

MAHABODHI RESEARCH CENTRE Karnataka

The Mahabodhi Research Centre is a unique and pioneering research institution in Buddhist Studies, envisioned by the Most Venerable Dr Acharya Buddharakkhita, PhD, 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, JotetuBuddhasasanamBharatasmimRatthasmim' – in fulfilling the dream and vision of its founder, world-renowned scholar-cum-meditation 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 is affiliated with Karnataka Sanskrit University (KSU) and Jain University (JU) Bengaluru.

The Study and practice of Buddhism and philosophy taught by the compassionate Supreme Teacher Lord Buddha will help a person live a meaningful life and progress towards freedom from suffering, ultimately leading to enlightenment. Therefore, the universal message of Bhagavan Buddha is even more relevant to the modern world than it was 2600 years ago. Presently, under the able guidance and effort of Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadata, the Director of Mahabodhi Research Centre, states that the following programs are going namely - Ph. D program in Buddhist Studies, Diploma in Buddhist Studies, Certificate courses, three-month Vassa courses, Pali Speaking courses and other short-term and practical courses are offered. One of the critical Research and publication undertaken is Kannada Triptaka Granthama Project. International Dhamma monthly magazines, both in English and Kannada, Publications, research journal, a world-class library, and sangayana are some other activities carried out under the Research Centre program.

Diploma and Certificate Program In the current year:

2021-22 Batch comprising of 37 students took admission for One Year Diploma and Six-Month Certificate course in Buddhist studies. Regular online and offline classes have been conducted in the weekends by experienced and learned faculty members (both monks and lay people) with the same spirit. As per the guideline of Karnataka Sanskrit University, We successfully conducted the final exam at KSU Campus, out of 37 students 25 students qualified for exam and 17 students have participated in the exam successfully cleared main exam. Herewith we at Mahabodhi Research Centre successfully completed the fourth batch.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION- CERTIFICATE AWARDS

The Previous batch of 2020 -21 comprising of 32 students both from India and overseas took admission for one year diploma and Six Month Certificate Course. As per the guideline of the Karnataka Sanskrit University has conducted annual exam offline post covid. Finally, we successfully conducted the final exam, all the students has participated in annual exam and cleared their exams. The convocation certificates awarded to the successful candidates on a solemn occasion during the Kathina Civara Festival. Herewith we Mahabodhi Research Centre successfully completed the Third batch and awarded the certificate to the successful candidates.



Distribution of convocation certificate 2022 by Bhikkhu Sangha and Director of MBRC during annual convocation



Welcoming diploma and certificate students of the 2022 - 23 batch

Diploma and Certificate Program:

This current Academic year (2022-23) 31 students took admission, and freshers were welcomed in a welcome ceremony held at Mahabodhi Research Centre in the presence of the director, lecturers and Dhamma teachers. Classes were started in the month of October - 2022. Regular online & offline classes have been conducted in the weekends by dedicated team of experienced and learned faculty members (both monks and laypeople) with the same spirit.

SEMINAR ON BUDDHA PURNIMA: May 9th – 10th

Commemorating of Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinibbana

May – 10th: Every year we celebrate the BUDDHA JAYANTI (The Birth, Enlightenment, and Mahaparinibbana of Supreme Buddha) by coming together at Vihara. On the occasion of 2566th Vesaka Buddha Purnima Mahabodhi Society and Mahabodhi Research Centre Organized a week-long program called Bodhi Saptaha. As the inauguration of Bodhi Saptaha Mahabodhi Research Centre has organised a One Day International seminar on the theme “Living Legacy of Supreme Buddha – World Peace Through Inner Peace”. On this auspicious occasion Ven. Bhikkhu Maggavihara, Vice President. IIT Sri Lanka gave keynote address, Swami Nityasthanandaji Maharaj, Chief Guest, President, Ramakrishna Math, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore, delivered talk on the theme. On this occasion, hundreds of upasakas and upasikas were gathered and get benefited from this conference.

May 19th: On occasion of Vesak Day, Mahabodhi Research Centre organized one-day seminar for Diploma and Six Month Certificate Course Students, where students presented their papers on different topics related to Buddha’s Teachings.

