



Mahabodhi Research Centre & JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

Ph.D Notification

Ph.D programme in Buddhist Studies
Towards Ariya Pariyesana



“*Sabba Danam Dhammadaam Jinati
Sabbarasam Dhammaraso Jinati
Sabbaratim Dhammaratim Jinati
Tanhakkhaya Sabbadukkham Jinati*”

“The gift of Truth excels all other gifts. The taste of truth excels all other tastes. The delight in Truth excels all other delights. He who has destroyed craving overcomes all suffering”.

(Dhammapada 354)

ABOUT:

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Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru

The Buddha Dhamma or Buddhism is the fruit of a most intensive search conducted over a long period of time by a compassionate noble prince whose heart was going out to help suffering beings. This Flower of Mankind is none other than Gotama, the Buddha, who lived and taught 26 centuries ago in India. It is so inspiring and pragmatic teaching, that a fifth of the world today follows him devotedly. There was another significant event during the year 1956, when the Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita, a Buddhist monk of deep insight and commitment, came down to Bangalore and started the Maha Bodhi Society, Bangalore and triggered several spiritual, educational medical social welfare activities established meditation centers and educational institution in India and abroad. A visionary and hardworking Buddhist monk, he sacrificed his whole life in study, practice, teaching of the Buddha's words and putting that compassionate teachings into practice by establishing Maha Bodhi Society, Bengaluru. For more details Please Visit: www.mahabodhi.info



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. (admiringly known as Bada Bhanteji) to spread the words of Supreme Buddha in the land of its origin. The Mahabodhi Research Centre, affiliated to esteemed Jain (Deemed-to-be University) is headquartered in Bengaluru in the State of Karnataka, India.



This renowned Research Centre, true to its founding spirits, 'Jotetu Buddhasasa Sasanam Bharatasmim Ratthasmim' – in fulfilling the dream and vision of its founder, a 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.

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- To create able Leaders, Managers, and Technocrats.
- To foster an ethical environment founded on human values in which both spirit and skill will thrive to enrich the quality of life.

OUR VALUES

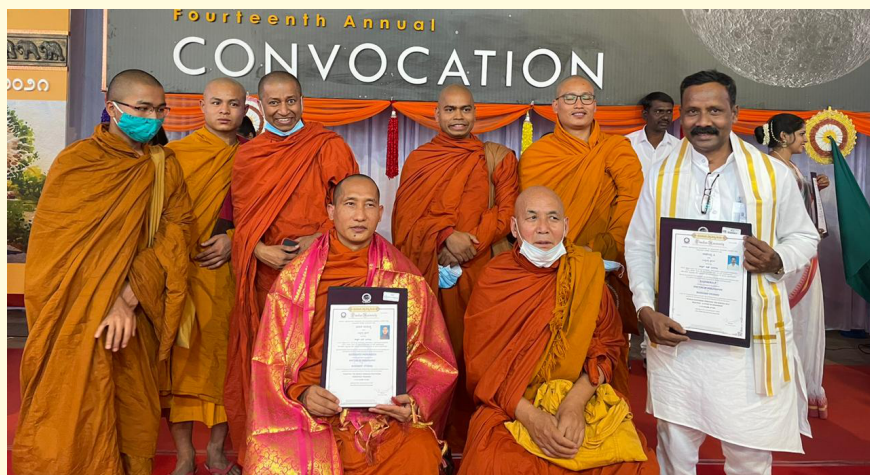
- Ethics and integrity
- Imbibing scientific temper
- Environmental consciousness & sustainable development
- Promotion of Indian culture & heritage
- Active citizenry
- Service to society and contribution towards national development

COURSE:

Ph. D. Program in Buddhist Studies

Buddhism is what was realized and taught by the greatest sage that India has ever produced, Siddhartha Gotama, the Buddha. The Supreme Buddha's teachings are clear explanation of ultimate truths and how to realize them and experience peace, happiness in the life. Buddha is not the name of a person but a title meaning Awakened-One. This state of Sammasambodhi, supreme enlightenment is achieved through the hard work and determination of fulfilling ten exalted spiritual qualities called Parami.

