

The Himalayan Renaissance

The Role of the Dalai Lama



Looking at the Himalayas....



Kalachakra held at Gangtok, Sikkim in 1993

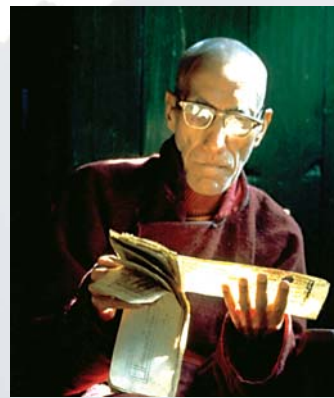
The Himalayas have an age-old connection with Tibet. For centuries, inhabitants of the great mountain range have shared a common spiritual search and a similar way of life with Tibet. The past has seen a constant flow of Tibetan lamas and monks crossing the high passes on their way to the illustrious Indian viharas while Indian yogis and pundits often visited the Land of Snows. A large majority of the Himalayans, from Ladakh to Tawang still follows the Dharma of Buddha.



The Dalai Lama received by Ladakhi folks in traditional attire (2012)



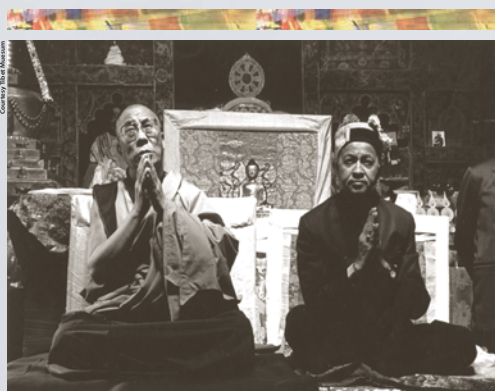
The Dalai Lama with Kushok Bakula Rinpoche



Kunnu Lama Rinpoche



The Dalai Lama with Rizong Rinpoche, the Ganden Tripa, head of the Gelug tradition



The Dalai Lama with the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh in Tabo, 1996

For 2000 years, India had a peaceful unguarded Himalayan frontier; however after a new neighbour (with an aggressive ideology) settled along the mountainous 2500 miles-long border, the lives of the Himalayan populations changed for the worse.

In recent years, these remote areas of India have experienced a cultural and religious renaissance under the guidance of the Dalai Lama who has visited the Himalayan region over fifty five time.



The Dalai Lama in Tawang (2012)



In Kinnaur (2007)



In Zanskar (2012)



Many monasteries have been rebuilt