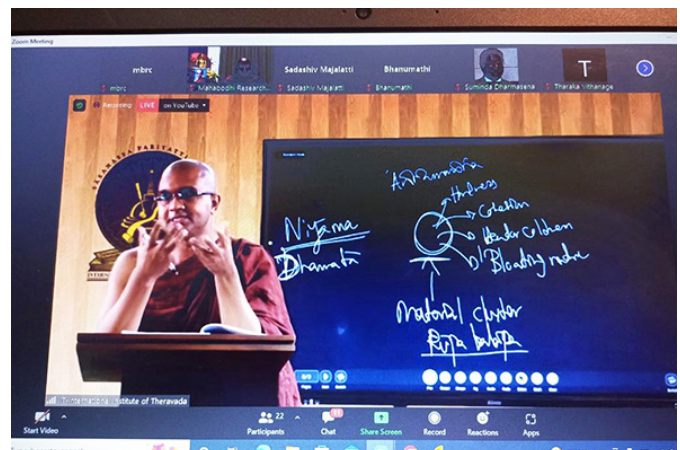
On 10th, 12th and 13th of May: On the occasion of Buddha Jayanti Mahabodhi Research Centre and International Institute of Theravada Jointly organized Special Dhamma Talks series. by Most Ven. Watagoda Maggavihari, Vice President of The International Institute of Theravada, Sri Lanka. We are very great full to most Ven. Watagodamaggavihari for enlightening us on this auspicious occasion. On this occasion Mahabodhi Society Monks, Mahabodhi Research Centre Students and Upasaka and Upasika by were present on this occasion

Special Dhamma Talk Series.

To commemorate the birth centenary year of Most Ven. Acharya Buddhharakkhita. MBRC Bangalore, launched a series of Dhamma talks by erudite scholars & Dhamma teachers across the globe. The Dhamma talks are held online every fortnight on Saturdays at 6 pm IST, to educate, awaken and establish in public the pristine pure authentic teaching of the Supremely Enlightened one in the land of origin for the benefit and happiness of all. Guest dhamma speakers both monastic and scholars from Srilanka, Burma, Thailand United states various parts of India and abroad were invited and enlightened the Upasaka and Upasikas with Dhamma sharing. This year 15th, Dhamma lectures from various Dhamma speakers are offered as Dhammadana.



International Seminar on occasion of 2566th Vesakh Buddha Purnima, on the ‘Living Legacy of Supreme Buddha - World Peace Through Inner Peace’



Special Guest Dhamma lecture by Ven. Maggavihari Thero from Sri Lanka



Upasaka Thomas from Germany conducted a sutta class on the Topic of The Five Powers, felicitated from MBRC by Bhikkhu Buddhaddatta

Lecture No 1: 1st July -2022

Mahabodhi Research Centre conducted a guest lecture – 1 sutta studies on the topic “The Five Powers” by our UpasakaThamos, who conducts sutta classes in Germany Upasaka Thomas delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who gathered at mahabodhi research centre. We are very grateful for his precious time. On this occasion our research centre director honored Upasaka thomas on behalf of the mahabodhi research centre. On this occasion our research centre Director Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Mahabodhi Monks, Mathais, Dr. Ramachandra sir and upasaka were present.

Guest Lecture– 2, 20th of August - 2022

Mahabodhi Research Centre conducted yet another guest lecture series on the Abhidhamma topic “Scientific Understanding of Citta and Cetasika” by Prof. Mahadevaiah Kallarepura. Upasaka presented his paper in systematic way by using PowerPoint presentation on the above said topic. Upasaka Mahadevaiah delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Prof. Mahadevaiah for enlightening us and for his precious time.



Evaluation at Karnataka Sanskrit University.



Bhikkhu Buddhadatta Investigating the Examination Centre at Sanskrit University, Bengaluru

Guest Lecture– 2, 15th of October – 2022

Rev. U. Siddhattha (Siddhatthālankāra) is a Sri Lankan monk ordained as a novice on May 22nd 2004, at Siri Sugata Senasuna, Kurunegala, one of the main branches of the Arankele Forest Monastery, belonging to Shwegyin Nikāya. The main centre is well known as Kanduboda Siyane International Meditation Center. He received his first higher ordination in May 2005 in Shwegyin Nikāya.