Some take Buddhism to be a religion; but it is far beyond just being religion since it leads one to freedom from suffering. Others regard it as a philosophy, yet again it is much higher than philosophy because it transforms practically one's consciousness and makes a person noble one, Ariya. Some people call it pure psychology just because the Supreme Lord analyses every aspect of the mind. Yes, it is super psychology no doubt. but it is not limited to mind alone. The spectrum of Buddhism covers, mind, matter, their interconnectedness and the beyond called Nibbana. Buddhism is also not a kind of the mysterious mysticism as some



understand it because even mystic states are understood in Buddhist psychology to be just different altered mental states. Though psychotherapy can adopt immense practical methods from the compassionate teachings of the Buddha to treat and manage the sick minds, it is not just psychotherapy as some people considers it. Buddhism goes beyond and it cures all ills of life, including the dukkha of repeated birth, old age, sickness and death, suffering due to ignorance and cravings. Buddhism also covers the ultimate ethics, mental empowerment, cultivation of wisdom to the highest. Buddhism also takes one to the pinnacle of human civilization and thereby true social peace and harmony. So put it in a nutshell, Buddhism is that glorious golden path which brings us happiness and freedom from suffering here and now and also it leads to ultimate enlightenment, Nibbana.

Nibbana, the ultimate aspiration of Buddhists is a state in which the mind is purged and purified of all ego conceit and all traces of attachment, greed, aversion, hatred and delusion.

Buddhism is not dependent on blind faith but on the understanding of experience through the use of human intelligence. It is not based on history or a story which he proved false would tumbled down, but stands on the odd rock of



personal experience. One cannot be saved by any external means but he has to save himself through his own efforts and right techniques developed by wisdom. "Atta Dipa bhava"

Buddhism is a gradual path of spiritual evolution where man transcends human weaknesses and attains perfection of mind, and finally solves the problem of existence, attains Nibbana.

All problems in life bind to one problem called Dukkha or suffering. Suffering is not just poverty, starvation and sickness and so forth which modern man commonly talks about. It is more related to mental suffering in the form of confusion, anxiety, depression, grief, worry, restlessness and so forth which are mainly psychological states. Dukkha is also the very imperfect and impermanent state of everything which can never satisfy one's desires. Normally these external conditions or mental states are considered to be the fault of circumstances. This is why these are seen commonly as economic or social or different problems. Yet the Buddha points out that they are caused by our mental attitudes and reactions to circumstances, not by the objects or situations themselves. If you really check up inside our mind we will find this is true.

The solution of our problems in life is the eradication of unrealistic desires which clash with reality and 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 reality 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 absence of wants and wisdom. The research in Buddhist studies is an honest and sincere attempt to eradicate the human mental, psychosomatic, existential and societal problems.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

Research is as old as human existence. The world is beginning less and endless. Problems do emerge and vanish, as the world changes, data changes. This is the world of dichotomies comprising of profit and loss, fame and defame, honour and dishonor, praise



and criticism and happiness and sufferings. As long as world exist, problems will exist. If one tries to solve one problem, other problems will emerge. Society is beset with human historical, political, economic, social and technological problems. All problems emerge from the mind and the same can be purged through the Buddha's four Noble Truths and the Noble Eight Fold Path. No can save oneself other than his own well trained mind.

