



MAHABODHI RESEARCH CENTER- MBRC

The Mahabodhi Research Centre, is a unique and pioneering research institution in the Buddhist Studies, envisioned by the Most Venerable Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita, Ph.D., D.Litt. (admirably known as Bada Bhanteji) to spread the words of Supreme Buddha in the land of its origin. This renowned Research Centre, true to its founding spirits, '*Jotetu Buddhasasanam Bharatasmim Ratthasmim*' - in fulfilling the dream and vision of its founder, world renowned scholar-cum-mediation master the Most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita - has been striving to promote fundamental and qualitative research in the field of Buddhist Studies universally and has many accomplishments and laurels to its credit.

The Mahabodhi Research Centre, affiliated to Esteemed Karnatka Samskrit University (KSU) and Jain University (JU) is headquartered in Bengaluru in the State of Karnataka, India

The Study and practice of Buddhism and philosophy taught by the compassionate Supreme Teacher Lord Buddha will help a person to live a meaningful life and progress towards freedom from suffering and ultimately leading to enlightenment. Therefore, the universal message of Bhagavan Buddha is even more relevant to the modern world as it were 2600 years ago. Presently, under the able guidance and effort of Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, the Director of Mahabodhi Research Centre following programs are going namely- Ph. D program in Buddhist Studies, Diploma in Buddhist Studies, Certificate courses, three-month Vassa courses. Pali Speaking course and other short term and useful courses are ongoing. Besides, Triptaka Granthama Project, Dhamma monthly magazines, Publications, world class library, and sangayana are some other activities carried out under Research Centre program.

Diploma And Certificate Program:

This current Academic year 24 students took admission and classes were started in the month of December. Usually, academic year starts in the month of June or July, as per the instruction from KSU, Due to Covid - 19 pandemic situation classes commenced in the month of December. Regular online classes have been conducted in the weekends by experienced and learned faculty members (both monks and lay people) with the same spirit. Classes are conducted virtually through online platform so that the students can join from their homes and complete the course work without any difficulties.



Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Director of MBRC giving Dhamma talk.



Diploma in Buddhist classes being conducted online.



The Previous batch comprising of 26 students took admission for one year diploma. As per the guideline of the Karnataka Sanskrit University, due to covid - 19 reasons KSU has authorized MRC to conduct the exams at the center itself. We successfully conducted the final exam, out of 26 students 15 students have participated in the exam and all the students who have participated in the exam successfully cleared main exam. Herewith we Mahabodhi Research Centre successfully completed the second batch and awarded the certificate to the successful candidates. The virtual classes are going on uninterruptedly for the current batch.



Second Batch students writing their Annual Examination.

Three Month Online Vassa Course During COVID:

Mahabodhi Research Centre started a Three Month Online Vassa Course on the theme entitled "Fundamentals of Buddha Dhamma". The course was well received and helped people to come out depression anxiety worries and ease out the mental problem caused due to the pandemic. Over thousands of Truths seekers with their have taken up this course and participated virtually from Asia Europe America and various parts of India covering cross cultural amalgam.

The course commenced in the month August and got concluded in the month of November. The course run through every week ends on Saturdays and Sundays, from 6.30p.m to 8.30 p.m. Totally 26 classes stretching for 13 weeks for entire Vassa period were taught

Apart from the regular offline course like the one year diploma and six month certificate course in Buddhist Studies (Affiliated to Karnataka Sanskrit University, Government of Karnataka) this online course first of its kind was uniquely designed and thoughtfully planned by our Director on the request of our devotees. where all the people can learn Dhamma in one platform while staying at home from far distance and take the benefit. The three months vassa course concluded fruitfully with awarding certificates to more than 600 participants both in India and outside. Convocation ceremony was held online, sanghadana and monastic requisites were offered to the monks. The course was co-ordinated and in technical collabartion with AANA (Ambedkar Assiciation of North America) and by Upasaka Pankaj mesham and dedicated team.



Three Months Online Vassa Course in progress.

Symposium and Seminars:

Dhammapada Seminar:

On occasion of Birth Centenary of our Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera, one day seminar was organized on the theme "Dhammapada - The Path to Peace and Harmony". On this auspicious occasion well know dignitaries Like Ven. Dr. Dhammajyoti Mahathera, Asst. Professor, Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Dr. S C Sharma, Director - NAAC, Molakalmuru Srinivasmurthy - Tipitaka Translator, Dr. K Ramachandra - Professor - Maharanis College, Bangalore were participated.



