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Year 2021 Ullamabana Program 7th Lunar Month of the Hungry Ghosts - Dedications to the Deceased

Tashi Delek.

Our sangha of 370 monks will conduct the rituals to benefit the deceased here in Pullahari Monastery (Nepal) and at Kagyu Thekchen Ling Monastery (India) on **August 20, 21 and 22** this year.

Buddhist Significance of Dedications to the Deceased in the 7th Lunar Month

Drawing from the Ullambana Sutra spoken by Lord Buddha, the 7th Lunar Month is known among Buddhist and Taoists in many South Asian countries as the "Month of the Hungry Ghost". Until today, the tradition of rituals and offerings for the deceased are observed in a rich and festive way. They are performed to benefit the deceased whether they have just passed away and journeying to a new rebirth, or died a long time ago and have taken rebirth. They are also dedicated to beings in suffering states and lower realms, to liberate them from their pain and suffering.

The observance of the rituals and offerings during the 7th Lunar Month, especially on its full-moon day, are related to filial piety and compassion for all beings. They are conducted and dedicated to their well-being wherever they have taken rebirth. For the beings trapped by karma in wretched states and realms, for their liberation from the suffering states. And for those who are journeying to rebirth, that they are reborn in good and higher states.

According to the Buddha, "the awesome spiritual power of the assembled sangha (monks and nuns) of the ten directions is necessary for liberation" of the beings from wretched states.

Sponsoring the pujas with Faith, Pure Aspiration and Generosity will result in the accumulation of vast and merits. This will deeply benefit for the deceased as well as the living.

Yours in Dharma,

Ngawang Chodak Rinpoche
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