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Professional Summary& working experiences:

1978 passed Shastri (First Division) from Sampuranand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

1980 received Bachelor of Library Science degree (B.Lib.Sc.) from Lucknow University

1983 completed Acharya (M.A.) in Buddhist Philosophy from Sampuranand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

2000 received Ph.D degree (On Topic- *Critical Study of Samvaradaya Tantra and its Commentary 'Padmani' by RatnaRakshita*) from Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan.

1984 Undertook a training of reprography & microfilming at Nehru Memorial Library & Museum, New Delhi.

1980 joined Library of Tibetan Works & archives, Dharamsala as Librarian of Tibetan manuscript section.

120 Volumes of Phug brag Manuscript Kagyur preserved in LTWA Dharamsala, Kangra was microfilmed and made available to Buddhist Institutions and research scholars.

In 1988, a high level Committee was constituted by Ministry of Culture to look into the matter related to Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh. A team of specialist was sent to Tawang Monastery to identify the holdings and assess the value of the manuscripts and other archival materials preserved in Tawang Monastery. I headed the team and submitted 26 page reports.

In 1995, over 200 volumes of rare manuscripts preserved in Tawang Monastery was microfilmed by me and Sri Pema Gyalpo and added to the library collection of CUTS, Sarnath.

In 2002, I undertook a Survey of Buddhist Manuscripts in Bhutan from 25.05 2002 to 08.07.2002.

Area of Specialization & Research Interest:

Political & Cultural History of Tibet and its neighboring Himalayan Regions;

History of Buddhism in ancient India and Tibet and its neighboring Himalayan Regions;

History of Buddhist Literature in ancient India and Tibet and its neighboring Himalayan Regions;

Teaching Experience:

1987 joined CIHTS on the post of Assistant Professor in Tibetan History and currently working on the post of Professor, in Tibetan History & Culture.

1989 received Fellowship from Advanced Institute of World Religions, State University of New York, Stony Brook, and Long Island, NY. U.S.A

1998 Taught Buddhism and its History in Hampshire College, U.S.A as a Visiting Professor.

2013-14 awarded Fellows in Israeli Institute of Advanced Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

Research Projects, On-going/completed

Ongoing Project:

- a. A Dynastic History of La dwags (10th-15th century)

This project was submitted by Dr. Jampa Samten & Dr. Roberto Vitali to Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi through the Department of Social Science

The treatments of the dynastic history of La dwags that have appeared in the studies so far (in Tibetan, Hindi or English) have been mainly based on a single major source, *La dwags rgyal rabs*.

This royal history provides a plethora of information only from the advent of the local rNam rgyal dynasty onwards, which occurred at the end of the 15th century or the commencement of the 16th.

- b. A Historiographical and Philological Study of the Historical Literature of the Himalaya
- c. (with Focus on the Earlier Periods)

Submitted by Dr. Jampa Samten & Dr. Roberto Vitali to CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi through the Department of Social Science.

Our work is conceived as a historiographical study based on philological analysis of literary sources mainly in the Tibetan language.

Projects completed

i. *From Tibet Confidentially: Secret correspondence of the Thirteenth Dalai Lama to Agvan Dorzhiev, 1911-1925*. Introduction, translation, and comments by Jampa Samten and Nikolay Tsyrempilov,

Published by Library of Tibetan Works & Archives, Dharamsala, 2011. **ISBN 978-93-80359-49-6**

This book was completed in collaboration with Dr. Prof. Nikolay Tsyrempilov of Institute of Mongolian, Buddhist and Tibetan Studies of the Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Social Science, Ulan

ii. *rGyal rtse Them spangs ma'i bKa' 'gyur dkar chag: A Catalogue of the Ulan Bator rGyal rtse Them spangs ma Manuscript Kangyur* by Jampa Samten, Hiroaki Niisaku. Sankibo Press, Tokyo, 2015. This book was completed in collaboration with Venable Hiroaki Niisaku of Yuishoji Buddhist Cultural Exchange Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan.

A. PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS:

1. *A Catalogue of Library of Tibetan Works & Archives, Dharamsala, Vol.1, (Historical works)*. Published by Library of Tibetan Works & Archives, Dharamsala, 1938. 451 pages.
2. *A Catalogue of the Phug Brag Manuscript Kanjur*. Dharamsala, Library of Tibetan Works

&Archives, 1992. 286 pages.

3. *From Tibet Confidentially: Secret correspondence of the Thirteenth Dalai Lama to Agvan Dorzhiev, 1911-1925.* Introduction, translation, and comments by Jampa Samten and Nikolay Tsyrempilov, Published by Library of Tibetan Works & Archives, Dharamsala, 2011.
4. *Bod kyi bKa' bsTan gyi lo rgyus (A History of the Tibetan translation of Buddhist Tripitaka (Kagyur & Tangyur)* by Jampa Samten. Published by Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, 2015
5. *rGyal rtse Them spangs ma'i bKa' 'gyur dkar chag: A Catalogue of the Ulan Bator rGyal rtse Them spangs ma Manuscript Kangyur* by Jampa Samten, Hiroaki Niisaku. Sankibo Press, Tokyo, 2015
6. *bsTan bcos kyi dkar chag.*(Catalogue of the Narthang Manuscript Tangyur) edited and annotated by Jampa Samten. Published by Library of Tibetan Works & Archives, Dharamsala, 2015.
7. *bsTan 'gyur gyi dkar chag nor bu'I phreng ba* (Catalogue of the Tshal pa Manuscript Tangyur) edited and annotated by Jampa Samten. Published by Central University of Tibetan studies, Sarnath, 2015.

CO-EDITORED BOOKS.

8. *IN SEARCH OF TRUTH: a collection of articles in honour of fifth Samdhong Rinpoche, Lobsang Tenzin on his sixtieth birthday.* Varanasi, Alumni of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 1999. 519 pages
9. *SELECTED WRITING AND SPEECHES: a collection of selected writings and speeches on Buddhism and Tibetan Culture by Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche,* Jamtse series 2. Varanasi, Alumni of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 1999. 379 pages
10. *Zam gdong Rinpoche'I gsung rtsom dang gsung bshad phyogs bsdus.*(a collection of selected writings and speeches on Buddhism and Tibetan Culture by Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche). Jamtse series 1. Varanasi, Alumni of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 1999. 371 pages.
11. *Meghaduta: Critical edition with Sanskrit and Tibetan Index* edited by Lama Chimpa, Bimalendra Kumar and Jampa Samten. Published by Aditya Prakashan, New Delhi, 2011.
12. *A History of Tibet.* Edited by S.P.Gupta, K.S.Ramachandan. Revised & Re-edited by Jampa Samten. Tibetan Parliamentary & Policy Research Centre, New Delhi, 2012.
13. *In Search of Truth: Part II, A Collection of Articles authored by CIHTS Alumni in Honour of Professor Samdhong Rinpoche on the occasion of his 80th Birthday* in 2 volumes. Alumni of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 2019. 1335 pages. ISBN 978-81-936254-7-7 & 978-81-936254-8-4

