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RIKSUM GYAMPO STATUE OPENING & RAPNAY CEREMONY HELD AT KARTHOK LHENDUP GAGYONG GUMPA

Rangang–Yangang, September 6: A sacred and spiritually significant Riksum Gyampo Statue Opening and Rapnay Ceremony was held at Karthok Lhendup Gagyong Gumpa on the auspicious occasion commemorating the birth of Vajra Dakini. The programme also included the Rapnay ceremony of the newly constructed cremation shed, adding further significance to the religious gathering and marking an important milestone for the local community.

The programme was attended by Area MLA-cum-Deputy Speaker Smt. Raj Kumari Thapa, along with her husband Shri M.B. Gurung, IFFCO Chairman Shri R.K. Basnett, CLC Youth Convener Shri Anil Gurung, South District Nari Vice-Convenor Smt. Parmila Tamang, Zilla Panchayat Smt. Prem Doma Tamang, Panchayat President and Members Smt. Meera Gurung and Smt. Bishnu Gurung, Panchayat Cell Coordinator Smt. Sonika Lepcha, YTDC President Smt. Ranjita Gurung, SHO Shri Rajeev Mukhia, Garib Jan Kalyan Prakosta Coordinator Shri Yurba Singh Limboo, and a large number of local residents and members of the public.

The programme was conducted in a peaceful and devotional atmosphere, with devotees, local representatives, and community members coming together to offer prayers and receive blessings.

Hon'ble Area MLA-cum-Deputy Speaker Smt. Raj Kumari Thapa also offered prayers and performed worship at the Gumpa.

The occasion also featured a Tshe-Wang (Long Life Blessing) ceremony, conducted by Rinpoche Dhola Thaye of Dewrali Chetan Gumpa, during which devotees received blessings and prayers for good health, longevity, peace, and prosperity.

The newly constructed cremation shed will serve as an important facility for the local community, while the Riksum Gyampo Statue adds further spiritual significance to the Gumpa. The sacred gathering reflected the community's commitment to preserving its religious traditions, cultural heritage, and community values, while fostering faith, unity, and harmony among the people.

The occasion concluded with prayers for peace, prosperity, good health, and the well-being of all, making it a memorable and spiritually meaningful gathering for the entire community.