



### **Kalon Norzin Dolma Biography**

Norzin Dolma was one of three women elected as Kalons of the 16th Kashag (Cabinet) in the first session of the 17<sup>th</sup> Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile. She formally took charge as Kalon (Minister) for the Department of Information and International Relations (DIIR) of Tibet's Government-in-exile on 10 November 2021.

Born in Kollegal on 28 November 1975 and currently based in New York, Norzin Dolma began her education at CST Kollegal and CST Shimla. She holds a BA in English, History, and Sociology from Teresian College and an MA in English Literature from Mysore University, India. Under the Tibetan Scholarship Program, she earned an MA in Law and Diplomacy (MALD), focusing on international organization and international negotiation and conflict resolution from Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA, with cross-registration from Harvard University's GSAS and KSG. Later, she also obtained a BA in Library and Information Science from Mysore University.

Norzin previously worked as a research officer, senior program officer, acting executive director, and board of director at Tibetan Center for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD). After her US education, she returned to India and served as the head of UN, EU and Human Rights Desk at CTA's Department of Information, and International Relations (DIIR). She later worked as a development officer at The Tibet Fund (TTF), New York. She has advocated Tibet issues at international conferences, including the 59th and 61st sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Geneva; World Social Forum, Mumbai; UN-Civil Society Relations, Bangkok; and World Summit on Sustainable Development conferences, Bali and Johannesburg.

Norzin has authored and edited books and reports, including 2008 Uprising in Tibet: Chronology and Analysis (DIIR 2009), Unjust Sentencing of Tulku Tenzin Delek (TCHRD 2004), Destruction of Serthar Institute (TCHRD 2002), 35 Years: Special Report (TTF 2015), and Nepal Earthquake: Rebuilding Efforts in Tibetan Community (TTF 2016). She has consistently received prizes and awards for academic excellence, including All-Mysore Iyengar Memorial Award, Mother Euphrasia Award, and Tauro Memorial Award.