B. RESEARCH PAPERS PUBLISHED:

1. *Origins of the Tibetan Canon (Tripitaka) with special reference to Tshal pa Kanjur.* Published in "*Buddhism and Science*", the commemorative volume on the eve of 80th Anniversary of Tongguk University, Seoul, South Korea, 1987. pp 763-781
2. *Notes on the Lithang edition of the Tibetan Kanjur.* Published in "*Tibet journal*". Vol.XII, No. 3, 1987. pp 17-40. A publication for the scholarly study of Tibet published by Library of Tibetan Works & Archives, Dharamsala.
3. *Preliminary notes on the Phug brag bKa' 'gyur; a unique edition of the Tibetan Buddhist Canon.* Published in "*Tibetan studies; Proceedings of the 5th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan studies*", Narita, Japan, 1989. Vol.1. pp. 115-120. Published by Naritasan Institute for Buddhist Studies, Japan, 1992.
5. *Sino-Tibetan political relation (from 7th to 9th century) from the Chinese sources.* Published in "*Patrika*", Department of Social Science, CIHTS, Sarnath, Varanasi, 1990. Pp.14-24.
6. *Notes on the bKa' 'gyur of Orgyan gling, the family temple of the sixth Dalai Lama (1683-1706).* Published in "*Tibetan Studies; Proceedings of the 6th Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies*", Fagernes, Norway, 1992. Vol.1. pp.393-402. Published by the Institute of Comparative Research in Human Culture, Oslo, 1994.
7. *On the date of "London Manuscript" Kanjur.* Published by India office Museum, London in "*its introductory note of the Shel dkar bKa' 'gyur reprinted by India office Museum, 1995.*"
8. *Notes on the 12th or early 13th century commentary on Abhisamayalamkara.* Published in "*Tibetan Studies; Proceedings of the 7th Seminar on International Association of Tibetan Studies*",Graz, Austria, 1995, Vol.2.pp.150-159.
9. *Autobiographical life sketch of Dorjieff; the key person of Tibeto-Russia-British frontier diplomacy.* Himalaya Research and Cultural Foundation, JNU, Delhi,1991.
10. *Survey of recent research in Kagyur philosophy.* Published in "*IN SEARCH OF T RUTH: a collection of articles in honour of 5th Samdhong Rinpoche on his 60th birthday*". Varanasi, Alumni of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, 1999.pp.429-437.
11. *rGyal rabs sum cu so gsum nas rgyal rabs bzhi bcu zhe gcig bar gyi chad srid lam lugs.* Published in "*Proceeding of conference on the political system of Tibet*". Dharamsala, 1998. pp.81-96.
12. *Note on the rGyud 'bum section of Tawang Kanjur.* Published in "*Seminar on Alexander Csoma De Koros organized by Hungarian Cultural Centre in collaboration with Central Institute and UGC from 11-12 Nov. 99. at Delhi.*
13. *Bhotavasiyo ki dristi me Aryadesa bhārata.* Published in "*Bharata Tibbata maitri sangha sammelana patrika.*" Varanasi. 2001. pp 51-55.
14. *The life and teachings of Gautam Buddha.* Published in "*Prajna*" Journal of BHU, Vol. 47-48. No.1-2, 2001-03 pp.179-194.
15. *Note on the study of Pali version and Tibetan translations of Mahāparinirvāṇasūtra.* Published in its Proceeding "*Mahayana Buddhism: History and Culture*" edited by Darrol Bryant and Susan Bryant, Tibet House, 2008. pp.101-110.
16. *Note spread of Buddhism in Central Asia.* Published in the proceeding of the conference.