The Scientific research may increase the quality of living and the standard of living but cannot eradicate the human



problems arising from the impure mind. The research in Buddhist studies is a distinct and a unique approach where it dissolves the problem rather than solving the problem temporarily. In today's knowledge based

society everybody is in the rat race creating for themselves psychosomatic problems. This is on account of greed, hatred and delusion and transcending beyond. Buddhist research is the panacea for all human, social and economic problems. It provides the solution for the existential sufferings of mankind. The Mahabodhi Research Centre in association with Jain (Deemed-to-be University) is aimed to provide quality research outcomes to solve human and socio-economic problems realistically and practically. Among other things the objectives of the research programme in Buddhist Studies are:

1. To study history, culture and philosophy of Buddhism
2. To encourage studies and research in the science of Buddhism and understand its application in real time.
3. To encourage trans-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research between Buddhism and other domains of knowledge
4. To identify topics and challenges of national importance and explore the strength of Buddhism in contribution towards its realisation
5. To identify human, socio-economic, environmental and other problems which will help the society and people at large
6. To provide facilities for skill and competence oriented research for establishing peace and harmony in the society.
7. To disseminate the SAMATHA (concentration) and VIPASSANA (insight) meditation techniques at large through the research programmes and projects in Buddhist studies.

VISION:

To practice and propagate the noble Eight fold path taught by Bhagavan Buddha to establish a practicing Buddhist community dedicated to make an end of suffering through Enlightenment.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To make known the timeless teachings, discovered by Bhagavan Buddha 2600 years ago, in a practical way, so as to be easily understood by the modern world and facilitate its spread universally.

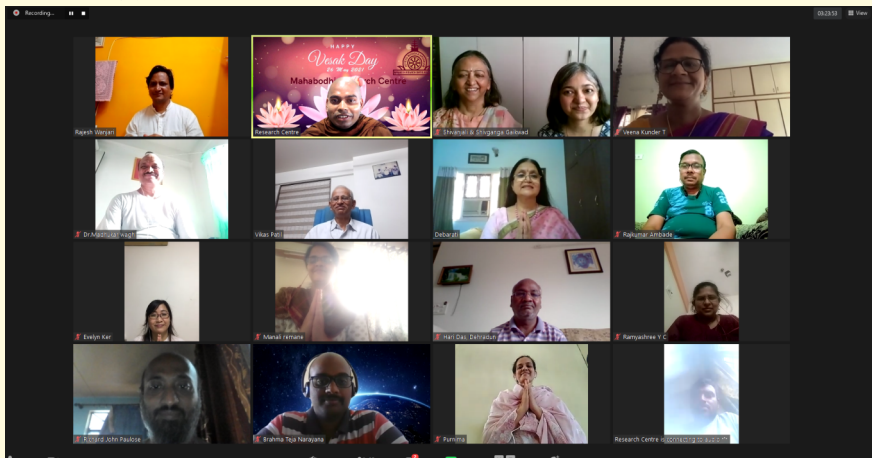
RESEARCH FACILITIES:

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- Schools for Dhamma dissemination
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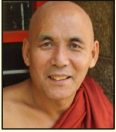


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VEN. DR. BHADDANTA PAMOKKHA,



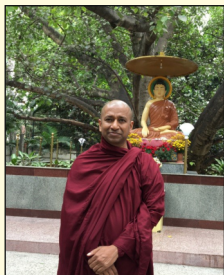
Ven. Dr. Bhaddanta Pamokkha, the recipient of this citation is a Pali and Abhidhamma scholar, having an in depth and profound knowledge in the Theravada Pali canons. Born in Pwint Lyet village, Mingin township, Sagaing region, Myanmar, Ven. Bhaddanta Pamokkha was ordained as a monk in the year 1997. He received his monastic education at Chan Mye

Aung Si Learning Centre, Masoyein Monasteries, Mandalay, Myanmar and also underwent further monastic training at Nagahlainggu Kalawatawya Learning Centre, Mandalay, Myanmar wherein he also got elevated as a Teacher. Thereafter, he received Dhammacariya degree from the Government of Myanmar and also obtained his Bachelors as well as Masters degree's from the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Yangon, Myanmar.