Rev. U. Siddhattha (Siddhatthālankāra) gave a lecture on the topic “The Significance of Pavāraṇa (Invitation for Monks)” Bhande delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Rev. U. Siddhattha (Siddhatthālankāra) for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture– 3, 29th of October – 2022

Bhante Dhammarakkhita, Born in Sussex, England 1967 and ordained as a Bhikkhu Theravada Buddhist Monk at Maha Bodhi Society, living in the India since 2020. Ven. Bhante Dhammarakkhita gave a Dhamma lecture on Theravada doctrine and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through online and offline mode. We are very grateful to Ven. Bhante Dhammarakkhita for enlightening us and for his precious time.



P C Mohan, Member of Parliament Bengaluru Central, honoured by Bhikkhu Ananda and Bhikkhu Buddhadatta on occasion of Statue inauguration

Guest Lecture Series – 4 ,12th of November – 2022

Ven. Panna Theri is a Theravāda Buddhist nun and a Myanmar citizen. She completed an M.A in Buddhist Studies, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and a Ph.D. Candidate at Shan State Buddhist University (SSBU), Myanmar, and undertaking her Ph.D. Thesis on Grief (Soka) Management and Buddhist Psychology. She is also a

lecturer of Theravāda Buddhist Meditation: Theory and Practice for Postgraduate Diploma and M.A programs at SSBU.

Ven. Panna Therigave a lecture on Buddha Dhamma and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Rev. Ven. Pannatheri for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture Series – 5th, 26th of November – 2022

Ven. Nandacara is a Theravada Monk from Myanmar. The Venerable studied MA. In Buddhist Studies at Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya. Rev. Nandacara studied MA Buddhist Ayurvedic Counselling Class at PGIPBS and passed the exam with merits as well.

Ven. Nandacara gave a lecture on the topic “A Glimpse of Mindfulness” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasakas and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode we are very grateful to Rev. Ven. Nandacara for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture Series – 6th, 10th December – 2022

Venerable Dr. Visarada is a Theravada Buddhist monk and was born in 1978 at Yanbyee Township in Rakhine state, Western Myanmar. He graduated B.A (Myanmar) in 2002 from Dagon University, Yangon Division, Myanmar served as Abbot in Dhamma Visara and Ma Yauk Chain Monasteries at Yanbyee.

Venerable Dr. Visaradagave a lecture on the topic “The Seven Bojjhanga in Practice” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode we are very grateful to Venerable Dr. Visarada for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture– 7th, 24th December – 2022

Venerable Pelmadulle Vijiṭānanda, as a SriLankan monk, is highly recognized for his academic achievements in the traditional monastic education in Myanmar received his monastic education in Myanmar at a very early age.

Venerable Pelmadulle Vijiṭānandagave a lecture on the topic “The Buddhist path to be an Unconditional Positive” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Rev. Venerable PelmadulleVijiṭānandafor enlightening us and for his precious Dhamma sharing.

Guest Lecture– 8th, 7th January – 2023

Ven. Ashin Kusala was born on 8th May 1969 in the Kongyi Village, the Wetlet Township, Sagaing Division in Myanmar. At the age of nine (1978), He shifted as student of monastery to Pathamagandhayon monastery, Sagaing hills, Sagain. In his twelfth age (1981), he was ordained as a Samanera (Buddhist novice), under Venerable Ashin Supinnindabhivamsa, the abbot of Pathamagandhayon monastery.

Ven. Ashin Kusala gave a lecture on the topic “How Important is Monastic Education” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph. D students and upasakas and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode. We are very grateful to Ven. Ashin Kusala for enlightening us and for his precious time.

