayers for the long life of HH the Dalai Lama followed by a mass procession in and around Bomdila township with the portrait of HH the Dalai Lama. It was followed by the ceremonial Sang-sol and hoisting of Lungta (Prayer flags) and offering of Khadas (Scarf). To commemorate the birthday of the Dalai Lama, the toppers were felicitated by the committee and DC Rinchin Tashi and a colourful cultural programme marked the end of the celebration.