



### **Ven. Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten**

➤ **Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten** was born in 1956 at Dokhar in Central Tibet. He came to India along with his parents after the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959. He studied at the Central School for Tibetans in Chandragiri, Orissa, and thereafter at the Central University of Tibetan Studies at Sarnath, where he earned the titles of Shastri and Acharya. He received his monastic education at Gaden Shartse Monastery at Mundgod in Karnataka, obtaining Geshe Dhorampa and later the Geshe Lharampa degree, equivalent to Ph.D. degree in the modern system.

➤ Professor Samten, with his special interest in the philosophy of Nagarjuna, has important publications to his credit, as a definitive critical edition of *Ratnavali* with commentary, *Abhidhammathasangaho*; Sanskrit and Tibetan versions of the *Pindikrita* and the *Pancakrama* of Nagarjuna; *Manjusri*, an illustrated monograph on Tibetan Buddhist scroll paintings.

➤ In 2008, he was decorated with **Padma Shri** by the President of India in recognition of his distinguished services in the fields of education and literature.