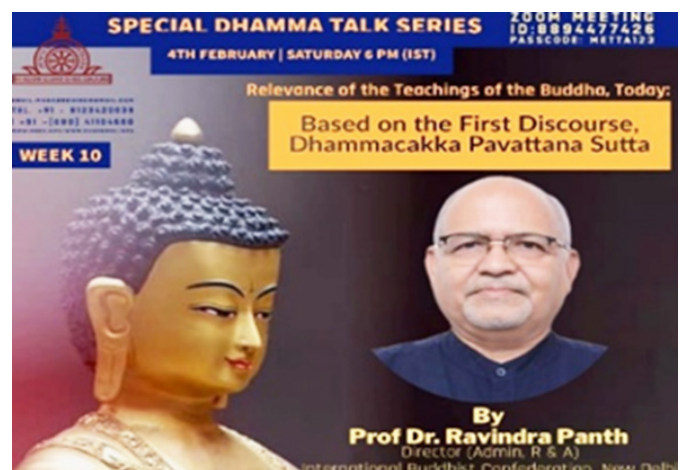
Guest Lecture– 9th, 21st January – 2023

Venerable Dr Chandamuktha, Associate Professor at The International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Head of the Department of Suttanta Studies, ITBMU, Yangon, Myanmar. Abbot of Sirimangala Cittasukha Monastery.

Ven. Dr. Chandamukthagave a lecture on the topic “Buddhist Outlook on the World”and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Ven. Dr. Chandamukthafor enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture Series – 10th, 4th February – 2023

Prof (Dr.) Ravindra Panth is an erudite Scholar Buddhist Studies and an expert of the ancient Pali language and the original



Upasaka Dr. Ravindra Panth, Well known scholar former VC Nava Nalanada University delivered a talk on the topic Based on the first discourse Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta on 4th February

teachings of the Buddha. He remained the Director/Vice-chancellor of Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (NNM), Nalanda, Deemed University under the Ministry of Culture (MoC), Government of India (GoI), from 2000 to 2016. He also has the honour of serving as the Director, Vipassana Research Institute (VRI), Igatpuri, Maharashtra, for 14 years (1986 – 2000) devoting to Paṭipatti (practice) and Paṭivedhan (experience) under the guidance of Vipassana Acharya Dr S N Goenka.

Prof (Dr.) Ravindra Panth delivered a lecture on the topic “Relevance of the Teachings of the Buddha, today: based on the First Discourse, the Dhamma Cakka Pavattana Sutta” to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Prof. Dr. Ravindra Panth for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture Series – 11th, 18th February – 2023

The speaker for the 11th Dhamma lecture series was Venerable Dodanduwe Obhāsa from Sri Lankan. Venerable Dodanduwe Obhāsa gave a lecture on the topic “THE FOURFOLD PURIFICATION MORALITY” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Venerable Dodanduwe Obhāsa for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture Series 12th, 18th of March – 2023

Bhante Revata is Theravada monk, contemplative teacher, and storyteller. He is residential teacher at the Chautauqua Institution NY. He also teaches online meditation and dhamma classes at AIC. He is a co-editor of book: Human Dignity: Practices, Discourses, and Transformations. His essays and writings have appeared in the Harvard Divinity Bulletin, Journal of Contemporary Buddhism, Buddhist Studies Reviews, and Journal of Religion and Popular Culture, among other publications.

Venerable Bhikkhu Revata gave a lecture on the topic “Gijjhakuta – The Place, History, and Importance in Indian Buddhism” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode. We are very grateful to Venerable Bhikkhu Revata for enlightening us and for his precious Dhamma sharing.

Guest Lecture 13th, 1st of April – 2023

MAHESH ASHOK DEOKAR, Prof & HOD, Dept. of Pali And Buddhist Studies, Shavitribai Phule Pune University gave a lecture on the topic “BUDDHISM AND DEMOCRACY “ and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to MAHESH ASHOK DEOKAR for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture 14th - 14th of April – 2023

