

Life of Dorjee Khandu

Dorjee Khandu was the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. He was sworn on April 9, 2007 as the fifth chief minister of the Indian state, replacing Gegong Apang. A Monpa tribal, he was the son of late Leki Dorjee, and has four sons and two daughters.



Was in the Indian Army Intelligence Core and worked there for more than seven years. He received a gold medal for the meritorious intelligence services rendered during Bangladesh War;

Engaged in social activities for village people of Tawang District and looked after their welfare up to the year 1980;

1980: Selected uncontested as the First ASM 1980 and worked in same capacity till 1983;

1982: Chairman, Culture and Co-operative Societies in those years; Due to enthusiastic efforts, cultural and co-operative societies established in Tawang and lead the cultural troupe representing Arunachal Pradesh in Delhi for ASIAD in 1982 and won silver medal for good performance;

1983-87: Elected uncontested as District Vice President, West Kameng District Zilla Parishad 1983-87; 1987-1990: Engaged in intensive social works and brought water supply, electricity, communication, schools religious institutions etc., to far flung villagers from 1987 to 1990;

1990: Elected uncontested to the First Legislative Assembly of the State of Arunachal Pradesh in March, 1990 from

Thingbu-Mukto constituency; 1995: Re-elected to Second Legislative Assembly of the State of Arunachal Pradesh in March, 1995 from the same constituency; Minister of State for Cooperation from 21-03-1995.

1996: Cabinet Minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Dairy Development from 21 September 1996.

1998: Minister, Power from 2006-1998

1999: Elected to Third Legislative Assembly of the State of Arunachal Pradesh in October, 1999;

2002: Minister for Mines, Relief & Rehabilitation from 15 October 2002 to 27 July 2003.

2003: Minister for Relief & Rehabilitation and Disaster Management.

2004: Re-elected unopposed from Mukto constituency in 2004 assembly election; Minister, Power, NCER, and relief and rehabilitation.

2007, he became the Chief Minister of the state, replacing Gegong Apang.

2009, he was again elected unopposed from the same constituency and sworn in as the Chief Minister of the state on 25 October 2009.

2011, the helicopter carrying Khandu and four other people on a trip from Tawang to Itanagar disappeared and crashed in the mountains resulting in his death. The last rites of the Chief Minister were performed in his native village, Gyangkhar, in Tawang district as per Monpa Buddhist traditions.

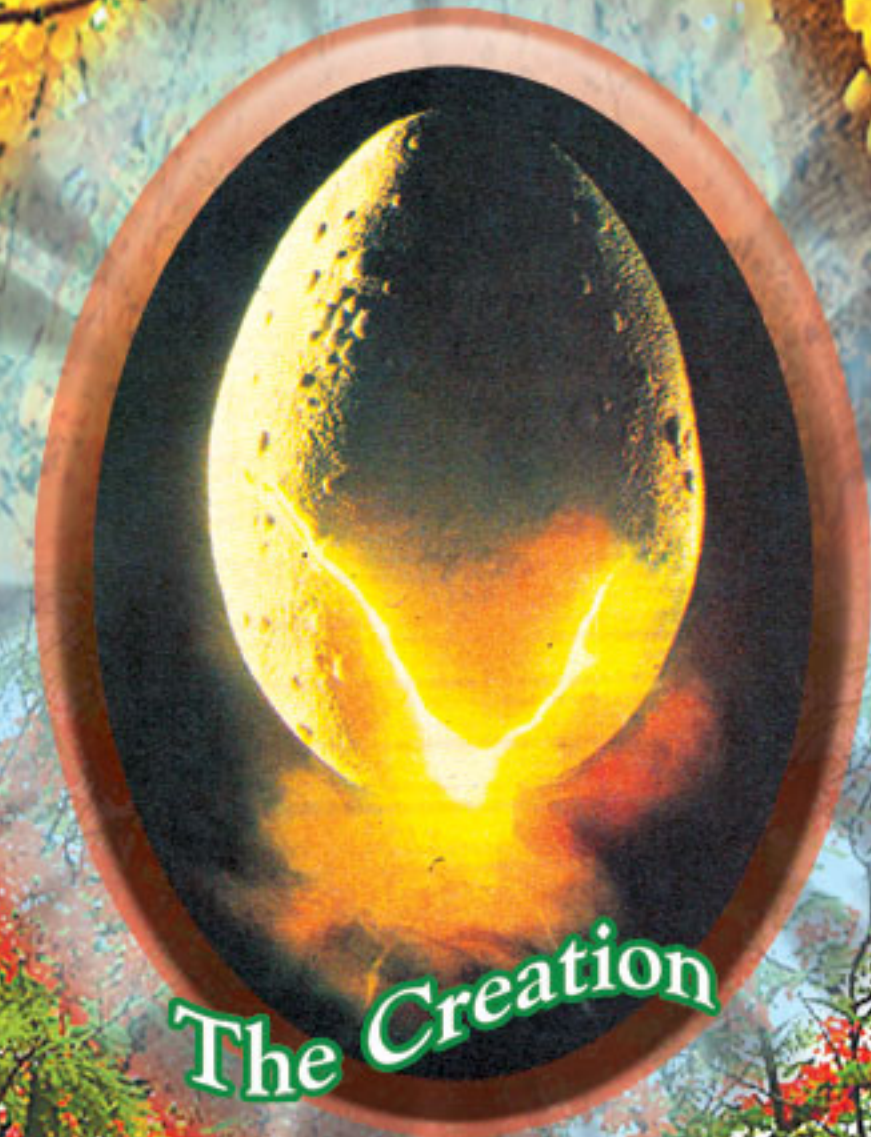
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Vedic Concept of Creation

