

Cremation Ceremony of H.E Choeje Ayang Rinpoche at Thupten Shedrub Jangchubling Monastery in Bylakuppe, South India on July 18, 2026

1. 7.00 AM His Eminence Gyangkhang Rinpoche, the head of Namdroling Monastery, and Lama Sonam Gyatso Rinpoche, along with the other Namdroling lamas performing the cremation ritual, will arrive at Thupten Shedrub Jangchub Ling Monastery with a traditional welcome by all the sangha members and laypeople.
 2. 8.00 AM H.E Choeje Ayang Rinpoche's Kudung (an honorific term for the mortal remains of a realized master) will be carried out from the shrine hall, led by a ceremonial procession of golden parasols and accompanied by skeletal dakas and dakinis. While circumambulating the old and the new temple with the sacred kudung, the monks will chant the prayer melody from "Drangchar Zimbu Mei Gur Yang (sbrang mchar zim bu mei mgur dbyang) from the songs of Kyobpa Jigten Sumgon's prayer to the Lineage masters. Upon the holy kudung reaching the cremation stupa, notable Rinpoches, Khenpos, and other dignitaries will offer scarves.
On placing the kudung inside the Purkhang (cremation stupa), the Jinsek (fire offering rituals) will begin simultaneously, each of them led by an eminent Buddhist master in the four directions:
East- H.E Kyabje Gyangkhang Rinpoche presides over the Jinsek of Dorsem (Buddha Vajrasattva),
North- Venerable Lapchi Dorzin Thundup Palden presides over the Jinsek of Dorje Phagmo (Buddha Vajravarahi),
West – His Eminence Palchen Galo Rinpoche presides over the Jinsek of Oepakme (Buddha Amitabha), and
South - Venerable Lama Sonam Gyatso Rinpoche presides over the jinsek of Shitro (100 peaceful and wrathful deities)
 3. 12.00 PM Please be informed that a simple packed lunch will be provided under the traditional tents for all the local guests (monks and laypeople)
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July 16 & 17:

- 8.00 AM Sangha members will perform Guru Yoga
- 10.00 AM Sangha members will perform Namchoe Amitabha Sadhana

July 19-21:

- In order to receive blessings and to remove obstacles for the successful rebirth and enthronement of Rinpoche, a congregation of sangha members, in groups with a vajra master each, will perform elaborate Buddha Amitabha Sadhana, Guru Yoga, Neten Chagchoe, Chod, and the prayer for swift rebirth of His Eminence.
- 8.30 AM