



Mahabodhi Research Centre

Annual Report for The Year 2023-24

Mahabodhi Research center, Bengaluru

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. (admiringly 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-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 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 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 offered. One of the important Research and publication undertaken is Kannada Triptaka Granthama Project. International Dhamma monthly magazines, both in English and kannada, Publications, research journal, world class library, and sangayana are some other activities carried out under Research Centre program.

One Year Diploma and Six Month Certificate Programme with Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru

Diploma and Certificate Program for the Academic Year 2023-24:

2022-23 Batch comprising of 31 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 the Karnataka Sanskrit University, We successfully completed and conducted the final exam at KSU Campus, out of 31 students 12 students appeared for qualified for exam and students have participated in the exam successfully cleared main exam. Herewith we Mahabodhi Research Centre successfully completed the fifth batch and heading towards the sixth batch.

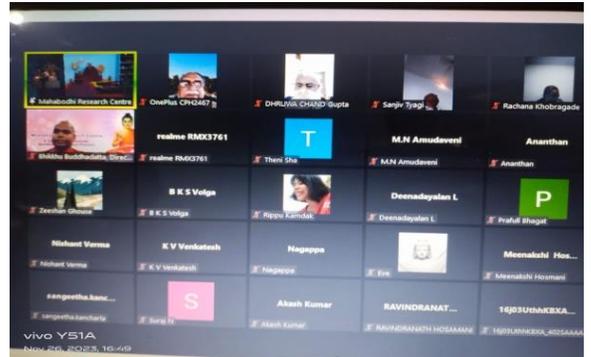


2022-23 batch students appeared for End Term Examination at Karnataka Sanskrit University campus, Chamaraajpet, Bengaluru.

Diploma and Certificate Program: The present Academic year (2023-24) 43 students took admission (Both One Year Diploma and Six Month Certificate Course) and classes were started 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 welcoming the 6th batch students.



Inauguration of 6th Batch Students of One Year Diploma and Certificate Course for the academic year 2023-24.

Ph.D Programme with Tumkur University, Tumakuru.

In the year 2012 Mahabodhi Research Centre got affiliation with esteem Tumkur University to run Ph.D programme in Buddhist Studies. In the year 2015-16 four students have enrolled for Ph.D programme, out of four students one student has successfully submitted his thesis. Rest of the students has not submitted due to some technical and personal issue, the research scholars Daw Yasanadi and S Narasimaiah has failed to show their progress for nearly three years. In this regard the above mentioned research scholar has given the requisition letter to the esteem Tumkur University for the tenure extension to submit their PHD thesis.



Daw Yasanadi submitted her thesis entitled: "Loka Dhamma: Its Impact on Our Lives and the Way to Countenance Loka Dhamma by Cittanupassana" at tumkur university on 30th of september.

In this regard the Tumkur University VC, Syndicate Members and BOS in Buddhist Studies have done a several meetings with the officials, whether the extension permission can be given or not. Finally Tumkur University has approved to extend the tenure for **two months (04.08.2023 to 30.09.2023)** to submit the thesis. In this regard as per the rules and regulation levied by the TU Daw Yasanadi and S Narasimhaiah has successfully fulfilled the criteria to submit the thesis within the given stipulated time. At last on 30th of September Daw Yasanadi: has submitted her thesis on the topic: **Loka Dhamma: Its Impact on Our Lives and the Way to Countenance Loka Dhamma by Cittanupassana** under the guidance of Prof. Dr. U S Moorti, Retd. Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, Tumkur University, Tumkur.



Daw Yasanadi gave PPT presentation on her final synopsis thesis entitled "Loka Dhamma: Its Impact on Our Lives and the Way to Countenance Loka Dhamma by Cittanupassana"

S Narasimhaiah has submitted his thesis on the: **Pragmatism in Early Buddhist Literature: A Revisit** under the guidance of Prof. M Kotresh, Department of History and Archaeology, Tumkur University, Tumkur.