17. *Li yul gyi dge 'dun bod nang yul gyar du phebs nas bstan par zhabs tog ji zhus skor gleng ba.*"11th International conference of Tibetan Studies held in Bonn from Aug 27 to 2nd September, 2006.
18. *Overview of Mongolian Patronage to Gelugpa School of Tibetan Buddhism.* Paper presented at *International conference on "world of Asia"* held in Buryatia, Russian Federation from 27th June - 2nd July 2007. Published in *Tibet Journal'*, Vol.xxxii, No.3.2007. p.11-21.
19. *'jam dpal rtsa rgyud las bod yul chags tshul dang bod kyi rgyal po lung bstan par grags p'i skor la dpyad gtam* paper presented at National conference on Bod kyi lo rgyus gleng ba organised by Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamsala on 30th November, 2006. Published in its proceeding "*Bod kyi lo rgyus gleng ba*" published by LTWA, 2008. pp.117-128
20. *"bCom ldan rig ral (1227-1305) gyis bsgrigs pa'I bka' bstan dkar chag "bstan pa rgyas pa rgyan gyi me tog" zhes bya ba'I nang don ngo sprodmdo tsam gleng ba".* Paper presented at Golden Jubilee Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim, International Conference held from 1st-5th October, 2008. Published in "Buddhist Himalaya: Studies in Religion, History and Culture. The Proceedings of the Golden Jubilee Conference of the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok. 2008. Volume 3: The Tibetan Papers. pp.41-52.
21. *Buddhist analysis of the cause of the Social Disharmony and its solutions* presented at the National Seminar organized by Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, B.H.U. from 26-28 February, 2002 and published in its proceeding "*Buddhism and Social Ideals*" published by Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, B.H.U., pp.153-158
22. *Notes on the Thirteenth Dalai Lama's confidential letter to the Tsar of Russia"* Published in "*The Earth Ox Papers: Proceedings of the International Conference on Tibetan and Himalayan studies,*" held at the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives from 3-5 September, 2009 in *Special Issue of Tibet Journal*, pp.357-369
23. *On the Legality of the Mongolia-Tibet Treaty of 1913* presented at International Symposium on "1913 treaty between Mongolia and Tibet held at Ulan Bator, Mongolia from 12-14 October, 2010. Published in "*The Tibet Journal*" Vol. XL, No.1 Spring-Summer 2015, LTWA, Dharamsala, 2015. Pp.3-21. ISSN 0970-5368
24. *Six Tibetan Epistles for the Mongol Rulers Hulegu and Khubilai, and the Tibetan Lama Pagpa.* Jampa Samten & Dan Martin. Published in "*Trails of the Tibetan Tradition*". Paper for Elliot Sperling edited by Roberto Vilali. Amnye Machen Institute, Dharamsala, 2014. Pp.297-332 ISBN 798-81-86227-72-5
25. *Notes on Ulan Bator Copy of Peking Kagyur* by Jampa Samten & Hiroaki Niisaku. *Tibet Journal*, Vol. XXXVI No. 3, autumn 2011. p. 3-13.
26. *Introductory Notes on 14th century Records on Mahabodhi Temple Complex of Buddha Gaya* (དོ་རྩེ་གདན་གྱི་བྱང་ཆུབ་ཆོས་པོའི་མཚན་རྟེན) and its Surroundings by Jampa Samten. Published in Dharmadoot, the journal of Mahabodhi Society of India. Vol. 81, 2015. Pp. 37-52 ISSN 2347-3428
27. *The Secret Signs (Chommaka) as Described in the Laghusamvaratantra and other*

Buddhist Higher Yoga Tantras. Presented at "International Conference on Chinese and Tibetan Tantric Buddhism" at IIAS, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, to be held from 16-18 June, 2014. Published in *DHI Journal*, CIHTS, Vol.57. pp.25-40. **ISSN 2395-1524**

28. *The Compilation of Mahavyutpatti and sgra sbyor bam gnyis: Anoperative endeavor to maintain the Uniformity of Tibetan Translation Language*. Presented at "International Conference on 'Mahavyupatti': A Renewal of Classic in Translating Tibetan Buddhist Canon." Organized by Translation Institute for Tibetan Buddhist Canon, Dongguk University, South Korea, held on 2nd December, 2016.
29. ལོ་མོ་ས་ལྷ་རྒྱལ་དབང་སྐུ་ཕྱེད་བཅུ་བཞི་བ་ཚེན་པོ་མཚོ་གདང་། དབལ་ན་ལ་རྒྱུ་ཚོས་བརྒྱུད་སྐོར། (Discussion Papers on His Holiness the Dalai Lama's biography, writings and thoughts) Committee for Tenshuk and Kindness- Remembrance. 2016. Pp.151-159 **ISBN 978-93-84839-94-9**
30. བོད་བཙན་པོས་ཚོས་སྐད་གཏུན་ལ་དབབ་པ་དང་བསྐྱར་ཐབས་ཀྱི་བཀའ་བཅད་ཇི་གནང་བཤད་པའི་ཡིག་ཆ་<བྱེ་བྲག་ཏུ་རྟོགས་བྱེད་>ཆེ་འབྲིང་གཉིས་ཀྱི་གལ་འགངས་སྐོར་སྒྲེང་བ། by Prof. Jampa Samten, published in “*In Search of Truth: Part II, A Collection of Articles authored by CIHTS Alumni in Honour of Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche*”, Published by Alumni Association of CIHTS, 2019. ISBN 978-81-936254-8-4
31. *Spread and Decline of Buddhism in Central Asia (3rd B.C.- 9th C.E.)* Published in *Dharmadoot*, the journal of Mahabodhi Society of India. Vol. 85, 2015.P.68-80 ISSN 2347-3428

Highlights/ Awards/ Accomplishments:

1989 received Fellowship from Advanced Institute of World Religions, State University of New York, Stony Brook, and Long Island, NY. U.S.A

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