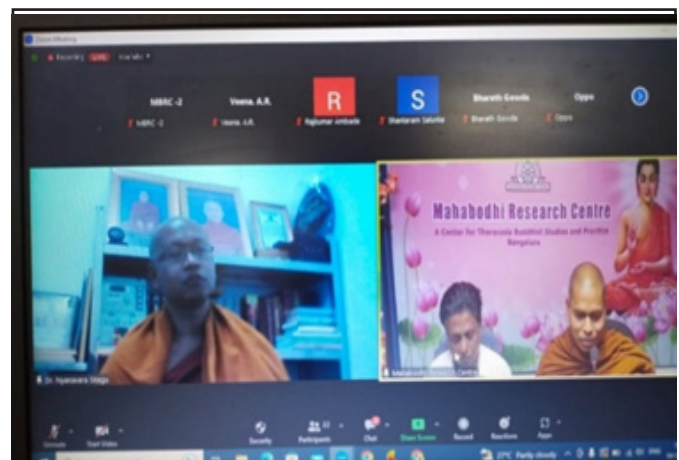
Venerable SayadawVaranyana is a Theravada Buddhist monk was born in Rakhine state, western Myanmar. Venerable has been a monk since 12 years old. He received his M.A degree in Buddhist Studies and Ph.D. degree from the University of Kelaniya, Srilanka Sayadaw Varanyana gave a lecture on the topic “Practice of the Dhamma As Swimming Against the Tide” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph. D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Sayadaw Varanyanafor enlightening us and for his precious time.

Guest Lecture Series 15th, 29th of April – 2023

Ven. Amitha Rewatha Thero, Mahamevna Buddhist Monastery, California, USA, gave a lecture on the topic “The Supreme Buddha’s Victory over Mara” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode We are very grateful to Ven. Amitha Rewatha Thero, for enlightening us and for his precious time.



Venerable Amitha Rewata Thero, from Mahamevna California delivering special Dhamma lecture via Online.



Fortnightly seminar conducted by Bhikkhu Buddhadatta and Prof. Ramachandra well received, where international monks Sri Lanka, Burma, Thailand and Other countries were invited and participated.

Dhammapada Festival on 5th of March – 2023

Dhamma Desana:

On 4th and 5th of March, on occasion of 101st Birth Anniversary of our Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera, Mahabodhi Research Centre organised Two Day webinar for One year Diploma and Six Month Certificate Course students, 09 Students have presented their paper on the different topic of Dhammapada various vagga.

Dr. Nyanavara (Sitagu) gave a lecture on the topic “Building the House of Meditation in the Life” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode we are very grateful to Dr. Nyanavara (Sitagu) for enlightening us and for his precious time.

Dr. Baddantha Pamokkha gave a lecture on the topic “Dhammapada: The Path to Wisdom” and delivered Dhamma talk to all the diploma students, Ph.D students and upasaka and upasikas who participated through both online and offline mode. We are very grateful to Dr. Baddantha Pamokkha for enlightening us and for his precious time.

September 2022 - Webinar by Ph.D. Scholars:

Mahabodhi Research Centre conducted a webinar for the Ph.D as part of the curriculum. Scholars affiliated to Jain (Deemed to be University). As per the guidelines of our Research Centre Director, MRC conducted a webinar. In this webinar Three research scholar has presented their paper on their Ph.D. Title.

Pali and Sanskrit Spoken Language Workshop: 03.10.2022 to 09.10.2022

In the month of October a Week long workshop on Pali - Sanskrit speaking workshop (Sambhashana Shibira) were jointly organized by Mahabodhi Research Centre and Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru. More than 80 Venerable monks were participated in this workshop and learned basic spoken skills about the Sanskrit language. Upasaka Rajesh from Sanskrit Bharati conducted the workshop. This workshop went off very well, and helped our monks to learn pali – Sanskrit to understand the similarities of language in day to day speaking language.

Release of Book and MBRC Journal:

It is wish of our MBRC Director, Bhikkhu Buddhadatta to bring a Journal under Mahabodhi Research Centre. In this regard we release a Journal in the name “MRC Journal” on the occasion of Dhammapada Festival. MBRC Journal contain articles or paper presented by our one-year Diploma and Six – Month Certificate Course.

A group of dedicated scholarly translators headed by senior Upasaka and co-coordinator Dr. B V Rajaram and other upasakas are doing the Kannada Tripitaka translation work sincerely. So far, 34 volumes have been already published under Buddha Vachana Trust, simultaneously, to mention a few – DighaNikaya, MajjhimaNikaya, SamyuttaNikaya, AnguttaraNikaya and Jataka, Milindapanhā etc. During this year, on the occasion of Birth Centenary of Bada Bhanteji Mahabodhi Society and Mahabodhi Research Centre has been released 62 books in different language has been released. Simultaneously, Telugu tripitaka translation on going to bring out in Telugu language.

