

An Indian Dalai Lama

Tsangyang Gyatso, the Sixth Dalai Lama



The Tawang Monastery



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Tsangyang Gyatso was born in 1683 in today's Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh. As an adolescent, he was recognized as the Sixth Dalai Lama and taken to Lhasa to be enthroned. Tsangyang Gyatso is remembered for his exquisite poetry, which is still sung around a fire with a few cups of Tibetan beer. He is also considered by many a great tantric master who could appear at different places at the same time.



The native house of the Sixth Dalai Lama
in Uryeling near Tawang



A sandalwood tree planted by Tsangyang Gyatso can still be seen in Uryeling



Footprint and finger
prints of the Dalai Lama



Temple in Uryeling

Tsangyang Gyatso often felt oppressed in the midst of power struggles between Tibetan aristocrats, Mongol chieftains and the Manchus. He is said to have died in 1706 after being kidnapped by the Qosot Mongols. His *Secret Biography* says that, on his way to China, he escaped the Mongols and secretly went to Mongolia where he lived as a wandering monk.



On his way to Tibet, the Sixth Dalai Lama rested near Bumla pass



Late Yeshi Chombey, a
descendant of the Dalai Lama



Maternal house of Tsangyang Gyatso
in Berkham near Tawang