Ven. Dr. 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,

VENERABLE BHIKKHU ANANDA



Born in Belgaum district of Karnataka State in India, Ananda is the third son of Smt Maitra and Shri Yuvaraj Nandana. Even during childhood Ananda showed inclination towards philosophical thinking and joined his father in meditation and spiritual discussions.

At the age of 19 Ananda was already familiar with the Buddha's life and basic teachings and decided to become a monk. He was fortunate to get whole hearted support from his parents, sisters and brothers. In 1986 he took pabbajja ordination as Buddhist monk under Most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita, founder of the Maha Bodhi Society, Bangalore. Since then he studied the Buddhist philosophy, psychology, ethics, Pali language under Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita and Venerable Sanghasena. Meanwhile he completed his BA in Education and Sociology. He also visited Thailand, Burma and Sri Lanka for practice of meditation.

He has shouldered the responsibility of secretary of the Maha Bodhi Society from the very young age in 1987 and taken the Maha Bodhi Society to its new heights under the compassionate guidance of his teacher Ven. Acharya Buddharakkhita. He has been engaged in the spiritual activities like teaching the monks at Mahabodhi Monastic Institute, conducting meditation classes, giving discourses and developing Buddhists centers. He has been doing social service through educational programs, meditation guidance and medical services.

Since 1998 he has been traveling abroad bringing the precious teachings of the Buddha to the Western world. He visited

Germany, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Holland, Spain and Austria almost every year to give Talks on Buddhism and conduct meditation retreats for 20 years. He has given hundreds of talks to all groups of people in these countries, including students at universities, colleges and schools. He established Mahabodhi groups and associations in these countries.

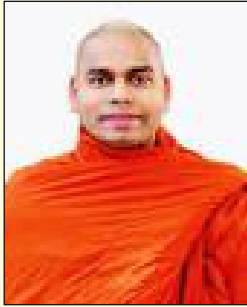
With the blessings of Bada Bhante Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita and other monks and kind help of generous people specially from Europe Ven.Ananda worked hard to develop projects in India, like Mahabodhi Nalanda Hostel in Bangalore; Mahabodhi School, Carla Students Home and Mettaloka youth center in Mysore; Mahabodhi School, Mahabodhi Rita Girls home and humanitarian services in Arunachal Pradesh; Mahabodhi Home for Elders in Tawang and three more centers in Tripura, Mahabodhi Meditation Center in Bengaluru, Mahabodhi Buddhagaya, altogether 14 branches and over 25 institutions. Apart from this many students are being helped by way of scholarship and guidance throughout India.

Presently he is the General Secretary of the Maha Bodhi Society Bangalore and its branches and apart from the above projects he is engaged in developing Bhagavan Buddha University of Pali and Theravada Buddhism, Mahabodhi Arogya hospital and, Kannada and Telugu Tipitaka translation projects (42 volumes published already). He conducts regular residential meditation retreats at the Mahabodhi Meditation Center, Bengaluru. For more information on his work and activities please visit www.mahabodhi.info

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VENERABLE BHIKKHU BUDDHADATTA



Venerable Bhikkhu Buddhadatta was born in 1987, in **Odisha**, India, and then known as Land of **Kalinga**. At the age of 19, he was ordained as a Theravada Buddhist monk by most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita (Bada Bhanteji) one of the foremost Buddhist scholars and the founder of Maha Bodhi Society, Bangalore. From his childhood days he had an inclination towards the path of

spirituality and meditation.

During his monastic training period between 2007-2012, he was very fortunate to have lived closely with an enlightened master like most Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita fondly called (Bada Bhante by his disciples), for 5 years and underwent intensive monastic training both in study and practice by the Acharya himself. He learned Vinaya, Sutta, Abhidhamma, Pali and Buddhist meditation from the Acharya. He was able to serve his teacher personally for many years.

