



Professor Robert A. F. Thurman passes away

- **Robert A. F. Thurman**, popularly known as Bob Thurman, was a globally renowned scholar, author, and advocate of Buddhist philosophy.
- He served as the **Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies** at **Columbia University** for nearly three decades.
- Thurman holds the distinction of being the **first Westerner ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist monk** by **Dalai Lama**.
- He played a key role in popularizing Buddhist teachings and fostering greater understanding of Tibetan culture and spirituality in the West.

APSC Relevance: Buddhism; Tibetan Culture