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With the blessings of Triple Gem, Guru Bhanteji, and Holy Bhikkhu Sangha of Mahabodhi Society, so far Mahabodhi Research Centre has produced 4 Ph.D thesis on different topics. On behalf of Mahabodhi Society and Mahabodhi Research Centre congratulate the all the research scholars who successfully submitted their thesis.

Ph.D Programme with Jain University:

On 18th of July Jain (Deemed to be University) has conducted an synopsis presentation of Siddharth Ambrit on the topic “ANALYSIS OF DEFILEMENTS OF UNDER - GRADUATE STUDENTS: A DHAMMA APPROACH” in the presence of Bhikkhu Buddhadatta (Co – Guide), Dr. Rajani Jayaram (Research Guide), External Examiner : Dr. Shobha R , Internal Examiner : Dr. Natesha L.



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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 has presented their synopsis before the colloquium. Therefore jain university has



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issued the permanent registration letter. As mentioned in the letter the research scholars has to submit their thesis with two year from the time of registration letter issued.

Jain University has issued a notification for Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies for the Academic Year 2023-24. In this academic year two students have applied for Ph.D programme and appeared for the exam. Out of two students one candidate has

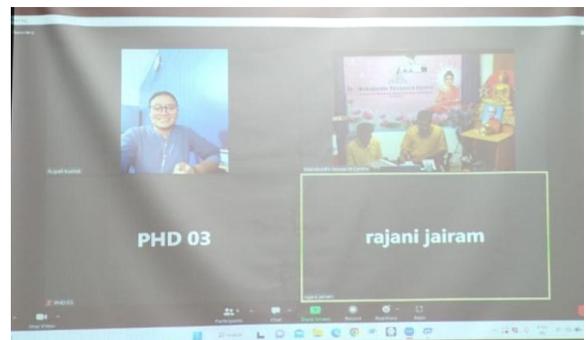


Figure 1 Mahabodhi Research Centre and Jain University jointly conducted an online interview for research scholar Rupali on the 8th of July 2023.

cleared the entrance exam conducted on 25th of June. As per the UGC rules the students have to undergo interview Conducted interview conducted through online mode. The interview panelist are Dr. K Ramachandra, Dr. B V Rajaram from MRC and Dr. Rajini Jairam & Dr. Mythili P Rao from Jain University was present.

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As per the request of Jain (Deemed to be University) Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Director Mahabodhi Research Centre gave dhammadesana to the students. As part of Ph.D programme Mr. Siddharth Ambrit, Research Scholar conducted mediation session at jain university.



Dr. Srikantaswamy, Director for Ph.D and Administration, Jain Deemed to be University visited Mahabodhi Research Centre and met Ven. Ananda Bhanteji, Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta Bhanteji, Dr. K Ramachandra sir, Dr. B V Rajaram and guided us regarding on Research Work especially guided us on what are the procedure to be followed to produce international level Ph.D Thesis. So therefore on behalf of Mahabodhi Research Centre we thank Dr. Srikantaswamy for his valuable guidance and support.



Dr. Srikantaswamy, Director for Ph.D and Administration, Jain Deemed to be University visited Mahabodhi Research Centre.

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members are Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Director MBRC, Dr. K Ramachandra, Dr. Shivaraj, and Y Ramesh.

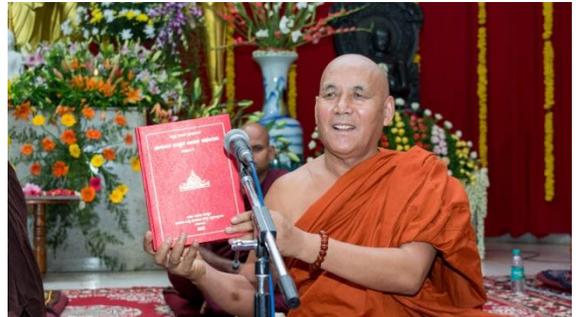


Conducted interview through offline mode with panel members are Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Director MBRC, Dr. K Ramachandra, Dr. Shivaraj, and Y Ramesh.

