

MAHABODHI RESEARCH CENTRE

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 is 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 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 (2021-22) 36 students took admission and classes were started in the month of October. 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.

The Previous batch of 2020 -21 comprising of 25 students took admission for one year diploma and Six Month Certificate Course. As per the guideline of the Karnataka Sanskrit University, due to covid – 19 reasons KSU has authorized MRC to conduct the exams at the centre itself. We successfully conducted the final exam, 25 students have participated in the exam and cleared main exam. The convocation certificates also awarded to the successful candidates. Herewith we Mahabodhi Research Centre successfully completed the Third batch and awarded the certificate to the successful candidates. The virtual classes are going on uninterruptedly for the current batch.

Doctorate Programme with Jain (Deemed to be University):

As we all 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) three Ph.D. students of 2021-22 batch students has cleared the Ph.D. entrance exam conducted by the Jain university at the University campus. The students have successfully undergone

six-month Pre – Ph.D. Course work and appeared for Pre-Ph.D. Exam. Research Scholars attended Research Methodology on weekend conducted by Jain University and Mahabodhi Research centre.

Jain University has issued a notification for Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies for the Academic Year 2022-23. In this academic year two students have applied for Ph.D., Jain University has finalized the date to conduct the exam on 30th of July. As per the UGC rules the students have to undergo interview. In the interview panellist like Bhikkhu Buddhadatta and Dr. B V Rajaram from MRC and Dr. Rajini Jairam from Jain University was present.



Mahabodhi Library and Sangayana at Mahabodhi Research Center, Blr.



Hon. Registrar, Prof. M Kotresh, Karnataka Sanskrit University at Mahabodhi Research Center



Ven Kassapa Mahathera, President of Mahabodhi releasing a publication of TIPITAKA.



Ven Buddhadatta and Dr Rajaram guiding an online class at MBRC.



Ven Subhodhi Thero from Sri Lanka taking online class to the student of MBRC.

Three Month Online Vassa Course During COVID:

Mahabodhi Research Centre started a Three Month Online Vassa Course on the theme entitled “Comprehensive Course on Buddhism”. The course was well received and helped people to know what exactly the Theravada Buddha Dhamma. Over thousands of devotees 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 July and got concluded in the month of October. The course run through every week ends on Saturdays from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and Sunday from 9.30a.m to 11.30 a.m. Totally 24 classes 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 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 200 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 assistance with AANA (Ambedkar Association of North America) and by Upasaka Pankaj Mesham and dedicated team.

Symposium, Seminars and Workshops: Smarananjali Day:

Webinar on occasion of Vesak Buddha Jayanthi:

- As we embrace, 2021-22 is the Birth Centenary year of our Most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera. With the blessing of Triple Gem & Bada Bhanteji on this auspicious year, Mahabodhi Society has been scheduled various programs or plan to celebrate the various occasion in a meaningful way, to share the merit in the name of Most Ven. Bada Bhanteji.
- On May 26th 2021, on occasion of Vesak Day Mahabodhi Research Centre organized one day Webinar for Diploma and Six Month Certificate Students, 25 students were presented their paper on different topics related to Life and Teaching of Buddha, Triple Blessed Event- Birth, Enlightenment and Mahaparinibbana.
- 22nd of September, On the occasion of 8th Smarananjali (Death Anniversary) of our Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Bhanteji, founder president of Mahabodhi Organisation, MBRC in collaboration with Karnataka Sanskrit University organized a One Day National Seminar topic on “LIFE, WORK & LEGACY OF Ven. Dr. ACHARYA BUDDHARAKKHITA MAHATHERA”. On this auspicious occasion Monks from Mahabodhi society presented their papers on different aspects of Bada Bhanteji life and his mission and vision through spiritual educational humanitarian activities.
- Hon. Registrar, Prof. M Kotresh, Karnataka Sanskrit University (the then Registrar, Karnataka Sanskrit University), graced the occasion as Chief guest of this National level Seminar,
- In the month of November, on line seminar was conducted for diploma and certificate students as part of their final exam qualification. It was highly enriching to students.
- Every year we celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Our founder president Most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera as Dhammapada Festival. On this auspicious occasion we organized One Day Seminar on the theme “Dhammapada: The Buddha’s Path to Global Peace, Harmony and Compassion”. On this occasion dignitaries Like Ven. Dr. Dhammapiya, General Secretary, IBC from New Delhi participated as Chief Guest Speaker, Prof. Dr. Mallepuram G Venkatesh, Retd. Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University, was the Guest of Honour, Prof. Dr. U S Moorti, Retd. Professor, Tumkuru University, gave Key note address, Dr. Mythili P Rao, coordinator, Ph.D. Section, Jain University was the resource person.