Most Ven Kassapa Bhanteji in Seminar on Dhammapada.



Ven. Buddhadatta introducing the seminar speakers on Dhammapada.

Vesak Seminar commemorating the Buddha Day:

Every year we celebrate the BUDDHA JAYANTI (The Birth, Enlightenment, and Mahaparinibbana of Supreme Buddha) by coming together at Vihara. But this year however due to the 2nd wave of Covid-19 and Govt. Guidelines we have restricted our upasakas and upasikas by participating through online. On occasion of 2565th Vesaka Buddha Purnima Mahabodhi Research Centre has conducted a one day seminar topic on "The Life and Teachings of Buddha". In this webinar our Mahabodhi Research Centre students presented their paper on different topics.



MBRC Student celebrating Vesaka Buddha purnima online.

Smaranjali Day 23rd of September:

On occasion of 7th Smaranjali of our beloved teacher Most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Thero, Mahabodhi Research Center and Mahabodhi Monastic Institute jointly organized a webinar. In this webinar there were two session. In the first session Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Bhikkhu Buddhapala, Bhikkhu Nyanarakkhita, and Bhikkhu Bodhi Citta shared their experiences. In the second session Shri Mudnakudu Chinnsamy, Dr. C Chandrashekar, Shri Nagsen Dhoke, Shri Kumar, Dr. K Ramachandra and other devotees participated and shared their experiences.

Pali Speaking Courses:

In the month of April, Mahabodhi Research Centre conducted "One Month Online Pali Speaking Workshop" for the monks. In this workshop monks from all parts of India were participated and benefited from this workshop immensely.

Besides the pali speaking course, the MRC has conducted a one month comprehensive course on Buddhism through virtual mode for the philosophy students of religious studies at Dharmaram college, Bangalore.

Doctoral Degree in Buddhist Studies Have Been conferred:

Mahabodhi Research Centre (Affiliated to Tumkur University) have successfully produced two doctoral candidates in Buddhist Studies. Ven. Baddanta Pamokkha under the guidance of Dr. U S Moorti, Dept. of History and Archaeology, Tumkur University, Tumkur - "Purifying the Beings



through Three Fold Training” and Upasaka Rajendra P on the thesis entitled "Human Happiness through the Pancha Sila Practice" A study in Buddhism.” received doctorate under the guidance of Ven. Dr. Pharakurgosithbuddhisat, Mahaculalongkorne Raja Mahavidhyalaya University, Thailand.

Felicitation ceremony At Mahabodhi Research Centre:

Ven. Bhaddanta Pamokkha joined Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru as a Dhamma teacher and has rendered yeomen service not only in imparting systematic teaching but more importantly in developing Pariyati Sasana at the Mahabodhi Monastery, Bengaluru, India. To his credit as an intense knowledge seeker, he joined the Mahabodhi Research Centre as a Research scholar in 2015-16 for pursuing his doctoral research on the topic, 'Purifying the Beings through Practicing Threefold Training' and has now been awarded the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Buddhist Studies by the esteemed Tumkur University, Tumakuru, Karnataka State, India for successfully completing the same in March 2021.

The Mahabodhi Research Centre heartily congratulates and also deems it as an honour to felicitate Ven. Dr. Bhaddhanta Pamokkha of Myanmar on this eve, Sunday, the 14th of March 2021 for steadfastly working and promoting the Buddhasasana in India. To celebrate this proud and joyous moment conjointly on behalf of - the Mahabodhi Research Centre, Bengaluru as well as the Tumkur University, Tumakuru, Karnataka State, India -confer the Citation to Ven. Dr. Bhaddanta Pamokkha for his splendid academic accomplishment.

In the year 2012-13, he was joined as Research scholar under Mahabodhi Research Centre and has completed his Ph.D. successfully under the guidance of Venerable Dr. PHRAKRUGHOSIT BUDDHISAT, Mahachula Longkorn Rajavidyalaya University, Thailand.

Mahabodhi Research Centre, deems it an honour and heartily congratulates Upasaka Dr. Rajendra P for making our institution proud by receiving Doctorate award in Buddhist studies Under Esteemed Tumkur University, Tumakuru, Karnataka State (India)



Ph.D. convocation at Tumkur University.



Felicitation to Dr Bhaddanta Pamokkha.



With Prof Dr Ramesh & delegation from Tumkur University..