Translation of Pali -Tipitaka into Kannada, Dhamma Publications and Journals:

Translation of Pali -Tipitaka **Granthmala Project** into Kannada and other languages is going on in full swing, a group of dedicated scholarly translator headed by senior Upasaka and co-ordinator Dr. B V Rajaram and other upasakas are doing the translation work sincerely. In first of its series, Translation of Sutta and Abhidhammapitaka have been taken up. Till date, 33 volumes have been already published under Buddha Vachana Trust. To mention a few – Digha Nikaya, Majjhima Nikaya, Samyutta Nikaya, Anguttara Nikaya and Jataka, Milindapaṇhā etc. had bought out. During this year, SamyuttaNikaya part 1 was released. We are very grateful to Govt. of Karnataka for grant in aid 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.

- On occasion of birth centenary of our most respected Bada Bhanteji release of Kannada Tipitaka Book “Samyuttanikaya – 1 was



Release of Publication by Most Ven. Kassapa Mahathera.

written by Dr. Parashuramappa S R, published under the Buddha Vachana Trust.

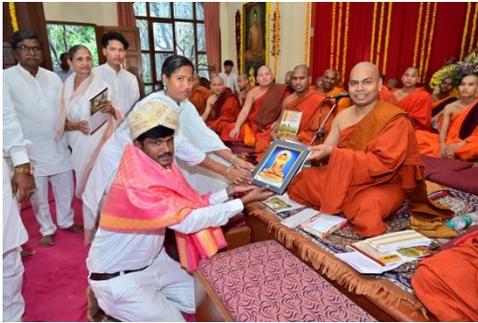
- 2021- 22 year is Centenary year of our most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera, as to show gratitude, respected to our teacher MBS and MRC has decided to release the series of books written by our Bada Bhanteji and Dhamma books. So we released 76 books.

- It is wish of our MBRC Director, Bhikkhu Buddhadatta to bring a Journal under Mahabodhi Research Centre. In this regard we planned to release a Journal in the name “**MRC Journal**” on occasion of Birth Centenary of our Bada Bhanteji. MBRC Journal contain articles or paper presented by our one-year Diploma and Six-MonthCertificate Course.



Mahabodhi Monks and Dignitaries released the Kannada Book on occasion of Smarananjali

- On occasion of 10th death anniversary of our most respected Bada Bhanteji two books **Pali Bhasheya Vyakarana – 1** in kannada and book on **Satipattna** in English has been released under the Buddha Vachana Trust. Ven. Monks and Honorable guest release the book.



Release of book entitled “Pali Bhashe mattu Brahmi Lipi (Dhamma Lipi) kaipidi”

On occasion of Katina Chivara festival book entitle “**Pali Bhashe mattu Brahmi Lipi (Dhamma Lipi) kaipidi**” book has been released under Mahabodhi Research Centre, Bengaluru. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Director, MBRC and Bhikkhu Ananada, General Secretary, MBS was also present at this occasion.

- Under Mahabodhi Research Centre, we have releaed one more book entitled “**Buddhara Kalada Bharatiya Samskruthi**” translated by Dr. P V Narayana, a renowned kannada writer and



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Smaranjali Day - 17th of September: 10th Respectful Remembrance Day of Most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera



Sri. Manoj Jain, Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka, gave Inaugural Speech and highlighted the importance of Pali language.



Dr. S Ahalya, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru, gave Keynote address.

- On occasion of 10th Smaranjali of our beloved teacher Most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Thero, Mahabodhi Research Center organized a National Seminar on the topic “**Contribution of Venerable Anagarika Dharmapala and Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera – Pioneer in Revival of Buddhism in Modern India**”. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Director, Mahabodhi Research Centre, talked about the Seminar Concept Note and welcomes the guest. On this auspicious occasion well know dignitaries like Ven. Buddharakkhita Thero, abbot, Vipassana Meditation Centre, Member, Mahabodhi Society of India, Kolkata participated as the chief Guest, Sri. Manoj



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Jain, Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka Inaugural Speech, Dr. S Ahalya, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru, gave Keynote address. Molakalmuru Srinivasmurthy, Former Asst. Commissioner, Commercial Tax Dept. and Tipitaka Translator were the special speaker, Dr. K Ramachandra, Principal, Mahabodhi Cluster University, was the Guest of Honour, Bhikkhu Ananda, and Buddhadatta Bhanteji. Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda gave vote of Thanks with Metta Chanting.