The theory of evolution is one of the greatest revelations of modern scientific thought. Various philosophers, physicists and scientific men, working independently of one another and in different domains of



Nature, have, have established the truth of this theory, so that, instead of remaining a theory, there are evident signs of its soon becoming a proven fact. The theory enunciates the great truth that all complexity came out of simplicity, heterogeneity out of homogeneity, perfection out of imperfection, variety out of uniformity. All this beauty and grandeur with apparent paradoxes is the result of the struggle which Nature wages towards the attainment of order and perfection.

In the beginning of the present order of things, in some far-off period, in some distant point of time, the whole universe existed in a state of paramanu (atoms), invisible, subtle and unmanifested. That which we know now as the earth, the sun, the moon and the stars was then, in the beginning of the Kalpa, but formless matter in its most elemental and attenuated condition—ether, no doubt our ancient Aryan philosophers called it - non-being (asat). We involuntarily exclaim with our glorious Rishis:—"Before, O child, this was a mere state of non-being (asat), one only, without a second, Thereof verily others says: Before this was non- being, one alone, without a second, from that non- being proceeds the state of being."

There is nothing, therefore, inappropriate in the name which the ancients gave this ether-spirit, viz., the anima mundi—the divine inflatus, the Hiranyagarbha. The Aryan title Hiranyagarbha —the womb of light—is far more expressive and scientific than the name ether.

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'Janajati Forum' condoles the death of Dorji Khandu

Janajati Faith and Culture Protection Forum a premier janajati organization of janajatis of all the eight states of N E region including Sikkim has condoled the tragic end of Dorji Khandu- the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. In a letter dated May 6, addressed to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister signed by B.B. Jamatia President and Jaleswar Brahma, Secretary, the Forum says, "We, the office bearers of the Janajati Faith and Culture Protection Forum, Guwahati are shocked to learn the tragic end of the life of late Dorji Khandu, the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh in the helicopter crash at the altitude of 16,076 feet in the rugged terrain of Keyla village near Luguthang in Tawang. The state of Arunachal Pradesh and its people have suffered one of the greatest loss in the sudden demise of their beloved Chief Minister and very popular, dynamic, honest and hard-working leader." The condolence message reads further, "The most glorious chapter in the post Independence history of Arunachal Pradesh has ended too abruptly. Our country has

lost a patriotic Chief Minister of such a state which faces constant threat from across the border. The people of Arunachal Pradesh were properly taken care of from many threats emanating from terrorist camps located in neighboring states and foreign lands as well by his able leadership. And Bharatmata has lost a great son from Northeast region. The state of Arunachal Pradesh in particular and the nation in general has lost its "Laughing Buddha" as Khandu tried his best to bring smiles on the face of every Arunachalee". While describing the virtue of Khandu, the Manch says further, "Dorji Khandu was a befitting reply to notoriety and expansionist cruel forces of China. It was because of his untiring efforts, the nation's attention was drawn towards serious challenge posed to the sovereignty of our country in Arunachal Pradesh by China. The nation owes a great tribute to this indomitable leader. The family has lost its worthiest member and suffered an irreparable loss. The void created by his untimely death will be difficult to fill in days to come." At last, the Forum prayed God to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members to bear the pain.

RTI on Tibetans

New Delhi: The Centre does not have the exact number of Tibetans' who fled from their country and crossed over into India during the 1959 Tibetan Uprising along with spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

In reply to an RTI query the home ministry said according to estimates the number of refugees who had crossed over into India during the period is nearly 80,000.

"Although the ministry has no statistical record of Tibetans who had landed in India in 1959 along With His Holiness the Dalai Lama. But some 80,000 Tibetans are said to have landed in India during the period," the home ministry said in response to an RTI plea.

Activist Subhash Agrawal wanted to know from the Prime Ministers Office the number of Tibetan refugees who originally found shelter in the country.

The PMO transferred the application to the home ministry.

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