Mahabodhi Library and Sangayana

The Mahabodhi Library have been revamped and redesigned with new furniture, study tables, chairs and racks. The library is unique in the sense that it hosts the valuable Sacred Tipitaka both in Pali and English translation. More than 10000 books and titles in different languages are in the library for the readers. Every month new arrivals- magazines, journals, and periodicals are added to the storehouse of knowledge to the library. For research scholars and monks the library is used for referencing and preparing projects. Positive ideas and initiatives are taken up to increase library membership and wide accessibility to public readers. Besides this, we have planned to make Digital library section to reach out maximum number of readers.

Publications -Dhamma Magazine (English and Kannada)

English monthly Dhamma magazine, started by Bada Bhanteji and himself was the chief editor for decades and published some of the best Dhamma articles. Under this guidance and inspiration of our Gurujji, even today the magazine is continued to publish with the same spirit without any gap. Under MRC publication section, the magazine getting its grip to reach maximum reader in locally and globally. For local readers Kannada Bi-monthly magazine has been published benefitting hundreds and thousands of our readers in Karnataka.

Kannada Tipitaka Project - Translation of Pali Tipitaka in Kannada:

Translation of Pali tipitaka into Kannada is going on in full swing, A group of dedicated scholarly translator headed by senior Upasaka and co-coordinator Dr. B V Rajaram and other upasakas are doing the translation work sincerely. In first of its series, Translation of Sutta and Abhidhamma pitaka have been taken up. So far, 34 volumes have been already published under Buddha Vachana Trust. To mention a few – Digha Nikaya, Majjhima Nikaya, Samyutta Nikaya, Anguttara Nikaya and Jataka, Milinda panhā etc. During this year, Samyutta Nikaya, Maha Vagga part 1 was released. We are very grateful to Govt. of Karnataka and the group of Dhamma translators for supporting the translation project. In near future we are hopeful that we will be able to bring out the complete collection of Pali Tipitaka in to kannada and other Indian language.



MBRC have signed MoU with Jain University to provide Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies.

Future programs:

- On occasion of 2565th Sacred Buddha Purnima, with the blessing of Triple Gem and Bada bhanteji and Kassapa Bhanteji, Mahabodhi Research Centre has signed MoU with esteemed Jain (Deemed to be University) to lunch and run Ph D program In Buddhist studies. As per the instruction of Jain (Deemed to be University) Ph.D course will start in the month of august. And we are receiving application from all parts of India and overseas. The admission process has commenced.



- There is much demand from the Dhamma aspirants from different counters to conduct virtual three months Vassa program similarly like this year in the forthcoming year for the benefit of the truth seekers. Therefore, as per the request of our devotees once again a comprehensive course on different dimension is to be designed in the forthcoming year.



Awarding Diploma certificate to student.

- As we know 2022 is the Birth Centenary of our most beloved Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera. On this auspicious year that is 2021 March to 2022 March Mahabodhi Society and Mahabodhi Research Centre are doing Social and Humanitarian works like Covid Relief Work, Hospital Dana Service, and Feeding to Animals etc. and Symposium.
- It is proposed to organize an international seminar on Buddha's teaching and philosophy in the commemoration on the eve of successful completion of Birth centenary year celebration of Bada Bhanteji during Dhammapada Festival, March - 2022

MAHABODHI HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Mahabodhi Burns and Casualty Center:

Mahabodhi burns and casualty center is dedicated to the service of burns patients which is one of the biggest in India. Today it houses and treats hundreds of burns patients. It is situated in Victoria Hospital complex in the heart of Bengaluru city and is managed by the Government of Karnataka. The monks and lay devotees of Mahabodhi Society visit the hospital every month and distribute fruits, buns etc., to the patients and provide counseling to the patients and relatives.

Mahabodhi Hospital Dana Service:

The hospital Dāna service was started by Bada Bhanteji way back in 1956 when he saw the suffering of people in Victoria Hospital. It is one of the earliest programs of MBSB. This program is one of the closest to our founder and as well it touches the life of many needy people. Even today the Dana is practiced with joy to demonstrate 'compassion in action'. Every Purnima - full moon day fruits packets and other essential relief materials were distributed poor patients at Victoria Hospital. Monthly once or twice nutritious lunch is offered to 350 poor cancer patients at Kidwai Cancer Hospital, Bengaluru.



Mahabodhi monks serving free lunch to 350 Cancer patient at Kidwai Cancer hospital.