MBRC students receiving certificate during the Annual Convocation



Above all Resource person presented their paper on the above said topic and enlightened the audience.

- After this we have a technical session for the two Ph.D. Scholars of our MRC (Affiliated to Jain Deemed to be University) presented their paper on the above said theme.

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, Milindapanhā etc. had bought out. During this year, Samyutta Nikaya 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 written by Dr. Parashuramappa S R, published under the Buddha Vachana Trust.
- 2021- 22 year is Centenary year of our most Ven. Dr. Acharya Buddhharakkhita 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 45 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-Month Certificate Course.

MAHABODHI LIBRARY AND SANGAYANA

A book is a gift you can open again and again more so Dhamma books gives wisdom to our life and open our intellects and potentials. 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.

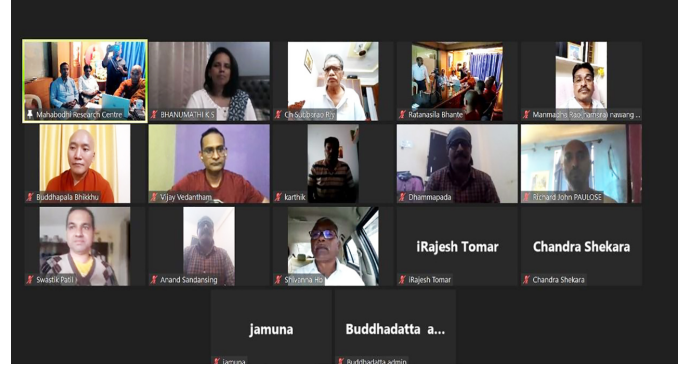
Developmental And Renovation Work:

The centre has taken a new look, with the help of Government assistance and self-generated income. The office section, library and conference room has been renovated and upgraded. New Entrance ambiance has been created, CCTV cameras are installed for safety measures along with audio and video were set up for online conference and classes. New books and publications have been added to our library.

Visit of Government Officials & Financial Assistance:

To run an educational and charitable institution we need help from the Government and generous support from devotees. Once we start a trust or any institution our main aim or motto is 'development'. So therefore, to develop or to uplift an any organization, trust or charity we need a financial help from both State and Central Government. We are thankful for the financial assistance given to us during this year 2020-21. Mahabodhi Research Centre has also submitted the proposal to Cultural Ministry, New Delhi for the upcoming year.

We have prepared a proposal to submit to Karnataka State Minority Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka. Recently District Officer, Bangalore Urban, Karnataka State Minority Welfare Department has visited our Mahabodhi Research Centre inspected our institution and assured to grant funds for the development of our Research Centre.



The new batch of diploma and certificate beina welcome online



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Online Three Month Vassa course in progress at Mahabodhi.



Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies

We are happy to bring the Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies from Mahabodhi Research Center, Bengaluru in collaboration with Jain University, Bengaluru. A unique opportunity to pursue the Ph.D. program in Buddhist Studies under Mahabodhi Research Centre, Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru. The program of Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies would be precious in spreading the DHAMMA. The solution to our problems in life is eradicating unrealistic desires that clash with reality, frustrate us, and cause us unhappiness. We have to awaken from our world of dreams and come down to reality, to face and accept the truth as it is. If Buddhism is understood and practiced by mankind, this earth would become a place of harmony and happiness, happiness not through plenty and power, but happiness through the absence of wants and wisdom. The research in Buddhist studies is an honest and sincere attempt to eradicate human mental, psychosomatic, existential, and societal problems. Since Buddhism is so vast, there is a need and immense scope for Study and Research in Buddhist Studies. We welcome you to apply for the Ph.D. program in Buddhist Studies, 2022-23. A rare opportunity to pursue Buddhist Studies and practice Compassionate Buddha's teachings






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