From the time of his higher ordination as a Bhikkhu, Ven. Buddhadatta has worked in many Mahabodhi centres and different fields of Dhamma as per the guidance of Bada Bhante. Among his major contributions, he played a pioneering role in establishing and developing the Mahabodhi Dhammaduta vihara (at Narasipura, near Bangalore) into a beautiful meditation centre from its inception. He was the first in charge of the meditation centre from 2013-15. He also manages the Mahabodhi monastery, thereby conducting functions and festivals while also acting as Secretary in the absence of Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda, the General Secretary of Mahabodhi organisation. He has already served as the principal at Mahabodhi Monastic Institute for 3 years. He Teaches pali and

Buddhism to monastic and lay students, conducts meditation classes regularly.. He has earned his Diploma and Bachelor degree in Buddhism from Mahabodhi Monastic Institute and Bachelor of Arts Bengaluru University. Currently he is pursuing his master in Buddhist Studies.

At present, he serves as Director of Mahabodhi Research Centre, campused at Bengaluru – A pioneer centre for Buddhist Studies and practise. Under his able leadership the Centre is offering 1 year Diploma and 6 months certified course in Buddhist Studies, further these will be extended to Degree and master and Ph. D programs in Buddhology. He is actively involved in imparting systematic Buddhist education as wide as possible based on the Theravada Pali Tipitaka.

Having fundamental in-depth understanding of Dhamma, with practical insight- he has given several Dhamma discourses and regularly conducts meditation courses for monks and laypeople. While being a Dhamma teacher, he has also written books and articles on Buddhism and attended many seminars and conferences. He had travelled many countries in Europe and taught meditation and Buddhist Teaching. Firmly committed to walking in the footsteps of the Supremely Enlightened One, the Buddha and his spiritual master Bada Bhante, he is truly an active Dhammaduta with the mission to spread the universal teaching of love and compassion to bring back the light of Dhamma in his motherland

India and abroad for the welfare and happiness of many.

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PROF. DR K RAMACHANDRA



Professor Dr. K. Ramachandra is a prolific writer and author of management text books. And at the same time a futuristic and goal-oriented academician, researcher and administrator contributed significantly for the promotion of higher education system in Karnataka and the neighbouring states of India. With more than three decades of teaching experience for undergraduate and post-graduate programme in commerce and management disciplines, contributed for the cognitive and research oriented development of student and teaching community. Professor has produced 41 PhDs and more than one hundred M.Phils in the domain of commerce and management. He has also authored 75 books in the area of International Law, International Business, Human Resource Management, Organisational Behaviour, Research Methodology, Business Economics, Entrepreneurship Management and the like. Professor has published 78 research articles in the referred and reputed journals with ISSN and ISBN numbers. Adjudicated 39 PhD theses of various universities in India. He was also president of Bangalore Commerce and Management Teachers' Forum, an academic and research body.

Professor has produced a research based outcome where by taking Geert Hofstede and GEM models wherein the American innovative entrepreneurship models are

compared with United Kingdom, Singapore and India. The GEM entrepreneurship model has also been compared in the Indian context. The professor is having rich domain knowledge in the field of entrepreneurship development and contributed for the establishment of start-ups by student communities in their own way by mobilizing the professional acumen and needed resources. The strong area of intended contribution is in the arena of entrepreneurship, OB models and research methodology. He is the recipient of '*Bharat Ratna Mother Teresa Gold Medal Award*' for his rich contribution in education and research. His ambition is to develop the fledgling Maharani Cluster University to a greater height for the creation of global brand by forging alliances with leading research institutes and entrepreneurship cells across the globe.