- Mahabodhi Research Centre, organized an seminar on the book **“Buddhara Kalada Bharatiya Samskruthi”** translated by Dr. P V Narayana, a renowned kannada writer and scholar, an english translation of **“Indian Culture in the Times of Buddha”** written by Dr. A P De Zoysa. On this auspicious occasion well know dignitaries like Dr. P V Narayan, well known Kannada writer who released the book and gave lecture. Dr. Vasudev Murthy, Associate Professor, Adi Chunchanagiri University, Mandya was the chief guest, gave talk on the released book. Bhikkhu Ananda, General Secretary was presided the occasion and Dr. B V Rajaram, Director, Kannada Tipitaka Grantamala Project, was present at the occasion.



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Special Dhamma Talk Series.

To commemorate the birth centenary year of Most Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita. 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 17 Dhamma lectures ranging from various Dhamma speakers are offered as Dhammadana. Below are the seminar list.

| Sl No. | Name of the Speaker | Title | Date | Series No. |
|--------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Pyi Phyoo Kyaw | The Sound of the Breath: Sunlun and Theinngu Meditation Traditions of Myanmar | 13.5.2023 | 16 th |
| 2 | Ven Bhikkhu Dharmananda | BUDDHISM FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS - How can we introduce Buddhism in 21 centuries? | 27.5.2023 | 17 th |
| 3 | Ven. Uzine Kundala | Cultivating Inner Peace: Exploring the Transformative Power of Buddhist Meditation Towards Global Harmony | 10.6.2023 | 18 th |
| 4 | Ven. Vimala Bodhi | The Value of Human Life from Theravada Buddhist Perspective | 24.6.2023 | 19 th |
| 5 | Dr. Praveen Kumar | Significance of Dhammacakka Pavattana Sutta & Asalha Purnima | 8.7.2023 | 20 th |
| 6 | Ven. Tan Pannadipa | The Buddhist Positive Thinking | 22.7.2023 | 21 st |
| 7 | Ven. Dr. Candamukha | The Kakacupama Sutta at a glance (Discourse on Simile of Saw) | 5.8.2023 | 22 nd |
| 8 | Ven. Bhikkhu | The Four Supporting Factors – | 19.8.2023 | 23 rd |

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| | Buddhadatta | Sangaha Sutta | | |
| 9 | Ven. Sayale Piyadassi | Abhidhamma as a Part of the Path of Freedom | 16.9.2023 | 24 th |
| 10 | Ven. Bhikkhu Sarana | Bodily Fabrication | 30.9.2023 | 25 th |
| 11 | Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta | Overcoming Anger Forgiveness, Harmony and Inner Peace | 11.11.2023 | 26 th |
| 12 | Dr. K Ramachandra | Navigating Eight Worldly Conditions (Atta Lokadhamma) in Daily Life | 20.01.2024 | 27 th |
| 13 | Ven. Bhikkhu Sayadaw Varanyana | Aranapatipada – The Path Leading to Non - Conflict | 3.2.2024 | 28 th |
| 14 | Ven. Bhikkhu Chandamukha | A Study of Human Nature Through the Light of Brahmajala Sutta | 17.2.2024 | 29 th |
| 15 | Ven. Bhikkhu Sayadaw Kusala | Nature of Kamma | 2.3.2024 | 30 th |
| 16 | Upasaka Mahadevaiah K | Why are Living Being Alive and Why do They Have to Die According to Abhidhamma | 16.3.2024 | 31 st |
| 17 | Ven. Bhikkhuni Dr. Prasannawati | Resilience from the Life Story of Mahaprajapati Gautami | 30.3.2024 | 32 nd |

Mahabodhi Research Centre Received ISO 9001 certification:

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



ISO 9001:2015 Certificate for quality management

Seminar on occasion of Vesakh Buddha Purnima, 2023 – May:



Ven. Phra Weerasak Suwannawong (Ajahn Tah) from Thailand Keynote Speaker, highlighting the importance of Vesak day in Thailand and the world



Most Ven. Bhikkhu Kassapa Mahathera grace the seminar on occasion of Buddha Purnima

Mahabodhi Research Centre conducted an Symposium On the occasion of Vesakh Buddha Jayanti on 4th of May, on the Theme “SIGNIFICANCE OF VESAK BUDDHA DAY – TRIPLE BLESSED DAY” on Thursday, 6.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. which was graced by **Ven. Kassapa Mahathera**, president, Mahabodhi Society and **Bhikkhu Buddhadatta**, Director, Mahabodhi Research Centre.

On this auspicious occasion **Ven. Phra Weerasak Suwannawong (Ajahn Tah)** from Thailand Keynote Speaker, highlighting the **importance of Vesak day in Thailand and the world**, then Prof. **Dr. Jagaralankara** from Burma, also **highlighted the three places connecting to Birth, Enlightenment, and Mahaparinibbana** and gave glimpses of all three important places. **Dr. K Ramachandra** highlighted the **Mahabodhi Society, Bengaluru, and the Contribution of Bada Bhante** and spoke about how the Vesak is celebrated here in India and the work of Mahabodhi Research Centre. Dr. B V Rajaram gave Valedictory Message and thanked everybody.

Visit to Karnataka Sanskrit University: (KSU)

Every year The Director of Mahabodhi Reserech Centre will meet and honour the Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice Chancellor and other officer in this regarding to brief about Mahabodhi Reserech Centre academic activities, conferene and other activities that we conducting in our centre.



Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta met Karnataka Sanskrit Univeristy Vice Chancellor Smt. Dr. S Ahalya.

Dhammapada Festival – 2024

On occasion of Dhammapada Festival, The Birth Anniversary of Most Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera, We Mahabodhi Society and Mahabodhi Research Centre honored Most Ven. Nivitagale Sumitta Thero, Founder of “Dhamma USA” University of the West Pali Society, California, USA grace the occasion and Dr . Ravindra Pant, Director Academics,

International Buddhist Confederation, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, visited Mahabodhi Society and Mahabodhi Research Centre on occasion of Dhammapada Festival, as chief guests on 24th of March.



Dr. Ravindra Pant, Director Academics, International Buddhist Confederation, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta Participation at 12th ABCP

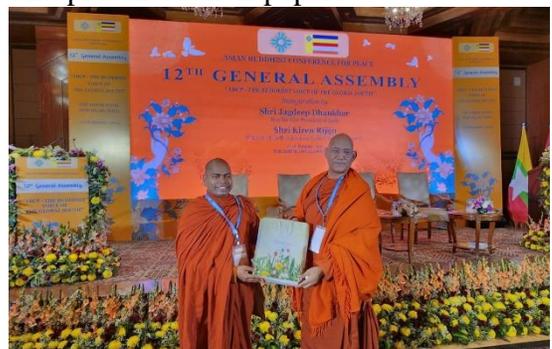
Most Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Participated and presented a paper at the 12th General assembly of Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace organised by Ministry of Culture, Government of India. and Highlighted about Bada Bhanteji and mahabodhi at the 12th General assembly. At this conference more than 15 Asian Buddhist country members and delegation actively participated and presented their papers.



Most Ven. Nivitagale Sumitta Thero, Founder of “Dhamma USA” University of the West Pali Society, California, USA.



Figure 2 Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta, Participated and presented a paper.



As part of the academic activities Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta visited to Dr. B R Ambedkar Study Centre at Mysore University and had a discussion with teaching staff to make MOU with Dr. B R Ambedkar Study Centre at Mysore University.



Bhikkhu Buddhadatta visited to Dr. B R Ambedkar Study Centre at Mysore University.

Most Ven. Bhikkhu Buddhadatta presented a paper at the 1st first global Buddhist summit in New Delhi, organised by IBC, Ministry of Culture, Government of India. At this conference Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi grace the occasion and gave message to all who gathered over there.