Figure11- Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta releasing of Dhamma books

Doctorate Programme with Jain (Deemed to be University):

As you know that Mahabodhi Research Centre has signed MoU with esteemed Jain (Deemed to be University) to run Ph.D. program In Buddhist Studies. As per the instruction of Jain (Deemed to be University two Ph.D. students of 2021-22 batch students has presented their synopsis for further. Ph.D. student Abhay Thorat of 2022-23 will appear for the upcoming course exam going to be held in the month of October 2023.

Most Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghasena, Mahather Visit to our Mahabodhi Research Centre:



Research Scholar presented their paper conducted by Jain University, Bengaluru



Week long workshop on Pali - Sanskrit speaking workshop (Sambhashana Shibira) conducted by Upasaka Rajesh

On the occasion of Mahakaruna Divas, Pujya Bhikkhu Sanghasena visited our Mahabodhi Research Centre and interacted with MBRC Director Bhikkhu Buddhadatta and staff. Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghasena released MBRC Brochure, Library catalogue, and release dhamma talks of Bada Bhanteji at MRC Conference Hall. On this auspicious day Most Ven. Bhikkhu Kassapa Mahathera grace this occasion.

Ven. Buddhadatta Bhanteji provided a Dhamma message and offered us his blessings. He also expressed his gratitude towards MBS for its academic research wing.

Continuation of Doctoral programme with Tumkuru University:

In 2012, the Mahabodhi Research Centre established a partnership with the esteemed Tumkur University to offer a Ph.D. program in Buddhist Studies. In the 2015-16 academic year, four students enrolled in the program. One of the students successfully submitted their thesis, while two others, Daw Yasanadi and S Narasimaiah, have faced technical and personal issues that have prevented them from making progress for almost three years. As a result, these two students have submitted a request to Tumkur University for an extension of their tenure to complete their Ph.D. theses.

Visit to Karnataka Sanskrit University: (KSU)

Every year The Director of Mahabodhi Research Centre will meet and honour the Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice-Chancellor and other officers in this regard, we brief about Mahabodhi Research Centre academic activities, conferences and other activities that we conduct in our centre.

Award:

Recently Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre president Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghasena honoured MBRC Director for their outstanding achievement in the field of education and working for the Buddha Sasana. On this auspicious occasion Most Ven. Bhikkhu Kassapa Mahathera and other dignitaries were present.

Mahabodhi Research Centre Received ISO 9001 certification:

Happy to share that Mahabodhi Research Center got ISO 9001:2015 Certificate for quality management on 5th of May.

Mahabodhi Library:

The Mahabodhi Library has been revamped and redesigned with new furniture, study tables, chairs and racks. The library



Pujya Bhikkhu Sanghasena visited our Mahabodhi Research Centre on occasion of Mahakaruna Divas, releasing library catalogue and brochure.



Pujya Venerable Sanghasena Bhanteji having interaction with MBRC Director Bhikkhu Buddhadatta



Venerable Bhikkhu Sanghasena inaugurated MBRC online class room and Conference hall



Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta Met Vice Chancellor of Tumkur University, Tumkuru.



Mahabodhi Research Centre got ISO 9001 2015 International Certification for quality management

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 readers. Every month new arrivals- magazines, journals, and periodicals are added to the storehouse of knowledge to the library. The library is used for referencing and preparing projects for research scholars and monks. Positive ideas and initiatives are taken up to increase library membership and wide accessibility to public readers. Besides this, we have planned to make a Digital library section to reach out a maximum number of readers. As per the instructions of our research centre director, we have completed the catalogue of all the books in the Mahabodhi library. Now, it is easy for the reader to find the books according to the subject and language. New arrivals books worth 1 lakhs rupees have been added to enrich our Mahabodhi library.



Ven. Bhikkhu Sanghasena honoured MBRC Director for their outstanding achievement in the field of Buddhist studies & Research.



Expert under work for Manuscript restoration and treatment for ancient scripture at Mahabodhi Library.



MBRC diploma and certificate course students writing annual examination conducted by KSU