DR. RAJENDRA P



Dr. Rajendra P, Born in the year 1972 at a tiny Village Kagalavadi, Chamarajanagar District initiated by Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda to carry out the Dhamma work as a model Upasaka.. A very sincere dedicated Uapsaka and devotee of Pujya Ven. Acharya BuddharakkitaMaha Thera, Maha Bodhi Society-Bengaluru, has been closely associated with the master for years, has a keen interest in Buddha's teaching and practice. Deeply inclined and fascinated in teaching profession, he has earned his Bachelor and Master of Science from Manasa Gangothri, Mysore University, Mysore and Post Graduate Diploma in English from

Mysore University. And He also completed Graduation from Maharaja College Mysore and Master Graduation in Education from IGNOU. His devotion for Buddha Dhamma & Sangha made him to take up Diploma in Buddhist studies from Maha Bodhi Academy for Pali on 2007-2008 and also he served as designated Dhammacari, performing all Buddhist Rituals and conducting mediation camp in NSS and other workshops. Currently in Mahabodhi Research Centre he is working as a honorary faculty conducting classes for diploma students in india and abroad and also conducting classes for philosophy students at Dhammarama university through online.

In the year 2003 he occupied government Job and presently working as a Junior Scientific Officer at Drugs control Dept. Bangalore.

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. P H R A K R U G H O S I T B U D D H I S A T , MahachulaLongkornRajavidyalaya University, Thailand on the Thesis entitled "Human Happiness Through The PancaSila Practice" A study in Buddhism."

During his research tenure he published two international articles and attend participated symposium at Tumkur University, Tumkur and recently he also participated in mysore university, Humanities block presented an article on the topic entitled "Human Happiness by practicing ethical code of conduct".

PROF. DR A SHIVARAJ



Dr. Shivaraj is an M. Com, MBA (Fin), MBA (Mktg), PhD (Sociology) NET (Mgt). He has served in a leading Public sector company in Bengaluru for more than three decades. He was a visiting Professor and shared his industrial experience with the students of evening colleges when he was an executive as Dy.

General Manager.

He undertook the spiritual journey at an early age and tried various teaching under different masters. At last he found the treasure in the Buddha's teachings. He met the founder of Mahabodhi society, the Venerable Acharya Buddharakkhita Mahathera who brought Buddha's teachings to South India way back in 1956. He was inspired by his teachings and regularly attended the discourses of Buddhist Philosophy, psychology and Pali language classes and was also a member of Mahabodhi society.

Dr Shivaraj was coordinated with the monks and samaneras in arranging hospital visit regarding practice of maranussati and Asubha meditation by personally observing the dissection of human bodies during the postmortem process at Victoria hospital. He has also underwent pabbajja (temporary monkhood) courses at Mahabodhi.

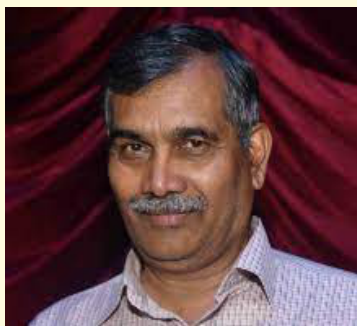
He later did his vipassana courses in the tradition of Gururji S N Goenkaji in the year 1985. He was made a Asst. Teacher in the same tradition in 2009. He has attended many long courses in this tradition and greatly benefited from the

same. He coordinated and arranged two Vipassana courses in Mahabodhi society premises, Bengaluru in the nineties. He also co-authored a book titled "Civic Sense" Published by Himalaya publishers, Bengaluru.

He was a full time professor till recently and now devoting his time to Buddha's ultimate teaching and practice. He also did the counselling of tsunami affected families by undertaking a tour from Pondicherry to Kanyakumari covering the entire coastal region for more than a week along with a monk. He has tried the solitary meditation in Jirakalla gudem oh Guntur district by meditating in the old caves for a period of ten days with the permission from ASI. He also did forest meditation on the Babagiri hills for three days along with monk.

He was also instrumental in teaching Anapana courses for school children.

He taught Anapana to students of the colleges too. He arranged various introductory talk to the employees of public sector companies. He is successfully awarded with PhD degree on the thesis "A study of Vipassana meditation and its impact on professional excellence".



DR. B V RAJARAM